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Come on out for Friday's IMP Pairs, Saturday's Compact KOs and Panel Show, Sunday's Bracketed Teams, a full schedule of Intermediate & Novice events, and lots more!

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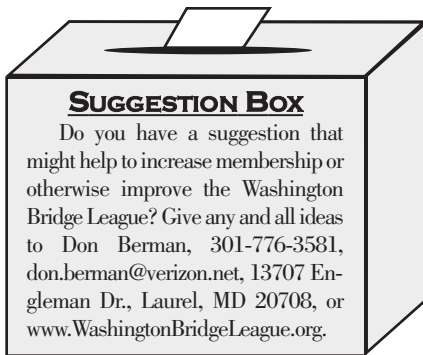
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PRESIDENT'S LETTER

by WBL President, Richard Ferrin

Congratulations are in order to our trophy winners this year: **John Adams** won the Lovenberg Trophy (open); **Alex Prairie** won both the Izzy Cohen Trophy (0-1500) and the Tubbs Trophy (0-500 non-life masters); and **Myron Goldstein** won the Woolridge Trophy (0-20). (*Final standings: p. 18 & winners' pics: p. 13.*)

For everyone else, the good news is that everybody starts from scratch on January 1 for the 2013 trophy races! These trophy races are based on masterpoints accumulated throughout the calendar year in all WBL Sectional events; all Unit Game events; and the WBL Unit Knockout and Round Robin events.

I also especially recommend the WBL Unit Knockout (which just began) and Round Robin (which starts in May). Both events are team events. There are usually several brackets. Teams may consist of four, five, or six players. The date and time of the games are scheduled by the team captains to accommodate the team members' busy schedules. Typically the events are played at the home of one of the members of the two teams. Many people like this oppor-

tunity to play competitive bridge at a different venue. Masterpoints are awarded, and the winner of each bracket gets a cash prize.

On another note, I would like to remind everyone that we have a guaranteed partner program for the Unit Game. If your partner cancels at the last minute, come anyway and we will make sure you have a partner, either somebody else looking for a partner, or the person assigned as guaranteed partner for the evening. However, to make this program work, we need your help. Please consider volunteering to be a guaranteed partner. As the guaranteed partner, you play for free that night if we pair you up, and you get a free play for a future Unit Game if we do not need a guaranteed partner. Contact our Partnership Chair, Barb Doran, at 301-608-0347 (or barbd@starpower.net) if you would like to help us out by volunteering as a guaranteed partner. Also, please note that the guaranteed partner program is designed to help people find an occasional partner, not a partner every week. The program normally will not allow any person to utilize the guaranteed partner more than once a quarter.

BITS AND PIECES

ALICE YOKE, 1921-2013

The Laurel Bridge Club regrets to announce the passing of Alice Yoke on January 5th at age 91. Not only a long-time Laurel player, Alice was one of the original players to choose membership in the Washington Bridge League when the NVBA split off from it over the issue of desegregation of bridge in 1962. An active player at that time (and up to her passing), she was a supporter of the split, and was upset by any mention of segregation.

Alice was born in Parkersburg, West Virginia, and moved to Washington when her father accepted an appointment in FDR's administration. She was a graduate of West Virginia University, married early in World War II, and was the proud mother of two daughters. After the war she divorced, began work at Fort Meade and moved to Laurel. She was a regular player at Laurel and at local WBL and Baltimore tournaments, and earned over 2,800 masterpoints.

A political and social liberal, Alice always had an opinion about local and national events.

She was an avid movie goer, a serious reader, and a keen and opinionated observer of life.

Alice will be missed by her many friends for her insightful and often scathing comments.

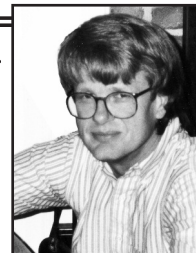
BRIDGE IN SCHOOLS IS EXPANDING ITS PROGRAMS!

Wanted: Bridge Players who like kids and can give some time once a week to help students have fun learning to play our wonderful game!

The WBL Board has generously made resources available for us to expand the Bridge in Schools program in the Unit 147 area. If you are an intermediate or better player, who thinks kids are the future of the game, please contact

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In Memory of Lee Jensen



Lee Jensen, past WBL President (1994-96) and past Tournament Chair (1992-2002), died quietly in Suburban Hospital on Monday, October 29th from injuries sustained in a fall on the previous Thursday. Lee was married three times and is survived by three sons, Joshua and Jacob, who live in Wisconsin, and Michael, who lives in Fredericksburg. Michael (who was one of our caddies), and former wife, LeeAnn, held a gathering January 1st to honor his memory. Hospitality Chair, Kitty Gottfried, expresses our unit's gratitude to Lee and his family for their generous donation of the remaining refreshments to the WBL Sectional.

Lee Jensen grew up in Sioux City, Iowa, where he excelled at math, played the violin, and loved to fish and camp. He joined the Air Force and lived in Idaho, Virginia, and New Mexico. He retired from the National Eye Institute where he worked as an electronics technician. A true animal lover, he raised and trained Afghan hounds and Labrador retrievers. Golf was another passion. He became a golf professional and went on a couple of senior tours. Lee was a club pro and donated golf lessons to the MABC Regional charity auctions.

For years, Lee was one of Barbara Ames' favorite bridge partners. She says, "He had an absolute calm and quiet demeanor at the table. Lee's criticisms extended to himself and not to his partner. These are qualities I much appreciate in a bridge partner."

"Years ago, Lee took on me and my husband Chris as golf students. To say we were slow beginners is to be kind. Lee met with us weekly at the driving range and started with the absolute basics of gripping the club and keeping your eye on the ball. For the first few weeks, we had trouble even connecting with the ball, much less hitting a drive. I was beginning to believe we were hopeless, but Lee did not give up. He patiently kept trying different approaches. Then one magical night at the range, Chris hit the ball a mile. It was a wonderful moment. We stood there together and admired the drive. We got hooked on golf right then. It was the moment you believe you can do something, you are improving, and it's worth all the trouble. Thank you Lee."

Lee moved to Maryland in 1986. He served the WBL as Sectional, Regional

and NABC Tournament Chair, Unit President, Hospitality Chair, and chief bartender in tournament hospitality suites.

To Kathy Hilbers, who often worked alongside him, Lee was a hard worker, a gentleman, and a good friend. She says, "One of the reasons he attracted such a

great crew of volunteers was that even though he asked a lot from them all, he expected twice as much from himself. When I co-chaired with him, I had a set of responsibilities which he left me to do without interference, but he did by far the lion's share of the work. When I asked to help with other tasks, he would tell me, 'You're doing the things I don't like to do — that's enough.' Even though he was a bit of a perfectionist, he always went out of his way to be fair to his staff. He always made time to listen if you came to him with a problem, and he would help you find a solution. He was both Tournament Chair and President of the WBL at the same time for a couple of years. Either of those hats requires dedication and a considerable investment of time and energy. Doing a good job at both, while working full time was an amazing feat."

Joan Lewis worked with Lee on the WBL Board for five or six years. During their combined tenure as WBL President, they felt the threat of the impending closure of the Silver Spring Armory where the WBL held all of its events. She says, "We were told closure was imminent at least annually during that time, and I don't think it actually closed until long after we finished our terms! We spent a lot of time exploring other locations for the Unit Game and WBL Sectionals. I remember one snowy night that Lee and I and a couple of other WBL Board Members went to a meeting of the Kensington Town Council to discuss the possibility of using the Kensington Armory. Council members were late and we began wondering if they had canceled the meeting because of the snow. Eventually, two of them showed up and after a very short conversation, we learned that the Mayor of Kensington lived across the street from the Armory and hated the idea of so many bridge players parking in front of her house. On our way out, Lee commented that he thought we were doomed (in our quest to use the Armory) until the Mayor lost an election or moved. Turns out, he was right. We were turned down then, but little did we know that 10+ years later, we would be

—Lee Jensen—

holding many events in Kensington.—I still don't know whether the Mayor moved or lost!

"On the outside, Lee was quiet and unassuming, but I learned when we played together occasionally, that he had a wonderful sense of humor as well. We didn't play often enough to have a lot of agreements, and there always seemed to be one or two hands each session where we would get into bidding trouble. One Friday, we had a terrible misunderstanding and went for 800. On the very next hand, we still weren't sure about bidding methods and ended up in a slam that made because of a very favorable lie of the cards. I remember Lee's comments after those hands, 'If we knew what we were doing, we'd be dangerous!'"

Barbara Doran met Lee at the Washington NABC in 1993 while he was tending bar in the hospitality suite and she was working with the food. She got to know him better while cooking at Nadine's before WBL Sectionals. She says, "In 1995, Lee, who was running for WBL President, and Nadine came to me and suggested that I run for the Board. That began a working relationship that developed into a

friendship that lasted long after our tenures. Lee's contributions to the WBL were many, varied, and left a legacy that will live well beyond him. He was always available to help out if his friends needed him. He was the go-to guy for pet-sitting, moving heavy stuff and more. He was a good friend and I will miss him."

Ellen Cherniavsky was introduced to Lee around 1996, when she had just come back to duplicate bridge. She says, "I had 40 MP and no idea of how to bid. He was an incredibly kind and patient partner for over ten years, never criticizing, never resulting, always positively enjoying playing."

"Lee was a generous, giving person. I'm not alone in being grateful for the many ways he helped out with fixing up the house, and taking care of the cats when we were away."

"A gourmet cook, he loved sampling new dishes and figuring out how he might make them himself. A highlight of New Year's Day was to be invited to his home to have soup and recover from New Year's Eve."

"Those of us who had the privilege to know him mourn that his life was cut so tragically short."

Bits & Pieces, cont. from p. 2...

Margarett Whilden at mx2whilden@gmail.com or 301-641-4200; or speak to a director or a member of the WBL Board.

If there are those who would like to help organize and recruit in Montgomery or PG Counties, please contact me either by phone or email. Thanks for your interest in keeping bridge alive and well in the 21st century.

—Margarett Whilden,

WBL School Bridge Coordinator.

WELCOME TO THE WASHINGTON BRIDGE LEAGUE

The WBL welcomes the following new ACBL members: **Ms Daphne B Byron, Najat W Mourad, Mr Gregory M Tepe, Sharon Zissman, Deborah B Drozen, Terry J Lesohn, Peg J Richter, Jack Teller, and Eleanor D Young.**

In addition, we welcome the following transfers from other units: **Irene M Brandt, Mrs Rita S Kanter, Member has Snowbird, James B Mentzer, Dr Susanne M Reese, Mr James S Berman, E-Mail: jimberman1@, Mr James A Broderick, Patricia J Lavengood, Dr Robert Maman, and Ms Victoria A Tigwell.**

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Tuesday	7:00 PM	Rockville Senior Center
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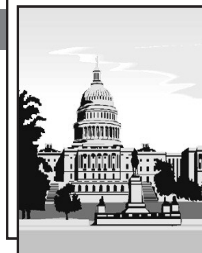
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THURSDAY, APRIL 4

- ♣ Stratified Open Pairs (unlim/1500/500) 11:15am
Rockville Duplicate Bridge Club, 301-503-3348 (Mark Lavine) **NO ENTRY TILL 11AM**
St. James Episcopal Church, 11815 Seven Locks Rd., Rockville
- ♦ StrataFlighted Open Pairs (A/X unlim/3000, B/C/D Separate 2000/1000/500) (both sites); Stratified NLM Pairs (NLM/100/50) & 0-20 Pairs (Kensington Armory only); Stratified 199er Pairs (Beth El only)
Beth El Congregation, 3830 Seminary Rd, Alexandria 7:00pm
Kensington Town Hall/Armory 7:30pm

FRIDAY, APRIL 5

- ♣ *StrataFlighted A/X (unlim/3000) & B/C/D Pairs (2000/1000/500) 10:00am, 2:00pm
- ♦ **IMP Pairs** A/X (unlim/3000) 7:15pm **← EARLIER START!**
It's the Friday night IMPs! With only one partner, it scores like a team game. To get your IMP score on a board, we take your result and IMP it against each result at the other tables, then get the average.
- ♥ B/C/D Pairs (2000/1000/500) 7:15pm
- ♠ Intermediate/Novice Pairs (300/200/100/50/20) (single sessions) 10:00am, 2:00pm, 7:15pm
(will run if we have 3 or more tables)

SATURDAY, APRIL 6

- ♣ **Compact KOs** Four rounds of knockouts finish in one day! 11:00am, 4:00 pm
Tired of pair games? You're guaranteed to play a full session of two rounds of the knockouts.
- ♦ *StrataFlighted A/X (unlim/3000) or B/C/D Pairs (2000/1000/500) 11:00am, 4:00pm
- ♥ Intermediate/Novice Pairs (300/200/100) or Newcomer Pairs (50/20/5) (single sessions) 11:00am, 4:00pm
~ Don't miss the between sessions **Panel Show** ~

SUNDAY, APRIL 7

- ♣ **Bracketed Teams**, (2 session playthru w/short break) 11:00am & TBA
Check out this format! Each bracket of eight teams (by masterpoints) plays all of the other teams in its bracket! The top bracket will hold an unlimited number of teams and will play a Swiss format. Your team may choose to play up—but only into the top bracket.
- ♦ 300/100/50 Swiss Teams, VPs (single sessions) 11:00am, 3:00pm

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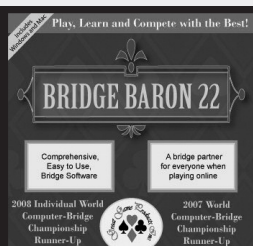
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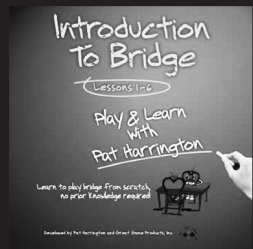
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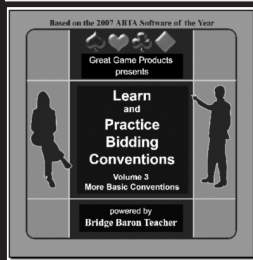


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WBL SOLVERS' CLUB

Moderated by Steve Robinson

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Congratulations to **Noble Shore, Gary Hinson, Hank Meyer, Jim Munday** and **Nigel Guthrie** who tied for first with a score of 480. They win a free entry to the Unit Game, and will be invited to be on a future panel. Tied for sixth were **Tom Vinson, Gareth Birdsall, Mike Gill, Rasim Sari** and **Barry Bragin** with a score of 470. Tied for eleventh were **Penny Stoever, Bill Bingham, Leo LaSota, Robert Stone, Manuel Paulo** and **Wrus Kristiansen** with a score of 460. Tied for seventeenth were **Sam Pal, Neal Walters, Randall Holdon, Mike Devlerin, Chuck Yaple, Arnie Frankel, Gene Fisher, Aykut Aksu, Allen Veasey, Saul Penn** and **Winston Edwards** with a score of 450. Tied for twenty-eighth were **Yi Zhong, Rick McDaniel, Rich Wallace, Albert Lauber, Jim Andre, Walter Tasehek** and **Bob Libler** with a score of 440. The average score of the 223 solvers was 377. The average score of the experts was 471.

Bill Meeks had a 450 in my last contest.

All readers are encouraged to send answers and/or new problems to Steve Robinson, 2891 S. Abingdon St. #A2 Arlington, VA, 22206-1329. In addition to the winner receiving a free play at the WBL Unit Game, Steve will play with anyone who gets a perfect score or who exactly matches all five of his answers. If you send a self-addressed stamped envelope to the above address along with your answers, I will send you a copy of the new problems to ensure that you can meet his next deadline. You can pick up a copy of the problems at the WBL Unit Game in Maryland, and can send answers or requests for problems to robinswr@erols.com. You can also see and answer the problems at the WBL web site. WBL Solvers Club uses *Washington Standard* as published July 1996. I accept only the first answer from each solver unless it is clear that the solver wants to correct his answer.

I personally score all the problems. If a majority of the solvers vote for an answer, and the answer is reasonable I will give that answer 100 points. I will not give 100 points to an answer that I consider bad no matter how many experts

vote for it. There are times when I want to make a point. I will give that answer 100 points and will therefore give the majority answer 90 points. For the other answers I consider how good the answer is and how many experts vote for it for its score. If you submitted an answer that got 20 points, that bid would get a bad score at the table. A good exercise would be to figure out why I gave your answer 20 points. You might have misread the problem.

The book *Washington Standard* second edition is out. If you are a serious bridge player, this book is a must. You can purchase a copy from Steve for \$25.00 whenever you see him or can send him a check for \$30.15 that includes \$5.15 for priority mail.

1) IMPs, Both Vulnerable

♠AQ102♥AJ32♦-♣AJ654

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
????	Pass	Pass	1♠
Action	Score	Votes	Solvers
Pass	100	5	45
2♣	90	3	78
Double	70	1	65
1NT	70	0	11
2NT	20	0	3
3♣	20	0	1
2♠	20	0	14
4♦	20	0	2
3NT	20	0	1
2♥	20	0	2

They've open 1♠ and we have a good hand, however we're void in an unbid suit. If we double 1♠ and partner bids diamonds, then what? We could overcall 2♣ but the suit is horrific. We have 16 HCP and therefore we could overcall 1NT but again partner could try to play in diamonds. We could pass and wait further developments. If RHO later bids 2♦ we could then double it for takeout.

Three experts overcall 2♣. I don't like overcalling in minor suit holding AJ654.

Since there's more to gain overcalling hearts, I would overcall 2♥ if the suits were reversed.

Parker: “2♣—Not good enough to double and bid 3♣ over 2♦. Hopefully I can show hearts next if they bid diamonds. Pass can work out if it goes 1NT by them – Pass – 2♦ then I can double, but I don't want them to find their diamond suit.”

Poe: “2♣—This is a real tough problem. Could pass and hope it goes 1NT – P – 2♦ and then double, but it does not always go that way and then I might be badly placed. Somebody will usually bid over 2♣ and if they don't I might be in a decent spot. If they do I will be well placed to bid again, hopefully to bid 2♥. I strongly dislike double or 1NT.”

King: “2♣—I can't double or bid notrump with a void and I have too many points to pass.”

Four experts join me and wait further developments. If it goes all pass, we could get many hundreds.

Woolsey: “Pass—It is very likely that the opponents will be in some number of diamonds when it comes back to me next turn, and then I will be able to make a very descriptive takeout double. If they are someplace else, I probably did well to shut up.”

Schwartz: “Pass—The only hope to remotely describe this hand is to pass now and double if the opponents bids diamonds. If partner doesn't balance as a passed hand, I will be happy to collect my 100s on defense.”

Adams: “Pass—1♠ — Pass — 1NT — Pass — Pass — Double will be penalty, and if they rebid diamonds I have a good takeout double. Bidding now risks misleading partner and misses perhaps our best plus score by defending.”

Landen: “Pass—I don't see doubling with a void in diamonds and 2♣ is far from ideal also. I expect LHO to bid 1NT and RHO to bid 2♦. I can then double showing a good hand with hearts and clubs. In any event, my hand has very goods score.”

One expert doubles 1♠ and guess what his partner is going to bid.

Hopkins: “Double—The only response I really fear is 2♦. Then I will have to decide which is the least of evils: 2♥, 2NT, or 3♣. Overcalling 2♣ could lose our heart game and trying 1NT could lead to some very awkward moments as partner tries to put us in diamonds.”

Don't make a takeout double if you're very short in one of the two higher unbid suits.

2) IMPs, Both Vulnerable

♠K74♥A6543♦9753♣A

<u>SOUTH</u>	<u>WEST</u>	<u>NORTH</u>	<u>EAST</u>
1♥	Pass	1♠	Pass
????			
<u>Action</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Votes</u>	<u>Solvers</u>
1NT	100	4	41
2♠	90	3	38
3♠	80	2	3
2♦	60	0	101
2♥	40	0	10
2NT	40	0	17
Pass	40	0	4
3♥	30	0	7
3NT	20	0	1
3♦	20	0	1

We have 11 HCP which is enough to invite but not enough to force to game, however, there are no reasonable invitational bids. You can't jump in your five-card heart suit. We only have three spades and a jump to 3♠ shows four. We could bid 2NT which shows 11-12 HCP, however we lack a real diamond stopper, we have an unbalanced hand and we don't have a source of tricks. The experts agree that with no clear invitational bid we should go low. If you're going to make a minimum bid, there are two standouts, none of which describes this hand. 2♠ shows four spades. You could also bid 1NT but again you have an unbalanced hand without a diamond stopper. Many solvers bid 2♦. 2♦ is fourth-suit and is game-forcing. After 2♦, you could pass one of your partner's bids since you're the one that created the force but partner can't pass any of your non-game bids.

Five experts raise spades with two experts jumping to 3♠. The rule is that you don't raise partner's second-bid suit without four-card support. All rules have exceptions and is this hand an exception? If this is a partscore hand 2♠ will be as good as any partscore contract at IMPs. However, partner could have a very good hand such as ♠Jxxx♥KQx♦A♣KQJxx and we would be playing in spades when hearts or even notrump would be better strains.

Parker: “2♠—Only if I could not bid 2♦ as a one-round force. It's too good to pass and

not good enough to bid 2♦. Heart suit is not worth a rebid either.”

2♦ is game-forcing.

Woolsey: “2♠—With my lack of interior spot cards and the apparent misfit, we could have 26 or 27 HCP and still not have much play for 3NT. If partner can't move over 2♠, it is unlikely that we have a game. If he drives to 4♠, it wouldn't surprise me if that were the best game.”

Poe: “2♠—This is not a notrump hand. I have bad diamonds and bad hearts opposite shortness, and bad transportation problems. Spades may play well and I have to keep the bidding open with all of these values. I can envision cashing high honors and ruffing for a lot of tricks.”

Two experts jump in spades. 3♠ forces you to play in spades.

Hopkins: “3♠—This hand should play extremely well on a cross-ruff.”

Landen: “3♠—I owe partner a trump, but this hand cries out to play in a suit. Even with a trump lead, we likely will be able to take ten fast tricks.”

Three experts join me and rebid 1NT. They hope that their partner has three-card heart support. 1NT also gives an opponent the better opportunity to balance and wouldn't that be tasty?

King: “1NT—I have too much to pass and raising spades will force partner to trump diamonds in his hand and lose control. I will downgrade from my point count because of the poor spots and the blockage in clubs.”

Schwartz: “1NT—If partner passes this should make even if the opponents run some diamond tricks. If partner bids out I will be well placed. Even clubs in a 6-1 could play better than a 4-3 spade fit. Raising spades now will make it very difficult to escape spades later and if partner has 4-6 in the blacks he will be disappointed with the dummy when he bids 4♠. Raising spades is more attractive at matchpoints as that is likely to be the higher scoring part score.”

Adams: “1NT—Unless partner has extras or three-card heart support we are high enough. I expect partner to bid 2♥ on 4=3=2=4. I have no good way to invite and the misfit potential is serious. Many play that 2♥ there shows extras. My opinion is that's not good bridge. 2♠ by opener

over 1NT should show a serious heart raise and 2♥ is just a minimum with three hearts. Am I worried about missing a vulnerable game? Sure, but I also think if I stretch to a vulnerable game and go down four due to misfits, maybe doubled, or down two for bidding too much, that that gives up more IMPs over the long run. 2♠ is tempting, but won't let us get to hearts when that is our fit. At matchpoints, I'd consider pass, as I expect Spades to take more tricks than notrump, but at IMPs, I want to give partner another chance to bid if he has a serious hand.”

This is a rule that you're not supposed to raise partner's second suit without four-card support, but like all rules there are exceptions and maybe this problem is the exception.

3) IMPs, Both Vulnerable

♠J32♥QJ432♦A7♣A109

<u>SOUTH</u>	<u>WEST</u>	<u>NORTH</u>	<u>EAST</u>
1♥	1♠	2♦	Pass
????			
<u>Action</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Votes</u>	<u>Solvers</u>
2NT	100	5	53
2♥	90	3	70
3♦	80	1	14
3♣	60	0	25
2♠	40	0	27
Pass	20	0	31
4♣	20	0	1
3♠	20	0	2

Partner has made a bid that is forcing for one round but not necessarily forcing to game. He could have a 20-count so passing is out of the question. We have a minimum hand with no clear bid. We could bid 2NT and pretend that we have a spade stopper. We could also rebid our hearts but that shows six and all we have is a suit that will not play well opposite two small. The last thing you want is to have partner assume that you have six hearts and jump to game with only two-card support. I think that there are three reasonable lies that you could tell. You could bid 3♣, raise diamonds or bid 2NT.

Five experts rebid 2NT. 2NT shows a balanced hand and if partner has any spade honor the suit will be stopped. If you bid 2NT, partner could remove it if he has an unbalanced hand. Even if there is no spade stopper, the suit might not be led.

Woolsey: “2NT—I can't let a mere 1♠ over-

call prevent me from making my natural call.”

Poe: “2NT—This shows what I have, a minimum semi-balanced hand. Partner might have Axx or Kxx of Spades in which case we prefer to be declaring. Unfortunately I am very weak with only a partial Spade stopper but I have to bid and I have nothing else to say. Notrump could play very well if partner also has a partial stopper. I don’t strongly object to the 3♦ raise, but I would worry that is too encouraging to partner.”

Schwartz: “2NT—With this trash I want to make the most discouraging bid. Have to lie somewhere and with the opponents not raising spades this increases the odds partner has some help there. If partner happens to have high honor third, notrump should be played from my side.”

Hopkins: “2NT—Somebody has to bid notrump. Partner has more bids if he is really distributional.”

Landen: “2NT—Wrong to rebid hearts and I almost have a spade stopper. Having put partner in a seven-card trump fit last hand I’ll not do it again with this ugly duckling.”

Three experts rebid 2♥. The problem is that if partner has a good hand with two hearts, you’ll end up playing in 4♥. I don’t think partner should have to bid 2♠ asking if you really have six hearts. The 2♠-cue bid is a game-force and could be a heart slam try with only two hearts.

King: “2♥—All choices are awful; 2NT without a stopper; 2♥ without a sixth heart and weak spots or 3♦ with only two diamonds. I would choose 2♥ because I believe the cheapest bid should be the one that is most suspect.”

Parker: “2♥—Should not promise six hearts, just denies a spade stopper. Partner must bid again so let’s see what he has in mind.”

Adams: “2♥—Cheapest bid leaves partner a full range of rebids and does not promise anything.”

I think 2♥ shows six hearts. 2NT is the bid that doesn’t show anything other than a balanced hand.

My bid 3♦ shows a minimum hand with some diamond support, denies six hearts and denies a spade stopper. How bad can it be to make a descriptive bid?

4) Matchpoints, They’re Vulnerable

♠AK108♥K♦AQJ10974♣4

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
1♦	3♥	Dbl	Pass
????			Pass
Action	Score	Votes	Solvers
4♠	100	4	75
4NT	90	2	31
4♥	80	2	77
5♠	40	1	1
3♠	40	0	18
6♦	40	0	2
6♠	40	0	4
5♦	40	0	5
4♦	40	0	5
Pass	20	0	5

Partner has made negative double of 3♥ which usually shows four spades, however, there are many hands lacking four spades where double is the best bid possible. What would you bid over 3♥ holding ♠QJx♥xx♦Kxx♣Axxxx or ♠QJx♥xx♦Kxxx♣AKxx? I would double 3♥ with both hands. Also, there is a very wide range for his bid. The first object should be to find out if partner has four spades. If he has four spades then we could ask him how many aces he has. I like 4♥. Since partner will have no idea what 4♥ means, other than its forcing and probably shows extra values, he will attempt to describe his hand.

One expert joins me and cue bids. It might not be a great bid since there are two possible interpretations of the bid.

Woolsey: “4♥—The only suit partner has “promised” is spades, so this must be a slam try in spades. If I wanted to play a minor, I would be bidding the minor at an appropriate level. I’m not good enough to risk RKC as 5♠ may be too high. If partner has the right cards he will know it and take over.”

Two experts bid 4NT which I assume is RKC for spades since spades is the last bid suit.

Parker: “4NT—I will risk going down at the five-level if he has no Aces. This is simple and should lead to no confusion. If he has an Ace I will bid 6♠, if he has two Aces, I will bid 5NT to try and locate the Diamond King.”

Poe: “4NT—Partner should have values for a negative double of 3♥. If we have enough

Aces, which I expect, I will take my chances in 6♠ after asking for the spade queen.”

Four experts bid 4♠. Seems like an underbid. Would partner continue with ♠QJxx♥Ax♦Kx♣xxxx and what would he bid if he doubled 3♥ with ♠Jxx♥xxx♦Kx♣AKQxx?

King: “4♠—This seems clear. Yes, heart leads might make me lose control, but it is matchpoints.”

Schwartz: “4♠—Shows extra values with diamonds and spades. Why confuse things with a cue bid?”

Adams: “4♠—Going to gamble that I can maintain control of the hand and still run diamonds. They may well lead a singleton diamond and if I avoid the early tap, the 4-4 spade fit will play as well as the 7-x diamond fit. It’s also possible partner’s spades and diamonds good enough so the tap is not fatal, or that partner has a control in whatever round suit they lead. If my spades were poor I’d pick the safety of long diamonds.”

Hopkins: “4♠—Extras with four Spades. Trying anything fancy could lead easily get us overboard. If partner shows the Club Ace, I will try 6♦.”

One expert invites with 5♠. Maybe his negative doubles guarantee four spades but many players don’t.

Landen: “5♠—Strong invite which logically must, logically, include a heart control.”

This hand shows why you might overbid a little to overcall 3♥.

5) IMPs, Both Vulnerable

♠A765♥103♦AKJ974♣4

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
	5♣	Dbl	Pass
????			
Action	Score	Votes	Solvers
6♦	100	6	86
5NT	90	2	7
6♣	80	1	5
Pass	70	0	63
5♠	70	0	9
5♦	70	0	46
6♠	30	0	5
7♦	20	0	2

Partners double of 5♣ shows a strong hand and his distribution is entirely random. The only thing you know for sure is that he’s not

doubling 5♣ based on just club honors. Holding ♠xxx♥xxxx♦xxx♣AKJ, you take your plus score. You wouldn’t want partner to pull to his six-card major. Partner should have a hand with the strength of a strong notrump so we could and should easily make a slam. The question is which strain? By using both 5NT and 6♣ as you choose bids we should be able to find our best strain. 5NT says choose a strain. If partner has a five-card or longer suit, he bids it. If partner has a three-suited hand, he bids 6♣ which allows you to choose a strain. If partner has both majors, he bids 6♣ and corrects 6♦ to 6♥. If partner has diamonds and spades, he bids 6♣ and corrects 6♥ to 6♠. 5NT allows for any two-suiter or three-suited hands. Only if partner has a one-suited heart hand and 6♥ is the only makeable slam would we not get to the best strain. Not only should you give up getting to seven in order to find the best strain, you should not even think about seven. Lots of time you’ll be lucky to make six.

Two experts join me and ask partner to choose a slam.

Adams: “5NT—I have two places to play this, and partner has one to three places to play. With just hearts or just spades, he can bid it over 5NT. With both majors he can bid 6♣ and correct 6♦ to 6♥ which I can correct to 6♠. With Diamonds and a major, he can bid 6♦ and we might miss a Spade fit, but so what. With a three-suiter he can bid 6♣ and pass whatever I bid, which will again be diamonds instead of spades.”

One expert bids 6♣. This bars partner from bidding 6♣.

Hopkins: “6♣—If partner bids 6♦, that’s fine and I can convert 6♥ to 6♠.”

Six experts bid 6♦ assuming that partner will have a few diamonds. But why couldn’t he have a hand such as ♠KQJxx♥AKQxx♦xx♣x?

Parker: “6♦—Partner may be doubling for penalties but he typically just has a strong hand. This should make if he has no wasted club values. It’s a bidder’s game.”

Woolsey: “6♦—Partner thinks we can defeat 5♣, so he figures to have roughly a strong notrump. Whether his cards will be in the right place is anybody’s guess.”

Poe: “6♦—Double shows a very good hand. We may well make seven. Possible that partner has weak Diamonds but this is my best guess.

The opponents made it very hard for us, but that does not mean we should settle for a penalty, or a game, when the odds are very good that we can make more. Bidding seven, or even 6♣, is just a shot in the dark. If partner hates Diamonds he can bid 6♥ over 6♦, saying that if the opponents have fixed us that we should stay fixed when the odds are very good that we have a slam."

King: "6♦—Partner should have convertible values and I can't bid less than six. Exploring for seven could muddy the waters too much. Partner can still bid on with a first round club control."

Over 6♦, there is no way that partner should

bid seven. Your 6♦ could be a big gamble.

Schwartz: "6♦—Double is not necessarily for takeout but can't see how I can involve partner in a choice of trump as he is unlikely to choose diamonds when that is right."

If he has a balanced hand, why wouldn't he accept your choice?

Landen: "6♦—Our most likely slam, I can't afford to cue bid and hear partner bid 6♥."

If you bid 5NT (choice of slams) and partner bids 6♥, that could be your best slam. However, I would correct to 6♠.

Using any notrump bid as choice is more useful than using notrump bids as natural.

SOLVERS' SCORES

John Adams	Pass	1NT	2♥	4♠	5NT	480
Robbie Hopkins	Dbl	3♠	2NT	4♠	6♣	430
Fred King	2♣	1NT	2♥	4♠	6♦	480
Steve Landen	Pass	3♠	2NT	5♠	6♦	420
Steve Parker	2♣	2♠	2♥	4NT	6♦	460
Lyle Poe	2♣	2♠	2NT	4NT	6♦	470
Steve Robinson	Pass	1NT	3♦	4♥	5NT	450
Alan Schwartz	Pass	1NT	2NT	4♠	6♦	500
Kit Woolsey	Pass	2♠	2NT	4♥	6♦	470

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1	40.26	Barry Falgout
2	29.80	Robert Bell
3	26.76	Rusty Krauss
4	25.05	Sylvia Shi
5	22.35	Peter Boyd
6	20.73	Robert Hopkins Jr
7	20.52	John Adams
8	20.22	Ronald Kral
9	18.97	Steve Robinson
10	18.25	Fred King

Players with fewer than 2000 masterpoints

1	25.05	Sylvia Shi
2	12.79	Richard Bingham
3	12.31	Jeffrey Halle
4	11.71	Alexander Prairie
5	11.36	Eric Branfman
6	11.25	Thomas Reckford
7	9.78	Dale Sanders
8	9.66	Emerita Hayward
9	8.73	Steve Reed
10	8.37	Dennis Schwanz

Players with fewer than 500 masterpoints

1	12.79	Richard Bingham
2	12.31	Jeffrey Halle
3	9.78	Dale Sanders
4	8.26	Wayne Bardsley
5	6.88	Annapurna Satpathy
6	6.64	Kellen Leister
7	5.91	Sidney Graves
8	5.57	Stephen Weiner
9	4.86	Penelope Paddock
10	4.85	Ettie Gordon
	4.85	Michelle Zygielbaum

Players with fewer than 100 masterpoints

1	4.85	Ettie Gordon
2	4.28	Margaret Cooke
	4.28	Peter Isard
4	3.82	Jim Walsh
5	3.63	Judith Dausch
6	3.28	Terry Klein
7	3.03	Charles Dearolf
8	2.89	Heide Blaker
	2.89	Lynne Battle
10	2.70	W Karl Van Newkirk

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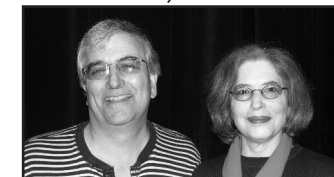
Their winner's pic was accidentally omitted from the results of the Sept. **WBL D.C. Championships** in our last issue. Larry & Thmas had a huge game!

Stratum B, 24.0 Tables



1 Larry Taylor - Thomas Jennings .75.30%

THUR MORN OPEN PAIRS, Stratum A, 21.5 Tables



1	Barry Falgout - Diane Walker	.62.98
2	William Foster Jr - Charleen Brand	.62.96
3	Frank Shull III - Jon Ranhand	.61.52
4	Peter Boyd - Ruth Potter	.61.38
5	Robert Boyd - Alfred Duncker	.59.36
6	Charles Boteler Jr - Bert Chansky	.56.55

Stratum B, 14.0 Tables

1	Frank Shull III - Jon Ranhand	.61.52
2	Mike Stoller - Amy Bloom	.56.32
3	Alan Ferraro - Jeanne Ferraro	.53.75

- 4 Arthur Farbenbloom - Mark Eisenstadt 52.98
5 Robert Von Moss - Sue Swift51.48
6 Gail Harrison - Brian Brunsvoild51.36

Stratum C, 4.5 Tables

- 1 Gail Harrison - Brian Brunsvoild51.36
2 Lester Slaback - John Jackson49.83
3 Rosemary Kuntz - Juanita Beeson49.13
4 David Fitzwilliam - Lorraine Tyler48.12

THUR EVE FLT A/X PAIRS

Stratum A, 30.0 Tables / Based on 76 Tables



- 1 Ronald Kral - Richard Bingham67.68
2 Melissa Price - Richard Price61.71
3 Guillaume de Decker - Dale Sanders61.67
4 Brad Theurer - Robert Hopkins Jr59.90
5 Daniel Feldman - Dharendra Ghosh59.17
6 Donald Berman - Leon Letwin58.09
7 Irv Kipnis - Sorina Negulescu57.70
8 Marshall Kuschner - Thomas Lavender 57.61

Stratum X, 14.5 Tables

- 1 Melissa Price - Richard Price61.71
2 Guillaume de Decker - Dale Sanders61.67
3 Daniel Feldman - Dharendra Ghosh59.17
4 Irv Kipnis - Sorina Negulescu57.70
5 H John Edmonds - Larry Kahn56.73
6 Kevin O'Brien - Francesco Parisi-Presicce 52.11

THUR EVE FLT B/C/D PAIRS

Stratum B, 29.0 Tables

- 1 Rebecca Duty (pic) - W Paul McGowan67.80
2 Stephen Weiner - Robert Blatt63.07
3/4 John Gauss - Carolyn Baird58.71
3/4 James Gerding - W Karl Van Newkirk58.71
5/6 Linda Padgett - Robert Padgett58.14
5/6 Mike Ladd - Betty Ladd58.14



Stratum C, 22.0 Tables

- 1 Stephen Weiner - Robert Blatt63.07
2/3 John Gauss - Carolyn Baird58.71
2/3 James Gerding - W Karl Van Newkirk 58.71
4 Mike Ladd - Betty Ladd58.14
5 Thomas Jennings - Fred Gramlich57.95
6 Craig Olson - Michael Lawrence57.01

Stratum D, 13.5 Tables

- 1 Stephen Weiner - Robert Blatt63.07
2 John Gauss - Carolyn Baird58.71
3 Mike Ladd - Betty Ladd58.14
4 George Parkins - Hannelore Sofocleous 56.06
5 Paul Setzer - Kellen Leister55.68
6 Mark Jones - Jay Simon54.73

THUR EVE 199ER PRS @ NVBA

Stratum A, 7.0 Tables

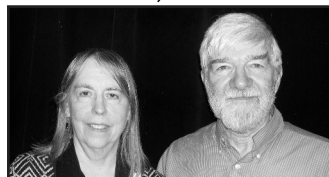
- 1 Patricia Stone - George Stone64.58
2 Jeremy Billones - Kathleen LaMarre62.92
3 Walt Pumo - Janice Pumo60.00
4 Elliot Simon - Peter Town55.00
5 Carol Goldstone - Jeffrey Yutzler51.25

Stratum B, 3.0 Tables

- 1 Elliot Simon - Peter Town55.00
2 Amy Elmore - James Connor49.17

THUR EVE NLM PAIRS @ WBL

Stratum A, 7.0 Tables



- 1 Margaret Cooke - Peter Isard62.50
2 Ollie Thomas - Julie Thomas57.50
3 Terry Klein - Myron Goldstein54.58
4 Bradley Tash - Robin Tash53.33
5 Mary Ourand - Michael Watts51.25

Stratum B, 6.0 Tables

- 1 Margaret Cooke - Peter Isard62.50
2 Terry Klein - Myron Goldstein54.58
3 Bradley Tash - Robin Tash53.33
4 Ted Van Dyke - Franny Van Dyke49.58

Stratum C, 4.0 Tables

- 1 Margaret Cooke - Peter Isard62.50
2 Terry Klein - Myron Goldstein54.58
3 Tina Brinsfield - Cheri Hayes49.17

THUR EVE 0-20 PRS @ WBL

Stratum A, 3.0 Tables

- 1 William Morrow - Joseph Quinn58.33
2 Sarah Jenkins - Carmen Fitchett56.67

FRI MORN FLT A/X PAIRS

Stratum A, 8.0 Tables / Based on 30 Tables



- 1 Kathrine Loh - Roma Chandra63.35
2/3 Arnie Frankel - Alfred Steinberg57.57
2/3 James Stormes - Leo Cardillo57.57
4 Donald Berman - Leon Letwin55.90
5 Linda Marshall - Steven Schatzow55.23

Stratum X, 4.5 Tables

- 1 Kathrine Loh - Roma Chandra63.35
2 James Stormes - Leo Cardillo57.57
3 Michael Gottesman - Silas Wasserstrom 54.04
4 Linda Smith - Gerald Marcovsky49.28

FRI MORN FLT B/C/D PAIRS

Stratum B, 10.0 Tables



- 1 Robert Sturm - Ernie Schuler60.71
2 Behnaz Fardshisheh - Thomas Reckford 60.12
3 Suzanne Floyd - Elaine Conway58.63
4 David Montague - Norman Mitchell56.25
5 Ron Sutter - Yuen De Anda55.95
6 Louise Hayes - Penelope Paddock55.65

Stratum C, 7.0 Tables

- 1 Robert Sturm - Ernie Schuler60.71

- 2 Behnaz Fardshisheh - Thomas Reckford 60.12
3 David Montague - Norman Mitchell56.25
4 Ron Sutter - Yuen De Anda55.95
5 Louise Hayes - Penelope Paddock55.65

Stratum D, 4.0 Tables

- 1 Robert Sturm - Ernie Schuler60.71
2 David Montague - Norman Mitchell56.25
3 Ron Sutter - Yuen De Anda55.95

FRI MORN NLM PAIRS

Stratum A, 12.0 Tables

- 1 Heide Blaker - Lynne Battle60.84
2 Herb Schulken - Wayne Bardsley60.00
3 Richard Long - Marguerite Salah59.52
4 Randolph Elkins - Curtis Sandler58.85
5 Marsha Shiff - Judith Riggs57.26
6 Margaret Whilden - Hanna Wagner56.42

Stratum B, 6.5 Tables

- 1 Heide Blaker - Lynne Battle60.84
2 Randolph Elkins - Curtis Sandler58.85
3 Marsha Shiff - Judith Riggs57.26
4 Jill Benson - Gale Greenbaum56.17
5 Mary Iglehart - Geane Schubert52.76

Stratum C, 3.0 Tables

- 1 Marsha Shiff - Judith Riggs57.26
2 Sharon Suttin - Donna Sinrud47.45

FRI AFT FLT A/X PAIRS

Stratum A, 12.0 Tables / Based on 39 Tables



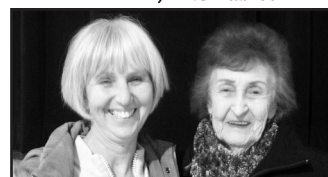
- 1 Barry Falgout - Robert Bell60.98
2 Mike Cappelletti Sr - Ronald Kral60.04
3 Peter Boyd - Ellen Klosson58.14
4 Bruce Houston - Kenneth Davis57.39
5 John Adams - Sylvia Shi56.25
6 Jimmy Ritzenberg - Robert Levey56.06

Stratum X, 5.0 Tables

- 1 Jimmy Ritzenberg - Robert Levey56.06
2 Albert Lauber - James Beller53.60
3 Lloyd Rawley - Kitty Gottfried51.70
4 Linda Smith - Gerald Marcovsky49.43

FRI AFT FLT B/C/D PAIRS

Stratum B, 14.5 Tables



- 1 Michelle Zygielbaum - Ettie Gordon61.05
2 Calvin Konner - Alan Skvirsky60.10
3 Elaine Conway - Suzanne Floyd57.98
4 Andrew Jacknain - Annapurna Satpathy 56.78
5 Liz Ferraro - Alan Ferraro56.78
6 Larry Moran - Douglas Fox56.63

Stratum C, 10.5 Tables

- 1 Michelle Zygielbaum - Ettie Gordon61.05
2 Andrew Jacknain - Annapurna Satpathy 56.78
3 Liz Ferraro - Alan Ferraro56.78
4 Larry Moran - Douglas Fox56.63
5 Michael Lawrence - Craig Olson55.47

- 6 Sidney Graves - Georgette Weiss54.82

Stratum D, 6.0 Tables

- 1 Michelle Zygielbaum - Ettie Gordon61.05
2 Andrew Jacknain - Annapurna Satpathy 56.78
3 Sidney Graves - Georgette Weiss54.82
4 Jennifer Elliott - Elliott Turley52.83

FRI AFT NLM PAIRS

Stratum A, 12.0 Tables



- 1 Ron Sutter - The Black Widow66.96
2/3 Mary Krenytzky - William Leishear60.71
2/3 Margaret Cooke - Peter Isard60.71
4 Neil Crane - Geane Schubert58.33
5 Randolph Elkins - Curtis Sandler57.14
6 Joan Axilbund - Mary Lou McMorro 56.55

Stratum B, 9.5 Tables

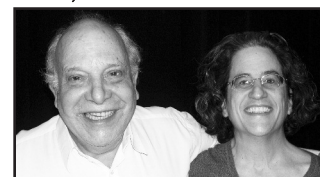
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1/2 Margaret Cooke - Peter Isard60.71
3 Neil Crane - Geane Schubert58.33
4 Randolph Elkins - Curtis Sandler57.14
5 Joan Axilbund - Mary Lou McMorro 56.55
6 Donna Sinrud - Sharon Suttin54.17

Stratum C, 4.5 Tables

- 1 Donna Sinrud - Sharon Suttin54.17
2 Eleanor Linde - Toni Sandler50.89
3 Peter Pollak - Judy Ferraro49.11
4 Sarah Jenkins - Ruthjoy Leventhal48.21

FRI EVE FLT A/X IMP PAIRS

Stratum A, 12.5 Tables / Based on 27 Tables



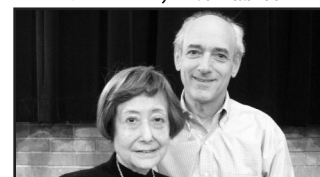
- 1 Steven Schatzow - Linda Marshall51.47
2 Donna Rogall - David Ruderman46.09
3 Steve Robinson - John Adams40.36
4 Pamela Bowman - Julian Boyce23.64
5 Monique Smith - Merrill Hirsh22.71
6 Ann Lindley - Hank Meyer22.36

Stratum X, 4.0 Tables

- 1 Monique Smith - Merrill Hirsh22.71
2 Jason Meyer - Ronald Zucker11.61
3 Barack Peled - Sorina Negulescu0.00

FRI EVE FLT B/C/D PAIRS

Stratum B, 14.0 Tables



- 1 Kitty Gottfried - Steven Fox65.34
2 Andrew Lipps - Eric Branfman61.36
3 Behnaz Fardshisheh - Thomas Reckford 60.61

- 4 Tamara Vetter - Ken Kimball57.01
- 5 Ted Proxmire - Charles King55.49
- 6 Stephen Weiner - Louis Coccodrilli55.11

Stratum C, 11.5 Tables

- 1 Behnaz Fardshisheh - Thomas Reckford 60.61
- 2 Tamara Vetter - Ken Kimball57.01
- 3 Ted Proxmire - Charles King55.49
- 4 Stephen Weiner - Louis Coccodrilli55.11
- 5 Thomas Jennings - Fred Gramlich53.60
- 6 Joy Oliver - Melva Urban53.03

Stratum D, 8.0 Tables

- 1 Tamara Vetter - Ken Kimball57.01
- 2 Stephen Weiner - Louis Coccodrilli55.11
- 3 Catherine Bardsley - Wayne Bardsley 52.27
- 4/6 Georgette Weiss - Sidney Graves51.89
- 4/6 Paul Setzer - Kellen Leister51.89
- 4/6 Jim Walsh - David Marshall51.89

SAT MORN FLT A/X PAIRS

Stratum A, 19.5 Tables / Based on 66 Tables



- 1 Peter Boyd - Steve Robinson67.01
- 2 Barry Falgout - Rusty Krauss63.78
- 3 Leo LaSota - Alan Tenenbaum61.11
- 4 Earl Clickstein - Robert Bell58.22
- 5 John Adams - Sylvia Shi57.69
- 6 Rose Berman - Carole Banks56.71
- 7 Eugene Kales - Ruth Potter56.25

Stratum X, 8.0 Tables

- 1 Rose Berman - Carole Banks56.71
- 2 Benjamin Stauss - John Glynn55.13
- 3 Lloyd Rawley - Hank Meyer54.27
- 4 Bob Boyd - Jay Cherlow53.36
- 5 Monique Smith - Merril Hirsh52.78

SAT MORN FLT B/C/D PAIRS

Stratum B, 25.0 Tables



- 1 Emerita Hayward - Jeffrey Halle63.86
- 2 Jon Ranhand - Annapurna Satpathy62.14
- 3 Hadi Abushakra - Albert Lauber61.50
- 4 Colin Schloss - Nick Migliacci61.41
- 5/6 Amy Bloom - Margie Coccodrilli60.14
- 5/6 James Metzger - Michael Kuehl60.14

Stratum C, 16.5 Tables

- 1 Jon Ranhand - Annapurna Satpathy62.14
- 2 Colin Schloss - Nick Migliacci61.41
- 3 James Metzger - Michael Kuehl60.14
- 4 Thomas Jennings - Albert Stolpe58.06
- 5 Gabriel Cornett - Eldon Compton57.97
- 6/7 Jim Anschutz - Stephen Salitrik57.43
- 6/7 Michael Goldman - William Mendez Jr 57.43

Stratum D, 8.5 Tables

- 1 Colin Schloss - Nick Migliacci61.41
- 2 James Metzger - Michael Kuehl60.14
- 3 Gabriel Cornett - Eldon Compton57.97
- 4 Jim Anschutz - Stephen Salitrik57.43

- 5 Michelle Zygielbaum - Ettie Gordon .55.71

SAT MORN NLM PAIRS

Stratum A, 17.5 Tables

- 1 Jim Walsh (pic) - Charles Dearolf70.52
- 2 Kellen Leister - Wayne Bardsley64.44
- 3 Diane Cohen - Henry Wilson63.70
- 4 Marge Amey - David Amey63.39
- 5 Ruth Fu - Val Lubbers60.31
- 6 Alan Skvirsky - Stephen Black58.71



Stratum B, 13.5 Tables

- 1 Jim Walsh - Charles Dearolf70.52
- 2 Diane Cohen - Henry Wilson63.70
- 3 Ruth Fu - Val Lubbers60.31
- 4 Alan Skvirsky - Stephen Black58.71
- 5 Joanne Berens - Michael Berens57.20
- 6 Peter Isard - Margaret Cooke57.10

Stratum C, 5.5 Tables

- 1 Jim Walsh - Charles Dearolf70.52
- 2 Joanne Berens - Michael Berens57.20
- 3 Peter Isard - Margaret Cooke57.10
- 4 Joan Axilbund - Mary Lou McMorro 54.68

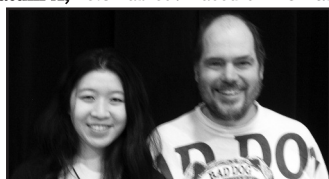
SAT MORN 49ER PAIRS, Stratum A, 4.0 Tables



- 1 Richard McMillan Jr - Michael Barth 61.11
- 2 Stephen Baldwin - Kate Baldwin58.33
- 3 Anne Shields - Bonnie Cohen54.86

SAT AFT FLT A/X PAIRS

Stratum A, 16.5 Tables / Based on 46 Tables



- 1 Sylvia Shi - John Adams63.08
- 2 Carl Nelson - Eric Branfman62.82
- 3 Barry Falgout - Rusty Krauss61.03
- 4 Eugene Kales - Ruth Potter58.19
- 5 Robert Hopkins Jr - John Miller57.64
- 6 Steve Robinson - Peter Boyd57.22

Stratum X, 7.0 Tables

- 1 Daniel Feldman - Dharendra Ghosh56.67
- 2 Howard Grunin - John Lowe III55.77
- 3 Merril Hirsh - Monique Smith54.86
- 4 Robert Brady - Alexander Prairie53.72
- 5 Bruce Roberts - Ajit Thyagarajan52.82

SAT AFT FLT B/C/D PAIRS



Stratum B, 18.0 Tables

- 1 Jeffrey Halle - Emerita Hayward63.97
- 2 Michael Teague - Robert Rose60.31
- 3 Steven Fox - Kitty Gottfried59.17
- 4 Louise Hayes - Penelope Paddock58.70
- 5 Terry Klein - Duncan Thompson58.42
- 6 Mary Mudd - Barry Sparks57.19

Stratum C, 13.0 Tables

- 1 Louise Hayes - Penelope Paddock58.70
- 2 Terry Klein - Duncan Thompson58.42
- 3 Colin Schloss - Nick Migliacci55.46
- 4 Jim Anschutz - Stephen Salitrik54.96
- 5 Sidney Graves - James Gerding54.90
- 6 Donna Hankey-Woods - Douglas Woods 54.13

Stratum D, 6.5 Tables

- 1 Terry Klein - Duncan Thompson58.42
- 2 Colin Schloss - Nick Migliacci55.46
- 3 Jim Anschutz - Stephen Salitrik54.96
- 4 Donna Hankey-Woods - Douglas Woods 54.13
- 5 Mike Ladd - Betty Ladd51.84

SAT AFT NLM PAIRS, Stratum B, 11.0 Tables

- 1 Hugh McNaughton - Kathy Crandall .62.80
- 2 Dottie Terrell - Glenn Terrell61.90
- 3/4 Marlene Gross - Eva Vorndran60.42
- 3/4 Mary Ourand - Michael Cooperman60.42
- 5 Diane Cohen - Henry Wilson55.95
- 6 Alexander Gretsinger - Jane Dolkart .55.65

Stratum C, 9.0 Tables

- 1 Hugh McNaughton - Kathy Crandall .62.80
- 2 Dottie Terrell - Glenn Terrell61.90
- 3 Mary Ourand - Michael Cooperman60.42
- 4 Diane Cohen - Henry Wilson55.95
- 5 Alexander Gretsinger - Jane Dolkart .55.65

Stratum D, 3.5 Tables

- 1 Mary Ourand - Michael Cooperman60.42
- 2 Alexander Gretsinger - Jane Dolkart .55.65
- 3 Karen Sandler - Anne Weismann47.92

SUNDAY BRACKETED TEAMS #1

15 Tables / Based on 56 Tables



- 1 Fred King - Ai-Tai Lo - William Pettis - Robert Bell100.00
- 2 Robert Hopkins Jr - Joan Lewis - Barry Falgout - Rusty Krauss92.00
- 3 Michael Gill - Noble Shore - Alexander Prairie - Sylvia Shi84.00
- 4 Alfred Steinberg - Andrew Gofreed - Alan Tenenbaum - David Ruderman82.00
- 5 Lyle Poe Jr - Brad Theurer - John Miller - Stephen Drodge74.00

SUNDAY BRACKETED TEAMS #2

8 Tables / Based on 30 Tables

- 1 Steve Reed - Richard Ferrin - Shawn Stringer - Richard Deyerle111.00
- 2 Dennis Schwanz - Susan Miskura - Francesco Parisi-Presicce - Eric Poskanzer77.00
- 3/4 Timothy Smith - Jennifer Nisenoff - Betsy Eliot - Louise Sellers71.00
- 3/4 Thomas Reckford - John Lowe III - Paul Leopold - Carol Kahn71.00



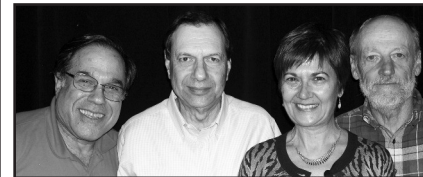
SUNDAY BRACKETED TEAMS #3

8 Tables / Based on 14 Tables

- 1 Robert Schwab - Anne Derbes - Hadi Abushakra - Daniel Koch110.00
- 2 Sorina Negulescu - Jeffrey Halle - Tanya Rodich - Barack Peled101.00
- 3 Albert Lauber - Dale Sanders - Walter Smith Jr - James Beller99.00

SUNDAY BRACKETED TEAMS #4

8 Tables / Based on 11 Tables



- 1 Howard Grunin - Aaron Navarro - Judith Dausch - James Wisman110.00
- 2 Sue Swift - Mary Lafferty - Susan Weiss - Bernice Felix76.00
- 3 Raman Srivastav - Joyce Wiley - Diane Cohen - Henry Wilson71.00

SUNDAY BRACKETED TEAMS #5, 10 Tables



- 1/2 Sidney Graves - James Gerding - W Morgan - Alan Munro91.00
- 1/2 Kellen Leister - Catherine Bardsley - Wayne Bardsley - Paul Setzer91.00
- 3/4 Barbara Sadick - Erik Kitagawa - Herb Schulken - Andrew Jacknain80.00
- 3/4 Richard Galleher - Odessa Morton - Joseph Pregosin - William Tallant80.00

SUN MORN NLM SWISS, Stratum A, 10 Tables

- 1 Adam Winsler - Gary Hinson - Harry Potter - James Mosley71.00
- 2 Ronnie Loeser - Temma Kanowith - Rachelle Sladoff - Rochelle Hilton51.00
- 3 Toni Sandler - Eleanor Linde - Alice Ling - Phyllis Hendler50.00
- 4 Ellen Pollack - Diane Lieberman - Maree Webster - Reina Lerner47.00

Stratum B, 4 Tables

- 1 Toni Sandler - Eleanor Linde - Alice Ling - Phyllis Hendler50.00

2012 FINAL TROPHY RACE STANDINGSwww.WashingtonBridgeLeague.org

Updated by John Adams

The Lovenberg Race is open to all WBL members; the Izzy Cohen Race is open to all WBL members who started the calendar year with less than 1500 masterpoints; the Tubbs Race is open to all WBL members who started the calendar year as a Non-Life Master with less than 500 masterpoints; the Woolridge Race is open to all WBL members who started the calendar year with less than 20 masterpoints.

Winners in each category receive four sessions of free plays. Second place gets two and third place gets one.

This list is final for 2012. All points are subject to audit by the WBL Director. **Congratulations to the 2012 Winners!**

Lovenberg**1 John Adams**

- 2 252.94 Steve Robinson
- 3 161.65 Clyde Kruskal
- 4 160.78 Donna Rogall
- 5 145.23 Mark Shaw
- 6 143.32 James Geist
- 7 135.64 David Ruderman
- 8 125.68 Michael Richey
- 9 124.90 William Cole
- 10 121.89 Noble Shore
- 11 120.77 Peter Boyd
- 12 109.99 Alfred Steinberg
- 13 109.12 Jason Meyer
- 14 108.06 Michael Gill
- 15 106.25 Brad Theurer
- 16 97.36 Lloyd Rawley
- 17 95.47 Steven Schatzow
- 18 95.34 Martin Graf
- 19 89.63 Robert Bell
- 20 89.39 Andrew Gofreed
- 21 88.14 Alexander Prairie
- 22 83.89 Ronald Zucker
- 23 83.20 Barry Falgout
- 24 82.99 William Hacker
- 25 81.68 Richard Wegman

- Izzy Cohen**
Alex Prairie
- 1 88.14
 - 2 68.28 Ajit Thyagarajan
 - 3 62.30 Guillaume de Decker
 - 4 52.23 Hadi Abushakra
 - 5 51.30 James Beller
 - 6 47.12 Eldon Compton
 - 7 46.64 Leon Masiewicki
 - 8 44.80 David Genne
 - 9 44.69 Dale Sanders
 - 10 43.59 Larry Wallace
 - 11 43.37 Alfred Liepold
 - 12 42.44 Gabriel Cornett
 - 13 42.07 Ernie Schuler
 - 14 41.83 Julie Thomas
 - 15 41.83 Ollie Thomas

Tubbs

- Alex Prairie**
- 1 88.14
 - 2 68.28 Ajit Thyagarajan
 - 3 47.12 Eldon Compton
 - 4 46.64 Leon Masiewicki
 - 5 42.44 Gabriel Cornett
 - 6 42.07 Ernie Schuler
 - 7 41.83 Ollie Thomas
 - 8 41.83 Julie Thomas
 - 9 37.27 Mirsad Mujezinovic
 - 10 37.27 Namik Haveric

Woolridge

- Myron Goldstein**
- 1 36.07
 - 2 25.53 Shala Panbechi
 - 3 25.53 Mahmoud Katirai
 - 4 24.21 Robert Linn
 - 5 15.76 Ted Proxmire
 - 6 15.08 Jill Benson
 - 7 14.06 Jane Marsh
 - 8 14.06 Johnny Marsh
 - 9 13.04 Tina Brinsfield
 - 10 11.83 Julie Marquette

**0-20
LESSON
& GAME****GUARANTEED
PARTNERS!****7:00PM
LESSON****7:30 - 10ISH
GAME****JOIN ANYTIME**

The cost is \$.50. This includes a 30 minute lesson followed by fun, enjoyable bridge for players with 0-20 masterpoints.

Lessons will cover slam bidding, weak twos, 3 level+ pre-empts, overcalls, takeout doubles, negative doubles, opening leads, and signaling. Each lesson will be tailored to the needs and interests of the players.

This is a great program for beginners as well as experienced social bridge players! Partners will be provided if needed. For more information, contact Bryan or Lois Geer at 301-236-0014 or by email at geerbridge@verizon.net.

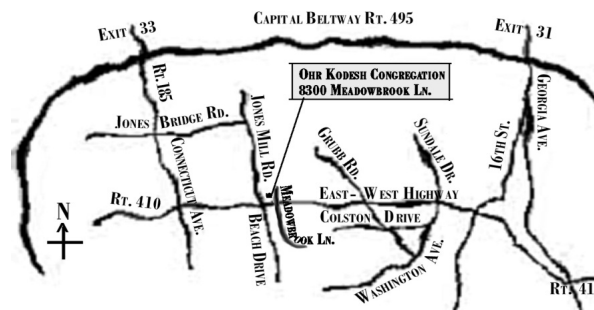
~ ♦ ♠ ♥ ♣ ~ **SCHEDULE** ♥ ♦ ~

Most games held at Ohr Kodesh

- 02/28/2013StrataFlighted Grand National Teams
 03/07/2013StrataFlighted Upg. Unit Championship
 03/14/2013StrataFlighted Unit Championship
 03/21/2013StrataFlighted Unit Championship
 03/28/2013StrataFlighted Grand National Teams
04/04/13**WBL Sectional
 04/11/2013StrataFlighted D6 Charity Pairs
 04/18/2013StrataFlighted Unit Championship
 04/25/2013StrataFlighted Unit Championship
 05/02/2013NVBA Sectional
 05/09/2013StrataFlighted Unit Championship
 05/16/2013Annual Meeting/StrataFlighted Membership
 05/23/2013StrataFlighted Unit Championship
 05/30/2013StrataFlighted BAM Teams; NLM Pairs
 06/06/2013StrataFlighted NAP; NLM Charity Pairs
 06/13/2013D6 STaC Stratified Pairs
 06/20/2013StrataFlighted Unit Championship

Check website for any schedule changes. **Bold dates** held at other locations: *TBD; **Kensington Town Hall/Armory.

For a Last-Minute Partner, to say you'll be late, to hear announcements (closings posted by 4pm), or to contact the Unit Game for any reason, call the WBL Cell Phone:

(301) 395-2760**MAP TO OHR KODESH CONGREGATION**

ALERT! The Unit Game is now played at Ohr Kodesh. NO OUTSIDE FOOD IS ALLOWED. Snacks and drinks will be provided.

**WBL GUARANTEED
PARTNER PROGRAM**

You never need to miss the unit game because you don't have a partner at the last minute! The WBL has a guaranteed partner (GP) program for players who *occasionally* need a partner for the unit game. Here's how it works: we provide a standby partner; if an odd number of people in need of a partner arrive, we match the players as best we can, and the GP plays with the one who is left. (If there is an even number of players looking, the GP goes home). You can always get a game.

Players in search of partners should try to arrive between 7:00 and 7:15 (or call ahead). The partnership desk closes at 7:25. You can call the WBL cell phone **(301) 395-2760** at the last minute if are on your way and know you'll be at bit late.

To find a partner in the Open or B/C/D game at least a day in advance, contact **Barbara Doran** at UnitGamePartner@DistrictSix.org or barbd@star-power.net, or call 301-608-0347 between 9am and 10pm. To find a partner for the NLM game, contact **Shawn Stringer** at 301-275-6363 or ShStringer@aol.com.

You might want to volunteer for the GP program yourself. It's a great way to meet people. If you play on the night you're the GP, you play free. If you volunteer, you receive a free play for any future unit game whether or not you play that night.

Partnerships Close AT 7:25pm
TO START THE GAME PROMPTLY AT 7:30PM. CALL IF YOU'RE LATE, OR YOU MAY NOT BE ACCOMMODATED.

UNIT GAME CARPOOL AVAILABLE

To arrange a carpool, contact Don Berman, Carpool Coordinator, at 301-776-3581 or don.berman@verizon.net.Or log on to the WBL's **Online Carpool Notices** at: www.WashingtonBridgeLeague.org.

UPCOMING SECTIONALS

- ♥ March 9-10, 2013, WBL, NLM, Kensington, MD
- ♠ April 4-7, 2013, WBL, Kensington, MD
- ♣ May 2-5, 2013, NVBA, Fairfax, VA
- ♦ July 25-28, 2013, WBL, Kensington, MD
- ♥ Sept 7-8, 2013, WBL, NLM, Kensington, MD
- ♠ September 19-22, 2013, NVBA, Fairfax, VA
- ♣ October 3-6, 2013, WBL, Kensington, MD
- ♦ October 24-27, 2013, NVBA, Fairfax, VA
- ♣ January 2-5, 2014, WBL, Kensington, MD

ing down tables, to publicity and events development, a little effort from you will make our bridge community even better. Busy schedule? No worries. Most volunteer assignments take only 15 minutes to 1 hour a month.

Here's how to help:

1. Reply by email, phone or in person if you are willing to help in any way.
2. Please indicate if you can offer any special skills (such as marketing or a strong back).
3. Someone will contact you shortly with a choice of assignments you can pick from.

Thank you in advance for any assistance you can provide.

Barbara Summers, Volunteer Coordinator, 301-598-5838, jimbarb1184@aol.com,

DO YOU HAVE ANY MUSCLES OR BRAINS TO SPARE?

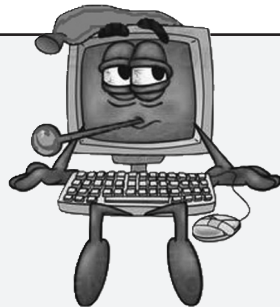
The Washington Bridge League could use a little of either! In order to keep events exciting and entry fees low, the WBL relies on the goodness of our members to volunteer for small jobs at the Unit Game and Sectional Tournaments. Some jobs require brains while others require muscle. We'll be happy to employ either.

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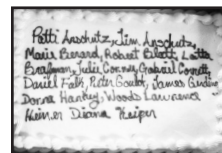


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2012 WBL New Life Masters



Jim Anschutz, Patti Anschutz, Marie Berard, Robert Blatt, Lotta Brafman, Julie Connor, Gabriel Cornett,

Daniel Falk, James M Gerding, Peter Gould, Donna Hankey-Woods, Lawrence Heinen, Diane Keiper, Geoff Lewis, Leon Masiewicki, John McCormick, Larry Moran, Elizabeth Nash, Jerome Ostrov, Alex Prairie, Herbert Rubinstein, Annapurna Satpathy, Timothy Stewart, Ajit Thyagarajan, Mavis Walters, and Michelle Zygielbaum



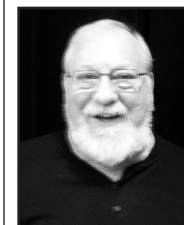
Patti and Jim Anschutz have a son, Barron, a daughter, Lesli, and seven grandchildren. Patti is a realtor with Long & Foster. She achieved a B.B.A. from Texas Tech University. Jim has retired from working in the medical lab for the US Army Medical Service Corps. He earned a B.S. in Chemistry and Biology. Both started playing bridge in college, but it wasn't until 2007 when they decided to play in tournaments and joined the WBL.

Marie Berard has four children: Michael, Jim, Bob and Jean. She is a retired Payroll Clerk with CUA. Marie loves to cook.



She and her neighbors enjoyed cards and decided to learn to play bridge as a social event for the neighborhood many decades ago. Seven years ago, Marie joined the ACBL and started playing in tournaments. Her favorite bridge authors are Mike Lawrence and Ron Klinger. She plays locally in Laurel and has also travelled to Ocean City, MD and several cities in PA to play in tournaments; but, Marie is happiest at bridge

when she is playing with her son, Michael.



Robert Blatt has been a cellist with the National Symphony since 1968 with previous stints with the St. Louis and Baltimore orchestras. He is a graduate of the Peabody Conservatory, with studies at Indiana University.

He learned bridge from his aunt and uncle while in high school and first played duplicate while teaching school in Winchester, Va. After coming to Washington he played sporadically until meeting the former Karen Chagalis in 2004. They married the next year. He says, "She is still a lot better than I am but occasionally she plays with me anyway."

Julie Connor is a Diplomat for the U.S. Dept. of State. She earned an M.S. from National War College, an M.A. from the University of Houston and a B.A. from Rice.

She always liked cards and was taught social bridge at 13. In 2009, her son's therapist recommended that she needed an outlet besides work and worrying about James, so she decided to take bridge seriously. Despite work pressures, Julie left work—no matter what!—at 6:30 pm on Thursdays so she could make it to the Unit game. Gradually building up a group of partners, she began playing on some Saturdays and in tournaments.

Julie wanted to make Life Master before being transferred to Austin in 2012, so she determined

**2012
NEW LIFE MASTERS**



Some of our 2012 New Life Masters gathered for a photo during the Presidential Tournament (p.13) in January while we celebrated their achievements.

to get her gold points early by going to even more tournaments. She is grateful to her outstanding mentor, Hank Meyer, and her D.C. partners: Mike Kuehl, Ed Gehan, Michelle Zygielbaum, Elizabeth Nash, David Marshall, Jim Walsh, Gene Massey and many VA players with whose help she was able to achieve her goal. But, partnering Michelle when Michelle achieved Life Master was truly Julie's most exciting bridge experience.

Daniel Falk passed away in June at age 72. His surviving family includes a son, Aaron, from his first marriage, his wife Elfinsh, four step-daughters, Emma, Taluka, Nelao and Inamonikanale, his mother, Frances, a sister, and 10 grandchildren. He retired in 2007 from the Analytic Sciences Corp. where he worked as a Computer Systems Analyst. Prior to his 23 years there, he did similar work for CSC and the Planning Research Corp. His degrees, including a doctorate, were all in mathematics and he often lectured at Marymount and George Mason Universities. After retirement, Daniel taught math in Ethiopia. He also volunteered as a tax assistant with AARP and as a financial counselor for Ethiopian and Eritrean emigrants.

Daniel played bridge frequently with Larry Wallace, who made Life Master one year earlier.



Donna Hankey-Woods is married to Doug Woods. She has a daughter, Hillary, a stepson, Paul, and a step-daughter, Julie. They have five grandchildren. Donna retired in 2003. She worked for the federal government for 28 years. The last 15 years, she was a Senior Accountant in the Audit Resolution Advisory Area for the Headquarters Indian Health Service handling audit issues on contract health care for the federally recognized Indian tribes. In 1994, she won the Indian Health Service Exceptional Performance Award. Donna earned these degrees: a Master of Science Information Systems, a BSBA – Accounting, an AA - Computer Science (Business), with honors, and an AS (Secretarial Science). Her interests include deep water running, working out, and going to the theater. with Doug.

Both her parents were bridge players, but Donna didn't start playing bridge until 1991 when she and Doug began dating. This was social bridge with friends and family. When her life became more complicated, she didn't have time for bridge. After retirement, they both began to take regular bridge classes at the Holiday Park Senior Center from Sunny Levin and joined the WBL six years ago. They had a cottage in Kalamazoo, MI, and used to play frequently at a great club

there. They appreciated the class held before each NLM game. Also, Donna took classes from one of the instructors one summer. Unlike the WBL, all of the games and classes are in one location. Locally, they next joined Steve and Sandy Forsythe's class (now run by the Geers) and started playing in tournaments in 2008. Then, they moved to Leslie and Charlie's classes and are still there with Hank Meyer. At a regional in Oahu, they were amazed at the number of people there from Phoenix. Donna feels really fortunate to have so many regionals available in the East.

Donna remembers two really exciting moments. First: They won the bottom bracket of knockouts at the 2008 North Bethesda Regional to win their first full gold points and Red Ribbon qualification. Second: Their team entered the 2012 Lancaster regional determined to knock off the 5-1/2 gold points Joe still needed for Life Master as well as to get Doug the remaining six unpigmented points he was short. They were able to achieve their objectives without a problem ending up the tournament exhausted, but with over eight additional gold points. Donna's next goal? Bronze Life Master. Beyond that? TBD.



Diane Keiper has three children and six grandchildren. Currently retired, she was a Portfolio Manager for an investment company. She grew up in Frankfurt, Germany and then moved here and attended the University of MD. With bridge, Diane would simply like to do her best and have fun. She also enjoys cooking, wine tasting, and the stock market.

Both of her parents were Life Masters, but Diane didn't start playing bridge until 1978 and playing in tournaments until 2007. She enjoys playing in Leisure World and in local clubs and travelling to nearby regionals. Leisure World holds the Marriott Cup Tournament every year on the second Tuesday in October. In 2010, Diane and her partner had a 72% game to win the tournament and earn a spot on the trophy. Since Diane's father won this same event in the '80s, it was particularly special to see both of their names engraved on the trophy together.



Leon Masiewicki and his (young) wife, a teacher at Jewish Primary Day School, have two grown sons without any interest in bridge. Leon is an alumnus of Warsaw University in Poland. He also has an MBA (from Har-

vard) and a PhD (from Columbia) in Mathematics. A few years ago, Leon retired after decades working as a Management Consultant. Besides bridge, Leon's newest endeavor in his seventh decade is trying to learn Hebrew.

All his life, he has been buying books to read in retirement; but, alas, he started playing bridge again. An aunt taught Leon the basics of social bridge when he was 12 or 13. He started playing in tournaments during college in Poland. The opposition was tough and the games were not stratified, so that either you learned or you had to find another hobby, though it was bridge as played in the sixties.

Then life and work intervened and Leon stopped playing for 30 years. One evening in 2009, he went to Saint James, and got hooked again. He joined the ACBL and the first points he won were 13 silver at a STAC that August. Thanks to that, Leon was the Rookie of the Year.

He prefers playing Polish Club, of course. Leon says the 2010 version is particularly good; but, unfortunately, more players in Warsaw than in District 6 are using it nowadays, so he plays 2/1 with all the gadgets his partners allow. Leon also particularly likes Key Card Swiss.

Any squeeze makes his day, but the one time he squeezed Don Berman, who couldn't believe that a greenhorn did that to him, he will remember forever. It would be a thrill to win any title — Leon says he's not picky, he'll just have to hurry before senility sets in.



Larry Moran and his wife, Helga, have four grown children: Amber, Shane, Mike and Dallas. A graduate of Indiana University with a Bachelors in Economics and the University of MD with a Masters in Mass Communication, Larry worked as an Economist for the U.S. Department of Commerce. He also worked as a newspaper reporter and has published two books: *Hoosier Hysteria, Sons, and Other Stories*, and, *Invisible Influence*. Some of Larry's other interests are golf, magic and history.

In 1972, he and some colleagues taught each other bridge during lunch periods and he has been an ACBL member off and on since 1974. Currently, his favorite authors are Cohen, Bergen, Lawrence, Stewart and Kantar. In 1976, Larry and his partner, Jeff Koch, were in first place going into the second session of a novice event at a Nationals, but the evening session didn't go well. On one hand, they each asked the other for aces; Larry was bidding Gerber and Jeff was bidding

Blackwood, but it was still a thrilling experience.



Elizabeth Nash learned to play bridge when she lived in Argentina for a few years. She began to play more seriously when her twin girls were in high school and her son in college. Elizabeth expresses her gratitude to all of her different bridge partners and teachers for their patience.

Jerome Ostrov is a retired Tax Attorney. He earned his JD at Albany, his LLM at NYU and his MPA at Harvard. Jerry is the author of two tax law treatises. He and his wife, Bobi, an Anti-Trust Attorney, have three grown children: Becca, Max, and Julia. In addition to bridge, Jerry also enjoys skiing, hiking and writing, and contributes as a member of the Board of Governors to the Amrican Jewish Committee.

Jerry first learned bridge in high school, but stopped playing for 30 years, until five years ago when their kids left home. His most exciting moment in bridge occurred when he became Life Master at the third regional tournament he attended. Jerry prefers 2/1 and enjoys playing at the Rockville and JCC bridge clubs.



Alex Prairie's sister, Jennifer, started playing bridge in college and then taught the rest of the family. She plays some bridge now, but hates it. Their brother, Bradford, hates bridge the most. Since Alex is a weird nerd, he decided it was fun and then spent all his summers playing bridge with his mom, Elaine Chen, instead of hanging out with his friends.

Despite Bridge, Go, Starcraft, Disc Golf, Nerdy Board Games, and being a hater, Alex earned a B.A. in Economics from Brandeis University and is currently a Research Systems Analyst (Programmer) for The Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System. He has also been an Express Counter Helper for Panda Express.

For five years, Alex has been playing duplicate in dozens of cities and states. His tournament wins include the Flight C GNT, some compact KO bracket 1, some other knockouts but not bracket 1, and a BAM at a sectional with Rob Brady, who Alex is thrilled and honored to play with as Rob is the best person alive.

Alex says that due to a lack of talent, he has

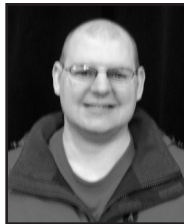
no non-bridge related distinctions and that our survey was mean to ask. He also mentions that his Dad, Michael Prairie, is really old. Back to bridge: Alex prefers to open every eight count, hoping no one calls the director. He doesn't read bridge, it's too hard; although, Alex does like Noble Shore's system notes which are interesting, but too long. His greatest wish is to have fun and to play bridge without anyone yelling at him.



Annapurna Satpathy's family include Sujata, Sarita, Surai and grandchildren, Devesh and Anisha. Anna has a Masters in Business Administration in Finance. She has retired and currently travels and helps people in need.

Anna's mother was her inspiration. She didn't play bridge, but rather similar card games which taught Anna to have card sense from a very early age. She learned bridge with her husband when they were in India and joined the ACBL while living in Sacramento. At a regional there, with zero masterpoints, Anna was thrilled to win the 0-20 Pairs, her first masterpoints, and a trophy, too. Her favorite bridge books are Eddie Kantar's books on play and defense. Anna loves bridge, would like to keep learning and improving, and will be playing as long as she is able.

Timothy Stewart works as a Mathematical Statistician for the U.S. Census Bureau. Deaf since birth, Tim has had to overcome many obstacles. He earned a B.S. and M.S. in Applied and Mathematical Statistics from the Rochester Institute of Technology in NY. When he moved to Laurel in 1999, he missed playing Mah Jongg, board and card games with his college friends, so he decided to try the Laurel Bridge Club for a new game. Tim likes either 2/1 or Standard American with gadgets. His favorite authors are Barbara Seagram, Marty Bergen and Eddie Kantar. Tim's biggest thrill came when his team placed second in an under 2,000 KO at the Santa Clara Regional to win the rest of the



Gabriel Cornett



James M Gerding



John McCormick

gold points he needed to make Life Master. Now, he would just like to continue playing bridge with partners, Reni Malloy and Jeff Dale and have fun!



Ajit Thyagarajan and his wife, Soumya Alva, have two daughters, Avantika (8), and Sahana (5). They enjoy travel and international cuisine. Ajit is an entrepreneur working for Brookmoor Labs. He was formerly a Telecommunications Executive.

Friends introduced Ajit to bridge as a sophomore at IIT Madras. His late father was a very good and passionate bridge player, but felt that children should not play cards, so he never taught Ajit. As a little kid, Ajit went to the local bridge club, but his father would send him off to play table tennis or badminton instead. With initially disastrous grades in college, Ajit had to give up playing bridge until he was working on his PhD at the University of Delaware. He has since played in India, Norway, Kenya, and Costa Rica.

Mike Lawrence was his favorite author while he was first learning. Today, he reads notes and discusses ideas with experts on the internet. Ajit earned his first masterpoints in the Washington area and joined the WBL 15 years ago. When Ajit and partner, Guillaume de Decker, won their appeal to qualify for the final session of the 2011 Flight C NAP at the national finals, they were so thrilled that they came in second overall.

Ajit tried to play a lot with his father during his final years before he passed and he cherishes those memories. For the future, he would like to someday win a national championship and to see his kids play and enjoy bridge with the same passion that he has.

Michelle Zygielbaum's family includes husband, Naz, and sons, Dan and Jon. She works as a Physical Therapist for MZPT. In addition to bridge,



Michelle also plays golf. Her mother originally got her started playing bridge and she now enjoys playing 2/1 in particular at the JCC, the unit game and online on BBO. Michelle's biggest thrill in bridge so far was becoming a Life Master.

ANDREW (ANDY) EUGENE GABRILOVITCH, 1925-2012



Andrew Eugene Gabrilovitch, 87, died peacefully at home with family in McLean, Va on November 29, 2012. Born and raised in France, Andy escaped Nazi-occupied Paris as a teen and made his way with his parents to New York. He proudly served in the US Navy Pacific Fleet during WWII. As a student at Columbia University, he joined a group of young bridge players and "majored in bridge rather than English." Smitten by the game, Andy became one of America's top players. He also enjoyed sports and played competitive table tennis in the Forties.



Andy met his wife, Wanda, playing bridge, and together they raised a family of three. After retiring as Director of Administration from ITT in 1984, he offered bridge instruction on cruise ships, and spent thousands of happy hours on board with family and friends. Andy is survived by two daughters, Tamara De Martino and Leonide Gabrilovitch (Blair Horner), and grandchildren Andrew, Matthew, Kira, Katharine and Grant. He was predeceased by his wife, Wanda, and son, Andrew.

A Life Master at 30, his national tournament wins include the 1947 National Amateur Team-of-Four Title for the Rothschild Trophy and the 1961 Spingold (Master's Knockout Team-of-Four Championship) at the 1961 Washington DC Nationals—*pictured: Marshall Miles (captain), Eddie Kantar, Andy, and Bill Root*. At the Chicago 1959 Nationals, he and Dick Freeman, Mike Michaels, Jan Stone, Dick Walsh, and Frank Hoadley took 2nd place in the Spingold.

His approximately 20 regional titles include Eastern States KO's Teams 1960, 61; Keystone Conference Open Pairs 1958, Men's Teams 1970, 71, 73, Fall Men's Pairs 1971, KO Teams 1974, and the Bermuda Swiss 1978. Locally, Andy won the WBL Lovenberg Player-of-the-Year contest in three of the first seven years of the trophy's existence: 1958, 59, and 63.

Andy was heavily involved in the fight to desegregate the WBL when that issue came to the forefront as Victor R. Daly (1895-1986), applied for membership to the WBL on September 14, 1956. After the WBL membership referendum to integrate was defeated, Andy continued his efforts, working within the integrated Federal Bridge League, a local club.

He served on the WBL Board in 1955-57, left after the referendum failed, then returned as WBL president in 1962 after a second referendum in 1961 succeeded in integrating the WBL. He continued on the Board for a couple more years as past president and was honored with life member status by the WBL for his strong advocacy for desegregation, and fair and honest play in the bridge world. In so doing, the Washington Bridge League described Andy Gabrilovitch as "... distinguished as a player, for he is a national champion ... recognized as an outstanding gentleman, for he epitomizes courtesy, friendliness, and fair play ... appreciated for his service, for he became president when leadership was critically needed to meet a challenge to the basic dignity of man."



50 YEARS AGO: INTEGRATING BRIDGE IN THE NATION'S CAPITAL

The story of integrating bridge in Washington was written in this publication 27 years ago by our editor at the time, Jim Wood. We present it here now in honor of the Gabrilovitch's and other activist's service toward integration. In his article, Mr. Wood refers to the obituary of Vic Daly which he wrote earlier that same year. We'll

start with a reprint of part of that obituary. Both articles are available in full at www.districtsix.org

From the May/June 1986 issue of the WBL Bulletin:

**VICTOR DALY,
1895-1986**



A soft-spoken, tireless worker on behalf of bridge and of minority rights, Vic Daly was a special gentleman who will not be forgotten

by the Washington Bridge League.

He applied for membership in our Unit September 14, 1956. Since at that point we had never had a Negro member, the Board undertook a mail ballot of the membership on whether to accept or reject Mr. Daly's application. This action was not as silly as it may seem from our 1980s perspective. Four years earlier, the ACBL Board had voted to withdraw its invitation to hold their 1954 Summer Nationals here (Mayflower Hotel) if Negroes were allowed to play.

The furor surrounding the Unit integration issue had numerous repercussions (then & later), including damage to the personal reputations of several individuals (such as the then president of the ACBL & Mid-Atlantic Conference) and the sudden resignation of our Unit President, W. Mott Lingley.

In any event, our Unit Secretary, one Jerome S. Machlin, had the unhappy duty of writing to Mr. Daly late that year to inform him of the out-

come of the balloting and to return Vic's \$2 cheque. The vote totals were 315 against and 219 for his admission to membership. [...]

One of the 36 founding members of the American Bridge Assn. in 1932 in Hampton, Va. Vic served as President of that organization from 1949 to 1964. To quote from *The Official Encyclopedia of Bridge*, "An outstanding achievement of the administration of Victor R. Daly was the conduct of negotiations leading to the building of mutual rapport & respect between the ACBL and the ABA."

Here are some interesting headlines and intros from articles appearing in *The New York Times* on integration and bridge in the Capital area at the time:

From August 08, 1959, Page 14:
Contract Bridge; American Bridge Association, Mostly Negro, to Begin 26th Tournament

A BRIEF TIMELINE — derived from Jim Wood's articles

1955: The first time a black bridge player requests WBL membership.

Mar 1956: An incident at a local tournament stirs up protest.

Dec 1956: Vic Daly's September application for membership is voted down by referendum. ACBL President, R. L. "Skinny" Miles' mail campaign to the WBL membership was victorious.

Mar 1957: Ray Fetzner, Andy Gabrilovitch, Mort Goldstein and Stu Dunlop look to the Federal Bridge League to develop a non-discriminating unit.

St. Patrick's Day, 1959: Government Employee's Bridge Association (GEBA) petitions to become a chartered ACBL Unit. Turned down at the end of 1959.

Jul 1960 WBL board meeting: WBL Secretary, Irene Whitehall, moves that our regionals not integrate in deference to MABC member southern states. Passed.

1960 Labor Day Regional: Activists stage an attempt for black players to purchase entries. Refused.

Oct 1960: Federal Bridge League applies for a charter as an ACBL Unit. Refused.

1961 WBL Annual Meeting: Four pro-integration players are elected to the board and soon vote that our Summer Nationals not be segregated.

Jun 1961: Pro-Integration mail campaign from the Board in concurrence with membership poll soliciting a pro-integration straw vote. Opposition to the mailing and the board members who sent the letters results in the referendum being replaced with a newly mailed referendum.

Sept 1961: Results tabulated: 624 for integration, 279 against, 8 no votes. The WBL integrates. Vic Daly and five other black players join our unit. The MBA desegregates the same week. Whether or not to partition the WBL into two units becomes the next controversy. The idea is initially rejected.

Mar 1962 WBL Annual Meeting: Proposal to partition fostered by ACBL executives voted down 167 to 128 by the membership at the meeting. Days later, the National Board authorizes the formation of a second unit in the D.C. area. Players are allowed to choose to stay with the WBL or move into the new (NVBA) unit.

1967: The NVBA integrates.

1984: Andy and Wanda Gabrilovitch move back to this area (McLean, Va) as duly assigned members of the NVBA, which is fine by them.

1986: Black membership is at 3 – 4% of the total WBL membership.

Today, By Albert H. Morehead

ANOTHER national contest begins today — the twenty-sixth annual tournament of the American Bridge Association, which was founded in 1933.

From 1961:
BRIDGE CLUB ACTS TO KEEP RACE BAN; Group in Capital Balks Move to Allow Negroes to Play in National Event

Directors of the Washington Bridge League have tabled a motion to permit all members of the American Contract Bridge League to play in the summer nationals in the national capital in August, 1961.

From September 8, 1961, Section: food fashions family furnishings, p. 28:

CONTRACT BRIDGE; Group in Washington Unit Wishes to Secede After Vote to Integrate, By Albert H. Morehead

It was reported here last week that the Washington (D.C.) Bridge League, which for years had openly barred Negroes from tournaments of the American Contract Bridge League, held a referendum among its members on integration. The members voted, 624 to 279, to permit Negroes to play.

From January 30, 1965, Section: Business Financial, p. 55:

RACE STILL FACTOR AT BRIDGE TABLES; Despite Gains, Few Negroes Join in League Play, By Raymond H. Anderson

"Voluntary segregation" is the dominant picture at tournament bridge tables today despite the elimination of race barriers by nearly all bridge organizations in the country.

Here's a longer abstract regarding the first integrated tournament of the WBL in which Dr. Joseph Henry (1924-2011) and Andy Gabrilovitch partnered to win the Open Pairs. The full article is available at www.districtsix.org.

From The New York Times, Dec. 24, 1961:
BRIDGE: INTEGRATED TOURNEY
Negro Stars in the First Inter-Racial Contest of Washington Unit, By Albert H. Morehead

One of the most controversial causes in American bridge during the last year and six or seven previous years was that the Washington Bridge League, in the nation's capital, did not admit Negroes to membership or allow Negroes to play in its tournaments.

The Washington Bridge League is part of the American Contract Bridge League, which controls the important tournaments throughout North America, but the local associations that make up



City News Bureau, Washington, DC photo from the very early 60s: Dr. Joe Henry, (left), Wanda and Andrew Gabrilovitch (right).

the A. C. B. L. have almost complete autonomy accepting or rejecting their own members.

Last August, members of the Washington association voted by about two to one to abandon their longtime policy of segregation and accept Negro members. Many of those who had militantly favored segregation immediately announced their intention of withdrawing from the Washington Bridge League and forming a separate local organization of their own.

The first integrated tournament of the Washington Bridge League was played Dec. 7 to 10, and it broke all attendance records for that area, even though the number of Negroes competing did not reach quite 10 percent of the total. Perhaps curiosity and perhaps the normal growth of attendance at bridge tournaments brought out the record-breaking crowd, but in any case it included most of those who had threatened to resign if Washington tournaments were integrated.

Tournament Debut

By coincidence, the star of the tournament was a Negro who was playing for the first time in an A. C. B. L. tournament in his home city, Dr. Joseph Henry, a professor of dentistry at Howard University in Washington. Dr. Henry is the highest-ranking player in the American Bridge Association, a national organization whose members are almost all Negroes. He had not been able to play in A. C. B. L. tournaments often enough to achieve high rank in that organization.

In the Washington tournament, Dr. Henry won the contest for unranked pairs, the mixed pair contest and the open pair contest. In the open pairs, his partner was Andrew Gabrilovitch, one of the most prominent A. C. B. L. players and a present holder of the Spingold trophy, which represents the masters' team championship. [...]

From our May/June 1986 issue:
25th Anniversary of Integrated Bridge in Washington, by Jim Wood

In our May-June (1986) issue, the Victor Daly obituary gave a number of details regarding the abortive 1956 attempt to desegregate our Unit. Perhaps some background of ACBL history will be helpful, so here we can quote from an article published in the Federal Bridge League's *Kibitzer*, October, 1961: "Negroes first applied for

permission to play in the spring of 1949. The ACBL Board submitted the question to its 28,000 members and Negro memberships were disapproved 58.5% to 41.5%. No breakdown is available for cities, but in all likelihood the District of Columbia was included in the South, which voted 81.6% against. Some sections voted to accept Negro entries in certain tournaments, but this did not confer full ACBL membership privileges. Several Units ... integrated.

"The basic issue remained. In May 1953, the ACBL again polled the membership. A special committee headed by Gen. Robert J. Gill of Baltimore submitted for a vote what has since become known as the Gill Amendments. In essence, these amendments made any person of good moral character eligible for membership; each Unit was to determine its own membership qualifications; the sponsoring Units were to determine eligibility for participation in tournaments. These amendments were approved; our Unit still remained restricted." (Note: That article was written by Edna Evans, WBL Secretary 1961-62 and former Bulletin editor.)

The first Black bridge player in D.C. with the gumption to come forward and request WBL membership was Jas. F. "Jimmy" Lee. He and Donald Pedro were given a gentle brush-off; quoting exactly from our Executive Committee (Board) minutes of June 9, 1955: "Dr. Robins read the letter from the two Negro Boys and after much discussion it was decided that Dr. Robins should call them and outline our position at the present time."

During the next Board meeting: "A discussion regarding the position of the League in regard to segregation brought forth no solution except that any individual could make his own poll of the members for what it is worth."

An incident which stirred up several previously-inert WBLers occurred at the Sheraton-Park Hotel one Monday evening in March of 1956, during a George Washington Birthday Charity Open Pairs of the Federal Bridge League. Two couples showed up, hoping to find a truly open game; Jimmy Lee and Lucille "Tippy" Miller bought an entry but were soon invited to leave, with an explanation that their presence would "make some of the players uncomfortable." Don Pedro and Dr. Gwen Brownlee had also come to the game room, but left with Jimmy and Tippy without actually purchasing an entry. In a newspaper article later that week, Lloyd A. Schermerhorn, Federal president, was quoted: "... in Washington it has been the tacit understanding not to accept Negroes into membership. Someone asked the couple if, under the circumstances, they would rather not play. The couple said that they didn't want to cause em-

barrassment and left voluntarily."

Also leaving—in protest—that evening were half a dozen regular players, who drove to Stu Dunlop's place and enjoyed some rubber bridge while discussing possible ways to Do Something about The Situation. One of them, Andy Gabrilovitch, made a point of developing an acquaintanceship with Vic Daly, who was then president of the Labor Dept. Bridge Club. Eventually Andy (and some like-minded friends such as Ray Fetzner) persuaded Vic to formally apply for WBL membership as a means to resolve the issue. They felt that most Unit game and tournament players would support the idea of open membership. They were probably right about that, but well over half of our Unit membership didn't play in tournaments or Unit games (still true today) and most of them were afraid that their neighborhood/invitational clubs would be forced to open up also. Many of these folks were born. Before The Turn of the Century, and many of them were raised in the South.

In a politely-worded one-page letter, Vic summarized his professional background, explaining that, "I have been a resident and property owner in the City for the past 30 years ... I have enjoyed the privilege of playing in ACBL competition since 1949, but have never formally applied for membership before. During this period I have accumulated a number of masterpoints. However, I cannot get credit for them unless I obtain legal membership. To correct that anomaly I am herewith applying for membership in the League."

This sparked a series of events. On Oct. 9th, the Board set a date for a general membership meeting to consider the matter and "give advice to the Executive Committee." The active supporters of continued segregation soon realized that they had a better chance of winning if the voting could be done privately, via mail ballots.

They had the then-president of the ACBL, R. L. Miles, Jr. of Norfolk, come here November 17th for an informal meeting with the Board. Miles tried to persuade the Board (then known as "Executive Committee") that desegregation was a poor idea, and the anti-integrationists argued that it would be more "democratic" to conduct mail balloting.

So, at a special Board meeting Nov. 21st the referendum "for definitive action was set, with ballots to be mailed Nov. 28th and counted Dec. 15th.

That same week Mr. Miles, having returned home, sent a one-page letter to all WBL Board members, stating among other things, "Your group (Executive Committee/Board) is entrusted with the well-being of the WBL but at the Saturday night meeting it seemed to me that no one

was thinking of the WBL or what was good or bad for it — it was purely and simply a clash of ideologies ... I personally take the position that you would be mistaken to have negro members ... If negroes are allowed to play in Washington I think attendance at your Sectional Tournaments will be decimated. I further doubt that (the Mid-Atlantic) would consider holding a Regional in Washington, and as the Director for District 6 on the National Board, my position in regard to fighting to bring the Summer Nationals back to Washington would be so weakened it is my honest opinion that it is unlikely that I could swing it."

Mrs. Margaret Fisher, with "Skinny" Miles' permission, had copies of that obviously very influential letter mailed out almost immediately to all WBLers who were getting ballots. (Note: 771 ballots were mailed, but as our Secretary explained, "We have another 150 members on the books who paid directly to New York. However, we haven't had direct sponsorship of those members so did not allow them to vote. After all, one or more of them might be Negroes, so we couldn't consider them as bona-fide members until they present themselves and get a sponsor.")

When Skinny Miles' letter arrived in mailboxes all over town, several people exploded, including WBL Treasurer Mort Goldstein. He explains that he felt Margaret's action "was inconsistent with the objectivity required of a member of the balloting committee," and he threatened to embarrass the WBL by complaining to The Press if Margaret was not promptly removed from the committee. On Dec. 6th the entire committee was "relieved from further duties" and new members appointed.

But it seemed to some that the membership deserved an official explanation of their receipt of this unusual letter signed by the president of the ACBL. So at their Dec. 11th meeting the Board authorized the sending of such a letter. The vote was 6 to 1 with 3 abstaining: Lingley, Short and Skipper. They "disclaimed any responsibility and refused to be a party on any terms as long as the letter mentioned the name of Mrs. Margaret Fisher in any way whatsoever." And promptly the next day Lingley resigned as president of our Unit. Being caught in the middle, he'd had more than enough aggravation.

Lingley explained in a statement to members playing in a Christmastime Unit game ("Bring a Toy for a Child") that evening at the Mayflower Hotel that he deeply resented the way his comments published in the Washington Daily News had been "bandied around." He'd been quoted as saying he thought "admitting Negroes will 'break up' the league ... About 120 people would resign right off the bat." Then the

News published letters from both Gabrilovitch and Fetzner, calling his remarks "intemperate," "flamboyant" and "grossly exaggerated." Andy stated that "Mr. Lingley, speaking as president of the League, has chosen to throw the weight of his office behind the segregation faction. In violating his obligation of neutrality, he has openly tried to subvert the democratic action initiated by the executive committee."

The Gabrilovitches, Ray Fetzner, Stu Dunlop and other activists found their telephone campaign something of an eye-opener. They would call friends and acquaintances whom they had reason to expect would vote in favor of open membership and get cool responses along the line of "Thanks for calling, I'll give this matter my serious consideration." Illustrative of the passions aroused by this conflict amongst a group of presumed ladies and gentlemen were the anonymous phone calls allegedly received by 1955 president LeRoy Robins, threatening to ruin his medical practice should he continue to support the idea of integration.

The drafted and authorized "explanatory letter" was voided by a telephone poll of the Board Dec. 20th, five days after the new balloting committee had reported totals of 219 "for" votes and 351 "against."

That same day, at the direction of the Board, Unit Secretary J. S. Machlin wrote a long letter to Skinny Miles; some of it bears quotation here: "The accusations against the Executive Committee, when disseminated with your permission throughout the entire membership, does not sit very well. I wasn't at that meeting with you, so I can't say what went on. Certainly, there must have been some moderates there. The accusation is much too sweeping, taking in the moderates as well as the extremists." Also, "They wanted to know whether you meant you would refuse to work for a Summer Nationals or whether Daly's admission would militate against it among the other directors. If the latter part is true, how come New York got a Summer Nationals?"

The following March, Ray Fetzner, Andy Gabrilovitch and Mort Goldstein all declined to run for re-election to the Board ("Executive Committee"). Understandably, Mort had had a bellyful, and the others had decided to try another tack. Along with Stu Dunlop, they wanted to build up the Federal Bridge League as "a popular and respected place to play" which could be integrated and thus serve either as a model for the WBL or be chartered separately by ACBL as an independent, non-discriminating Unit.

Early in 1958 Stu began directing the Federal games free of charge, and Andy set up a series of 30-40 minute pre-game lectures, to which

he would bring every visiting out-of-town expert he could lay his hands on. Wanda Gabrilovitch and Stu were elected co-VPs in 1959; Stu became prexy in 1960, with their friend Betsy Stephens as VP. Now with a clear majority on the Federal Board, they knew that de facto integration could become a reality with no challenge conceivable from the club management.

So on Tuesday night January 26, 1960, by prearrangement five members showed up to play, each with a Black partner. Three players left the game in protest, but the matter had been quietly settled once and for all, with no special meetings or balloting — just patience and coordination. The following week, ten Blacks were officially admitted to club membership, and the newspapers duly notified.

During this same period, GEBA (Gov't. Employees' Bridge Assn.) had been attempting to attain the status of a chartered ACBL Unit, limited to "the community of Federal employees in the greater Washington area, and only to games and tournaments conducted in government buildings." Their petition, mailed on St. Patrick's Day 1959, was signed by the requisite 100 ACBL members, and it explained that such a Unit would "provide a channel for individual membership in the ACBL for those... who, under the currently prevailing circumstances, do not have such an opportunity."

In response to earlier inquiries going back to mid-1958, ACBL Executive Secretary Alvin Landy had promised to bring up the matter at the Board committee meetings March 11th. The WBL Board quietly made clear its opposition to the idea.

Then the General Counsel of the State Dept. threatened to resort to legal processes, asking for a copy of ACBL by-laws. N.Y. Times bridge columnist Albert Morehead, a longtime strong activist in favor of opening up the ACBL, arranged for a copy of the by-laws to be supplied by ACBL counsel Lee Hazen.

On June 19th Morehead wrote to Vic Daly: "As you perhaps know, the ACBL has not been happy for many years about the power of the WBL. The WBL was an independent organization with a large membership when it affiliated with the ACBL about 20 years ago, and the contract made between them at that time gave the WBL a degree of autonomy that is unusual in the ACBL's relationships with its Units. Hazen said he would love to have some ammunition, such as the present situation, to bring pressure on the WBL, possibly to withdraw their objection in this particular case but conceivably to revise the entire relationship."

In November Vic wrote back to Morehead to

review the status of the ABA's (eventually futile) application to become an official member organization of the World Bridge Federation. He concluded with these details: "In another letter Landy shows fright over my suggestion that Congressman Adam Clayton Powell might want to make an issue out of the exclusion of some Government employees from the WBL Landy called me long distance as soon as he got my letter and assured me that he is now in favor of a separate franchise for government clubs in D.C., and will push the matter at the Board meeting in Coronado later this month. He is making a special trip down here to placate the local people. He claims to have won over Skinny Miles to his side."

Morehead responded that "Landy seems to be thoroughly convinced the WBL must give in, and must be forced to do so if it cannot be persuaded. However, time goes on and nothing much is accomplished because of the usual delays that affect almost everything in bridge and the ACBL."

Then Morehead reported the next month: "The Board (in Coronado, Calif.)... voted not to permit another Unit in Washington, and to my amazement, the vote was unanimous ... Landy's position, despite his previous assurances to me that the WBL would be forced into line, was not surprising because Landy never risks any open opposition to the majority or the most powerful element." Later, he elaborated: "Simply as a general principle, assume that you cannot get a straight answer from Landy on anything. He is a very nice fellow and an honest man, and I like him very much, but he will not commit himself on any subject until he knows the attitudes of those in control. If the present administration changed to one that were all in favor of integration, he would overnight become the greatest proponent of integration in the country."

At the WBL annual meeting April 7, 1960, Dr. Robins (by then prexy of the Mid-Atlantic) moved that "all certified members of the ACBL be qualified to play in the 1960 Regionals and the 1961 Nationals." This was tabled, and the minutes of next month's Board meeting show that he tried to clarify: "If we bar colored from the Nationals and Regionals the League will be subject to great publicity and he felt that a screening method of some kind was necessary." President Joseph O'Brien reported, "Mr. Landy stated that if we barred colored members from Nationals they may appear for registration and when refused have a lawyer from the NAACP ready to serve us with an injunction ... (also) stated that the Gill Amendment could possibly be changed before the 1961 Nationals"

At this meeting a "ballot" was authorized which would explain that the Board was con-

sidering action to allow all ACBL members to play in both the upcoming Labor Day Regionals and '61 Summer Nationals, and ask members to indicate their opinion. This idea was later tabled, then during their July meeting, WBL secretary Irene Whitehall "moved that inasmuch as this Conference includes N.C., S.C., and Va., in deference to those Units where integration is not allowed that the Mid-Atlantic Regionals be not integrated; seconded by McHugh and passed."

The pro-integration activists were not about to take this setback lying down. They arranged for four Black players from the New York area (all of them ACBL members) to come to the Mayflower Sunday, Sept. 4th and attempt to purchase two entries into the "Open" Pairs.

A Washington Post reporter was on the spot (not by coincidence), and he reported:

"It is with regret that I tell you that I cannot sell you an entry," said Ralph S. Turoff, chairman of the entrance committee ... Robert W. Byrns, president of the WBL, told Turoff as the discussion ensued in the hotel lobby: "I don't think we should stand around arguing with them. Just say the answer is 'no' and that's the end of it." When they found they could not play, they asked if they could enter the tournament halls to watch the games. R.L. Miles, Jr., a conference official and past ACBL president told them "it would be ridiculous to say you couldn't. The bylaws of the ACBL say we can keep you from playing but they say nothing about kibitzing." Byrns said, however, he would have refused the request if he had been there (he was playing bridge at the time), on the grounds the presence of the Negroes might offend some of the players. He said he was empowered to bar their access to the halls. The four entered, however, and watched several of the contests without incident. They said players voluntarily directed them to the most expert games. After "kibitzing" quietly for about an hour, they left to go to the home of friends — to play some bridge.

The next step taken by the Federal Bridge League activist group was to apply for a charter as an official Unit of the ACBL, even though GEBA had already been refused such status. In October, Stu Dunlop wrote to ACBL Headquarters in New York, but Alvin Landy wrote back Nov. 11th, informing the Federal that "two Units cannot have jurisdiction within the same city." (This was clarified as "playing area" by both Mr. Landy and Mr. Miles at meetings in June 1961.)

Our 1961 annual meeting was well attended, with many members on both sides of this issue expecting some sort of showdown. Four pro-integration players were elected: Mrs. Miriam Campbell as treasurer. Mrs. Edna Evans as secretary, and former president Lewis G. Tubbs and

Jules Jacobson to the "executive committee." Then Lewie Tubbs spoke up, urging strongly "that the WBL reverse its present position and admit Negroes to membership in the League, so moving." This was tabled by a written vote of 96 to 82. Then new prexy Wilber Norris announced "that a survey of the entire membership of the League would be considered."

At their April meeting, the Board voted that "our Summer Nationals not be segregated and no entrant be challenged as to whether a member of the ACBL." Then June 8th, Alvin Landy attended a special meeting; the minutes show him stressing the difficulties attendant to a two-Units-in-one-city situation. Then, "Mr. Tubbs moved that the membership of the WBL be polled on whether they favored or were against admitting Negroes to membership in the WBL." (This was to be mailed within ten days; motion passed.)

Another special meeting was held June 19th, with Skinny Miles, who opined that a second Unit might be a possible alternative solution. Then, "the question of what Mr. Landy had said was brought to a vote ... he believed the ACBL would be inclined to act favorably on a request for a second Unit; motion passed 5 to 3 with 2 abstaining."

There's a certain Alice-in-Wonderland quality to these 1961 minutes. The final paragraph of the June 8th minutes is simply: "By the way, during the discussion, the Secretary resigned. The President refused to accept the resignation."

Two letters were mailed to the membership, dated June 22nd. Miriam Campbell explained that "the present policy of the WBL effectively prevents Negro residents ... from joining ACBL. It also prevents them from having their masterpoints recorded and even from participating in tournaments (in other areas)... This seems to me an opportunity to act in accord with the Constitution ... and to uphold moral and religious precepts."

Lewie Tubbs stated that "It is no secret that five years ago I strongly supported keeping the League segregated ..." but, "Negroes are achieving ever-increasing recognition in ... competitive endeavors. Bridge, as practiced at ACBL Unit levels, is much more of a keenly competitive contest than a social event"; and, "Because of the President's Anti-Bias Directives ... many government clubs ... (may) be forced to abandon their bridge endeavors or withdraw from the ACBL"; and, "We are losing the services of many capable members as racial attitudes have been the sole criteria for committee appointments or nominations for office." These are but a few key statements excerpted from his brilliantly persuasive nine-paragraph letter.

Well, as soon as those two letters showed up

in mailboxes, outraged screams were heard. (Shades of 1956!) At a hastily-called Board meeting June 29th (two members not notified, including the Secretary—who should've been the one doing the notifying) Mrs. Campbell and Mr. Tubbs were charged with using their elected positions to exercise "undue pressure" upon the membership. A motion was passed 5 to 4 with one abstention that they both "be required to appear July 10th for the purpose of hearing and responding to charges of conduct prejudicial to the welfare of the WBL resulting from their unauthorized use of addressograph facilities of the WBL in contravention of Executive Committee regulations."

A spirited Board meeting was held July 10th, with attorneys for the accused in attendance. Lewie Tubbs' attorney first pointed out that Lewie made his living as a teacher of bridge, then notified the Board that they would be held liable, collectively and individually, for any damage to his reputation.

A motion passed (5-3) which declared that the "alleged meeting of June 29th was illegally called and held and constituted a nullity and that all action taken at that meeting be declared null and void." President Norris "then ruled that all correspondence on the matter be removed from the file."

The issue was resolved by cancelling the referendum then underway and replacing it with a new one to be mailed by July 24th and counted on August 28th; additionally, addressograph plates would be made available (for the normal fee) to any member who wished to write another letter. (Passed 6 to 5.)

Those who had complained the loudest wrote no letters during this breather, but Arthur Fribourg did: "The WBL's segregation policy is receiving growing attention from those outside the world of bridge ... The coming national tournament will be open to Negroes. We shall see there that those who say they will refuse to play in a game with Negroes mean only that they will refuse unless there are red points at stake ... It is hoped that those who have up to now favored segregation on grounds of personal preference will subordinate that preference to the good of the country and to the welfare of bridge activities."

Meanwhile another stop-the-tide stratagem was tried: 30 members signed a petition asking that the referendum be cancelled and that there be a special membership meeting to consider "the removal from the table of the motions submitted March 9th and for the further purpose of discussion and decision as to whether the selective standards of admission to membership to the WBL should be continued." But the Board reaffirmed its decision to send out the ballot as scheduled,

and informed Mrs. Helen St. John (the petition's sponsor) that if her people still wished a membership meeting, we would call one.

And such a meeting was duly held Sept. 14th, called "by the President to: (1) learn the results of the mail poll; (2) confirm or void the action of the Board in conducting the poll; (3) consider making a request to the ACBL for partition into two Units." Mr. Morris reported the totals: "624 favoring admission of Negroes to 279 against admission, 8 ballots with no vote." Legal and parliamentary expert opinions were in agreement that the Board had full authority to conduct the poll.

Lewie Tubbs moved "that the WBL go on record that it is unalterably opposed to the granting of a charter in which partition takes place." Then a vote was taken "by members lining up on opposite sides of the room and being counted." There were 160 for the motion and 92 against.

One can get a sense of the level of debate in 1961 by reading the minutes of that meeting: "Mr. Hermann said the Negroes refused to ask for a Unit of their own (and further volunteered) 'I know three thieves and Mrs. Wright introduced them all.' (He) said this motion would give those who did not want an integrated game no place to play; he said Mr. Tubbs had a financial interest in bridge. Mr. Turoff said Mr. Tubbs had contributed little; he made further remarks. Mrs. Dixie Wright said we must have some protection against people calling others crooks. Mrs. Skipper made a short talk asking that we try to get along."

At the regular Board meeting four days later, the segregationists moved that the "Board will not oppose formation of a second Unit if a proper petition is submitted." This was tabled, after an initial tie vote which president Norris refused to break. This group put themselves on record as "opposing action that took place at 9/14/61 meeting" and later five of them co-signed a letter to Landy to that effect. During this meeting the names of the first six Blacks admitted to membership were read; Vic Daly, D.C. Commissioner John Duncan, Dr. Joseph Henry, Carlisle Pratt, Mrs. Clyde Woolridge and Jimmy Lee.

That same week the Maryland Bridge Association (often referred to as the "Baltimore Bridge League" both then and now) quietly desegregated also, by a vote of 156 to 34.

That Friday, the editorial column of the Washington Post quoted Vic Daly: "During the five years between the first ballot and the second referendum, the concept of fair play and equal treatment for all Americans has spread to all corners." Their editorial comment: "This is the obvious explanation; and it is an explanation which does credit to all concerned

— to those who, with patient persistence, knocked upon closed doors, to those who, as in the WBL, responded in a spirit of generosity and fairness, to the whole country of which this moving tide is a hopeful sign for the future."

But believe it or not, Washington bridge players had more on their minds that summer—during the period of the stop-the-referendum petition we hosted the 33rd annual Summer Nationals at the Sheraton Park (July 29 thru August 6). A review of the tournament report in the September. 1961 ACBL Bulletin shows side game second overalls won by Robert McEwen & O. B. Cassell and Dr. Joseph Henry & Robert Friend; second overall in the Sub-Sr. Master Teams went to Joe Henry & Bob Friend, playing with Leon Jones & Roscoe Alexander. Scores of WBLers had their triumphs delineated in the September issue of the WBL Bulletin, but none of those half-dozen men listed here — after all, they were not members of the WBL!

As the schedule would have it, our 16th annual Potomac Valley Tournament was held Sept. 29 - Oct. 1 at the Sheraton-Park. A dozen or so Black players participated, without noticeable adverse effect upon the attendance: total tables in play came to 484, compared to 404 the previous year. Known to have played in that historic first open WBL tournament were Ollie Cassell, Katye Gibbs, Jimmy Lee, Carlisle Pratt, Col. W.D. Hunter and Caesar Barron. And appropriately enough, the two-session Open Pairs was captured by two Blacks: Dr. Aaron S. Russell and Victor R. Daly! (Joe Henry and Bob Friend came in 4th; Clyde Woolridge and Dr. Joe were 4th in the Mixed.)

Meanwhile, back in the real (?) world that Sunday, the Redskins inaugurated the new D.C. Stadium (later to become R.F.K.) by jumping out to a 21 - 7 first-quarter lead over the Giants, only to lose 24-21. Simultaneously, Roger Maris was busy in Yankee Stadium smashing his "record-breaking" *61st homer.

That Fall was an active period for petition-passers. Immediately after the Sept. 14th rejection of the proposal to divide the WBL into two new Units ("National Capital Bridge League" — integrated, and "Greater Washington Bridge League" — segregated), new petitions (addressed to ACBL) began circulating. They called for the chartering of "Capital Bridge Assn.," which would get a prorated share of the WBL Treasury and the right to hold games and tournaments in D.C. Eventually some 366 names were listed with the initial application for charter, submitted in mid-November, just prior to the National Board meeting in Houston. The Agenda there included the proposal to delete the words

"but not in the same city" from the existing regulation on the jurisdiction of adjacent Units.

A detailed report on that meeting's discussions claimed that "Norwood (Dist. 7 rep.) made motion that the real estate on which the Shoreham and Sheraton-Park Hotels are located be made available exclusively to the new Unit ... for the purpose of holding weekly games and tournaments. Hazen stated that.... it would be bad to remove from the old, revered WBL's jurisdiction, the right to meet at the very hotels which have been their accustomed haunts, without giving them a fair chance at a hearing. (Motion withdrawn until Lexington Meeting, Spring 1962) Norwood said that Skinny took the position publicly that... "The WBL is now run by a bunch of riff-raff, pervers, leftwingers and communist fellow-travelers. They have taken over in recent months and the aristocratic, decent, fine Americans who had controlled the WBL since its beginning are now out in the cold unless the ACBL Board does something to help them."

Following the joint recommendation of a three-man delegation from ACBL (District Director Miles, Executive Secretary Landy and President Max Manchester), our membership was asked at the next annual meeting (March 22, 1962) whether they would "permit a second Unit playing space in D. C. hotels." This was denied by a vote of 167 to 128. Newly-elected members insured a virtually unanimous pro-integration WBL Board.

However, in a matter of days, the National Board voted "That a second unit be authorized in the Washington, D.C. playing area, with the exclusive right to conduct tournaments in the Virginia counties of Arlington and Fairfax." Oddly, this action — reversing the stand taken against the GEBA and Federal applications — does not appear in the minutes of that Lexington, KY, Board Meeting as published in the May, 1962 Contract Bridge Bulletin. A footnote states that "Matters of administration or of a routine nature have been omitted..." Routine? —well, you could make a case for virtually any item on the Board's thrice-yearly agendas to be described as a "matter of administration." Al Morehead said that Landy "characterized it as a routine act of the directors. He didn't seem very happy about it, but his principal unhappiness may have stemmed from the fact that the new Unit has no place large enough to hold successful tournaments. I think probably the sanctioning was indeed routine — simply the fact that Miles had enough votes to swing it."

Area players were then permitted to join whichever Unit they preferred — a situation which continues to this day and is duplicated (I believe) in only two other areas, metropol-

itan Detroit and Los Angeles county.

In June of 1962 the WBL began holding two split-location Unit games per month, one site being Agudas Achim Synagogue, Alexandria; these were monthly Masterpoint and monthly Winners' Games (two concepts abandoned by the ACBL in 1968). Ostensibly these were for the convenience of our Virginia members who refused on principle to patronize the NVBA Unit game and who found it difficult to drive to DuPont Circle and find a parking space Thursday nights near the Duplicate Bridge Center (upstairs over Peoples Drug Store). Another consideration had to be the fact that NVBA's original charter specified only Fairfax and Arlington, with no mention of Alexandria or Falls Church.

But first the National Board ruled that only Winners' Games could be held in split locations, then in September Landy telegraphed us a "cease and desist" order and we meekly complied.

Five years passed and attitudes continued to change (not just amongst bridge players), and the NVBA itself integrated, shortly before the ACBL made open tournaments mandatory everywhere. Only a very few of that Unit's founding group now remain both alive and in the metro area a quarter-century later. Although we can be certain a few hard feelings still exist—in persons on both sides of the issue—in general the two Units get along beautifully, having co-sponsored two Summer "Nationals", several Regionals, scores of tournament Thursday sessions, dozens of City-Wide Open Pairs and six Tournament-In-Clubs.

Postscript: Two of the original "trouble-makers" Andy and Wanda Gabrilovitch, lived in Connecticut from 1972 through 1984, then moved back here (McLean). ACBL Headquarters assigned them to the NVBA, which is okay by them; they realize how much things have changed in 25 years.

Bits & Pieces, cont. from p. 4...

Please join us at our weekly Unit Game on Thursday evenings and frequent the local bridge clubs in the area. Information can be found at www.WashingtonBridgeLeague.org.

NEW 0-1500 GAME IN LAUREL

The Laurel Bridge Club, 8564-A Laureldale Drive, will be hosting a new 0-1500 game starting Sunday, March 10. There will be a brief lesson at 12:30 PM followed by a game at 1 PM. Everyone is welcome to come for the lesson, or just to play.

For additional information, contact Barry Lieberman at blieber@quixnet.net.

2012 ROUND ROBIN WINNERS

Congratulations to last year's Round Robin Winners! Here are the overalls:

Flight A

1) William Cole, Peter Boyd, Steve Robinson, Mark Shaw

2) Noble Shore, Bryan Coleman, Stephen Drodge, Michael Gill, John Miller, Sylvia Shi

3/4) Donna Rogall, John Adams, Clyde Kruskal, Stan Schenker

3/4) Arnie Frankel, Andrew Gofreed, Lyle Poe Jr, David Ruderman, Alfred Steinberg, Alan Tenenbaum

5/8) Ellen Cherniavsky, Lynn Jones, William Pettis, Shawn Stringer, Joseph Trapani, Diane Walker

Flight X

1) Jason Meyer, H John Edmonds, Larry Kahn, Lloyd Rawley

Flight B

1) Albert Lauber, James Beller, Jay Cherlow, Ned Griffith, Walter Smith Jr

2) James Key, Bruce Goldstein, Bruce Roberts, Ajit Thyagarajan

3/4) Guillaume de Decker, William Dillon, Leon Masiewicki, Dale Sanders

0-300 Flight C

1) Julie Marquette, Karen Salem, Yaeko Perera, David Solomon, Peter Isard and Cecily Wolfe

RUN FOR THE BOARD?

If you would like to run for the board, please submit a bio form and picture to the editor by Feb 28 to be published in the next issue. The offices of President, Vice President, Treasurer, and Secretary are one year terms. The six Unit Director positions are two year terms, at least three of which will be open this year. Elections will be held at the Annual Meeting and Unit Championship Game on May 16 at the Unit Game.

2012-2013 WBL/NVBA

PLAYER OF THE YEAR

To be eligible, a player: (1) Must be a member (or pending member) of either the NVBA or the WBL; (2) Must attend at least three WBL and three NVBA sectionals during the contest period (August, 2012 through May, 2013). Points won on Tournament Thursday evenings are included in the totals, but do not count towards eligibility; (3) Must be a member in good standing of the ACBL and a local affiliate throughout the contest period and remain so through the award presentation.

Awards: Two trophies will be awarded.

Standings: Here are the standings after five of eight sectionals. The asterisk* indicates that the player has met eligibility requirements.

Open Leaders

Player	Points
1 Steve Robinson	103.07
2 Peter Boyd	98.15
3 Robert Bell	92.41
4 Sylvia Shi	84.73
5 Mark Shaw	78.95
6 Fred King	78.92
7 Ai-Tai Lo	76.61
8 Alexander Prairie	75.42
9 Barry Falgout	64.07
10 William Pettis	62.34
11 William Cole	61.65
12 Kenneth Davis	55.94
13 Steven Schatzow	54.02
14 Richard Wegman	52.54
15 Alan Schwartz	48.68
16 David Ruderman	48.57
17 John Adams	47.31
18 Earl Glickstein	46.89
19 Lyle Poe Jr	46.67
20 James Geist	44.99

NonLM Leaders

Player	Points
1 Thomas Jennings	25.23
2 James Gerding	24.80
3 Wayne Bardsley	21.89
4 Sidney Graves	20.75
5 Ron Sutter	19.99
6 Yuen De Anda	19.99
7 Richard Bingham	19.88
8 Jeffrey Halle	19.52
9 Eric Poskanzer	18.72
10 Kellen Leister	18.65
11 Erik Kitagawa	17.82
12 Barbara Sadick	16.77
13 Ollie Thomas	16.66
14 Julie Thomas	16.66
15 Carolyn Baird	15.16
16 John Gauss	15.16
17 Ted Proxmire	14.44
18 Mike Ladd	14.15
19 Margaret Whilden	13.90
20 Penelope Paddock	13.55

BRING A FRIEND TO THE 0-20 OR NLM UNIT GAME!

Bring a new player (who has not previously played at the WBL) to the Unit Game to play in the 0-20 or NLM game and both you and your partner will play free that evening.

SATURDAY 0-NLM GAME & MINI-LESSON

Every Saturday, the **Rockville Duplicate Bridge Club** holds a 0 - Non Life Master game with a mini-lesson.

Mini-Lesson: Saturdays, 12:30 pm

0-NLM Game: 1:00 pm

Cost: \$6.00

Location: St. James Episcopal Church
11815 Seven Locks Road

Directions: Take Rt 270 to Exit 4B (from either direction) Montrose Road. This will take you to Seven Locks Road. Left on Seven Locks Rd 3 blocks. St James Church is on the left (going south), between Post Oak and Gainsboro Rd. There are two buildings, the game and mini-lesson are in the building on the left facing the church. There is plenty of parking in the rear, and a rear entrance to the building (1 flight of stairs if you enter from the rear of the building).

For additional information, contact **Mark Lavine**, 301-503-3348 or mlavine@gcsii.com

Open Games: Sat.: 1pm, Mon, Thurs & Fri: 11:15am, Tue: 7pm (Tue only at Rockville Senior Center—see www.rockvilledbc.com for directions.)

THE WBL ONLINE

The Washington Bridge League is providing two new online services:

1. The WBL Online Bulletin Board

On an OPT IN basis only, this service will include an online directory of members. Send any of the following information that you're willing to have posted to the WBL webmaster, Don Berman, at don.berman@verizon.net or call him at 301-776-3581.

Name, Email Address, up to two Phone Numbers, ACBL Number

2. The WBL Online Partnership Desk

Check it out at washingtonbridgeleague.org
Contact Clyde Kruskal at cpkfam@gmail.com or 301-395-0480 with any questions.



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MINOR SUIT BIDDING: OPENER'S SECOND BID

You open one of a minor and partner responds one of a Major. Now what? This is your opportunity to define or "limit" the strength of your hand as well as its shape - information that will help partner know where the auction should end.

Many opening bids tell immediately the strength and shape of the hand: 1NT (15-17 HCP and balanced distribution); 2♠ (5 - 10 HCP and 6 card suit); playing Flannery, 2♦ (11-15 HCP, 5 hearts and 4 spades.) An opening bid of 1♣ or 1♦, however, covers a wide range of sizes and shapes and requires subsequent bids to further define the hand. 1♣ can show from 12 HCP up to about 21 HCP (a difference of more than two aces!) and can be flat as a pancake or very shapely.

So opener's second bid must start to answer two of the most important questions in any auction: in what *strain* (suit or notrump) and at what *level* should opener rebid. We will focus on strain now and level in our next article.

What strain should we rebid?

To make the bid that best describes your shape and suggests the best strain, consider the following questions:

- 1) Can you support partner's Major? If you have four cards in partner's suit, show that support with your next bid. If the bidding has gone 1♣ - P - 1♥ - P and you have a typical opening hand with four hearts, then bid 2♥. Just as your first responsibility when responding to partner's 1♥ or 1♠ opening was to raise where possible so, too, does opener raise partner's 1M response.
- 2) If you can't raise partner's suit, do you have a four

card major suit that you can bid at the same level? For example, after 1♣ - P - 1♥ - P, do you have four spades? If so, rebid 1♠. If partner responded 1♦ to your 1♣ opening, (hands we will discuss in more detail in the future) do you have four hearts or four spades? If so, rebid in that suit.

- 3) If you don't have a four card major to rebid at the one level, do you have six cards in your minor? If so, rebid the minor. Some players rebid 2♣ with only five cards, but we recommend that you promise a sixth card when you rebid that suit. With only five, try very hard to find a better bid.
- 4) If you have neither a four card major nor a six card minor to rebid, can you bid NT? Most players try very hard to avoid rebidding NT with a singleton or void anywhere, and we recommend that you follow that practice.

The more you play, the more comfortable you will be with running through this thought process to come up with the best rebid to de-

STEPPING UP TO NEW HEIGHTS:

As of January 1, 2013

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Mrs Barbara Goldberg
Ms Ettie H Gordon
Mr Richard A Hart
Mr Arnold Quint
Judith A Riggs
David Stearman

Sectional Masters: 50 MPs

Ms Sharon A Bates
Ms Lynne D Battle
Mahmoud Katirai
Joanne Massey Howes
Beverly Simmons

Regional Masters: 100 MPs

Mr Gregory Christian
Ms Cathy C McGarrigan
Mr Richard J Moss
Gay Pirozzi
Nathan Wolf
Mrs Hanna Wagner

NABC Masters: 200 MPs

Dr Margaret M Whilden

scribe your hand. Remember that you will constantly be dealt hands that don't fit the rules. If you work on how you think about various hands, you will be able to sort your options faster and more consistently reach the best contract.

With the above guidelines in mind, look at some actual hands and plan your rebids. In all of these cases, opener has a minimum hand, so is not going to jump. Assume you open 1♣ and partner responds 1♥.

Next month, we'll look at opener's strength for different rebids. Until then, please contact us with any questions, and we look forward to seeing you at the table!

♠ KT53 ♥ T4 ♦ AT9 ♣ AQ62	Rebid 1♠. While you are flat enough to rebid 1NT, partner might have bid 1♥ with four hearts and four spades.
♠ KJ ♥ T543 ♦ AT9 ♣ AQ62	Rebid 2♥. Support with support. You know that you have an eight card heart fit.
♠ QT9 ♥ K9 ♦ QJ5 ♣ AJT84	Rebid 1NT. You are balanced with 12-14 HCP. Perfect. Partner knows you don't have more, since, with 15-17 HCP, you would have opened 1NT.
♠ QT8 ♥ 7 ♦ AT6 ♣ AQJ862	Rebid 2♣. You have a 6 card suit and a minimum. The singleton in partner's suit is a bad holding. If partner holds something like ♥KQ94, some values are wasted opposite your shortness.
♠ 86 ♥ KQ8 ♦ KJ5 ♣ AJT42	This is not covered well by our guidelines. Many bid 1NT and hope partner has spades stopped (or that opp's will take their spade tricks and declarer will get the rest.) Others bid 2♥. They don't have four card support but with a small doubleton in spades, a heart contract rates to play better than notrump, since partner can trump some spade losers. Be sure to discuss with partner!



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♠ 986 ♥ 965 ♦ Q64 ♣ 10652

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
	Pass	1NT	2♥
Pass	Pass	Dbl*	Pass
???		*Takeout	

2) Matchpoints, None Vulnerable

♠ 3 ♥ 102 ♦ AK9873 ♣ KJ54

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
1♦	1♠	Pass	Pass
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3) IMPs, None Vulnerable

♠ A953 ♥ K876532 ♦ 3♣4

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
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4) IMPs, None Vulnerable

♠ AQ8753 ♥ ♦ 2♠J87543

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
			1♦

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5) IMPs, You're Vulnerable

♠ AQ86 ♥ 3♦ AK82♣ AQ94

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
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Return answers by February 28 to:

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NEED A RIDE OR A PARTNER FOR THE THURSDAY UNIT GAME?

Contact **Barbara Doran** UnitGamePartner@DistrictSix.org, (301-608-0347 between 9am and 10pm) to find a partner in advance. For a last minute partner, call the **WBL cell phone (301-395-2760)**.

Ron Zucker, Carpool Coordinator can be contacted at 202-986-2166 or (ron@motherzucker.com) or log on to the **On-Line Carpool Notices** at www.WashingtonBridgeLeague.org.

Good luck! We look forward to seeing you on Thursday evenings.