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—See pages 6 & 7 for the complete details.—

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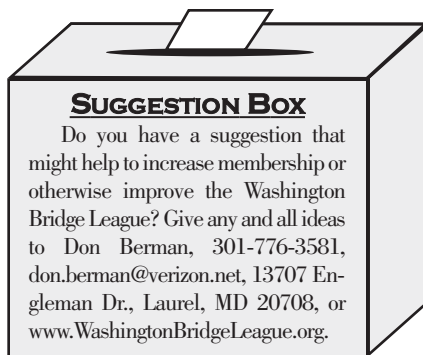
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*WBL NLM Tournament Chair, Julie Marquette, is back with a 4-day WBL sectional tournament just for Non Life Masters! (...with less than 500 points.) Join in for a fun weekend with lunch and refreshments included on both weekend days. Silver points, too!*

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## PRESIDENT'S LETTER

by WBL President, Ellen Cherniavsky

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The January sectional yielded many positive results but also highlighted problems which need to be addressed in the future. On the plus side, the new Friday evening event – IMP pairs/teams – was a big success! Players attended who had not been to a Friday night sectional in years. Feedback was universally positive. At the same time, the NLM game nearly doubled in size, perhaps in response to the discount being offered. We had stepped up efforts to advertise the sectional, including the description of the new event and the discount, and believe the publicity blitz was instrumental in increasing attendance. These efforts should be continued with future sectionals. On the minus side, difficulties arose in fulfilling our promise of guaranteed teammates when the pair slated to take on this role became unavailable a few days before the event. We need a process to make sure we have *guaranteed teammates* in place; if someone shows up without a partner, we will try to find that player someone to play with, but *we will not guarantee a person both a partner and teammates*.

Financial results are not yet in, but we believe that the sectional showed a loss, though considerably less than the one for the October sectional. The main reason for this is the lack of revenue from the Saturday morning game. Because of the snow, the county cancelled all activities in county buildings until 12:00 pm. We only found out about this at 8:15 am, and posted the cancellation on the website (more on this later) as soon as possible, but there really wasn't time to warn players that the game would not take place, and roughly 120 people showed up. The person in charge at the Senior Center authorized us to use the facility for an informal bridge game, but on the condition that we not charge an entry fee. So the game was held, and we were grateful not

to have had to turn people away. Thanks to Bill Cole for negotiating this compromise, as well as working with the county to reduce the charge for rental to reflect a starting time of 2:00 pm.

We are starting to see the payoff for showing respect for our playing area. At close on Friday and Saturday, players volunteered to pick up their trash and push chairs neatly under the tables. Because of that, participants in the Saturday and Sunday morning games were greeted by neat, orderly playing conditions, and were inspired to help maintain them. Sunday closing went faster than ever, with more people aiding in folding up their tables, stacking chairs, and disposing of trash. Thanks to all who cooperated in these efforts. It is always more difficult to change a culture than to build one, and as a group we can be proud of successfully changing the culture of our sectionals so that we keep our wonderful playing site, which took so much effort to regain, in top shape.

Finally, a note about the website. An attempted upgrade by the WBL web service provider actually resulted in the frustrating loss of the database for the last two months.

People didn't know the url through which WBL information could be reached, or had gotten used to not being able to access it. This impeded our efforts to let players know the Saturday game had been cancelled, not to mention our efforts to publicize the sectional through this medium. The District 6 website can now be accessed via [www.districtsixbridge.org](http://www.districtsixbridge.org); the WBL site can be reached through a link on the D6 home page. In addition, the WBL website ([washingtonbridgeleague.org](http://washingtonbridgeleague.org)) should be fully operational by the time you read this with the same address as before.

## WBL BULLETIN & WBL E-NEWS

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Printed mail subscriptions are reasonably priced:*

The WBL Bulletin has ceased free mail distribution. The bulletin will continue to be available free online through our website: [washingtonbridgeleague.org](http://washingtonbridgeleague.org). You can be notified when the new issue is available online if we have your email address—see below.

◆ Yearly (6 issues), **Printed Mail Subscriptions** are available:

**WBL members** ..... **\$12.00/year**    **Non-member** ..... **\$18.00/year**

The bulletin comes out six times a year. ☛ To subscribe, give or mail a check to “Washington Bridge League” via **WBL Treasurer, Rose Berman**, at 13707 Engleman Dr., Laurel, MD 20708-1325. Please include your full name and address (and player number if you are a WBL member).

◆ We have established a **WBL Unit Membership Email Database**.

The emailings are used for occasional bridge news only.

One use is to be to inform you when the bulletin is available online.

There will be no advertising, sharing or publishing of the addresses.

☛ Send your email, name and player number to **WBL e-List Administrator, Alex Gretsinger**, at: **[agretsinger@gmail.com](mailto:agretsinger@gmail.com)**

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## RUN FOR THE BOARD?

If you would like to run for the board, please submit a bio form and picture to the editor by March 20 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 District 6 STaC — Stratified Pairs on May 11 at the Unit Game. For more information, contact Ellen Cherniavsky at 301-649-1350 or [eachernia@yahoo.com](mailto:eachernia@yahoo.com).

## TIME TO RENEW?

If you started your paper *WBL Bulletin* subscription with the March/April 2016

issue, it's time to renew! It's not too early to renew for anyone else ;) ...See where to send your check on the top of page 3.

## WELCOME TO THE WASHINGTON BRIDGE LEAGUE

The WBL welcomes the following new ACBL members: **Dr Ken Chase, Rachel Evans, Barry Grossman, Mr Lee Haller, Mrs Marcia Haller, Karen E MacIntyre, Ms Yolanda Mamone, Jerry Reynolds, Ms Selma Sawaya, Mr Chen Zhao, Cecilia Chambers, Ms Janet Coleman, Emmett R Costich, Ms Gail Fleder, Linda Hantman, Robin Hoiler, Mr Christopher Lewis, Jennifer R Rasmussen, Ms Barbara Schrader, Emanuel Stock, and Mrs Virginia Voorhees.**

In addition, we welcome the following transfers from other units: **Jonathan Bart, Mr Hugh F Cole Jr, Dr Valerie K Davis, Mrs Bettina Hoar, Anita Newport, Mr Charles Koser, Dr D Robert Levering, Mrs Cheryl Sherman, and Dr M B Slomka.**

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](http://www.WashingtonBridgeLeague.org).

## 2016 ROUND ROBIN WINNERS

**Congratulations to last year's Round Robin Winners!** It's time to start thinking about getting your team together for the 2017 event. Here are the 2016 overalls:

### Flight A

- 1) *Sylvia Shi, Daniel Korbel, Noble Shore, Mike Gill, Alex Prairie, Stephen Drodge*
- 2) Brad Theurer, Bob Bell, Fred King, Lyle Poe Jr, David Ruderman, Richard Wegman
- 3/4) Bill Cole, Steve Robinson, Mark Shaw, Peter Boyd, Roger Pies
- 3/4) Mike Berard, Murat Berk, Hakan Berk, Peter Van Zijl, Richard Wissing

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## Non Life Master Sectional

Saturday & Sunday: NEWPORT MILL MIDDLE SCHOOL

11311 Newport Mill Road, Kensington, MD 20895

### Maryland Hospitality

Lunch & refreshments included Sat. & Sun.!

### Play for Silver!

NLMs with fewer than 500 MPs

**Thursday, March 23:** OHR KODESH: 8300 Meadowbrook Ln., Silver Spring, MD

NLM StrataFlighted Pairs (NLM<500/200/100 and separate 20/10/5) 7:30 pm

**Friday, March 24:** ROCKVILLE DBC: 11815 Seven Locks Rd., Potomac, MD

NLM Stratified Pairs (500/100/20) .....11:15 am

**Saturday, March 25:** Rest of tournament at: NEWPORT MILL MIDDLE SCHOOL

Free ½ hour lesson before afternoon game, by *Leslie Shafer, ACBL Teacher of the Year!*

NLM StrataFlighted Pairs (500/200/100 and separate 50/20/10) ...10:30 am

NLM StrataFlighted Pairs (500/200/100 and separate 50/20/10) ...3:00 pm

**Sunday, March 26** (All day playthrough with lunch break)

Stratified Swiss Teams (500/200/100) .....10:30 am

—All events are stratified by average masterpoints, but no individual's masterpoint total may exceed the event's upper limit. Strata may be adjusted according to attendance.—

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**DIRECTIONS to Newport Mill Middle School:** Take the Beltway (I-495) to the Georgia Ave exit (Exit 31A, MD 97) North (towards Wheaton). Go 1.6 miles then bear left onto Viers Mill Rd. Go 1.0 miles then turn left onto Newport Mill Rd. Go 1/4 mile to school on left.

## Did You Know?

The **Rockville Duplicate Bridge Club** has a game almost every day!

Join us often and spread the word!

DAY	TIME	LOCATION
Monday*	11:15 AM	St James
Tuesday	7:00 PM	Rockville S. C.
Wednesday	10:30 AM	Temple Beth Ami
Thursday*	11:15 AM	St James
Friday *	11:15 AM	St James
Saturday*	1:00 PM	St James

\*0-1000 game in addition to the open game  
—as attendance allows—

[www.rockvilledbc.com](http://www.rockvilledbc.com)

**Need a Partner?** Call Mark Lavine: 301-503-3348

### Locations:

St James Episcopal Church 11815 Seven Locks Road Potomac, MD	Rockville Senior Center 1150 Camation Dr Rockville, MD
Temple Beth Ami, 14330 Travilah Rd, N. Potomac, MD	



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1000 Forest Glen Rd, Silver Spring, MD **(Friday-Sunday only)**



**THURSDAY, APRIL 6**

- ♣ StrataFlighted A/X (unlim/2000) & B/C/D (1000/500/300) Pairs ... 11:15am  
**Rockville Duplicate Bridge Club, 301-503-3348 (Mark Lavine) NO ENTRY**  
**St. James Episcopal Church, 11815 Seven Locks Rd., Rockville TILL 11AM**
- ♦ StrataFlighted A/X (unlim/3000) & B/C (2000/750) Pairs (*both sites*),  
0-20 Pairs (*both sites*), Intermediate/Novice Pairs (500/300/100) (*Obr Kodesh only*) & Stratified 199er (200/100/50) Swiss Teams (*Beth El only*)  
**Beth El Congregation, 3830 Seminary Rd, Alexandria ..... 7:00pm**  
**Ohr Kodesh Congregation, 8300 Meadowbrook Ln., Chevy Chase 7:30pm**  
I-495 to Connecticut Ave. S. 4<sup>th</sup> light left E-W Hwy 410. Left Meadowbrook Ln.  
1<sup>st</sup> left Freyman Dr. Parking lot on left. No outside food allowed.



**NEW DAYTIME START TIMES FRI. & SAT.**

**FRIDAY, APRIL 7**

- ♣ \*StrataFlighted A/X (unlim/3000) & B/C Pairs (2000/750) (single sessions) ..... **11:00am, 3:00pm**
- ♦ **NEW!** *Relaxed & Fun Stratified IMP Pairs/Teams replaces fast-paced Triple Nickel!* 7:30pm  
(unlim/2000/750)—**2 Chances to Win!**— This innovative & experimental game moves like a pair game  
& scores the better of your IMP pair & team game. Come as a team of 4 or as a pair & we'll find you teammates.
- ♠ Intermediate/Novice Pairs (500/300/100) & 49er Pairs (50/20/5) (single sessions) **11am, 3pm, 7:30pm**

—Lunch available for purchase—

**SATURDAY, APRIL 8**

**Win upgraded (more) masterpoints today! \$1 additional fee supports Grass Roots events.**

- ♣ \*StrataFlighted A/X (unlim/3000) & B/C Pairs (2000/750) (single sessions) ..... **11:00am, 3:30pm**
- ♦ Intermediate/Novice Pairs (500/300/100) & 49er Pairs (50/20/5) (single sessions) ..... **11:00am, 3:30pm**

—Lunch available for purchase—

**SUNDAY, APRIL 9**

- ♠ Flights A/X (unlim/5000) Swiss Teams (*2 session playthrough w/break*) ..... 11:00am & TBA
- ♠ Bracketed Flight B Teams (no single player >3000) (*2 session playthrough w/break*) .. 11:00am & TBA  
B Teams Bracketed by total team masterpoints; three overall places in each.
- ♦ 500/300/100 Swiss Teams, VPs (single sessions) ..... 11:00am, 3:00pm

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*Separate I/N events & strata as advertised as attendance allows. (Director's discretion.)*

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Partnerships: **Barbara Doran**, 301-608-0347, [barb.doran@verizon.net](mailto:barb.doran@verizon.net), **Online Partnership Desk** available.

\*StrataFlighted if attendance warrants—otherwise combined into Stratified Pairs (unlim/2000/500)  
Stratification by avg. masterpoints of the team or pair. No individual may exceed the event's upper limit.

**Directions to the Margaret Schweinhaut Senior Center**, 1000 Forest Glen Rd, Silver Spring, MD: I-495  
to Georgia Avenue North (toward Wheaton). 1<sup>st</sup> light right on Forest Glen Rd. The Center is .7 mile on right.

\* WBL APRIL SECTIONAL — FRIDAY NIGHT SPECIALS \*

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**Friday, Apr. 7, 2017 - 7:30 pm**  
1000 Forest Glen Rd., Silver Spring, MD



-TAKE 2-  
*Relaxed & Fun*  
**IMP Pairs/Teams**  
*Returns after its first success!*

The new Friday evening open event – IMP Pairs/Teams – was a big success  
in January! Players attended who had not been to a Friday night sectional in years.  
Feedback was universally positive. Never tried before in the ACBL, the game offers:

**2 chances to win!** — Double your IMPs in an innovative & exper-  
imental new Friday night game! — Come as a team of 4 or as a pair and we'll get  
you a team. This novel game moves like a pair game and scores the better of your masterpoints  
earned from the IMP Pair\* game or the IMP Team\*\* game. Enjoy some dessert and at the  
end of the relaxed, low time pressure game, IMP your results with your teammates.

\*IMP your result on each board against each result at the other tables, then average.

\*\*Each 2- or 3-board round is also a short head-to-head match against another  
team. Your team's final score is your total IMPs over all the matches.

**If you want to see the Friday night game continue,  
come out & play! Recruit partners & team-  
mates! Spread the word!**

The **NLM GAME** nearly doubled in size—played as usual as a **SEPARATE PAIR GAME**.

**2 for 1 Friday Night Special**  
**in the NLM (<500) Pair Game only**

—April 7, 2017, 7:30 pm—

**\$10/person**

**\$10/pair**

**2 play for the price of 1**  
*in a fun PAIR game just for intermediate and novice players*

\* **2 for 1 FRIDAY NIGHT SPECIAL in the NLM (<500) PAIR GAME ONLY** \*

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# WBL SOLVERS' CLUB

Moderated by Steve Robinson  
robinswr@erols.com

Congratulations to **Robert Stone** who came in first with a score of 490. He wins a free play to the WBL Unit Game, and will be invited to be on a future panel. Tied for second were **Sumner Steinfeldt, Mark Chen** and **Larry Kahn** score of 470. Sixth was **Bob Rivkin** with a score of 460. Seventh was **Jim Andre** with a score of 450. Tied for eight were **Gene Kuehneman, Art Hayes, Jim Allen, Mark Rosen, Michael Richey** and **Ron Zucker** with a score of 440. The average score of the 83 solvers was 362. The average score of the experts was 452.

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 website. 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 \$30.60 which includes \$5.60 for priority mail.

## NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 2016 SOLUTIONS

### 1) Matchpoints They're Vul

♠-♥KQ108♦AQJ98♣Q1053

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
1♦	Pass	1♥	1♠
?????			
Action	Score	Votes	Solvers
3♠	100	6	23
4♥	80	3	11
3♥	70	2	18
2♠	40	1	26
2♥	40	0	5
2♣	20	0	1

Partner has responded 1♥ and you have four-card heart support. Holding four-card heart support, you must make a bid which shows four hearts. With 11-14 support points you bid 2♥. With 15-17 support points you bid 3♥. With 18+ support points you jump to 4♥. With distributional strong hands you jump to 3♠ to show spade shortness, jump to 4♣ to show club shortness or jump to 4♦ to show four hearts and six good diamonds. If you have a strong freak, you could bid above 4♥. All other bids deny holding four hearts. Which of these options comes closest to describing this hand? I like 3♠. Shows short spades and four-card heart support. If LHO bids 4♠, partner will be in a better position to decide what to do.

Five experts join me and jump to 3♠ which shows spade shortness and four-card heart support. If the opponents bid 4♠, partner will know that you have spade shortness.

**Korbel:** "3♠—This doesn't have to work out but I'm a 3♠ bidder."

**Poe:** "3♠—With a void in spades and such good texture in hearts and diamonds this hand is certainly worth a splinter. In the event that the opponents make a vulnerable 4♠-bid I have told my story and will respect partner's decision. I know of no rule that you have to have first or second round control in all suits, and if there was such a rule I would probably violate it on this hand."

**Schwartz:** "3♠—Admittedly light in HCP but can't bid 2♠ as that doesn't show support, and 4♥ doesn't solve the problem as partner will expect a different sort of hand."

**Shi:** "3♠—Is that a spade void I have? I'm going to overbid a bit with 3♠. I have such great trumps and a source of tricks. It is nice to set up a force over the inevitable 4♠-bid."

**Woolsey:** "3♠—This hand has enough playing strength to justify the splinter. Also, West might be about to bid 4♠, and if he does it will be important for me to have described this hand type to partner so he can make an intelligent decision."

*Five experts raise hearts. Partner won't know that you have spade shortness.*

*Three of the five jump to 4♥. They don't say what they will do over 4♠.*

**Parker:** "4♥—Since partner is a passed hand I am willing to take the plunge for game, he should not move knowing that I know he is a passed hand."

**Shimshak:** "4♥—I bid 4♥ as the spade void makes this hand worth more than its 14 HCP and the honors in the other suits are likely to be well situated."

**Adams:** "4♥—Who knows who can make what. I'd like to be a bit beefier for a 3♠-splinter. This is essentially a preempt with some hope of making it."

*Two of the five make a conservative 3♥-jump. What are you going to do if LHO bids 3♠?*

**Theurer:** "3♥—Perhaps I'd shoot out 4♥ or splinter with 3♠ at IMPs, but at matchpoints I think inviting is enough. Partner is still there and if my LHO bids 3♠, he'll know I'm short in spades and can evaluate his hand appropriately. Guessing Stevie makes a "game try" with this hand (bid game and try to make it), however partner may take me for more stuff and bid on when it's wrong, or he makes the wrong decision if my LHO bids 4♠."

**Hopkins:** "3♥—The value call."

*One expert cue bids. A cue bid in this situation denies holding support for partner and is usually used when you have strong minor oriented hand. Either a diamond one-suiter or a very strong diamond-club hand.*

**Lahut:** "2♠—I want to force to game and give partner the maximum amount of time to look deep into his soul and find a club cue bid. With partner being a passed hand, I don't plan to bypass 4♥ unless I hear partner bid clubs."

*Showing shortness will help partner do the right thing if the opponents keep bidding.*

### 2) IMPs None Vul

♠A♥Q7654♦J7654♣53

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
		1♦	1♥
?????			
Action	Score	Votes	Solvers
3♦	100	7	27
2♥	90	4	11
4♦	80	1	5
3♠	70	0	2
2♦	70	0	29
5♦	60	0	1
Pass	30	0	5
1NT	30	0	2
2♣	20	0	1
Dbl	20	0	1

*Partner opened 1♦ and we have five-card support and a fair hand. We also have a singleton spade which means that the opponents have at least an eight-card spade fit. We could bid 2♥ which shows a limit raise in diamonds or better. However, this will allow LHO to bid 2♠. We could also bid 3♦ which is a preemptive raise. This makes it a little harder for LHO to bid spades. Or we could bid 4♦ which means that LHO has to bid 4♠ if he wants to show spades. The problem with 4♦ is that partner could have a 2NT-rebid with the AKQJ of spades and we could easily make 3NT.*

*Four experts cue bid which shows a limit raise or better with diamond support. If partner re-cue bids, are you going to bid 3NT or bid 4♦ to show a weak limit raise?*

**Parker:** "2♥—Limit raise or better in diamonds. Since partner is sure to be short in hearts, he must have at least four diamonds. Let's see what he does next."

**Poe:** "2♥—I have limit raise values in diamonds. Partner is not likely to be bidding no-

trump, but if he invites with 2NT I can bid 3♦.”

**Schwartz:** “2♥—Admittedly light in HCP but raising diamonds which is the only other possible bid, allows the opponents to make a responsive double. If partner is distributional, my hand isn't that bad, otherwise, I just sign off in diamonds.”

**Hopkins:** “2♥—I probably have a limit raise for diamonds. I am going to discourage notrump if partner seems to be heading in that direction.”

*One expert is more concerned about the opponents finding a spade fit, than us getting to 3NT.*

**Korbel:** “4♦—They have a spade fit and I don't really want them to find it; partner often has a stiff heart here and we might have a great save or make in 5♦ anyway.”

*Six experts join me and preempt in diamonds.*

**Theurer:** “3♦—How many diamonds to bid? 2♦ is reasonable on strength, but it doesn't do as much to block the opponents' spade fit as 3♦ does. Since the heart queen is of very questionable value on offense, I'm going to make a bit of a heavy preempt here and make life more difficult for the opponents. Also 3♦ gets across the fifth diamond, which 2♦ does not.”

**Lahut:** “3♦—I want to try to break up the opponents' spade fit, but jamming 5♦ might be too painful and there's no guarantee the opponents can make game. These heart spots aren't juicy enough to try for a penalty pass.”

**Shi:** “3♦—They haven't found their spade fit yet.”

**Shimshak:** “3♦—I bid 3♦ as this hand is preemptive and partner likely has no more than a heart or two.”

**Woolsey:** “3♦—Seems on target for playing value, and shuts out the enemy spade fit.”

**Adams:** “3♦—They have an eight-card spade fit and have not found it yet. Close to a 2♥-limit raise, but that leaves 2♠ and I don't want to do that.”

*More and more experts are playing jumps to show mixed raises which is 7-9 with 4-card support rather than preemptive raises.*

### 3) IMPs Both Vul

♠982♥8763♦J93♣532

<u>SOUTH</u>	<u>WEST</u>	<u>NORTH</u>	<u>EAST</u>
Pass	1♥	Dbl	Pass
?????			

<u>Action</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Votes</u>	<u>Solvers</u>
2♣	100	6	13
1♠	90	6	51
2♦	80	0	2
Pass	20	0	8
1NT	20	0	9
2♥	20	0	1

*This is a nightmare hand. Partner made a takeout double and your only four-card suit is hearts. You have a choice of three three-card suits and 1NT. 1NT has the advantage that they can't double you if they have a trump stack. The disadvantage is that it shows a constructive hand.*

*The worst continuation that could happen is for partner to cue bid. Suppose you bid 1♠ and partner punishes you with a 2♥-bid. Now what? You either have to rebid your three-card spade suit or bid a three-card minor at the three-level. However, if you respond 2♣ and partner cue bids, you can bid 2♠ which shows exactly three spades and you're still at the two-level. What you don't want to do is to encourage partner. If you bid 1♠ and partner has four spades and a good hand, he'll say we've found a strain, the question is how high?*

*Six experts make the cheapest call.*

**Parker:** “1♠—I can't bid anything less, I expect to get too high.”

**Korbel:** “1♠. I know Stevie bid 2♣ in real life with this hand, and that actually has a lot of appeal to me.”

**Shi:** “1♠—I know Stevie likes 2♣ but, can't imagine being brave enough to do it. Maybe partner will rebid 1NT.”

*If you're brave enough to bid a three-card spade suit, why aren't you brave enough to bid a three-card minor?*

**Poe:** “1♠—Only alternative is to pretend that I have a four card-minor, and I think that is equally dangerous as bidding 1♠, and more deceptive. Partner knows that I do not always have four spades with this bid when I am forced to bid.”

*I think that when you bid 1♠, partner assumes that you have four.*

**Lahut:** “1♠—Hoping to not get hung too badly. “Sorry partner, the crawl-under-the-table card was missing from my box.” I've read that some players like to bid two-of-a-minor in this situation to try to be the noise that partner isn't excited to hear, but I don't think that gains enough to voluntarily eat bidding space.”

*The noise that partner isn't excited to hear*

*is the reason why I bid 2♣.*

**Shimshak:** “1♠—I must bid so will try 1♠, the cheapest bid I can make.”

*The following experts join me and make the bid least likely to encourage partner. If partner's next bid is 2♥ we can bid 2♠ which shows exactly three spades and denies a heart stopper. It also denies rebiddable clubs. The object is to get out as low as possible.*

**Theurer:** “2♣—My hand is so bad that I don't want to bid 1♠ which would potentially encourage partner more; even though it doesn't guarantee four or more spades, partner will assume that I do have a real spade suit. The biggest disadvantage of 2♣ vs. 1♠ is that the latter might allow partner to rebid 1NT with his balanced 19-21 HCP hand. But if he has that hand with four spades he won't rebid 1NT, he'll probably bid 3♠ and we'll be too high. Over 2♣ he can rebid 2NT with that hand type and I can pass and hopefully partner will make it.”

**Schwartz:** “2♣—The bid least likely to excite partner.”

**Hopkins:** “2♣—I am trying for the call least likely to encourage partner. If they were non vulnerable, I would probably pass the double.”

**Woolsey:** “2♣—The goal isn't to get to the right contract. It is to avoid going for a number. Partner figures to have a big hand, and he will get less excited over a 2♣ response than over a 1♠ or 1NT response.”

**Adams:** “2♣—Haven't we done this one a bunch? 1♠ promises four. clubs only promises three (ever read the alert chart?)”

*Don't encourage partner.*

### 4) IMPs You're Vul

♠J63♥KQ10♦642♣KQ105

<u>SOUTH</u>	<u>WEST</u>	<u>NORTH</u>	<u>EAST</u>
Pass	Pass	1♦	3♠
?????		Dbl	Pass

<u>Action</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Votes</u>	<u>Solvers</u>
4NT	100	5	2
4♣	90	2	7
Pass	90	2	26
5♦	70	1	6
4♥	70	1	11
4♣	70	0	17
3NT	70	1	8
4♦	70	0	3
5♣	70	0	4

*Partner has made a takeout double of 3♠ and we have a very good hand. However, we have no clear continuation. We don't have a whole spade stopper to bid 3NT, four hearts to bid 4♥, five clubs to bid 5♣ or four diamonds to support diamonds. We do have enough strength so it could easily be right to pass the double. To bid we need partner to have a very good hand. Suppose partner has ♠K♥AJxx♦AQJx♣Jxxx, a 1=4=4=4 16-count. In 5♣ we lose one spade and one club for sure and we need the diamond finesse to work. That's assuming no ruff. Partner could have an extreme hand such as ♠-♥AJxx♦AKQxxx♣Axx where 7♦ is a very good contract but that would mean that the opponents have ten spades between them. What I do have going for me is that the opponents are favorable and therefore tend to over preempt. Since they're not in 4♠, I'd expect partner to have at least one spade and maybe two. This makes passing the percentage action.*

*Seven experts force partner to make a choice. It makes no difference if you bid 4♠ or 4NT. If you had four hearts and enough strength to bid 4♠, you would have made a negative double. Partner should never bid 5♥.*

**Parker:** “4NT—I would never have passed last time, I would have made a negative double and played a 4-3 heart fit. Now I am willing to play five-of-a-minor. 4NT asks for a minor, where 4♠ would ask for four hearts from partner if he had four.”

**Korbel:** “4NT—Just guessing. Even though they are white they could still be making it on an extreme day even into our slam, if partner has something like ♠-♥AJxx♦AKQxxx♣xxx. I'd rather take the partnership action of not passing.”

**Schwartz:** “4NT—At matchpoints, I could pass but that won't work well opposite a stiff small spade. At least this will get me to the right strain.”

*At matchpoints +500 against 4♠ loses to +600 playing in five-of-a-minor. At IMPs it loses very little. It gains when your only plus score is defending.*

**Shi:** “4NT. Pick a minor partner.”

**Woolsey:** “4NT—Assuming partner has a stiff spade, which is likely, we probably belong in five or six-of-a-minor. This call is clearly choice of minors. No other interpretation makes any sense considering my pass over 3♠.”

**Theurer:** “4♠—Ouch... a nightmare hand - not only do I have significant values that I haven't



yet shown, but I have no clear action. If I make a simple suit response here partner will not take me for this much strength. He should have at least some extras for forcing us to at least the four-level, so it's likely we have a game. And with it being vulnerable at IMPs we'd better not miss that game. So I will cuebid here which should show a good hand that couldn't bid earlier, probably with no spade stop, not four hearts and not great diamond support. 3NT might work but partner, with a small stiff spade, will pass most of the time and be assuming I have better than Jxx of spades."

**Hopkins:** "4♠—I hope partner bids clubs or diamonds at the appropriate level or 4NT letting me show clubs, but probably suggesting alternatives such as a 5-3 diamond fit."

*One expert jumps to 5♦. Partner could be 1=4=4=4 and we'd be playing in a 4-3 fit.*

**Poe:** "5♦—3NT is a possibility but there is an excellent chance that partner has a singleton spade. 4♣ and 4♥ are out of the question. Pass seems silly when we are vulnerable, and we may have a slam. 5♦ clues partner in on the fact that I have some values in case he has a real big hand. We want to be in game and 5♦ seems more likely to be it than 3NT, and it might encourage partner to bid six with a big hand."

*One expert tries to play the 3-4 heart fit. The opponents, not knowing that you only have three hearts, might not continue spades which shortens the long hand. Of course it could be a 3-3 heart fit.*

**Lahut:** "4♥—I sense the underlying question is "are you man enough to bid 3NT", to which I cheerfully say that I am not. Giving partner a singleton spade, pass and 3NT both look extremely dangerous. Even if 4♥ brings back -100 to the teammates, at least I didn't pick the decision to immediately lose the match."

*One expert tries 3NT. While I'd bet on partner having a spade honor, there's no guarantee. If partner has a spade honor, passing 3♠ doubled will be a bonanza.*

**Shimshak:** "3NT—I hope partner has at least the queen of spades so will try 3NT with my jack third in the suit."

*One expert joins me and takes a plus score. On good days partner has ♠Q♥AJxx♦AQxxx♣Axx. The king of diamonds is off sides so you*

*can make 5♦ and you get 500 since declarer can't bet to dummy to lead towards his king.*

**Adams:** "Pass—We probably will beat this. Sorry if we are cold for a club slam. 4♠ is my alternative, forcing to our better minor. Preempts work."

*If you're not sure about the correct strain, play for penalties.*

## 5) Matchpoints They're Vul

♠K♥J763♦QJ1096♣K64

<u>SOUTH</u>	<u>WEST</u>	<u>NORTH</u>	<u>EAST</u>
	1♥	Dbl	2♥
3♦	3♥	3♠	Pass
?????			
<u>Action</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Votes</u>	<u>Solvers</u>
4♥	100	5	2
5♦	90	1	2
5NT	90	0	1
4♠	80	4	44
4♣	70	1	2
4♦	70	1	5
3NT	30	0	17
Pass	20	0	11

*Partner has shown a good hand with at least five spades. He had three choices on how to show a strong hand with spades over 1♥. With ♠AQJxxxx♥x♦AK♣Axx, he could have overcalled 4♠. A four-loser hand needing only one trick from partner. He could double 1♥ and then jump to 4♠. However, if the opponents bid up to 4♥, 4♠ is not a jump. In this auction bidding 3♠ allows for other strains. With real good spades, he could have jumped to 4♠ over 3♥. He could have something like ♠AJxxx♥x♦AKx♣AQxx where 6♦ is a favorite. Partner only promises five spades and is looking for the eight-card spade fit.*

*Four experts raise spades. They could easily be playing in a 5-1 fit.*

**Parker:** "4♠—He has shown a strong hand which is too good for an overcall. I don't have any spade losers."

*He has shown a good hand but hasn't shown long spades.*

**Poe:** "4♠—Partner has good spades and my singleton king should be enough opposite most spade holdings. I don't want to play 3NT opposite partner's singleton or void in hearts and 4♠ scores better than 5♦. I am expecting zero or one

spade losers. If partner has a big hand I have about equivalent to what he would expect, a little less in spades but good useful high cards."

**Hopkins:** "4♠—I hope partner has a sense of humor. He should have too much to overcall hopefully with good spades."

**Shimshak:** "4♠—Partner is likely void in hearts and has a good spade suit so will bid 4♠."

*Four experts join me and investigate. While we might belong in spades, we could easily belong in diamonds.*

**Korbel:** "4♥—I can't pass and have enough for game, but I hate the idea of raising directly to 4♠. Partner could have something like ♠AQJxx♥x♦AKx♣Axxx and 6♦ could just be laydown. I'm not sure if 4♦ is forcing or not, and it would make me feel sick to watch it go pass-pass-pass. I guess I'll try 4♥, if we have a slam partner will hopefully remember to check back with 5NT pick a slam if his spades aren't robust."

**Theurer:** "4♥—What's going on here? The opponents are competing to the three-level vulnerable so they aren't bidding on junk or psyching. Is partner showing a hand with long spades, too good to overcall 1♠ initially? Or is he 'punting' with his 3♠, trying to get me to bid 3NT with a heart stopper? Since I have a very useful hand opposite either a long spade suit or a hand with good diamond support, I'll cuebid and let partner clarify what he's doing. I want to be in slam opposite either ♠AQJ10xxx♥-♦Kx♣Axxx or ♠AQJxx♥-♦Kxxx♣Axxx, not too much to ask for."

**Schwartz:** "4♥—Choice of games. I am heavy for my previous bid so this is the least I can do."

**Shi:** "4♥—I think that 4♥ should be a choice of games rather than a good spade raise, but I don't know if I want to spring this one out undiscussed. Ok I will do it. Second choice is just a guess, I think partner may give up on spades with good diamonds and only five spades so I'd bid 4♠."

*One expert bids another suit. I don't see how 4♣ can be passed so he'll find out if partner has good spades or diamond support. Makes sense to me. It's like new minor.*

**Lahut:** "4♣—I am very close to trying 3NT here; if one of my heart spots was the ten, I'd bid 3NT. But against a known 5-3 or 6-3 fit, too many layouts look like I lose the first five tricks."

*Two experts rebid their diamonds. One expert jumps to 5♦. He shows long diamonds and a reasonable hand. If partner ♠AJxxx♥-♦AKxx♣AQxx he might cue bid on the way to 6♦ and you might get to seven.*

**Woolsey:** "5♦—Partner must have at least three-card diamond support, or he would have overcalled 1♠ or Michaels if 5-5 in the blacks instead of doubling. 5♦ looks like what we can make, and if we have a slam it will be up to partner to bid it."

*One expert bids 4♦. Wouldn't you bid 4♦ if you didn't have the black kings? If partner bids five are you going to bid six?*

**Adams:** "4♦—3♠ was game-forcing. 3NT seems wrong. 4♦ is all that is left."

*When there are two ways to show a good hand, the indirect way is more flexible.*

## SOLVERS' SCORES

John Adams	4♥	3♦	2♣	Pass	4♦	440
Robbie Hopkins	3♥	2♥	2♣	4♠	4♠	430
Daniel Korbel	3♠	4♦	1♠	4NT	4♥	470
Matt Lahut	2♠	3♦	1♠	4♥	4♣	370
Steve Parker	4♥	2♥	1♠	4NT	4♠	440
Lyle Poe	3♠	2♥	1♠	5♦	4♠	430
Steve Robinson	3♠	3♦	2♣	Pass	4♥	490
Alan Schwartz	3♠	2♥	2♣	4NT	4♥	490
Sylvia Shi	3♠	3♦	1♠	4NT	4♥	490
Mark Shimshak	4♥	3♦	1♠	3NT	4♠	420
Brad Theurer	3♥	3♦	2♣	4♠	4♥	460
Kit Woolsey	3♠	3♦	2♣	4NT	5♦	490





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# UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND'S COLLEGIATE BRIDGE BOWL ADVENTURES

*By Hakan Berk*

The University of Maryland competed for the first time in the Collegiate Bridge Bowl this year. The tournament was held on the weekend of October 22nd and October 23rd and would send four colleges to an all-expense paid trip to the Toronto NABC to compete for \$20,000 worth in scholarships. There is another qualification event in February that will send four more teams. We hope to compete and qualify then since we were unable to qualify in this tournament.

I founded the University of Maryland duplicate bridge club last fall, and it was too soon to compete. I was still finding those interested in learning bridge and building up the base of the club. We started by having between 1-1.5 tables last fall to averaging between 4-5 tables this fall. The growth is very encouraging for the future of bridge at Maryland. This fall I decided to assemble a team to compete in the collegiates. Most of the team had not competed in a bridge tournament before, so the realistic expectation was not necessarily to win but make a splash at our first tournament and get UMD on the collegiate bridge map. The team was comprised of five members. It made me happy that we had a variety of age, field of study, and gender on our team. Here is a little bit about each of the members:

**Hakan Berk** – sophomore engineering student

**Chen Zhao** – computer science grad student

**Teddy Corrales** – sophomore math student

**Sedef Berk** – sophomore government and sociology student

**Ellen Visscher** – junior engineering exchange student from Australia

The format of the competition on Saturday was the following: 16 teams would be split into four groups of four. We would play three 12 board matches inside our group of four, and the 8 teams with the most VPs move onto Sunday. The first match of Saturday was against Columbia, which we unfortunately lost by a lot. It wasn't the greatest of starts but I told everyone to keep their head up against Berkeley, one of the top teams against the nation. We were able to come back strong and we beat a top-ranked Berkeley team by 1 IMP. That was the only match they lost all weekend and they never won by less than 10! Our final match was against Rice whom we swept. 32 VPs on a 30 VP average was just enough to sneak into 7th. For those interested in the leaderboard:

Team Name	Rank	Total VPs
UNC	1	50
Berkeley	2	47
Georgia Tech Gold	3	43
Urbana-Champaign	4	42
Hamilton	5	41
Northwestern	6	34
Maryland	7	32
Georgia Tech White	8	31
Schermerhorns	9	28
Harvey Mudd	10	27
Princeton	11	22
Davidson	12	21
Rice	13	13
Allegheny	14	1
Doghouse	15	0
Chicago	15	0

In the second day of the competition, the top eight teams would be split into two groups of four with another round robin. We were in a bracket with Berkeley, Northwestern, and Georgia Tech Gold. While the second day of the competition did not go as well (9 VPs), I was still so proud of the team for making it this far and having a promising start for future competitions. The teams that made it to Toronto from this tournament were UNC, Berkeley, Georgia Tech Gold, and Urbana-Champaign. Here is a positive board from one of

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♥ AQ105		♥ KJ2	
♦		♦ A106	
♣ 983		♣ 10	
		S nfistar	
		♠ 7	
		♥ QJ853	
		♣ KQJ7652	
W N E S			
1♠	2♥	4♠	1♠
P	X	P	P
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our pairs against Northwestern.

Here, Ellen and Sedef are sitting EW and Ellen made a good call to get the partnership in game realizing how useful her six trumps were. Afterwards she told me she was scared of the double, but became elated when she saw partner's hand as dummy. She hadn't made a doubled contract before. 4SX+1 was good for four IMPs when the other table was in 5SX=.

As a final note, I would like to give my thanks. In no specific order, first I'd like to thank the WBL Education Fund for being able to supply the money for food and supplies that make the bridge club more attractive and help with the atmosphere every week. I'd also like to thank Clyde Kruskal for being the faculty advisor for bridge club and allowing me to get it off the ground. Finally, I would like to thank the WBL for being so supportive. They have already offered to help coach the team for the spring trials to help us get to Toronto.

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## Flight X

1) **Sorina Negulescu, Jeff Halle, Daniela Tusanu, RaduTusanu**

## Flight B

1) **Albert Lauber, Walter Smith, Ned Griffith, Jim Beller, Jay Cherlow, Hadi Abushakra**

2) **Leon Masiewicki, Jeff Halle, Guillaume De Decker, N Witold Palosz**

3) **David Marshall, Garry Grossmann, Mike Kuehl, Michelle Zygielbaum, Prem Garg, Anna Satpathy**

## Flight C

1) **David Marshall, Garry Grossmann, Mike Kuehl, Michelle Zygielbaum, Prem Garg, Anna Satpathy**

2) **Chuck Dearolf, Terry Klein, Kathleen Zellmer, Herb Schulken**

3) **Jim Rubin, Ferit Yegenoglu, Shaye Hester, Cheri Hayes, Dave Espo, Thayer Baine**

## 2016-2017 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 all but one NVBA sectional and all but one WBL sectional during the contest period (August, 2016 through June,

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## WBL EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION

*Thanks to Dick Wegman and Barbara Ames, for bringing this project about!*

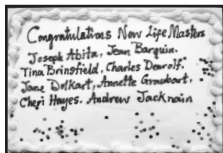
The Washington Bridge League has established a new WBL Educational Foundation. Dick Wegman is president of the Foundation. The Foundation will promote bridge in the Washington area by developing teaching programs in middle schools and high schools in D.C. and suburban Maryland, and expanding opportunities for adults to learn bridge or improve their bridge-playing skills. Thanks to the efforts by Barb Ames, the IRS has now approved the tax exempt status of the Foundation, so all contributions are tax-deductible.

Hugo Van Dyke is our new bridge-in-schools coordinator. The WBL is now looking for bridge players who would be interested in teaching in these school programs. Teachers will teach a uniform curriculum, and receive training using ACBL materials designed for first-time learners. Time commitments for bridge teachers (following training) would likely be a couple of hours per week over the course of a school semester. A modest stipend for teachers may be available from the ACBL. If you are interested in teaching (or otherwise participating) in the bridge-in-schools program, please contact Hugo at [huvandyke@gmail.com](mailto:huvandyke@gmail.com).

To support the Foundation, Dick Wegman has taught several six-session bridge workshops for WBL players who are interested in improving their game. Participants have generously contributed the tuition for the workshops to the Foundation. If you would like to participate in future workshops, please get in touch with Dick at [aliweg@aol.com](mailto:aliweg@aol.com).

The WBL Board has resolved to support the Educational Foundation in any way it can, including financially. Contributions from members are also welcome. If you would like to contribute directly to the Foundation, please contact Rose Berman, WBL Treasurer, at [rose.berman@verizon.net](mailto:rose.berman@verizon.net).





## 2016 WBL NEW LIFE MASTERS

Joseph Abita, Jean Barquin, Tina Brinsfield, Charles Dearolf, Jane Dolkart, Annette Graubart, Cheri Hayes, Andrew Jacknain, Erik Kitagawa, Terry Klein, Steven Mendelsohn, Jerry Pruzan, Sally Schlein, Blake Schwartzbach, and Hugo Van Dyke.

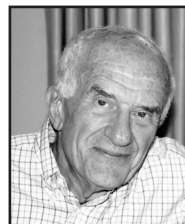
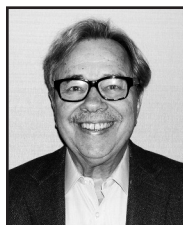


**Chuck Dearolf** first began playing bridge in high school in the 1970s using Alfred Sheinwold's Auto-bridge and a book by Charles Goren as his teaching tools. After college he stopped playing to follow other pursuits. He earned a Ph.D in molecular genetics from Johns Hopkins, and ran a biomedical research lab as a professor at Harvard Medical School for 15 years. In 2005 he moved to the National Institutes of Health in Bethesda as a science administrator. Chuck started playing bridge regularly at WBL games in 2011, and remains hooked on the game. He routinely plays at Mark Lavine's Tuesday night game and at the Thursday night WBL unit game, and participates in a range of tournaments each year with a number of partners and friends he's met through the WBL. A remaining bridge goal is to win a national tournament at an NABC. Chuck is married to a pediatrician, Kelliann, and has two grown daughters, Jennine and Michelle.

**Andrew Jacknain** was impressed into rubber bridge service as a fourth while at the University of Chicago in 1969. After school he fell away from bridge until retirement when he checked in at WBL-CTK with Steve and Sanday Forsythe who instructed him in an entirely new game.

Andrew says, "Any success I've had I owe to the support and forbearance of my partners, especially Thabault, Carrington, Satpathy, Shulkin, Saeger, and Parrott.

"I am also indebted to the unit game directors who have the great quality of delivering simultaneous criticism and support."



**Jerry Pruzan** has been married to Marcia for 48 years. They have three grown children and three grandchildren, all of whom live in the NY-NJ area.

Jerry retired eight years ago. His career spanned 50 years with the U.S. Justice Department, Federal Trade Commission, US Department of Energy and the Atlantic Richfield corporation. He has a JD degree from the University of Chicago Law School.

Jerry's non-bridge related interests include travel, reading, hiking and leading tours of the Library of Congress and Supreme Court.

Jerry started learning bridge when he came to Washington after law school in the 60's. His roommate was an avid player and taught him the Alfred Scheinwold system.

He began playing duplicate and continued off and on for about ten years until he stopped completely in the 80's to help raise our three children. When he returned to the game in the 90's, Jerry found a new world awaited — bidding boxes, alerts, stop signs, a whole new series of conventions — all designed to make the game more transparent, precise. It took some getting used to.

Now, he prefers playing 2 over 1 and one of his favorite books is *25 Bridge Conventions You Should Know* by Seagram and Bird. Jerry is currently a mentor in the Montgomery County Public Schools and participates in the District 6 Bridge in Schools program.

Although he never obsessed about it, becoming a life master has always been a goal. Jerry's advice to career players trying to advance is, "Persevere and good things will come your way."



**Hugo Van Dyke** — "I was very lucky to learn how to play bridge at age 16 here in Washington at Wilson High School. This may not seem that shocking to the average bulletin reader as many of you probably learned at that age or younger, but the truth is practically no one under the age of 55 is learning bridge anymore.

"Not willing to let bridge die, I've been teaching the game to younger folks ever since and trying to spread the joy of the game through social media. Successful programs included starting a club at Vassar where I went for undergrad and an after work happy hour group here in Washington.

"Professionally, I taught math in New York City Public Schools and currently teach stats at American University. While I do love my day job, there is nothing quite as exciting as introducing this game to potential addicts. With this in mind, I've recently volunteered to coordinate the DC bridge-in-schools pro-

grams. I'm happy to report that we've started a successful program at my alma mater Wilson. I hope to continue to set up programs to reach even more kids in the area.

"As for competitive play, I started playing duplicate at clubs in NYC in grad school. Manhattan Bridge Club was my favorite as I loved the characters that showed up to play everyday. The meals weren't bad either. (RIP to the club). A goal would definitely be to play in more regional and national tournaments. For how addicted I am, it's surprising that I've only been to a couple.

"And for the record, I did beat my mother, who also became a life master this year, to the punch by 10 months (gaining vital family bragging rights)."



Tina Brinsfield



Jane Dolkart



Cheri Hayes



Terry Klein

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2017). 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: Open and Non-Life Master.

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

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Some of our 2016 New Life Masters gathered for a photo during the Presidential Tournament (p.22) in January while we celebrated their achievements.

# 55TH ANNUAL PRESIDENTIAL TOURNAMENT

January 5-8, 2017

The 2016 WBL Trophy Race Winners were awarded their trophies on Sunday.

Lovenberg (Open) **Steve Robinson** (2nd from L)  
Izzy Cohen (0-1500) **Bob Rovner** (2nd from R)  
Tubbs (Non-LM) ..... **Brian Sutton** (Left)  
Woolridge (0-20) ..... **David Espo** (Right)

—See p. 14 for all the final standings—

## TOP TEN CUMULATIVE POINT WINNERS

### All Players

1	32.85	.....	<b>Mark Shaw</b>
2	26.62	.....	Robert Bell
3	25.13	.....	Julian Boyce
4	24.58	.....	Donna Rogall
5	22.36	.....	Martin Graf
6	20.93	.....	Alan Schwartz
7	20.84	.....	Barry Falgout
8	19.93	.....	Kenneth Davis
9	19.87	.....	Shawn Stringer
10	19.54	.....	Lloyd Rawley

### Players with fewer than 2000 masterpoints

1	18.57	.....	<b>Peter Van Zijl</b>
2	10.90	.....	Eileen Inglesby-Houghton
3	9.40	.....	Albert Lauber
4/5	8.47	.....	Barbara Teng
	8.47	.....	Bob Lawrence
6	8.31	.....	Sidney Graves
7	8.25	.....	Michael Kuehl
8	8.20	.....	James Beller
9	7.69	.....	Carole Banks
10/	7.66	.....	David Soukup
/11	7.66	.....	Hakan Berk

### Players with fewer than 300 masterpoints

1/2	9.90	.....	<b>Bob Lawrence</b>
	9.90	.....	<b>Barbara Teng</b>
3	8.25	.....	Michael Kuehl
4	7.49	.....	Ettie Gordon
5	6.75	.....	Brian Sutton
6	6.65	.....	Judy Retchin
7	5.28	.....	Sue Gleason
8	5.28	.....	Patsy Chick
9/10	5.27	.....	Mohammed Moiduddin
	5.27	.....	Dave Marchal

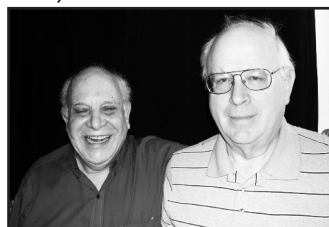
## 2016 TROPHY RACE WINNERS



### —Results—

#### THU MOR A/X PAIRS

**Stratum A**, 14.0 Tables / Based on 34 Tables



1	Steven Schatzow - Kenneth Davis	... .68.91
2	Daniel Shankle Jr - Juline Glaz	... .64.58
3	Shawn Stringer - Julian Boyce	... .60.58
4	Hanna Schepps - Marie Creisher	... .59.62
5	Barbara Teng - Bob Lawrence	... .58.01
6	Bruce Steinwald - Peter Gould	... .57.53
7	Neal Rosenthal - Ellen Rosenthal	... .53.85

#### Stratum X, 9.0 Tables

1	Barbara Teng - Bob Lawrence	... .58.01
2	Bruce Steinwald - Peter Gould	... .57.53
3	Neal Rosenthal - Ellen Rosenthal	... .53.85
4	Lorraine Hegel - Jerome Sikora	... .53.37
5	Jon Ranhand - Evan Gay	... .51.76

#### THU MOR BCD PAIRS

##### Stratum B, 19.5 Tables

1	Dave Marchal - Mohammed Moiduddin	63.01
2	Michael Cooperman - Margaret Whilden	62.80
3/4	Jane Dolkart - Judy Retchin	... .61.80
3/4	Randall Stephens - Philip Sticha	... .61.80
5	Vivian Pollock - David Stearman	... .60.54
6	Lynne Groff - Ricki Kanter	... .60.46

#### Stratum C, 16.0 Tables

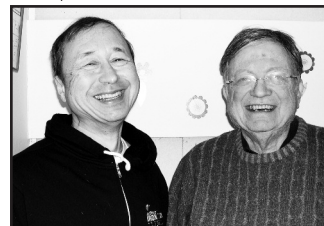
1	Dave Marchal - Mohammed Moiduddin	63.01
2	Randall Stephens - Philip Sticha	... .61.80
3	Vivian Pollock - David Stearman	... .60.54
4	Janice Tucker - Diana Roberts	... .57.06
5	Nancy Feldman - Bethany Kadish	... .56.85
6	Patsy Chick - Sue Gleason	... .56.71

#### Stratum D, 8.5 Tables

1	Nancy Feldman - Bethany Kadish	... .56.85
2	Patsy Chick - Sue Gleason	... .56.71
3	Jeffrey Weber - Anthony Barnello	... .54.23
4	Abigail Marks - Jacques Nacson	... .54.01
5	Michael Benefiel - Susan Baker	... .53.14

#### THU EVE A/X PAIRS

**Stratum A**, 27.5 Tables / Based on 75 Tables



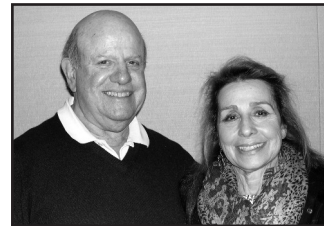
1	Mark Shaw - Martin Graf	... .62.63
2	Vonnie Lavender - Robert Gookin	... .62.37
3	Annie Schwartz - Alan Schwartz	... .61.45
4	Mark Lavine - Barbara Doran	... .58.22
5	Hakan Berk - David Soukup	... .57.41
6	Jonathan Siegel - Carole Banks	... .56.56
7	Shawn Stringer - Hanna Schepps	... .56.31
8	Robert Hopkins Jr - Joan Lewis	... .56.08
9	Julian Boyce - Leon Letwin	... .55.94
10	Thomas Peters - Robert Rovner	... .55.67
11	Daniel Friedman - Bernie Weberman	... .55.56
12	Peter Boyd - Steve Reed	... .55.50
13	Paul Block - Jason Meyer	... .54.51
14	Vincent Wilmot Jr - David Genne	... .54.40

#### Stratum X, 15.0 Tables

1	Hakan Berk - David Soukup	... .57.41
2	Jonathan Siegel - Carole Banks	... .56.56
3	Thomas Peters - Robert Rovner	... .55.67
4	Daniel Friedman - Bernie Weberman	... .55.56
5	Paul Block - Jason Meyer	... .54.51
6	Vincent Wilmot Jr - David Genne	... .54.40

#### THU EVE B/C PAIRS

##### Stratum B, 24.0 Tables



1	Thomas Reckford - Behnaz Fardshisheh	64.02
2	Namik Haveric - Mirsad Mujezinovic	61.74
3	Eric Cassel - Richard Long	... .60.85
4	Michelle Zygielbaum - Michael Kuehl	60.80

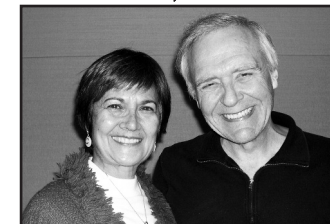
5	John Adams - Gerald McGowan	... .59.84
6	Joyce Currie - Will Colmer	... .59.09

#### Stratum C, 18.5 Tables

1	Namik Haveric - Mirsad Mujezinovic	61.74
2	Eric Cassel - Richard Long	... .60.85
3	Michelle Zygielbaum - Michael Kuehl	60.80
4	John Adams - Gerald McGowan	... .59.84
5	Cathy Walton - Brian Lamm	... .57.63
6	Tony Robson - Larry Taylor	... .57.04

#### THU EVE 499ER PAIRS

##### Stratum A, 9.0 Tables



1	Judith Perrier - Joseph Lebaron	... .63.69
2	Michael Cooperman - Myron Goldstein	62.50
3	Judy Retchin - Shala Panbechi	... .58.63
4	David Espo - Shayne Hester	... .58.04
5	Mike Morstein - Robert O Connor	... .56.55

#### Stratum B, 7.5 Tables

1	David Espo - Shayne Hester	... .58.04
2	Mike Morstein - Robert O Connor	... .56.55
3	Kim Gandy - Cate Frezza	... .54.76
4	David Matusow - Phillip Shapiro	... .52.98
5	John Goon - Kenneth Jones	... .51.49

#### Stratum C, 5.5 Tables

1	Kim Gandy - Cate Frezza	... .54.76
2	David Matusow - Phillip Shapiro	... .52.98
3	John Goon - Kenneth Jones	... .51.49
4	Debra Graham - Jane Yasukawa	... .51.19

#### THU EVE 0-20 PAIRS

##### Stratum A, 7.0 Tables

1	Winston Crow - Arthur Grube	... .63.67
2	Michael Zielinski - Robert Lewis	... .63.33
3	Chris Lewis - Janet Coleman	... .61.67
4	Mary Mitchelson - Kate Beardsley	... .60.00
5	Georgia Booker - Sylvester Booker	... .54.17

#### Stratum B, 6.0 Tables

1	Winston Crow - Arthur Grube	... .63.67
2	Michael Zielinski - Robert Lewis	... .63.33
3	Chris Lewis - Janet Coleman	... .61.67
4	Georgia Booker - Sylvester Booker	... .54.17

#### Stratum C, 4.0 Tables

1	Winston Crow - Arthur Grube	... .63.67
2	Michael Zielinski - Robert Lewis	... .63.33
3	Chris Lewis - Janet Coleman	... .61.67

#### THU EVE 199ER TEAMS

##### Stratum A, 7 Tables

1	John Peterson - Joan Rineberg - Rozelin Prochaska - Richard Poznanski	... .69.00
2	Cynthia Larre - Mary Lou Mc Morrow - Pamela Yood - Michael Miale	... .46.00
3	Ellen Marcus - Mary Frances Jetton - Ruth Hansen - Lawrence Plotkin	... .39.00

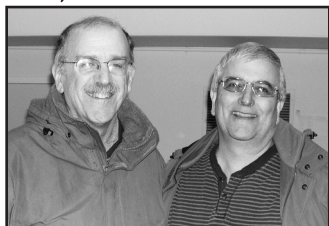


**Stratum B, 5 Tables**

- 1 Ellen Marcus - Mary Frances Jetton - Ruth Hansen - Lawrence Plotkin .....39.00
- 2 John Wertman - Joia Hertz - Ellen Haines - Amy Elmore .....38.00

**Stratum C, 3 Tables**

- 1 Ellen Marcus - Mary Frances Jetton - Ruth Hansen - Lawrence Plotkin .....39.00

**FRI MOR A/X PAIRS****Stratum A, 7.0 Tables / Based on 33 Tables**

- 1 Robert Bell - Barry Falgout .....60.75
- 2 Julian Boyce - Donald Berman .....60.00
- 3 Robert Hopkins Jr - John Klayman .....54.50
- 4 Lloyd Rawley - Kiyomi Shiba .....53.42
- 5 Ernie Schuler - Thomas Grahame .....51.67

**Stratum X, 4.5 Tables**

- 1 Lloyd Rawley - Kiyomi Shiba .....53.42
- 2 Ernie Schuler - Thomas Grahame .....51.67
- 3 Eileen Houghton - Rosemary Shaw .....51.33
- 4 Robert Krueger - Priscilla Krueger .....48.92

**FRI MOR B/C PAIRS****Stratum B, 11.0 Tables**

- 1 Randal Burns - Jane De Briyn .....64.90
- 2 Jake Hudson - Juan Pardo .....63.77
- 3 Yuen DeAnda - Ron Sutter .....57.40
- 4 James Metzger - Donna Hickling .....56.76
- 5 Stephen Parker - Benjamin Sharp .....56.59
- 6 Jill Benson - Gale Greenbaum .....55.83

**Stratum C, 8.5 Tables**

- 1 Randal Burns - Jane De Briyn .....64.90
- 2 Jake Hudson - Juan Pardo .....63.77
- 3 James Metzger - Donna Hickling .....56.76
- 4 Stephen Parker - Benjamin Sharp .....56.59
- 5 Jill Benson - Gale Greenbaum .....55.83

**FRI MOR 499ER PRS****Stratum 5, 15.0 Tables**

- 1 Sarath Silva - Kathy Chiron .....65.37
- 2 Richard Long - Eric Cassel .....60.11
- 3 Irene Brandt - Barbara Leibold .....59.53
- 4 Julian Klazkin - Donald Gutman .....58.55
- 5 David Penn - Maxine Penn .....58.22

- 6 Marsha Shiff - Philippa Radin .....57.73

**Stratum 6, 14.5 Tables**

- 1 Kathy Chiron - Sarath Silva .....65.37
- 2 Richard Long - Eric Cassel .....60.11
- 3 Irene Brandt - Barbara Leibold .....59.53
- 4 Julian Klazkin - Donald Gutman .....58.55
- 5 David Penn - Maxine Penn .....58.22
- 6 Marsha Shiff - Philippa Radin .....57.73

**Stratum 7, 8.5 Tables**

- 1 Kathy Chiron - Sarath Silva .....65.37
- 2 Julian Klazkin - Donald Gutman .....58.55
- 3 Judith Fried - Michele Conroy .....57.02
- 4 Kristina Hamilton - Edith Kuhnle .....53.91
- 5 Rose Hadidian - Cathy McIntyre .....52.76

**FRI AFT A/X PAIRS****Stratum A, 9.0 Tables / Based on 33 Tables**

- 1 Gene Kuehneman - Alan Schwartz .....68.63
- 2 Linda Marshall - Donna Rogall .....60.76
- 3 Leo LaSota - Mark Shaw .....57.93
- 4 Barry Falgout - Robert Bell .....57.52
- 5 Robert Hopkins Jr - John Klayman .....56.66

**Stratum X, 5.0 Tables**

- 1 Penny Stoeve - Alfred Liepold .....55.67
- 2 Rosemary Shaw - Eileen Houghton .....49.19
- 3/4 Robert Rovner - Terry Klein .....48.56
- 3/4 Alfred Caponiti - John Lowe III .....48.56

**FRI AFT B/C PAIRS****Stratum B, 13.0 Tables**

- 1 Merna Hart - Michael Hart .....66.10
- 2 Bob Lawrence - Barbara Teng .....65.15
- 3 Chung-Zong Wan - Yuan-Jye Liu .....60.42
- 4 Juan Pardo - Jake Hudson .....54.36
- 5 Stephen Parker - Benjamin Sharp .....53.41
- 6 Thomas Reckford - Behnaz Fardshisheh .....53.22

**Stratum C, 10.0 Tables**

- 1 Bob Lawrence - Barbara Teng .....65.15
- 2 Chung-Zong Wan - Yuan-Jye Liu .....60.42
- 3 Juan Pardo - Jake Hudson .....54.36
- 4 Stephen Parker - Benjamin Sharp .....53.41
- 5 Eugene Massey - Anne Shields .....52.65
- 6/7 Stephen Weiner - Wendy Morrison .....51.89
- 6/7 Tina Brinsfield - Judy Retchin .....51.89

**FRI AFT 499ER PAIRS****Stratum 5, 10.5 Tables**

- 1 Patsy Chick - Sue Gleason .....61.90
- 2 David Handwerker - Jack Teller .....60.89
- 3 Katherine Marshall - Eula Thomas .....60.20
- 4 Bernard Finn - Charles Stewart .....59.52

- 5 Judy Rovner - Eleanor Young .....59.23

- 6 Kim Gandy - Cate Frezza .....57.82

**Stratum 3, 6.0 Tables**

- 1 Patsy Chick - Sue Gleason .....61.90
- 2 Katherine Marshall - Eula Thomas .....60.20
- 3 Judy Rovner - Eleanor Young .....59.23
- 4 Kim Gandy - Cate Frezza .....57.82

**Stratum 1, 3.0 Tables**

- 1 Patsy Chick - Sue Gleason .....61.90
- 2 Katherine Marshall - Eula Thomas .....60.20

**FRI EVE IMP PAIRS/TEAMS(TEAMS)****Stratum A, 17 Tables**

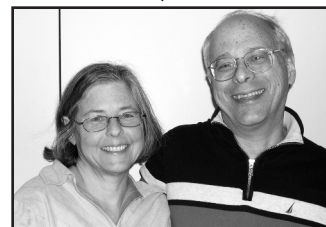
- 1 Leo LaSota - Mary Tenenbaum - Alan Tenenbaum - Mark Shaw .....115.00
- 2 Steven Schatzow - Clyde Kruskal - Linda Marshall - Kenton Schoen .....41.00
- 3 Jason Meyer - Lloyd Rawley - Ellen Cherniavsky - Merrill Hirsh .....31.00
- 4 David Rodney - Michael Osborn - Jonathan Rodney - Joe Hertz .....26.00
- 5/6 Donald Berman - David Fleischer - Rose Berman - Barbara Doran .....24.00
- 5/6 Eileen Inglesby-Houghton - Mary Peters - Robert Bell - Thomas Peters .....24.00

**Stratum B, 8 Tables**

- 1 David Rodney - Michael Osborn - Jonathan Rodney - Joe Hertz .....26.00
- 2 Michael Berard - Hakan Berk - Murat Berk - David Soukup .....18.00
- 3 Terry Klein - Carole Banks - Shiang Chen - Brian Sutton .....5.00

**Stratum C, 4 Tables**

- 1 Prem Garg - Steven Fox - Michael Kuehl - Marc Stone .....21.00

**FRI EVE IMP PAIRS/TEAMS(PAIRS)****Stratum A, 17.0 Tables**

- 1 Mary Tenenbaum - Alan Tenenbaum .....66.18
- 2 Leo LaSota - Mark Shaw .....56.64
- 3 Jason Meyer - Ellen Cherniavsky .....49.91
- 4 Mary Peters - Thomas Peters .....32.00

- 5 Clyde Kruskal - Kenton Schoen .....31.55

- 6 David Fleischer - Barbara Doran .....29.91

**Stratum B, 8.5 Tables**

- 1 Mary Peters - Thomas Peters .....32.00
- 2 Hakan Berk - David Soukup .....20.73
- 3 Michael Osborn - Joe Hertz .....11.45
- 4 Terry Klein - Shiang Chen .....2.82
- 5 Michael Berard - Murat Berk .....0.36

**Stratum C, 6.0 Tables**

- 1 Hakan Berk - David Soukup .....20.73
- 2 Michael Osborn - Joe Hertz .....11.45
- 3 Terry Klein - Shiang Chen .....2.82
- 4 Daniel Morgan - Jonathan Ramseur .....10.36

**FRI EVE 499ER PAIRS****Stratum A, 8.0 Tables**

- 1 Michele Conroy - Judith Fried .....64.58
- 2 Anne Weismann - Karen Sandler .....60.00
- 3 Deborah Crockett - Abigail Marks .....56.67
- 4 David Espo - Shaye Hester .....55.83
- 5 Kim Gandy - Cate Frezza .....55.42

**Stratum B, 5.5 Tables**

- 1 Judith Fried - Michele Conroy .....64.58
- 2 Deborah Crockett - Abigail Marks .....56.67
- 3 Kim Gandy - Cate Frezza .....55.42
- 4 Dana Best - Julie Anderson .....54.58

**Stratum C, 5.0 Tables**

- 1 Judith Fried - Michele Conroy .....64.58
- 2 Deborah Crockett - Abigail Marks .....56.67
- 3 Dana Best - Julie Anderson .....54.58
- 4 Leslie Beal Bloom - Nancy Raskin .....51.25

**SAT MOR STRATIFIED OPEN PAIRS****Stratum A, 17.5 Tables / Based on 30 Tables**

- 1 Bruce Houston - Kenneth Davis .....66.57
- 2 Shawn Stringer - Julian Boyce .....59.82
- 3 Eva Klivington - Joyce Currie .....59.78
- 4 David Rodney - Rusty Krauss .....56.41
- 5 Sam Pal - Dev Chattopadhyay .....56.08
- 6 Kim Smith - Leila Whiting .....55.69
- 7 Clifford Feldman - Thomas Jennings .....54.95
- 8 Daniel Morgan - John Blodgett .....54.70
- 9 Terry Klein - Steven Fox .....53.73

**Stratum B, 13.5 Tables**

- 1 Eva Klivington - Joyce Currie .....59.78
- 2 Sam Pal - Dev Chattopadhyay .....56.08
- 3 Clifford Feldman - Thomas Jennings .....54.95
- 4 Daniel Morgan - John Blodgett .....54.70
- 5 Terry Klein - Steven Fox .....53.73
- 6 Gary Weinberg - Sarah Weinberg .....53.25



**Stratum C, 4.5 Tables**

- 1 Sam Pal - Dev Chattopadhyay .....56.08
- 2 Daniel Morgan - John Blodgett .....54.70
- 3 Gary Weinberg - Sarah Weinberg ....53.25
- 4 Stephen Weiner - Wendy Morrison ...51.06

**SAT MOR 499ER PAIRS****Stratum A, 13.0 Tables**

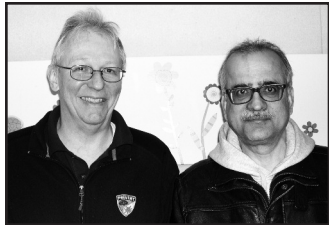
- 1 Bernard Finn - Charles Stewart ....65.34
- 2 Francesca E - Cecilia Chambers .....62.50
- 3 Mohammed Moiduddin - Dave Marchal 61.93
- 4 Cathy Walton - Brian Lamm .....60.04
- 5 Janice Tucker - Diana Roberts .....58.90
- 6 Sue Gleason - Patsy Chick .....57.95

**Stratum B, 6.5 Tables**

- 1 Sue Gleason - Patsy Chick .....57.95
- 2 Stephen Parker - Benjamin Sharp ...55.49
- 3 Alexander Stille - Barbara Devaney .54.36
- 4 Joel Greengard - Michele Greengard .50.57
- 5 John Goon - Kenneth Jones .....49.81

**Stratum C, 2.5 Tables**

- 1 Sue Gleason - Patsy Chick .....57.95
- 2 Alexander Stille - Barbara Devaney .54.36

**SAT AFT A/X PAIRS****Stratum A, 13.0 Tables / Based on 37 Tables**

- 1 Peter Van Zijl - Mohsin Chandna ....60.42
- 2 Robert Bell - Lou Reich .....60.04
- 3 James Gerding - Sidney Graves .....57.95
- 4 Donna Rogall - David Genne .....57.77
- 5 Mary Peters - Eileen Inglesby-Houghton 56.06
- 6 Shawn Stringer - Julian Boyce .....55.11
- 7 Steve Robinson - Peter Boyd .....54.73

**Stratum X, 6.5 Tables**

- 1 James Gerding - Sidney Graves ....57.95
- 2 Mary Peters - Eileen Inglesby-Houghton 56.06
- 3 Brian Sutton - James Geist .....53.03
- 4 Carole Banks - Paul Block .....50.19

**SAT AFT 499ER PAIRS****Stratum A, 12.0 Tables**

- 1 Tamara Vetter - Ken Kimball .....62.67
- 2 Julie Marquette - Judy Retchin ...60.50
- 3 David Handwerker - Jack Teller .....57.78
- 4 Steven Leifer - Jacqueline Leifer 57.74
- 5 Joel Greengard - Michele Greengard 55.36
- 6 Chris Betsold - Marcia McMahon ...55.06

**Stratum B, 9.0 Tables**

- 1 David Handwerker - Jack Teller ...57.78
- 2 Joel Greengard - Michele Greengard .55.36
- 3 Chris Betsold - Marcia McMahon ...55.06
- 4 Cathy Walton - Brian Lamm .....54.59
- 5 Alexander Stille - Barbara Devaney .54.08

**Stratum C, 6.0 Tables**

- 1 Joel Greengard - Michele Greengard .55.36
- 2 Chris Betsold - Marcia McMahon ...55.06
- 3 Alexander Stille - Barbara Devaney .54.08
- 4 Carole Stringer - Robbie Lloyd ....53.19

**SAT AFT B/C PAIRS, Stratum B, 12.0 Tables**

- 1 Charles Dearolf - Michael Kuehl ...61.55



- 2 Michael Lawrence - Craig Olson ...59.09
- 3 Yuan-Jye Liu - Chung-Zong Wan ...58.14
- 4 Jay Simon - Murat Berk .....56.25
- 5 Kimberly Ferguson - Daniel Morgan .55.87
- 6 Francesca Mazarella - Rich Ardini .54.55

**Stratum C, 8.5 Tables**

- 1 Michael Kuehl - Charles Dearolf ...61.55
- 2 Yuan-Jye Liu - Chung-Zong Wan ...58.14
- 3 Kimberly Ferguson - Daniel Morgan .55.87
- 4 Francesca Mazarella - Rich Ardini .54.55
- 5 Lynne Groff - Alfred Groff .....53.60

**SUNDAY A/X SWISS****Stratum A, 16 Tables / Based on 43 Tables**

- 1 Ai-Tai Lo - William Pettis - Peter Boyd - Steve Robinson - William Cole ....99.00
- 2 Lloyd Rawley - Vincent Wilmot Jr - Clyde Kruskal - Donna Rogall .....96.00
- 3 Albert Lauber - Jay Cherlow - Bob Boyd - James Beller .....88.00
- 4 Barry Falgout - Rusty Krauss - Robert Hopkins Jr - Joan Lewis .....81.00
- 5 Martin Graf - Mark Shaw - Peter Van Zijl - Mohsin Chandna .....77.00

**Stratum X, 9 Tables**

- 1 Lloyd Rawley - Vincent Wilmot Jr - Clyde Kruskal - Donna Rogall .....96.00
- 2 Albert Lauber - Jay Cherlow - Bob Boyd -

- James Beller .....88.00
- 3 Jason Meyer - Brad Libros - Ronald Zucker - James Geist .....74.00
- 4 H John Edmonds - Larry Kahn - Monique Smith - Merril Hirsh .....73.00

**SUN BRACKETED B SWISS - 1, 8 Tables**

- 1 Leon Masiewicki - John McCormick - Michelle Zygielbaum - Ettie Gordon 105.00
- 2 Dennis Schwanz - Susan Miskura - Eric Poskanzer - Francesco Parisi-Presicce 82.00
- 3 Jeffrey Halle - Witold Palosz - Jim Maldeis - Ruth Sherman .....81.00

**SUN BRACKETED B SWISS - 2, 8 Tables**

- 1 Donna Hickling - Sandy Harding - Katy Culp - Amy Brisson .....90.00
- 2 Brian Childers - Barry Lieberman - Mary Baxter - Patrice Gordon - Arthur Olson ..39.00
- 3 Thomas Reckford - Ted Proxmire - Bob Lawrence - Barbara Teng .....81.00

**SUNDAY MOR 499ER SWISS****Stratum A, 11 Tables**

- 1 George Fleeson - James Deckant - Brian Sutton - Cecelia Chambers .....54.00

**Bits & Pieces, cont. from p. 21...**

Player	Points
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|----------------------|--------|
| 1 Robert Hopkins Jr  | 137.47 |
| 2 Barry Falgout      | 137.17 |
| 3 Brad Theurer       | 130.79 |
| 4 Steve Robinson     | 123.28 |
| 5 Rusty Krauss       | 119.48 |
| 6 Steven Schatzow    | 113.04 |
| 7 Sylvia Shi         | 102.78 |
| 8 Mark Chen          | 101.69 |
| 9 Robert Bell        | 101.12 |
| 10 Peter Boyd        | 95.93  |
| 11 Linda Marshall    | 85.70  |
| 12 Kenneth Davis     | 72.25  |
| 13 Alexander Prairie | 70.50  |
| 14 Mark Shaw         | 67.18  |
| 15 Donna Rogall      | 64.06  |
| 16 Joan Lewis        | 62.22  |
| 17 Fred King         | 59.51  |
| 18 Mohsin Chandna    | 58.62  |
| 19 Vincent Wilmot Jr | 58.56  |
| 20 Martin Graf       | 57.49  |

- 2 Jim Rubin - Ferit Yegenoglu - Cheri Hayes - Phillip Shapiro .....52.00
- 3 Faye Bildman - Dolores Svec - Julian Klazkin - Donald Gutman .....47.00
- 4 Jennifer Krueger - Cate Frezza - Kim Gandy - Judy Rovner .....46.00

**Stratum B, 10 Tables**

- 1 George Fleeson - James Deckant - Brian Sutton - Cecelia Chambers .....54.00
- 2 Jim Rubin - Ferit Yegenoglu - Cheri Hayes - Phillip Shapiro .....52.00
- 3 Faye Bildman - Dolores Svec - Julian Klazkin - Donald Gutman .....47.00
- 4 Jennifer Krueger - Cate Frezza - Kim Gandy - Judy Rovner .....46.00

**Stratum C, 6 Tables**

- 1 Faye Bildman - Dolores Svec - Julian Klazkin - Donald Gutman .....47.00
- 2 Jennifer Krueger - Cate Frezza - Kim Gandy - Judy Rovner .....46.00

**SUN AFT 499ER IMP PAIRS, 3.5 Tables**

- 1 Kristina Hamilton - Edith Kuhnle ...43.50
- 2 Robbie Lloyd - Carole Stringer ....31.88
- 3 Jennifer Krueger - Judith Fried ....24.38

Player	Points
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- |                        |       |
|------------------------|-------|
| 1 Barbara Teng         | 39.03 |
| 2 Bob Lawrence         | 31.32 |
| 3 Brian Sutton         | 23.87 |
| 4 Joseph Lebaron       | 19.45 |
| 5 David Handwerker     | 18.00 |
| 6 Jacob Hornberger     | 16.94 |
| 7 Cate Frezza          | 16.60 |
| 8 Daniel Morgan        | 16.37 |
| 9 Tamara Vetter        | 16.21 |
| 10 Michael Kuehl       | 15.94 |
| 11 Kim Gandy           | 15.94 |
| 12 Mary Ourand         | 15.38 |
| 13 Thomas Grahame      | 15.11 |
| 14 Sandra Harding      | 14.58 |
| 15 Judith Perrier      | 13.17 |
| 16 Judith Fried        | 12.31 |
| 17 Ellen Haines        | 12.06 |
| 18 John Blodgett       | 11.38 |
| 19 Michael Cooperman   | 11.31 |
| 20 Francesca Mazarella | 11.18 |



## READING THE RECAP SHEET

In a previous series, we discussed how to matchpoint boards. The purpose of this article is to help you read the score recap sheet.

This sheet, which is posted after the game, as well as online shows the final standings as well as your score on each board. Below is a sample recap sheet with names changed. Let's look at each section in greater detail.

East Coast Tournament - 7th Session			Friday Aft Session			December 30, 2016		
Scores after: 7 rounds			Average: 31.5			Section A		
Pair	Pct	Score	Sectn Rnk	O/All Rnk	MPs			
			A	B	A	B		
1	71.30	44.92	A	1	1	0.81(OA)	Mickey Mouse – Donald Duck	
2	49.08	30.92	A				Fred Flintstone–Wilma Flintstone	
3	34.25	21.58	A				Barney Rubble–Betty Rubble	
4	62.03	39.08	A	2	2	0.61(OA)	George Jefferson–Louise Jefferson	
5	52.78	33.25	A	4	4	0.34(OA)	Peter Parker–Bea Parker	
6	29.63	18.67	B				Desi Arnaz, Jr.–Lucy Ball	
7	58.33	36.75	A	3	3	0.46(OA)	Alice Kramden–Ralph Kramden	
8	44.44	28.00	B				Phil Dunphy–Claire Dunphy	
9	49.21	31.00	B	1		0.12(SB)	Bruce Wayne–Dick Grayson	

**PAIRS**								
BOARD	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
V								
1>	1-	5	1-	1-	5	1-	5	—
	-140	50	-140	-140	50	-140	50	
2>	4	1	5	0	3	6	2	
	620	-100	650	-300	600	800	210	—
3>	4-	1	2-	0	2-	6	4-	
	140	90	110	-50	110	170	140	—
4>	—	1-	6	4	1-	5	1-	1-
		-200	110	-100	-200	PASS	-200	-200
5>	—	4	5	2-	2-	1	6	0
		170	620	140	140	110	660	80

## Section 1: Header

The very top section of the sheet gives information about the tournament. It includes the name of the tournament, date and time of the session and section. At a larger tournament, make sure that you are looking at the scores for the current session, and your section. The next line shows you what the average score is for the session. In this case it is 31.5. That would mean that the best possible total score is double that amount or 63 matchpoints. Your score is going to be expressed further down the sheet as a percentage of 63.

## Section 2: Standings

The next section gives the standings. Looking from left to right, the columns are as follows – pair number, percentage (expressed as a percentage of 63), raw score. In this instance you can derive the percentage by dividing your raw score by 63. For example, Mickey and Donald's percentage is 71.30 which is 44.92/63. In this particular event, there are multiple flights. Each pair is placed into a flight based on their masterpoint holdings. In this case, there are two flights – A & B. Pairs 6, 8, and 9 are in flight B. All of the others are in flight A. The next four columns indicate the standings. The first two of those is for your section. The next two columns are for the overall, considering all sections. In this instance, pair 1, Mickey and Donald are in first place followed by pair 4, George and Louise. Note that there are two columns for the standings. For the pairs who are in flight B, they can place in that flight or overall. For this session, Dick and

Bruce came in first place out the B flight pairs. The final column indicates the master point winnings for the game. Mickey and Donald won .81 masterpoints as the overall winners for flight A. George and Louise were in second place in flight A for .61 Masterpoints. Finally, Dick and Bruce won .12 masterpoints for coming in first in flight B.

## Section 3: Matchpoints

The final section of the recap sheet shows the scores for each individual board. I have only included the first five boards here. To read your scores, find your pair number across the top and read that column. We will read the scores for pair 3 (bolded). The list of boards is down the left hand side. For each board, there are two lines of information. The first line indicates your matchpointed score on the board. A dash (-) refers to a half point. On board one, pair three got 1- (one and a half) points. In a previous article, in the November/December 2015 *WBL Bulletin*, I showed how this is calculated. The second number is the result you achieved on the board. In this case, pair three scored -140. Likely, the result was their opponents bidding to a partscore in spades, and making nine tricks. Similarly, for board two, pair 3 was +650 for 5 matchpoints. Your total score is the sum of your matchpoints on each board.

Understanding the recap sheet can only enhance your ability to enjoy the game. You can figure out which boards you did well or poorly on, and analyze those. This insight will help to improve your game.

## STEPPING UP TO NEW HEIGHTS: As of February 1, 2017

### Junior Masters:

#### 5 Masterpoints

Mrs Shirley Meddaugh  
Ann Barcome  
Marcia Y Bhorjee  
Dr Ken Chase  
Osa D Coffey  
Cecilia De Kanga  
Steven H Gunby  
Susan Shinderman

Susan Trebach  
Mr Chen Zhao

### Club Masters: 20 MPs

Betsy S Grossman  
Ms Kathy L Kopnisky  
Meg Scripps

### Sectional Masters: 50 MPs

Joseph F Colick  
Robbie L Lloyd

Ms Roseann R Rafferty  
David J Delzingaro  
Mr Donald L Gutman

### Regional Masters: 100 MPs

Cate T Frezza  
Ms Stephanie R Hoover  
Barbara Lebowhl  
Mr Jim H Rubin  
Marc Zlotnik

# WBL SOLVERS' CLUB'S NEW PROBLEMS

## 1) Matchpoints None Vul

♠ K95 ♥ A763 ♦ 765 ♣ Q106

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
1 ♥	Pass	1 ♣	Pass
?????		1 ♠	Pass

## 2) IMPs None Vul

♠ Q102 ♥ A3 ♦ A65 ♣ 98765

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
1 ♥		1 ♠	Pass
?????			

\*INT forcing

## 3) IMPs Both Vul

♠ J32 ♥ KQJ1087 ♦ 5 ♣ AJ10

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
1 ♦		1 ♠	3 ♦
?????			

## 4) Matchpoints They're Vul

♠ A6 ♥ J52 ♦ AJ1074 ♣ KQ6

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
			1 ♠

?????

## 5) IMPs You're Vul

♠ 6 ♥ AK9852 ♦ A4 ♣ K1087

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
4 ♥	4 ♠	3 ♦	1 ♠
?????		P	P

Return answers by March 20 to:

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22206 or [robinswr@erols.com](mailto:robinswr@erols.com)

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

Contact **Barbara Doran** [UnitGamePartner@DistrictSix.org](mailto: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)**.

To arrange a carpool, contact **Melissa Price**, *Carpool Coordinator*, at 301-464-1261 or [melissadprice46@gmail.com](mailto:melissadprice46@gmail.com).

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