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### 69TH ANNUAL POTOMAC VALLEY TOURNAMENT

from **August 7-10** (*see p.5*)

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### WBL NON LIFE MASTER SECTIONAL

(for NLMs with fewer than 500 masterpoints)

Four days of silver points just for NLMs, a free lesson before each Saturday game by ACBL Columnist Leslie Shafer and Maryland Hospitality including lunch on the weekend. (*see p.6*)

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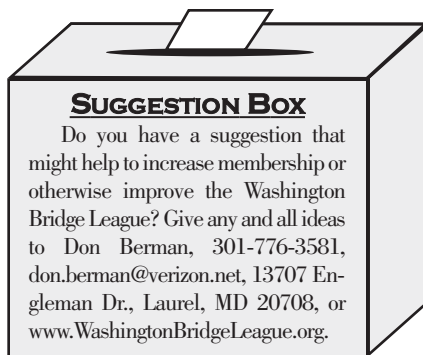
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## PRESIDENT'S LETTER

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by *WBL President, Richard Ferrin*  
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The WBL is continuing to transition on several fronts. First, after an examination of ways to reduce significant expenses incurred by the WBL, the Board has decided to move from automatic printing and mailing of the Bulletin to all WBL members, to distribution through electronic means, effective with the January/February 2015 issue.

The costs of printing and mailing paper copies of the Bulletin continue to rise every year, and now constitute a substantial portion of the WBL's annual budget. As most of our members have internet access, the Board determined that it makes sense to emphasize distribution of the Bulletin content via the internet, rather than through the more costly process of printing and mailing paper copies. Did you know that PDF copies of the WBL Bulletin, dating back to 2002, are available on the WBL's web page? The link is:

[http://www.districtsix.org/WBL/  
Admin/Bulletins.aspx](http://www.districtsix.org/WBL/Admin/Bulletins.aspx)

The WBL is collecting e-mail addresses of members, in order to notify members when the Bulletin becomes available online, and for various other WBL bridge-related notifications. If you would like to be added to the e-mail address, please send an e-mail, along with your name and player number, to WBL e-List Administrator, Alex Gretsinger, at [agretsinger@gmail.com](mailto:agretsinger@gmail.com). Please rest assured that your e-mail address will be used by the WBL *only* for sharing occasional bridge news. There will be no e-mail ads, publishing of e-mail addresses, or sharing of e-mail addresses with persons, businesses or groups outside the WBL.

The Board recognizes that not every WBL member necessarily uses a computer or has easy internet access. In addition, some WBL members who could access the Bulletin

through the internet prefer instead to have a paper copy of the Bulletin. As a result, members who wish to continue receiving copies of the Bulletin may do so by paid subscription. The annual subscription price will be \$12 for WBL members, and \$18 for non-members.

Another important transition that we are making is with the WBL's sectionals. We welcome **Steve Schatzow** as our new WBL Sectional Chair, and thank **Ron Zucker** for his past service as Sectional Chair following the untimely passing of Nadine Wood.

With Steve at the helm for WBL Sectionals, we will be making some adjustments designed to make the sectionals more enjoyable and increase attendance, effective with the *October 2014* sectional. This will include changes to the start times for Saturday, to accommodate the many requests from members to finish Saturday play earlier. On Friday night, we will host a Triple Nickel Swiss for A/X and B/C/D players, although we will continue to have a pairs game for non-life-master players. Further details will be forthcoming as the October sectional approaches. Please note that the schedule for the *August 2014* Sectional will not change from the current format.

### **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 you both will play free that evening.

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## WBL BULLETIN NEWS ALERT!

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*Only 2 more issues are coming...*

Starting in January of 2015, the WBL Bulletin will cease 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:

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The bulletin comes out six times a year. ☞ To subscribe to the bulletin, give or mail a check to **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 are establishing a WBL Unit Membership Email Database.

The emailings will be used for occasional bridge news only.

One use will 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)**

Please also indicate if you would like to be included on Steve Robinson's email list in order to receive additional bridge news, bridge problems, and other tidbits. (If your email address is up-to-date (and not marked private) with the ACBL, then we already have it.) You will be able to unsubscribe from either list.

## BITS AND PIECES

### WELCOME TO THE WASHINGTON BRIDGE LEAGUE

The WBL welcomes the following new ACBL members: **Mr Robert D Bajefsky, Sinclair N Blue, Gigi G Castleman, Mrs Ann C Davis, Manuel S Lee, Cathy C McIntyre, Steven D Messina, Mrs Claudine Ostrow, Edwin Pechous, Gilda Rotman, Mrs Helen L Rubin, Anna C T Tsai, Ms Johanna H Weekley, Joan Zlotnik, Dr Rhoda Baruch, Michele Berman, Ms Deborah R Both, Mr Jacob Y Coffey, Mrs Michele C Conroy, Bryan D Eastman, Gregory C Kenderdine, Kenneth S Kramer, Mrs Carol L Lee, Dianne J Lerner, Dora B Levin, Mary Jo O'Connor, Ms Ahlam G Shenouda, Ms Laura J Siegelbaum, Beverly H Stearns, and Ms Eula Thomas.**

In addition, we welcome the following transfers from other units: **Mr Larry Blackwell, Mr Thomas W Conley, Carol Dyer, Mrs Diana B Friedman, Mrs Eileen Theimer, Mr Thomas L Bartlow, Joel M Greengard, Mr Abdul Haji, Faye W Hoffman, Linda Lederberg, Mrs Vivian M. Rosenhauer, and Debra C Star.**

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).

### SECTIONAL TOURNAMENTS

*message from Steve Schatzow*

As the incoming [after the August sectional] Chair of the Sectional Tournament Committee, I am pleased to share with you some of my plans, hopes, and needs for the future. First of all, I want to thank Ron Zucker for his assistance in this transition and also the many volunteers who have made the sectional events so successful in the past.

#### PLANS

While we will maintain the Intermediate/Novice Pairs event on Friday night, we will have a **new Triple Nickel Swiss game** for all other players. This event, which has proven very popular in the Northern Virginia Bridge Association Sectional Tournaments, features five rounds of five boards, with five minutes for each board. This format provides a fast-paced game that finishes earlier. I think you

will find it very enjoyable.

We will change the **start times** for both sessions on Saturday and Sunday to **10 am and 3 pm**. I know some players are strongly opposed to an earlier start time for the morning sessions (I have talked to many of you), but others strongly support this change. The main reason for an earlier Saturday start is to allow players to participate in both sessions (or just the afternoon session) and still make other plans for Saturday night since the second session will be over by 6:15 rather than 7:15. A secondary benefit is that we can have lunch at 1:15 rather than 2:15. For Sunday, the main reason for an earlier start time is to finish no later than we do now and to **stop serving Sunday lunch**. I know many of you do not particularly enjoy the existing pizza Sunday lunch, having to stand in line for food, and the noise and confusion as half the field plays while the other half talks and eats. With this change, you will have more time to relax between sessions, leave the building, and try some of the wonderful, inexpensive Wheaton restaurants. We will continue to have other hospitality, and expect to increase the quality of that hospitality with the money we save on Sunday lunch. We also will be providing a **menu book** and a **map** of the best restaurants in the area.

#### HOPES

We hope to increase attendance and enjoyment of the Sectional Tournaments. In particular, we will encourage more players in Northern Virginia to attend WBL Sectional events and we ask all players to create a **more hospitable environment** by introducing themselves at each table when they have opponents they don't know.

#### NEEDS

We need existing volunteers to continue and we need new volunteers. In particular, we need someone to **volunteer to be Hospitality Chairman**. If you are willing, please contact me at 202-332-3729 or [sschatzow@his.com](mailto:sschatzow@his.com).

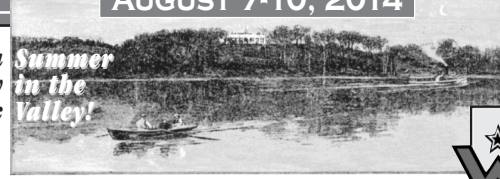
Also please contact me with any comments or suggestions.

Thanks, Steve

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AUGUST 7-10, 2014

Take a Summer Holiday in the Potomac Valley!



at the **KENSINGTON TOWN HALL/ARMORY**  
3710 Mitchell St, Kensington, MD ~ (except where noted)

(Stratification by avg. master-points of the team or pair.)

### THURSDAY, AUGUST 7

- ♣ Stratified Open Pairs (unlim/1500/500) ..... 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 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, AUGUST 8

- ♣ \*StrataFlighted A/X (unlim/3000) & B/C/D Pairs (2000/1000/500) (single sessions) 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

### SATURDAY, AUGUST 9

- ♣ **11th Annual: Washington Bridge League Trophy Pairs** awarding the **Steve Robinson Trophy** ..... 11:00am & 4:00pm  
Two session Open Pairs (unlim/3000), qualifying and final. Single session entries available.
- ♦ Stratified B/C/D Pairs (2500/1000/500) ..... 11:00am
- ♥ \*StrataFlighted A/X Pairs (unlim/3000) & B/C/D Pairs (2500/1000/500) ..... 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, AUGUST 10

- ♦ A/X Board-A-Match Teams, (unlim /5000, 2 session playthru w/short break) ..... 11:00am & TBA
- ♥ B/C/D Swiss Teams, VPs (3000/1000/500, 7 round playthru w/short break) ..... 11:00am & TBA
- ♠ 300/100/50 Swiss Teams, VPs (single sessions) ..... 11:00am, 3:00pm

#### ♣ Lots of Intermediate & Novice Events with Silver Points! ♥

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### Maryland Hospitality

Lunch & refreshments included Sat. & Sun.!

### Play for Silver!

NLMs with fewer than **500** MPs

**Thursday, September 11:** OHR KODESH: 8300 Meadowbrook Ln., Silver Spring, MD

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

**Friday, September 12:** ROCKVILLE DBC: 11815 Seven Locks Rd., Potomac, MD

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

**Saturday, September 13:** Rest of tournament at: NEWPORT MILL MIDDLE SCHOOL

Free ½ hour lesson before each game today, by Leslie Shafer, ACBL Columnist!

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) . . . 2:30 pm

**Sunday, September 14** (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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OCTOBER 9-12, 2014



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**Come out for this popular team game!**—5 rounds, 5 boards a round, 5 minutes a board.

♠ Intermediate/Novice Pairs (300/200/100/50/20) (single sessions) . . . 10:00am, 2:00pm, 7:15pm

**ALERT! NEW Earlier Start Times Saturday & Sunday—both sessions**

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 11**

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♦ Intermediate/Novice Pairs (300/200/100) or Newcomer Pairs (50/20/5) (single sessions) **10:00am, 3:00pm**

♥ **Machlin Sportsmanship Award** Presentation & **Panel Show** . . . between sessions

♠ **Eynon Trophy**



First awarded in 1931—Try to add your name to the famous names inscribed here!

**Bracketed Teams**, (2 session playthru w/break) . . . 10:00am & 3:00pm

**Check out this format!** Each bracket of eight teams (by average 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 (which awards the trophy).

♣ 300/100/50 Swiss Teams, VPs (single sessions) . . . 10:00am, 3:00pm

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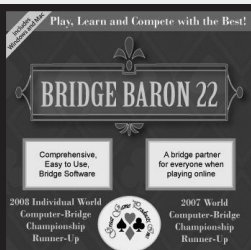
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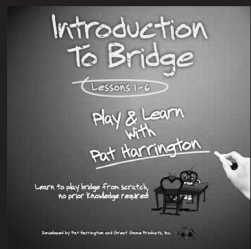
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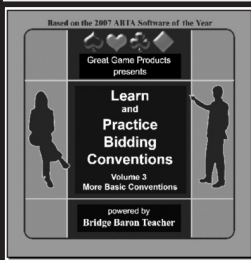


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Congratulations to **Donna Rogall** who came in first with a score of 490. She wins a free entry to the Unit Game, and will be invited to be on a future panel. Tied for second were **Bob Rivkin**, **Rich Wallace** and **Mike Kovacich** with a score of 480. Tied for fifth were **Ken Davis** and **Lloyd Rawley** with a score of 470. Tied for seventh were **Prahalad Rajkumar**, **Harry Gellis**, **Jake Hudson**, **Tanya Rodich** and **Sven Pride** with a score of 460. Tied for twelfth were **David Epstein**, **Mae Beucher**, **Geoff Tennille**, **Hank Meyer**, **Peter Lesnik**, **Hank Strauch**, **Mary Ourand**, **Marvin Elster**, **Betty Pinn**, **Arnie Frankel**, **Mark Brenner**, **Pete Hughes** and **Vince Wilmot** with a score of 450. Tied for twenty-fifth were **Peter Gray**, **Martin Personick**, **Pete Ekstrand**, **Sam Kaplan**, **Joe Daniel**, **Audrey Warren**, **Ted Verhagen**, **Paul McGowan**, **Bob Kibler**, **Enid Hughes**, **Ram Sarangan**, **Kevin Avery** and **Marty Graf** with a score of 440. The average score of the 179 solvers was 396. The average score of the experts was 455.

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](mailto: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.

### 1) IMPs, None Vulnerable

♠ AKJ4♥ - ♦ A95♣ A107642

| SOUTH | WEST       | NORTH | EAST |
|-------|------------|-------|------|
| 1♣    | 2NT (reds) | Dbl   | 3♦   |
| ????? |            |       |      |

| Action | Score | Votes | Solvers |
|--------|-------|-------|---------|
| Dbl    | 100   | 7     | 35      |
| 3♠     | 80    | 2     | 53      |
| Pass   | 80    | 1     | 10      |
| 4♣     | 60    | 0     | 4       |
| 4♦     | 60    | 0     | 16      |
| 3NT    | 60    | 0     | 2       |
| 3♥     | 60    | 0     | 9       |
| 4♠     | 30    | 0     | 39      |
| 4♥     | 20    | 0     | 3       |
| 5♣     | 20    | 0     | 4       |
| 5♠     | 20    | 0     | 1       |
| 6♠     | 20    | 0     | 2       |
| 5♥     | 20    | 0     | 1       |

*This is the case of the dog that barked. West bid 2NT showing the red suits. North doubled showing at least ten HCP with willingness to penalize the opponents in at least one of the red suits. If East picked diamonds, then who has the hearts? It must be the dog and the dog must be North. Assuming East doesn't have three hearts, North has at least six hearts along with his ten or more HCP. With this in mind, I think this is an opening lead*

problem and I would lead the five of diamonds against 3♦ which I would double. I figure to get with one of my black aces to clear trumps.

Six experts join me and go for the throat.

**Adams:** “Double—True that we are close to slam range, but they are probably going for 800 or 1100 here, and that’s just fine, Bad splits may make slam difficult.”

**Theurer:** “Double—3♦ was not the bid I was expecting from RHO. Do I want to defend with this hand? Possibly, though I would rather have a fourth diamond or three very good ones. I also have very good offensive potential with all my controls and shape. Partner is unlikely to be able to double 3♦ himself, so at this point I have to make the — defend or not decision, and it’s a close one. Because partner is marked with at least six hearts, the likelihood of buying a good black suit fit from him isn’t so great. Imagine 3=6=2=2 shape in his hand with a good chance of one/both black suits breaking poorly.”

**Woolsey:** “Double—If I am void in hearts and East is choosing diamonds which means that partner has a heart stack. They are going for a big number, and we might not be able to make much on the misfit.”

**Chen:** “Double—I thought about bidding 3♠, but I think I want to play defense. If Partner is 6-2 or 5-2 in hearts and diamonds, it should be right to play defense. If Partner is only 5-1 in hearts and diamonds, it still may ok to play defense as we should get a penalty close to the value of our making 4♠ or 5♣-game. I will lead diamond ace and another trump if 3♦ doubled is the final contract.”

**Schwartz:** “Double—Partner could pull with a stiff diamond even with hearts as after opening a club, he should expect me to double with a three-card diamond holding as four diamonds is unlikely when I open 1♣. With the expected heart stack, we can beat this many”.

**King:** “Double—Clearly this is cooperative and partner should only leave it in with at least two diamonds in his hand.”

Another good point! A 1♣-opener is unlikely to have four diamonds so partner can assume three diamonds. This is another good reason to open 1♦ with 4-4 in the minors.

I just hope East is not playing with us by bidding 3♦ holding a weak hand with five hearts and a singleton diamond.

One expert passes. I’m not sure what his partner is going to do with a minimum double if he holds only two diamonds. He will not know that you have AKA in the blacks and Axx of diamonds. His double promises another bid so he’ll probably bid 3♥ leading to 3NT.

**Parker:** “Pass—His double was forcing on himself so let’s see what he bids. If I bid 3♠ we will miss 3NT if partner does not have a diamond stopper. He can double to show cards and I will sit or he can bid a black suit, best, but it looks like he has at least five hearts.”

Two experts let the opponents off the hook. If you’re going to bid spades, there’s no reason to jump to 4♠ since 3♠ is forcing and unlimited. Partner’s double promised a rebid.

**Lublin:** “3♠—We rate to have a spade fit and possible slam. Partner should know I’m 4-6 or 5-6 with great hand.”

**Hopkins:** “3♠—You normally expect RHO to have more Diamonds than Hearts in this auction and I am going to bet that we are not talking 1-2 or 0-2. If partner doesn’t have all his points in Hearts, we could easily have a slam in a black suit where the ruffing positions are favorable even though suits may split badly.”

Double of Michaels or Unusual Notrump shows the ability to double one of their suits.

## 2) IMPs, None Vulnerable

♠J54♥J1076♦5♣AQJ72

| SOUTH  | WEST  | NORTH | EAST    |
|--------|-------|-------|---------|
| ?????  | 1♦    | Dbl   | Pass    |
| Action | Score | Votes | Solvers |
| 2♣     | 100   | 2     | 28      |
| 2♥     | 90    | 4     | 69      |
| 4♥     | 80    | 1     | 2       |
| 1♥     | 80    | 1     | 34      |
| 2♦     | 70    | 2     | 22      |
| 3♣     | 70    | 0     | 14      |
| 3♥     | 40    | 0     | 6       |
| Pass   | 20    | 0     | 2       |
| 2NT    | 20    | 0     | 1       |
| 1NT    | 20    | 0     | 1       |

I have strongly advocated that if partner makes a takeout double you go out of your way to bid a major even if you have a longer minor. If partner makes a takeout double of 1♠, I’d bid 2♥

not 2♣ holding ♠xx♥Jxxx♦xx♣AQxxx. I’ve seen hands where doubler passes 2♣ and you play it there but raises hearts and you get to 4♥ which makes. However, there are exceptions. If you know for sure that you will be able to make two bids, then you can bid a very strong minor before bidding a weak four-card major. Holding a singleton diamond, it’s almost impossible for the bidding to end in 2♣. By bidding 2♣ first and then bidding hearts, you will avoid playing in a poor 4-3 heart fit. By bidding 2♣ and jumping in hearts, you might even get to a good 3NT or 5♣ contract.

Six experts ignore their clubs. Four experts jump in hearts. I don’t like jumping in a four-card major unless I have no other options. Make the hand ♠Q4♥J1076♦5♣AQJ72 and I’d have to bid 2♥ since 2♣ could end the auction.

**Adams:** “2♥—This is close between 1♥ and 2♥. No consideration for 2♣ since that would deny a four-card major, and not nearly good enough to cue bid 2♦ which is either invitational with both majors or game-forcing with one major. My diamond shortness along with partner’s supposed diamond shortness says that 2♥ will be OK even opposite three-card support since the opponents have at least a nine-card fit, and if partner has a decent take out double with four-card support, this will get us to game.”

**Parker:** “2♥—I have enough points for a game and a four-card major, what else would you bid?”

**Schwartz:** “2♥—Shows my values well which I can’t do with any other bid comfortably. If partner has extras with only three hearts he should cue or bid a new suit.”

If you jump in hearts, I don’t see why partner would look for another strain.

**King:** “2♥—I would bid a major first and I have two strong a hand to bid just 1♥ but not enough to bid 2♦.”

One expert chooses my second choice. I don’t think this hand is strong enough to jump in a four-card suit. I need a very good ten to jump in a four-card suit especially one headed by a jack. Reverse the clubs and hearts and I might even jump to 4♥.

**Woolsey:** “1♥—What am I doing with a singleton diamond? Quite likely partner is somewhat off-shape, perhaps a balanced hand better than a strong notrump. I want to give him all the room I can to describe his hand and I can show

my strength later after I know what kind of hand he has. It isn’t going to be passed out in 1♥.”

Since you know that someone is going to bid again, why not bid your suits in the length and strength order?

**Lublin:** “4♥—I bid 4♥ as passed hand and double all saves.”

One expert joins me and bids his best suit. If I was 2=4=2=5, I would bid my heart suit since 2♣ could end the auction. I plan to bid hearts next, even at the four-level. That way my partner knows that my clubs are much better than my hearts. If he has ♠AKQxx♥x♦Axx♣AQxx, he can think about 6♣.

**Theurer:** “2♣—Opponents must have a good diamond fit - since RHO didn’t raise, LHO probably has quite a few. I have sound values so at first glance I should do something to show them, but my heart suit is weak and to jump in a minor should show a very sound hand. One plan would be to bid 2♣, then 2♥ over the expected 2♦ bid by LHO or even 3♥ if it gets up to 3♦ before my next chance to bid. Another idea is to bid 1♥ now, then 3♣ over the expected 2♦ from LHO. The length/strength discrepancies of my rounded suits are enough to sway me to bid clubs first, then hearts.”

Two experts cuebid. Cuebid followed by a new suit is forcing. I don’t think you want to be in game opposite a minimum takeout double. The auction could continue 2♠ (showing four spades and denying four hearts)—3♣ (clubs good hand and could have four hearts or diamond stopper)—3♦ (diamond stopper?) — 4♣ (I have clubs and hearts but I can’t jump to 5♣ because you might not have clubs support). As you can see it would be very hard to stop at 4♣ after a cuebid.

**Chen:** “2♦—If Partner rebids 2♠, I will bid 3♣ to show hearts and clubs with a good hand. All other actions are flawed: The hand is too good to bid 1♥, my hearts are not good enough to bid 2♥, and I don’t want to bid clubs as this may lose the heart suit.”

**Hopkins:** “2♦—I am too good for a jump to 2♥. We will only stop below game if partner is sub-minimum.”

In response to a takeout double bid weak four-card majors before longer minors unless you’re sure you can bid both suits.



### 3) IMPs, None Vulnerable

♠K54♥765♦876♣7642

| <u>SOUTH</u>  | <u>WEST</u>  | <u>NORTH</u> | <u>EAST</u>    |
|---------------|--------------|--------------|----------------|
| Pass          | Pass         | Dbl          | 3♠             |
| ?????         |              |              | Pass           |
| <u>Action</u> | <u>Score</u> | <u>Votes</u> | <u>Solvers</u> |
| Pass          | 100          | 7            | 49             |
| 3NT           | 90           | 2            | 42             |
| 4♣            | 80           | 1            | 82             |
| 4♥            | 20           | 0            | 5              |
| 4♠            | 20           | 0            | 1              |

What's easier to do? Take five tricks or take nine or ten tricks. On good days partner has ♠x♥AKxx♦AKxxx♣Axx and you take at least six tricks against 3♠ doubled. LHO has ♠xx♥QJx♦QJx♣KQJ109 and will know what to do to 3NT or 4♣. On bad days partner has ♠x♥Axxx♦xxx♣AKQxx and 3♠ doubled makes. What you do know is that West does not think that 4♣ has play. Since West thinks that the limit of the hand is at best nine tricks playing in spades, maybe the offside King of spades will be the setting trick. This would be a worse problem if you were in front of the spade bidder.

Six experts join me and hope for the best. Passing is no guarantee, but more often than not it's the best shot.

**Adams:** "Pass—LHO did not think they were making 4♠, so it's just possible they are not making three either. Hard to imagine going plus by bidding and easy to imagine getting doubled in anything I bid. It will not surprise me to win IMPs for -530. My second choice is 3NT since that might be hard to double. Nothing good to say about 4♣ which is inflexible on strain. If I bid 3NT and get doubled I can redouble to find partner's five-card suit."

**Parker:** "Pass—And guess to lead a heart. My guess is we are less than 50% to beat them and that's why you preempt."

My guess is that we are higher than 50% to beat them.

**Woolsey:** "Pass—We may be headed for a minus score whatever I do, but we have a better chance to take five tricks in spades than any other plus score. The fact that West didn't bid 4♠ means he doesn't think they have much play for ten tricks, so maybe they can't make nine."

**Chen:** "Pass—I have nowhere to go. If we can make 4♣, we can also probably set 3♠. The other problem with bidding 4♣ is that

Partner is likely to continue bidding."

**Schwartz:** "Pass—Even at IMPs, Bidding rates to get a minus, maybe a big minus. If partner has two spades, your King is being ruffed out. If he has one, your king is not much use on offense. At least I have a known defensive trick."

**King:** "Pass—This may well be -530 but bidding could go for more."

Two experts run. One runs to 4♣ which will be very easy to double if East has a good hand.

**Lublin:** "4♣—I bid 4♣ to keep the bidding low. I don't pass or bid 3NT."

Two experts run to 3NT. If I was going to run, I'd run to 3NT which harder to double. 3NT is better when partner has five diamonds and three clubs. Also better if partner has a five-card suit to run.

**Theurer:** "3NT—Yikes, this is no fun. Passing the double is very final and could be very costly, either because of going -530, or if they are -100 vs. a game. It also could be the only way to go plus. Preempts do work. I'm hoping partner has a big enough hand to cover me."

**Hopkins:** "3NT—Partner may have a long suit to run to if we get doubled."

If partner has a good hand you should beat 3♠. If partner has a bad hand, you'll go for a number no matter what you do. Sometimes partner can have a bad hand and you'll still beat 3♠.

### 4) IMPs, Both Vulnerable

♠4♥AJ96♦AK2♣AQJ74

| <u>SOUTH</u>  | <u>WEST</u>  | <u>NORTH</u> | <u>EAST</u>    |
|---------------|--------------|--------------|----------------|
| ?????         | Pass         | Pass         | 1♥             |
| <u>Action</u> | <u>Score</u> | <u>Votes</u> | <u>Solvers</u> |
| 2♣            | 100          | 5            | 47             |
| Pass          | 90           | 1            | 14             |
| 1NT           | 80           | 2            | 3              |
| Dbl           | 70           | 2            | 101            |
| 3NT           | 60           | 0            | 8              |
| 2NT           | 20           | 0            | 4              |
| 3♣            | 20           | 0            | 1              |
| 3♥            | 20           | 0            | 1              |

How do you handle a strong hand with a singleton in an unbid major? You could overcall 2♣. You could overcall 1NT or you could pass. What I don't like is making a takeout double. I like passing and seeing what happens. If it goes all pass, the vulnerable opponents will go down many. If LHO responds, you might get a number. If it goes 1♥—1♠—2♠, you have a perfect

takeout double of 2♠. If it goes 1♥ - 1♠ - 1NT, you have a very good strength showing double logically showing short spades and long hearts. If it goes 1♥ - 1NT - 2♥, double by you should be a penalty double. If it goes Pass - Pass to partner and he passes, he'll probably have longish hearts and we'll get many 100's. If the opponents were non-vulnerable, I'd probably overcall 2♣ since 50 a trick does not add up to much.

Five experts overcall 2♣. The problem with 2♣ is that partner will probably pass it if he's short in clubs and 2♣ could be a bad contract. There are not enough points out there for partner to make a free bid in a new suit. The best chance of getting to game is if partner raises clubs. 3NT will be scary with a spade lead so you could try for 5♣.

**Adams:** "2♣—Everything is flawed. This is the bid that requires the least for partner to act without having to make a crazy take-out double. If RHO opened light, then LHO will be bidding giving more chances to come back in. Opposite a raise, I will find a game of some sort."

**Theurer:** "2♣—Seems heavy, but where are the spades? Someone will likely show them. Not going to double with stiff spade. Let's see how the auction develops. If partner is broke I'll be glad I'm going slowly. If he can show some values then we can head for game."

I'm not sure I'd be glad if partner is broke and holds a singleton or void in clubs.

**Woolsey:** "2♣—I will never make a takeout double of hearts with a singleton spade. Certainly the overcall may result in a missed game, but it may also lead to our only plus score. 3NT is my close second choice, but if partner fits clubs then 5♣ or even 6♣ could well be better."

**Chen:** "2♣—The only other possible bid is double, but we all know what Steve thinks of doubling heart bids with only a singleton spade. I am a little worried about it going all pass, but if Partner is weak we may only belong in a part score. Partner is a passed hand, so maybe he will be able to stretch to bid 2♠, and then we will get to our 3NT game."

**Hopkins:** "2♣—Hopefully West or North will rescue me by bidding."

Two experts overcall 1NT. 1NT has two strikes against it. One strike is 19 HCP and a five-card suit which makes this hand too strong. The other strike is the singleton spade. The problem with 1NT is that partner will pass it with a balanced seven-count.

**Parker:** "1NT—And then 2NT over part-

ner's spades or spade transfer."

**Schwartz:** "1NT—After a 1NT overcall at any level, if partner transfers, you should have bids available that does NOT show a super acceptance. Any other bid is more misdescriptive."

If you open 1NT and partner transfers to a major and you have four-card support, you can super accept by jumping or bidding an outside doubleton. However, after a 1NT overcall, the only super accept is the jump. Not accepting the transfer shows a singleton in the transfer suit and is natural. So here if partner transfers to spades, you can bid 3♣ denying spades.

Two experts make a takeout double. What are you going to do if partner jumps to 4♠?

**Lublin:** "Double—I double and bid 2NT over the obvious 1♠-call."

**King:** "Double—I hate to do this with only a singleton spade and I believe in overcalling with strong hands, but this is too strong in my opinion."

The trap pass can lead to a penalty double.

### 5) IMPs, Both Vulnerable

♠A87632♥K53♦A6♣A4

| <u>SOUTH</u>  | <u>WEST</u>  | <u>NORTH</u> | <u>EAST</u>    |
|---------------|--------------|--------------|----------------|
| 1♠            | Pass         | 1NT          | Pass           |
| ?????         |              |              |                |
| <u>Action</u> | <u>Score</u> | <u>Votes</u> | <u>Solvers</u> |
| 2♣            | 100          | 3            | 5              |
| 2♠            | 90           | 4            | 119            |
| 3♠            | 80           | 1            | 36             |
| 2NT           | 80           | 2            | 10             |
| 3NT           | 40           | 0            | 4              |
| 2♥            | 30           | 0            | 1              |
| Pass          | 30           | 0            | 2              |
| 4♠            | 20           | 0            | 1              |
| 3♣            | 20           | 0            | 1              |

You could rebid 2♠. 2♠ shows 11-15 with at least six spades. You could rebid 3♠. 3♠ shows 15-18 with at least six spades. This hand is on the border between 2♠ and 3♠. However, if partner has a singleton or void in spades, a spade contract would not do well. I think the best way to handle this hand is to put a spade in with your clubs and rebid 2♣. If partner passes 2♣, it could be as good a contract as any. Suppose partner has ♠x♥AQxxxx♦xxxx♣xx. Partner would pass 2♠ and you could easily make 4♥. Partner would probably not show a five or six-card heart suit over a 2♠ rebid. Suppose partner

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This list is up to date through June 26, 2014, not including the Unit KO or the Round Robin. All points are subject to audit by the WBL Director.

**Lovenberg**

|    |       |                     |
|----|-------|---------------------|
| 1  | 77.49 | Brad Theurer        |
| 2  | 68.03 | Steve Robinson      |
| 3  | 64.91 | John Adams          |
| 4  | 60.35 | David Genne         |
| 5  | 59.65 | Lloyd Rawley        |
| 6  | 55.34 | Larry Kahn          |
| 7  | 52.51 | James Geist         |
| 8  | 51.49 | Barry Falgout       |
| 9  | 45.73 | H John Edmonds      |
| 10 | 43.77 | Steven Schatzow     |
| 11 | 38.61 | David Ruderman      |
| 12 | 35.02 | Linda Marshall      |
| 13 | 33.28 | Clyde Kruskal       |
| 14 | 32.88 | William Pettis      |
| 15 | 31.79 | Guillaume de Decker |
| 16 | 30.52 | Terry Klein         |
| 17 | 30.04 | Michael Richey      |
| 18 | 29.86 | Fred King           |
| 19 | 29.49 | Myron Goldstein     |
| 20 | 29.47 | Michael Gill        |
|    | 29.47 | Noble Shore         |
| 22 | 29.33 | Vincent Wilmot Jr   |
| 23 | 28.78 | Ronald Zucker       |
| 24 | 28.61 | Andrew Gofreed      |
| 25 | 27.79 | Robert Levey        |

**Izzy Cohen**

|    |       |                     |
|----|-------|---------------------|
| 1  | 31.79 | Guillaume de Decker |
| 2  | 30.52 | Terry Klein         |
| 3  | 29.49 | Myron Goldstein     |
| 4  | 26.00 | Leon Masiewicki     |
| 5  | 23.81 | Michael Kuehl       |
| 6  | 23.53 | Ajit Thyagarajan    |
| 7  | 21.63 | Norman Kittrell     |
| 8  | 20.02 | Peter Isard         |
|    | 20.02 | Margaret Cooke      |
| 10 | 19.92 | Ernie Schuler       |
| 11 | 19.73 | James Berry         |
| 12 | 18.35 | Barry Tash          |
|    | 18.35 | James Wisman        |
| 14 | 17.99 | Thomas Reckford     |
| 15 | 17.77 | Azmat Ali           |

**Tubbs**

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|----|-------|-----------------|
| 1  | 30.52 | Terry Klein     |
| 2  | 29.49 | Myron Goldstein |
| 3  | 23.81 | Michael Kuehl   |
| 4  | 21.63 | Norman Kittrell |
| 5  | 20.02 | Margaret Cooke  |
|    | 20.02 | Peter Isard     |
| 7  | 19.92 | Ernie Schuler   |
| 8  | 18.35 | Barry Tash      |
| 9  | 17.76 | Mary Ourand     |
| 10 | 17.67 | Charles Dearolf |

**Woolridge**

|    |       |                 |
|----|-------|-----------------|
| 1  | 12.12 | Marc Zlotnik    |
| 2  | 10.88 | John Goon       |
| 3  | 10.67 | David Narrow    |
| 4  | 7.87  | Stephen Baldwin |
|    | 7.87  | Kate Baldwin    |
| 6  | 5.54  | Nathan Tash     |
| 7  | 5.12  | Sheila Blum     |
| 8  | 4.62  | Antony Heatwole |
| 9  | 4.17  | Judy Rovner     |
| 10 | 3.85  | Carole Smith    |

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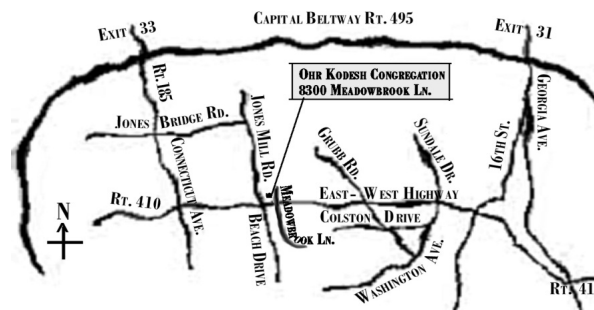
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**10/09/14\*\* .....WBL Sectional**

**10/16/14\*** .....BAM Teams; NLM Charity Pairs  
10/23/2014 .....NVBA Sectional  
10/30/2014 .....Club Appreciation StrataFlighted Pairs  
11/06/2014 .....Unit Charity StrataFlighted Pairs  
11/13/2014 .....StrataFlighted Unit Championship  
11/20/2014 .....StrataFlighted Grand National Teams  
11/27/2014 .....CLOSED—Thanksgiving

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](mailto:UnitGamePartner@DistrictSix.org) or [barb.doran@verizon.net](mailto:barb.doran@verizon.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](mailto: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 **Melissa Price**, Carpool Coordinator, at 301-464-1261 or [melissadprice46@gmail.com](mailto:melissadprice46@gmail.com).

## THE UNIT GAME

Please contact **Chris Miller**, Club Manager and Chief Director, at [unitgamedirector@districtsix.org](mailto:unitgamedirector@districtsix.org) if you have any questions about how the WBL Unit Game is run. This column answers some frequently asked questions.

### SAQ ("SOMETIMES ASKED QUESTIONS") PART 1

I recently received an email from one of our NLM players asking a number of questions (he may have been channeling Rudyard Kipling's "Elephant's Child", whose curiosity was insatiable). This seems like a good opportunity to answer the first group of these – there are too many for a single column.

*I have so many questions about the scoring and tournament structure that my first question is: "Is there a place where I can go to get a comprehensive description of the structure of the various games and how the results are presented?"*

*Here are some the questions that I'd like to answer:*

*Result details:*

1. What do the abbreviations under "Final Results" (e.g. OA, OB, OC) mean?
2. What do the abbreviations STAC, STaC, STRAT, Flt mean?
3. What does a minus sign after the rank on a particular board mean? It appears when there is a tie, but not for every tie.  
*How are the Score and Pct calculated?*

The ACBL web site ([www.acbl.org](http://www.acbl.org)) has a lot of in-

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### UPCOMING SECTIONALS

- ♣ August 7-10, 2014, WBL, Kensington, MD
- ♦ September 18-21, 2014, NVBA, Fairfax, VA
- ♥ Sept 11-14, 2014, WBL NLM, Kensington, MD
- ♠ October 9-12, 2014, WBL, Kensington, MD
- ♣ October 23-26, 2014, NVBA, Fairfax, VA
- ♦ January 8-11, 2015, WBL, Kensington, MD
- ♥ February 19-22, 2015, NVBA, Fairfax, VA
- ♠ April 9-12, 2015, WBL, Kensington, MD

## DO YOU HAVE ANY MUSCLE 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.

From setting up and breaking 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](mailto:jimbarb1184@aol.com),

## The Unit Game, cont. from p. 16...

formation, but it can be hard to find all the answers without a lot of searching.

### Q1. (Abbreviations like "OA")

The first letter is either S for Section or O for Overall; the ABC are your stratum.

You are compared against the people in your direction in your section letter (S) and against everyone in your event (in the NLM that is just both directions; in some other events it may span multiple section letters); you are also compared against people in your masterpoint level, and any higher level in the same event (A,B,C or often in the NLM game E,F,G). You get the highest of the awards you are entitled to. So for example 1.13(OB) means that you got 1.13 points for your overall finish in stratum B, which was higher than anything you might have earned in overall C, section A, section B, etc.

### Q2. (STAC, Strat, Flt)

STAC (however capitalized) is a "Sectional Tournament at Clubs"; for a week, many clubs in the district participate. Events earn silver points at a higher rate than normal club games. If multiple clubs play a game with the same strata at the same time, they all play the same hands and overall scores are based on the total number of tables in all simultaneous club games – lots of points.

"Strat" is your stratum; in most games, each event is divided into strata by masterpoints. As noted in the previous answer, you are rated by how well you do against players at your level, but also at any higher level.

"Flt" is "Flight"; most of the Unit Games have 3 flights playing as separate events: an Open (or A/X) game (stratified unlimited/3000+), a B/C/D game (2000/1000/500) and a Non Life Master game (usually NLM/125/50) as well as a 0-20 lesson game.

### Q3. (Duplicate scoring)

The "-" sign means ½ a matchpoint. There are many good places to find out how matchpoint pairs are scored, for example here: [http://www.acbl.org/learn\\_page/how-to-play-bridge/how-to-keep-score/#matchpoints](http://www.acbl.org/learn_page/how-to-play-bridge/how-to-keep-score/#matchpoints)

## Solvers' Club, cont. from p. 13...

has ♠xx ♥AQx ♦QJxx ♣xxxx. He'll pass 2♠ but would correct 2♣ to 2♥ which you could raise and get to a good game. You might even be able to take eight tricks in clubs if partner has ♠x ♥Axxx ♦Kxxx ♣Qxxx and passes 2♣.

*Two experts join me and hope for the chance to get to hearts or raise spades. They, like me put a spade in with their clubs.*

**Adams:** "2♣—Playing Bart, 2♣ can be bid when you're exactly 5=3=3=2. Let's us find heart fit if we have one and let's partner show a constructive raise with two spades if he has one. Let's us play strains other than spades when responder is short in spades. Not playing Bart, tempting to risk it anyway."

**Chen:** "2♣—This reminds me a little of problem number four from the last contest. One difference is you need to bid a two-card minor instead of a three-card minor. This hand is a little weaker than last month's problem number four, but I would prefer to temporize with an "Al Roth if I can only get by this round" 2♣-bid instead of bidding 2♠. If partner bids on over 2♣, I will be well-positioned as I can pass 2♦, raise 2♥ to 4♥, and raise 2♠ to 3♠.

*Five experts rebid their spades. I don't like rebidding a five-card suit and this spade suit looks like a five-carder.*

**Parker:** "2♠—I wanted to bid 2♣ to start a Bart sequence but partner may just pass and we play a 5-2 rather than a 6-2 major. If 2♣ is forcing then an easy sequence."

**Theurer:** "2♠—Somewhat similar to a problem from the previous set, but there at least I had a three-card suit to temporize in. Here, I don't. 2♥ should not be bid on a three-bagger. Since the suit is poor I will not bid 3♠. If partner can't take a call over 2♠ I don't think we are missing a game."

**Schwartz:** "2♠—Lacking a three-card minor and four hearts, I have to rebid spades. The lack of spots and lack of married honors make this a 2♠ rebid."

**Hopkins:** "2♠—I need help in Spades to proceed towards game or for partner to make a game try, preferably in hearts or notrump."

One expert overbids. The weak suit calls for a downgrade.

**King:** "3♠—I have awful suit quality but too many high cards to not bid more than 2♠ I guess 2NT and even 2♥ are possible, but this seems closest to what I have."

For a while I used to bid 2♥ when I was 5=3=3=2. If I was going to play in a 3-3 fit, why not play in a major. This didn't work very often.

Two experts overbid in notrump. Usually a raise to 2NT shows at least 17.

**Woolsey:** "2NT—With the weak spade suit, no shape, and something in every other suit, it is likely that notrump will be as good or better than spades when partner has a doubleton spade. I'm too strong to pass or meekly bid

2♠, and bidding two-of-a-minor is absurd. 2NT is only a slight overbid at worst."

**Lublin:** "2NT—I bid 2NT and invite game. I want lead coming into partner's hand and spade suit is ragged for a 3♠ rebid."

*If you have a poor six-card major over 1NT, treat it as a five-card suit. Bidding a three-card or possibly a two-card minor in response to partner's 1NT only loses if partner passes, and sometimes you're in the best possible bad contract.*

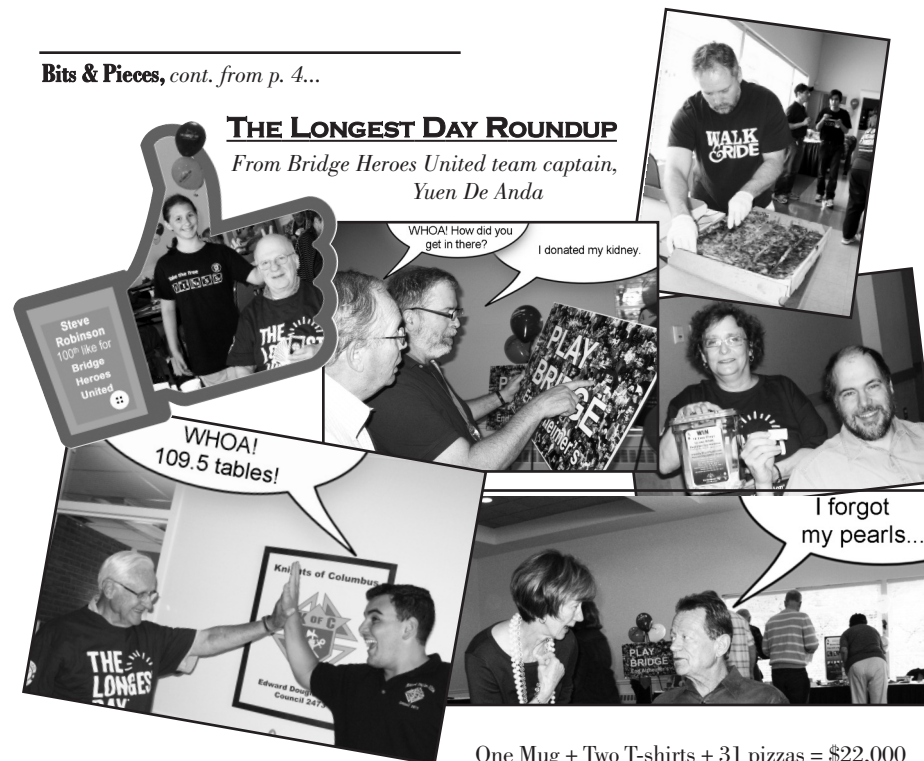
## SOLVERS' SCORES

|                |      |    |      |      |     |     |
|----------------|------|----|------|------|-----|-----|
| John Adams     | Dbl  | 2♥ | Pass | 2♣   | 2♣  | 490 |
| Mark Chen      | Dbl  | 2♦ | Pass | 2♣   | 2♣  | 470 |
| Robbie Hopkins | 3♠   | 2♦ | 3NT  | 2♣   | 2♠  | 450 |
| Glen Lublin    | 3♠   | 4♥ | 4♣   | Dbl  | 2NT | 390 |
| Fred King      | Dbl  | 2♥ | Pass | Dbl  | 3♠  | 440 |
| Steve Parker   | Pass | 2♥ | Pass | 1NT  | 2♠  | 440 |
| Steve Robinson | Dbl  | 2♣ | Pass | Pass | 2♣  | 490 |
| Alan Schwartz  | Dbl  | 2♥ | Pass | 1NT  | 2♠  | 460 |
| Brad Theurer   | Dbl  | 2♣ | 3NT  | 2♣   | 2♠  | 480 |
| Kit Woolsey    | Dbl  | 1♥ | Pass | 2♣   | 2NT | 460 |

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

## THE LONGEST DAY ROUNDUP

From Bridge Heroes United team captain, Yuen De Anda



One Mug + Two T-shirts + 31 pizzas = \$22,000

for Alzheimer's research. Kudos to NVBA & WBL for joining forces to benefit a cause greater than ourselves. Playing bridge and doing good, it doesn't get any better than that!

Couldn't have pulled this off without our director in charge, Bernie Oetjen!

You don't have to join Facebook to see the photos. Go to: [https://www.facebook.com/BridgeHeroesUnited?sk=photos\\_stream](https://www.facebook.com/BridgeHeroesUnited?sk=photos_stream)

*Editor's note: Yuen De Anda not only captained Bridge Heroes United's effort to host the bridge-a-thon for Alzheimer's research on June 21, she also produced the pics! Thanks, Yuen!*

## 4TH OF JULY BETHESDA REGIONAL MASTERPOINT WINNERS' LISTS

Total masterpoints: 13116.05 by 1402 players.

Total attendance: 2299 tables.

A huge thanks to Tournament Chair, **Shawn Stringer** for giving us another great National Capital Regional!

### WBL Members

|   |        |                |
|---|--------|----------------|
| 1 | 111.31 | William Cole   |
|   | 111.31 | Steve Robinson |
| 3 | 101.57 | Mark Shaw      |
| 4 | 81.68  | Peter Boyd     |

|    |       |               |
|----|-------|---------------|
| 5  | 76.70 | Brad Theurer  |
| 6  | 66.93 | Barry Falgout |
| 7  | 64.26 | John Adams    |
| 8  | 63.91 | Robert Bell   |
| 9  | 62.79 | Joan Lewis    |
| 10 | 59.10 | Lou Reich     |

### WBL Members < 3000 masterpoints

|   |       |                 |
|---|-------|-----------------|
| 1 | 28.31 | Georgette Weiss |
| 2 | 25.50 | Dhirendra Ghosh |
| 3 | 24.32 | Charles Dearolf |
| 4 | 24.03 | Lloyd Rawley    |
| 5 | 23.94 | Calvin Konner   |

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## CALL FOR NOMINATIONS FOR THE MACHLIN TROPHY FOR SPORTSMANSHIP

In 2006, the WBL initiated a new annual award, the ***Machlin Trophy for Sportsmanship*** in honor of Jerry Machlin, whom many of you will remember as one of the greatest directors the game has ever known.

To date, the recipients of the award are: **Dr. Charles Stenger, Peter Boyd, James Geist, Rose Berman, Barbara Doran, Millard Nachtwey, Paul Leopold, and Bob Bell.** Each year, a committee of the most recent five winners, (the longest standing to be the Machlin Committee Chair — *Jim Geist*) is appointed to consider this year's nominees. The criteria for awarding the trophy are as follows:

“The candidate should (1) demonstrate strong ethical standards and a commitment to active ethics (i.e., full disclosure of systems and agreements to opponents, etc.); (2) behave graciously at the table after bad results or good results; (3) exhibit exemplary behavior at all times toward partner and opponents; (4) demonstrate an ability to get along with multiple partners; and (5) demonstrate a willingness to help mentor other players in the game. A player wouldn't necessarily have to satisfy all five, but these are the main the criteria that the selection committee will consider.”

We welcome nominations from the membership of the WBL. Please send your suggested candidate to Richard Ferrin at [rferrin@mac.com](mailto:rferrin@mac.com) or in person at the unit game. It would be appreciated if you would indicate in two or three sentences why you think your nominee is a good candidate for the award. We would like to hear from you by September 9, 2014.

♠ **Fairfax, VA** ♣ **SEPTEMBER 18-21, 2014** ♦



## NORTHERN VIRGINIA BRIDGE ASSOCIATION **SEPTEMBER SENSATIONS SECTIONAL TOURNAMENT**

**The Arlington/Fairfax Elks Lodge #2188**  
8421 Arlington Boulevard, Fairfax, VA; 703-560-2188

### THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

STRATIFIED OPEN PAIRS (2000+/2000/750) or 500/300/100 PAIRS ..... 10:30 a.m.  
*Norma's Game: K of C Hall, 5115 Little Falls Rd., Arlington, VA, 703-892-1292*  
*Evening games at: NVBA: Beth El Hebrew Congregation, 3830 Seminary Road, Alexandria, VA or*  
*WBL: Ohr Kodesh Congregation, 8300 Meadowbrook Ln, Chevy Chase, MD NVBA (Beth El) WBL*  
*Intermediate/Newcomer Lecture* ..... 6:30 p.m.  
STRATAFLIGHTED OPEN PAIRS (A/X=3000+/3000; B/C=2000/750) .. 7:00 p.m. .... 7:30 p.m.  
NVBA 199ER PAIRS (200/100/50/20); WBL NLM PAIRS (NLM/100/50) .. 7:00 p.m. .... 7:30 p.m.

### FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

*Gene's Friday Morning Game at KOCH:* ..... 9:30 a.m.  
STRATIFIED OPEN (2000+/2000/750) or 500/300/100 PAIRS (NLMs only)  
**...REST OF TOURNAMENT AT ELKS LODGE...**  
*Intermediate/Newcomer Lecture* ..... 1:15 p.m.  
STRATAFLIGHTED A/X (3000+/3000) or B/C (2000/750) PAIRS 2 p.m.  
I/N (500/300/100) or 49ER (50/20/5) PAIRS ..... 2 p.m.  
TRIPLE NICKEL SWISS—5 rounds, 5 boards, 5 minutes a board .. 7:30 p.m.  
I/N (500/300/100) PAIRS ..... 7:30 p.m.

### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

STRATAFLIGHTED A/X (3000+/3000) or B/C (2000/750) PAIRS 9:30 a.m.  
I/N (500/300/100), 49ER (50/20) or NEWCOMER (0-5) PAIRS 9:30 a.m.  
*Intermediate/Newcomer Lecture* ..... 1:15 p.m.  
**\*\*ALL events on Sat. afternoon & evening award REGIONALLY RATED SILVER POINTS—an additional \$1 will be added to your entry fee to support Grass Roots events in our local area!—Details at [www.nvba.org](http://www.nvba.org).\*\***  
FLIGHT A/X PAIRS (3000+/3000; 2-session Play-thru event) 2 & 7:30 p.m.  
—Single session pairs accommodated during the evening session  
STRATIFIED B/C PAIRS (2000/750; 2 single sessions) ... 2 & 7:30 p.m.  
STRATIFIED SIDE GAME (3000+/3000) ..... 2 p.m.  
I/N (500/300/100) or 49ER PAIRS (50/20/5) ..... 2 p.m.  
I/N (500/300/100) PAIRS ..... 7:30 p.m.

### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

FLIGHTS A/X (5000+/5000) SWISS TEAMS ..... 11 a.m. & TBA  
BRACKETED FLIGHT B TEAMS (no single player >2000) ... 11 a.m. & TBA  
*B Teams Bracketed by Total Team Masterpoints: three overall places in each.*  
*A/X & B Swiss: 2-session events, a brief break & food available on site.*  
I/N (500/300/100) SWISS TEAMS (Single sessions) .. 11 a.m. / 3:15 p.m.  
49ER (50/20/5) SWISS TEAMS (Single session) ..... 11 a.m.

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## NVBA FALL SECTIONAL TOURNAMENT

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### FRIDAY, OCTOBER 24

*Gene's Friday Morning Game at KOCH: .....9:30 a.m.*

STRATIFIED OPEN (2000+/2000/750) or 500/300/100 PAIRS (NLMs only)

**...REST OF TOURNAMENT AT ELKS LODGE...**

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I/N (500/300/100) PAIRS .....7:30 p.m.

### SATURDAY, OCTOBER 25

STRATAFLIGHTED A/X (3000+/3000) or B/C (2000/750) PAIRS 9:30 a.m.

I/N (500/300/100), 49ER (50/20) or NEWCOMER (0-5) PAIRS .9:30 a.m.

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I/N (500/300/100) or 49ER (50/20/5) PAIRS .....2 p.m.

STRATIFIED OPEN (2000+/2000/750) or I/N (500/300/100) PAIRS 7:30 p.m.

### SUNDAY, OCTOBER 26

FLIGHTS A/X (5000+/5000) SWISS TEAMS .....11 a.m. & TBA

BRACKETED FLIGHT B TEAMS (no single player >2000) ...11 a.m. & TBA

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#### Bits & Pieces, cont. from p. 19...

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|----|-------|----------------------|
| 6  | 23.40 | .....William Zane    |
| 7  | 22.53 | .....Joy Oliver      |
| 8  | 21.49 | .....Jerry Miller    |
| 9  | 21.44 | .....William Goldman |
| 10 | 21.30 | .....Hadi Abushakra  |

#### WBL Members < 750 masterpoints

|    |       |                         |
|----|-------|-------------------------|
| 1  | 24.32 | .....Charles Dearolf    |
| 2  | 22.53 | .....Joy Oliver         |
| 3  | 20.60 | .....David Goldberg     |
| 4  | 20.53 | .....Terry Klein        |
| 5  | 19.39 | .....Forest Montgomery  |
|    | 19.39 | .....Blake Schwartzbach |
| 7  | 19.25 | .....James Davenport Jr |
|    | 19.25 | .....Elliot Grant       |
| 9  | 18.97 | .....Ann Seebboth       |
| 10 | 17.54 | .....Barry Tash         |

#### WBL Members < 300 masterpoints

|    |       |                         |
|----|-------|-------------------------|
| 1  | 24.32 | .....Charles Dearolf    |
| 2  | 20.53 | .....Terry Klein        |
| 3  | 19.39 | .....Blake Schwartzbach |
| 4  | 17.54 | .....Barry Tash         |
| 5  | 15.45 | .....Barbara Levine     |
|    | 15.45 | .....Neil Crane         |
| 7  | 15.36 | .....Richard Barth      |
| 8  | 15.32 | .....Michael Kuehl      |
| 9  | 15.21 | .....Javed Hashmi       |
| 10 | 15.19 | .....Alan Skvirsky      |

#### WBL Members < 100 masterpoints

|    |       |                         |
|----|-------|-------------------------|
| 1  | 19.39 | .....Blake Schwartzbach |
| 2  | 11.68 | .....Barbara Gifford    |
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| 4  | 9.09  | .....Ted Proxmire       |
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| 9  | 6.85  | .....Dave Marchal       |
| 10 | 6.67  | .....Bob Caplon         |

#### All Players Top 50

|   |        |                                |
|---|--------|--------------------------------|
| 1 | 111.31 | William Cole, Silver Spring MD |
|   | 111.31 | Steve Robinson, Arlington VA   |

|    |        |                                   |
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| 3  | 101.57 | Mark Shaw, Columbia MD            |
| 4  | 92.57  | Alan Sontag, Gaithersburg MD      |
| 5  | 91.69  | David Berkowitz, Boca Raton FL    |
| 6  | 90.19  | Pratap Rajadhyaksha, Venice FL    |
|    | 90.19  | Michal Kwiecien, Lublin 20-732    |
|    | 90.19  | Mark Gordon, Purchase NY          |
|    | 90.19  | Jacek Pszczola, Chapel Hill NC    |
| 10 | 89.39  | Lyle Poe Jr, Ellicott City MD     |
| 11 | 81.68  | Peter Boyd, Darnestown MD         |
| 12 | 80.42  | Stan Tulin, Boca Raton FL         |
|    | 80.42  | Michael Kamil, Santa Clara CA     |
| 14 | 76.70  | Brad Theurer, Gaithersburg MD     |
| 15 | 74.29  | Gary Cohler, Miami FL             |
|    | 74.29  | Billy Cohen, Sherman Oaks CA      |
| 17 | 71.07  | Robert Hopkins Jr, Arlington VA   |
| 18 | 66.93  | Barry Falgout, Silver Spring MD   |
| 19 | 66.09  | Vincent Demuy, Palm Beach G FL    |
|    | 66.09  | Russell Ekeblad, Portsmouth RI    |
| 21 | 65.37  | Dennis McGarry, Stuart FL         |
| 22 | 64.26  | John Adams, Silver Spring MD      |
| 23 | 63.91  | Robert Bell, Washington DC        |
| 24 | 63.74  | Mike Levine, Pinckney MI          |
| 25 | 62.79  | Joan Lewis, Arlington VA          |
| 26 | 59.10  | Lou Reich, Wheaton MD             |
|    | 59.10  | Jeffrey Juster, New Orleans LA    |
| 28 | 58.87  | Donna Rogall, Silver Spring MD    |
| 29 | 57.36  | Pamela Granovetter, Cincinnati OH |
|    | 57.36  | Matt Granovetter, Cincinnati OH   |
| 31 | 57.36  | Kevin Dwyer, Melbourne FL         |
| 32 | 56.06  | Richard Wegman, Bethesda MD       |
| 33 | 55.46  | Jose Cortina, Oakhill VA          |
| 34 | 54.28  | Linda McGarry, Stuart FL          |
| 35 | 53.07  | Fred King, Falls Church VA        |
| 36 | 53.04  | Kimberly Whipple, Boca Grande FL  |
| 37 | 48.25  | William Pettis, Silver Spring MD  |
| 38 | 47.07  | Steven Schatzow, Washington DC    |
| 39 | 45.81  | Mohsin Chandna, Washington DC     |
| 40 | 45.70  | Jay Whipple III, Boca Grande FL   |
| 41 | 44.05  | Linda Marshall, Bethesda MD       |
| 42 | 43.82  | Beth Palmer, Chevy Chase MD       |
| 43 | 43.60  | Steve Bunning, Vienna VA          |
| 44 | 43.57  | Ai-Tai Lo, Reston VA              |
| 45 | 42.15  | Alan Schwartz, Fairfax VA         |
| 46 | 41.35  | Ruth Potter, Bethesda MD          |
|    | 41.35  | Jeff Roman, Bend OR               |
| 48 | 40.35  | Alfred Duncker, Gaithersburg MD   |
| 49 | 39.86  | Amanda Carter, Arlington VA       |
| 50 | 39.04  | Clyde Kruskal, Hyattsville MD     |

## THE GADGET-MATIST

by Barry Bragin, gadgetmatist@gmail.com

The grandkids squabbling awoke the Gadgetmatist from a well-deserved nap. "It was just bad luck," said Owen. "There was nothing we could do about it. Others had the same auction and result so we got an average minus."

"But there should be a way to avoid 3NT when the opponents can rattle of the first six tricks," countered Celia. "Grandpa, please help us. I held ♠x ♥KQTxx ♦Jxxx ♣AJx. When Owen opened 1NT, I transferred to hearts and then bid 3NT. He held ♠JTx ♥Ax ♦KQxx ♣KQxx and had no trouble taking the last seven tricks after the opponents had us down two. He says it's just bad luck that he didn't have ♠KQTx ♥Ax ♦KQxx ♣Qxx and we'd have been fine. Isn't there something we can do besides hope for the right hand?"

"Well, if you are willing to give up one sequence that rarely comes up, there is an excellent treatment to handle 5431 shapes with five hearts and a four card minor. It was first published by Al Roth in *Bridge Today* in 1990 and comes up often enough to be worth the effort. It makes use of the sequence 1NT-2♦-2♥-2♠. Many partnerships use this to show an invitational hand with five hearts and four spades. But that is a very small target that can be handled fairly well by using Stayman and raising if a fit is discovered or, if partner responds 2♦, settling for 2♥ in matchpoints or using Smolen if vulnerable at IMPs. Having freed up that transfer-then-2♠ sequence allows you to avoid the disaster that you described. Here are the follow-ups."

1NT-2♦-2♥-2♠ relays to 2NT. Responder then bids 3♣ with a singleton club (3541 shape), 3♦ with a singleton diamond (3514 shape), 3♥ with a singleton spade (1543 or 1534 shape), and 3♠ with 0544 pattern – one that is very hard to show without special tools. Equipped with this knowledge, opener

can decide whether 3NT is a good gamble or a hopeless cause. With the actual hands that you held the auction would have started 1NT-2♦-2♥-2♠\*-2NT\*-3♥\*-4♣ responder now bids either 4♦ or, with a very strong five-card heart suit, 4♥. Either way, you end up in a better spot than 3NT. (\* = alert)

Another advantage to this treatment is when the auction starts 1NT-2♦-2♥-3m you guarantee five cards in that minor. This can be very useful in slam bidding.

It's true that you give away information to the opponents that might help them get off to the best lead, but since that is probably their long suit anyway, it's not likely to hurt. In the long run it will be a big winner.

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

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# NLM MASTER POINTERS

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## NEGATIVE DOUBLES PART 1

A primary goal of bidding is to find a major suit contract and bidding systems are structured around finding eight card major suit fits. These sequences are common:

1♥ – P – 2♥ – P

1♦ – P – 1♥ – P

4♥ – P – P – P

2♥ – P – P – P

Bidding is simpler when the opponents are silent. But since every player has a right and a duty to bid his cards, the opening side must be able to handle the opponent's interference or risk either getting shut out of the auction or missing the best contract.

In competitive auctions, where Opener bids one of a minor and the opponent interferes with a suit overcall, the Responder frequently has values and at least one four card major, but no clear bid. Responder usually needs five cards to bid a new suit; he also needs 11+ HCP to bid a new suit at the two level. (Note: Many players bid a new suit with 10+ HCP. We recommend 11+ HCP and will use that range throughout this book. Make sure you and your partner are in agreement.)

Responder may lack sufficient length or strength to bid a new suit, but may have too many points to pass or may not have the right cards to bid NoTrump. The opening side does not want to lose its major suit fit just because the opponents have complicated the auction.

Once the opponent makes a suit overcall, Responder holding more than a minimum must accomplish all of the following: 1) convey his major suit length; 2) show that he has at least competitive values; and 3) help his side compete for the game or part score. The

lack of a good bid to handle the suit overcall, coupled with the infrequent use of low level penalty doubles, gave rise to the concept of the Negative Double.

The Negative Double is a bid used by Responder after his partner has opened and his Right Hand Opponent (RHO) has made a suit overcall. The negative double shows at least four cards in the unbid major(s). The rest of Responder's hand can take many different shapes, which are detailed below. Think of the negative double as a form of takeout double made by the Responder with the emphasis on showing the unbid major.

The following auction provides a simple example of the negative double:

|                |            |                  |
|----------------|------------|------------------|
| <u>Partner</u> | <u>Opp</u> | <u>Responder</u> |
| 1♦             | 1♠         | ?                |

Holding ♠xxx ♥KJxx ♦Qxxx ♣Kx, Responder would have bid 1♥ if opponent had passed. Since 1H is no longer available, the overcall leaves Responder no clear suit bid. Consider the possible bids that Responder might make and note how each bid is flawed:

- 1) Pass – Responder cannot pass with this much strength. The opening side has more than half the deck and needs to compete for the part score or push the opposition to a higher level.
- 2) INT – Even where Responder is balanced, INT is not the best bid with no spade stopper. Even if he had a spade stopper, (change the hand to ♠Kxx ♥KJxx ♦Qxxx ♣xx) Responder should still refrain from bidding INT because he should not waste the chance to show four hearts.
- 3) 2♦ – When Responder holds four diamonds, he could support partner right

away. The problem with bidding 2♦, however, is that the partnership would likely lose the chance to find a 4-4 heart fit. When opener has a minimum hand, such as xx ♥AQxx ♦Axxx/Kxx, he will not be able to bid again, and the heart fit will be lost.

- 4) 2♥ – Responder cannot bid 2♥ because he does not have five cards in the suit. Change a small diamond to a small heart, so that Responder now holds ♠xxx ♥KJxxx ♦Qxx ♣Kx, and the hand still lacks the required 11+ HCP, even with five hearts. Remember that Responder cannot introduce a new suit at the two level unless his hand meets both the length and strength requirements.

The Negative Double solves Responder's bidding dilemma and provides the best description of his hand. The negative double promises four cards in the unbid major and enough HCP to get into the auction. That is precisely what Responder has – four hearts and 9 HCP.

In addition to holding four hearts, Responder may also have support for the other unbid suit and/or support for Opener's minor. Responder might also have four hearts and strength in spades. Again using the 1♦ – 1♠ auction, a negative double would be the proper bid holding a variety of hands such as:

- a. ♠xx ♥AJxx ♦Qxxx ♣Jxx (four hearts and four of Opener's minor)
- b. ♠xx ♥KQxx ♦Qxx ♣Kxxx (four hearts and four of the other unbid suit)
- c. ♠x ♥KJxx ♦Jxxx ♣Qxxx (four hearts, four of Opener's suit and four of the other unbid suit)
- d. ♠xxx ♥ATxx ♦Kxxx ♣Qx (four hearts and doubleton in the unbid suit)
- e. ♠AQxx ♥Axxx ♦Jxx ♣xx (four hearts and spades well stopped)

Next month, we'll continue our look at negative doubles. Until then, if you have questions, feel free to contact us at [ron@motherzucker.com](mailto:ron@motherzucker.com) or [ShStringer@aol.com](mailto:ShStringer@aol.com). Have fun, and we'll see you at the table!

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# WBL SOLVERS' CLUB'S NEW PROBLEMS

## 1) IMPs, None Vulnerable

♠ K54♥♦ A98654♣ 10632

| SOUTH | WEST | NORTH | EAST |
|-------|------|-------|------|
| Pass  | Pass | Dbl   | 1♥   |
| ????? |      |       | 2♥   |

## 2) IMPs, None Vulnerable

♠ 9♥A♦ AQ109864♣ A743

| SOUTH | WEST | NORTH | EAST |
|-------|------|-------|------|
| 1♦    | Pass | 1♠    | Pass |
| ????? |      |       |      |

## 3) IMPs, They're Vulnerable

♠ AQ9753♥984♦AKJ10♣-

| SOUTH | WEST | NORTH | EAST |
|-------|------|-------|------|
| ????? | 1♣   | 1♥    | Pass |

## 4) IMPs, They're Vulnerable

♠ K107654♥K10543♦2♣3

| SOUTH | WEST | NORTH | EAST |
|-------|------|-------|------|
| ????? |      | 1♠    | 2NT  |

## 5) IMPs, You're Vulnerable

♠ A32♥AK765♦J♣A654

| SOUTH | WEST | NORTH | EAST |
|-------|------|-------|------|
| 3♥    | 3♠   | 4♦    | 2♠   |
| ????? |      |       | Pass |

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