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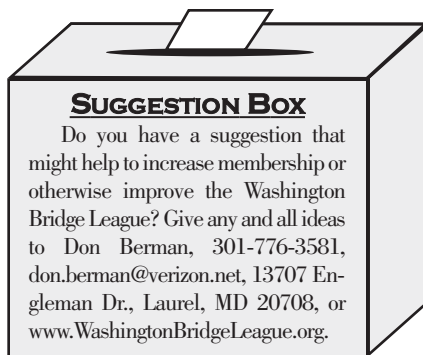
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PRESIDENT'S LETTER

by WBL President, Don Berman

I am writing this just after our recent Sectional. Thank you all for supporting our tournaments. I have secured the Kensington Town Center for the next six Sectionals, the remaining two this year and all four next year. I am looking forward to seeing many of you there. Don't forget the 4th of July Regional being held this year in Reston and hosted by our friends in Virginia. I urge you all to support it.

Now for some not so good news. Our treasurer has released his annual financial report and the news is not good. We have lost money for the past two years. Both Ohr Kodesh and Kensington have raised the rent at those facilities. Therefore, your Board of Directors has voted to increase the fees at all events. Begin-

ning after the 4th of July Regional, the Unit Game rate will be \$8 for regular games and \$10 for special games. The Sectional rate will be \$10 per session for all events. All in all, however, playing bridge is still a bargain.

It is my opinion that the vast majority of our players, not only play well, but treat their fellow players with respect. Having said that there is a lingering perception among the Flight B and below that there is an intimidation factor when they play against the "A" players. Therefore, it is important that we all maintain a "professional" demeanor at the table at all times and go overboard to make others feel respected and not demeaned in any way. I ask you all for your cooperation. *Thank you.*

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If you'd like to stop receiving the printed version of the WBL Bulletin, please send your e-mail address to Don Berman at don.berman@verizon.net. Once enough names have been collected to start lowering the number of copies we print, you will start receiving an e-mail link to the on-line version of the bulletin in lieu of your printed copy.

BITS AND PIECES

2010-2011 WBL/NVBA PLAYER OF THE YEAR FINAL STANDINGS

To be eligible, a player: (1) Must be a member (or pending member) of either the NVBA or the WBL; (2) Must attend at least three WBL and three NVBA sectionals during the contest period (August, 2010 through June, 2011). Points won on Tournament Thursday evenings are included in the totals, but do not count towards eligibility; (3) Must be a member in good standing of the ACBL and a local affiliate throughout the contest period and remain so through the award presentation.

Awards: Two trophies will be awarded.

Standings: Here are the final standings after seven sectionals. The asterisk* indicates that the player has met eligibility requirements.

Open Winners		
Player		Points
1 Steven Schatzow	...	184.75 *
2 Mark Shaw	...	116.37 *
3 John Miller	...	96.29 *
4 Kenneth Davis	...	93.51 *
5 Brad Theurer	...	87.20 *
6 Robert Hopkins	...	85.58 *
7 Peter Boyd	...	85.54 *
8 Jay Kelkar	...	85.08 *
9 Steve Robinson	...	84.99 *
10 Eugene Kales	...	84.22 *
11 Clyde Kruskal	...	81.89 *
12 William Cole	...	81.51 *
13 Linda Marshall	...	80.74 *
14 Diane Walker	...	75.30 *
15 Martin Graf	...	73.47 *
16 Helene Bauman	...	72.95 *
17 Robert Bell	...	72.71 *
18 Earl Glickstein	...	70.69 *
19 Alfred Duncker	...	69.81 *
20 Barry Bragin	...	69.35

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SILVER SPRING, MD: AUGUST 11-14, 2011

Take a Summer Holiday in the Potomac Valley!



66th Annual Potomac Valley Tournament

THURSDAY, AUGUST 11

- ♣ Stratified Open Pairs (unlim/1500/500) 11:15am
Rockville Duplicate Bridge Club, 301-503-3348 (Mark Lavine) **NO ENTRY TILL 11AM**
St. James Episcopal Church, 11815 Seven Locks Rd., Rockville
- ♦ StrataFlighted Open Pairs (A/X unlim/3000, B/C/D Separate 1500/1000/500) (both sites); Stratified NLM Pairs (NLM/100/50) & 0-20 Pairs (Ohr Kodesh Congregation only); Stratified 199er Pairs (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. South. 4th light left E-W Hwy 410. Left Meadowbrook Ln. 1st left Freyman Dr. Parking lot on left. No outside food allowed.

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FRIDAY, AUGUST 12

- ♣ StrataFlighted A/X (unlim/3000) & B/C/D Pairs (1500/1000/500) 10:00am, 2:00pm
- ♦ **Barometer Pairs** StrataFlighted A/X (unlim/3000) & B/C/D (1500/1000/500) 7:30pm
Check your matchpoint barometer every round! Friday nights are your chance to try a different form of the game. Everyone plays the same boards at the same time. (Time will be added to check scores.)
- ♥ Intermediate/Novice Pairs (300/200/100/50/20) (single sessions) 10:00am, 2:00pm, 7:30pm

SATURDAY, AUGUST 13

- ♦ **8th Annual: Washington Bridge League Trophy Pairs** 11:00am & 4:00pm
Two session Open Pairs, qualifying and final. Single session entries available.
- ♥ StrataFlighted B/C/D Pairs (1500/1000/500) (single sessions) 11:00am, 4:00pm
- ♠ StrataFlighted A/X Pairs (unlim/3000) 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** 2:30pm

SUNDAY, AUGUST 14

- ♣ **1-Day Bridge Class:** 2 sections: *Start to Play* or *Advance Your Game* 10:30am
- ♦ A/X Board-A-Match Teams, (unlim/5000, 2 session playthru w/short break) 11:00am & TBA
- ♥ B/C/D Swiss Teams, VPs (2500/1000/500, 7 round playthru w/short break) 11:00am & TBA
- ♠ 300/100/50 Swiss Teams, VPs (single sessions) 11:00am, 3:00pm

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Sunday, September 11 (All day playthrough with lunch break)

Stratified Swiss Teams (500/200/100)11:00 am

-Join us for a fun weekend!-

TOURNAMENT CHAIR

Shawn Stringer

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

NonLM Winners

Player	Points
1 Fred Gramlich	33.11 *
2 James Raber	31.04
3 Gabriel Cornett	26.62 *
4 Phillip Tseng	25.54 *
5 Thomas Jennings	25.32
6 Daniel Falk	25.29 *
7 Larry Wallace	24.86 *
8 Ernie Schuler	24.55 *
9 Eldon Compton	22.34
10 Norman Mitchell	21.84
11 Stephen Colevas	21.31 *
12 Eleanor Schwartz	21.11 *
13 Michelle Zygielbaum	20.26
14 Albert Stolpe	19.08 *
15 Kimberly Ferguson	18.61
16 Marc Weiner	18.28
17 Virginia Gibbons	18.20
18 David Montague	17.92
19 Larry Taylor	17.76
20 Richard Levin	17.70

NEW TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR

Congratulations to our Unit Game Chief Director, **Chris Miller**. He has been promoted

by the ACBL from Associate Tournament Director rank to Tournament Director.

WELCOME TO THE WASHINGTON BRIDGE LEAGUE

The WBL welcomes the following new ACBL members: **Kate M Baldwin, Stephen E Baldwin, Rita L Bell, Ms Polly Choate, James A Ferraro, Mr James R Haynes, Ms Shil Hwang, Allan S Kamara, Dr Carol A Kamara, David Karsten, Stephanie Karsten, Mr Bruno J Mauprivez, JMichael McGarry, Mrs Abigail B Murton, David C Benson, Jill I Benson, Ms Sheila B Blum, Dr Cassi L Fields, Manjulika Ghosh, Charles N Graham, Ms Ellen B Nathan, Mr Sahil Popli, and Mrs Patricia L Whiteside.**

In addition, we welcome the following transfers from other units: **Ms Barbara A Barnes, Fredi A Fries, Mrs Cornelia A Fry, Mr Maurice M Greenman, Mrs Dorothy Guttman, Mr Newman Guttman, Ms Nancy S Macinnis, Mrs Ruth B McHenry, Mr Mel Schloss, Barbara J Steed, William S Steed, Mr Alex Stouck, Mr A J Veasey, Mrs Charlotte Zaret, Mrs Sonny F Adelson, Mary C Boynton, Mr Larry G Carswell, Mr Calvin H Cobb Jr, Mr John Flynn, Nancy R Harris, Mr Nor-**

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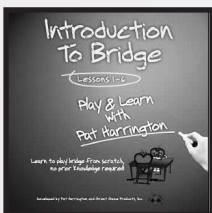
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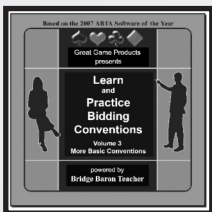
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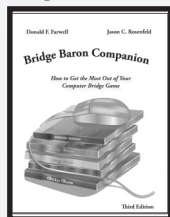


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WBL SOLVERS' CLUB

Moderated by Steve Robinson

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Congratulations to **Frank Daringer** who came in first with a score of 480. He wins a free entry to the Unit Game, and will be invited to be on a future panel. Second was **Mike Richey** with a score of 470. Tied for third were **Robert Henry, Noble Shore, Kathy Paramore, Ram Sarangan, Ann Lindley, Randall Holden, Jim Stormes** and **Arnie Frankel** with a score of 460. Tied for eleventh were **Kees Schaafma, Radim Sari, Edgar Bowers, Mike Kovacich, TS Pearlman, Steve Chaplin, Prahalad Rajkumar, John Flynn, Art Hayes, Loren Lamasky, Bob Pustilnik, Charles Soule, Jim Wade, Gerald Lerner, Mark Gospodnetic** and **Terry Jones** with a score of 450. Tied for twenty-seventh were **William Adams, Rich Uhrig, Nikola Teholakov Yi Zhong, Ann Ingram, Zhych Bednarek, Mike Frosch, Jerry Pruzan, Frank Guido, Buck Rogers, Peter Quist, Linda Smith, Nigel Guthrie, Dave Smith, Chongmin Zhang, Lex Poot, Michael Ford, Jon Siegel, Diane Keipper, Mark Chen, Barbara Summers, David Walker, Barbara Israel, Ted Ying, Elgin Burrows, Jeff Hepner** and **Bob Levey** with a score of 440. The average score of the 270 solvers was 385. The average score of the experts was 433.

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

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

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

The book *Washington Standard* second edition is out. If you are a serious bridge player, this book is a must. You can purchase a copy from Steve for \$25.00 whenever you see him or can send him a check for \$29.95 that includes \$4.95 for priority mail.

1) IMPs, You're Vulnerable

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SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
???	???	???	1♣

Action	Score	Votes	Solvers
Double	100	13	235
1♥	80	1	7
Pass	80	1	2
3NT	70	0	4
1NT	60	0	2
2♣	60	0	6
2NT	20	0	13
4NT	20	0	1

When do you make a take-out double with shortness in an unbid major? I try to avoid it at all cost, if there is any reasonable alternative. The good news is that you have a doubleton spade so if partner insists on playing in spades, he won't be completely disappointed. I would overcall 1♥. If I buy it for 1♥, I'll probably make it even if partner is void. If partner does something which shows values I'll force to game. If partner holds ♠xxxx♥xxx♦xxx♣xxx, I'd rather play 1♥ rather than 1NT. If partner holds ♠xxx♥xxx♦xxxx♣xxx I'd rather play in 1♥ rather than 3 or 4♥. If the opponents compete, maybe they'll get too high and I can teach them a lesson.

Thirteen experts make a takeout double. Eight experts plan to jump to 2NT over the expected 1♠ response. If a 1NT overcall

shows 15-18 HCP, then double followed by 1NT shows 19-21 HCP. A jump to 2NT shows 22-23 and would be an overbid on this hand.

Parker: “Double—And then bid 2NT over expected spade response.”

Adams: “Double—I overcall heavy, but not this heavy. If partner leaps in spades, we will be OK. More likely I will get a 1♠ call, and get to jump to 2NT.”

Birdsall: “Double—Then jump in notrump shows this hand. No need to be a hero now when there are still four more boards to go.”

Settle: “Double—I chose to double treating the hand as stronger than a 1NT overcall. This may work badly with two small spades. But I’m not comfortable with a 1♥ overcall, which seems to be the only other logical choice. After 1♠ by partner I think at IMPs I must try 2NT. At least the other table has the same problem and I can hope my choice is best. If partner responds 1♥ I will cue bid 2♣ and then raise to only 3♥ to cover the possible lack of a fit.”

Woolsey: “Double—I’m not happy about doubling with a doubleton spade, but doubling and then jumping in notrump over the expected spade response is the only way I can describe this strength. If partner insists on spades, maybe that will be right. And on a good day, partner bids hearts.”

Landen: “Double—What else? The problem is likely to come on the next round. I’ll jump to 2NT if possible.”

Cappelletti: “Double—Then 2NT over expected 1♠ and who knows partner might even bid hearts.”

King: “Double—To be followed up by a jump in notrump. It is not best to double without three spades, but this is the only way I know of to show a balanced hand of this strength.”

Five experts plan on rebidding the cheapest notrump over partner’s expected spade response.

Sontag: “Double—Automatic. No second choice.”

Schwartz: “Double—Followed by notrump. Partner should be aware that I could have a doubleton spade for this action. I’m too strong for 1NT and no reason to risk 3NT overcall.”

Gill: “Double—Yeah, yeah I’m supposed to have three spades. Sorry partner, hopefully these two extra aces I’m putting down will begin to salvage the shattered remains of our partnership trust.”

Hopkins: “Double—And hope to be able to bid the appropriate notrump at my next

turn. I have an agreement the 3♠ or 4♠ in response shows a long suit and distributional (not that many HCP) so I should be OK if partner makes either of these responses.”

If partner jumps to 3♠, he’s showing a six-card suit with a preemptive type hand. ♠QJ10xxx♥xxx♦Kx♣xx is a 3♠ jump in response to a takeout double.

Roman: “Double—If I was playing against someone I knew would never pass 1♣, I would pass, but my hand is so strong that it is likely that if partner jumps to 4♠ it will be because he really has the suit.”

One expert passes. If the opponents bid spades, he can double to show a takeout double of spades.

Lawrence: “Pass—I desperately want to bid, but with only seven points available for West and North, any contract looks bad. If you double and bid 1NT over the expected 1♠, South will have a hard time making seven tricks. Pass might find E-W in a seven-card Club fit if they do not find Spades and that may be a contract you can beat for your only positive score.”

Avoid making a takeout double when short in an unbid major if there is any alternative. One can overcall with very strong hands to avoid the short-major takeout double.

2) IMPs, They’re Vulnerable

♠643♥1053♦J642♣A82

<u>SOUTH</u>	<u>WEST</u>	<u>NORTH</u>	<u>EAST</u>
Pass	Pass	Dbl	Pass
????			
<u>Action</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Votes</u>	<u>Solvers</u>
1♥	100	7	130
2♣	90	4	14
1♠	70	0	1
1NT	60	3	109
Pass	20	0	13
2♦	20	0	3

Partner made a takeout double and you don’t have what he wants which is a four-card major. From the opponent’s passes, it feels like partner has a good hand. The last thing you want to do is to encourage partner by bidding a three-card major. There is no bid which correctly describes this hand but there are three bids which are close. You could bid a three-card major. If you bid 1♥ and partner has four hearts, he’ll insist on playing in hearts. You could bid 1NT. However 1NT shows a very good seven to a bad eleven. Your third choice is to bid 2♣. If you bid 2♣, a minor, partner will look for other strains.

Who wants to play in a minor? If he has five spades and four hearts, he’ll bid spades now and you’ll find your eight-card fit. If he has a strong balanced hand, he’ll bid notrump which is probably best played from his side.

Three experts respond 1NT to partner’s takeout double. 1NT shows a good seven to a bad eleven. If partner has a diamond honor, notrump probably is best played from his side. Suppose he has Kx of diamonds.

Parker: “1NT—Hate to bid three-card majors and this shows some values which I have. Anything partner does next will be based on knowing I have some values.”

Five HCP are not values in this action. **Woolsey:** “1NT—Better to tell a little lie about strength than a big lie about shape. If we do have a game, it is most likely in notrump.”

Hopkins: “1NT—I always end up going down in four when I bid a three-card Major in situations such as this. I am going to lie slightly about my range and hope partner has a sense of humor.”

Three experts join me and make a non-encouraging 2♣ bid.

Adams: “2♣—At least you gave us an honor in clubs. Next month you will swap the Club ace and Spade three and watch us really suffer. 2♣ has a lot of advantages on the actual hand. Lead direction is a small factor, the bigger one is that partner will steer toward notrump with a big hand, rather than four-of-major if I respond 1♥. 2♣ might push the board when partner doubled on a 4-4-3-2 12 count. I will play to take six tricks for -100 against the 90 they get the other direction for making 2♣ on their 4-4.”

Schwartz: “2♣—Have a comfortable 2NT bid over a cue bid. Partner is unlikely to push past 3NT even with great club support. Too weak for 1NT and one-of-a-major is more likely to get partner excited.”

Lawrence: “2♣—Too weak to pass and 1NT would suggest better values. 2♣ is the most honest bid, a good one to make! Just hope we’re not 3-3!”

Seven experts bid a three-card major.

Birdsall: “1♥—1NT shows a better hand than this. If the double was in direct seat I’d prefer 2♣ as it’s less likely to get raised too high. But the silence of the opponents in this auction suggests that partner will be bidding again with a good hand, and the auction should be more comfortable one level lower after a one-of-a-major response. 1♥ seems slightly better than 1♠ in case partner next

bids the other major.”

Settle: “1♥—While a balancing double it is still for takeout, I make the cheapest call in one of my suits. 1NT is an overbid.”

Gill: “1♥—1NT is an overbid by a king, and wrong-sides notrump if partner has a diamond honor. I would generally prefer to bid a minor on three, but 2♣ will frequently lead to a bad partscore if partner has balanced 16-18, and possibly other times as well if he is 4-4-2-3. Yes, it would be bad if partner raised 1♥ to four, but I do have an ace so I can probably keep from vomiting on the table if he does.”

Cappelletti: “1♥—At IMPs avoid disasters. At matchpoints I would bid 1NT which might get doubled.”

Bidding a three-card major is not the way to avoid a disaster. Picture partner holding ♠AKQJx♥xxxx♦A♣KQx. Over 1♥ he’ll bid 4♥ which will probably go down if hearts are 4-2. Notice that you have nine tricks in 3NT. If you bid 2♣, he’ll try for other strains.

Landen: “1♥—Nothing good to say about this bid, but 1NT shows more values than I have.”

Doesn’t 1♥ show more hearts than you have?

Roman: “1♥—Yes, even though I know that’s not Stevie’s bid. 1NT is out, and 2♣ forces partner to bid 2NT if what he has is a double-and-then-bid-notrump hand. The best continuation for me is for partner to bid 1♠ or 1NT. If he stuffs me into three or 4♥ well at least I have an ace.”

King: “1♥—Which three-card suit to bid? I choose the cheapest one as I am not strong enough to bid 1NT.”

Avoid bidding a three-card major at all costs.

3) Matchpoints, None Vulnerable

♠A♥J864♦AJ873♣A63

<u>SOUTH</u>	<u>WEST</u>	<u>NORTH</u>	<u>EAST</u>
1♦	Pass	1♠	Pass
1NT	Pass	3♦*	Pass
????			
<u>Action</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Votes</u>	<u>Solvers</u>
4♣	100	5	19
4♥	90	1	0
3♥	80	4	18
3NT	70	2	144
5♦	60	1	35
Pass	60	1	43
4♦	60	0	8
4NT	20	0	3

*Nat Invitational

Partner has made an invitational diamond bid. He could have ♠KQxx♥xxx♦KQxxx♣x where 3NT is the winning contract. You have

three top losers in 5♦. He could have ♠xxxx♥x♦KQxxx♣KQx where 6♦ is a great contract. He could be 4-2-5-2 or even 4-2-4-3.

Three experts join me and bid 3♥. All bids below 3NT are attempts to get to 3NT unless we have a known major-suit fit. Opposite ♠Kxxx♥Qx♦Kxxxx♣Kx, you make 5♦, but with a heart lead you make 4NT. The problem with 3♥ is that if partner has a singleton heart, he might wrongly expect you to have heart values. The good news is that if you get to 3NT West, who didn't overcall 1♥, will on lead. Maybe he has three hearts and five clubs or maybe they will be 4-4.

Parker: "3♥—Too many controls to pass. Assume partner has a real minimum with,

♠Qxxx♥Ax♦Kxxxx♣xx and we still make 5♦. I must make some try. Maybe just bidding 5♦ is best. He could also have the spade King and we make 3NT too, but still make 5♦. Any time he has five diamonds then he can only have two hearts and or two clubs."

Landen: "3♥—Too good a hand to pass, 5♦ could easily be best. Let's see what partner has to say."

King: "3♥—If partner has short hearts we belong in 5♦, but if he has a stopper there, then 3NT is best."

One expert makes a good point. If either 5♦ or 3NT or both can't make then any plus score will beat all those pairs that get to an unmakeable game.

Settle: "Pass—If partner had invited with 2NT, I would bid 3NT. But 3♦ which shows the diamond fit, implies to me concern about the unbid suits. If partner is concerned then so am I. In matchpoints I chose to pass as game might be no more than 50% and 3♦ rates to be a plus score."

Two experts bid 3NT. 3NT could easily make especially if the opponents make an inferior lead.

Cappelletti: "3NT—I could easily have nine tricks opposite many ten point hands."

Roman: "3NT—It would be nice to know a little more about our methods here. Specifically, are we playing two-way checkback, where 2♣ by partner would be a puppet to 2♦, and have we discussed the difference between jumping to 3♦ and bidding 2♣ - 2♦ - 3♦...but on balance I have something like a stopper in both unbid suits, three aces, a five-card suit, and we seem to have notrump right-sided."

Five experts bid 4♣. Since we could still play in 4♦, 4♣ is a game try. Over 3♦, there are only three game tries Opener can make,

3♥, 4♣ and 4♦. 3♠ would show three spades so that is out as a game try on this hand. 4♣ shows club values and denies heart values.

Adams: "4♣—We could have slam opposite a sub minimum if I find shortness and little or no spade wastage (♠xxxx♥x♦Kxxxx♣KQx or ♠xxxx♥KQx♦Kxxxx♣x) = 12 easy tricks. Note I do not care where the shortness is. Tempting to try 5♣, to alert partner directly that this is about slam, not game, but torturing partner is nuts. I might do it playing with Steve just for fun. Even spade wastage with short hearts is slam ♠KQxx♥x♦Kxxxx♣xxx. 420 or 920 will beat all of the 400's in 3NT."

What about ♠KQxx♥xxx♦KQxxx♣x?
Sontag: "4♣—Slam still possible."

Schwartz: "4♣—I certainly have to accept game and with the unexpected distribution, will chance that five or even 6♦ is better than 3NT. Unfortunately 3♥ does not do the job with so little in the suit."

Woolsey: "4♣—I have a great hand for playing in diamonds and a terrible hand for notrump, so diamonds it is. I might as well cue bid to show partner I have something really spectacular. He will recognize this can only be a singleton spade, so with ♠xxxx♥Ax♦Kxxxx♣Kx he should be willing to bid slam."

Hopkins: "4♣—I am going to make a slam try. I expect partner has a distributional hand and I'm hoping for short Hearts. The perfect hand might be ♠Kxxxx♥x♦Kxxxx♣Kx, but I don't need that much for game."

The following expert does a Bluhmer. A Bluhmer is a jump in a suit which can't be natural. It denies having an honor in the suit. J765 of hearts for instance. However, some might think that 4♥ is RKC for diamonds but how can Opener, who limited his hand by bidding 1NT, bid RKC opposite an invitational hand? 4♥ is a slam try. I like this imaginative bid.

Birdsall: "4♥—Bluhmer. Clearly worth a slam try. My original worry was that this would tip the defense off on the lead. But I think it's quite likely that if partner has two hearts they might not go away on the wrong lead anyway. I'd bid 4♣ if I didn't think 4♥ would be understood."

Two experts jump to game without giving away any information.

Gill: "5♦—If I'm not going to shy away from 3NT with a fifth diamond, a singleton, a possibly unstopped suit, and no reasonable way to further investigate 3NT, then when will I? Partner can see its matchpoints and he still offered diamonds, so he's very likely to have a rounded

suit singleton. Slam could be cold, but partner won't know how to evaluate, and if 5♦ is right then we probably don't need to bid 6♦."

Partner doesn't promise a singleton for his 3♦ jump. Partner could have ♠Kxxx♥Qx♦Kxxxx♣Kx or even ♠KQxx♥xx♦KQxxx♣xx for his 3♦ jump.

Lawrence: "5♦—Inviting game in a minor suggests a solid distributional hand, maybe 4-1-5-3 or 4-0-5-4 and 11 HCP. It sounds like cross ruffs in the Majors on way to an 11 trick game. 3NT could make, but problems in both majors may be too many losers."

When in doubt make the cheapest bid.

4) IMPs, You're Vulnerable

♠943♥A2♦AKJ108♣AQ3

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
1♦	Pass	1♥	2♠
????*	*dbl=3-card ht support		
Action	Score	Votes	Solvers
3♠	100	8	100
Double	90	3	9
3♦	70	2	59
3♣	60	2	68
4♦	20	0	9
5♦	20	0	3
Pass	20	0	13
4♣	20	0	2
3♥	20	0	1
6♦	20	0	1
4♠	20	0	1
3NT	20	0	3
2NT	20	0	1

There's no bid which clearly shows this hand. We could bid 3♦, but that shows six diamonds and a bid we would clearly make if the ace of hearts was a small diamond. We could double but that shows three-card heart support and extra values. Playing support doubles at this level is not mandatory and is done only with extra values. We could cue bid but that is game forcing. I like the support double. If partner bids 3♦, I can pass. If partner bids 3♥, I can raise to four and it should be a playable contract. When in doubt make the cheapest bid unless the bid is completely mis-descriptive.

Two experts make a minimum bid. I would bid 3♦ holding ♠943♥2♦AKJ108♣AJ3 and the problem hand is not only much stronger, it only has five diamonds. Partner will pass 3♦ holding a singleton or void in diamonds with minimum HCP.

Parker: "3♦—If I bid 3♠ we may get too high if partner does not have a diamond fit.

This describes my hand pretty well and partner will bid 3NT with a spade stopper and some working values."

He'll pass 3♦ with ♠Ax♥QJ10xxx♦xx♣xxx and 4♥ is a decent contract.

Settle: "3♦—I bid 3♦ as the best lie about hand strength and suit length. Double to show three hearts based on Ax seems wrong to me as length felt more important than strength. My 3♦ is less flexible than double. But I think it is a better description of this hand. On the other hand if my promising diamond length gets me in trouble, then those are the breaks. FYI looking back on these answers this one has the biggest level of second guessing. But I am sticking with my original answer as I had the same concern then and would not want to change now."

Two experts agree with me and make a support double, putting a spade in with the hearts Double would be clear if your hand was ♠94♥A32♦AKJ108♣AQ3. This hand is not that much different. If partner can't play opposite three hearts, he'll make a descriptive bid. He'll bid notrump with a spade stopper which is what the 3♠ bidders want. If partner has four good spades, we could be playing 2♠ doubled.

Adams: "Double—Sorry, had a Spade in with my Hearts. Hate every other call more. With excellent hearts, even a 4-2 could be right, and partner will not try to play a 4-3 heart fit without good hearts. ♠xxx♥KQJ10♦Qx♣xxxx anyone?"

Hopkins: "Double—I am going to lie about my Heart length. After partner's next bid, I am going to ask for a Spade stopper, effectively offering a choice of 3NT or 4♥ after a 3♥ bid, 5♦ after a 3♦ bid, or 5♣ if partner introduces these at the three-level."

Two experts bid a three-card suit. If partner is 3514, could lead to some problems. At least they didn't introduce a three-card major. I would pass 3♣ if I held ♠xxxx♥KQJ10♦x♣xxx. I would rather lie about the third heart than the fourth club.

Sontag: "3♣—Ugly problem with no real solution."

The real solution is to make a support double.

Lawrence: "3♣—Says all the right things. It's forcing, denies three Hearts, denies a Spade stopper, and gets your information in before West bids 3 or 4♠. I can't miss the vulnerable game. Only other forcing option is 3♠ (Eastern) and now what do you do over North's 3NT."

This is not a situation for the Eastern cue bid since there is no forcing bid that is not needed as natural. 3♠ asks partner to do something intelligent and bidding 3NT with a spade stopper in an intelligent thing to do.

Eight experts cue bid. 3♠ is game forcing so if partner bids 4♦ you can't pass it. He has to be able to bid 4♦ with a very strong hand in order to set trumps. He'll bid 4♦ with ♠xxx ♥Kxxx ♦Qxxx ♣xx as well as ♠Ax ♥KQJx ♦Qxx ♣Kxxx. If you make a support double and partner bids 3♦, at least you'll know that you're not missing 7NT.

Schwartz: "3♠—Shows strong game force without heart support. Might be a little light but there are more problems with my second choice of 3♣."

Birdsall: "3♠—Sorely tempted to double, but I don't know if I'm being biased by my preference to play double as takeout rather than support. Despite double showing three hearts, it does get across the main features of my hand - extra values with no clear direction, and leaves plenty of space to find the right strain which 3♠ doesn't."

Woolsey: "3♠—This denies heart support, and asks for a spade stopper. Normally would be a longer diamond suit, but gotta play what we are dealt. Anything else looks way off the mark. It is worth risking getting too high to maximize the chances of finding the best strain."

Woolsey denies heart support and I show heart support. If I didn't know better, I'd think that we were looking at different hands.

Gill: "3♠—I must be missing the boat, this seems totally normal."

3♠ is normal but there is a better bid.

Cappelletti: "3♠—Slightly optimistic but most likely to get us to the right strain and there is no better bid."

Landen: "3♠—A slight overbid, but the non-directional game force improves our chances of reaching 3NT if partner can stop spades."

Roman: "3♠—The very important part of this hand is to recognize that when we put conventions on the card, we have to either be comfortable, presumably thru familiarity, with what happens when we have a hand which would've used the natural meaning of the bid, or we have to discuss it with partner. Here, the moment we decided to play support doubles to the three-level, we included the following hand-type into the cue bid. 18 or 19 balanced with no stopper in the enemy suit."

If double is not three-card heart support, then it's either ♠KJ10x ♥x ♦AKxx ♣Kxxx or ♠xx ♥Ax ♦AKxxx ♣AKxx depending on agreement.

King: "3♠—The ubiquitous cue bid when nothing else seems right."

Again, when in doubt make the cheapest bid.

5) Matchpoints, They're Vulnerable

♠84 ♥J973 ♦AK108752 ♣-

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
	2♠	Dbl	3♠
????			
Action	Score	Votes	Solvers
Double	100	6	23
5♦	80	5	75
4♥	70	3	104
4♦	60	1	56
Pass	40	0	3
6♦	40	0	3
5♥	40	0	3
4NT	40	0	1
4♠	20	0	2

Partner has made a takeout double of 3♠. When partner makes a takeout double he wants you to bid a major. How far do you go to satisfy partner's desires? If you have four cards in an unbid major and a longer minor, there is a way to show partner that you have only four of the major with another place to play. Responsive double shows two places to play. When there is only one unbid major, the Responsive double usually shows the minors. When there are two unbid majors, the Responsive double usually shows the majors. Notice I said usually. So if you double 3♠ and partner bids 4♣, you now bid 4♥ telling partner that you have only four hearts and you have another place to play. Partner is not supposed to pass 4♥ with only three. If it went 1♠- double- pass, you could bid 2♠ which also shows two places to play.

Five experts join me and double. If partner jumps to 5♣ showing extras, you can bid jump to 6♦ showing a good hand with four hearts and longer diamonds. Of course partner could have a spade stopper and bid 3NT.

Adams: "Double—And bid 4♥ over 4♣, or Diamonds over a higher number of Clubs."

Sontag: "Double—Hope partner doesn't convert. If he bids 4♣ I will try 4♦ and hope we get to hearts if it is the right spot."

Gill: "Double—This has the most ways to win. I'll avoid playing 4♥ in a seven-card fit, or 5♦ when I'm off three tricks and we have eight hearts. If partner does pass, he'll have two spades and we could still salvage the board by getting 200/500 on club ruffs."

Hopkins: "Double—Responsive, normally denying four Hearts. But, I can pull partner's

expected Club bid to Diamonds and partner should be able to work it out. And if we somehow end up in 3♣ doubled, I really hope partner leads a Club!"

Landen: "Double—Responsive double, and will convert 4♣ to 4♦, hoping to imply four hearts with longer diamonds."

Three experts bid 4♥. It could be scary playing in a weak eight-card heart fit. But scary is OK at matchpoints. Playing in a seven-card fit would really be scary and is the last thing you want to do. However, some 4-3 heart fits would play well. Opposite ♠x♥AKx ♦Qxxx ♣Axxxx, you play AK of hearts, run diamonds losing only two hearts and one spade for +420. In diamonds you have to lose one spade and one heart for +400.

Birdsall: "4♥—5♦ could easily work, e.g. if partner can raise, or it goes down less than 4♥. But if we have spade losers then I think 4♥ rates to win at matchpoints."

Cappelletti: "4♥—Clear at matchpoints. At IMPs it would be a tougher problem."

Lawrence: "4♥—Partner should have good values and shape to double 3♠. N/S could easily have six Hearts or six Diamonds. Double is tempting, but too risky. If partner bids 5♣ over 4♥, I'll respond 5♦ and he should have a good picture of this hand."

Five experts jump to 5♦. This is matchpoints and do you really want to be in 5♦ if partner has four hearts such as ♠xx♥AKxx ♦Qxxx ♣AQx? Even at IMPs, 4♥ is a great contract which figures to make. 5♦ goes down unless the queen of hearts is doubleton.

Woolsey: "5♦—The most likely game, and partner can guess to bid a slam with the

right cards. A 4-4 heart fit might not exist, and might be ugly to handle anyway."

4♥ would be ugly to play only if the opponents can stop you from running the diamonds. I would guess that the diamonds are good to go so the only problem would be drawing trumps in 4♥.

Settle: "5♦—I am bidding what I think I can make. I do not think 6♦ is a good gamble. I did not see a better way to describe the hand to partner."

Parker: "5♦—Hearts never with a seven-card suit. Partner can bid more if he has first or second round control of spades and a good hand."

Schwartz: "5♦—Can try 4♠ to try to get hearts in the picture, but with such a huge disparity of suits, will chance that diamonds plays better and gives partner a better idea of my hand."

King: "5♦—Even at matchpoints sometime you need to play five-of-a-minor when there is such a discrepancy between the suits."

One expert tries his best to get a plus score. Plus in 4♦ wins when 4♥ or 5♦ go down. However, if partner has four hearts, there is a very good chance that 4♥ will make. If I had to choose between playing in 4♥ or playing in 5♦, I would choose 4♦. However, there is a way to give partner a choice of red suits.

Roman: "4♦—Since the field is going to bid 4♥, I don't need to make game to win the board, I just need to either go plus or go down less than 4♥ will. If the opponents bid 4♠, I will bid 4NT and correct 5♣ to 5♦."

The responsive double is a flexible bid. Use it when you're not sure where you belong.

SOLVERS' SCORES

John Adams	Dbl	2♣	4♣	Dbl	Dbl	480
Gareth Birdsall	Dbl	1♥	4♥	3♠	4♥	460
Mike Cappelletti	Dbl	1♥	3NT	3♠	4♥	440
Mike Gill	Dbl	1♥	5♦	3♠	Dbl	460
Robbie Hopkins	Dbl	1NT	4♣	Dbl	Dbl	450
Fred King	Dbl	1♥	3♥	3♠	5♦	460
Steve Landen	Dbl	1♥	3♥	3♠	Dbl	480
Mike Lawrence	Pass	2♣	5♦	3♣	4♥	370
Steve Parker	Dbl	1NT	3♥	3♦	5♦	390
Jeff Roman	Dbl	1♥	3NT	3♠	4♦	430
Steve Robinson	1♥	2♣	3♥	Dbl	Dbl	440
Alan Schwartz	Dbl	2♣	4♣	3♠	5♦	470
Rex Settle	Dbl	1♥	Pass	3♦	5♦	410
Alan Sontag	Dbl	1♥	4♣	3♣	Dbl	440
Kit Woolsey	Dbl	1NT	4♣	3♠	5♦	440

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Lovenberg

1	82.05	Lloyd Rawley
2	76.05	Steven Schatzow
3	68.46	Clyde Kruskal
4	68.17	Brad Theurer
5	64.53	John Adams
6	53.16	David Ruderman
7	52.27	Michael Gill
8	51.82	William Cole
9	49.92	Andrew Gofreed
10	43.69	Noble Shore
11	42.40	Steve Robinson
12	41.01	Donna Rogall
13	40.61	James Geist
14	38.96	Michael Richey
15	36.78	H John Edmonds
16	36.78	Larry Kahn
17	36.09	Linda Marshall
18	35.92	Barry Bragin
19	35.71	Fred King
20	35.22	Peter Boyd
21	34.69	Donald Berman
22	34.53	Robert Bell
23	33.10	Merril Hirsh
24	31.50	Eugene Kales
25	30.87	Earl Glickstein

Izzy Cohen

1	38.97	Michael Richey
2	29.91	Daniel Koch
3	29.77	Hadi Abushakra
4	27.26	Howard Tash
5	27.26	Martin Reed
6	26.52	Larry Wallace
7	26.52	Daniel Falk
8	23.89	David Genne
9	22.17	Gabriel Cornett
10	22.12	John McCormick
11	21.93	William Goldman
12	20.59	Ronald Zucker
13	20.22	Alan Ferraro
14	19.73	Guillaume de Decker
15	19.47	Namik Haveric
16	19.47	Mirsad Mujezinovic

Tubbs

1	26.52	Larry Wallace
2	26.52	Daniel Falk
3	22.17	Gabriel Cornett
4	22.12	John McCormick
5	20.22	Alan Ferraro
6	19.73	Guillaume de Decker
7	19.47	Mirsad Mujezinovic
8	19.47	Namik Haveric
9	17.98	Loic Braune
10	17.65	Eldon Compton

Woolridge

1	12.53	Anil Hooda
2	9.89	Elizabeth Hester
3	8.61	Cheri Hayes
4	8.38	Lindsay Eakin
5	7.97	Peter Isard
6	7.97	Margaret Cooke
7	4.87	David Cissel
8	4.71	Mary Ourand
9	3.82	Michael Berens
10	3.34	Mahmoud Katirai
11	3.34	Shala Panbechi

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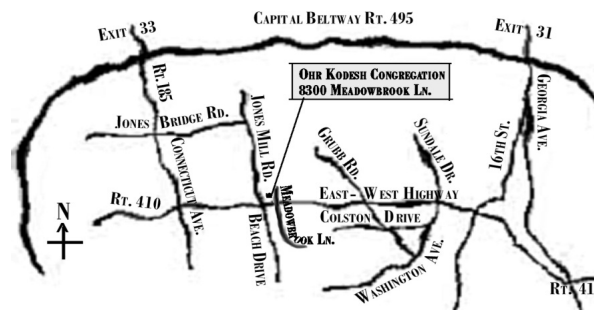
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 06/30/2011CLOSED — Reston Regional
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 07/14/2011StrataFlighted Unit Championship
 07/21/2011StrataFlighted Unit Championship
 07/28/2011StrataFlighted Unit Championship
 08/04/2011StrataFlighted North American Pairs
 08/11/2011WBL Sectional
 08/18/2011StrataFlighted Unit Championship
 08/25/2011StrataFlighted North American Pairs
 09/01/2011StrataFlighted Unit Championship
 09/08/2011StrataFlighted Unit Championship
 09/15/2011StrataFlighted Grand National Teams
 09/22/2011Stratified STaC Pairs
 09/29/2011NVBA Sectional
 10/06/2011StrataFlighted BAM Teams
 10/13/2011WBL Sectional
 10/20/2011NVBA Sectional
 10/27/2011StrataFlighted Appreciation Pairs
 11/03/2011StrataFlighted Grand National Teams

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 at least a day in advance, contact **Barbara Doran** by email at UnitGamePartner@DistrictSix.org or barbd@starpower.net, or call her at (301) 608-0347 between 9am and 10pm.

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

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

UNIT GAME CARPOOL AVAILABLE

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

THE UNIT GAME

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

NORTH AMERICAN PAIRS

June, July and August are the months that you can enter the North American Pairs. There will be five chances to qualify in the Unit games, plus games in other local clubs. Club qualification allows you to enter the District Final, and the three leading pairs in District 6 will get a subsidized trip to the 2012 Spring NABC in Memphis to compete in the national finals.

Competition is in three flights: NLM (with under 500 points), 0-2000, and Open. Anyone scoring over 50%, or finishing in the top half of their flight, can enter District Final. You qualify as an individual, not as a pair, and can play with anyone else who is eligible.

COMING SOON...

In the next few weeks we will be opening an "Ask-Me" desk before the game on the first Thursday of the month, where you can ask any questions about bridge. Watch this space ...

UPCOMING SECTIONALS

- ♥ August 11-14, 2011, Kensington, MD
- ♠ Sept. 29-Oct. 2, 2011, Fairfax, VA
- ♣ October 13-16, 2011, Kensington, MD
- ♦ October 20-23, 2011, Fairfax, VA
- ♥ January 5-8, 2012, Kensington, MD
- ♠ February 16-19, 2012, Fairfax, VA
- ♣ April 12-15, 2012, Kensington, MD
- ♦ April 26-29, 2012, Fairfax, VA
- ♥ August 2-5, 2012, Kensington, MD

UPCOMING DISTRICT SIX EVENTS

- ♠ Reston Regional June 28-July 4th 2011
- ♣ Hunt Valley Regional August 15-28 2011
- ♦ District Six NAP Sept 24-25 2011
- ♥ Bethesda Regional July 2-8 2012
- ♠ Cambridge, Maryland Regional Nov 11-18, 2013
—a new District Six Regional at a Resort Hotel
(across Bay Bridge 90 minutes from Washington area)

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,

Bits & Pieces, cont. from p. 5...

man G Kittrell, Mrs Betty Ann McGeehan, Ms Rebecca C Sekse, Mr Sholom M Shefferman, Mrs Cynthia B Sutton, and Mr Mike Sutton.

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.

MANY AND VARIED SORTS OF WAYS TO MAKE YOURSELF AND OTHERS HAPPY

One NVBA member has been doing it for years. Chas Fain found satisfaction volunteering at St Elizabeths Hospital playing bridge with the patients as part of St. E's patient recreational therapy in their monthly game for over 38 years. Chas not only played but set up the bank account, wrote monthly checks for refreshments and bridge supplies and submitted the annual statements to the ACBL, NVBA and the hospital. Playing mostly in local games Chas with over 800 master points got his gold

for life master at the same time as he became a bronze master and has gone on to get many more. Chas has moved to Florida to be near his daughter and is enjoying the duplicate there.

Over the years dozens and dozens of WBL members have joined us at the Hospital including Steve Robinson. However, at this time all our volunteers are from NVBA. WBL members Jerry Machlin, Jim Wood, and Charles Stenger were the ones who got us set up as a sanctioned ACBL club in 1973.

You could help by contacting Harris MacLay and going once a month to play at St. E's with patients. Harris organizes the game and would welcome your emailing him at hmaclay@yahoo.com. Or, contact Barbara Summers at 301-598-5838.

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GRAND NATIONAL TEAMS 2010-11 DISTRICT 6 WINNERS

Congratulations to the following teams who will represent District Six at the NABC in Toronto this summer:

Open Bracket: Steve Robinson - Peter Boyd - Beth Palmer - Bill Cole - Steve Landen - Bill Pettis. **0-5000 "A" Bracket:** Diane Walker - Kenton Schoen - Joe Trapani - Janet Robertson - Richard Baum. **"B" Bracket:** Michael Lane - David Platnick - Eberhard Jehle - Michael Kelley. **"C" Bracket:** David Dong - Xing Du - Richard Kwan - Jianping Wang

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS FOR THE MACHLIN TROPHY

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, and Barbara Doran.** A committee will be 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 criteria that the selection committee will consider."

We welcome nominations from the membership of the WBL. Please send your suggested candidate to Don Berman at don.berman@verizon.net 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 Sept. 1, 2011.

2010 WINNERS WINNERS WINNERS WINNERS WINNERS WINNERSMAY 12, 2011.....ANNUAL MEETING & ELECTIONS REPORT.....

MINUTES OF THE 2011 WASHINGTON BRIDGE LEAGUE ANNUAL MEETING

The 2011 WBL Annual Meeting was called to order by Vice President, **Richard Ferrin** at 7:02 PM.

The minutes of the previous year's annual meeting were approved without objection.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer, **Fred King** announced that losses this year totaled \$8000, up from \$2000 last year. Our overall revenue was virtually stagnant at \$136,900, while our expenses went from \$138,000 to \$145,000. The main reasons are: a) the Unit game, while still profitable, made only \$6400 compared to almost \$10,000 last year; b) Sectionals, which had been breaking even in recent years, lost over \$5000; c) while the administrative expenditures showed a profit of over \$2000 and the Unit Round Robin and KOs continue to make about \$1200, the Bulletin continues to cost about \$13,000 more than it takes in.

The WBL Board is taking a number of steps to address this situation, including:

- Requesting those willing to access the bulletin on-line to give us their names so we can take them off the mailing list;
- Cutting down on the amount of food served at sectionals;
- Monitoring staffing costs at Unit games and sectionals;
- Reducing, over the long run, caddy and director costs through the use of Bridge-mates. However, their purchase has taken a large chunk of our dwindling reserves.

On behalf of the Board, Fred welcomed any suggestions the membership may have to help us deal with our financial problems.

Fred continued by saying that, even if we can achieve some savings in the future, we know that some of our costs are inexorably going up. We have already been informed of rent increases for both sectionals and the Unit game and we know that other fees and costs will be increasing over time. Therefore the Board has reluctantly taken

the inevitable decision to raise entry fees for both the unit game and sectionals by \$1.00 starting with the first game in July. The Treasurer's Report was accepted without objection.

Richard turned the meeting over to **Jim Allen**, Elections Chairman, who asked for nominations from the floor for officers for the fiscal year 2011. A slate of officers nominated through the petition process was available. No further nominations were made. Nominations were closed and the slate of incumbents: **Don Berman** for *President*, **Richard Ferrin** for *Vice President*, **Ellen Cherniavsky** for *Secretary*, **Fred**

King for *Treasurer*, was elected unanimously.

For *Directors*, **Clyde Kruskal** and **Hank Meyer**, incumbents, were running for re-election. An additional Director was needed. **Lois Geer** was nominated and seconded. Hearing no further nominations, nominations were closed and the slate was elected unanimously.

Jim turned the meeting back to Richard.

Richard Ferrin presented the **Ace-of-Clubs** and **Mini-McKenney** awards.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:18 PM.

—Ellen A. Cherniavsky, Secretary

ACE OF CLUBS WINNERS

0 to 5	David Penn
5 to 20	Ching-Chuan Yeh
20 to 50	Daniel Falk
50 to 100	Forest Montgomery
100 to 200	Steve Graves
200 to 300	Stanley Hurwitz
300 to 500	Alfred Caponiti
500 to 1000	Elaine Conway
1000 to 2500	Jeffrey Boak
2500 to 5000	Steven Schatzow
5000 to 7500	Warren Kaufman
7500 to 10,000	Barbara Shaw
Over 10,000	Eugene Kales

MINI-MCKENNEY WINNERS

0 to 5	David Penn
5 to 20	John McCormick
20 to 50	Daniel Falk
50 to 100	Forest Montgomery
100 to 200	Steve Graves
200 to 300	Stanley Hurwitz
300 to 500	Calvin Konner
500 to 1000	Robert Claypool
1000 to 2500	Roma Chandra
2500 to 5000	Steven Schatzow
5000 to 7500	Paul Benedict
7500 to 10,000	Fred King
Over 10,000	Steve Robinson





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TOP TEN CUMULATIVE POINT WINNERS

All Players

1	36.12	Clyde Kruskal
2	26.23	Lloyd Rawley
3	23.13	Donna Rogall
4	20.82	Leon Letwin
5	20.57	Steven Schatzow
6	20.18	Donald Berman
7	20.09	John Adams
8	19.83	John Miller
9	18.41	William Cole
	18.41	Peter Boyd
	18.11	Lyle Poe Jr

Players with fewer than 1500 masterpoints

1	13.27	Michael Richey
2	9.80	Stephen Drodge
3	9.50	Virginia Gibbons
4	9.18	Debnarayan Dhar
5	8.96	Fred Gramlich
	8.96	William Prosser
	8.96	Walton Francis
	8.96	James Raber
9	8.92	Mike Frosch
10	7.38	Ron Sutter
	7.38	Yuen De Anda

Players with fewer than 500 masterpoints

1	9.50	Virginia Gibbons
2	8.96	Fred Gramlich
	8.96	Walton Francis
	8.96	William Prosser
	8.96	James Raber
6	7.38	Yuen De Anda
	7.38	Ron Sutter
8	6.47	Ernie Schuler
9	5.87	Thomas Jennings
10	5.22	Larry Taylor

Players with fewer than 100 masterpoints

1	7.38	Yuen De Anda
	7.38	Ron Sutter
3	4.90	Marcia Cathey
	4.90	John Gauss
5	4.56	Jean Sobieski
6	3.18	Margaret Whilden
7	2.35	Charles Yu
8	2.26	Maree Webster
9	2.02	Sandra McMinn
10	2.01	William Leishear
	2.01	Neil Crane
	2.01	Thomas Pratt
	2.01	Mary Krenytzky

THUR MORN PAIRS @ ROCKVILLE

Stratum A, 24.0 Tables

1/2	Shawn Stringer - Edna Doigan	.62.50
1/2	John Miller - Stephen Drodge	.62.50
3	Warren Manison - Bert Chansky	.62.04
4	Jean Sobieski - Dennis Serpico	.60.42
5	Robert Boyd - Steven Schatzow	.60.13
6	Suzanne Floyd - Marshall Kramer	.59.66

Stratum B, 14.0 Tables

1	Jean Sobieski - Dennis Serpico	.60.42
2	Suzanne Floyd - Marshall Kramer	.59.66
3	Maida Crocicchia - Reni Malloy	.56.71
4	Donald Jacobs - Janet Berman	.55.79
5	Lester Slaback - John Jackson	.55.56
6	Alfred Liepold - Amy Bloom	.54.86

Stratum C, 7.5 Tables

1	Jean Sobieski - Dennis Serpico	.60.42
2	Lester Slaback - John Jackson	.55.56
3	Michael Platt - Terry Vann	.53.01
4	Lorraine Tyler - David Fitzwilliam	.50.69
5	Carol Kahn - Temma Kanowith	.50.46

THUR EVENING FLT A/X PAIRS

Stratum A, 37.0 Tables / Based on 87



1	Clyde Kruskal - Lloyd Rawley	.59.24
2	John Miller - Robert Hopkins Jr	.58.97
3	Ronald Spieker - Stephen Swearingen	.58.49
4	Daniel Koch - Hadi Abushakra	.58.42
5	Debnarayan Dhar - Mita Banerjee	.58.24
6	David Fleischer - James Stormes	.57.53
7	Alfred Steinberg - David Ruderman	.57.52
8	Monique Smith - Merrill Hirsh	.57.25
9	James Adams - Benjamin Stauss	.56.61

Stratum X, 17.0 Tables

1	Daniel Koch - Hadi Abushakra	.58.42
2	Monique Smith - Merrill Hirsh	.57.25
3	James Adams - Benjamin Stauss	.56.61
4	Guillaume de Decker - Ajit Thyagarajan	.56.52
5	Candace Kuschner - Frank Cardillo	.56.25
6	Alan Dockterman - Bob Silverstein	.55.29

THUR EVENING FLT B/C/D PAIRS

Stratum B, 28.5 Tables

1	Thomas Jennings - Larry Taylor	.65.53
2	Namik Haveric - Mirsad Mujezinovic	.62.92

- 3 William Dillon - Leon Masiewicki . . .62.67
 4 Amy Bloom - Mike Froesch59.52
 5 Eric Poskanzer - Stephen Colevas . . .59.28
 6 Gloria Halstead - Irv Kipnis58.52

Stratum C, 25.0 Tables

- 1 Thomas Jennings - Larry Taylor65.53
 2 Namik Haveric - Mirsad Mujezinovic .62.92
 3 William Dillon - Leon Masiewicki . . .62.67
 4 Eric Poskanzer - Stephen Colevas . . .59.28
 5 Bruce Kasold - Gary Hinson57.77
 6 Onorica Luculescu - Alina Galaszewska 57.58

Stratum D, 17.0 Tables

- 1 Thomas Jennings - Larry Taylor65.53
 2 Namik Haveric - Mirsad Mujezinovic .62.92
 3 William Dillon - Leon Masiewicki . . .62.67
 4 Eric Poskanzer - Stephen Colevas . . .59.28
 5 Bruce Kasold - Gary Hinson57.77
 6 Onorica Luculescu - Alina Galaszewska 57.58

THUR EVENING NONLM PAIRS @ WBL

Stratum A, 9.0 Tables



- 1 Michael Watts (pic.) - Mary Ourand . .61.37
 2 John McCormick - Gabriel Cornett . .57.86
 3 Leslie Jessell - Jennifer Elliott57.32
 4 Neil Crane - Norman Mitchell56.85
 5 Prasad Karkhanis - Steven Cockerill .56.43

Stratum B, 7.0 Tables

- 1 Michael Watts - Mary Ourand61.37
 2 John McCormick - Gabriel Cornett . .57.86
 3 Prasad Karkhanis - Steven Cockerill .56.43
 4 Franny Van Dyke - Ted Van Dyke . . .54.88
 5/6 Hanna Wagner - Mark Feldman51.07
 5/6 Ruth Glen - Margaret Mastran51.07

Stratum C, 3.0 Tables

- 1 Prasad Karkhanis - Steven Cockerill .56.43
 2 Franny Van Dyke - Ted Van Dyke . . .54.88

THUR EVENING 0-20 PAIRS @ WBL

Stratum A, 5.0 Tables

- 1 Dottie Donnelly - Theodore Michos . .58.13
 2 Carol Krafka - Carmen Fitchett54.38
 3 Shala Panbechi - Mahmoud Katirai . .53.75
 4 Frances Monblatt - Sue Ellen Hersh .51.25

Stratum B, 3.0 Tables

- 1 Dottie Donnelly - Theodore Michos . .58.13
 2 Frances Monblatt - Sue Ellen Hersh .51.25

THUR EVENING 199ER PAIRS @ NVBA

Stratum A, 7.0 Tables

- 1 Yuen De Anda - Ron Sutter60.42
 2 Marcia Cathey - John Gauss57.50
 3 David Street - Eileen Street55.83

- 4 William Hughes - Sandra Ferretti . . .52.50
 5/6 Joan Axilbund - Mary Lou McMorrow 49.58
 5/6 Pat Teer - Bill Teer49.58

Stratum B, 5.5 Tables

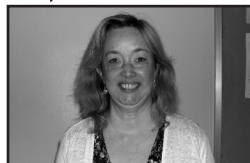
- 1 Yuen De Anda - Ron Sutter60.42
 2 Marcia Cathey - John Gauss57.50
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 4/5 Joan Axilbund - Mary Lou McMorrow 49.58
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Stratum C, 2.5 Tables

- 1 Yuen De Anda - Ron Sutter60.42
 2 Marcia Cathey - John Gauss57.50

FRI MORNING FLT A/X PAIRS

Stratum A, 11.0 Tables / Based on 30



- 1 Melanie Manfield (pic.) - Kiyomi Shiba 67.36
 2 Barry Bragin - Ann Ingram62.04
 3 Alfred Steinberg - Arnie Frankel . . .58.80
 4 Linda Marshall - Steven Schatzow . .58.33
 5 Bob Pfeiffer - Richard Veach57.41
 6 Stephen Drodge - John Miller55.79

Stratum X, 4.5 Tables

- 1 Kiyomi Shiba - Melanie Manfield . . .67.36
 2 Stephen Drodge - John Miller55.79
 3 Gloria Halstead - James Stormes . .55.32
 4 Mark Cohen - Katherine Rabenstein .50.69

FRI MORNING FLT B/C/D PAIRS

Stratum B, 8.5 Tables



- 1 Alfred Caponiti - Alfred Liepold . . .61.76
 2 Barry Anderson - Dennis Serpico . . .61.43
 3 Alan Ferraro - Jeanne Ferraro60.30
 4 John Hamilton - Elaine Sellman . . .59.53
 5 Albert Lauber - James Beller58.64

Stratum C, 7.0 Tables

- 1 Alfred Caponiti - Alfred Liepold . . .61.76
 2 Barry Anderson - Dennis Serpico . . .61.43
 3 Alan Ferraro - Jeanne Ferraro60.30
 4 Albert Lauber - James Beller58.64
 5 Robert Sturm - Ernie Schuler55.53

Stratum D, 4.5 Tables

- 1 Barry Anderson - Dennis Serpico . . .61.43
 2 Alan Ferraro - Jeanne Ferraro60.30
 3 Robert Sturm - Ernie Schuler55.53
 4 Guillaume de Decker -
 Michelle Zygielbaum54.57

FRI MORN NONLM PAIRS

Stratum A, 10.0 Tables



- 1 Sandra McMinn - Sharon Astarte . . .60.12
 2/3 Bruce Steinwald - P Gould59.52
 2/3 Yuen De Anda - Ron Sutter59.52
 4 Gale Greenbaum - Debra Malet58.33
 5 Jay Gibbons - Lotta Brafman56.55
 6 Robert Kerr - Jeffrey Caplan56.25

Stratum B, 8.0 Tables

- 1 Sandra McMinn - Sharon Astarte . . .60.12
 2/3 Bruce Steinwald - P Gould59.52
 2/3 Yuen De Anda - Ron Sutter59.52
 4 Gale Greenbaum - Debra Malet58.33
 5 Robert Kerr - Jeffrey Caplan56.25

Stratum C, 3.5 Tables

- 1 Yuen De Anda - Ron Sutter59.52
 2 Gale Greenbaum - Debra Malet58.33
 3 Glenn Terrell - Dorothy Terrell . . .51.49

FRI AFTERNOON FLT A/X IMP PAIRS

Stratum A, 15.0 Tables / Based on 36



- 1 William Cole - Peter Boyd56.00
 2 Alfred Steinberg - Lyle Poe Jr42.00
 3 Dhirendra Ghosh - Debnarayan Dhar .41.00
 4/5 Leo LaSota - Andrew Gofreed38.00
 4/5 John Miller - Stephen Drodge38.00
 6 Earl Glickstein - Barry Falgout33.00

Stratum X, 8.0 Tables

- 1 Dhirendra Ghosh - Debnarayan Dhar .41.00
 2 John Miller - Stephen Drodge38.00
 3 Mark Cohen - Patrick Stanton24.00
 4 James Stormes - Gloria Halstead . . .16.00
 5 Kathrine Loh - Daniel Feldman14.00

FRI AFTERNOON FLT B/C/D IMP PAIRS

Stratum B, 9.5 Tables



- 1 James Beller - Albert Lauber88.70
 2 Alfred Liepold - James Short37.00
 3 Rhona Prenskey - Nelu Schwartz . . .30.00
 4 Georgette Weiss - Ike Oren24.00

- 5 Michael Berard - Marie Berard16.00
 6 William Dillon - Penelope Daly9.00

Stratum C, 8.5 Tables

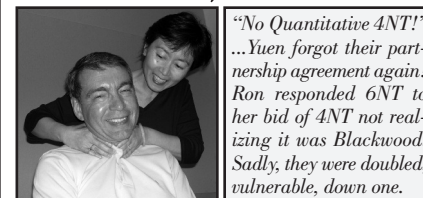
- 1 Albert Lauber - James Beller88.70
 2 Rhona Prenskey - Nelu Schwartz . . .30.00
 3 Georgette Weiss - Ike Oren24.00
 4 Michael Berard - Marie Berard16.00
 5 William Dillon - Penelope Daly9.00

Stratum D, 5.0 Tables

- 1 Georgette Weiss - Ike Oren24.00
 2 William Dillon - Penelope Daly9.00
 3 Richard Leonardon - Stephen Colevas .1.00
 4 Michael Osborn - Joe Hertz4.57

FRI AFTERNOON NONLM PAIRS

Stratum A, 11.0 Tables



"No Quantitative 4NT!"
 ...Yuen forgot their partnership agreement again!
 Ron responded 6NT to her bid of 4NT not realizing it was Blackwood.
 Sadly, they were doubled, vulnerable, down one.

- 1 Ron Sutter - Yuen De Anda66.71
 2 Ernie Schuler - Robert Sturm64.20
 3 Daniel Falk - Larry Wallace61.01
 4 Jennifer Elliott - Elizabeth Nash . . .60.04
 5 Norman Mitchell - Neil Crane59.78
 6 Maxine Penn - Barbara Levine57.02

Stratum B, 8.0 Tables

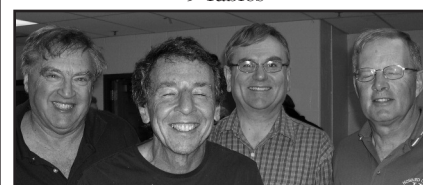
- 1 Ron Sutter - Yuen De Anda66.71
 2 Maxine Penn - Barbara Levine57.02
 3 Mae Beuchert - Marietta Falzgraf . .49.69
 4/5 Carol Kahn - Temma Kanowith . . .49.40
 4/5 Donna Hankey-Woods - Douglas Woods 49.40

Stratum C, 4.5 Tables

- 1 Ron Sutter - Yuen De Anda66.71
 2 Mae Beuchert - Marietta Falzgraf . .49.69
 3 Bonnie Cohen - Anne Shields49.36
 4 Asim Mandal - Carol Goldstone . . .45.92

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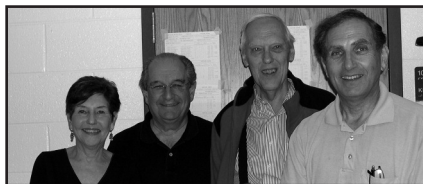
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- 1 David Ruderman - David Abelow - Brad Theurer - Lyle Poe Jr
 2 Earl Glickstein - Robert Bell - Barry Bragin - Fred King
 3 Steve Robinson - Peter Boyd - John Adams - William Cole
 4 Katherine Rabenstein - Nancy Lea Ross - Mark Cohen - James La Force

SAT COMPACT KO BKT 2

8 Tables



- 1 Ronnie Sweed - Norman Sweed - Richard Wedgewood - Calvin Konner
- 2 Jim Anschutz - Patti Anschutz - Herbert Rubinstein - Marilyn Rubinstein

SAT MORNING OPEN PAIRS**Stratum A**, 30.0 Tables / Based on 47

- 1 Virginia Gibbons - Timothy Smith . . .62.25
- 2 Audrey Marbach - Alice Miller59.45
- 3 Donald Berman - Leon Letwin58.60
- 4 Elliot Grant - James Davenport, Jr . .58.14
- 5 David Rodney - Avril Rodney57.70
- 6 Lowell Sawyer - Don Probst57.01

Stratum B, 16.0 Tables

- 1 Elliot Grant - James Davenport, Jr . .58.14
- 2 Phyllis Sonen - Hilda Getz55.63
- 3 Ronald Zucker - Richard Ferrin . . .55.08
- 4 Linda Barton - John Reynolds52.40
- 5 Ann Ruth Volin - Sandra Jacobs . . .51.98
- 6 Paul Black - Suzanne Abrams51.79

Stratum C, 6.0 Tables

- 1 Elliot Grant - James Davenport, Jr . .58.14
- 2 Linda Barton - John Reynolds52.40
- 3 Robert Wilbur - Charles Skillern . . .50.19
- 4 Ann Atcheson - Sheryl McEwan . . .49.64

SAT MORNING NONLM PRS**Stratum A**, 13.0 Tables

- 1 Ernie Schuler - Elizabeth Nash63.93
- 2 Henry Thompson - Betty Thompson . .61.84
- 3 Marcia Cathey - John Gauss57.30
- 4 Joan Anania - Edward Anania57.11
- 5 John McCormick - Gabriel Cornett . .56.91
- 6 Carol Kahn - Temma Kanowith55.77

Stratum B, 9.0 Tables

- 1 Henry Thompson - Betty Thompson . .61.84
- 2 Marcia Cathey - John Gauss57.30
- 3 John McCormick - Gabriel Cornett . .56.91
- 4 Carol Kahn - Temma Kanowith55.77
- 5 Paul Setzer - William Glen54.51

Stratum C, 3.0 Tables

- 1 Marcia Cathey - John Gauss57.30
- 2 Margaret Whilden - Maree Webster .49.14

SAT MORN 49ER PAIRS**Stratum A**, 4.0 Tables

- 1 Susan Myers - Mary Ann Goldenson .57.64

- 2 Ron Sutter - Yuen De Anda56.25
- 3 Jo Turner - Betty Brawley55.56

SAT AFTERNOON FLT A/X PAIRS**Stratum A**, 15.0 Tables / Based on 40

- 1/2 Donna Rogall - Clyde Kruskal58.52
- 1/2 Leila Whiting - Paul Leopold58.52
- 3 Donald Berman - Leon Letwin58.14
- 4 Ronald Kral - Eugene Kales55.87
- 5/6 Leo LaSota - Andrew Gofreed55.30
- 5/6 Lloyd Rawley - Jason Meyer55.30

Stratum X, 6.0 Tables

- 1 Leila Whiting - Paul Leopold58.52
- 2 Lloyd Rawley - Jason Meyer55.30
- 3 James Geist - Michael Richey53.41
- 4 Richard Allison - John Lowe III . . .53.22

SAT AFTERNOON FLT B/C/D PAIRS**Stratum B**, 12.0 Tables

- 1 Stud Muffin - Amazon Queen65.08
- 2 Lois Geer - Bryan Geer63.38
- 3 Thomas Reckford - Behnaz Fardshisheh 59.77
- 4 Satinder Gupta - Janet Coffin59.21
- 5 Alfred Liepold - Elaine Conway58.13
- 6 Ann Atcheson - Sheryl McEwan . . .54.98

Stratum C, 10.5 Tables

- 1 Lois Geer - Bryan Geer63.38
- 2 Thomas Reckford - Behnaz Fardshisheh 59.77
- 3 Satinder Gupta - Janet Coffin59.21
- 4 Alfred Liepold - Elaine Conway58.13
- 5 Ann Atcheson - Sheryl McEwan . . .54.98
- 6 Dilip Gidwani - Steven Fox54.79

Stratum D, 5.5 Tables

- 1 Ann Atcheson - Sheryl McEwan . . .54.98
- 2 David Bort - Gerald O'Dell52.48
- 3 Ann Seeboth - Ruth Woods52.38
- 4 Jeanne Ferraro - Alan Ferraro51.46

SAT AFTERNOON NONLM PAIRS**Stratum A**, 13.0 Tables

- 1 Marcia Cathey - John Gauss59.85

- 2 Paul Setzer - Kellen Leister57.95
- 3 Ernie Schuler - Elizabeth Nash56.82
- 4/5 David Marshall - Jim Walsh55.87
- 4/5 Donna Hankey-Woods - Douglas Woods 55.87
- 6 Daniel Falk - Larry Wallace55.68

Stratum B, 8.0 Tables

- 1 Marcia Cathey - John Gauss59.85
- 2 David Marshall - Jim Walsh55.87
- 3 Elinor Stolar - Diane Liebman54.92
- 4 Glenn Terrell - Dorothy Terrell53.79
- 5 John McCormick - Charles Yu53.60

Stratum C, 4.0 Tables

- 1 Marcia Cathey - John Gauss59.85
- 2 Glenn Terrell - Dorothy Terrell53.79
- 3 Julia Thomas - Oliver Thomas52.65

SUN FLT A/X SWISS TEAMS**Stratum A**, 20 Tables / Based on 59

- 1/2 John Adams - Donna Rogall - Clyde Kruskal - Steven Schatzow102.00
- 1/2 Alan Schwartz - Michael Gill - Noble Shore - Ai-Tai Lo102.00
- 3 Donald Berman - Leon Letwin - Lloyd Rawley - Michael Richey85.00
- 4 Jay Kelkar - Kenton Schoen - Diane Walker - Shuba Dey84.00
- 5 Steve Robinson - Peter Boyd - Mark Shaw - William Cole81.00
- 6/7 Leo LaSota - William Hacker - Andrew Gofreed - Benjamin Brill - Alan Tenenbaum80.00
- 6/7 Stan Schenker - Barry Falgout - Rusty Krauss - David Milton80.00

Stratum X, 7 Tables

- 1 Donald Berman - Leon Letwin - Lloyd Rawley - Michael Richey85.00
- 2 Jay Kelkar - Kenton Schoen - Diane Walker - Shuba Dey84.00
- 3 Jason Meyer - James Geist - Hank Meyer - Rammohan Sarangan75.00

SUN FLT B/C/D SWISS TEAMS**Stratum B**, 31 Tables

- 1 Fred Gramlich - William Prosser - Walton Francis - James Raber106.00
- 2 Mike Frosch - Francesco Parisi-Presicce - Dennis Schwanz - Susan Miskura .100.00
- 3 Murat Berk - John Mattioli - Richard Wissing - Peter Van Zijl97.00
- 4/5 Phillip Tseng - Raman Srivastav - Joyce Wiley - David Loken89.00
- 4/5 Jay Cherlow - Albert Lauber - Ned Griffith - Abigail Nichols89.00

- 6 Ronald Susi - John Glynn - Alice Wegman - Jeffrey Kosnett86.00
- 7 Jim Dick - Linda Dick - Ross Bley - Martha Bley83.00
- 8 Richard Allison - John Lowe III - Howard Grunin - Cecilia Valdivieso81.00
- 9 William Mendez Jr - Anne Derbes - Robert Schwab - Michael Goldman80.00

Stratum C, 19 Tables

- 1 Fred Gramlich - William Prosser - Walton Francis - James Raber106.00
- 2 Murat Berk - John Mattioli - Richard Wissing - Peter Van Zijl97.00
- 3 Phillip Tseng - Raman Srivastav - Joyce Wiley - David Loken89.00
- 4 William Mendez Jr - Anne Derbes - Robert Schwab - Michael Goldman80.00
- 5 Gil Krawitz - Eva Klivington - Willis Paley Hume - Paul Stygar78.00
- 6 Calvin Konner - Richard Wedgewood - Norman Sweed - Ronnie Sweed70.00

Stratum D, 12 Tables

- 1 Fred Gramlich - William Prosser - Walton Francis - James Raber106.00
- 2 Barbara Sadick - Hanita Schreiber - Daniel Falk - Larry Wallace69.00
- 3 Thomas Pratt - Dennis Sponholtz - William Leishear - Mary Krenytzky68.00
- 4/5 Lynne Beresford - Anne Vaeth - Jean Sobieski - Eleanor Schwartz65.00
- 4/5 Albert Stolpe - Kimberly Ferguson - Stephen Colevas - Georgette Weiss . .65.00

SUN MORNING NONLM SWISS TEAMS**Stratum A**, 8 Tables

- 1 Charles Yu - Alan Munro - Gabriel Cornett - John McCormick62.00
- 2 Joseph Pregosin - Sandra Thompson - Ronnie Hirschberg - Thad Uehling54.00
- 3 Ron Sutter - Yuen De Anda - Sharon Perryman - Richard Padgett43.00

Stratum B, 6 Tables

- 1 Ron Sutter - Yuen De Anda - Sharon Perryman - Richard Padgett43.00
- 2 Stephen Black - Maree Webster - Gay Pirozzi - Margaret Whilden42.00

Stratum C, 4 Tables

- 1 Ron Sutter - Yuen De Anda - Sharon Perryman - Richard Padgett43.00

SUN AFTERNOON NONLM SWISS TEAMS

3 Tables

- 1 Ronnie Loeser - Millie Reizenstein - Della Morris - Ruth Freedman34.00

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SATURDAY MORNING PAIRS

Stratum A, 30.0 Tables / Based on 37

- 1 Jane Hunigan - Penelope Daly65.18
- 2 Kellen Leister - Wayne Bardsley . . .63.69
- 3 Barry Anderson - Dennis Serpico . . .62.12
- 4 Alan Ferraro - Jeanne Ferraro61.90
- 5 Michael Kuehl - Edmund Gehan . . .61.65
- 6 Damian Kulash - Marjorie Kulash . .61.61

SATURDAY MORNING PAIRS

Stratum B, 17.5 Tables

- 1 Kellen Leister - Wayne Bardsley . . .63.69
- 2 Michael Kuehl - Edmund Gehan . . .61.65
- 3 Damian Kulash - Marjorie Kulash . .61.61
- 4 Thomas Pratt - Nathalie Kaye . . .58.93
- 5 Glenn Terrell - Dorothy Terrell . . .55.44
- 6 Hanna Wagner - Mark Feldman . . .54.76

SATURDAY MORNING PAIRS

Stratum C, 8.5 Tables

- 1 Kellen Leister - Wayne Bardsley . . .63.69
- 2 Thomas Pratt - Nathalie Kaye . . .58.93
- 3 Glenn Terrell - Dorothy Terrell . . .55.44
- 4 Spencer Berg - Phyllis Berg . . .53.75
- 5 Russell Hawkins - J.R. (Jim) Campbell Jr 52.38

SAT MORNING 49ER PAIRS

Stratum A, 7.0 Tables

- 1 Kristina Hamilton - Elizabeth Shriver 59.92
- 2 Peter Pollak - Judy Ferraro53.83
- 3 Elizabeth Majane - Oscar Lease Jr . .53.33
- 4 Debra Malet - Gale Greenbaum . . .52.92
- 5 Elizabeth Hester - Lindsay Eakin . .52.17

SAT MORNING 49ER PAIRS

Stratum B, 3.5 Tables

- 1 Kristina Hamilton - Elizabeth Shriver 59.92
- 2 Debra Malet - Gale Greenbaum . . .52.92
- 3 Sandra True - Victoria True47.33

SAT MORNING 49ER PAIRS

Stratum C, 2.5 Tables

- 1 Kristina Hamilton - Elizabeth Shriver 59.92
- 2 Debra Malet - Gale Greenbaum . . .52.92

SATURDAY AFTERNOON PAIRS

Stratum A, 28.5 Tables

- 1 Edgar Hopkins, Jr - Dennis Faber . .73.81
- 2 Bernice Felix - Susan Weiss68.07
- 3 David Montague - Norman Mitchell . .61.48
- 4 Loic Braune - Guillaume de Decker .61.31
- 5 Glenn Terrell - Dorothy Terrell . . .61.29
- 6 Georgette Weiss - Thomas Jennings .58.93

TOP CUMULATIVE POINT WINNERS

All Players

- 1 6.97Larry Wallace
- 6.97Daniel Falk
- 3 6.54Wayne Bardsley
- 6.54Kellen Leister
- 5 6.11John McCormick
- 6.11Anil Hooda
- 7 5.09Jane Hunigan
- 5.09Penelope Daly
- 9 4.65Edgar Hopkins, Jr
- 4.65Dennis Faber
- 11 4.46Norman Mitchell
- 12 4.39Elizabeth Hester
- 4.39Lindsay Eakin
- 14 4.30Thayer Baine
- 4.30Cheri Hayes
- 16 3.58Glenn Terrell
- 3.58Dorothy Terrell
- 18 3.51Paul Setzer
- 3.51William Glen
- 20 3.33Alan Ferraro
- 3.33Jeanne Ferraro
- 22 3.18Dennis Serpico
- 3.18Barry Anderson
- 24 3.15Prabhakar Tamboli
- 25 3.03Sandra McMinn
- 3.03Sharon Astarte

SATURDAY 0-NLM GAME & MINI-LESSON

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

Mini-Lesson: Saturdays, 12:30 pm

0-NLM Game: 1:00 pm

Cost: \$6.00

Location: St. James Episcopal Church
11815 Seven Locks Road

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

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

Open Games: Sat.: 1pm, Mon, Thurs & Fri: 11:15am

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SATURDAY AFTERNOON PAIRS

Stratum B, 17.0 Tables

- 1 Glenn Terrell - Dorothy Terrell61.29
- 2 Georgette Weiss - Thomas Jennings .58.93
- 3 Sheila Kaplan - Michael Watts . . .57.10
- 4 Richard Jones - Jason Stewart . . .55.95
- 5 John McCormick - Anil Hooda . . .53.99
- 6 Sharon Astarte - Sandra McMinn . .53.96

SATURDAY AFTERNOON PAIRS

Stratum C, 8.5 Tables

- 1 Glenn Terrell - Dorothy Terrell61.29
- 2 Jim Walsh - Marilyn Courtot53.27
- 3 Albert Pike III - Prabhakar Tamboli .53.16
- 4 Russell Hawkins - J.R. (Jim) Campbell Jr 52.09
- 5 Sylvia Shi - Patrick Frye51.79

SUNDAY SWISS

Stratum A, 25 Tables

- 1 Daniel Falk - Larry Wallace - John McCormick - Anil Hooda107.00

- 2 Elizabeth Hester - Lindsay Eakin - Cheri Hayes - Thayer Baine97.00
- 3 Paul Setzer - William Glen - Kellen Leister - Wayne Bardsley95.00
- 4 Terry Vann - Michael Platt - Norman Mitchell - Prabhakar Tamboli94.00
- 5 Leslie Dorsey - Lannetta Schmidt - Sharon Astarte - Sandra McMinn85.00
- 6 Patricia Mitchell - Craig Perry - Spencer Berg - Phyllis Berg80.00
- 7 Alan Ferraro - Jeanne Ferraro - Carol Kahn - Temma Kanowith79.00

SUNDAY SWISS

Stratum B, 13 Tables

- 1 Elizabeth Hester - Lindsay Eakin - Cheri Hayes - Thayer Baine97.00
- 2 Paul Setzer - William Glen - Kellen Leister - Wayne Bardsley95.00
- 3 Patricia Mitchell - Craig Perry - Spencer Berg - Phyllis Berg80.00
- 4 Herb Schulkens - Andrew Jacknain - Blake Schwartzbach - J.R. (Jim) Campbell Jr 78.00
- 5 David Marshall - Samuel Kaplan - Jim Walsh - Michael Berens77.00

SUNDAY SWISS

Stratum C, 4 Tables

- 1 Elizabeth Hester - Lindsay Eakin - Cheri Hayes - Thayer Baine97.00



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FINDING YOUR BEST CHANCE

In our last article, we began the discussion of odds in bridge. We did some math and saw the likelihood of various distributions of the cards held by our opponents – in other words, the cards missing from declarer's and dummy's combined hands. This month, we want to focus more closely on how the opponent's likely distributions can influence the play of a hand. We also want to introduce some basic counting concepts that improve declarer's chances of figuring out the adverse distribution. We are going to see our theoretical knowledge in action through a real life hand that happened at the table.

Playing in the recent 0-2000 Grand National Teams competition, we witnessed the following hand:

Vul: North-South

Dealer: South

North

♠ KQ82
♥ T74
♦ T
♣ KQ963

South

♠ A43
♥ K62
♦ AK865
♣ J5

The auction was straightforward with E-W passing throughout:

<u>South</u>	<u>North</u>
1NT	2♣
2♦	3NT

North first looked for a 4-4 spade fit, but finding South with no 4 card major, he bid 3NT. West led the ♥3.

The first thing declarer did was check the opponent's leads and signals. Their conven-

tion card showed that their agreement was to lead 4th best against notrump. Since declarer held the ♥2, he "knew" that West had no heart lower than the 3, and it was likely that West had exactly four hearts.

Declarer called for a low heart from dummy, and East won the ♥A and led back the ♥Q. South's immediate decision was whether or not to take his king. South had two clues to guide him. First, the opening lead strongly indicated that hearts were 4-3. Second, South recalled that the odds table shows that missing seven cards, they will split 4-3 about 62% of the time and will split 5-2 about 31% of the time. So the odds were against East holding only 2 hearts, and South correctly delayed taking his King until the third round of the suit. South executed what is known as a "hold up play." Now what?

An important concept in No Trump contracts is to count winners, and then see where you can develop more winning tricks. South could count one heart trick, two diamonds, and three spade tricks. If the spades broke 3-3, a seventh trick would come from the spade suit. South could always generate two clubs tricks after losing the Ace. South also had to think about losers, to decide the order in which to play the black suits, and to ask himself, "what are the risks in the various lines of play?"

South saw that if he played the spades first and did not get a 3-3 break, he would be set if West had started with 4 spades and the ♣A. West would have a long heart to cash, the ♣A and the 13th spade. It looked right to attack the clubs first.

In general, it is better to lead up to the honors in the short hand if possible. Since South had only two clubs in his hand and five in dummy, he crossed to the ♠K to lead a club toward his hand, winning his Jack. He was up

to 7 tricks, so he led his last club toward dummy. His left hand opponent had followed with two small clubs and declarer had a big decision to make. He could play the ♣9, finessing West for the ♣10. If the finesse worked, that would guarantee enough club tricks. Or, he could play the ♣K. If East won the Ace, declarer could still make his contract if either clubs or spades were 3-3. But if the ♣K held, South still had to worry about West holding the ATxx of clubs. In that case, leading a 3rd club would give East two club tricks and would set the contract.

Mathematically, a finesse is a better play than playing for a 3-3 break, since it's roughly a 50-50 chance, winning about half the time. As we discussed last time, a 3-3 break happens approximately 36% of the time. So, South decided to take the finesse. He called for the ♣9, and East won the Ace. Now he was home free, making an over-trick with four clubs, three spades, two diamonds and a heart. Do you think declarer took the right line of play?

After the game was over, declarer said that he

was not sure he made the right play. It is true that the finesse was more likely than the 3-3 spade break but, given more time to think about the hand, South realized there was one more probability concept to consider – that is the concept of combining chances. South did not need both black suits to break 3-3. He only needed either spades or clubs to break evenly. So the best line of play would be the one that allowed him to combine his

STEPPING UP TO NEW HEIGHTS

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chances. In a future article, we will discuss more fully the importance of combining chances and how to do the math.

Sometimes the wrong play wins and the right play loses. That's just one of the many aspects of the game that makes bridge so much fun. So, don't just look at your bad results critically. Investigate your good results, too. See if you could have done even better. Never stop learning!

WBL SOLVERS' CLUB'S NEW PROBLEMS

1) Matchpoints, You're Vulnerable

♠ 7654♥Q32♦KQ876♣3

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
1♣	Dbl	3♣	
???			

2) IMPs, They're Vulnerable

♠ - ♥ KJ10542 ♦ QJ65♣A92

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
1♥	2♠	Pass	Pass
???			

3) IMPs, They're Vulnerable

♠A93♥A9752♦982♣A10

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
1♥	Pass	Pass	Pass
???	2♣	Dbl	Pass

4) IMPs, You're Vulnerable

♠K5♥AKQ76♦AJ65♣65

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
1♥	2♣	Dbl	3♣
???			

55) Matchpoints, They're Vulnerable 5) IMPs, Both Vulnerable

♠AKQJ4♥A652♦532♣A			
SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
	3♣	3♦	5♣
???			

Return answers by June 20 to:

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

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