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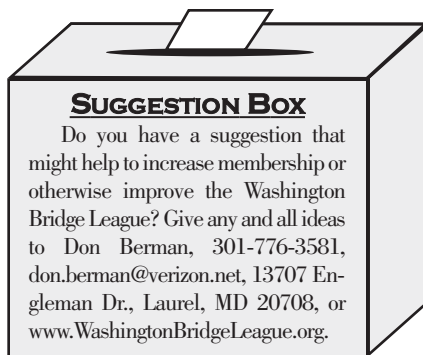
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## PRESIDENT'S LETTER

by WBL President, Richard Ferrin

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This is my second year serving as President of the WBL. I again thank you for the trust you have put in me, and the rest of the WBL Board.

One of our highest priority items now is to "pass the torch" for providing hospitality for the Unit Game and WBL Sectionals. As you know, for many years the WBL boasted hospitality second to none, with Nadine Wood at the helm, with the tremendous assistance of Kitty Gottfried. Nadine is no longer with us, and the work necessary to make our hospitality run smoothly has rested on the shoulders of Kitty. Kitty has been doing this for many years, and it is time to give her a break. Several WBL members have provided invaluable assistance to Nadine and/or Kitty in setting up refreshments and serving meals on tournament Sundays, but no one has stepped forward to take over Kitty's responsibilities as Hospitality Chair. Since Kitty seems to do the work of several people, it seems only logical that we approach this transition by

asking for volunteers to serve as Co-Chairs of Hospitality. If we can get at least two people to share responsibility for supervising the set-up of

refreshments, then hopefully we can make the transition manageable for all. For example, one person could be responsible for Friday and Saturday hospitality for Sectionals, and another for Sunday. The Co-Chairs could alternate weeks for supervising hospitality for the Unit Game. Dividing the responsibilities this way will not only place less burden on one pair of shoulders, but will also allow our Hospitality Co-Chairs to enjoy bridge (with free plays, of course!) on their days off. The Board welcomes your suggestions, but we most of all need volunteers to pitch in as Hospitality Co-Chair. Although the Board can always authorize funds to pay a non-bridge player to do some of the tasks associated with hospitality, such as buying snacks and refreshments from the grocery store, we really need a couple of members to supervise.

### WANTED: Hospitality Co-Chairs

## BITS AND PIECES

### THE WBL RECOGNIZES RON STARR FOR HIS CONTRIBUTIONS TO EDUCATION

—from Norman Mitchell

**Ron Starr** (see pic on p. 20) has recently ended his teaching of bridge for the last 8 years at Bethesda-Chevy Chase H.S. and Tilden Middle School. Ron is a Baltimore native, who now resides with his wife Shirlee in Potomac, Md. A retired pediatric dentist, he is currently a member of the Washington Guild of Goldsmiths and is a docent at the Library of Congress. He played bridge in college, returning to it about 10 years ago. He is a life master.

He believes that bridge can be invaluable to students by improving their skills of concentration, logic and mathematics. He found the experience working with these youngsters to be extremely rewarding and encourages others to take up the mantle by volunteering to join our ongoing programs.

### BRIDGE IN SCHOOLS

In January of this year, Washington Bridge League volunteers, **Isabelle Thabault**, **Al Liepold** and **Mavis Walters**, introduced bridge to an eager group of high school students at *School Without*



*Walls*, a DC public school located in Foggy Bottom. The program was introduced under the sponsorship of the Washington Lawyers Committee for Civil Rights and Urban Affairs (WLC). Isabelle Thabault, a lawyer presented the proposal to WLC to start the pilot program. We believe this is the first non-charter, public

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Armory only); Stratified 199er Pairs (Beth El only)  
**Beth El Congregation**, 3830 Seminary Rd, Alexandria ..... 7:00pm  
**Kensington Town Hall/Armory** ..... 7:30pm

**FRIDAY, JULY 19**

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

**SATURDAY, JULY 20**

- ♣ **10th Annual: Washington Bridge League**  
**Trophy Pairs** awarding the **Steve Robinson Trophy** ..... 11:00am & 4:00pm  
Two session Open Pairs, qualifying and final. Single session entries available.
- ♦ \*StrataFlighted B/C/D Pairs (2000/1000/500) (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** ~

**SUNDAY, JULY 21**

- ♦ 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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\*StrataFlighted if attendance warrants—otherwise combined into Stratified Pairs (unlim/2000/500)

**Directions to the Kensington Town Hall/Armory:** 495 Beltway Exit 33, Connecticut Avenue North (Rt. 185N—to Kensington). 1.5 miles, right at light—Knowles Ave. 1st right at stop—Armory Ave. 1st left at stop—to 3710 Mitchell St. & parking lot on right. Additional parking in nearby lots—see website maps.

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

**-Join us for a fun weekend!-**

#### TOURNAMENT CHAIR

**Shawn Stringer**

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**DIRECTIONS:** From I-495 (Washington Beltway) take Exit 33 (Connecticut Ave/MD-185) North towards Kensington. Go 2 miles and keep Left as Connecticut Ave splits. After the split, take the third Right onto Lawrence Avenue. Take the first Left onto Newport Mill Road. The school is one-half mile on the Right.



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#### • **Teacher Accreditation Program (TAP)**

—will be offered all day Sunday and Monday morning for \$95. \$25 discount for MABC members and \$25 discount for NVBA members that will volunteer one hour in the Bridge in Schools program next year. To Register email Sheryl McEwen at [sherylmcewan@aol.com](mailto:sherylmcewan@aol.com).

TAP provides an exceptional foundation for players wanting to become bridge teachers. Players will be shown methods on how to teach the game in a fun, exciting and relevant manner, and will be exposed to various teaching materials. Marketing your new skills will also be discussed — from doing cruises to the ACBL Cooperative Advertising Program to working in schools

**Tournament Chair:** Amanda Carter, 703-967-9844, [aecarter3@juno.com](mailto:aecarter3@juno.com)

Fliers available at the WBL and NVBA Unit Games and at local sectionals.

Schedules available in the JUNE/JULY 2013 DISTRICT 6 TABLETALK or at [WWW.MABC.ORG](http://WWW.MABC.ORG)

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

school in DC to have a Bridge in Schools program.\* The ACBL provided materials to give to the principles that outlined the benefits that come with learning bridge at an early age and summarized various studies that have shown impressive increases in standardized test scores for students enrolled in a bridge programs. The principle at School Without Walls immediately was very interested and enlisted a bridge playing teacher, Carlton Ackerman, to help with or-

ganizing the club. Since January, Ms. Thabault, along with Mr. Liepold and Ms. Walters, have been teaching bridge to the students on Monday afternoons after school. Eight to twelve students frequently attend, but end-of-year exams and other activities have lowered the attendance. We are hoping to bring a couple of students to their first duplicate game sometime this summer.

**To volunteer** for this program or at another school, please contact **Margarett Whilden** at [mx2whilden@gmail.com](mailto:mx2whilden@gmail.com) or 301-641-4200. The

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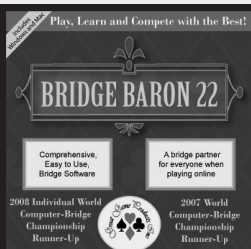
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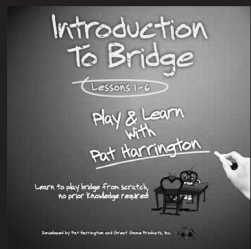
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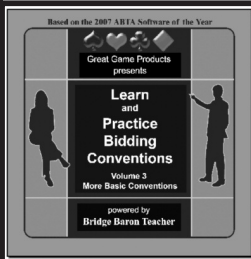


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## WBL SOLVERS' CLUB

Moderated by Steve Robinson

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Congratulations to **Harry Gellis** who came in first with a score of 490. He wins a free entry to the Unit Game, and will be invited to be on a future panel. Tied for second were **Mike Frosch, Wes Goldberg, Barry Bragin, Enid Hughes, Brad Theurer, Robert Stone** and **Arnie Frankel** with a score of 480. Tied for ninth were **Larry Kahn, Lawrence Perry Jr and Jay Weinstein** with a score of 470. Tied for eleventh were **Jeffrey Klemm, Matt Lahut, Joe Lentz, Jim Wakefield, Kathy Paramore, Wrus Kristiansen, Mark Shimshak, Rex Settle** and **Bob Landry** with a score of 460. Tied for twenty-first were **Gerald Lerner, Sven Pride, Gene Fisher, David Milton, Walt Taschek, Jean Sobieski, Penny Stoever, Kent Goulding, Andy Hawks, Randall Holden, Edward Anania, Kathy Rabenstein, Rick Essenstat** and **Chris Miller** with a score of 450. Tied for thirty-fifth were **Jim Munday, Joseph Trapani, Bruce Kretchner** and **Jon Farber** with a score of 440. The average score of the 203 solvers was 384. 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. You can also see and answer the problems at the WBL web site. WBL Solvers Club uses *Washington Standard* as published July 1996. I accept only the first answer from each solver unless it is clear that the solver wants to correct his answer.

I personally score all the problems. If a majority of the solvers vote for an answer, and the answer is reasonable I will give that answer 100 points. I will not give 100 points to an answer that I consider bad no matter how many experts vote for it. There are times when I want to make a point. I will give that answer 100 points and will therefore give the majority answer 90

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

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

### 1) IMPs, You're Vulnerable

♠ K9654 ♥ KQJ1032 ♦ 54♣ -

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
		1♥	1♠
?????			
Action	Score	Votes	Solvers
3♠	100	1	0
2♠	90	5	59
4♣	90	5	80
4♥	70	0	32
4♦	70	0	1
2NT	70	0	1
3♥	50	0	3
Dbl	50	0	2
4NT	50	0	7
2♣	50	0	1
2♥	50	0	2
5♥	40	0	4
Pass	20	0	3
6♥	20	0	5
4♠	20	0	1
5♣	20	0	1

I held this hand and I thought that there were two problems. One was to get to the correct level. The other was to try to make it as hard as possible for the non-vulnerable opponents to find a good save since I had only two cards in the minors. The two popular bids both have major flaws. 4♣, a splinter showing heart support and club shortness, allows West to double with clubs. There are three other flaws with 4♣. One is that I had a void instead of a singleton. Two is that I had no diamond control. Three is that if partner

bid 4♦, the Last Train, I wouldn't know what he had in diamonds. If I bid 2♠ showing a limit raise or better in hearts, West could slip in a three-of-a-minor bid. What bid could tell partner that I had heart support, slam interest and second round spade control, while making it as difficult as possible for the opponents to find a good save? 3♠! 3♠ is a splinter which shows second round spade control, heart support and slam interest. I did have heart support, slam interest and second round spade control. My second round spade control happened to be the king. I'd expect partner who also has spade shortness to wonder why the non-vulnerable opponents weren't competing in spades. 3♠ was the perfect bid. 3♠ would not stop LHO from bidding a minor at the four-level but would stop him from bidding one at the three-level. 3♠ turned out to be the perfect bid. LHO had the other three spades and doubled. Partner bid 4♦, RHO bid 4♠ and when I bid 5♥, RHO doubled and led the ♠A and we made six. He did not know that his club honors were not defensive tricks.

Five experts bid 2♠. It would be nice if the non-vulnerable opponents always remain silent during your constructive auctions but they are allowed to bid. 2♠ gives them plenty of room.

**Parker:** "2♠—Shows a strong heart raise,

which I do have. I want partner to start cue bidding if he has first round controls. It would be silly to jump to 4♥ with such a good hand."

**Cappelletti:** "2♠—I might bid exclusion later. Not quite enough to bid 5♣ now. 4♣ is second choice."

**LaSota:** "2♠—I do not splinter with 4♣ on the hand because the benefits to a splinter do not offset the flaws with the bid. I do not like splinters above three-of-our major without first or second-round control in the two side suits. In this case, I have two little diamonds. Also, a splinter of 4♣ would not show a void rather than a singleton. The ♠K may well be useless for hearts if partner does not have the ♠A since the odds that a diamond pitch from partner's hand will be helpful, are close to zero. Partner would need to hold something like ♦Ax, ♠Ax for the ♠K to be a huge card. If we had 2NT available to show four or more hearts with at least limit raise values that would be the call instead of 2♠."

**Stauss:** "2♠—Not clear yet how many hearts can be bid. Hope partner bids diamonds, after which I'll cue bid clubs. In meantime I want to establish the game force."

2♠ shows a limit raise or better so partner will bid 3♥ with a dead minimum.

**Landen:** "2♠—I don't imagine letting the

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as exclusion is possible, but you might end up in poor slams when partner has something like ♠x♥Axxxx♦AJx♣Kxxx and you have to go after hearing a two-Key-card response."

**Schwartz:** "4♣—Playing strength makes up for lack of HCP and leaves an easy cue for partner."

**Adams:** "4♣—Seems normal. Shows short clubs and a game forcing hand. Slamish if we fit well."

There are a lot of situations where you can set trumps and make a slam try by 'splintering' in RHO's suit when holding the King.

## 2) IMPs, None Vulnerable

♠AKQ10♥J974♦-♣Q7432

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

????

<u>Action</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Votes</u>	<u>Solvers</u>
2♣	100	5	30
1♠	90	6	117
Dbl	50	0	18
1NT	50	0	1
2♥	30	0	20
Pass	30	0	11
2NT	20	0	1
4♥	20	0	1
3♥	20	0	1
4♦	20	0	2
3♣	20	0	1

You have a strong enough hand that you don't want to sell out to 1♥. The void in diamonds makes this hand awkward to bid. If you double, partner will bid diamonds and then what? So the choice is bidding the strong four-card spade suit or bidding the weak five-card club suit. If you had to make only one bid, 1♠ would everyone's choice because you certainly want a spade lead. However, this easily could be a two bid hand. Since this is very likely to be a two-bid hand, it makes a lot of sense to bid the suits in length order.

Some bids have different meanings depending on what seat you're in. A jump to 2NT in direct seat show the two lower unbid suits at least five-five. In pass-out seat a jump to 2NT is natural showing 18-20 balanced. In direct seat a jump to 3♣ is usually weak. In pass-out seat, a jump to 3♣ shows an opening bid with a good six-card club suit. In pass-out seat, partner should play you for a king less. In pass-out seat, you can make a takeout double with only nine HCP or could bid a suit at the two-level with only nine HCP.

Six experts get their lead director in. However, 1♠ shows five and you could easily get to a

opponents declare this hand, so I'll play it straight and show heart support and at least game aspirations. I'm not a big fan of splintering with a void, so won't do that. My spade holding is dangerous, but must let partner have a chance to show slam interest."

Five experts bid 4♣. There are some hands which are impossible to describe if you don't splinter but 4♣ has four strikes against it. Strike number one: you have a void instead of a singleton. Two: you don't have a diamond control. Three: bidding 4♣ allows West to double to show clubs. Four: if partner has the ♣A, he'll think it's valuable. It will also tell East that his club honors will not take tricks on defense.

**King:** "4♣—A splinter seems the best way to describe this hand. Some people require it also show first or second round control in the other suits, but I don't think that is Washington Standard."

**Woolsey:** "4♣—Why shouldn't I show the club shortness and heart fit? What I will do in the future isn't clear, but this has to be a good way to start."

**Hopkins:** "4♣—I will splinter and if partner makes a forward going move, continue with a cue-bid of 5♣ to confirm a void. 5♣

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4-3 or even a 4-2 spade fit. The larger problem is that someone might bid a red suit and then bidding clubs would distort your suit lengths. If the auction continues 2♦ by opener - Pass - 3♦ by responder, you may never get to show your five-card club suit. If partner has ♠xx♥Ax♦xxxx♣AJxxx, you could miss a cold club slam.

**Parker:** "1♠—If my clubs and diamonds were reversed I could double and do an equal level conversion. Spades are where I live and if partner has some we should do well since he will be short in hearts."

**King:** "1♠—This is the suit I want led. I may let them find a diamond fit, but passing seems a very pessimistic action."

**Woolsey:** "1♠—I don't think our chances of getting a plus score defending 1♥ are good enough, so let's get the bidding up to a higher level where maybe we can get a plus score."

**Hopkins:** "1♠—Get partner off to the right lead if they buy the contract presumably in diamonds. And we can always end up competing in spades."

**Schwartz:** "1♠—No other bid seems close. If they happen to buy the contract, will get the lead I want."

**Landen:** "1♠—Nothing is perfect, but I must keep the bidding alive. The money is in notrump or spades, so here I go. Looks like a five-card suit."

Four experts join me and bid 2♣. This will allow you to bid spades if someone bids a red suit and partner will not play you for five spades. By bidding 2♣, you'll avoid playing in a 4-2 spade fit and find a possible club fit.

**Cappelletti:** "2♣—If I bid 1♠ now, we might miss a club game or slam."

**LaSota:** "2♣—Reverse the distribution in the minors and we would have an equal level conversion double. However, this is not available with four spades and five clubs. Four possible calls are: Pass, 1♠, 2♣ and 2♥. Pass may be the winning call if partner has three or four hearts, no club fit, and no spade fit. However, this hand is just too strong to pass. If ever there is a chunky four card suit, AKQ10 qualifies. A 1♠-overcall could get us to a nice spade fit for a partial or game. However, there are many hands that partner can hold with fewer than three spades where the result may be poor for us if we overcall 1♠. Also, opener may make a rebid on your left that places your side in an uncomfortable position if it goes 1♥ - Pass - Pass - 1♠ - 2♥ for example. A Michaels bid of 2♥ may work, but if the auction stays open, 2♣ appears to be the best call. If opener rebids two-of-a-red-suit and it goes - Pass - Pass back to us,

we can bid 2♠."

If your void was in clubs, it could be scary doubling 1♥ since partner might get carried away in the club suit.

**Stauss:** "2♣—Don't want to double with void. 1♠ might be right but I have more clubs."

**Adams:** "2♣—They probably have a diamond fit, but diamonds splitting badly, so not terrible if they find it. Bidding clubs before spades helps if this is not the last bid."

If you plan on taking two bids, bid the suits in length order.

### 3) IMPs, None Vulnerable

♠AKQ54♥K76♦A873♣2

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
1♠	Pass	1NT	Pass
2♦	Pass	2♠	Pass
????			

Action	Score	Votes	Solvers
3♥	100	8	51
Pass	90	3	74
3♠	60	0	32
2NT	40	0	11
4♠	30	0	31
3♦	20	0	2
3♣	20	0	1
6♠	20	0	1

Pass or make a game try. Give partner ♠xx♥QJ10xx♦xx♣Axxx and with a little luck and a non-trump lead you might even make six hearts. Opposite ♠Jx♥xxxx♦KQx♣QJxx, 3NT could easily make. This hand could even make game opposite a weak three-card spade raise if partner has no wasted club honors. Opposite ♠Jxx♥J109♦Kx♣xxxxx, 4♠ is a reasonable contract. If you're going to bid, you should pattern out. By bidding 3♥, you tell partner that you very likely have five spades, four diamonds, three hearts and one club. The bad news is that you tell the opponents the same thing. The only other reasonable continuation is to treat your spades as six and bid 3♠. However, that could cause you to miss a 5-3 heart fit.

Seven experts agree with me and bid 3♥. If partner has four good hearts, 4♥ could be a good contract. Opposite ♠Jx♥AQJx♦xxx♣xxxx, 4♥ has ten top tricks and will make eleven with a club lead.

**Parker:** "3♥—Bid out my shape, shows only three hearts and a good hand. If partner has five hearts we should make a game."

**Woolsey:** "3♥—If my rounded suits were reversed I would pass, but the extra possibility of catching partner with five hearts makes

this a worthwhile venture."

**Cappelletti:** "3♥—Game try."

**Hopkins:** "3♥—Very close. I don't like to risk a likely plus score, but there is a strong possibility partner has five Hearts or even four good ones in which case I would expect to make game. Vulnerable I think this would be automatic, but non-vulnerable I expect a roughly 50-50 split in the vote."

Holding one club I'd expect partner to have five clubs not five hearts.

**Schwartz:** "3♥—Shows this shape, willing to play the 5-2 spade fit if necessary. Partner could easily have nine HCP so can't pass and spades likely safer than notrump if partner is not accepting."

**Adams:** "3♥—Good primes, will risk being too high opposite a bunch of club garbage and out."

**Landen:** "3♥—A tad too much to pass, so pattern out. The rest is up to partner. I have a lot of sympathy for anyone who passes 2♠. It might be the percentage action not vulnerable."

Three experts pass. They take the very likely plus score.

**LaSota:** "Pass—I pass and take the likely plus score. Partner usually has a doubleton spade, five to not a great ten HCP. Partner may also hold a very weak hand with three spades that was not worth a constructive raise directly to 2♠. We may have a game available in hearts, notrump, or spades on the hand, but there are many more possible hands where we do not want to play above 2♠."

**King:** "Pass—I don't think this hand is quite strong enough to take another bid, especially non-vulnerable."

**Stauss:** "Pass—Game seems unlikely and another bid risks a minus score."

Bid out your shape when you have extra values.

### 4) IMPs, None Vulnerable

♠543♥AKJ♦543♣KJ42

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
2♣	2♠	1♦	Pass
????		3♣	Pass

Action	Score	Votes	Solvers
3♥	100	6	93
3♦	90	1	14
Pass	70	3	44
3♠	50	1	46
4♣	50	0	1
3NT	30	0	3
5♣	30	0	1
4♥	20	0	1

You have made a two-over-one on a hand that barely qualifies. While I'm not happy with the 2♣-bid, I wouldn't be happy showing a balanced hand with the spade lead through partner's spade holding. By bidding 2♣, you could at least get partner to play the hand and protect his spade holding. In theory 3♣ is forcing and Opener could have a very good hand. Partner could have ♠x♥xxx♦AKQxx♣AQxx where 6♣ is very good contract and he would certainly bid 3♣ with that hand. He could also have ♠Jxx♥x♦AKxxx♣Axxx where you'd be lucky to make 3♣. However, partner is expecting you to keep bidding so it would be wrong to pass.

Five experts agree with me and show where they live. You have clubs and hearts and that's what 3♥ shows.

**Parker:** "3♥—Must show a stopper and ask partner to bid 3NT with spades stopped. If I had spades stopped I would be 3NT."

**Cappelletti:** "3♥—Natural bid in game-forcing auction."

**LaSota:** "3♥—We decided to bid two-over-one on a 3-3=3=4 12 count which is questionable. However, the auction has become much more revealing for us when we chose to bid 2♣ and partner has taken a free bid of 3♣. Little cooperation, I will continue the cooperation with partner by bidding 3♥. This shows where my values are and allows partner to make the next move. If partner bids 3NT over this, I will gladly pass. If partner bids 3♠, I will rebid 4♥, which is one of the two-over-one auctions where we can get out in four-of-a-minor. I play that over one-any - two-over-one-in-a-minor - direct raise to three-of-the-same-minor by opener, bids at the three-level probing for 3NT but if neither side ends up bidding 3NT, four-of-the-minor is non-forcing."

This is one auction where two-over-one is not 100% forcing to game. If you try for 3NT and fail, then you could play in four-of-a-minor if neither partner has extra values. If partner bids 4♣ over 3♥, you could and should pass it. If partner bids 3♠ and you bid 4♣, partner could pass that also. 4♣ by either player shows a minimum.

**Hopkins:** "3♥—I am stuck with my original bid so am trying to get us to 3NT if partner has a spade stopper."

**Adams:** "3♥—We can get out in 4♣ with no spade stopper. Bid where my values lie. 3♠ shows a spade card."

One expert uses a convention which I despise. Western Cue bid. 3♠ is forcing and partner is supposed to do something intelligent. Even if partner has a full stopper, 3NT might not fetch

**Stauss:** “3♠—Western cue asking for a full stopper. If partner has it, game looks to be a good bet.”

Three experts pass. Why couldn't opener hold ♠-♥xxx♦AKQxx♣AQxxx? +190 would be a great score. Partner would never expect that 3♣ could be passed. Holding that hand, you give partner a chance to show spade values. If partner fails to bid show spade values, you can ask for keycards knowing that he can't hold the ace of spades.

**Woolsey:** “Pass—Did I really make a two-over-one on this total garbage? Clearly I missed my hand, and my best chance for a plus score now is to pass.”

**King:** “Pass—Again we not vulnerable, I have flat shape, one less club than partner expects and an awful holding in spades.”

**Landen:** “Pass—I hate the 2♣ bid with this trash. If I can't abstain, then I'll pass.”

If not 2♣, what do you bid over 1♦?

One expert bids 3♦. 3♦ is forcing but doesn't show where you live which is hearts.

**Schwartz:** “3♦—Would pass 3♣ if it's not forcing in *Washington Standard*. If forcing, need to get to the correct minor if we are not getting to 3NT. 3♥ won't do that.”

If you pass a forcing bid, you'd better be right.

## 5) IMPs, Both Vulnerable

♠K874♥A10♦AQ10♣Q954

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
????		1♦	1♠
Action	Score	Votes	Solvers
2♠	100	8	34
3NT	80	3	117
2♣	70	0	19
2NT	30	0	20
3♠	20	0	3
Dbl	20	0	3
Pass	20	0	5
1NT	20	0	2

Where do you want to play this hand? 3NT would be my guess. Who do you want to play 3NT? I would think that 3NT would best be played from partner's side. You certainly don't want the opening spade lead coming through partner's possible Qx. My plan is to bid 2♠ showing a limit raise or better in diamonds. Assuming partner bids three-of-a-minor, which shows a minimum, I plan to bid 3♠, an Eastern cue bid. 3♠ shows a spade stopper so Opener can bid 3NT even if he has nothing in spades. If I did not have a spade stopper, I would bid 3♥ which suggests that partner bid

3NT with a spade stopper. This is called the “Eastern Cue-bid”. If partner is very distributional, he'll bypass 3NT which isn't that bad.

Three experts bid 3NT. Partner is going to expect that you have very good spades with at least two stoppers opposite a small singleton. Not only could 3NT be played from the wrong side if partner has ♠Qx♥KQx♦KJxx♣Kxxx, you could miss a good slam if partner has ♠x♥Kxx♦KJxxxx♣AKx.

**Parker:** “3NT—Shows a balanced hand and around 15 HCP. That's what I have.”

I would think that 3NT shows an opening bid with at least two spade stoppers.

**Schwartz:** “3NT—Would cue bid if my spade King and heart Ace were reversed. As it is, a cue bid risks getting past 3NT if partner is distributional.”

If partner is distributional you could have a slam while 3NT goes down.

♠-♥Kxx♦Kxxx♣KJxxx makes 6♣ but 3NT goes down.

**Landen:** “3NT—Too bad we don't play 3♠ says I have spades stopped, but prefer you declare. I'm not going to bid clubs or bid 2♣ showing at least four diamonds as partner might jump in a minor.”

Seven experts join me and show a limit raise or better with diamond support. AQ10 is good support if partner has an unbalanced hand. If you later do bid 3NT, partner should work out that your spade stoppers are not that strong.

**King:** “2♠—Let's show our support first. We can get to notrump later if that is where we belong.”

**Cappelletti:** “2♠—Quite likely to bid notrump game next.”

**LaSota:** “2♠—There are many reasons

why I choose 2♠ instead of a direct 3NT.

1) Many hands partner holds that are cold for six of a minor that they would pass if we bid 3NT. For example: ♠x♥Kxx♦K9xxx♣AKJx.

2) If 3NT is the final contract, there is a good chance we want the overcaller leading into partner's hand.

3) Given that we hold three of the top five diamonds, there are many hands partner may hold with five or more diamonds that will not know to move to slam if we do not show a diamond fit.

4) Partner may hold distributional minims where five-of-a-minor makes and 3NT does not.

5) We can always get to 3NT later if it's right.”

**Stauss:** “2♠—Let's see what partner does; it's too early to sign off at 3NT which looks like the only other reasonable bid.”

**Woolsey:** “2♠—On a good day partner will bid 2NT. If he doesn't, I can bid 3NT next. Should he pull he will be short in spades and long in diamonds, in which case we may well belong in diamonds anyway.”

**Hopkins:** “2♠—I sort of want to play 3NT from partner's side, but am bidding this way to keep our options open.”

**Adams:** “2♠—I know Robinson likes to have four-card support for this, but these three are pretty good and we are probably going to play notrump, hopefully from partner's side. Move some honors to clubs and I'd bid my four-card club suit here. I doubt it matters much which minor I bid, the key is to give partner a chance to declare notrump.”

When you have two options, both of which are reasonable, pick the lower.

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Mike Cappelletti	2♠	2♣	3♥	3♥	2♠	490
Robbie Hopkins	4♣	1♠	3♥	3♥	2♠	480
Fred King	4♣	1♠	Pass	Pass	2♠	450
Steve Landen	2♠	1♠	3♥	Pass	3NT	430
Leo LaSota	2♠	2♣	Pass	3♥	2♠	480
Steve Parker	2♠	1♠	3♥	3♥	3NT	460
Steve Robinson	3♠	2♣	3♥	3♥	2♠	500
Alan Schwartz	4♣	1♠	3♥	3♦	3NT	450
Ben Stauss	2♠	2♣	Pass	3♠	2♠	430
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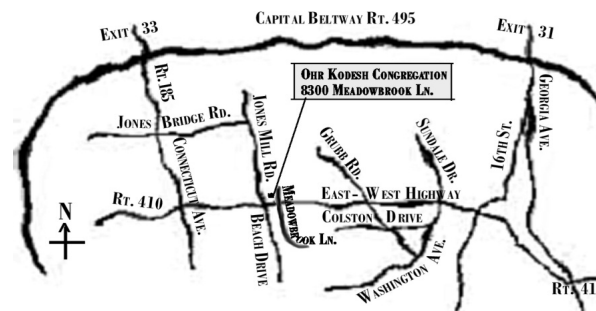
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10/10/2013 .....StrataFlighted Unit Championship  
10/17/2013 .....StrataFlighted BAM Teams; NLM Pairs

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 [barbd@star-power.net](mailto:barbd@star-power.net), or call 301-608-0347 between 9am and 10pm. To find a partner for the NLM game, contact **Shawn Stringer** at 301-275-6363 or [ShStringer@aol.com](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.

## THE UNIT GAME

### BRIDGEMATE TRIVIA, EPISODE 1

The electronic scoring system that we have been using since October, 2010 allows collection and digestion of a wealth of statistics. Over the coming issues, I will be presenting an occasional series of variously quirky or celebratory statistics. Take them all with a grain of salt – the data is not 100% perfect because of occasional errors in score entry, etc – but enjoy them anyway. *To kick off the series:*

#### ***The 10 All-Time Most Successful WBL Declarers.\****

These tables only take account of whether or not the contract made (ignoring overtricks and what making was worth in matchpoints), for pair and BAM games only, so “success” may not be all it appears. Honorees may be great card players, serious underbidders, or both!

#### **In Flight A/X games only:**

Declarer	Hands Declared	Success Rate
Leo LaSota	36	80%
Mark Cohen	38	76%
Lou Reich	26	76%
Mark Chen	56	75%
Jim Allen, Jr	86	75%
Silas Wasserstrom	44	75%
Lyle Poe Jr	250	74%
John Christensen	95	74%
Peter Boyd	65	73%
William Gill	84	73%

#### **In all games:**

Declarer	Hands Declared	Success Rate
Wayne Bardsley	42	92%
Sara Mazie	73	87%
Yasmin Jiwa	28	85%
Walter Beckerman	44	84%
Ted Proxmire	37	83%
A Bruce McKay	42	83%
Michael Chelst	30	83%
Terry Klein	181	80%
Ralph Bestock	71	80%
Adele Ewing	76	80%

\*Restricted to players who have played at least once in the last 12 months & declared 25+ contracts

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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 FAQs.

## 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),

### UPCOMING SECTIONALS

- ♦ July 18-21, 2013, WBL, Kensington, MD
- ♥ Sept 7-8, 2013, WBL, NLM, Kensington, MD
- ♠ September 19-22, 2013, NVBA, Fairfax, VA
- ♣ October 3-6, 2013, WBL, Kensington, MD
- ♦ October 24-27, 2013, NVBA, Fairfax, VA
- ♣ January 2-5, 2014, WBL, Kensington, MD
- ♦ February 20-23, 2014, NVBA, Fairfax, VA

## COMMITTEE ACTION #79

by **Rich Colker**, [rcolker@gmail.com](mailto:rcolker@gmail.com)

This case, from the second qualifying session of the Mitchell Open BAM Teams at the Fall NABC in San Francisco, illustrates what often happens when players fail to get their agreements straight. Here are a couple of questions to test whether you and your partner are on the same wavelength regarding your methods after partner has shown a strong balanced hand. What are your methods when partner opens with a strong notrump? How about when he overcalls with a strong 1NT? How about when he opens with an even stronger 2NT (or rebids 2NT in an auction such as 2♣-2♦; 2NT)? And finally, how about when he overcalls an opponent's two-level opening with 2NT? That last auction is what threw a monkey wrench into N/S's works on the following deal.

**Bd:** 20; **Vul:** Both; **Dir:** West

♠ AKJ	
♥ A97	
♦ KQ10	
♣ 10832	
♠ 8	♠ 96542
♥ 10652	♥ QJ843
♦ AJ7642	♦ —
♣ 64	♣ A97
♠ Q1073	
♥ K	
♦ 9853	
♣ KQJ5	

West	North	East	South
2♦	2NT	Pass	3♣
Pass	3♦ <sup>(1)</sup>	Pass	3♥
Pass	3NT	Pass	Pass

<sup>(1)</sup> *Alerted and explained as one or both four-card majors.*

East led a spade against 3NT and eleven easy tricks were made, +660 for N/S. The Director was summoned at the end of play when E/W were ini-

tially concerned about the impact of misinformation on East's opening lead (N/S played puppet Stayman over their 2NT opening bids, e.g., 2NT or 2♣-2♦; 2NT, but Smolen over their 1NT openings and overcalls). But E/W's concern soon shifted to the unauthorized information (UI) conveyed to North by South's Alert of 3♦. North thought 3♣ was regular Stayman and bid 3♦ accordingly; South thought 3♣ was puppet Stayman and Alerted and explained 3♦ as indicated above. Had 3♦ not been Alerted North would have expected South to be four-five in the majors. With length and strength in both of South's majors it would be normal to bid game in the suit South had shown five of. However, the UI that North possessed demonstrably suggested bidding 3NT rather than 4♠. Accordingly, citing Laws 16B1(a) and 12C1(e), the Director adjusted the result to 4♠ by North down one, -100 for N/S.

Of course N/S appealed the ruling (or we wouldn't be discussing this case here). West did not attend the hearing. North said he thought his 3NT bid was obvious (no ruffing values, diamonds double stopped). South added that the opponents might be able to ruff a diamond in 4♠ and could not run clubs against 3NT. East countered this with the argument that if the defense could ruff a diamond in 4♠ dummy would be short in clubs and the defense might easily run clubs against 3NT. Okay, it's time for you to decide how you would rule on this case before reading on.

The Committee noted that North possessed UI that demonstrably suggested bidding 3NT rather than game in South's longer major (either 3♠ or 4♥, depending on whether North thought Smolen applied). Therefore, the contract had been appropriately adjusted by the table Director to 4♠ down one. N/S and their team captain should have recognized that 3♠ and 4♥ were both LAs to 3NT (the bid suggested by the UI) and should not have appealed the Director's rul-

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**Committee Action, cont. from p. 17...**

ing. Accordingly, the Appeals Committee upheld the table ruling and assigned N/S an Appeal Without Merit Warning. The Committee also considered assigning a procedural penalty to N/S for North's blatant use of UI but decided the AWMW was sufficient.

I whole-heartedly endorse the Committee's reasoning and final decision, except that I would have assessed the procedural penalty against N/S. There are two important reasons for doing this. First, North was an experienced player (a LM with over 3000 MP) and should have known better than to bid 3NT. Law 73C specifically instructs a player who has UI available from his/her partner to carefully avoid taking any advantage of that information. That means that a player in possession of UI should bend over backwards to avoid any action suggested by that information. Second, I strongly believe that NABC+ events (such as the Open BAM Teams here) require players to adhere to the highest ethical standards. Even players with less experience should be prepared to play by those standards when they enter such events.

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

Bridge-in-Schools program at *DC Prep Middle School*, a public charter school, was begun in Oct 2012 by WBL members, **Thayer Baine** and **Lindsay Eakin**. **Daisy Smith** has the necessary cooperation, license, equipment, and assistants to begin the program in September at the *Takoma Educational Center in Takoma Park*. We've also been hoping to get the *Parkdale* program off life-support and into the sunshine. We still need "real bridge players" and some additional materials there, even though the students have been struggling to "teach themselves".

**WELCOME TO THE WASHINGTON BRIDGE LEAGUE**

The WBL welcomes the following new ACBL members: **David K Berler, Sandra H Berler, Pamela Kelly, Mr Edward Rejuney, John A Edie, Ellen K Fastow, Mrs Mona Hanford, Ms Eileen Lee, Diane C Noble, Patricia O Quinn, Sheri Rothstein, Darlein Stein, Dr Dorthy A Tracey, Emily C Volz, and Patricia S Whelan.**

In addition, we welcome the following transfers from other units: **Ausma S Blumentals, Mr Paul L Chassy, Ms Reina L Chassy, Mr Newman Guttman, Ms Nancy S Macinnis, Sheila Manheimer,**

**Mr John B Mattioli, Mrs Betty Ann McGeehan, Mr Richard G Muller, Eric Newcomer, Mr Mel Schloss, Mr Alex Stouck, Mrs Charlotte Zaret, Mary C Boynton, Mr Larry G Carswell, Dev Chattopadhyay, Mr John Flynn, Nancy R Harris, Ms Stephanie Kay, Mrs Charlotte M, Mr Elliot Levine, Della Morris, Ms Susan K Myers, Dr Lee P Rosky, Mrs Eileen Theimer, and Mr David M Trebing.**

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).

**GRAND NATIONAL TEAMS 2012-13 DISTRICT 6 WINNERS**

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

**Championship Flight**

Lyle Poe Jr, Ellicott City MD; Brad Theurer, Gaithersburg, MD; John Adams, Silver Spring MD; Sylvia Shi, Baltimore, MD; Noble Shore, Germantown MD; Michael Gill, Columbia MD

**Flight A (0-5000)**

Barry Bragin, Silver Spring MD; Stephen Drodge, McLean, VA; John Miller, Vienna VA; Noble Shore, Germantown MD; Michael Gill, Columbia MD; Mark Laken, Glyndon MD

**Flight B (0-2000)**

John Christensen, Baltimore MD; Debnarayan Dhar, Oak Hill, VA; Mel Yudkin, Annandale VA; Gregory Bright, Westminster MD

**Flight C (0-500/NLM)**

Fred Gramlich, Alexandria VA; Thomas Jennings - Wayne Bardsley, McLean VA; Kellen Leister, McLean VA

**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, Barbara Doran, Millard Nachtwey, and Paul Leopold.** Each year, a committee of the most recent five winners, (the longest standing to be the Machlin Committee Chair — *Peter Boyd*) 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 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 Aug. 15.

**THE LONGEST DAY JOIN US! PLAY BRIDGE! END ALZHEIMERS!**

Key Middle School Bridge Club, ACBL, NVBA, and the JCC of Northern Virginia invite you to play bridge on the **Longest Day** to raise money for **Alzheimer's Research** at the JCC: 8900 Little River Turnpike, Fairfax, VA.

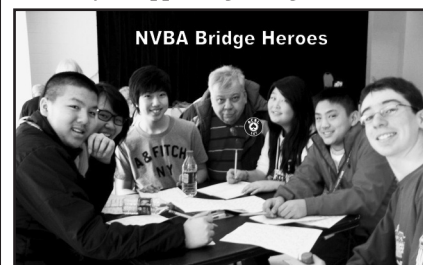
**Friday, June 21** from 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Play 1, 2 or 3 sessions

—Upgraded Masterpoints—

For more information, contact Livingston at 703-591-0014 or [snowpushers@cox.net](mailto:snowpushers@cox.net) or go to [thelongestday.alz.org/tld/NVBABridgeHeroes](http://thelongestday.alz.org/tld/NVBABridgeHeroes).

**Thanks for supporting Bridge in Schools!**



**2012-2013 WBL/NVBA PLAYER OF THE YEAR**

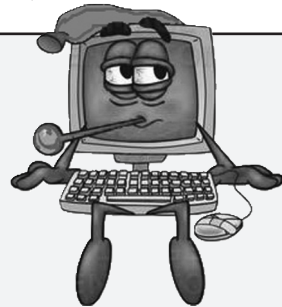
**To be eligible**, a player: (1) Must be a member (or pending member) of either the NVBA or

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| ➤ Networking             | ➤ Flickr      | ➤ Security issues   |
| ➤ email                  | ➤ Youtube     | ➤ Backup strategies |
| ➤ OKBridge               | ➤ Facebook    | ➤ Chicken soup      |
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# MINUTES OF THE 2013 WASHINGTON BRIDGE LEAGUE ANNUAL MEETING

from Linda Marshall, Secretary

The 2013 WBL Annual Meeting was called to order by President **Richard Ferrin** at 7:05 pm.

Treasurer **Rose Berman** announced that the WBL is in sound financial condition, with approximately \$57,000 in funds, most of which is in an interest-bearing checking account. (See Balance Sheet on p.22.) Copies of the WBL's Profit and Loss Statement for the

## Washington Bridge League Profit & Loss May 2012 through April 2013

May '12 - Apr 13

Ordinary Income/Expense	
Income	
bulletin	2,667.00
duplicating machine	875.00
Entry fees	118,356.85
Investments	107.75
Other Types of Income	-669.97
Program Income	6,034.67
RR/KO Teams	1,531.50
Sectional	752.26
Uncategorized Income	-34.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>129,621.06</b>
Gross Profit	
	129,621.06
Expense	
ACBL fees	7,741.05
bank fees	15.00
BETHESDA REGIONAL	158.99
Board meetings	1,500.00
Bridge in Schools	541.42
Caddies	5,162.00
Charity Contribution	413.00
Directors	27,414.72
Editing	3,780.00
Facilities and Equipment	30,274.50
food and refreshments	10,672.35
free plays	9,403.00
GNT	2,676.00
MABC fees	2,084.00
Misc	500.00
Operations	3,997.50
Other games	917.40
Other Types of Expenses	369.86
predups	2,785.00
Prizes	416.63
SECTIONALS	4,844.85
shortage	-19.00
STAC	1,068.00
Supplies	176.40
tables	588.40
Teacher	5,371.00
WBL BULLETIN	12,004.40
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>134,856.47</b>
<b>Net Ordinary Income</b>	<b>-5,235.41</b>
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>-5,235.41</b>

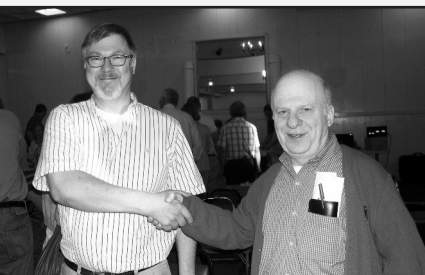
year were available at the meeting. The Treasurer's Report was accepted without objection.

Richard turned the meeting over to **Jim Allen**, Elections Chairman, who asked for nominations from the floor for officers for the fiscal year 2013. A slate of officers nominated through the petition process was available. No

# 2012 WINNERS WINNERS WINNERS WINNERS WINNERS WINNERS .....MAY 16, 2013.....ANNUAL MEETING & ELECTIONS REPORT.....



Ferrin and Kruskal presenting award to Ron Starr for his volunteer education work



Ferrin announcing the newly named Steve Robinson Trophy

further nominations were made. Nominations were closed and the slate of: **Richard Ferrin** for President, **Ellen Cherniavsky** for Vice President, **Linda Marshall** for Secretary, and **Rose Berman** for Treasurer, was elected by acclamation. A slate of Directors nominated through the petition process was available. Jim announced that an additional one-year Director position has become available due to the resignation of Jim Geist. Melissa Price was nominated and seconded for this position. No further nominations were made. **Carole Banks**, **Clyde Kruskal**, **Bob Stearns**, and **Melissa Price** were elected members of the Board of Directors by acclamation, with Melissa to serve a one-year term.

Jim turned the meeting back to Richard. Richard presented the **Ace of Clubs** and **Mini-McKenney** awards. Richard also presented an award to **Ron Starr**, in honor of his work with the Bridge in Schools program. (See story on p. 2.) Clyde Kruskal spoke about Ron Starr's contributions in the area of teaching bridge to middle school and high school students.



Richard Ferrin announced that the travelling trophy that is awarded each year during the Potomac Valley Tournament for the WBL Trophy Pairs event has been named the **Steve Robinson Trophy**.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:20 pm.



## ACE OF CLUBS WINNERS

0 to 5 .....	Joy Oliver
5 to 20 .....	Neil Singer
20 to 50 .....	Mary Ourand
50 to 100 .....	Lester Slaback
100 to 200 .....	Margarett Whilden
200 to 300 .....	Alexander Prairie
300 to 500 .....	Forest Montgomery
500 to 1000 .....	Alfred Caponiti
1000 to 2500 .....	Roma Chandra
2500 to 5000 .....	Juline Glaz
5000 to 7500 .....	Steven Schatzow
7500 to 10,000 .....	Paul Benedict
Over 10,000 .....	Eugene Kales

## MINI-MCKENNEY WINNERS

0 to 5 .....	Joy Oliver
5 to 20 .....	Louela Bonner
20 to 50 .....	Rosemary Kuntz
50 to 100 .....	Lester Slaback
100 to 200 .....	Margarett Whilden
200 to 300 .....	Alexander Prairie
300 to 500 .....	Jay Gibbons
500 to 1000 .....	Steve Graves
1000 to 2500 .....	Shawn Stringer
2500 to 5000 .....	Barry Bragin
5000 to 7500 .....	John Adams
7500 to 10,000 .....	Paul Benedict
Over 10,000 .....	Steve Robinson



Washington Bridge League Balance Sheet As of April 30, 2013	
	Apr 30, 13
<b>ASSETS</b>	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	8,795.21
B of A Checking	46,666.12
Capital One	137.15
Petty cash	
Total Checking/Savings	55,598.48
Accounts Receivable	
Accounts Receivable	1,548.38
Total Accounts Receivable	1,548.38
Other Current Assets	
Undeposited Funds	625.00
Total Other Current Assets	625.00
Total Current Assets	57,771.86
Fixed Assets	
Furniture and Equipment	
Dealing Machine	4,451.91
Total Furniture and Equipment	4,451.91
Total Fixed Assets	4,451.91
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>62,223.77</b>
<b>LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	
Equity	
Opening Balance Equity	35,232.06
Unrestricted Net Assets	25,568.67
Net Income	1,423.04
Total Equity	62,223.77
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	<b>62,223.77</b>

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

**Awards:** Two trophies will be awarded.

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

Player	Open Leaders	Points
1 Steve Robinson	.....	159.53 *
2 Peter Boyd	.....	149.27 *
3 Mark Shaw	.....	110.39 *
4 Robert Bell	.....	107.25 *
5 William Cole	.....	105.89 *
6 Steven Schatzow	.....	97.62 *

7 Sylvia Shi	.....	94.66
8 John Adams	.....	94.43
9 Fred King	.....	93.94 *
10 William Pettis	.....	88.82
11 Ai-Tai Lo	.....	86.39 *
12 Barry Falgout	.....	80.80 *
13 Alexander Prairie	.....	77.91
14 Richard Wegman	.....	76.74
15 Kenneth Davis	.....	70.71 *
16 David Ruderman	.....	70.20
17 Bob Boyd	.....	67.09 *
18 Ronald Zucker	.....	64.92
19 Stephen Drodge	.....	62.09 *
20 Clyde Kruskal	.....	61.82

Player	NonLM Leaders	Points
1 Thomas Jennings	.....	42.03
2 Wayne Bardsley	.....	36.28
3 Ollie Thomas	.....	30.06 *
4 Julie Thomas	.....	30.06 *
5 James Gerding	.....	29.13 *
6 Kellen Leister	.....	27.54 *
7 Carolyn Baird	.....	27.52 *
8 Yuen De Anda	.....	25.62 *
9 Ron Sutter	.....	25.62 *
10 John Gauss	.....	24.62 *
11 Sidney Graves	.....	23.60 *
12 Catherine Bardsley	.....	21.81
13 Barbara Sadick	.....	21.58 *
14 Jeffrey Halle	.....	20.86 *
15 Richard Bingham	.....	20.85
16 Donna Sinrud	.....	20.66 *
17 Jill Benson	.....	20.61 *
18 Jim Walsh	.....	19.94 *
19 Ted Proxmire	.....	19.58
20 Eric Poskanzer	.....	19.58

## THE WBL ONLINE

The Washington Bridge League is providing two new online services:

### 1. The WBL Online Bulletin Board

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

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

### 2. The WBL Online Partnership Desk

Check it out at [washingtonbridgeleague.org](http://washingtonbridgeleague.org)  
Contact Clyde Kruskal at [cpkfam@gmail.com](mailto:cpkfam@gmail.com) or 301-395-0480 with any questions.

# 67TH ANNUAL WBL CITY OF WASHINGTON TOURNAMENT

April 4-7, 2013

## Results

### TOP TEN CUMULATIVE POINT WINNERS

#### All Players

1	32.22	.....	John Adams
2	28.47	.....	Steve Robinson
3	24.20	.....	Richard Wegman
4	23.60	.....	Brad Theurer
5	23.13	.....	Peter Boyd
6	19.52	.....	Benjamin Brill
7	19.34	.....	Jason Meyer
8	19.23	.....	Barry Bragin
9	17.00	.....	Mike Frosch
10	16.70	.....	William Cole
	16.70	.....	William Pettis

#### Players with fewer than 2000 masterpoints

1	17.00	.....	Mike Frosch
2	14.23	.....	Francesco Parisi-Presicce
3	13.55	.....	Ronald Zucker
4	12.27	.....	Ellen Glynn
5	12.15	.....	Susan Miskura
6	10.93	.....	Jason Holderness
7	10.41	.....	Wayne Bardsley
8	9.93	.....	Sylvia Shi
9	9.76	.....	Stephen Drodge
10	9.42	.....	Michael Richey

#### Players with fewer than 500 masterpoints

1	10.93	.....	Jason Holderness
2	10.41	.....	Wayne Bardsley
3	7.87	.....	Ollie Thomas
	7.87	.....	Julie Thomas
5	7.52	.....	Dale Sanders
6	6.64	.....	Catherine Bardsley
7	6.32	.....	Peter Van Zijl
8	6.25	.....	Daniela Tunsanu
	6.25	.....	Radu Tunsanu
10	6.01	.....	Johnny Marsh
	6.01	.....	Jane Marsh

#### Players with fewer than 100 masterpoints

1	10.93	.....	Jason Holderness
2	6.25	.....	Daniela Tunsanu
	6.25	.....	Radu Tunsanu
4	6.01	.....	Jane Marsh
	6.01	.....	Johnny Marsh
6	4.50	.....	Terry Klein
7	4.14	.....	Myron Goldstein
8	3.88	.....	Ted Proxmire
9	3.57	.....	Carl Ingebretsen
10	3.34	.....	Charles Dearolf

### THUR MORNING OPEN PAIRS Stratum A, 22.5 Tables



1	John Miller - Sylvia Shi	.....	74.53
2	Hank Meyer - Rammohan Sarangan	.....	66.33
3	Ann Frankel - Alfred Steinberg	.....	62.73
4	Ann Ingram - Melissa Price	.....	61.11
5	Saul Penn - Lorraine Hegel	.....	60.88
6	Peter Boyd - Ruth Potter	.....	60.77

### Stratum B, 16.5 Tables

1	Saul Penn - Lorraine Hegel	.....	60.88
2	Peter Schiff - Jon Ranhand	.....	59.62
3	Arun Guha - Larry Wallace	.....	55.38
4	Linda Barton - Ken Casey	.....	55.19
5	Roslyn Weinstein - Deena Kaplan	.....	55.09
6	Robert Von Moss - Sue Swift	.....	54.70

### Stratum C, 7.5 Tables

1	Roslyn Weinstein - Deena Kaplan	.....	55.09
2	Sharon Suttin - Donna Sinrud	.....	51.85
3	Lynne Groff - Margaret Whilden	.....	51.39
4	Prabhakar Tamboli - Albert Pike III	.....	48.03
5	David Stearman - Vivian Pollock	.....	47.22

### THUR EVE FLT A/X PAIRS

Stratum A, 29.5 Tables / Based on 80 Tables



1	James Geist - Jason Meyer	.....	67.18
2	Stephen Drodge - John Miller	.....	66.20
3	Jim Wakefield - Helene Bauman	.....	62.04
4	Hanna Schepps - Shawn Stringer	.....	61.02
5	Steve Robinson - John Adams	.....	58.26
6	Clyde Kruskal - Michael Richey	.....	58.25
7	Robert Bell - Earl Glickstein	.....	57.83
8	Bruce Houston - Kenneth Davis	.....	57.41

### Stratum X, 13.5 Tables

1	James Geist - Jason Meyer	.....	67.18
2	Michael Gill - Sylvia Shi	.....	56.27
3	Daniel Friedman - Bernie Webberman	.....	54.98
4	Mark Chen - Alexander Prairie	.....	54.35
5	Leo Cardillo - Parween Yunus	.....	52.78
6	Roma Chandra - Robert Henry	.....	52.65



**THUR EVE FLT B/C/D PAIRS****Stratum B, 30.0 Tables**

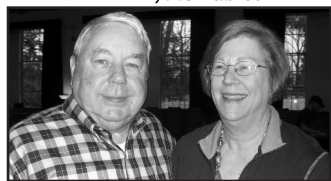
- 1 Leila Whiting - Robert Cohen .....64.02
- 2 Eleanor Schwartz - Robert Magruder .63.07
- 3/4 Aaron Navarro - Mike Frosch .....60.04
- 3/4 Mark Cohen - Rochelle Cohen .....60.04
- 5 John Adams - Gerald McGowan .....59.85
- 6 Georgette Weiss - Ike Oren .....59.47

**Stratum C, 22.0 Tables**

- 1 Eleanor Schwartz - Robert Magruder .63.07
- 2 Mark Cohen - Rochelle Cohen .....60.04
- 3 John Adams - Gerald McGowan .....59.85
- 4 Georgette Weiss - Ike Oren .....59.47
- 5 William Hohe - M. David Jackson ..59.28
- 6 Liz Ferraro - Alan Ferraro .....58.52

**Stratum D, 9.5 Tables**

- 1 John Adams - Gerald McGowan .....59.85
- 2 Paul Setzer - Kellen Leister .....57.95
- 3 John Gauss - Carolyn Baird .....54.55
- 4 Catherine Bardsley - Wayne Bardsley 53.22
- 5 Nancy Odend Hal - David Lindley .....51.70
- 6/7 Annapurna Satpathy - Ernie Schuler .51.52
- 6/7 Donna Hankey-Woods - Douglas Woods 51.52

**THU EVE NLM PAIRS @ WBL****Stratum A, 9.5 Tables**

- 1 Ollie Thomas - Julie Thomas .....63.76
- 2 Charles Dearolf - Judith Dausch ....61.80
- 3 Peter Isard - Margaret Cooke .....58.35
- 4 Myron Goldstein - Terry Klein .....58.12
- 5 Anne Weismann - Karen Sandler ....56.07
- 6 Craig Perry - Mark Feldman .....55.85

**Stratum B, 6.5 Tables**

- 1 Charles Dearolf - Judith Dausch ....61.80
- 2 Peter Isard - Margaret Cooke .....58.35
- 3 Myron Goldstein - Terry Klein .....58.12
- 4 Anne Weismann - Karen Sandler ....56.07
- 5 Craig Perry - Mark Feldman .....55.85

**Stratum C, 3.5 Tables**

- 1 Anne Weismann - Karen Sandler ....56.07
- 2 Mahmoud Katirai - Shala Panbechi ..54.04
- 3 Yaeko Perera - Julie Marquette .....50.84

**THUR EVE 199ER PAIRS @ NVBA****Stratum A, 10.0 Tables**

- 1 Peggy Comerford - Joan O'Connor ..62.38
- 2 Susan Gruskiewicz - Patricia Fitzgibbons 62.03
- 3 Patricia Greason - Rebecca Sekse .....57.70
- 4 Alice Ling - Eleanor Linde .....57.14
- 5 Enrica Frost - Marcia Cathey .....56.52
- 6 Deanna Shuman - Lawrence Shuman .56.25

**Stratum B, 5.5 Tables**

- 1 Susan Gruskiewicz - Patricia Fitzgibbons 62.03
- 2 Patricia Greason - Rebecca Sekse .....57.70
- 3 Alice Ling - Eleanor Linde .....57.14
- 4 Tamara Vetter - Jayne Lynch .....55.36

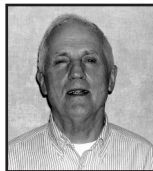
**Stratum C, 4.5 Tables**

- 1 Susan Gruskiewicz - Patricia Fitzgibbons 62.03

- 2 Patricia Greason - Rebecca Sekse ..57.70
- 3 Jovica Medic - Duncan Wainwright ..53.73
- 4 Kermit Quick - Betsy Lauer .....50.30

**THU EVE 0-20 PAIRS @ WBL****Stratum A, 6.0 Tables**

- 1 Kenneth Jones (pic) - Paula Leff .....72.32
- 2 Stephen Baldwin - Kate Baldwin .....58.13
- 3 William Morrow - John Goon .....57.72
- 4 Roslyn Eisner - William Eisner ....55.83

**Stratum B, 3.0 Tables**

- 1 William Morrow - John Goon .....57.72
- 2 Eleanor Young - Gilda Rotman .....54.47

**FRI MORN FLT A/X PAIRS****Stratum A, 7.0 Tables / Based on 41 Tables**

- 1 Jay Kelkar - Bob Boyd .....61.25
- 2 Peter Boyd - Ruth Potter .....59.58
- 3 Benjamin Brill - Leo LaSota .....59.17
- 4 Winston Edwards - John Lowe III ..57.92
- 5 James Beller - Albert Lauber .....56.67

**Stratum X, 3.5 Tables**

- 1 Winston Edwards - John Lowe III ..57.92
- 2 James Beller - Albert Lauber .....56.67

**FRI MORN FLT B/C/D PAIRS****Stratum B, 12.5 Tables**

- 1 Thomas Reckford - Behnaz Fardshishah 65.51
- 2 Alfred Caponiti - Alfred Liepold ....62.81
- 3 Johnny Marsh - Jane Marsh .....58.70
- 4 Roslyn Weinstein - Deena Kaplan ....57.35
- 5 Michael Stoller - Robert Kutz .....56.47
- 6 Elaine Conway - Suzanne Floyd ....56.05

**Stratum C, 8.5 Tables**

- 1 Thomas Reckford - Behnaz Fardshishah 65.51
- 2 Johnny Marsh - Jane Marsh .....58.70
- 3 Roslyn Weinstein - Deena Kaplan ....57.35
- 4 Rhona Prenskey - Nelu Schwartz ....55.96
- 5 Joan Kindle - Katherine Koch .....55.54

**Stratum D, 4.5 Tables**

- 1 Johnny Marsh - Jane Marsh .....58.70
- 2 Roslyn Weinstein - Deena Kaplan ....57.35
- 3 Joan Kindle - Katherine Koch .....55.54
- 4 Hsiaoou Hsiung - Phillip Tseng ....46.88

**FRI MORN NLM PAIRS****Stratum A, 11.0 Tables**

- 1 Geane Schubert - Maxine Penn ....64.88
- 2 Carl Ingebretsen - William Leishear .63.69
- 3 Kellen Leister - Wayne Bardsley ....58.21
- 4 Susan Weiss - Bernice Felix .....58.04
- 5 Prabhakar Tamboli - Britta Chambers 57.10
- 6 Sharon Bates - Ellen Pollack .....56.85

**Stratum B, 7.5 Tables**

- 1 Geane Schubert - Maxine Penn ....64.88
- 2 Prabhakar Tamboli - Britta Chambers 57.10

- 3 Sharon Bates - Ellen Pollack .....56.85
- 4 Michael Cooperman - Mary Ourand ..53.23
- 5 Heide Blaker - Lynne Battle .....53.02

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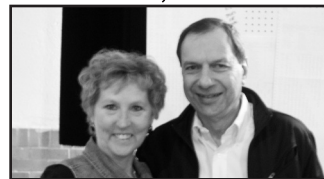
- 1 Heide Blaker - Lynne Battle .....53.02
- 2 Anne Shields - Bonnie Cohen .....51.45
- 3 Ellen Parker - Nancy Veret .....49.36
- 4 Lynn Choquette - Mary Schiffman ..48.14

**FRI AFT FLT A/X PAIRS****Stratum A, 11.0 Tables / Based on 37 Tables**

- 1 Leo LaSota - Benjamin Brill .....70.20
- 2 Steven Schatzow - Lynn Jones .....69.39
- 3 Arnie Frankel - David Ruderman ..58.08
- 4 Peter Boyd - Ruth Potter .....56.97
- 5 Margot Hennings - Cecily Kohler ....56.55
- 6 Steve Robinson - John Adams .....56.38

**Stratum X, 5.0 Tables**

- 1 Phillip Tseng - Hsiaoou Hsiung ....53.74
- 2 Roma Chandra - Ronald Starr .....47.83
- 3 James Stormes - Amy Bloom .....46.81
- 4/5 John Glynn - Ellen Glynn .....46.73
- 4/5 Jeffrey Kosnett - Alice Wegman ....46.73

**FRI AFT FLT B/C/D PAIRS****Stratum B, 11.0 Tables**

- 1 Margie Coccodrilli - Aaron Navarro ..61.90
- 2 Silas Wasserstrom - Michael Gottesman 61.31
- 3 Georgette Weiss - Ruth Woods .....57.44
- 4 Michelle Zygielbaum - Ettie Gordon .56.85
- 5 Ernie Schuler - Robert Sturm .....56.55
- 6 Mike Frosch - Francesco Parisi-Presicce 55.95

**Stratum C, 6.0 Tables**

- 1 Georgette Weiss - Ruth Woods .....57.44
- 2 Michelle Zygielbaum - Ettie Gordon .56.85
- 3 Ernie Schuler - Robert Sturm .....56.55
- 4 Edith Black - Sally Garfinkel .....47.92

**Stratum D, 2.5 Tables**

- 1 Ernie Schuler - Robert Sturm .....56.55
- 2 Edith Black - Sally Garfinkel .....47.92

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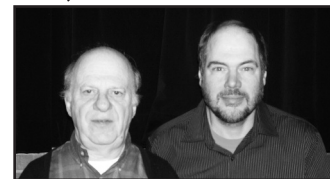
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- 2 Carl Ingebretsen - William Leishear 61.17
- 3 Susan Weiss - Bernice Felix .....57.77
- 4 Ollie Thomas - Julie Thomas .....57.58
- 5 Ron Sutter - Yuen De Anda .....57.01
- 6/7 Kathleen Zellmer - Jill Benson .....55.87
- 6/7 Alice Ling - Kenn Pendleton .....55.87

**Stratum B, 8.5 Tables**

- 1 Kathleen Zellmer - Jill Benson .....55.87
- 2 Joan Axilbund - Mary Lou McMorro 54.92
- 3 Yasmin Jiwa - Maree Webster .....52.46
- 4 Sharon Bates - Ellen Pollack .....51.14
- 5 Neil Crane - Geane Schubert .....50.76

**Stratum C, 5.5 Tables**

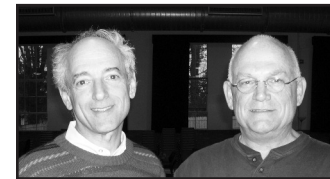
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- 2 Yasmin Jiwa - Maree Webster .....52.46
- 3 Jayne Lynch - Marsha Ann Brown ..48.48
- 4 Anne Shields - Bonnie Cohen .....46.97

**FRI EVE FLT A/X IMP PAIRS****Stratum A, 7.0 Tables / Based on 20 Tables**

- 1 John Adams - Steve Robinson .....40.00
- 2 Leo LaSota - Benjamin Brill .....37.33
- 3 Steven Schatzow - Lynn Jones .....26.83
- 4 Alfred Steinberg - Clyde Kruskal ....16.00
- 5 Rammohan Sarangan - John Klayman 14.00

**Stratum X, 3.5 Tables**

- 1 Rammohan Sarangan - John Klayman 14.00
- 2 Martin Graf - Robert Levey .....11.50
- 3 John Glynn - Ellen Glynn .....6.83

**FRI EVE FLT B/C/D PAIRS****Stratum B, 9.0 Tables**

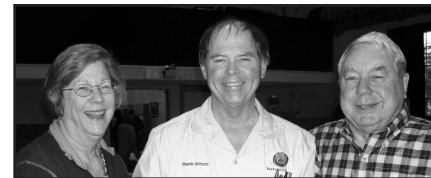
- 1 Steven Fox - Dale Sanders .....58.93
- 2/3 Margaret Whilden - Kenn Pendleton 57.14
- 2/3 Andrew Lipps - Eric Branfman ....57.14
- 4 Francesco Parisi-Presicce - Mike Frosch 55.65
- 5/6 Anne Marie Hannon - William Hannon 55.36
- 5/6 Clayton Eisinger - Susie Eisinger ....55.36

**Stratum C, 6.0 Tables**

- 1 Dale Sanders - Steven Fox .....58.93
- 2 Margaret Whilden - Kenn Pendleton 57.14
- 3 Anne Marie Hannon - William Hannon 55.36
- 4 Louis Coccodrilli - Nathan Wolf ....54.46

**Stratum D, 3.0 Tables**

- 1 Margaret Whilden - Kenn Pendleton 57.14
- 2 Louis Coccodrilli - Nathan Wolf ....54.46

**FRI EVE NLM PAIRS****Stratum A, 4.0 Tables**

- 1 Julie Thomas - HFM - Ollie Thomas 59.03
- 2 Catherine Bardsley - Wayne Bardsley 53.47
- 3 Peter Isard - Margaret Cooke .....52.78

**Stratum B, 2.5 Tables**

- 1 Peter Isard - Margaret Cooke .....52.78
- 2 Alan Skvirsky - Bette Kramer .....50.69



## SAT. O-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  
**O-NLM Game:** 1:00 pm; **Cost:** \$6.00

**Location:** St. James Episcopal Church  
11815 Seven Locks Road

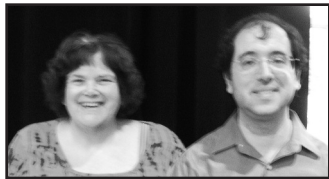
**Directions:** Take Rt 270 to Exit 4B (from either direction) Montrose Road. This will take you to Seven Locks Road. Left on Seven Locks Rd 3 blocks. St James Church is on the left (going south), between Post Oak and Gainsboro Rd. There are two buildings, the game and mini-lesson are in the building 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](mailto:mlavine@gcsii.com)

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

### SAT MORN FLT A/X PAIRS

**Stratum A**, 14.0 Tables / Based on 50 Tables



- 1 Judith Shulman - Michael Klein . . . .64.39
- 2/3 Steven Schatzow - Linda Marshall . . .62.69
- 2/3 Ronald Zucker - Brad Theurer . . . .62.69
- 4 Peter Van Zijl - Richard Wissing . . .57.77
- 5 James Berry - Benjamin Brill . . . .55.49
- 6 Fred King - Barry Bragin . . . . .55.11

### Stratum X, 4.5 Tables

- 1 Peter Van Zijl - Richard Wissing . . .57.77
- 2 Monique Smith - Merrill Hirsh . . . .50.76
- 3 Michael Stoller - Robert Kutz . . . .47.35
- 4/5 Roma Chandra - Nelson Waks . . . .44.70
- 4/5 Jason Holderness - Lynne Holderness 44.70

### SAT MORN FLT B/C/D PAIRS

**Stratum B**, 20.0 Tables

- 1 Albert Lauber - Jonathan Siegel . . .66.25
- 2 Thomas Reckford - Behnaz Fardshisheh 65.28
- 3 John Gauss - Carolyn Baird . . . . .64.03
- 4 Leila Whiting - Robert Cohen . . . .61.94
- 5 Lorraine Hegel - Jon Ranhand . . . .60.83
- 6 Andrew Lipps - Eric Branfman . . . .60.69

### Stratum C, 14.5 Tables

- 1 Thomas Reckford - Behnaz Fardshisheh 65.28
- 2 John Gauss - Carolyn Baird . . . . .64.03

- 3 Lorraine Hegel - Jon Ranhand . . . .60.83
- 4 Eldon Compton - Gabriel Cornett . . .57.92
- 5 Jim Anschutz - Stephen Salitrik . . . .55.28
- 6 Johnny Marsh - Jane Marsh . . . . .53.61

### Stratum D, 8.5 Tables

- 1 John Gauss - Carolyn Baird . . . . .64.03
- 2 Eldon Compton - Gabriel Cornett . . .57.92
- 3 Jim Anschutz - Stephen Salitrik . . . .55.28
- 4 Johnny Marsh - Jane Marsh . . . . .53.61
- 5 John Blodgett - Daniel Morgan . . . .53.47

### SAT MORN NLM PAIRS

**Stratum A**, 15.5 Tables

- 1 Carolin Crabbe - Barbara Teng . . . .61.78
- 2 Geane Schubert - Sarah Watson . . . .61.53
- 3 Rosemary Kuntz - Joseph Abita . . . .61.28
- 4 Robert Linn - Susan Ward . . . . .58.44
- 5 Yasmin Jiwa - Nancy Hale . . . . .56.99
- 6 Albert Pike III - Prabhakar Tamboli .56.87

### Stratum B, 6.5 Tables

- 1 Carolin Crabbe - Barbara Teng . . . .61.78
- 2 Yasmin Jiwa - Nancy Hale . . . . .56.99
- 3 Judith Riggs - Nancy Ferris . . . . .54.55
- 4 Evie Lichter - Diane Liebman . . . .53.12
- 5 John Metzler - Christopher Goldthwait 51.80

### Stratum C, 4.0 Tables

- 1 Carolin Crabbe - Barbara Teng . . . .61.78
- 2 Judith Riggs - Nancy Ferris . . . . .54.55
- 3 Stephen Baldwin - Kate Baldwin . . .50.45

### SAT AFT FLT A/X PAIRS

**Stratum A**, 13.0 Tables / Based on 37 Tables



- 1 Richard Wegman - David Ruderman .60.04
- 2 Steve Robinson - John Adams . . . .58.52
- 3 Mohsin Chandna - Diane Walker . . .56.44
- 4 Judith Shulman - Michael Klein . . .56.06
- 5 Martin Graf - Ted Ying . . . . .55.87
- 6 Fred King - Barry Bragin . . . . .55.30

### Stratum X, 3.5 Tables

- 1 Peter Van Zijl - Richard Wissing . . .54.55
- 2/3 Carole Banks - Melanie Manfield . . .50.57
- 2/3 Douglas Grove - James Geist . . . . .50.57

### SAT AFT FLT B/C/D PAIRS

**Stratum B**, 14.0 Tables



- 1 Jason Holderness - Brian Holderness 64.53
- 2 Gary Weinberg - Sarah Weinberg . . .60.57
- 3 Ila Shah - Emerita Hayward . . . .57.78
- 4 T S L Perlman - Jane Friend . . . . .56.65
- 5 Louis Coccodrilli - Nathan Wolf . . .56.58
- 6 Louise Sellers - Betsy Eliot . . . . .56.54

### Stratum C, 9.5 Tables

- 1 Jason Holderness - Brian Holderness 64.53
- 2 Gary Weinberg - Sarah Weinberg . . .60.57
- 3 Louis Coccodrilli - Nathan Wolf . . .56.58
- 4 Daniel Morgan - John Blodgett . . . .56.25
- 5 Eldon Compton - Gabriel Cornett . . .53.67
- 6 James Gerding - Georgette Weiss . . .51.95

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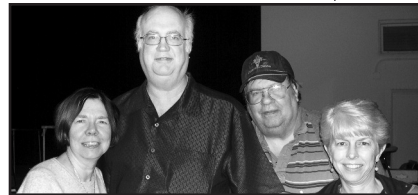
- 1 Jason Holderness - Brian Holderness 64.53
- 2 Louis Coccodrilli - Nathan Wolf . . .56.58
- 3 Daniel Morgan - John Blodgett . . . .56.25

### SAT AFT NLM PAIRS

**Stratum A**, 10.0 Tables

- 1 Pat Kibler - Donald Smith . . . . .64.88
- 2 Terry Klein - Myron Goldstein . . . .63.10
- 3/4 Jim Walsh - Charles Dearolf . . . .61.61
- 3/4 Mike Ladd - Betty Ladd . . . . .61.61
- 5 Yasmin Jiwa - Nancy Hale . . . . .59.23
- 6 Frants Lasse Becker - Nathalie Kaye .55.65

### SAT COMPACT KO TEAMS - BKT 1, 6 Tables



- 1 Ellen Cherniavsky - William Cole- William Pettis - Shawn Stringer
- 2 Dennis Schwanz - Susan Miskura - Mike Froesch - Francesco Parisi-Presicce

### SAT COMPACT KO TEAMS - BKT 2, 9 Tables



- 1 Steven Fox - Catherine Bardsley - Wayne Bardsley - Steve Reed
- 2 Michael Osborn - Joe Hertz - Dale Sanders - Guillaume de Decker
- 3 Rex Settle - Hadi Abushakra - Anne Derbes - Robert Schwab
- 4 Sorina Negulescu - Daniela Tunsanu - Radu Tunsanu - Michael Mullendore

### SUNDAY FLT A/X SWISS TEAMS

**Stratum A**, 16 Tables / Based on 50 Tables



- 1 Barry Bragin - Brad Theurer - John Adams - Richard Wegman . . . . .107.00
- 2 Steve Robinson - William Pettis - William Cole - Peter Boyd . . . . .94.00

- 3 Robert Hopkins Jr - Joan Lewis - Rusty Krauss - Barry Falgout . . . . .90.00
- 4 Jason Meyer - Helene Bauman - Lloyd Rawley - Michael Richey . . . . .85.00
- 5 Alan Tenenbaum - Alfred Steinberg - Lou Reich - Gene Kuehneman . . . . .76.00

### Stratum X, 7 Tables

- 1 John Glynn - Ellen Glynn - Judy Weisman - Carl Weisman . . . . .73.00
- 2 Donald Berman - Barbara Doran - Ronald Zucker - David Fleischer . . . . .68.00
- 3 Sorina Negulescu - Daniela Tunsanu - Radu Tunsanu - Barack Peled . . . . .61.00

### SUNDAY BRACKETED B TEAMS #1

8 Tables / Based on 27 Tables

- 1 Dennis Schwanz - Susan Miskura - Mike Froesch - Francesco Parisi-Presicce .98.00
- 2 Leonid Fastovsky - Lynne Holderness - Leonard Myers - Jason Holderness .92.00
- 3 Jerry Miller - Margie Coccodrilli - Janet Dence - Katherine Rabenstein . . . .82.00

### SUNDAY BRACKETED B TEAMS #2

8 Tables / Based on 12 Tables

- 1 Charles King - Ted Proxmire - Jon Ranhand - Donald Jacobs . . . . .93.00
- 2 Raman Srivastav - Thomas Jennings - Joyce Wiley - Bruce Steinwald . . . . .85.00
- 3 Steven Fox - Thomas Grahame - Joe Hertz - Dale Sanders . . . . .84.00

### SUNDAY BRACKETED B TEAMS #3, 11 Tables

- 1 Jennifer Elliott (pic) - Geoff Turley - Johnny & Jane Marsh . . . .105.00
- 2 Barbara Sadick - Sally Schlein - Katherine Culp - Phyllis Hendler 84.00
- 3/4 John Gauss - Carolyn Baird - Yuen De Anda - Ron Sutter . . . . .80.00
- 3/4 Aaron Navarro - Judith Dausch - Michelle Zygialbaum - Ettie Gordon . . . . .80.00



### SUNDAY MORN NLM SWISS TEAMS

**Stratum A**, 7 Tables



- 1 Julie Thomas - Ollie Thomas - David Benson - Jill Benson . . . . .63.00
- 2 Myron Goldstein - Terry Klein - Cheri Hayes - Tina Brinsfield . . . . .50.00
- 3 Richard Galleher - Dolly Smith - Odessa Morton - Ellen Herring . . . . .44.00

### Stratum B, 5 Tables

- 1 Myron Goldstein - Terry Klein - Cheri Hayes - Tina Brinsfield . . . . .50.00
- 2 Richard Galleher - Dolly Smith - Odessa Morton - Ellen Herring . . . . .44.00

### SUNDAY AFT NLM SWISS TEAMS, 4 Tables

- 1 Julie Thomas - Ollie Thomas - David Benson - Jill Benson (see morning pic) . .37.00



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## MINOR SUIT BIDDING 4: REVERSES AND JUMP SHIFTS

In previous articles about minor suit openings, we first focused on what strain opener should rebid, the options being to support responder's suit, to rebid the suit opened, to bid some number of NoTrump, or to bid a new suit. We also discussed how high to bid to show various strengths – minimum, invitational or Game Forcing.

There are two specific opener rebids in a NEW SUIT that you need to be familiar with: the Reverse and the Jump Shift. Both of these rebids are forcing and show bigger than average hands. We discuss each below.

### Reverses

A Reverse occurs when opener's second bid is not a jump, but is the bid of an unbid suit that is higher in rank than the suit first bid. For example, in the sequence 1♦ – P – 1♠ – P, opener's rebid of 2♥ is a reverse. By definition, a Reverse forces partner to take a preference at the 3-level if partner prefers opener's first bid suit.

The basic characteristics of a Reverse are: Opener's first suit must be longer than his second bid suit; opener should have a good 16 HCP to reverse; and opener usually has a singleton somewhere. Also, a Reverse is forcing for one round. Let's see a typical Reverse hand: x/AQxx/AQJxx/Kxx. Note that the diamonds are longer than the hearts, the hand has 16 HCP, and there is a stiff spade. If the hand were xx/AQxx/AQJx/Kxx, would you open 1♦ and rebid 2♥? No – you would have opened 1NT. That is why a Reverse generally promises a singleton.

Note that a bid of 2♠ in the above auction is NOT a reverse. Spades are not a new suit, because partner has already bid them. Note also that if you open 1♣ and partner responds 1♥, 1♠ is NOT a Reverse since partner can still support clubs (your first bid suit) at the two level.

After opener reverses, responder must bid one more time. Responder can make a non-forcing rebid of her suit, showing five cards in the suit, and at most 8 HCP (for example, 1♦-1♠-

2♥-2♠.) Opener, with a minimum reverse and a tolerance for responder's suit, can pass. So if responder has 9+ HCP, she must force to game.

A popular convention which allows responder to show a bad hand is to play that the cheaper of the fourth suit or 2NT is artificial and asks opener to make the next cheapest bid. After that, responder places the contract. Thus, in our previous example, after 1♦-1♠-2♥, 2NT would be forcing. Opener usually rebids 3♣, and responder can then pass (which would be very unusual) or bid 3♦ or 3♥. Opener should not bid again unless his or her hand is too good to pass. After the following Reverse - 1♣-1♠-2♦, 2♥ is the conventional bid responder uses to show a weak hand and try to end the auction.

Any other bid by responder is forcing to game, which allows responder to set trumps cheaply while still forcing. Thus, 1♦-1♠-2♥-3♦ is forcing to game. Responder might have AJT4/K32/Q85/T63. She can't bid NoTrump, as she doesn't have clubs stopped, but she does have support for diamonds and a game forcing hand of 10 HCP opposite about 16 HCP. After the Reverse and responder's second bid, opener bids naturally.

### Jump Shifts

A Jump Shift, not surprisingly, consists of a bid that includes a jump in level and a shift to a new suit. It is a bid in a new suit one level higher than is required. All of the following sequences (no opponent bidding) are Jump Shifts:

1♥ – 1♠ – 3♦  
1♠ – 1NT – 3♣  
1♣ – 1♥ – 2♠

A Jump Shift generally promises at least 19 HCP (or a great 18 HCP) and a hand strong enough to play in game even if partner has scraped up a response. Opener may be 5-4 or 5-5, and if 5-5, may Jump Shift on slightly less HCP – 17 is sufficient if 5-5, particularly if all of your points are in your suits. Also, opener should have no wasted values – no doubleton queens in the HCP count.

A Jump Shift is 100% forcing to game, so

## 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.

please do not pass partner's Jump Shift. Support one of opener's suits if you can, or rebid your own suit. If you can't support either of opener's suits and your suit is only four cards, then look at your holding in the unbid suit. If you have a stopper in that suit, bid 3NT. Without a stopper, choose one of opener's suits, even with minimal support.

Opener may have the unbid suit stopped and can bid 3NT. Opener may have extra length in his second suit and may rebid that suit. Keep describing, as best you can, until you reach game.

Let's see how these ideas play themselves out. In all of the following, you open 1♦ and partner responds 1♥. You hold:

♠QT3 ♥AQJ8 ♦AKT52 ♣8	<i>Bid 2♥.</i> This is a minimum reverse. If partner bids 2♠, promising 5, you'll be happy to support spades. Otherwise, show your strength and shape. If partner bids 3♦ or 3♥, game forcing, you can still show your three card spade support by bidding 3♠ next.
♠QT3 ♥QJ84 ♦AKT52 ♣8	<i>Bid 2♠.</i> You would love to bid 2♥ to show your shape, but you are not strong enough. Partner might be in a 4-3 spade fit, but you don't have enough diamonds to rebid them, and your small singleton club suggests that NT is wrong. 2♠ is the best description of the hand. (Note: discuss with partner ahead of time. Some players never support without 4 cards.)
♠K3 ♥9 ♦AQJ42 ♣KQT42	<i>Bid 2♣.</i> It's a very nice hand, with 15 HCP, good suits and the king of partner's first bid suit, but you can't force to game. If partner has a minimum response with no fit, you want to get out as cheaply as possible. If partner holds ♠QJ852 ♥KJ73 ♦T73 ♣5, there is no play for game. Over partner's 2♦, you will bid 3♦, to show some extra values.
♠AJ ♥9 ♦AKJ93 ♣AQJT8	<i>Bid 3♣.</i> You want to be in game opposite any hand that can scrape up a 1♠ response to your 1♦ opening bid. You have 20 HCP and two excellent suits. If partner wants to play in 3NT with good hearts, you have two good suits he can set up, and your high card strength will make it a reasonable contract.

Please contact Ron or Shawn with any questions.

## STEPPING UP TO NEW HEIGHTS:

As of May 1, 2013

### Junior Masters: 5 MPs

Mr Timm Abendroth  
Kate M Baldwin  
Stephen E Baldwin  
Mrs Anita Barretto  
Mr Carl A Barth  
Dale Kramer  
Ms Victoria Williamson  
Ms Blair B Bourque  
Maxine Isaacs  
Joan Marie Thomas  
Marc Zlotnik

### Club Masters: 20 MPs

Mr Michael L Cooperman  
Fadi Eidi  
Marcia M Littlejohn  
Mrs Abigail B Murton  
Mrs Nancy Presley  
Mrs Daisy B Smith  
Mrs Dina Tashoff

### Sectional Masters: 50 MPs

David C Benson

Tina C Brinsfield  
Mr Robert Linn  
Edith Mueller  
Michael C Barth  
Ms Nancy B Ferris  
Ms Evie Lichter  
Stanley B Rosen  
Daniela R Tunsanu  
Radu F Tunsanu

### Regional Masters: 100 MPs

Margaret A Cooke  
Peter Isard

Deena L Kaplan  
Robert L Kerr  
Mr Terry M Klein  
Ms Jacqueline C Leifer  
Richard C Barth  
Eleanor R Galemore

### NABC Masters: 200 MPs

Mrs Brenda Dunaway  
Mr Thomas J Grahame  
Ms Carol F Webster

# WBL SOLVERS' CLUB'S NEW PROBLEMS

## 1) IMPs, None Vulnerable

♠ A ♥ A ♦ AKQ98765 ♣ A32

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
Pass	Pass	1 ♣	

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## 2) IMPs, You're Vulnerable

♠ 5 ♥ 108653 ♦ 83 ♣ AKJ106

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
Pass	1 ♠	Dbl	4 ♠

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## 3) IMPs, They're Vulnerable

♠ J109532 ♥ AQ862 ♦ 97 ♣ -

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
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## 4) IMPs, You're Vulnerable

♠ K96532 ♥ Q7652 ♦ J7 ♣ -

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
	1 ♦	Dbl	2 ♦

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## 5) IMPs, You're Vulnerable

♠ - ♥ AJ10 ♦ AKJ109854 ♣ K8

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
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## NEED A RIDE OR A PARTNER FOR THE THURSDAY UNIT GAME?

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

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

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