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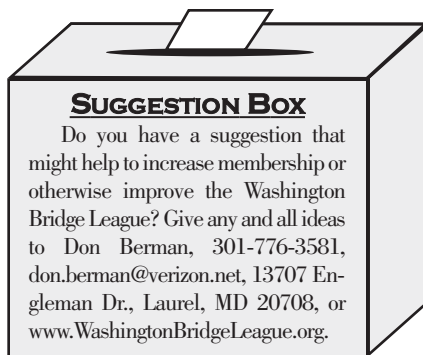
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## PRESIDENT'S LETTER

by WBL President, Richard Ferrin  
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This July 4th weekend (specifically from June 30 through July 6, 2014) the Washington-area will host its annual regional tournament. The playing site alternates each year between a Maryland suburb and a Northern Virginia suburb location. This year, we return to the Bethesda North Marriott Hotel and Conference Center, where we hosted in 2012. For those of you who have not been to this site before, it is a beautiful facility, with lots of restaurants and shopping nearby. The site is conveniently located next to the White Flint Metro stop, so if you wish a public transportation option instead of driving, have we got a tournament for you! Of course, there will be plenty of parking available for drivers as well.

Although the tournament is run by ACBL

District Six, the success of this tournament depends heavily on the generous volunteer efforts of locals, and because the site this year is in WBL territory, this means you! Most volunteer tasks will require only a 45-minute commitment before game time, so you can both volunteer *and* still play! Please contact our tournament chair, Shawn Stringer, to tell her when you will be available to pitch in.

Looking further ahead, the WBL will host a sectional August 7 through 10. Four days of events will all be held at the Kensington Armory. The August sectional will include a two-session open pair game (qualifying and final sessions), to compete for the Steve Robinson trophy. We look forward to seeing you at the bridge table!

## BITS AND PIECES

### WELCOME TO THE WASHINGTON BRIDGE LEAGUE

The WBL welcomes the following new ACBL members: **Louise R Beale, Kate C Beard-sley, Mrs Genevieve Bouyoux, Ms Peggy Bracewell, Ms Camilla M David, Stephen M Goldberg, Mr Micah S Green, Melanie H Grishman, Anne Gutman, Lois S Gutmann, Dr David C Handwerker, Larry M Joseph, Selma C Kunitz, Emilio B Sacerdoti, Muhammad R Shah, Sunil Sikka, and Lester H Wentz Jr.**

In addition, we welcome the following transfers from other units: **Dale Abrahams, Mary C Boynton, Mr Larry G Carswell, Mr John Flynn, Adam M Gann, Mr Bob Goldwater, Nancy R Harris, Ms Stephanie Kay, Ms Nancy S Macin-**

**nis, Mrs Rosemarie, Della Morris, Ms Susan K Myers, and Dr Lee P Rosky.**

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).

### 2013-2014 WBL/NVBA PLAYER OF THE YEAR FINAL STANDINGS

\* The eligibility rules were updated to account for the reduction in WBL sectionals this contest period from four to three.

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**Fliers available at the WBL and NVBA Unit Games and at local sectionals. Schedules are also in the April/May and June/July District 6 TableTALK publication and on the web at [www.mabcbridge.org](http://www.mabcbridge.org).**

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(both sites); Stratified NLM Pairs (NLM/100/50) & 0-20 Pairs (Kensington  
Armory only); Stratified 199er Pairs (Beth El only)  
**Beth El Congregation, 3830 Seminary Rd, Alexandria** .....7:00pm  
**Kensington Town Hall/Armory** .....7:30pm

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FRIDAY, AUGUST 8

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

SATURDAY, AUGUST 9

- ♣ **11<sup>th</sup> Annual: Washington Bridge League**  
**Trophy Pairs** awarding the **Steve Robinson Trophy** .....11:00am & 4:00pm  
Two session Open Pairs (unlim/3000), qualifying and final. Single session entries available.
- ♦ Stratified B/C/D Pairs (2500/1000/500) .....11:00am
- ♥ \*StrataFlighted A/X Pairs (unlim/3000) & B/C/D Pairs (2500/1000/500) .....4:00pm
- ♠ Intermediate/Novice Pairs (300/200/100) or Newcomer Pairs (50/20/5) (single sessions) 11:00am, 4:00pm  
~ Don't miss the between sessions **Panel Show** ~

SUNDAY, AUGUST 10

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

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

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

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

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

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NLM StrataFlighted Pairs (500/200/100 and separate 50/20/10) .....2:30 pm

**Sunday, September 14 (All day playthrough with lunch break)**

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

—All events are stratified by average masterpoints, but no individual's masterpoint total may  
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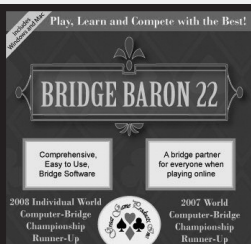
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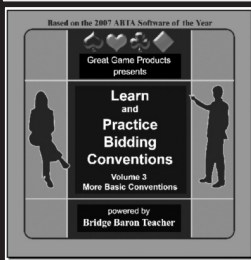


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Congratulations to **Mark Chen** who came in first with a score of 480. He wins a free entry to the Unit Game, and will be invited to be on a future panel. Second was **Mike Kovacich** with a score of 470. Tied for third were **Lily Andre, Bob Henry, Ted Ying** and **Yi Zhong** with a score of 460. Tied for seventh were **Tom Vinson, Gene Fisher, Barry Bragin, Barbara Israel, Jim Wakefield** and **Doug Dorland** with a score of 450. Tied for thirteenth were **Gene Massey, Sonney Taragin, Ron Zucker** and **Tom Musso** with a score of 440. Tied for seventeenth were **Hadi Abushakra, Wes Goldberg, Audrey Warren, Sam Kaplan, Albert Lauber, Maryls Moholt, Terry Lavender, Elliot Grant** and **Walter Kerns** with a score of 430. The average score of the 147 solvers was 378. The average score of the experts was 451.

All readers are encouraged to send answers and/or new problems to Steve Robinson, 2891 S. Abingdon St. #A2 Arlington, VA, 22206-1329. In addition to the winner receiving a free play at the WBL Unit Game, Steve will play with anyone who gets a perfect score or who exactly matches all five of his answers. If you send a self-addressed stamped envelope to the above address along with your answers, I will send you a copy of the new problems to ensure that you can meet his next deadline. You can pick up a copy of the problems at the WBL Unit Game in Maryland, and can send answers or requests for problems to [robinswr@erols.com](mailto:robinswr@erols.com). You can also see and answer the problems at the WBL 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 \$30.60 which includes \$5.60 for priority mail.

### 1) Matchpoints, None Vulnerable

♠KQ954♥3♦AJ2♣AKQJ

| SOUTH  | WEST  | NORTH | EAST    |
|--------|-------|-------|---------|
| ?????  |       |       | 2♦      |
| Action | Score | Votes | Solvers |
| 3NT    | 100   | 3     | 5       |
| Double | 90    | 6     | 107     |
| 2♠     | 80    | 0     | 12      |
| 2NT    | 50    | 0     | 4       |
| 4NT    | 20    | 0     | 2       |
| 3♠     | 20    | 0     | 8       |
| 3♦     | 20    | 0     | 3       |
| 3♣     | 20    | 0     | 1       |
| 4♠     | 20    | 0     | 1       |
| 4♣     | 20    | 0     | 3       |

*Do you double 2♦ holding a singleton heart which is an unbid major? If you don't double, the other choices are not very good. Six experts think that double is as good as any call. The two other reasonable choices, 2♠ and 3NT are also in the ballpark. If you overcalled 1♠ over 1♦, there is more chance that someone would bid over 1♠ since there are three opponents that could bid. However, the 2♦-opener will not reopen which means that only two opponents could bid. Over 1♠ partner would do something with seven points but needs more points to do something over 2♠. The other choice 3NT makes a lot of sense. You have two diamond stoppers and 20 points. The two negatives are that you have a singleton heart and five spades. If partner has his expected six HCP, some of which are in hearts, 3NT will have play.*

*Six experts double. If you double, partner will jump to 4♥ holding ♠x♥KQJ10xxx♦xx♣xxx and ♠AJx♥KQxxx♦xx♣xxx. You have to pass the first example and bid 4♠ on the second example. Which example will you play him for? If you overcall 3NT, partner will make the correct decision.*

**Theurer:** “Double—What else? I'm far too strong for 2♠, and I can correct hearts to spades at the same level. Who knows, partner might even bid clubs! Would be a bit tougher if my majors were reversed, but I'd still double because no other call makes sense.”

**Parker:** “Double—I can bid spades over hearts. Just too good a hand to overcall in spades and I don't want to bid notrump now.”

**Hughes:** “Double—Maybe West will raise, and then I'll bid spades. If not, I'll bid notrump after the expected heart bid from partner.”

**Woolsey:** “Double—Spades outrank hearts, so I think I can survive most auc-

tions. I can't think of any other intelligent approach.”

**Schwartz:** “Double—Hate doubling with a stiff major, but at least here it's not the master suit. I can follow a 2♥-bid by partner with 2NT to show my approximate strength. When the opponents make these doubles, their partners never jump to game in the stiff.”

**King:** “Double—I am a big believer in not doubling without the right shape, but at some point hands are too strong not to start with a double and this 20 point hand is one of them.”

*Two experts join men and jump to 3NT. 3NT shows more than 18 HCP. Since 3NT could be a hand with long running clubs, partner will need a good reason to bid over it. A jump to 3NT denies support for both majors. With at least 3-3 in the majors, you double first and then bid 3NT. The only drawback is that you could miss your ten-card spade fit. Opposite ♠Axxxx♥xx♦xxx♣xxx, 3NT would not play well.*

**Hopkins:** “3NT—This is likely to be best whenever partner has a Heart stopper or they don't lead Hearts and we can run nine tricks. We will miss 4♠ when it is the best contract except when partner has both Majors particularly four spades and five hearts or four spades and six hearts and chooses to Stayman over 3NT.”

**Adams:** “3NT—Tempting to try 4♣ which shows clubs and a major. 3NT is right on values and stopper. Double or some number of spades wrong on all accounts, so will go with the bid that at least is not a lie.”

*A 4♣-jump shows five or more clubs and a five-card major. It's not good to fib about Michaels type bids.*

*Don't make a takeout double with a sin-*

*gleton in an unbid major unless there is no other choice.*

## 2) IMPs, Both Vulnerable

♠AKQ43♥1098♦Q4♣A102

| SOUTH | WEST | NORTH | EAST |
|-------|------|-------|------|
| 1NT   | Pass | 2♣    | 2♦   |
| 2♠    | 4♦   | 4♥    | Pass |
| ????? |      |       |      |

| Action | Score | Votes | Solvers |
|--------|-------|-------|---------|
| 4NT    | 100   | 1     | 1       |
| 5♣     | 90    | 4     | 21      |
| 4♠     | 80    | 3     | 58      |
| 5♠     | 70    | 1     | 1       |
| Pass   | 20    | 0     | 61      |
| 5♦     | 20    | 0     | 1       |
| 6♥     | 20    | 0     | 2       |

*What does partner's 4♥ mean? If you had a one-suited heart hand, you wouldn't start with 2♣. All one-suited heart hands start with 2♦ or 4♦, transfers. Therefore 4♥ is not an offer to play. 4♥ has to be a spade slam try. If partner is making a spade slam try with at best the jack of spades, he must have significant strength in the other three suits. How can he have less than ♠Jxxx♥AKxx♦x♣KQJx? 6♠ is cold opposite ♠Jxxx♥Axx♦x♣KQJxx which is a minimum 4♥-bid. The only two things that I'm sure of, is that partner has spade support and he has diamond shortness. He could be 4=5=1=3, 4=3=1=5 or 4=4=1=4. He could easily be void in diamonds. I like the K-I-S-S system. Keep-It-Simple-Save! Bid RKC and bid a slam unless we're off two key-cards. If partner has two keys, I can show him all the keys and maybe he can bid seven.*

*Three experts signoff in 4♠. Unless partner has enough to make seven, he'll pass 4♠ since from his perspective 5♠ could be down in the trump suit.*

**Parker:** “4♠—4♥ must be a slam try but my two small diamonds is the worst.”

**Woolsey:** “4♠—Partners 4♥-call must be a slam try in spades. My spade holding is nice, but my diamond holding and the 3-3 in the rounded suits are about as bad as they can be. Something like ♠J10xx♥AKxxx♦x♣KQx is what might be expected.”

**King:** “4♠—I don't think the ♦Q is pulling its full weight and even with a fifth spade. I will just bid 4♠.”

*It's not the five spades. It's the AKQ.*

**Theurer:** “5♠—Interesting auction. Partner clearly has a good hand, so the opponents must have a slew of diamonds and some shape to be bidding vulnerable into the teeth of our strong notrump. Can partner's 4♥ be natural? Not likely! I've denied four hearts and partner can't have just hearts else he'd have transferred. So he must have a spade fit and 4♥ is a cuebid or Last Train with at least mild slam interest. Even with my wasted diamond queen, I have fantastic spades plus an outside ace and since partner probably has some heart length, even my good heart spot cards could help. Can't partner have something like ♠Jxxx♥AKx♦x♣KQxxx? So I'll ask partner to bid a slam with a diamond control, and he can bid 6♦ with first round control reaching a grand if he has ♠Jxxx♥AKQxx♦-♣Kxxx or ♠Jxxx♥AKx♦-♣KQxxxx. My 5♠ implies the black suit honors I have.”

*Four experts cuebid. Is partner going to bid a slam if his trumps are 7654? Will you bid a slam if he cuebids back? Keycard has the effect of not needing judgment.*

**Hopkins:** “5♣—Partner is likely to have a 4-5+ or perhaps a 4=4=1=4 pattern type of hand and be making a slam try. My hand is actually very good opposite these and I can show my control and await developments.”

**Hughes:** “5♣—Partner is showing slam

interest. He certainly has a singleton diamond and Jxxx of spades. If he has AKQxx in hearts and Kxx in clubs or AKxx and KQJx, I want to be in 6♠.”

**Adams:** “5♣—4♥ is a last-train slam try for spades. I have the nuts in spades. 5♣ should send the message about the diamond problem.”

**Schwartz:** “5♣—Partner should have a spade slam try as if he bid 3♥ over 2♠ not in competition. Even with my minimum, my spades are good so I need to cooperate.”

*When partner makes a slam try and you have the AKQ of trumps, there has to be a good reason not to accept.*

3) IMPs, You’re Vulnerable

♠5♥6♦KQ87643♣KJ95

| <u>SOUTH</u>  | <u>WEST</u>  | <u>NORTH</u> | <u>EAST</u>    |
|---------------|--------------|--------------|----------------|
|               | 2♠           | Dbl          | Pass           |
| 4♦            | Pass         | 4♥           | Pass           |
| ?????         |              |              |                |
| <u>Action</u> | <u>Score</u> | <u>Votes</u> | <u>Solvers</u> |
| 5♦            | 100          | 3            | 46             |
| 6♦            | 90           | 1            | 1              |
| 5♣            | 80           | 4            | 45             |
| Pass          | 60           | 0            | 41             |
| 4NT           | 50           | 1            | 6              |
| 4♠            | 50           | 0            | 7              |

*What does partner’s double followed by 4♥-bid mean? There are two possible hand types that partner could have when he doubles and bids 4♥. One hand type is a good hand with very good hearts. ♠x♥AKQJxxx ♦Ax♣Axx for instance. Another hand type is a good hand with five hearts or possibly six bad hearts such as ♠x♥AQ10xx ♦Axx ♣AQxx. If you hold the problem hand, do you pass 4♥ and play in a 5-1 fit if partner has the second example? The answer is that you have to jump to 4♥ with example*

*one and double and bid 4♥ with example two. Since the opponents will very likely raise spades, you want to get the type of hand off your chest as soon as possible.*

*Three experts rebid their seven-card suit. The diamond suit should be much better than partner’s heart suit. Also, playing in diamonds, you don’t have losing spades to worry about which you might have playing in hearts. ♠Axx♥AJxxx ♦Jx♣Q10x would be enough to make 5♦ and partner should have a lot more. Boost his hand to ♠AJx♥AKQJx ♦Jx♣Qxx and 4♥ could go down with 5♦ cold.*

**Theurer:** “5♦—Partner’s sequence should show a good hand but not self-sufficient hearts where partner could have bid 4♥ directly over 2♠. Partner must have some spade length since RHO didn’t bounce at favorable vulnerability, so I don’t expect too many minor suit cards in his hand.it since this hand may not take too many tricks in a heart contract. It would be nice if I could show long diamonds with secondary clubs but I don’t think I can do that. 4♠ here should be Kickback with 4NT being a spade cuebid for hearts.”

**Schwartz:** “5♦—Partner should have only five hearts for this bid and just offering another place to play. With a three-card difference, I don’t want to introduce clubs as partner did not make a leaping Michaels bid.”

*One expert thinks there’s slam. However you could be off two aces.*

**Parker:** “6♦—I know he has a good hand but he could have bid 4♥ the first time if he just had a good hand and a solid suit. Let’s give him ♠xx♥AKxxxx ♦Ax♣AQx or something close. He must have a very good hand outside of hearts or he would just have over-

called to start with. I would have bid 4NT the last time.”

*Four experts bid 5♣. If partner’s minor holding is ♦Jx♣Qxxx, 5♦ would be a better contract.*

*Since partner could have jumped to 4♣ if he had five clubs and five hearts, I would not expect partner to have five clubs.*

**Hughes:** “5♣—It doesn’t sound like partner felt he was too strong for 4♥ over 2♠, because he wouldn’t make a non-forcing bid over 4♦. So I’ll try 5♣ and hope he doesn’t pass with fewer than four.”

**Woolsey:** “5♣—Partner has at least two places to play when he starts with a takeout double, and one of those places might be clubs.”

**Hopkins:** “5♣—I would not do this with a 5-4 or 4-4 pattern since I would cue bid instead of bidding 4♦ so partner should play me for longer Diamonds and at least a 6-4 pattern. We respond 4♠ originally with 5-5, 5-6, and 6-6 patterns.”

**King:** “5♣—North shouldn’t have a one-suited hand and double. He should have a second place to play so I will show a strong preference for clubs.”

One expert makes an I-hope-partner-knows-what-this-bid-means bid. I bet lots would take 4NT as RKC for hearts.

**Adams:** “4NT—This will be taken as pick a minor, but I will correct Clubs to Diamonds and hopefully partner will know I meant it as last train for a diamond slam. Partner should have tolerance for diamonds for the double, and if partner is seriously strong then 6♦ might make opposite stiff Ace. I would take 4♠ as keycard for hearts, and then I doubt I can get back to diamonds.”

*If you have a one-suited hand, don’t make a takeout double.*

4) IMPs, None Vulnerable

♠AJ2♥Q109654♦A♣A102

| <u>SOUTH</u>  | <u>WEST</u>  | <u>NORTH</u> | <u>EAST</u>    |
|---------------|--------------|--------------|----------------|
| 1♥            | Pass         | 1NT          | Pass           |
| ?????         |              |              |                |
| <u>Action</u> | <u>Score</u> | <u>Votes</u> | <u>Solvers</u> |
| 2♣            | 100          | 5            | 20             |
| 2♥            | 90           | 3            | 73             |
| 3♥            | 80           | 1            | 39             |
| 4♥            | 40           | 0            | 4              |
| 2NT           | 40           | 0            | 5              |
| Pass          | 20           | 0            | 2              |
| 2♠            | 20           | 0            | 2              |
| 3NT           | 20           | 0            | 2              |

*How do you show a two and a half heart bid over partner’s 1♠ or 1NT response? The way I do it is to bid a three-card minor. If I bid 2♣ and partner passes, maybe 2♣ is the best contract. If partner bids over 2♣, I’ll then get a chance to show a good three-heart bid. If he bids 2♥, I will raise to three showing a 14-16 point hand with six hearts. This way you don’t play in hearts if partner has a singleton or void. If partner holds ♠Kx♥x ♦xxxxx♣Qxxxx would you rather play in 2♥, 3♥ or 2♣? I’d prefer 2♣.*

*Four experts join me and temporize. If partner bids over 2♣ we’ll be in great shape.*

**Theurer:** “2♣—The hand is marginally good enough for a more aggressive action such as 3♥ with the aces and spot cards, but the heart suit is poor. Being non-vulnerable I will take a lower road here. The main question is whether to rebid 2♥ or bid an Al Roth “if I can just get by this round” 2♣, planning on bidding 2♥ over 2♦ or 3♥ over 2♥. Other possibilities are, 2NT or 3♣. If partner passes 2♣ he will either have a stiff heart or two hearts with at least four clubs and a bad hand. With a decent

hand he will bid 2♥ false preference to keep the bidding alive. I like my hand enough to follow the latter plan.”

**Hughes:** “2♣—The most flexible bid. If it doesn’t get passed out I’ll rebid hearts.”

**Adams:** “2♣—2♣ or 2♥. Close. At matchpoints would bid 2♥. At IMPs, 2♣ has a better chance at getting us to game if partner is invitational, or to clubs if partner is short in hearts.”

**Schwartz:** “2♣—Don’t like jumping to 3♥ with a Queen high suit. I can always bid them later if partner has enough to keep the auction open.”

*Four experts rebid their hearts.*

**Woolsey:** “3♥—I must show the good six-bagger, and 2♥ is too much of an underbid.”

*Three experts go low.*

**Hopkins:** “2♥—I might worry more if I were vulnerable. At least partner will know Heart honors are valuable when deciding whether or not to proceed. If my Spades and Diamond were reversed, I might try 2♣ with the vig of allowing a 2♦ bid by partner which I would raise.d pass 2♦ so why bother?”

**Parker:** “2♥—Good hand for playing a system where 2♣ is forcing.”

*Good hand for playing a system where 2♣ is non-forcing.*

**King:** “2♥—A slight underbid, but I would like better hearts to jump to 3♥.”

If you bid 2♣ and then raise hearts, you have a weak heart suit but a good hand.

**5) IMPs, None Vulnerable**

♠A♥KQ10♦QJ876♣A765

| <u>SOUTH</u>  | <u>WEST</u>  | <u>NORTH</u> | <u>EAST</u>    |
|---------------|--------------|--------------|----------------|
| 1♦            | 2♦(maj)      | Pass         | 2♥             |
| Dbl           | Pass         | 2♠           | Pass           |
| ?????         |              |              |                |
| <u>Action</u> | <u>Score</u> | <u>Votes</u> | <u>Solvers</u> |
| Pass          | 100          | 6            | 32             |
| 3♣            | 80           | 1            | 19             |
| 2NT           | 80           | 2            | 76             |
| 3NT           | 70           | 0            | 16             |
| 3♥            | 20           | 0            | 1              |
| 5♦            | 20           | 0            | 1              |
| 3♦            | 20           | 0            | 1              |
| 4♦            | 20           | 0            | 1              |

*What’s going on here? If partner has at least ten HCP, he’d double 2♦. So partner has fewer than ten HCP. The only reason partner would bid 2♠ here is that he has spades. This makes sense since I have one spade and East preferred hearts. Partner must have a weak hand with six or seven spades. I don’t think we’re in the cuebid what you have situation which we would have been in had North shown strength. Suppose instead of passing, North bid 2♠ showing a limit raise or better in diamonds. If South now bids a major, he shows values in that suit.*

*Five experts join me and pass. We expect partner to have long spades with not much strength. ♠QJ1098x♥xx♦xx♣xxx would be what I would expect.*

**Theurer:** “Pass—I’ve indicated extra values and probably some club length, but partner chose to bid spades so he clearly has a long spade suit and few minor suit cards (6-2-2-3, 7-2-2-2, 7-2-1-3, 7-1-2-3, etc.) so I will respect his decision - at least my singleton support is the best I can have! If partner had a good hand with a club fit he would cuebid hearts, not spades.”

*He would have doubled 2♦ if he had a good hand.*

**Hughes:** “Pass—Partner was too weak to double 2♦ showing a desire to punish the opponents. He has no more than two diamonds and three clubs. Seems like a good time to get out.”

**Woolsey:** “Pass—Assuming my agreements are that I can have this shape for the takeout double, partner will be ready for this. He is saying that he wants to play 2♠ regardless, so he gets his wish.”

*Regardless is too strong a term here. Better would be — strongly desires to play in 2♠.*

**King:** “Pass—I am not sure what my double was supposed to be. Penalty? Take out? Just extra values? I don’t think I have any of those and a pass would have been more appropriate. I think partner has five or six spades and wants to play there.

*I agree about the questionable meaning of your double. Double here should probably just show a strong hand hoping that you can land on your feet.*

**Adams:** “Pass—I think partner has Spades.”

*Three experts think that 2♠ is forcing.*

**Parker:** “3♣—Good hand with no source of tricks in notrump. Don’t want to play a spade fit with a bad break. Maybe he has four clubs or three diamonds.”

*It’s not that bad to play in 2♠ when you know that RHO is going to have five of them. Bad breaks are worse when you don’t expect them.*

**Hopkins:** “2NT—I think this is the least likely contract to get doubled. Clubs may be our 4-4 fit, but I worry about a bad split. I sound as if I have 18/19, and maybe opponents will believe me.”

**Schwartz:** “2NT—Overbidding by a few points. I would not have doubled 2♥. I have the heart stoppers and partner should have spades.”

*There are rare exceptions where cuebids are non-forcing but you have to be careful.*

**SOLVERS’ SCORES**

|                |     |     |     |    |      |     |
|----------------|-----|-----|-----|----|------|-----|
| John Adams     | 3NT | 5♣  | 4NT | 2♣ | Pass | 440 |
| Robbie Hopkins | 3NT | 5♣  | 5♣  | 2♥ | 2NT  | 440 |
| Enid Hughes    | Dbl | 5♣  | 5♣  | 2♣ | Pass | 470 |
| Fred King      | Dbl | 4♠  | 5♣  | 2♥ | Pass | 440 |
| Steve Parker   | Dbl | 4♠  | 6♦  | 2♥ | 3♣   | 430 |
| Steve Robinson | 3NT | 4NT | 5♦  | 2♣ | Pass | 500 |
| Alan Schwartz  | Dbl | 5♣  | 5♦  | 2♣ | 2NT  | 470 |
| Brad Theurer   | Dbl | 5♠  | 5♦  | 2♣ | Pass | 460 |
| Kit Woolsey    | Dbl | 4♠  | 5♣  | 3♥ | Pass | 430 |



**2014 TROPHY RACE STANDINGS**[www.WashingtonBridgeLeague.org](http://www.WashingtonBridgeLeague.org)

Updated by John Adams

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

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

This list is up to date through May 22, 2014, not including the Unit KO. All points are subject to audit by the WBL Director.

**Lovenberg**

|    |       |                     |
|----|-------|---------------------|
| 1  | 62.75 | Brad Theurer        |
| 2  | 61.14 | John Adams          |
| 3  | 56.24 | Steve Robinson      |
| 4  | 55.63 | Lloyd Rawley        |
| 5  | 52.48 | Larry Kahn          |
| 6  | 50.30 | Barry Falgout       |
| 7  | 47.88 | James Geist         |
| 8  | 42.87 | H John Edmonds      |
| 9  | 42.42 | Steven Schatzow     |
| 10 | 38.89 | David Genne         |
| 11 | 37.55 | David Ruderman      |
| 12 | 32.29 | Linda Marshall      |
| 13 | 31.79 | Guillaume de Decker |
| 14 | 29.72 | William Pettis      |
| 15 | 28.61 | Andrew Gofreed      |
| 16 | 26.89 | Clyde Kruskal       |
| 17 | 26.35 | Michael Richey      |
| 18 | 26.32 | Terry Klein         |
| 19 | 25.51 | Leon Masiewicki     |
| 20 | 25.29 | Myron Goldstein     |
| 21 | 25.08 | Donna Rogall        |
| 22 | 23.84 | Jason Meyer         |
| 23 | 23.14 | Barry Bragin        |
| 24 | 22.44 | Vincent Wilmot Jr   |
| 25 | 22.15 | William Cole        |

**Izzy Cohen**

|    |       |                     |
|----|-------|---------------------|
| 1  | 31.79 | Guillaume de Decker |
| 2  | 26.32 | Terry Klein         |
| 3  | 25.51 | Leon Masiewicki     |
| 4  | 25.29 | Myron Goldstein     |
| 5  | 21.71 | Ajit Thyagarajan    |
| 6  | 20.41 | Norman Kittrell     |
| 7  | 19.73 | James Berry         |
| 8  | 18.83 | Margaret Cooke      |
|    | 18.83 | Peter Isard         |
| 10 | 17.35 | Ernie Schuler       |
| 11 | 17.15 | Kiyomi Shiba        |
| 12 | 17.08 | Michael Kuehl       |
| 13 | 16.60 | Charles Dearolf     |
| 14 | 16.50 | Thomas Reckford     |
| 15 | 16.16 | James Wisman        |
|    | 16.16 | Barry Tash          |

**Tubbs**

|    |       |                 |
|----|-------|-----------------|
| 1  | 26.32 | Terry Klein     |
| 2  | 25.29 | Myron Goldstein |
| 3  | 20.41 | Norman Kittrell |
| 4  | 18.83 | Margaret Cooke  |
|    | 18.83 | Peter Isard     |
| 6  | 17.35 | Ernie Schuler   |
| 7  | 17.08 | Michael Kuehl   |
| 8  | 16.60 | Charles Dearolf |
| 9  | 16.16 | Barry Tash      |
| 10 | 15.50 | Jane Dolkart    |

**Woolridge**

|    |      |                 |
|----|------|-----------------|
| 1  | 8.09 | John Goon       |
| 2  | 6.82 | Marc Zlotnik    |
| 3  | 6.51 | Stephen Baldwin |
|    | 6.51 | Kate Baldwin    |
| 5  | 6.18 | David Narrow    |
| 6  | 4.87 | Sheila Blum     |
| 7  | 4.72 | Nathan Tash     |
| 8  | 4.17 | Judy Rovner     |
| 9  | 4.02 | Antony Heatwole |
| 10 | 3.79 | Sara Mazie      |
|    | 3.79 | Mark Zweig      |

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

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

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

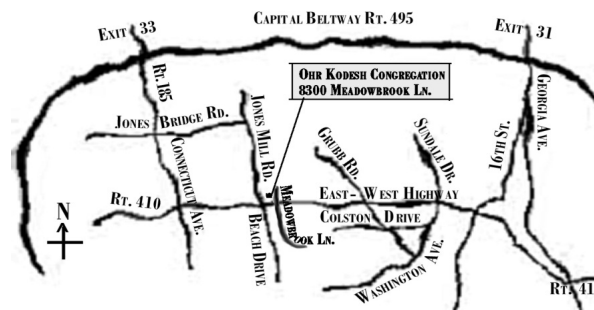
This is a great program for beginners as well as experienced social bridge players! Partners will be provided if needed. For more information, contact Bryan or Lois Geer at 301-236-0014 or by email at [geerbridge@verizon.net](mailto:geerbridge@verizon.net).

**~ ♣ ♦ SCHEDULE ♥ ♠ ~***Most games held at Ohr Kodesh*

06/19/2014 .....StrataFlighted Unit Championship  
 06/26/2014 .....StrataFlighted Unit Championship  
 07/03/2014 .....CLOSED—Bethesda Regional  
 07/10/2014 .....StrataFlighted Unit Championship  
 07/17/2014 .....StrataFlighted North American Pairs  
 07/24/2014 .....StrataFlighted Unit Championship  
 07/31/2014 .....StrataFlighted North American Pairs  
**08/07/14\*\* .....WBL Sectional**  
 08/14/2014 .....StrataFlighted Unit Championship  
 08/21/2014 .....StrataFlighted Unit Championship  
 08/28/2014 .....StrataFlighted North American Pairs  
 09/04/2014 .....StrataFlighted Unit Championship Upg.  
 09/11/2014 .....StrataFlighted Unit Championship  
 09/18/2014 .....NVBA Sectional  
 09/25/2014 .....StrataFlighted Unit Championship  
 10/02/2014 .....D6 STaC Stratified Pairs  
**10/09/14\*\* .....WBL Sectional**

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

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

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

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

**WBL GUARANTEED  
PARTNER PROGRAM**

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

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

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

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

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

**UNIT GAME CARPOOL AVAILABLE**

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

## THE UNIT GAME

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

On May 15th we ran a Unit Charity game in support of the DC homelessness charity "Friendship Place", which raised just over \$400. To see more about the work that you supported, you can visit [www.friendshipplacedc.org](http://www.friendshipplacedc.org)

Time for a few more BridgeMate trivia. Since we started using BridgeMates in September 2009, I have electronic records of 136 sessions with a total of 134,145 board results recorded.

Not surprisingly, the most popular contracts are:

- 3NT - played 22,085 times undoubled with a 72% success rate, 125 times doubled with a 40% success rate, and 3 times redoubled, making once
- 4♠ -16161 undoubled, 70% success; 1291 doubled, 22% success; 8 redoubled, 25% success
- 4♥ - 14484, 71%; 751, 32%; 5, 60%

Every possible contract has been played undoubled and doubled. 18 out of the 35 possible redoubled contracts have been played at least once, with 2♦XX by far the most popular (making 9 out of 13 times).

A final oddity: 4NT has made 83% of the time. If anyone is thus tempted to raise their partner's 3NT to 4 so as to improve their chances of success by 11%, I can line up a high-stake rubber bridge game for you.

### UPCOMING SECTIONALS

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

## DO YOU HAVE ANY MUSCLE OR BRAINS TO SPARE?

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

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

### Here's how to help:

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

*Thank you in advance for any assistance you can provide.*

**Barbara Summers**, Volunteer Coordinator, 301-598-5838, [jimbarb1184@aol.com](mailto:jimbarb1184@aol.com),

## COMMITTEE ACTION #82

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

The following case involving unauthorized information (UI) arose during the first qualifying session of the Mitchell Open BAM Teams at the 2012 Fall NABC in San Francisco.

Bd: 11

Vul: None

Dlr: South

| North               |        | East  |                   |
|---------------------|--------|-------|-------------------|
| ♠                   | 9752   | ♠     | AJ106             |
| ♥                   | J      | ♥     | 876542            |
| ♦                   | 8632   | ♦     | —                 |
| ♣                   | AK73   | ♣     | 982               |
| West                |        | South |                   |
| ♠                   | Q8     | ♠     | K43               |
| ♥                   | AQ9    | ♥     | K103              |
| ♦                   | A75    | ♦     | KQJ1094           |
| ♣                   | QJ1065 | ♣     | 4                 |
| West                | North  | East  | South             |
| 2NT                 | 3♦     | 3♥    | 2♦ <sup>(1)</sup> |
| Pass <sup>(2)</sup> | Pass   | 4♥    | 4♦                |
| Pass                | Dbl    | Pass  | Pass              |
| Pass                |        |       |                   |

<sup>(1)</sup> 10-13 HCP, 5 diamonds plus a 4-card major or 6+ diamonds

<sup>(2)</sup> Break in tempo (BIT)

South led the ♣4 against 4♥x and declarer, East, made four, +590 for E/W. The Director was called after East's 4♥ bid. N/S stated that there was a 10-15 second pause

before West passed 4♦. West claimed the hesitation was closer to two seconds. E/W's agreement was that over a weak 2♦ bid 2NT was a natural, strong notrump hand. E/W had no agreement concerning other 2♦ openings. There was no discussion or agreement regarding East's 3♥ bid. After the event E/W said that over a strong notrump overcall, 3♥ would have been forcing. The Directors believed that since East had the chance to force his side to game in hearts during the auction and had not done so, there was some doubt about the firmness of E/W's agreement concerning whether 3♥ had been forcing. Thus, West's BIT suggested bidding as opposed to passing. Accordingly, per Law 16B1, the result was adjusted to 4♦ by South making four, +130 for N/S. E/W appealed the ruling.

E/W told the Committee that they had no clear bidding agreements over an intermediate 2♦ opening; both assumed that defensive agreements over a weak 2♦ opener applied. Those agreements were, after an auction such as (2♦)-2NT-(3♦), that a double showed both majors, 3♥ and 3♠ were natural and forcing, and 4♦ was a transfer. Therefore, because 3♥ was forcing East could not pass 4♦. West passed 4♦ planning to pull a double to 4♥ to show a weaker hand (in their methods) than bidding 4♥ directly. N/S contended that East did not have the values for a game-forcing bid of 3♥ so he might well have meant 3♥ as competitive. If East wanted to force to game he could have bid 4♥ or 4♦ initially. The two pairs also disagreed as to when the Director was called. E/W claimed it was at the end of the auction while N/S claimed it was immediately after the 4♥ bid. E/W had no system notes avail-

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

able. Okay, if you were on the Appeal Committee how would you decide this case? When you're ready read on.

The Committee members found that the BIT was agreed to by both sides. The question facing them then was whether the UI from the BIT demonstrably suggested bidding over other logical alternatives (LAs). East had a diamond void, so from his perspective his partner could have been thinking about doubling and decided against it. However, partner could also have been thinking about bidding. They therefore decided that the UI demonstrably suggested bidding over passing. Next, was pass a LA? Half the Committee members believed that 3♥ constituted a game force but that even if it were not passing 4♦ at BAM scoring after partner failed to double was unthinkable. The other half believed that since partner was limited and East had only a five-count, he might pass hoping that no four-level contract would make. One piece of evidence in their favor was that the screening Director had polled three players, each with about 6000 MPs (the same as the actual East player had), asking what call they would make with the East hand over 3♦. None of them bid 3♥ (two bid 4♦ and one doubled). However, when then asked what they would do over (4♦)-Pass-(Pass) (one was okay with having bid 3♥) all three passed. The Committee was ultimately persuaded by the argument that if West could pass 4♦, so could East. Since those actions seemed about equally poor, and since East and West appeared to be peers, they decided that for this East passing 4♦ was a LA. The Committee therefore ruled as the Director had to adjusted the result to 4♦ by South making four, +130 for N/S. They noted, however, that for players of different skill levels this decision could have gone the other way.

I have a problem with the Committee's reasoning here. Law 16B1(a) states: "After a player makes available to his partner ex-

traneous information that may suggest a call or play...the partner may not choose from among logical alternatives one that could *demonstrably* have been suggested over another by the extraneous information." The word "demonstrably" (my italics) means that the UI must make one action more likely to be the winning one than any of the others — not that it just *could* have suggested that action among several alternatives. Here the Committee plainly states in their decision that they believed the UI from West's BIT over 4♦ indicated that he could have been thinking about either doubling 4♦ or bidding 4♥ and finally decided not to take any action. Clearly, then, the UI here does not "demonstrably" suggest which action (Pass or 4♥) is more likely to be the winner. What it does suggest, however, is that West was considering some forward-going action over 4♦ and that therefore East cannot be allowed to bid if his hand is a clear pass or to make a bid that caters to whatever action West was considering (such as doubling 4♦, after which West can take whichever course he was considering over 4♦). As long as East takes a committal action, by passing or bidding, he undertakes a risk that he has done the wrong thing — at least as far as West's intentions were concerned. As long as the UI does not clearly suggest which action he should take he is free to take a committal action as he sees fit.

In other words, since West's BIT suggests "extras" in one form or another (a desire to double or compete to 3♥) East cannot be allowed to cater to West's wishes either with a hand that was a clear stretch to bid 3♥ over 3♦ last time or to give West a "fielder's choice" via a double, allowing him to express the reason for his hesitation over 4♦ by either passing or pulling to 4♥. Several Committee members said they believed that passing 4♦ with the East hand once West failed to double was unthinkable. I agree. I'd allow East to take what I believe is a clear-cut action over 4♦ but would not allow him to take a two-way shot after the BIT by doubling.

The only thing that gives me pause is

that all three players polled passed 4♦ (after having a 3♥ bid imposed on them over 3♦), suggesting that perhaps passing 4♦ was the clear-cut action for this level of player. But my intuition tells me to discount the results of the poll somewhat. I think the fact that none of the players polled wanted to bid 3♥ over 3♦ skewed the result. A more appropriate poll would have found players who would have bid 3♥ freely over 3♦ and then asked them what they would do over 4♦ with the East hand. I believe a substantial number of such players would bid 4♥.

As an aside, 4♥ (doubled) can be beaten, even after a club lead, if North shifts to a spade at trick two or three instead of giving South a club ruff. The ruff comes at the expense of a natural trump trick so East can then draw trumps via the finesse, then proceed to pitch his losing spades on dummy's two good clubs and the ♦A. If North instead shifts to a spade at trick two or three N/S must eventually come to one trump, one spade and two clubs.

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

**To be eligible**, a player: (1) Must be a member (or pending member) of either the NVBA or the WBL; (2) Must attend all but one NVBA sectional and all but one WBL sectional\* during the contest period (August, 2013 through May, 2014). 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.

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winners: Steven Schatzow and Jill Benson!

### Open Winners

| Player                         | Points   |
|--------------------------------|----------|
| 1 <b>Steven Schatzow</b> . . . | 161.87 * |
| 2 Sylvia Shi . . . . .         | 157.72   |
| 3 Alexander Prairie . . . . .  | 124.93 * |
| 4 Barry Falgout . . . . .      | 122.07 * |
| 5 Brad Theurer . . . . .       | 115.91 * |
| 6 Ken Davis . . . . .          | 110.14 * |
| 7 Peter Boyd . . . . .         | 92.58 *  |
| 8 Mark Chen . . . . .          | 89.59 *  |
| 9 William Cole . . . . .       | 82.13 *  |
| 10 Barry Bragin . . . . .      | 81.09    |
| 11 Robert Hopkins Jr . . . . . | 80.08 *  |
| 12 Jay Kelkar . . . . .        | 78.81 *  |
| 13 John Adams . . . . .        | 75.74 *  |
| 14 Steve Robinson . . . . .    | 74.99 *  |
| 15 Linda Marshall . . . . .    | 74.51 *  |
| 16 Rusty Krauss . . . . .      | 72.80 *  |
| 17 Bob Boyd . . . . .          | 70.94 *  |
| 18 Lloyd Rawley . . . . .      | 68.22 *  |
| 19 Fred King . . . . .         | 68.16 *  |
| 20 Noble Shore . . . . .       | 67.46 *  |

### NonLM Winners

| Player                         | Points  |
|--------------------------------|---------|
| 1 <b>Jill Benson</b> . . . . . | 40.54 * |
| 2 Catherine Bardsley . . . . . | 36.40 * |
| 3 David Benson . . . . .       | 32.81 * |
| 4 Terry Klein . . . . .        | 29.08 * |
| 5 John Merold . . . . .        | 27.20 * |
| 6 Yuen De Anda . . . . .       | 26.66 * |
| 7 Ron Sutter . . . . .         | 26.66 * |
| 8 Charles Dearolf . . . . .    | 23.50 * |
| 9 Sharon Suttan . . . . .      | 23.11 * |
| 10 Fred Gramlich . . . . .     | 21.43 * |
| 11 Michael Stoller . . . . .   | 18.53   |
| 12 Dorothy Black . . . . .     | 18.49   |
| 13 Donna Sinrud . . . . .      | 18.36 * |
| 14 Howard Stevens . . . . .    | 17.67   |
| 15 David Marshall . . . . .    | 17.34 * |
| 16 Betty Ladd . . . . .        | 17.19   |
| 17 W Morgan . . . . .          | 17.14   |
| 18 Mary Ourand . . . . .       | 16.52   |
| 19 Reina Lerner . . . . .      | 16.51 * |
| 20 Jim Walsh . . . . .         | 15.82   |

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The District 6 Final will be held Sept 27, 2014 at noon and Sept.28 at 11 am at the White Oak Community Center, 1700 April Lane Silver Spring, MD 20904. The Open Flight and 0-2500 Flight Finals will be 4-session events, with roughly half the field qualifying for the second day. The NLM Flight Final will be a 2-session event held only on Sunday, Sept 28.

Pre-registration is required in order to play in the District Finals. Pairs must pre-register by **September 18**. Prepayment of \$50 (to cover 2-sessions) is required with registration. Instructions for submitting entries will be in the Aug-Sep *TableTALK* and on the District 6 website — <http://www.districtsix.org>.

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|                                      |  |
|--------------------------------------|--|
| <b>1<sup>ST</sup></b>                | <b><u>Steve Robinson, Peter Boyd, Bill Cole, Beth Palmer, William Pettis, Steve Landen</u></b> |
| <b>2<sup>ND</sup></b>                | Ai-Tai Lo, Alan Schwartz, Noble Shore, Mike Gill   |
| <b>3<sup>RD</sup>/4<sup>TH</sup></b> | Sylvia Shi, John Adams, Donna Rogall, Clyde Kruskal  |
| <b>3<sup>RD</sup>/4<sup>TH</sup></b> | Mark Dahl, David Butler, Robert Brady, Dewayne Jones   |

### Flight A

|                                      |   |
|--------------------------------------|---|
| <b>1<sup>ST</sup></b>                | <b><u>Rusty Krauss, Barry Falgout, Dave Milton, Stan Schenker, Diane Walker</u></b> |
| <b>2<sup>ND</sup></b>                | Mark Laken, Barry Bragin, Brad Theurer, Richard Baum, Joe Trapani                   |
| <b>3<sup>RD</sup>/4<sup>TH</sup></b> | Jim Geist, Sven Pride, Mike Ritchey, David Genne, Ron Zucker                        |
| <b>3<sup>RD</sup>/4<sup>TH</sup></b> | John Miller, Stephen Drodge, Noble Shore, Mike Gill, Alex Prairie, Sylvia Shi       |

### Flight B

|                                      |  |
|--------------------------------------|--|
| <b>1<sup>ST</sup></b>                | <b><u>Mike Berard, Murat Berk, Peter Van Zijl, Richard Wissing, David Soukup</u></b> |
| <b>2<sup>ND</sup></b>                | Mike Kelley, Rebecca Duty, Paul McGowan, Mike Lane                                   |
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### Flight C

|                       |   |
|-----------------------|---|
| <b>1<sup>ST</sup></b> | <b><u>Joan O'Connor, Peggy Comerford, Howard Stevens, Helen Marek</u></b> |
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We welcome nominations from the membership of the WBL. Please send your suggested candidate to Richard Ferrin at [rferrin@mac.com](mailto:rferrin@mac.com) or in person at the unit game. It would be appreciated if you would indicate in two or three sentences why you think your nominee is a good candidate for the award. We would like to hear from you by September 9, 2014.

## WBL NLMaster Sectional

April 26-27, 2014

### TOP TEN CUMULATIVE POINT WINNERS

| All Players     |                      |
|-----------------|----------------------|
| 1/2 7.47 .....  | <i>Daniel Morgan</i> |
| 7.47 .....      | <i>John Blodgett</i> |
| 3/4 6.58 .....  | Terry Klein          |
| 6.58 .....      | Myron Goldstein      |
| 5/6 5.67 .....  | Rachelle Sladoff     |
| 5.67 .....      | Rochelle Hilton      |
| 7/8 5.10 .....  | Patrick Frye         |
| 5.10 .....      | Tim Kuhn             |
| 9/10 4.71 ..... | Marlene Gross        |
| 4.71 .....      | Julia Michaels       |

| Players with fewer than 50 masterpoints |                     |
|---|---------------------|
| 1/2 3.42 .....                          | <i>Bill Talent</i>  |
| 3.42 .....                              | <i>Bruce Harris</i> |
| 3 2.16 .....                            | Arthur Keefe III    |
| 4/5 2.01 .....                          | Carolyn Crabbe      |
| 2.01 .....                              | Barbara Teng        |
| 6 1.73 .....                            | John Wallbaum       |
| 7/8 1.69 .....                          | Robert Gray         |
| 1.69 .....                              | Phyllis Morgan      |
| 9/10 1.60 .....                         | Janet Ambrose       |
| 1.60 .....                              | Miriam Rheinstein   |

| Players with fewer than 20 masterpoints |                     |
|---|---------------------|
| 1/2 3.42 .....                          | <i>Bruce Harris</i> |
| 3.42 .....                              | <i>Bill Talent</i>  |
| 3 1.73 .....                            | John Wallbaum       |
| 4 1.34 .....                            | Christopher Britton |
| 5/8 1.29 .....                          | Jonathan Holland    |
| 1.29 .....                              | Debra Graham        |
| 1.29 .....                              | Edward Rejuney      |
| 1.29 .....                              | Michael Beaghen     |
| 9/11 1.13 .....                         | Dave Marchal        |
| 1.13 .....                              | Johanna Weekley     |
| 1.13 .....                              | Carl Hahn           |

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### ADVENTURES OF A NEW TOURNAMENT CHAIR

*from intrepid NLM player,  
Julie Marquette*

*Right after the Non-Life Master Sectional Tournament concluded, we asked our new Co-Chair to tell us all about her experience. She wanted to sleep, but agreed nevertheless:*



In December's *WBL Bulletin*, I noticed that the unit was looking for a volunteer to chair the NLM tournament. I thought to myself "I could do that...it sounds like fun!" The next day reality set in. As a novice player, I haven't even been to that many tournaments, how could I possibly think I could run a tournament on my own?

I mentioned my misgivings to my bridge teacher Leslie Shafer, the ACBL columnist. With no hesitation, Leslie immediately volunteered to be my co-chair. Leslie believes so strongly in giving back to the game of bridge and to our local unit, that even though she runs two games and teaches eight classes a week, she still thought helping me run the tournament was her duty.

Our vision was to have the tournament include more than just the usual players. We wanted to reach out to the at-home social players, the true novices and students in the "Bridge in Schools" program.

Once we had a date and location, it was time to figure out how to reach the people we wanted to attend the tournament. Leslie started pushing the tournament to all of her past and present students. Bryan and Lois Geer, the directors of the WBL novice game, also began gently encouraging their students to play. My role as the NLM player, was to make sure all my peers knew about the tournament. Everywhere I played, I brought fliers with me. As I went from table to table, I tried to talk people into coming to the tournament. Many of the local clubs helped by passing out fliers and posting notices of the tournament on their websites. It was a true collaboration of the local bridge community.

The first day of the tournament, each player

received a goody bag with a value of over \$60.00 thanks to the generosity of Baron Barclay, Great Games Products, Maryland Game Spot, Leslie Shafer and the Rockville Duplicate Bridge Club. The goody bag included a convention card holder, scoring cheat sheets, a National tournament CD, a demo CD of Bridge Baron, Leslie Shafer's "Bridge Students 'R Us" newsletter and three Free Plays to the Rockville DBC's new Friday NLM game. Students also received a bridge baseball cap courtesy of the ACBL. At the end of each session, we purposely did not post "one round to go" results so as to heighten the excitement for all the players. Afterwards we announced the overall winners and awarded them trophies.

Saturday morning, much to our surprise, we received a beautiful floral arrangement. The card read "To our 3 Tournament Queens" and was signed "The King and Queen of Spades". It wasn't until late Sunday afternoon that we figured out who had sent it; none other than our good friends Julie and Ollie Thomas, who were busy in Gatlinburg earning gold points.

Some of the highlights: We had 101 tables over two days. At the conclusion of

Jackson Middle School in Virginia has played bridge for two years and accumulated over 15 masterpoints. In the Saturday morning session, Jackson played with my partner, Yaeko Perera. They played in the open section (not the 49ers) and won masterpoints!

Sinclair Blue and Anna Tsai are seniors at the

*Bryan & Lois*



*Margarett*



School Without Walls in DC. Isabelle Thabault started the bridge program at the school in conjunction with her employer, Washington Lawyers Committee for Civil Rights and Urban Affairs. Sinclair and Anna have been coming to the Thursday night unit game and playing in Lois and Bryan's 0-20 game in preparation for the tournament. On Saturday they played in both sessions of the tournament! We believe they're the first students (in recent history) from

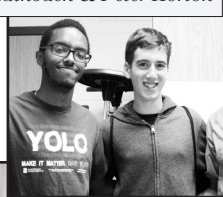
*Shawn*



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*Leul Assamenew, Sam Hainbach & Peter Horton*



*Jacob Coffey & Manuel Lee*



a DC public high school to attend a tournament. Sinclair and Anna hope to continue playing bridge in college.

Two of Leslie's students, Steven Messina and Gigi Castleman, having recently learned the Stayman convention, earned masterpoints! It was their first time playing duplicate outside of Leslie's class.

I saw true beginners playing in their first tournament against some very experienced players and having a great time. I watched as Isabelle Thabault, Lois Geer, Leslie Shafer, Charlie Williams and Margarett Whilden patiently helped the novices learn their way around the intricacies of a Bridgmate and how to score in a Swiss team game. Leslie and I had accomplished what we had set out to do — we wanted to have an NLM tournament with a warm and

nurturing atmosphere for all levels of players.

We could not have run a successful tournament without the help of our diligent partnership chair Jill Benson, Yaeko Perera, Shawn Stringer and last but not least, Lois and Bryan Geer. I thank the WBL Board for giving Leslie and I the opportunity to co-chair the NLM Tournament. It

was an experience that I will never forget.

*Thanks, ladies! Julie and Leslie are just the shot of adrenaline that the WBL needs! Unswayed by the huge effort they just completed, Julie and Leslie have just scheduled Sept. 11-14 for their next Non-Life Master Sectional. Four sectional days for NLMs only! See p. 5.*

## —RESULTS—

### SATURDAY MORNING PAIRS

**Stratum A**, 30.5 Tables / Based on 41 Tables



- 1 John Blodgett - Daniel Morgan . . . . .69.53
- 2 Tim Kuhn - Patrick Frye . . . . .68.82
- 3 Terry Klein - Myron Goldstein . . . . .64.12
- 4 Norman Kittrell - Joseph Lebaron . . .61.22
- 5 Daniela Tunsanu - Radu Tunsanu . . .60.43
- 6 John Wallbaum - Arthur Keefe III . .58.32

### Stratum B

- 1 John Blodgett - Daniel Morgan . . . . .69.53
- 2 Terry Klein - Myron Goldstein . . . . .64.12
- 3 Norman Kittrell - Joseph Lebaron . . .61.22
- 4 Daniela Tunsanu - Radu Tunsanu . . .60.43
- 5 John Wallbaum - Arthur Keefe III . .58.32
- 6 Jean Barquin - Edith Burzio . . . . .57.82

### Stratum C

- 1 Norman Kittrell - Joseph Lebaron . . .61.22
- 2 Daniela Tunsanu - Radu Tunsanu . . .60.43
- 3 John Wallbaum - Arthur Keefe III . .58.32
- 4 Mohammed Moiduddin - Dave Marchal .56.07
- 5 Jane Dolkart - Alexander Gretsinger . .52.66
- 6 Peter Martin - Bette Slovin . . . . .51.87

### SATURDAY MORNING 49ER PAIRS

**Stratum A**, 10.0 Tables



- 1 Carolin Crabbe - Barbara Teng . . . . .72.02
- 2 Carl Hahn - Johanna Weekley . . . . .66.12
- 3 Robert Gray - Phyllis Morgan . . . . .62.20
- 4 John Goon - Kenneth Jones . . . . .62.01
- 5 Janet Ambrose - Miriam Rheinhein . .55.44
- 6 Joyce Wainwright - Duncan Wainwright .55.36

### Stratum B

- 1 Carl Hahn - Johanna Weekley . . . . .66.12

- 2 John Goon - Kenneth Jones . . . . .62.01
- 3 Joyce Wainwright - Duncan Wainwright .55.36
- 4 Patricia Whelan - Dorthy Tracey . . .52.30
- 5 Joseph Quinn - William Morrow . . .51.24

### Stratum C

- 1 Carl Hahn - Johanna Weekley . . . . .66.12
- 2 Patricia Whelan - Dorthy Tracey . . .52.30
- 3 Joseph Quinn - William Morrow . . .51.24
- 4 Janet Page - Judy Evans . . . . .48.60

### SATURDAY AFTERNOON PAIRS

**Stratum A**, 22.0 Tables



- 1 Terry Klein - Myron Goldstein . . . . .65.97
- 2 Kathleen LaMarre - David Lindley . .60.83
- 3 John Blodgett - Daniel Morgan . . . .59.86
- 4 Prabhakar Tamboli - Albert Pike III . .59.03
- 5/6 Rochelle Hilton - Rachelle Sladoff . .58.61
- 5/6 Tim Kuhn - Patrick Frye . . . . .58.61

### Stratum B

- 1 Terry Klein - Myron Goldstein . . . . .65.97
- 2 Kathleen LaMarre - David Lindley . .60.83
- 3 John Blodgett - Daniel Morgan . . . .59.86
- 4 Prabhakar Tamboli - Albert Pike III . .59.03
- 5 Marilynn Schuyler - Christopher Britton .58.19
- 6 Jeffrey Kayden - Mark Eisenstadt . .57.22

### Stratum C

- 1 Kathleen LaMarre - David Lindley . .60.83
- 2 Marilynn Schuyler - Christopher Britton .58.19
- 3 Jeffrey Kayden - Mark Eisenstadt . .57.22
- 4 Susan Myers - Alane Youngentob . . .55.14
- 5 Karen Sandler - Anne Weismann . . .54.86
- 6 John Wallbaum - Arthur Keefe III . .54.17

### SATURDAY AFTERNOON 49ER PAIRS

**Stratum A**, 5.0 Tables

- 1 Janet Ambrose - Miriam Rheinhein . .66.20



*Anna Tsai, Sinclair Blu, Jackson Miller, & Justin Hu*

Sunday Swiss, Rochelle Hilton earned the rank of Life Master! Nine student players participated. An anonymous player generously donated the money for four students to join the ACBL. Overall, we signed up ten new players for the Washington Bridge League.

Twelve-year-old Jackson Miller from Luther



- 2 Robert Gray - Phyllis Morgan .....62.30
- 3 Phillip Shapiro - Marc Zlotnik .....57.08
- 4 Kim Schiffrin - Ginny Feldman .....54.01

#### **Stratum B, 3.5 Tables**

- 1 Kim Schiffrin - Ginny Feldman .....54.01
- 2 Gordon Pavy - Laura Siegelbaum ....47.69
- 3 Steven Messina - Gigi Castleman ....44.71

#### **Stratum C, 3.0 Tables**

- 1 Gordon Pavy - Laura Siegelbaum ....47.69
- 2 Steven Messina - Gigi Castleman ....44.71

#### **SUNDAY SWISS**

#### **Stratum A, 19 Tables**



- 1 Rachelle Sladoff - Rochelle Hilton—*NEW Life Master!* - Marlene Gross - Julia Michaels .....98.00
- 2 David Marshall - Jim Walsh - Charles Dearolf - Michael Kuehl .....35.00
- 3 Richard Galleher - Bill Talent - Bruce Harris - Odessa Morton .....75.00
- 4/6 Doug Brasse - Abigail Murton - Jeffrey Caplan - Robert Kerr .....66.00
- 4/6 Barbara Levine - Rosemary Kuntz - Joseph Abita - Neil Crane .....66.00
- 4/6 David Benson - Jill Benson - Richard McMillan Jr - Michael Barth .....66.00

#### **Stratum B, 14 Tables**

- 1 Richard Galleher - Bill Talent - Bruce Harris - Odessa Morton .....75.00
- 2/3 Doug Brasse - Abigail Murton - Jeffrey Caplan - Robert Kerr .....66.00
- 2/3 David Benson - Jill Benson - Richard McMillan Jr - Michael Barth .....66.00
- 4 Robert Staiman - Alexander Shafer - Ila Shah - Vinod Shah .....63.00
- 5 Jane Dolkart - Shala Panbechi - Mahmoud Katirai - Alexander Gretsinger - Judy Retchin .....60.00

#### **Stratum C, 8 Tables**

- 1 Richard Galleher - Bill Talent - Bruce Harris - Odessa Morton .....75.00
- 2 Jane Dolkart - Shala Panbechi - Mahmoud Katirai - Alexander Gretsinger - Judy Retchin .....60.00
- 3 Michael Beaghen - Jonathan Holland - Edward Rejuney - Debra Graham .....59.00

## 2013 WINNERS WINNERS WINNERS WINNERS WINNERS .....MAY 8, 2014.....ANNUAL MEETING & ELECTIONS REPORT.....

### **MINUTES OF THE 2014 WASHINGTON BRIDGE LEAGUE ANNUAL MEETING**

*from Linda Marshall, Secretary*

The 2014 WBL Annual Meeting was called to order by President, **Richard Ferrin** at 7:15 p.m.

The minutes of the 2013 WBL Annual Meeting were approved without change.

#### **Treasurer's Report**

Treasurer, **Rose Berman** announced that the WBL is in sound financial condition, with approximately \$47,000 in funds. The year-to-date net income of WBL is \$419. Copies of WBL's profit and loss statement for 2013 were available at the meeting. Rose announced that a WBL Educational Foundation has been created and is accepting donations. 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 2014. A slate of officers nominated through the petition process was available. No 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. Jim asked for nominations from the floor for board members for the fiscal year 2014. A slate of members nominated through the petition process was available. No further nominations were made. **Melissa Price, Ollie Thomas, and Lloyd Rawley** were elected members of the Board of Directors by acclamation.



Jim turned the meeting back to Richard. Richard announced that, starting with the January/February 2015 *WBL Bulletin*, the Bulletin will be distributed free online, with mailed yearly subscriptions available for \$12 for members and \$18 for nonmembers. WBL is collecting the email addresses of members, to notify members when the Bulletin becomes available online and for various other WBL bridge-related notifications. Donna Rogall and Ellen Cherniavsky are collecting member email addresses for this list.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 7:20 p.m.



#### **ACE OF CLUBS WINNERS**

|                     |                          |
|---------------------|--------------------------|
| 0 to 5 .....        | <i>Timm Abendroth</i>    |
| 5 to 20.....        | <i>Michael Cooperman</i> |
| 20 to 50 .....      | <i>Stanley Rosen</i>     |
| 50 to 100 .....     | <i>Jill Benson</i>       |
| 100 to 200 .....    | <i>Joseph Abita</i>      |
| 200 to 300 .....    | <i>Steven Mendelsohn</i> |
| 300 to 500.....     | <i>Forest Montgomery</i> |
| 500 to 1000 .....   | <i>Barry Goulding</i>    |
| 1000 to 2500 .....  | <i>Linda Smith</i>       |
| 2500 to 5000 .....  | <i>Mark Lavine</i>       |
| 5000 to 7500 .....  | <i>Eileen Theimer</i>    |
| 7500 to 10,000..... | <i>Steven Schatzow</i>   |
| Over 10,000 .....   | <i>Peter Boyd</i>        |

#### **MINI-MCKENNEY WINNERS**

|                     |                          |
|---------------------|--------------------------|
| 0 to 5 .....        | <i>Geri Elias</i>        |
| 5 to 20.....        | <i>Michael Cooperman</i> |
| 20 to 50 .....      | <i>Charles Dearolf</i>   |
| 50 to 100 .....     | <i>Jill Benson</i>       |
| 100 to 200 .....    | <i>Thomas Grahame</i>    |
| 200 to 300 .....    | <i>Margarett Whilden</i> |
| 300 to 500.....     | <i>Georgette Weiss</i>   |
| 500 to 1000 .....   | <i>Alexander Prairie</i> |
| 1000 to 2500 .....  | <i>Linda Smith</i>       |
| 2500 to 5000 .....  | <i>Barry Bragin</i>      |
| 5000 to 7500 .....  | <i>Brad Theurer</i>      |
| 7500 to 10,000..... | <i>Steven Schatzow</i>   |
| Over 10,000 .....   | <i>Steve Robinson</i>    |





# NLM MASTER POINTERS

by I/N Columnists: Ron Zucker, [ron@motherzucker.com](mailto:ron@motherzucker.com)  
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## DOUBLE TROUBLE: TAKEOUT DOUBLES, PART 3: TAKEOUT DOUBLER'S SECOND BID

We have been discussing defensive bidding, specifically takeout doubles. Now we turn to the question of what happens after partner responds to our takeout double.

### 1. After a minimum response by partner, what does a raise show?

In a non-competitive auction (opponents do not bid again), the raise of a minimum response shows 15-17 support points and four trump, while a jump raise shows 18-20 support points and four trump.

In a competitive auction, where opener bids again or his partner has bid, then a raise is just competitive (known as a courtesy raise.) In competition, the Takeout Doubler must double again to show a big hand. Compare these three auctions:

~~~a~~~

| RHO | You | LHO | Partner |
|-----|-----|-----|---------|
| 1♦  | X   | P   | 1♠      |
| P   | 2♠  |     |         |

2♠ shows a 15-17 support point hand, with four spades.

~~~b~~~

| RHO | You | LHO | Partner |
|-----|-----|-----|---------|
| 1♦  | X   | P   | 1♠      |
| 2♦  | 2♠  |     |         |

2♠ is merely competitive with four spades.

~~~c~~~

| RHO | You | LHO | Partner |
|-----|-----|-----|---------|
| 1♦  | X   | 1♥  | 1♠      |
| 2♦  | 2♠  |     |         |

2♠ is merely competitive with four spades.

### 2. What does a Takeout Double followed by 1NT show?

A Takeout Double followed by 1NT shows a balanced 19-21 HCP. Remember that with 15-18, the overcaller could have bid 1NT.

### 3. What does a Takeout Double followed by another double show?

| RHO | You | LHO | Partner |
|-----|-----|-----|---------|
| 1♣  | X   | 1♥  | P       |
| 2♣  | X   |     |         |

The second double shows either extra strength or extra shape, or a little of both... a hand such as these:

- a. ♠AQxx ♥Kxx ♦AQxxx ♣x  
b. ♠AKJx ♥Ax ♦KJxxxx ♣x

*We look forward  
to seeing you  
at the table!*

## WBL EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION

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

The Washington Bridge League has established a new WBL Educational Foundation. The Foundation will promote bridge in the Washington area by developing teaching programs in D.C. and suburban Maryland schools, and expanding opportunities for adults to learn bridge or improve their bridge playing skills. All contributions to the Foundation are tax-deductible.

If you are interested in contributing to the Educational Foundation, please contact Rose Berman, WBL Treasurer: [rose.berman@verizon.net](mailto:rose.berman@verizon.net).

If you are interested in helping to develop bridge teaching programs (either in schools or for interested adults), please contact either Richard Ferrin, WBL President, at [rferrin@mac.com](mailto:rferrin@mac.com), or Dick Wegman, at [aliweg@aol.com](mailto:aliweg@aol.com).

## 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.

## YOUTHS 25 AND UNDER PLAY FOR HALF PRICE IN ALL WBL EVENTS

## 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.

## STEPPING UP TO NEW HEIGHTS:

*As of May 1, 2014*

### Junior Masters: 5 MPs

Dr Charles M Deutsch  
Meg Scripps  
Mrs Sallie B Wallace

### Club Masters: 20 MPs

Kay H Linker  
Alicia P Smith  
Mr David M Solomon

### Sectional Masters: 50 MPs

Barbara Gifford  
Judy Retchin

### Regional Masters: 100 MPs

Mr Robert Linn  
Mr Barry E Tash

### NABC Masters: 200 MPs

Mr Stanley H Katzman

## 0 - NLM GAME — FRIDAYS 11:15 AM

The **Rockville Duplicate Bridge Club** will hold a 0 - Non Life Master game in addition to their open game whenever attendance allows at St. James Episcopal: 11815 Seven Locks Rd., Potomac, MD.

For additional information, contact **Mark Lavine**, 301-503-3348 or [mlavine@gcsii.com](mailto:mlavine@gcsii.com) or go to <http://www.rockvilledbc.com>.



# WBL SOLVERS' CLUB'S NEW PROBLEMS

## 1) IMPs, None Vulnerable

♠ AKJ4♥♦ A95♣ A107642

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

## 2) IMPs, None Vulnerable

♠ J54♥J1076♦5♣AQJ72

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

## 3) IMPs, None Vulnerable

♠ K54♥765♦876♣7642

| SOUTH | WEST | NORTH | EAST |
|-------|------|-------|------|
| Pass  | Pass | Dbl   | 3♠   |
| ????? |      |       | Pass |

## 4) IMPs, Both Vulnerable

♠ 4♥AJ96♦AK2♣AQJ74

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

## 5) IMPs, Both Vulnerable

♠ A87632♥K53♦A6♣A4

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

Return answers by June 19 to:

**Steve Robinson**

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Arlington VA, 22206  
[robinswr@erols.com](mailto:robinswr@erols.com)

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

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

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

*Good luck! We look forward to seeing you on Thurs-  
day evenings.*