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PRESIDENT'S LETTER

by WBL President, Ellen Cherniavsky

eachernia@yahoo.com

It is an honor to serve as your new WBL President. First I would like to thank past President Richard Ferrin for his many years of service on the Board, including nine in officer positions. Fortunately he remains on the Board for a year, so we can draw on his wisdom and experience; we can also rely on other past Presidents: Don Berman (now President of District 6), Fred King, Dick Wegman, and Barb Doran.

As WBL President, one of my responsibilities is to attend District 6 meetings, which I did during the past regional in Richmond. Before the meeting a number of us had the opportunity to meet in a focus group with ACBL President Suzi Subeck and share information. My understanding from Suzi's opening remarks is that the technology committee appointed by ACBL CEO Robert Hartman (see March issue of the ACBL Bulletin) has concluded that the \$1.8m ex-

pended on ACBLscore will largely have to be written off. This is very disappointing and reflects badly on ACBL management. What can we WBL members do? At least protest about the way our dues are being spent. Margot Hennings, our District Representative to the ACBL Board, would like to hear from you: margot10bridge@cox.net.

In response, members of the focus group raised concerns about the behavior of some of the directors. Suzi agreed to relay our input back to the ACBL.

Let your voice be heard! If there's something you would like to see changed, let us know. Talk to a Board member or send an email. Even better, volunteer to serve on the Board. We still have a vacant position. Newer players and those with business and management experience are especially welcome. You can reach me at eachernia@yahoo.com. Hoping to hear from you.

BITS AND PIECES

HELP WANTED! MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY ASSISTANT

The WBL is looking for an assistant to Frances Burke, our WBL Membership Secretary since 1987! The main thing she does is send letters to new members, plus send the occasional get well or sympathy card. She also prepares the ballots for the elections, prepares a list of eligible voters, and sends the unit a list of new life masters for the annual recognition party.

Please contact Rose Berman if you're interested in helping at 301-776-3581 or Rose.Berman@verizon.net.

2014-2015 WBL/NVBA PLAYER OF THE YEAR FINAL STANDINGS

Congratulations to this year's winners! Steve Robinson and Terry Klein

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, 2014 through June, 2015). 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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Awards: Two trophies will be awarded at the July 4th Regional: Open and Non-Life Master.

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

Open Winners

	Player	Points	
1	Steve Robinson	.164.23	*
2	Leo LaSota	.146.90	*
	Kenneth Davis		*
4	Mark Shaw	.140.84	*
5	Steven Schatzow		*
6	Robert Bell	.124.33	*
7	William Pettis	.119.41	*
8	Barry Falgout	.115.43	*
9	Alexander Prairie	.114.03	*
	Linda Marshall		*
	Robert Hopkins Jr		*
	William Cole		*
	Jay Kelkar		*
	Sylvia Shi		
	Lloyd Rawley		*
16	Peter Boyd	92.78	*
	Mark Chen		*
	Vincent Wilmot Jr		*
	Fred King		
	Brad Theurer		*
	NonLM Winners		
	Player	Points	
1	Terry Klein	55.69	*
	Shiang Chen		*
3	Dean Baird	38.10	
	Mary Ourand		*
	Jane Dolkart		
	Donna Hickling		
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CALL FOR NOMINATIONS FOR THE MACHLIN TROPHY FOR SPORTSMANSHIP

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

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

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

We welcome nominations from the membership of the WBL. Please send your suggested candidate to Rose Berman at rose.berman@verizon.net or in person at the unit game. It would be appreciated if you would indicate in two or three sentences why you think your nominee is a good candidate for the award. We would like to hear from you by September 10, 2015.

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FRIDAY, JULY 31

- * *StrataFlighted A/X (unlim/3000) & B/C/D Pairs (2000/1000/500) (single sessions) 10:00am, 2:00pm
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- * 12th Annual: Washington Bridge League Trophy Pairs Two session Open Pairs (unlim/3000), qualifying and final. Single session entries available.

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

(A/X BAM and Flight B Bracketed Teams: 2-session playthru with break—lunch available for purchase)

SUNDAY, AUGUST 2

- Brackets of 8 teams (by average MPs—no individual over 3000) play all of the other teams in its bracket! The bottom bracket may hold 9-15 teams and play a Swiss format.

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

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WBL SOLVERS' CLUB

Moderated by Steve Robinson

robinswr@erols.com

Congratulations to **Kent Goulding**, **Mark Chen** and **Robert Stone** who tied for first with a score of 490. They win a free entry to the Unit Game. Fourth was Mitch Edelman with a score of 480. Tied for fifth were Ron Zucker and Yi Zhong with a score of 470. Tied for seventh were Prahalad Rajkumar, Chuck Williams, Ed Maixner, Rick Eissenstat, Mark McEnearney, Nigel Guthrie and Connie Smallwood with a score of 460. Tied for fourteenth were Terry Coates, Kevin Avery, Scott Foster, Daniel Korbal, Molly Tinsley, Harry Gellis, Enid Hughes and **Ed Milnar** with a score of 450. The average score of the 152 solvers was 396. The average score of the experts was 463.

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

1) IMPs, Both Vulnerable

♦-♥J109654**♦** AK3**♣** AK32

<u>SOUTH</u>	WEST	NORTH	EAST
?????	1 🛦	Pass	Pass
Action	<u>Score</u>	<u>Votes</u>	<u>Solvers</u>
Double	100	9	77
4 ightharpoons	90	1	6
2♥	80	2	45
3♥	80	0	17
2♠	30	0	7

This is one of those —'where do think this hand belongs?' — hand. I thought 4 . 4 has play opposite as little as ♠J10xxx ♥xx $\bigstar xx \bigstar QJxx \text{ or } \bigstar J10xxx \blacktriangledown 8 \bigstar Qxx \bigstar QJxx \text{ and }$ partner is not going to cooperate with what he thinks is no help. 4 ♥ might be wrong but then West could make the last mistake. Good bridge is making the next to last mistake. Maybe you catch LHO with ♠AKQxxxx ♥AQx ♠x ♣xx and partner with $\blacktriangle J10xxx \forall x \blacklozenge xxx \clubsuit QJxx$ and get +800 against 4 ♠ doubled.

Nine experts double. I don't like to double when I have a void in the opponent's suit. True, partner could have the rest of the spade suit and you could bury them. But lots of the time best defense is for you to lead at least one round of trumps.

Lublin: "Double—And jump in hearts

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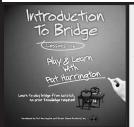
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over partner's response."

King: "Double—I don't like holding a void as it makes defending harder if partner leaves it in, but I have too many defensive tricks in the minors not to double."

I can see partner passing the double and leading the King of hearts from Kx.

Bragin: "Double—If partner leaves it in I will hope he has at least five good spades. It would be a lot better if I had a trump to switch to when I get in but then the problem would be easier. I will bid hearts if I get the chance despite the topless suit. I have a good shot at game opposite as little as ♠ J10xxx ♥ xx ♠ Oxx ♣ OJx."

I doubt that partner will cooperate with your example hand.

Parker: "Double—If partner sits, I have great defense; otherwise, I'll bid hearts at my next turn."

Richey: "Double—Suit's not good enough for 3♥, so it's 2♥ or a balancing double followed by 2♥ or a club raise. Partner doesn't know I have this good a hand, so if he passes we should set them a lot in spite of my void."

Miller: "Double—This could be a huge hand or a bad hand. It all depends on partner's hearts, or, secondarily, a longer minor that was not suitable for a preemptive overcall. The problem with bidding hearts is that no level is right. 2♥ understates the hand, 3♥ is misdirected in that you should have a better suit and less outside, and 4♥ is too unilateral. The danger with double is that partner will float it, and you would like to lead your non-existent spade through at some point if that happens. So, I will adopt Al Roth's philosophy ... if I get past this round."

Theurer: "Double—The hand is too strong for a simple 2♥- balance, and I would prefer to have a better suit for a 3♥ intermediate-bid. I plan to bid hearts over either minor or 1NT, showing a good hand with a fair heart suit. If partner passes the double, my good quick tricks in the minors should compensate for the spade void. Not impossible that this hand belongs in a minor if partner is short in hearts and has a five or six-card diamond or club suit, possibly even slam if he has some fillers in clubs

and diamonds - another reason for not committing the hand to hearts with a $3 \, \Psi$ balance."

I agree that a jump to $3 \heartsuit$ shows a better suit. Balancing jumps are intermediate and show a good suit. $\clubsuit - \heartsuit AKJ10xx \spadesuit xxx \clubsuit Axxx$ would be a minimum $3 \heartsuit$ jump.

Shi: "Double—Planning to rebid hearts obviously. If partner passes the double, we should do okay with my defensive assets in my short suits."

Adams: "Double—Too strong for a 2♥-balance. Too flexible for a jump in hearts. Double leaves open other strains."

Two experts see the danger of doubling but they bid an insufficient number of hearts.

Woolsey: "2 ♥—Double risks a penalty pass by partner and a missed game with inadequate compensation due to my spade void. I'll bet somebody has more to say, and if nobody speaks this could well be where we belong."

Schwartz: "2 ♥—Obviously an underbid but suit quality is lacking for 3 ♥. Hopefully the opponents will compete in spades so I can show my playability in other suits with a double."

If you have any alternative, avoid making a takeout double with a void in the opponent's suit.

2) Matchpoints, Both Vulnerable

♦KO43♥A43♦AO765**♣**O

SOUTH 1 ♦ 1 ♠ ??????	WEST Pass Pass	<u>NORTH</u> 1♥ 1NT	EAST Pass Pass
<u>Action</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Votes</u>	Solvers
2♠	100	2	1
2♥	90	6	42
3♥	70	3	33
2NT	60	1	26
2♦	40	0	10
3NT	30	0	21
3♦	30	0	6
Pass	30	0	6
2 🚓	20	0	6
$4 \mathbf{V}$	20	0	1

What do you do when you have three-card heart support over responder's 1NT advance? There are some experts who pass 1NT unless they have extras or distribution. I think this sequence is like transferring over an opening 1NT. If you

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always transfer over an opening notrump with a weak hand, which is what I do, you'll never be in a position when you pass and transferring is best and you transfer and passing is best. In this situation, I always bid 2 ♥ after one-of-a-minor — $1 \bigvee -1 \bigwedge -1 NT$ when holding three hearts using the same logic. Partner's 1NT advance does not show or deny a balanced hand. Wouldn't you rebid 1NT holding ♠x ♥Jxxxx ♠xx ♣KJxxx? My 2 ♥-bid does not show extras. There are some experts who raise hearts immediately with minimum hands holding four spades and three hearts. Therefore their 2 ♥-bid does show extras. After 1 ♣ - 1 ♥ - 1 ♠ - 1NT. I'd bid 2 ♥ with ♠KQxx ♥Axx ♦Axx ♣xxx. Therefore, I need a bid to show a very good hand with three hearts. 2 !! Since I would have opened $1 \blacktriangle$ with five spades and six diamonds, my 2 \(\blacktriangle - \text{bid shows a very good} \) 2 ♥-bid. Something like this hand. If partner has only four hearts, he could bid 3NT with ten HCP, 2NT with six HCP or possibly pass 2♠ holding a weak hand with three spades. Using 2 A to show three hearts allows you to play in 2NT if responder has a weak hand with four bad hearts. If $2 \spadesuit$ can be bid with five spades and six diamonds, you could use 2 ♠ as a two-way bid.

Six experts bid $2 \checkmark$. They all play that it shows extras. Would you really pass 1NT, holding $\bigstar KQxx \checkmark Axx \bigstar Qxxxx \bigstar x$? Some experts ignore the four-card spade suit and raise hearts when holding a weak opener with four spades and three hearts. Therefore this sequence shows a good hand. They will play in their seven-card heart fit when holding an eight-card spade fit. However, this is not standard. Most experts rebid $1 \bigstar$ when holding four spades and three hearts.

Bragin: "2♥—With my regular partners we have the agreement that this sequence shows extras. Change the spade queen to the deuce and we would raise to 2♥ immediately. If partner has a weak hand with 4-4 in the majors we would be in the wrong strain but on all other patterns such as this we can explore for level and strain and stay low if necessary."

Richey: "2♥—Shows extras since I didn't bid 2♥ last time. Let's see if partner has a decent hand."

Theurer: "2♥—In my methods, this shows extra values. If I have a minimum with the same shape I can raise hearts immedi-

ately. This also pinpoints my club shortness so that partner can evaluate better. If my club queen was in one of my other suits I might jump to $3 \, \mathbf{v}$ to show a stronger invite, but here I think $2 \, \mathbf{v}$ is enough."

King: "2♥—While I am little heavy for this bid, it does show this shape with extra values. Even in matchpoints I expect to take an extra trick or two in hearts if partner has five."

Miller: "2♥—A problem hand in standard that is easily solved if you are playing Gazilli or Precision. Or you could have opened 1NT. It would be nice if 2♣ were artificial, but that just shows a 4=0=5=4 minimum. It doesn't look as if this hand is likely to fit well, so at matchpoints I will settle for getting to a playable part score and hope that if the higher-power methods get pairs to game in our direction it will fail from the communication problems. The spots are weak which gives us a second way to win. Finally, partner may bid over 2♥, which will give me a chance to reassess."

Shi: "2 ♥—Shows some extras in standard and not a monster, which is what I have."

Three experts jump to $3 \heartsuit$. This would not be good if partner held $\triangle Ax \heartsuit Jxxx \diamondsuit xxx \clubsuit Jxxx$.

Parker: "3 ♥—I am happy if he bids 4 ♥ or 3NT, I do have 17 HCP."

Woolsey: " $3 \checkmark$ —Too strong for a mere $2 \checkmark$. If partner is minimal with a four-card heart suit, he'll just have to play it well."

Partner doesn't promise five hearts when he responds 1 . He also doesn't promise more than six HCP.

Lublin: "3♥—I jump to 3♥ showing my nand."

One expert will not play in hearts even if partner has five.

Schwartz: "2NT—I like to play 2♥ in this sequence shows extra values since I raise with three hearts the first time with fewer. Lacking this, the hand probably won't play well in a 4-3 if I bid 3♥ and 2NT leaves room for suit investigation if partner accepts."

One expert joins me and makes the correct bid on this hand.

Adams: "2♠—Shows this hand. One of the advantages of the one-of-a-minor opener

denying a five-card major."

After responder's 1NT rebid, opener needs a way to show a good hand while keeping the level low. Use 2 \(\text{A} \) as that bid.

3) Matchpoints, They're Vulnerable

♦AKJ932♥3♦5**♣**109876

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
		Pass	$1 \mathbf{V}$
?????			
<u>Action</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Votes</u>	Solvers
4 🖍	100	6	18
3♠	90	5	13
1 🛦	70	0	36
2 🛦	70	0	39
2♥	60	1	43
Pass	20	0	2
1NT	20	0	1

How many spades do you bid? Usually with six spades, you bid at the two-level. However, six-five is not the normal six-card suit. Six-five come alive. The more spades you bid the more pressure you put on the opponents. This could be a competitive hand and on good days the opponents will guess wrong. You might even steal the hand when the opponents belong in $5 \spadesuit$.

Five experts join me and jump to $4 \clubsuit$.

King: "4♠—Let them make the last guess"
Bragin: "4♠—Maximum pressure. An argument can be made for any number of spades from one to four. If partner has a few spades I should be able to make between eight and ten tricks. If he doesn't have spades, it's only matchpoints."

Miller: "4 — Yes, my proper save may be in clubs, but I would rather take up the two+extra levels of bidding compared to Michaels. Also, if somehow partner ends up on lead, admittedly unlikely, I don't want to sweat him choosing between a spade and a club."

Adams: "4♠ — Maximum pressure. 1♠ is the popular bid. I have found that pressure for pressure sake wins. Having a wide range for my 4♠-call such that the opponents must guess what I have done... wins. Partner is a passed hand, which increases the chances that partner has some spades."

Schwartz: "4. — Seems clear at favorable with partner a passed hand with this suit disparity."

Five experts jump to 3 ♠ 3 ♠ allows the opponents to get to 4 ♥ or find their possible diamond fit at the four-level,

Parker: "3♠—Too big a discrepancy between the black suits to bid Michaels."

Woolsey: "3♠—It doesn't pay to over-preempt when I hold the boss suit. If I bid 4♠ I'll probably be wearing it, and that might not be so good."

Richey: "3 ♠—I'm bidding three over three relative to The Law, but my good suit, extra shape, and favorable vulnerability should protect me. No reason to bother with Michaels."

Theurer: "3 \(\infty\)—Opposite a passed hand partner I need to put the pressure on — it's even tempting at favorable vulnerability to shoot out 4 \(\infty\), but that could work badly if partner doesn't have at least a moderate spade fit with me. If he does I expect he will bid 4 \(\infty\)."

Shi: "3 ♠—"Just right" amount of preemption."

One expert misuses Michaels. When using Michaels, the major should usually be shorter or equal to in length to the minor. If partner has two spades and three of each minor he'll choose the minor and you'll miss your 6-2 spade fit. If you have six little spades you could treat it as a five-card suit.

Lublin: "2♥—I use the Michaels. Cue bid 2♥ and probably save in 4♠ over 4♥."

Six-five hands have lots of playing strength.

4) Matchpoints, You're Vulnerable

♦ AK10 ♥ A ♦ J10952 **♣** J543

SOUTH	WEST	<u>NORTH</u>	EAST
1 left	3♥	Dbl	Pass
?????			
<u>Action</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Votes</u>	Solvers
3♠	100	5	68
4 🕰	90	4	37
3NT	80	2	16
4 lacksquare	80	1	4
Pass	70	0	11
4♠	30	0	11
4 lack	30	0	4
5 .	20	0	1

Partner has made a negative double and you have no clear bid. You have only three

spades and bidding 3 ♠ might get you to a 3-3 spade fit. You could bid 3NT, but you have no source of tricks and you can't even hold up one round if the opponent leads a heart.

Five experts hope their partner has at least four spades. Partner is unlikely to have five spades since he has strength, based on the opponent's failure to bid more and didn't bid 3 . I'd double $3 \vee with \land QJx \vee xx \wedge AKx \wedge KQxxx$ or ♠xxxx ♥xxx ♦AK♣AQxx. He's really hoping that you have two heart stoppers and can bid 3NT.

Lublin: "3 ♠—Looks like a 3 ♠ bid to me." **Parker:** "3♠—Who knows, at least we can take ruffs in the short hand."

Woolsey: "3 ♠—Keeps 3NT in the picture, and just might be where we belong."

Theurer: "3♠—The preempt has made me guess. I might choose pass if the opponents were vulnerable, but here either they could make or they could be down one against our partial or down two or three against our game. Question is what do I do if I don't pass? 4. is possible though the suit is weak. At matchpoints I'll gamble on the Moysian since my spades are strong and also sometimes partner has five of them and not quite enough to bid 3♠ over 3♥."

Shi: "3 ♠—Most flexible call, and might play well in the 4-3 if partner has O.J."

Three experts join me and bid their second suit. This is a new concept. First bidding your five-card suit and then bidding your four-carder.

King: "4♣—I bid my second suit. It might be right to just pass and hope for a plus score. But partner must have his points in the minors and we could have a game or even slam."

Adams: "4♣—Tempted to bid 3♠, but ruffing with these cards might be bad if partner does not have the other honors. I don't see the tricks in 3NT. We could have them if partner fills in my diamonds, but that is anti-percentage."

Schwartz: "4♣—Make my normal bid as I don't like to play Moysians when there is a preempt as bad breaks are more likely."

Two experts try to take nine tricks in notrump. Maybe partner will have Jxx of hearts and West will lead the king.

Richey: "3NT—The 4-3 spade fit might not play well if I have to ruff with high trumps. At this vulnerability I'll take my chances on West having a so-so suit. Don't know what I'd do if the vulnerability were reversed."

Bragin: "3NT—Hamman's Law. With no raise on my right I will hope partner can come up with at least Qxx in hearts or Jxx and LHO has KO10 or RHO has honor doubleton. All choices have flaws but this pays the best if it's right."

One expert lets partner choose the strain.

Miller: "4♥—This should offer partner a choice of games, from which his estimate of my likeliest distribution is an exact match. I'm giving up on 3NT since partner will strain to bid that if he thinks it is right. No, I am not strong enough for this action, but a philosophy I picked up somewhere was to worry less about the right level in a competitive auction and more about the right strain. If I guessed the right partscore to play and partner passed that could well be the winning action, but that is a bit of a parley and I might either get lucky and score an extra trick in the layout or defense or beat the pairs that choose the wrong strain, whatever the level, because those contracts go down multiple tricks."

Sometimes it's right to make the normal bid and save the 'hero bids' to when there is no reasonable choice.

5) IMPs Both Vulnerable

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♦ 184 ♥ 15 ♦ A16 **♣** K1982

NORTH

WEST

<u>300111</u>	M E O I	NUNIII	EASI
		Pass	Pass
1.	3♠	Dbl	Pass
?????			
<u>Action</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Votes</u>	Solvers
4♣	100	11	65
Pass	90	1	68
3NT	70	0	8
4 lack	50	0	8
4NT	20	0	1
6♣	20	0	1
5♦	20	0	1

You opened light in third seat and now have to make a high-level decision. Some experts complained about the opening bid but you do want a club lead if the opponents buy the hand. I would certainly open that hand in first seat. Over partner's negative double, you have three ugly choices. You could bid 3NT and hope that partner has some spade help and has a source of tricks. You could pass the double and hope to take five tricks. The third choice is to rebid your five-card club suit and hope partner has support. Partner's a passed hand so his hand is limited.

Ten experts join me and rebid their clubs.

Lublin: "4♣—I bid 4♣ and hope I'm right." **King:** "4♣—Serves you right for opening this piece of cheese. I bid 4. confidently."

I would certainly open 1. in third seat as a lead director. The only negative to opening 1♣ is that you have to find a rebid if responder bids 1♥. You can pass if responder bids $1 \blacklozenge \text{ or } 1 \spadesuit$.

Bragin: "4♣—Yikes! Partner has less than I have but is suggesting a four-level contract. He must have an idea that we have a safe place to play if I don't have hearts. That place should be clubs. Hopefully, he has something like ♠x♥Axxx♦Kxx♣Qxxxx and we'll steal 130 while our teammates chalk up 620."

Parker: "4.—Hope this is a good save against 3♠ making and does not get doubled."

Richey: "4♣—What else? Partner is a passed hand with shape, so I doubt we're beating 3♠."

Miller: "4♣—Wow, I open virtually all 11's and some 10's, and here is a hand I would quickly pass in third seat. I see no upside to this opening, and now I am in damage control. My best hope is that partner, who is understrength high cards for his action, will be classically shaped ... 1444. In that case I | nents think that you have your bid

might survive. At matchpoints I might float the double, but that is far too risky at IMPs."

Theurer: "4♣—Yuck! I opened this trashy hand even worse than most 11 counts due to having four overvalued Jacks, two of which are unprotected, now I have to figure out "least of evils". Just too risky to pass the double, especially at IMPs (would be more reasonable to pass at matchpoints) so I will escape to my longest suit since I don't have a four-card red suit Hopefully partner is something like 1=4=4=4 and clubs will play well enough."

Shi: "4♣—My partners is a passed hand and doesn't tend to possess hands where we are beating 3 \ when I have about 1.5 defensive tricks. Sorry if this was the hand we were going to get +200."

Adams: "4♣—I'd like to bid "Undo" but this is not BBO. Maybe they can make 4. and I will get out for 300 undoubled."

Schwartz: "4♣—Partner is more likely to have a stiff spade to force to the four-level as a passed hand so pass is too dangerous. At least my suit is chunky. Hopefully partner won't bid five on hands that make four."

One expert passes and hopes to take five tricks on defense. At matchpoints this would make more sense since -730 (3 ♠ doubled making) would be the same matchpoint score for playing 4 & down two.

Woolsey: "Pass—This is our most likely plus score. It would matter who West is. If West is a very solid citizen, I would bid 4♣."

Bid 4 confidently and hope the oppo-

SOLVERS' SCORES

John Adams	Dbl	2♠	$4 \blacktriangle$	4 ♣	4 .	490
Barry Bragin	Dbl	2♥	4 🖍	3NT	4 .	470
Fred King	Dbl	2♥	4♠	4 ♣	4 .	480
Glenn Lublin	Dbl	3♥	2♥	3♠	4 .	430
John Miller	Dbl	2♥	4♠	$4 \mathbf{v}$	4 .	470
Steve Parker	Dbl	3♥	3♠	3♠	4 .	460
Mike Richey	Dbl	2♥	3♠	3NT	4 .	460
Steve Robinson	4 lacksquare	2♠	4♠	4 ♣	4 .	480
Alan Schwartz	2♥	2NT	4♠	4 ♣	4 .	430
Sylvia Shi	Dbl	2♥	3♠	3♠	4 .	480
Brad Theurer	Dbl	2♥	3♠	3♠	4 ♣	480
Kit Woolsey	2♥	3♥	3♠	3♠	Pass	430

2015 Trophy Race Standings

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Updated by Alex Gretsinger

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 up to date through May 21 not including the Unit KO or Round Robin. All points are subject to audit by the WBL Director.

Lovenberg

	DO CHIDOL S
1	Mark Shaw103.83
2	Steve Robinson94.90
3	William Pettis70.50
4	Vincent Wilmot Jr68.58
5	Linda Marshall65.90
6	Leo LaSota65.64
7	Steven Schatzow64.91
8	James Geist61.08
9	David Ruderman60.74
10	Martin Graf58.79
11	Sylvia Shi56.21
12	Richard Wegman49.16
13	Donna Rogall47.96
14	Lloyd Rawley47.76
15	Robert Bell47.37
16	Barry Falgout45.93
17	William Cole41.88
18	Peter Boyd41.04
19	Michael Richey40.64
20	Brad Theurer36.65
21	Terry Klein34.32
22	Ruth Potter33.06
23	Fred King32.04
24	David Genne31.00
25	Mohsin Chandna30.68

	Izzy Cohen
1	Terry Klein34.32
2	Brad Libros24.41
3	Michael Kuehl21.40
4	Blake Schwartzbach21.29
5	James Berry21.00
6	Annapurna Satpathy20.67
7	Leon Masiewicki20.56
8	James Beller20.45
9	Myron Goldstein19.71
10	Thomas Grahame19.44
11	Paul Block19.02
12	Robert Rovner18.65
13	Daniela Tunsanu18.59
	Radu Tunsanu18.59
15	John McCormick17.94
	Tubbs
1	Michael Kuehl

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1	Michael Kuehl	21.40
2	Blake Schwartzbach	21.29
3	Myron Goldstein	19.71
4	Radu Tunsanu	18.59
5	Daniela Tunsanu	18.59
6	Jane Dolkart	16.16
7	Mary Ourand	14.55
8	David Handwerker	14.12
9	Sarah Jenkins	13.52
	John Goon	13.32
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Woolridge

1	Ferit Yegenoglu11.88
2	Jim Rubin11.88
3	Bruce Reynolds5.58
4	Eleanor Young5.27
5	Craig Birmingham5.15
6	Joel Greengard4.64
	Michele Greengard4.64
8	Robbie Lloyd4.50
9	Sunil Sikka3.59
10	Kim Gandy3.54

UNIT GAME CARPOOL AVAILABLE

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7:00_{PM} Lesson

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Lessons will cover slam bidding, weak twos, 3 level+ preempts, 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.

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~ ★ ◆ SCHEDULE ▼ A ~ Most games held at Ohr Kodesh

07/02/2015StrataFlighted Unit Championship 07/09/2015Closed Reston Regional 07/16/2015StrataFlighted North American Pairs 07/23/2015StrataFlighted Unit Championship 07/30/15** WBL Sectional 08/06/2015StrataFlighted Unit Championship 08/13/2015StrataFlighted North American Pairs 08/20/2015StrataFlighted Unit Championship 08/27/2015 StrataFlighted North American Pairs 09/03/2015StrataFlighted Unit Championship 09/10/2015StrataFlighted Unit Championship 09/17/2015StrataFlighted Grand National Teams 09/24/2015NVBA Sectional 10/01/2015D6 STaC—Stratified Pairs 10/08/15** WBL Sectional 10/15/2015StrataFlighted Board-a-Match Teams;

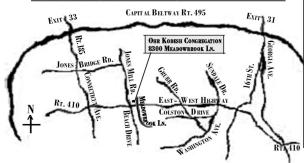
NLM Swiss <u>Teams</u>

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 vou 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 or 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.

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

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

PARTICIPATION IN "THE COMMON GAME"

From July 1st on, we will be participating almost every week in a nation-wide network of clubs all playing the same hands at the same time: The Common Game (http://thecommongame.com/). This will give you an opportunity to see how players all around the country did on the same deals, and will provide detailed results, rankings, and occasional analysis of interesting boards by leading experts. Northern Virginia Bridge Association already participates in The Common Game every Thursday evening, so you will be able to see how much better you play than our friends across the river!

There will be no additional masterpoints, however; for ACBL purposes, each club game is independent of all others.

GAMES ARE NOW STRATIFIED BY AVERAGE

Following the trend of many tournaments, the events at the Unit Game are now, with very few exceptions, stratified by the average masterpoints of the pair. There is still an upper limit: in a 0-2000 game, neither player may have more than 2000 points, for example, but if one partner has 1900 points and the other has 50, they will be in the 500-1000 stratum of that game. Sometimes external conditions of contest specify that we must still use "stratification by maximum": GNT and NAP qualifiers are the main examples.

UPCOMING SECTIONALS

- ♦ July 30-Aug 2 2015, WBL, Kensington, MD
- ♠ <u>Sept 10-13, 2015</u>, WBL <u>NLM</u>, Kensington, MD
 - ♥ <u>Sept 24-27, 2015</u>, NVBA, Fairfax, VA
- ♠ October 8-11, 2015, WBL, Kensington, MD
- ♣ <u>October 22-25, 2015</u>, NVBA, Fairfax, VA
- ◆ January 7-10, 2016, WBL, Kensington, MD ◆ February 19-22, 2016, NVBA, Fairfax, VA
- Mar 31-Apr 3, 2016, WBL, Kensington, MD
 - ♣ <u>April 21-24, 2016</u>, NVBA, Fairfax, VA



Do you have any muscles 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 break-

ing 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,

WBL NLMaster Sectional

March 19-22, 2015

Top Ten CUMULATIVE POINT WINNERS

CUMULATIVE POINT WINNERS		
All I	Players	
1/2	9.21	
	9.21	
3/4	8.13	
	8.13Richard Wilson	
5/6	7.65 Blake Schwartzback	
	7.65	
7/8	6.85 John Blodget	
	6.85	
9	6.33	
10	6.11Joseph Abita	
Play	vers with fewer than 50 masterpoints	
1	4.62	
2	4.43 John Dorson	
3	4.40	
4/5	3.51Anita Barrette	
	3.51	
6	3.50	
7/8	2.99	
	2.99Kenneth Miller S	
9	2.77Wilma Bonne	
10	2.42	
	- <u>Results</u> -	
	THURSDAY EVENING PAIRS	
Stra	tum A, 15.5 Tables / Based on 24 Table	
1	Cheri Hayes - Kristina Hamilton 64.80	
2	Margaret Cooke - Peter Isard 59.00	
3	Cynthia Harrison - Wilma Bonner58.22	
4	Sarah Jenkins - David Handwerker58.0'	
5	Phillip Shapiro - David Matusow 57.80	
6	Andrew Lazarus - Arthur Lazarus Jr .57.38	
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1	Cheri Hayes - Kristina Hamilton 64.86
2	Margaret Cooke - Peter Isard 59.00
3	Cynthia Harrison - Wilma Bonner58.22
4	Sarah Jenkins - David Handwerker58.07
5	Phillip Shapiro - David Matusow 57.86
6	Andrew Lazarus - Arthur Lazarus Jr .57.38
	Stratum B, 13.5 Tables
1	Cheri Hayes - Kristina Hamilton 64.86
2	Cynthia Harrison - Wilma Bonner58.22
3	Sarah Jenkins - David Handwerker58.07
4	Phillip Shapiro - David Matusow 57.86
5	Andrew Lazarus - Arthur Lazarus Jr .57.38
6	Marc Zlotnik - David Narrow
	Stratum C, 6.5 Tables
1	Marc Zlotnik - David Narrow
2	Joel Greengard - Michele Greengard .56.15
3	Carmen Fitchett - Fabiola Bishop51.53
4	Jeff Frank - Alicia Sosman
5	Kenneth Jones - John Goon
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THURSDAY EVENING 0-20 PAIRS

	Stratum A, 7.5 Tables		
1	Janet Page - Robbie Lloyd		
2	Stephen Goldberg - Sunil Sikka 58.54		
3	Roslyn Eisner - William Eisner 56.65		
4	Peggy Bracewell - Joseph Bracewell .56.49		
5	Julie Glass - Beverly Stearns 54.64		
	Stratum B, 5.0 Tables		
1	Janet Page - Robbie Lloyd		
2	Stephen Goldberg - Sunil Sikka 58.54		
3	Peggy Bracewell - Joseph Bracewell .56.49		
4	Julie Glass - Beverly Stearns 54.64		
	Stratum C, 4.0 Tables		
1	Peggy Bracewell - Joseph Bracewell .56.49		
2	Julie Glass - Beverly Steams 54.64		
3	Lovelace Clark - Candyce Clark $\dots 51.05$		
	FRIDAY NLM PAIRS		

Stratum A, 23.5 Tables

22-55-12-15-16-16-16-16-16-16-16-16-16-16-16-16-16-
Gale Greenbaum - Judy Retchin62.70
Michael Corrigan - Donna Hickling62.08
Bob Lawrence - John Dorson
Jane Dolkart - Terry Klein60.78
Jeffrey Kayden - Mark Eisenstadt60.65
Rosemary Kuntz - Joseph Abita 60.08
Stratum B, 10.5 Tables
Bob Lawrence - John Dorson
Peter Michelman - Gary Scavongelli .58.85
James McKinney - Judith McKinney .58.21
Eula Thomas - Katherine Marshall56.29
Faye Bildman - Charles Deutsch 56.21
Sudha Garg - Farida Nazhar
Stratum C, 4.0 Tables
Peter Michelman - Gary Scavongelli .58.85
Eula Thomas - Katherine Marshall56.29
Sudha Garg - Farida Nazhar
SATURDAY MORNING PAIRS
Stratum A, 37.0 Tables

Shiang Chen - Blake Schwartzbach . .66.86

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5 6 7	Barbara Gifford - Geri Elias	3/4 Shiang Chen - Blake Schwartzbach63.99 3/4 Phillip Shapiro - David Handwerker63.99 5 David Solomon - John Goon61.01 6 Joseph Abita - David Abraham59.52
1	Gail Klein - Anita Barretto	Stratum B, 21.0 Tables
2	Barbara Gifford - Geri Elias	1 Phyllis Morgan - Richard Wilson 64.50
3	Janet Cantone - Kathryn Arbogast60.61	2 Phillip Shapiro - David Handwerker .63.99
4	Richard Wilson - Phyllis Morgan 60.12	3 David Solomon - John Goon
5 6	Jeffrey Kayden - Mark Eisenstadt59.82 Bob Lawrence - John Dorson57.95	4 Dave Hall - John Woodhull
U	Stratum C, 16.0 Tables	6 Andrew Lazarus - Arthur Lazarus Jr
1	Gail Klein - Anita Barretto	SATURDAY AFTERNOON PAIRS
2	Bob Lawrence - John Dorson 57.95	Stratum C, 14.0 Tables
3	Johanna Weekley - Irene Brandt 56.63	1 Phillip Shapiro - David Handwerker .63.99
4	David Coughlin - David Coughlin 55.11	2 David Solomon - John Goon
5	Dave Marchal - Mohammed Moiduddin 54.92	3 Dave Hall - John Woodhull59.31
6	John Peterson - Richard Poznanski54.76	4 Linda Meade - Wendy Morrison 58.33
	SATURDAY MORNING 49ER PAIRS	5 James McKinney - Judith McKinney .55.06 6 Gary Scavongelli - Janice Scavongelli 52.98
	Stratum A, 9.0 Tables	
		SUNDAY SWISS
		Stratum A, 19 Tables
1 2/3 2/3	Norma Taquino - Jill Kolody 61.61 Michaele Battles - Carolyn Mooney 56.25 Cate Frezza - Kim Gandy 56.25	
2/3 2/3 4/6	Michaele Battles - Carolyn Mooney	1 Mark Eisenstadt - Ettie Gordon - Rosemary
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Marilyn Lowen - Harriet Vinner 49.70 SATURDAY AFTERNOON PAIRS Stratum A, 30.0 Tables

Lee Galloway - Eileen McKenna52.08



Phyllis Morgan - Richard Wilson64.50

3/4	Shiang Chen - Blake Schwartzbach63.99		
3/4	Phillip Shapiro - David Handwerker .63.99		
5	David Solomon - John Goon 61.01		
6	Joseph Abita - David Abraham 59.52		
	Stratum B, 21.0 Tables		
1	Phyllis Morgan - Richard Wilson64.50		
2	Phillip Shapiro - David Handwerker .63.99		
3	David Solomon - John Goon		
4	Dave Hall - John Woodhull59.31		
5	Linda Meade - Wendy Morrison 58.33		
6	Andrew Lazarus - Arthur Lazarus Jr . 57.82		
SATURDAY AFTERNOON PAIRS			
	Stratum C, 14.0 Tables		
1	Phillip Shapiro - David Handwerker .63.99		
2	David Solomon - John Goon		
3	Dave Hall - John Woodhull59.31		
4	Linda Meade - Wendy Morrison 58.33		

SUNDAY SWISS



1	
1	Mark Eisenstadt - Ettie Gordon - Rosemary
	Kuntz - Joseph Abita
2	Phyllis Morgan - Richard Wilson - Dom
	Dorsett - Kenneth Miller Sr 79.00
3	Terry Klein - Myron Goldstein - Margaret
	Cooke - Peter Isard
4	Barbara Levine - Neil Crane - Sally Schlein
	- Maxine Penn
5	Alexander Gretsinger - Jane Dolkart - David
	Dong - Judy Retchin
6	Geri Elias - Prabhakar Tamboli - Barbara
	Gifford - Yaeko Perera
	Stratum B, 12 Tables
1	Phyllis Morgan - Richard Wilson - Dom
	Dorsett - Kenneth Miller Sr 79.00
9	Alexander Cretsinger - Iane Dolkart - David

Alexander Gretsinger - Jane Dolkart - David Geri Elias - Prabhakar Tamboli - Barbara Richard Galleher - Carol Marks - Bruce

Michael Beaghen - Edward Reiuney - Debra Graham - Jonathan Holland - John Jordan 65.00

Stratum C. 6 Tables

Phyllis Morgan - Richard Wilson - Dom Richard Galleher - Carol Marks - Bruce Michael Beaghen - Edward Rejuney - Debra Graham - Jonathan Holland - John Jordan 65.00

STEPPING UP TO NEW HEIGHTS: As of June 1, 2015

Junior Masters: 5 Masterpoints

Bessie Bradford James R Couchenour John C Houghton Gregory C Kenderdine Marilyn Lowen Jessica Pollner Mr Hiram K Powers-Bruce L Reynolds John Sarles Mr John S Beale Bessie Bradford James R Couchenour **Jeff Frank** John C Houghton Gregory C Kenderdine Marilyn Lowen Jessica Pollner Mr Hiram K Powers-Heaven Bruce L Reynolds John Sarles Mrs Claire A Sherman Sunil Sikka Linda K Wiesman Mr Robert D Bajefsky Mr John S Beale Jeff Frank Judith D Fried Robbie L Llovd Linda C Miller Mrs Claire A Sherman Sunil Sikka Ms Eula Thomas Linda K Wiesman

Club Masters: 20 MPs

Ms Ivv E Broder Dr Charles M Deutsch Mr Julian Klazkin Mrs Anita Barretto Ms Ivv E Broder Dr Charles M Deutsch Mr Julian Klazkin Cathy C McIntyre Robert Mendelsohn Ms Theresa H Raines Mr Jim H Rubin Mr Ed Smith Mr Ferit Yegenoglu Ginny K Feldman Cate T Frezza Dr Kenneth W Jobst Edith Kuhnle Cathy C McIntyre Robert Mendelsohn Ms Theresa H Raines Mr Jim H Rubin Kim Schifrin Mr Ed Smith Mr Brian K Sutton Mr Ferit Yegenoglu Eleanor D Young

Sectional Masters: 50 MPs Dr David C Handwerker Lvnn M Bennett Carolin A Crabbe Dr David C Handwerker Dr Kenneth A Jones David Matusow Ms Wendy W Morrison

Lvnn M Bennett Dr Donald S Cohen Carolin A Crabbe John Dorson Mr John Goon Ms Kristina Hamilton Dr Kenneth A Jones Gladys S Kehnemui Dave Marchal David Matusow Ms Wendy W Morrison Marc Zlotnik

Regional Masters: 100 MPs

Ms Deloris H Colick Mr H Bruce Edkins Ir Ms Deloris H Colick Mr H Bruce Edkins Jr

NABC Masters: 200 MPs

Robert L Kerr Ms Jacqueline C Mrs Sally Schlein Jane Dolkart Robert L Kerr Ms Jacqueline C Leifer Julie Marquette Stanley B Rosen Mrs Sally Schlein Mr Walter W Beckerman Jane Dolkart Julie Marquette Stanley B Rosen

Advanced NABC Masters: 300 MPs (incl. color)

Mr Terry M Klein

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Mrs Anita Barretto

WELCOME TO THE WASHINGTON BRIDGE LEAGUE

The WBL welcomes the following new ACBL members: Ms Paula L Altman, Ms Bonnie M Billings, Christine Bond, Brenda O Brice, Karen Cantor, Ms Susan L Gordon, Mr Donald L Gutman, Mr Christopher R Husker, Daniel Jasnow, Ms Marilyn E Kerst, Mrs Audur Ada V Kugajevsky, Judith Nord. Dr Mark Nord. Françoise M O'Sullivan. Ms

Denise L Staal, Mrs Barbara B Adderley, Ms Julie Anderson, Sara E Beardsley, Mr Steven Bindeman, Alex K Clifford, Mr William W Davis, Ms Virginia E Howard, Mr Robert C Ives, Mr Stephen G Jung, Mr Leendert Staal, Dr John S Buckleton, Ms Darlyn J Counihan, Ms Parva Fattahi, Ms Beverly A Gray, Pamela A Jenkinson, Mr Clay Kaufman, Mrs Audrey C Kramer, Fern M Lapidus, Ms Kathleen F Patterson, Christine G Schiff, Mr Michael Shapiro, Mr Sarath R Silva, and Mrs Laura S Wiltz.

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In addition, we welcome the following transfers from other units: Mr Paul L Chassy, Member has Snowbird, Ms Reina L Chassy, Doreen Patron, Stanley B Rosen, Mrs Vivian M Rosenhauer, Mrs Marilyn S Rubinstein, Mr Mel Schloss, Betty Thompson, Henry L Thompson, Dr Shihong You, Mrs Charlotte Zaret, Dale Abrahams, Mary C Boynton, Mr Larry G Carswell, Ms Shulamith Cohen, Mr John Flynn, Mr Barry W Goulding, Mrs Hillary Goulding, Mrs Annette Graubart, Steve J Graves, Nancy R Harris, Mr Ron Kappel, Ms Stephanie Kay, Ms Nancy S Macinnis, Della Morris, Mr James L Rodgers, Dr Lee P Rosky, Mr Rolf Swenson, Ms Brenda J Thomas, Dr Brenda J Williams, Mr Thomas W Conley, Mrs Diana B Friedman, and Ms Lee Tanen.

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.

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--- 2014 Winners Vinners Winners Winners Winners May 14, 2015..... Annual Meeting & Elections Report......

MINUTES OF THE 2015 WASHINGTON BRIDGE LEAGUE ANNUAL MEETING

from Linda Marshall, Secretary

The 2015 WBL Annual Meeting was called to order by President, **Richard Ferrin** at $7:15~\mathrm{p.m.}$

The minutes of the 2014 WBL Annual Meeting were approved without change.

Treasurer's Report

Copies of financial reports are available online at <u>washingtonbridgeleague.org</u>

Treasurer, Rose Berman announced that the year-to-date net income of WBL is \$2112. This is a significant improvement over last year's year-to-date net income at this time because of improved financial results of the sectionals this year (the January sectional made a profit of \$1116, and the NLM sectional in March made a profit of \$1466. Copies of WBL's profit and loss statement for 2014 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 2015. Ellen Cherniavsky was nominated for president through the petition

process and Linda Marshall was nominated for Vice President through the petition process. Melissa Price was nominated from the floor for Secretary, and Rose Berman was nominated from the floor for Treasurer. No further nominations were made. Nominations were closed and the slate of: **Ellen Cherniavsky** for *President*. **Linda Marshal**l for









Vice President, Melissa Price 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. Clyde Kruskal, Carole Banks, Alex Gretsinger, and Bob Stearns were nominated from

the floor. No further nominations were **Clyde Kruskal, Carole Banks, Alex Gretsinger,** and **Bob Stearns** were elected members of the Board of Directors by acclamation.

Jim turned the meeting back to Richard. Richard then presented the <u>Ace of Clubs</u> and <u>Mini-McKenney</u> awards.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

ACE OF CLUBS WINNERS

David Handwerker	0 to 5
Jack Teller	5 to 20
Judy Retchin	20 to 50
Michael Cooperman	50 to 100
Mary Ourand	100 to 200 .
Joy Oliver	200 to 300.
Jill Benson	300 to 500 .
Patti Anschutz	500 to 1000
Linda Smith	1000 to 2500
Juline Glaz	2500 to 5000
Dalia Kende	5000 to 7500
Steven Schatzow	7500 to 10,00
William Pettis	

MINI-MCKENNEY WINNERS

David Handwerker	0 to 5
Kumar Sinha	5 to 20
Blake Schwartzbach	20 to 50
Jane Dolkart	50 to 100
Charles Dearolf	100 to 200
Joy Oliver	200 to 300
Jill Benson	300 to 500
Georgette Weiss	500 to 1000
Alexander Prairie	1000 to 2500
Barry Bragin	2500 to 5000
Richard Wegman	5000 to 7500
Paul Benedict	500 to 10,000
Fred King	Over 10,000
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TOP TEN CUMULATIVE POINT WINNERS

All Players

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1	47.52 Steve Robinson
2	41.79
3	36.44
4	31.39 Robert Hopkins Jr
5	28.84
6	24.69 Leo LaSota
7	24.10
8	24.01Lloyd Rawley
9	21.49 Alexander Prairie
10	20.63 Michael Gill
Play	ers with fewer than 2000 masterpoints
1	21.49 Alexander Prairie
2	14.22Michael Richey
3/4	13.10Radu Tunsanu
	13.10Daniela Tunsanu
5	12.00 Terry Klein
6	11.07
7	11.00 Suzanne Abrams
8/9	10.88
	10.88Michael Schuller
10	10.47Thomas Grahame
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4	8.26
5	6.02Richard McMillan Jr
6	5.62 Jane Dolkart
7	5.48
8	3.95Jean Barquin
9/10	3.68Paul Elstein
	3.68

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THURS AM PAIRS @ RDBC

Stratum A, 16.0 Tables / Based on 30 Tables

- Thomas Grahame (pic) - Lowell Phillips 62.02
- Suzanne Abrams -Steven Rothman 61.86 Robert Hopkins Jr -
- Brad Theurer ..60.10



4	Daniel Shankle Jr - Juline Glaz 58.49
5	Betty Bursey - David Loken
6	William Zane - Bob Boyd
7	Steven Schatzow - Kenneth Davis54.65
8/9	Neal Rosenthal - Ellen Rosenthal54.49
8/9	Rosemary Kuntz - Roma Chandra 54.49
Stratum X, 8.5 Tables / Based on 16 Tables	
1	Lowell Phillips - Thomas Grahame62.02
2	Suzanne Abrams - Steven Rothman61.86
3/4	Neal Rosenthal - Ellen Rosenthal 54.49
3/4	Rosemary Kuntz - Roma Chandra54.49
5	Terry Vann - Art Hartstein
	THUR AM BCD PRS @ RDBC
	Stratum B, 13.5 Tables
1	Jeffrey Kayden - Mark Eisenstadt67.06
2	Charla Lerman - Deidre Sacks 65.18
3	Joel Goldberg - Marilyn Forrest 62.22
4	Donna Hankey-Woods - Douglas Woods 59.78
5	Arthur Farbenbloom - Javed Hashmi .59.53
6	Judy Retchin - Jane Dolkart 57.81
	Stratum C, 12.0 Tables
1	Jeffrey Kayden - Mark Eisenstadt 67.06
2	Charla Lerman - Deidre Sacks 65.18
3	Arthur Farbenbloom - Javed Hashmi .59.53
4	Judy Retchin - Jane Dolkart 57.81
5	Barbara Teng - Brian McNamara 54.94
6	John Arnett Sr - Arthur Keefe III 51.71
	Stratum D, 10.5 Tables
1	Jeffrey Kayden - Mark Eisenstadt 67.06
2	Charla Lerman - Deidre Sacks 65.18
3	Judy Retchin - Jane Dolkart
4	Barbara Teng - Brian Mc Namara54.94
5	John Arnett Sr - Arthur Keefe III 51.71
6	Richard Haller - Marilyn Washington 50.69
	THU EVE OPEN PAIRS

Stratum A. 33.0 Tables / Based on 80 Tables



1	Donna Rogall - Mark Chen62.39
2	Lloyd Rawley - Michael Richey 60.86
3	Ellen Cherniavsky - Jason Meyer 58.99
4	Robert Levey - Ted Ying58.66
5	Stephen Drodge - John Miller 58.65
6	Bruce Houston - Kenneth Davis 58.33

7	Sylvia Shi - Steve Robinson
8	Mohsin Chandna - Jay Kelkar 57.69
9	Rebecca Duty - Fred King
10	Steven Schatzow - Andrew Gofreed56.58
11	Joan Lewis - Robert Hopkins Jr 56.57
	3Brad Theurer - Lyle Poe Jr
	3Lou Reich - Robert Bell
14	Candace Kuschner - Marshall Kuschner 56.41
15	Mita Banerjee - Hanna Schepps 56.14
16	Guillaume de Decker - Leon Masiewicki 55.59
17	Barry Falgout - Rusty Krauss 54.33
,	Stratum X, 19.5 Tables
1	Lloyd Rawley - Michael Richey 60.86
2	Robert Levey - Ted Ying
3 4	Janet Dence - John Sedgewick 54.17
5	James Berry - Brad Libros
6	Daniela Tunsanu - Radu Tunsanu53.62
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~	THU EVE BCD PAIRS
	atum B, 22.0 Tables / Based on 9 Tables
1	Mary Mudd - Barry Sparks
2	Prem Garg - Michael Kuehl
3	Barry Tash - James Wisman
4	Donald Beyer - Brian Detter
5	Stella Perry - Daniel Barthell
our	atum C, 18.5 Tables / Based on 7 Tables Prem Garg - Michael Kuehl
2	Barry Tash - James Wisman
3	Donald Beyer - Brian Detter
4	Stella Perry - Daniel Barthell
5	M David Jackson - Ann Atcheson 54.81
-	atum D. 12.0 Tables / Based on 4 Tables
1	Prem Garg - Michael Kuehl
2	Donald Beyer - Brian Detter
3	Stella Perry - Daniel Barthell
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	THU EVE NLM PAIRS @ WBL
	Stratum A, 14.0 Tables



2	Ted Van Dyke - Franny Van Dyke59.55
3	Kenneth Jones - John Goon
4/5	Tina Brinsfield - Cheri Hayes 58.64
4/5	Michael Watts - Mary Ourand58.64
6	Joseph Lebaron - Norman Kittrell57.27
	Stratum B, 8.5 Tables
1	Kenneth Jones - John Goon
2	Jim Rubin - Ferit Yegenoglu57.05
3	Marc Zlotnik - David Narrow
4	Julian Klazkin - Peter Iannicelli 52.95
5/6	Sunil Sikka - Jeff Frank
5/6	Kate Baldwin - Stephen Baldwin 52.05

1 Myron Goldstein - Terry Klein 68.18

1	Kenneth Jones - John Goon
2	Jim Rubin - Ferit Yegenoglu57.05
3	Marc Zlotnik - David Narrow
4	Julian Klazkin - Peter Iannicelli 52.95
5/6	Sunil Sikka - Jeff Frank
5/6	Kate Baldwin - Stephen Baldwin 52.05
	THU EVE 0-20 PAIRS
	Stratum A, 5.0 Tables
1	Donald Gutman - Judith Fried 62.50
2	Kate Beardsley - Mary Mitchelson 60.83
3	Farida Nazhar - Sudha Garg
4	Janet Page - Robbie Lloyd
	Stratum B, 4.0 Tables
1	Donald Gutman - Judith Fried 62.50
2	Kate Beardsley - Mary Mitchelson 60.83
3	Farida Nazhar - Sudha Garg
	Stratum C, 3.0 Tables
1	Donald Gutman - Judith Fried 62.50
2	Kate Beardsley - Mary Mitchelson 60.83

Stratum C. 7.0 Tables

THU EVE 199ER SWISS @ NVBA

Stratum A, 6 Tables



- Evelyn Reneer Mary Frances Jetton Kathleen Parkins - Ellen Marcus (not pic) . .47.00
- John Peterson Richard Poznanski -Deanna Shuman - Lawrence Shuman . .46.00

Stratum B, 6 Tables

- 1 Kathleen Parkins Evelyn Reneer Mary Frances Jetton - Ellen Marcus 47.00
- John Peterson Richard Poznanski -
- Deanna Shuman Lawrence Shuman .46.00

THU EVE 199ER SWISS @ NVBA

Stratum C. 3 Tables

Kathleen Parkins - Evelyn Reneer - Mary Frances Jetton - Ellen Marcus 47.00

FRI AM OPEN PAIRS

Stratum A, 7.0 Tables / Based on 25 Tables 1 Robert Hopkins Jr (pic) - John Miller . . .71.25 Terry Klein - Richard McMillan Ir 60.42 3 James Beller - Lawrence Heinen ..52.92



- Mark Tonnesen Kenneth Davis 51.67 Mel Yudkin - Hadi Abushakra 50.00
- **Stratum X,** 3.5 Tables 1 Terry Klein - Richard McMillan Jr . . .60.42

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2	James Beller - Lawrence Heinen 52.92
3	Mel Yudkin - Hadi Abushakra 50.00
	TIPE ARE DOD DATED

FRI AM BCD PAIRS Stratum B, 10.0 Tables



1	Margaret Cooke - Peter Isard
2	Ron Sutter - Yuen De Anda
3	Liz Ferraro - Alan Ferraro
4	Louis Coccodrilli - Stephen Weiner57.14
5	Jerome Sikora - Lorraine Hegel 52.68
6	Susan Weiss - Bernice Felix
	Stratum C, 9.0 Tables
1	Margaret Cooke - Peter Isard
2	Ron Sutter - Yuen De Anda59.82
3	Liz Ferraro - Alan Ferraro
4	Louis Coccodrilli - Stephen Weiner57.14
5	Susan Weiss - Bernice Felix
	Stratum D, 5.5 Tables
1	Margaret Cooke - Peter Isard
2	Louis Coccodrilli - Stephen Weiner57.14
3	Susan Weiss - Bernice Felix
4	Lynne Groff - Dottie Terrell52.08
	FRI AM 299ER PAIRS
	Stratum A, 8.0 Tables
1	Nancy Kaden - Rebecca Mandir 65.88
2	Hanna Wagner - Maree Webster 59.13
3	Bob Lawrence - John Dorson
4	Louise Deisseroth - Patti Kemmer54.84
5	Stephen Black - Mona Hanford 53.55
	Stratum B, 6.5 Tables
1	Nancy Kaden - Rebecca Mandir 65.88
2	Hanna Wagner - Maree Webster 59.13
3	Bob Lawrence - John Dorson
4	Louise Deisseroth - Patti Kemmer54.84
5	Stephen Black - Mona Hanford 53.55
	Stratum C, 4.5 Tables
1	Nancy Kaden - Rebecca Mandir 65.88
2	Bob Lawrence - John Dorson 57.92
3	Louise Deisseroth - Patti Kemmer54.84
4	Stephen Black - Mona Hanford 53.55

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FRI AFT OPEN PAIRS

Stratum A, 13.0 Tables / Based on 31 Tables



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1	Robert Hopkins Jr - Richard Wegman 57.01
2	Vincent Wilmot Jr - James Geist 56.82
3	Jim Gaarder - Jimmy Ritzenberg 56.44
4/5	Paul Benedict - Lynn Jones
4/5	Shiang Chen - John McCormick 55.68
6/7	Benjamin Brill - Leo LaSota
6/7	Mark Tonnesen - Kenneth Davis55.11
	Stratum X, 5.5 Tables
1	Vincent Wilmot Jr - James Geist 56.82
2	Jim Gaarder - Jimmy Ritzenberg 56.44
3	Shiang Chen - John McCormick 55.68
4	Alice Miller - Larry Wallace53.41
	FRI AFT BCD PAIRS
	Stratum B, 10.0 Tables
1	Douglas Fox - Larry Moran69.35
2	Andrew Jacknain - Annapurna Satpathy 59.23
3	George Parkins - Ann Atcheson 57.14
4	Lorne Ginn - Linda Wish
5	Ernie Schuler - Thomas Grahame55.36
6	Ron Sutter - Yuen De Anda 53.87
	Stratum C, 8.5 Tables
1	Douglas Fox - Larry Moran 69.35
2	Douglas Fox - Larry Moran
3	Lorne Ginn - Linda Wish
4	Ernie Schuler - Thomas Grahame55.36
5	Ron Sutter - Yuen De Anda
3	Stratum D, 4.0 Tables
1	Lorne Ginn - Linda Wish
2	Mary Ourand - Sheila Kaplan
3	
Э	Nathalie Kaye - Mary Krenytzky 49.11
	FRI AFT 299ER PAIRS
	Stratum A, 8.0 Tables
1	John Dorson - Bob Lawrence 59.63
2	Donald Smith - Pat Kibler
3	Jean Barquin - Sarah Watson 56.63
4	Nazan Kirdar - Gladys Kehnemui55.70
5	Angela Prow - Marc Krenytzky 53.10
	Stratum B, 6.5 Tables
1	John Dorson - Bob Lawrence 59.63
2	Nazan Kirdar - Gladys Kehnemui55.70
3	Angela Prow - Marc Krenytzky 53.10
4	Sally Schlein - Arthur Keefe III 52.17
5	Judy Retchin - Jane Dolkart
	Stratum C, 3.5 Tables
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John Dorson - Bob Lawrence 59.63

Nazan Kirdar - Gladys Kehnemui ...55.70

Angela Prow - Marc Krenytzky53.10

FRI EVE 3-NICKEL SWISS

Stratum A, 20 Tables / Based on 23 Tables



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1	Michael (
2	Prairie - S Leo LaSo	ta - Benja	amin Bri	ll - Barry	y Bragin
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4	Nooreen l Ellen Che				
5/6	William (Vincent V				
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	S	tratum l	B. 9 Tab	les	
1	Raymond	Gallucci	i - Sym C	Gallucci -	
2	Nooreen l Catherine	Bardsle	y - Fred	Gramlicl	h -
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Yaeko Perera - Geri Elias - Barbara Gifford

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With this issue, we must bid farewell to our columnists since the spring of 2011, Shawn Stringer and Ron Zucker. Both are volunteers extraordinaire for the WBL, each former tournament chairs in addition to Ron being a former board member and Shawn being our current regional tournament chair. Thanks for all of your contributions, Shawn and Ron and as they like to say — Have fun, and we'll see you both at the table!

The good news is that we get to welcome back expert player, **Vince Wilmot**, last seen stepping up to write on these pages ten years ago. He plans to focus on responding to frequent questions of newer players, so feel free to send your questions to him at vwilmot@comcast.net. —Ed.

THE WEAK TWO BID, PART 1

The first question I have received is one that is often asked of our 0-20 Unit Game Directors, *Bryan* and *Lois Geer.* "When should I open and how do you respond to a weak two bid?" Before giving you my thoughts on what an opening weak two bid looks like, we have to consider the three reasons to open the bidding with a weak two bid.

- 1. Constructive bidding: If this is our hand, I wish to offer a place to play. I can define my hand with one bid within fairly specific guidelines 5-10 HCP and a six card suit. Partner should be a in a pretty good position to place the hand based on this information.
- 2. <u>Destructive bidding</u>: If you open a weak two bid, this can have a preemptive effect on the opponents. For example, if you open 2., they cannot bid anything on the one or two level. Your bid makes it much harder for them to find their optimal contract.

3. <u>Lead direction</u>: If the opponents buy the contract, I wish to suggest a lead. For example, consider the following auction: P, 2♠, 4♥, P, P, P. 2♠ may suggest to your passed partner an attacking lead. This may be in a suit that partner would not have led otherwise

Standard textbooks for weak twos suggest very stringent guidelines. Each of the following hands would qualify for a weak two bid:

- **♦**AKxxxx ♥xx ♦xxx ♣xx
- **♦**x ♥KQTxxx **♦**Qxx **♣**xxx
- **♦**Kx ♥xx ♦AQTxxx **♣**xxx

Note the following things that these hands have in common

- No strong outside suit.
- A six card suit headed by two of the top three honors
- Six to ten high card points.

In my opinion, these guidelines are too strict. In deciding to bid, one needs to balance safety against your ability to compete for the contract. How disciplined your bidding decisions are a matter of partnership style.

Follow-up bidding to weak two bids

When partner opens a weak two bid, and you have a good hand, you need a way to create a forcing auction. My suggestion of how to follow up your weak two bids is as follows:

<u>Single raise</u>: Non forcing. This essentially raises the level of the preempt and can be done on most hands with three card support.

Direct double raise: Over a major suit weak two, this can either be a strong hand with enough values for game. You might also do this with a preemptive hand with four card support and an outside singleton. Example hands over a $2 \, \Psi$ opening might be:

- AKxx ♥Qxx ♦ Kx ♣KQxx. You expect to make game opposite a weak two, but don't have enough values to try for slam. Sign off in 4♥.
- ♠xxxx ♥Kxxx ♠x ♣xxxx. You probably won't make four hearts, but the opponents are surely cold for game, and possible slam in another suit. Your raise to game will not go down many tricks, and will make it difficult for the opponents to bid accurately.

Bid a new suit: Sometimes, even though partner opened the bidding with a weak two, you may wish to suggest your suit as trumps. This bid should be forcing for at least one round. Partner can raise, return to their own suit, or introduce a second suit of their own. For example, over a 2♥ opening, if I held ♠AKJxxxx ♥x ♠Axx ♣Kx, it is likely that spades is a better trump suit then hearts. You can start your constructive auction with a forcing 2♠ bid.

<u>2NT response</u>: There are several conventional ways to play a 2NT response to a weak

two. This should be a forcing response aimed at learning more about partner's hand. The most common way to play this response is asking for a hand feature. Opener should show an outside ace or king if they have one, and return to three of the trump suit without an outside feature. Typically, this is a way to differentiate between a minimum weak two and a maximum weak two. Partner may be trying to understand how good your hand is, or may be trying to get to 3NT but needs help in one of the outside suits.

AQxx ♥ Kx ♦ xxx ♣ Axxx. Respond 2NT to an opening 2♥ bid. If partner shows a diamond feature, you may try 3NT rather than 4♥ as your game contract.

<u>3NT</u>: This is a signoff. Never correct this to your suit. Partner may be running a suit of their own, or may have a strong balanced hand.

In our next article, we will explore exceptions to the opening rules, and look at a more modern aggressive view on opening a weak two bid.

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. In September, the IRS approved the tax exempt status of the Foundation. All contributions are tax-deductible.

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

If you would like to contribute to the Foundation, please contact Rose Berman, WBL Treasurer, at rose.berman@verizon.net. If you are interested in the bridge-in-schools program, and would like to teach or help encourage schools to participate, please contact Richard Ferrin, WBL President, at rferrin@mac.com.

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

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