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WASHINGTON BRIDGE LEAGUE'S
71st Annual
Potomac Valley Tournament
*is here: **July 7-10***

Friday through Sunday of the sectional will be held at the
Margaret Schweinhaut Senior Center, 1000 Forest Glen
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See page 5 for the full tournament schedule.

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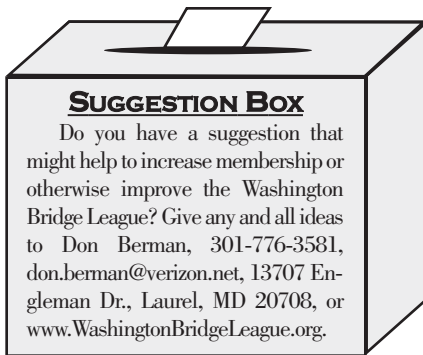
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PRESIDENT'S LETTER

by WBL President, *Ellen Cherniavsky*
eachernia@yahoo.com

I am proud to have been elected as your President for a second term, and look forward to continuing to serve you. I hope to have your support in dealing with a major issue that confronts our Unit.

Steve Schatzow, our Tournament Chair, has announced his intention to resign by the end of the year. We appreciate his service, and acknowledge how hard it will be to replace him. He changed the starting times of the Saturday games, increasing the popularity of the Saturday afternoon game, and attempted to revive the Friday evening by game by instituting a Triple Nickel Swiss, which has been very successful in Northern Virginia, and providing desserts and alcohol for a break when players could socialize. Under his auspices, the sections have returned to profitability.

Brad Theurer has agreed to take over from Steve. We welcome him and as a Board are prepared to fully support him.

The need to find a replacement for Steve led the Tournament Committee to review in detail what goes into this job. Traditionally, the Tournament Chair (TC) will:

1. Obtain the sanction.
2. Set the dates (there are a lot of constraints here, including among others conflicts with other tournaments and site availability).
3. Lease the playing site and make sure the site is used in compliance with the terms of the contract. This includes making sure the site is left in an acceptable condition at the close of every evening and especially at the end of the tournament. Show up at the time on the lease to open up the site on the first day.
4. Write the schedule: times, events, stratifications. This is typically done in consultation with the Board, but in the past the Board has ceded authority to the TC.
5. Arrange publicity. Represent the sponsoring organization as the face of the tournament. Be the point of contact with the ACBL.

Make announcements, drum up attendance.

6. Organize the tournament.

- a. Make sure there are adequate supplies
- b. Make sure the tables are there and set up
- c. Hire caddies and oversee them in setting up the tables and hospitality
- d. Arrange hospitality, which includes:
 - i. Planning what to serve
 - ii. Buying what is to be served, buying any necessary hospitality supplies
 - iii. Deciding how the food and drink will be served and instructing the caddies on how to set up
 - iv. Doing the hospitality: putting the food and refreshments out

In Northern Virginia, the TC, Margot Hennings performs all these functions and has done so for a long time. However, we do not, and have not for some time, had a TC that does it all, as she does. Our current operating model is one of distributed responsibility.

Mike Zane is in charge of hospitality, and has done a very good job. With few exceptions, the lines have moved very quickly and the lunches and other refreshments have been well done.

Bill Cole has secured the site (the Margaret Schweinhaut Senior Center, from which we had been banned for a number of years). His name is on the lease and he has been dedicated to making sure we can continue to maintain good relations with the county by keeping the site in good condition each and every day. He has been instrumental in arranging the hospitality and organizing the tournament. He has not accepted any compensation for doing this or any of his other work. It is not fair or realistic to rely on him forever, and he has indicated a wish to step down as soon as possible. We thank him for all he has done.

In the meantime, let me remind you that we should all help out by: putting the chairs under the tables at the close of events on Friday and Saturday, picking up trash from our tables at the end of any event, and stacking chairs and breaking down tables on Sunday evening.

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The emailings will be used for occasional bridge news only.

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There will be no advertising, sharing or publishing of the addresses.

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TIME TO RENEW?

If you started your paper *WBL Bulletin* subscription with the July/August 2015 issue, it's time to renew! It's not too early to renew for anyone else ;) ...See where to send your check on the top of page 3.

WELCOME TO THE WASHINGTON BRIDGE LEAGUE

The WBL welcomes the following new ACBL members: **Marcia Y Bhorjee, Mr Richard R Bond, Ken H Chase, Ruth W Faison, Ms Susan M Friedman, Maureen Geimer, Reba Immergut, Mr Sanjiv Kapur, Henry J Paskowski, Judy L Patterson, Mr Paul Shen, Ms Rebecca Bryant, Ms Kathy P Chiron, Liz Dougherty, Dr Yuan-Jye Liu, Ms Clare Murphy, Ms Shilpa Patel, and Ms Stephanie W Wolsh.**

In addition, we welcome the following transfers from other units: **Dale Abrahams, Mr Vincent J Bartone, Mr Larry G Carswell, Ellen R Cooper, Mr John Flynn, Mr Barry W Goulding, Mrs Hillary Goulding, Steve J Graves, Nancy R Harris, Mr Albert Kalastein, Ms Stephanie Kay, Ms Nancy S Macinnis, Mr George B Nelson, Dr Lee P Rosky, Gail Rubinstein, Leonard Rubinstein, Mr Michael Shapiro, Ms Brenda J Thomas, Dr Brenda J Williams, Mr Thomas W Conley, Anne L Culwick, Mr David J Delzingaro, Nancy Goff, and Mel Orlans.**

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.

2015-2016 WBL/NVBA PLAYER OF THE YEAR FINAL STANDINGS

Congratulations to this year's winners!

Steve Robinson and Adam Gann

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.

Awards: Two trophies will be awarded: Open and Non-Life Master.

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

Open Leaders		
Player		Points
1 Steve Robinson	...	221.45 *
2 Peter Boyd	.....	177.57 *
3 Steven Schatzow	.....	175.67 *
4 Barry Falgout	.....	171.05 *
5 Mark Shaw	.....	150.59 *
6 Mark Chen	.....	149.01 *
7 Linda Marshall	.....	148.13 *
8 Martin Graf	.....	141.34 *
9 Brad Theurer	.....	131.30 *
10 Rusty Krauss	.....	125.28 *
11 Alexander Prairie	.....	124.71 *
12 Sylvia Shi	.....	122.66
13 Jay Kelkar	.....	115.55
14 Robert Hopkins Jr	.....	113.36 *
15 William Cole	.....	108.23 *
16 Robert Bell	.....	106.17 *
17 Adam Gann	.....	104.79 *
18 Jim Wakefield	.....	103.35 *
19 Leo LaSota	.....	96.66 *
20 Helene Bauman	.....	96.12 *

NonLM Leaders		
Player		Points
1 Adam Gann	.....	104.79 *
2 Donna Hickling	.....	57.88 *
3 Terry Klein	.....	46.91 *
4 Duncan Thompson	.....	35.06 *
5 Francesca Mazarella	.....	28.59 *
6 Michael Corrigan	.....	28.08 *
7 Brian Sutton	.....	25.80
8 Walter Beckerman	.....	25.80
9 Jeffrey Yutzler	.....	25.58 *
10 Ila Shah	.....	25.37
11 Vinod Shah	.....	25.37
12 Thomas Grahame	.....	24.78
13 Julie Marquette	.....	24.57 *
14 Phyllis Morgan	.....	21.86
15 Joseph LeBaron	.....	21.00 *
16 Darlyn Counihan	.....	20.83 *
17 Robert Gray	.....	20.40
18 Linda Dennis	.....	20.16
19 Dorothy Osterberger	.....	19.52
20 Daniel Morgan	.....	19.37 *

JULY 7-10, 2016

Take a Summer Holiday in the Potomac Valley!



at the **MARGARET SCHWEINHOUT SENIOR CENTER**

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THURSDAY, JULY 7

- ♣ StrataFlighted A/X (unlim/2000) & B/C/D (1000/500/300) Pairs ... 11:15am
Rockville Duplicate Bridge Club, 301-503-3348 (Mark Lavine) NO ENTRY
St. James Episcopal Church, 11815 Seven Locks Rd., Rockville TILL 11AM
- ♦ StrataFlighted A/X (unlim/3000) & B/C/D (2000/1000/500) Pairs (both sites),
Stratified NLM Pairs (NLM/100/50) & 0-20 Pairs (Ohr Kodesh only) &
Stratified 199er Swiss Teams (Beth El only)
Beth El Congregation, 3830 Seminary Rd, Alexandria 7:00pm
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I-495 to Connecticut Ave. S. 4th light left E-W Hwy 410. Left Meadowbrook Ln.
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**71st Annual
POTOMAC VALLEY
TOURNAMENT**

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- ♦ **Stratified Triple Nickel Swiss Teams** (unlim/2000/750) ... **Post-Game Party!** 7:30pm
—5 rounds, 5 boards a round, 5 minutes a board. *with beer, wine & desserts*
- ♠ Intermediate/Novice Pairs (300/200/100/50/20) (single sessions) 10:00am, 2:00pm, 7:30pm

Win upgraded (more) masterpoints today!

\$1 additional fee supports Grass Roots events.

SATURDAY, JULY 9

- ♣ **13th Annual: Washington Bridge League Trophy Pairs**
awarding the **Steve Robinson Trophy** 10:00am & 3:00pm
Two session Open Pairs (unlim/3000), qualifying and final. Single session entries available.
- ♦ *StrataFlighted B/C/D Pairs (2000/1000/500) 10:00am
- ♥ *StrataFlighted A/X (unlim/3000) & B/C/D Pairs (2000/1000/500) 3:00pm
- ♠ Intermediate/Novice Pairs (300/200/100) & Newcomer Pairs (50/20/5) (single sessions) 10:00am, 3:00pm

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

SUNDAY, JULY 10

- ♣ Flights A/X (unlim /5000) Board-A-Match Teams 11:00am & TBA
- ♦ Bracketed Flight B Teams (no single player >3000) 11:00am & TBA
B Teams Bracketed by total team masterpoints; three overall places in each.
- ♥ 300/100/50 Swiss Teams, VPs (single sessions) 11:00am, 3:00pm

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

Separate I/N events & strata as advertised as attendance allows. (Director's discretion.)

Hospitality includes snacks, drinks, & **Friday lunch & evening party.** Sunday lunch available for purchase.

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OCTOBER 6-9, 2016



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

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 9

- ♠ **Eynon Trophy**  **—Lunch available for purchase—**
First awarded in 1931—Try to add your name to the famous names inscribed here!
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WBL SOLVERS' CLUB

Moderated by Steve Robinson
robinswr@erols.com

Congratulations to **Mark Rosen, Catherine Bardsley, Fred Gramlich, Paul Block and Bob Rivkin** who tied for first with a score of 490. They win a free entry to the Unit Game and will be on a future panel. Tied for sixth were **Warren Abel, Jeff Yutzler, Diane Keiper, Bruce Kretchmer, Gene Fisher, and Arun Guha** who tied for first with a score of 480. Tied for twelfth were **Lily Andre, John McAllister, Tom Musso, Richard Nichols, Dave Bort, Mickie Kivel, Ed Milner, Judy Haney, Jim Wildey, Kim Gandy and Henry Strauch** with a score of 470. Tied for twenty-third were **Ben Stauss, Kim Gandy, Jerry Pruzan, Don Beyer, Mike Deverin, Sheila Ellis, Myron Goldstein, Carl Gutschick, Mike Richey, Mary Ourand, Michael Cooperman, Barbara Israel and Marlys Moholt** with a score of 460. The average score of the 108 solvers was 434. The average score of the experts was 455.

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

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

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

The book *Washington Standard* second edition is out. If you are a serious bridge player, this book is a must. You can purchase a copy from Steve for \$25.00 whenever you see him or can send him a check for \$30.60 which includes \$5.60 for priority mail.

MAR/APR 2016 SOLUTIONS

1) Matchpoints You're Vul South dealer

♠J74♥9862♦A10♣J854

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
Pass	1♥	1♠	2♠
Pass	3♥	4♣	4♥
4♠	Pass	Pass	5♥
????			

Action	Score	Votes	Solvers
5♠	100	6	22
Pass	90	4	42
Double	80	1	42
6♣	70	1	2

Partner has shown a lot of black cards and is vulnerable. He's not saving. He's bidding to make. He didn't bid Michaels so his spades should be longer than his clubs. One should not bid Michaels with six strong spades and five clubs such as ♠KQ109xx♥-♦xx♣AKQxx because partner, with 2-2 in the black suits, would choose clubs. You could bid Michaels with 6-6 when you plan on freely bidding your six-card major. We bid 4♠ freely so partner knows that we have spade support. What he doesn't know is that we fit his clubs and we

have only one red-suit defensive trick.

Five experts join me and compete to 5♠. Someone is making at the five-level and it might as well be us. Maybe nobody is making at the five-level and 5♠ is the last to next mistake. (They bid again)

Parker: “5♠—Partner must be void in hearts so maybe 6=0=2=5. Give him ♠KQxxxx♥-♦xx♠AKxxx we make six with a heart lead, if spades split, and if he has less we make five or go down one and they make. Take out insurance especially when it makes.”

McGowen: “5♠—Partner said four was a good idea opposite a bust. I have three good cards on offense and only one on defense.”

Gann: “5♠—I’ve waffled back and forth between passing and bidding 5♠, and I’ve decided to go with my initial gut reaction. Partner is pretty clearly void in hearts. If partner has an admittedly unlikely stiff diamond, 5♠ is almost certainly right. If partner has two diamonds, we’ll need to pick up one of the black suits for no losers. That isn’t necessarily going to happen, but it’s not out of the question. Partner has just enough room for something like ♠AQT9xx♥void♦xx♠AQT9x. If that’s the situation, 5♠ is not a bad contract at all. And if the 4♣ bid was a search for a sacrifice with ♠KQ10xxx♥void♦xx♠KQ10xx, 5♠ may well be right.”

Theurer: “5♠—My hand has become quite good, partner is almost surely void in hearts and is likely to have six spades. With only five spades and long clubs he probably would have bid 2♥ Michaels instead of 1♠. So with a double fit and being vulnerable at matchpoints I will take the push. There is an argument for pass here if it is forcing but I think with partner voluntarily bidding 4♣ vulnerable when my hand could have nothing says we should be able to make 5♠.”

Hopkins: “5♠—I think partner has something akin to a 6-0-2-5 pattern with cards since he didn’t make a Michaels cue bid. ♠AK10xxx♥-♦Jx♠KQxxx would be just about right. My hand should match up well with his.”

One expert doubles. He has one sure defensive trick and expects partner to have at least two.

Gellis: “Double—I don’t think we can make 5♠. Partner probably has no hearts.”

Four experts put the ball back in partner’s court. Partner knows that you have spade support and very little red-suit defense.

Shi: “Pass—I’m OK with whatever partner wants to do.”

Schwartz: “Pass—I have about what partner would expect. Not sure if partner takes pass as forcing in a competitive auction but with the hand I actually have, I don’t mind if he does.”

Woolsey: “Pass—I don’t know why I didn’t bid 3♠. But now I have no idea whether we should be declaring or defending, so I’ll let partner make the last mistake.”

Adams: “Pass—Could I have doubled 2♠ to show a raise? Not happy with my sequence, but I have nothing to say right now. I have a decent hand for the auction, but 4♠ already said that.”

One expert bids 6♣. I see no reason why clubs should play better than spades. Spades pays more and if you’re off two sure tricks, you’ll go down in 6♣. Since partner did not bid Michaels I would expect that his spades are longer than his clubs.

King: “6♣—My hand keeps getting better and better. I expect partner to have something like ♠AKQxx♥-♦Kxx♠KQxxx or ♠AKQxx♥-♦xxx♠AKQxx.”

Don’t bid Michaels when your major is longer than your minor.

2) IMPs You’re Vul East dealer

♠10765♥K93♦84♣AK82

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
Pass	1♠	2♦	Pass
????			Pass
Action	Score	Votes	Solvers
2NT	100	6	50
3♦	70	2	4
2♠	70	1	15
Pass	60	3	28
3NT	40	0	2
3♣	30	0	7
3♠	20	0	2

Partner has overcalled vulnerable at the two-level. He does not have a weak hand. If he has as little as ♠Jx♥Qx♦AKQxxx♣Qxx and this is a

minimum 2♦ overcall, 3NT should be odds on. With ten HCP opposite a two-level overcall, you need to at least invite game. If he’s short in hearts he could have a very strong hand. I’d gladly overcall 2♦ with ♠Kx♥A♦AQJxxx♣Qxx. Doubling with a singleton heart could lead to a disaster if partner has five hearts.

Three experts pass. A two-level overcall is not Swiss cheese. Passing seems very conservative when seven experts strongly invite. If partner holds ♠x♥Ax♦AKxxx♣QJxx, 6♣ will make unless suits split badly and this is an average 2♦ overcall.

Parker: “Pass—2NT is my second choice but I don’t like to bid notrump with no fit. If they bid on I will double to show cards.”

McGowen: “Pass—Hard to see a game, so let’s see if the opponents get themselves in trouble.”

Schwartz: “Pass—Even with a decent ten count, I have no real spade stopper and no diamond honor. Thus is too much to expect partner to supply running diamonds and a 1/2 spade stopper.”

If partner has as little as ♠Jx♥Qxx♦AQJ10xx♣xx, 3NT is on the diamond fence and he should have a lot more.

Five experts join me and invite with 2NT.

Gellis: “2NT—But not real happy. Don’t like bidding 2♠. Partner might think I have a diamond fit.”

Theurer: “2NT—I can’t pass. A cue bid should show support especially by a passed hand and a new suit should be five or more in length. Yes I don’t have a full stopper in spades but with no spade raise by RHO, I expect partner to usually have at least two spades and if they contain an honor or the suit blocks I have a stopper. If partner is minimum with short spades he can pull to 3♣ or 3♦ which will be fine.”

Hopkins: “2NT—The value bid.”

Woolsey: “2NT—Looks perfect on all counts. What alternative is there?”

Adams: “2NT—Right on values. Ten likely enough to block the suit. Partner with a trashy six-card suit overcall can rebid his suit. Partner with a powerhouse can bid more.”

One expert cue bids.

Gann: “2♠—2NT with 10xxx in their suit

isn’t appetizing. I’m clearly not introducing any new suit at the three-level. Partner is going to expect a weaker hand with more diamonds if I bid 3♦. And 3♠ is a clear overbid. I think 2♠ gives me the best chance of soliciting useful information from partner. My guess is that partner’s next bid will be 3♦, which I will pass. But if partner has a 3♣ bid, it may get us to a very good 5♣ contract.”

Two experts raise diamonds.

Shi: “3♦—I would rather have an actual spade stopper to bid 2NT. 3♦ is definitely what I would bid without the ten of spades, with the ten of spades, I would consider 2NT.”

King: “3♦—Can’t pass as we could miss a vulnerable game. I’ll try 3♦ as my extra high cards should make up for my lack of a third diamond.”

I wonder if they’ll bid 3NT with 10xxx if partner continues with 3♠ after they cue bid or raise diamonds.

Two-level overcalls can be very strong.

3) Matchpoints None Vul West dealer

♠AJ96♥AK107♦Q♣KQJ2

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
????	1♣	Pass	1♥
Action	Score	Votes	Solvers
Pass	100	5	39
Dbl	90	3	45
1♠	80	2	11
1NT	80	2	8
3NT	40	0	2
2♣	20	0	1
2NT	20	0	2

We have a very strong hand but the opponents have made two calls. There is no bid that perfectly describes this hand. We could double but what are we going to do over partner’s expected 2♦-bid? We could overcall 1♠ but that could be the opponent’s eight-card fit and 1♠ could end the auction and partner could have only one spade. Partner doesn’t figure to be strong enough to bid over 1♠. We could overcall a strong notrump but that shows 15-18 and we have 20. We could pass and decide what to do after the opponents have made two more bids.

Two experts overcall 1NT. 1NT could end

the auction and if RHO is light you could miss a game. Partner would not invite with six or seven HCP. The good news is that they probably won't lead diamonds which could be their best defense.

McGowen: "1NT—Too big to pass, stiff diamond precludes a takeout double."

Theurer: "1NT—Tough hand, if I don't act here. LHO is likely to be rebidding 1NT so I will beat him to the punch, so to speak. This does risk missing 4-4 spade fit but if I double here, partner is all too likely to bid 2♦ and now I have to bid 2NT which could get us too high. If partner has fewer than four spades then this bid should be best and if partner has five spades he should transfer to that suit, of course. If the opponents were vulnerable I might pass and hope to collect +200. If they bid over my 1NT I will be happy to defend."

Three experts double. They intend to rebid 2NT over partner's expected 2♦-bid.

Gann: "Double—If partner bids spades, I'm happy. If partner bids diamonds, I can bid

2NT to show a hand that was too powerful for a 1NT overcall at my first opportunity. The stiff queen isn't ideal, but when was the last time anyone picked up an ideal hand in the Solver's Club?"

Shi: "Double—Pretty normal. If they were red I might chance a pass."

Woolsey: "Double—Have to see if we have spade fit. I can outbid partner's diamonds with notrump at any level."

Two experts overcall 1♠. Partner figures to be weak and 1♠ could easily end the auction. 1♠ could be a horrible contract.

Gellis: "1♠—I want to get partner off to the right lead."

Parker: "1♠—What I lack in spades I make up for in points. 1NT might work but my guess is they run diamonds."

Four experts join me and pass for now. By passing we get to see what West rebids and see East's next bid. If somehow they bid diamonds, we can double for takeout. If 1NT gets passed around we can double it for penalties. If it goes 1♣ - 1♥ - 1NT - 2♥, we can double it for penalties. Partner can look at his weak hand, know that you have a strong hand and figure that the reason you didn't double before is that you have hearts.

King: "Pass—Pass for now. Let's see where the opponents end up. Partner clearly has a zero count."

Hopkins: "Pass—The auction should continue. I would prefer to have a chance to make a takeout double of 2♦, but I will deal with whatever comes back to me at my next turn."

Schwartz: "Pass—I can play partner for a preemptive spade raise by bidding 1♠ but why take the chance. The hand is unbiddable so it's best to assume the opponents have their bid and we don't have a big spade fit."

Adams: "Pass—Seems a decent chance to get them when 1NT comes back around. Not letting them off by entering with imperfect hand."

4) Matchpoints None Vul West dealer

♠109754♥J7♦K5♣J532

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
Pass	1NT	Dbl	2♠

Action	Score	Votes	Solvers
3♣	100	6	30
Pass	90	5	65
Dbl	70	1	12
4♣	20	0	1

Partner has shown a takeout double of 1♠. In other words, if West had opened 1♠, he might have doubled for takeout. He should be something like 1=4=3=5, 1=4=4=4, 0=4=4=5 or 2=4=3=4. If partner has five clubs, they're probably weak since he didn't overcall. If partner has four clubs, this hand should play well since both diamonds and spades are ruff right. Your shortness is over the opponent's shortness. I expect to have good play for 3♣ and +110 is better than +100 defending 2♠. -50 if you go down is better than -110.

Five experts join me and compete with 3♣. Maybe this will push the opponents to 3♠ and we can take a bite out of it. If they were vulnerable it would make sense to double where down one is a top.

Parker: "3♣—Partner has some 1-4-4-4 hand or close to it. I am afraid they can scramble eight tricks in spades and we can scramble nine tricks in clubs."

If they can scramble only six tricks in 2♠, they will score better than 3♣ making.

McGowen: "3♣—Looks good for a cross-ruff."

Gann: "3♣—This could easily make, and it has ways to win even if it doesn't. I'm not sure that we're beating 2♠. I'd much prefer to play 3♣ or push them up a level. If East bids 3♠, I'll let partner choose whether or not to double. I'm marked with spade length, and 3♣ has already overstated my defensive values."

Theurer: "3♣—I have defense but the opponents are not vulnerable and the spades are likely 2-0-6 around the table. 3♣ should play well for us, especially if partner has five clubs which is certainly possible. Maybe the opponents will bid 3♠ so I can double that. Like the previous problem, if the opponents were vulnerable I might choose to defend here but I can't be sure we will set 2♠ more than one trick if at all."

Hopkins: "3♣—Partner should have a variation on a 1-4-4-4 pattern. My cards are in the right suits and probably sufficient to

make 3♣ playable."

Five experts pass. They will either be -110 or get 50 points a trick. Not the way to play matchpoints or even IMPs.

Shi: "Pass—Partner has a takeout double of spades, and I have not enough to do anything."

Gellis: "Pass—Partner isn't 5-5. Looks like the best place to get a plus."

Schwartz: "Pass—Partner has a takeout double of spades, and doesn't need that good a hand with a stiff spade to come in. Partner can always double again with more than a minimum."

Woolsey: "Pass—I need partner to be able to come with another double before I'm confident about beating them."

Adams: "Pass—Don't get the problem. Not bidding this trash unless forced to."

One expert tries to protect his score. If we can make 3♣ we need +300. Usually you lead trumps against doubled part scores. However, not sure why leading a trump is best here. I don't expect them to ruff anything in the short hand. You lead a trump if you want to cut down ruffs. I think the forcing game would be best for the defense. If I wasn't going to bid 3♣, I'd double. Both -110 and -470 probably would be the same bad score.

King: "Double—And lead a trump."

It's not winning bridge to allow the opponents to play at the two-level when there is a reasonable alternative.

5) Matchpoints Both Vul East dealer

♠A3♥J943♦Q10984♣82

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
Pass	2NT	Pass	2♠
Pass	3♠	Dbl	3♣*
???	* Bad hand bad suit		

Action	Score	Votes	Solvers
Pass	100	7	39
4♦	90	5	34
4♥	80	0	35

What does partner's double mean? Partner could have a light takeout double. Partner could have an off-shape takeout double. If you're going to make a takeout double, it's safer to double 2NT where you can play at the

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three-level. Or partner could have a penalty double. In real life partner was making what she thought was a penalty double. Four experts including me pulled it to four-of-a-red-suit. LHO had ♠x♥AKQ10x♦AKJxx♣Jx and thought it was Christmas.

Four experts join me and think that the reason partner didn't double 2NT is that he doesn't have four hearts. He could have also had a light takeout double.

Gann: "4♦—This was such an easy auction until partner got involved! I'm not at all confident about beating 3♠ doubled, so I'm just bidding my longest suit and hoping for the best. I'm probably being a little too pessimistic here. They haven't doubled me yet, and 4♦ could make. I'm mainly worried because East opened vulnerable and West bid Ogust. That suggests that they have at least half the deck."

Parker: "4♦—Again partner has some 1-4-4-4 hand. If he has something like ♠x♥Kxxx♦AKxx♣KQxx, we lose two hearts and one club while they lose one spade, one diamond and one club or close to that."

If he has your hand, he should have doubled 2NT.

Gellis: "4♦—Not real happy. Not sure we can beat 3♠. Partner would have to have four tricks."

Schwartz: "4♦—With partner unable to act the first time, don't expect to make a four-level contract so want to avoid a double. This will bid the safer and a more solid trump fit.

A game contract, 4♥, will be easier for them to double."

Seven experts pass. They assume that partner has made a penalty double.

Shi: "Pass—Logically this double should be penalty since partner had the option to double 2NT for takeout. Pretty weird since we hold Ax of spades though."

If the 2NT-bidder is very strong, he can have short spades.

McGowen: "Pass—If we can make 4♥, we are setting 3♠ big time."

Theurer: "Pass—Partner must have a pretty good hand to be entering the auction at this level vulnerable. But, his hand is not a moose since he did not bid at his first turn. So even though I have four hearts I don't think I am likely to make game so I will pass, lead my doubleton club and hope for +200 at matchpoints. Would not pass at IMPs where if 3♠ doubled makes it's a disaster. Then I'd need to decide which red suit to bid - probably hearts since 4♥ is game and partner should have four of those."

King: "Pass—This looks like an auction from your TableTALK poll this month. This sounds like a penalty double to me."

If you read my TableTALK article, you can see that there is no clear interpretation of the double.

Hopkins: "Pass—I assume partner has some trump tricks and a little on the side, something like a weak notrump with QJ98 of

Spades. I think with a take-out pattern, he should have acted originally or now hold the peace. It's only Matchpoints."

Woolsey: "Pass—This is a pure penalty double. We will soon find out who is crazy."

Adams: "Pass—Looks like a penalty double to me."

It's important to define what double means in this situation. Penalty makes the most sense.

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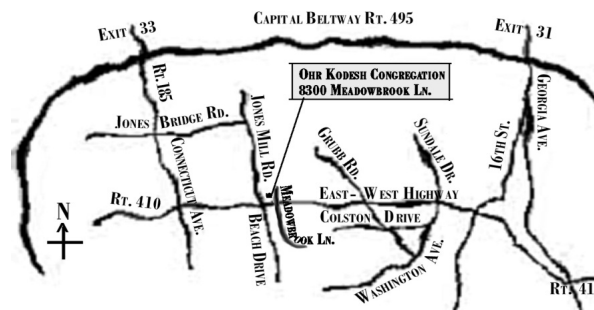
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From setting up and breaking down tables, to publicity and events development, a little effort from you will make our bridge community even better. Busy schedule? No worries. Most volunteer assignments take only 15 minutes to 1 hour a month.

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,

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-

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NORTHERN VIRGINIA BRIDGE ASSOCIATION
SEPTEMBER SENSATIONS
SECTIONAL TOURNAMENT
The Arlington/Fairfax Elks Lodge #2188
8421 Arlington Boulevard, Fairfax, VA; 703-560-2188

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

STRATIFIED OPEN (2000+/2000/750) or 500/300/100 PAIRS10:30 a.m.

Norma's Game: K of C Hall, 5115 Little Falls Rd., Arlington, VA, 703-892-1292

Evening games at: NVBA: Beth El Hebrew Congregation, 3830 Seminary Road, Alexandria, VA or

WBL: Ohr Kodesh Congregation, 8300 Meadowbrook Ln, Chery Chase, MD NVBA (Beth El) WBL

Intermediate/Newcomer Lecture6:30 p.m.

STRATAFLIGHTED OPEN PAIRS (A/X=3000+/3000; B/C=2000/750) 7:00 p.m. 7:30 p.m.

NVBA 199ER SWISS TEAMS (200/100/50/20); WBL NLM PAIRS (NLM/100/50) 7:00 p.m. 7:30 p.m.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

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

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

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

Intermediate/Newcomer Lecture1:15 p.m.

STRATAFLIGHTED A/X (3000+/3000) or B/C (2000/750) PAIRS 2 p.m.

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

TRIPLE NICKEL SWISS—5 rounds, 5 boards, 5 minutes a board . 7:30 p.m.

I/N (500/300/100) PAIRS7:30 p.m.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

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

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

Intermediate/Newcomer Lecture1:15 p.m.

****ALL events on Sat. afternoon & evening award REGIONALLY RATED**

SILVER POINTS—an additional \$1 will be added to your entry fee to

support Grass Roots events in our local area!—Details at www.nvba.org. **

FLIGHT A/X PAIRS (3000+/3000; 2-session Play-thru event) 2 & 7:30 p.m.

—Single session pairs accommodated during the evening session

STRATIFIED B/C PAIRS (2000/750; 2 single sessions) . . . 2 & 7:30 p.m.

STRATIFIED SIDE GAME (3000+/3000) 2 p.m.

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

I/N (500/300/100) PAIRS7:30 p.m.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

FLIGHTS A/X (5000+/5000) SWISS TEAMS11 a.m. & TBA

BRACKETED FLIGHT B TEAMS (no single player >2500) . . .11 a.m. & TBA

B Teams Bracketed by Total Team Masterpoints: three overall places in each.

A/X Swiss & B/C Teams: 2-session events, a brief break & food available on-site.

I/N (500/300/100) SWISS TEAMS (Single sessions) . .11 a.m. / 3:15 p.m.

49ER (50/20/5) SWISS TEAMS (Single session)11 a.m.

STRATIFICATION of events is based on average masterpoints of the team or pair. In any event or flight with an upper limit, no individual's total Masterpoint holding may exceed that upper limit.

DIRECTIONS: From Route 50/Arlington Boulevard heading west from DC and Arlington AND from Route 495/Beltway: Continue on/Take Route 50 West about one mile outside the Beltway, and turn left at Javier Road (the second stoplight after the intersection of 50 and 495). Take an immediate right onto the access road that runs parallel to Route 50. The Elks Lodge will be two buildings down on your left—parking on the side and in the rear. From Fairfax, heading East on Route 50: Pass the intersection of Route 50 and Prosperity Avenue—the Prosperity Medical Center will be on your right. Between the first and second lights after Prosperity, turn right into the access road that runs parallel to Route 50 and look for the Elks Lodge immediately to your right—parking on the far side of the building and in the rear.

Plenty of free parking! On-site snack bar plus lots of free treats! Many great restaurants nearby!

Championship Events and a Full Schedule of 299er Events for Novice and Intermediate Players! Players with 0-5 Masterpoints play FREE in ALL games!

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Mid-Chart Conventions permitted in all A/X Events

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Oct 20-23 at Arlington/
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(Thurs at Beth El)

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AT THE TABLE: A SURVIVAL MANUAL

by Rich Colker, rcolker@gmail.com

—PART 4—

We continue our discussions of common problems at the bridge table. While some discussion may presume a certain amount of experience and sensitivity to the situations being described, even a novice may improve in these areas through exposure to the underlying issues. Discussions include both practical advice on how to cope with problems once they occur as well as procedures to follow to minimize or avoid disruptions in the first place. Every suggestion may not be appropriate for all games or players: some are not intended for novices or events with low MP limits; others may be modified for more socially-oriented or club games. But above all else, please remember that the emphasis of bridge should always be on fun, enjoyment and relaxation. Even in serious competition it is to everyone's advantage to avoid practices which can cause problems or ill-feelings among the contestants.

When the Opponents Alert

Principle: Be consistent when an opponent Alerts: Either always ask about it at your first turn following the Alert (preferred)—regardless of whether you are interested in the answer—or always wait until the end of auction to ask.

When an opponent says “Alert” it is usually to your advantage to ask about it at your side's next turn to call. The proper way to ask is by saying, “Please explain.” In some cases the meaning of the Alert will be different than you expected and by asking you will avoid a problem later due to an erroneous assumption. More importantly, if you ask only when you are in doubt or when the answer may affect your next action, you will be conveying unauthorized information to your partner as well tipping off the opponents as to the nature of your hand (i.e., that you cannot tell what the call means from your own hand, that you were considering some action, or that you had some interest in the suit named). If partner later takes an action that was suggested by your question (as by balancing or doubling when your question suggests that you hold useful values, or by leading the suit you asked about) and you obtain a good result as a consequence, you

will not be allowed to keep it.

The solution I recommend, while not strictly ACBL policy, is for the next player following the Alert to always ask about the Alerted call, whether he is interested in the answer or not. That way no one on either side can draw a valid inference from the question. (Note: if your partner is the next player to call and he does not ask about the Alert, you may not properly ask until it is your turn to call.)

An alternative solution—though not as good as always asking—is to always wait until the end of the auction to ask about Alerts. This approach has several drawbacks. First, there will be times when you will need to ask during the auction because the answer will affect your next call. If you only ask when it matters you will be conveying unauthorized information to your partner—not to mention useful information to the opponents. Second, the information you gain by asking immediately can be put to use while the auction is still in progress. This will permit you to use your time and energy more efficiently to keep up on what is happening in the auction.

If you decide to wait to ask until the end of the auction and end up on defense, there are some additional pitfalls to avoid. First, if partner is on lead don't ask until his lead is face down on the table. If you don't wait and your question suggests a lead which partner then makes, you will not get to keep your good result. Second, the best way to ask is to say something neutral such as “Please explain your Alerts” or “May I have a review with explanations.” Refrain from asking about specific calls or naming specific suits as “What was 2♣?” or “Was 3♦ forcing?” or “Does he show four or more hearts?” Such questions will draw attention to the suit named and may compromise your partner's actions—if not on opening lead then possibly later in the defense.

Remember, asking about the opponents' Alerts only when you are interested, asking about a specific call or naming a specific suit, or asking at an inappropriate time (i.e., when it is not your turn to call or play) can make you vulnerable to transmitting unauthorized information and having your score adjusted. I suggest always asking about Alerts at your first legal opportunity (unless

partner has already asked), asking whether you are interested or not (always *appear* interested), and asking in such a way that your reasons for asking remain hidden from everyone at the table.

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS FOR THE MACHLIN TROPHY FOR SPORTSMANSHIP

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

To date, the recipients of the award are: **Dr. Charles Stenger, Peter Boyd, James Geist, Rose Berman, Barbara Doran, Millard Nachtwey, Paul Leopold, Bob Bell, Audrey Marbach and Dick Wegman.** Each year, a committee of the most recent five winners, (the longest standing to be the Machlin Committee Chair — *Barbara Doran*) 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 Barbara Doran at barb.doran@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 8, 2016.

2015 WINNERS WINNERS WINNERS WINNERS WINNERS WINNERSMAY 5, 2016.....ANNUAL MEETING & ELECTIONS REPORT.....



MINUTES OF THE 2016 WASHINGTON BRIDGE LEAGUE ANNUAL MEETING

from Melissa Price, Secretary

The 2016 WBL Annual Meeting was called to order by President, **Ellen Cherniavsky** at 7:05 p.m..

The minutes of the 2015 WBL Annual Meeting were approved as presented for review earlier.

Treasurer's Report

Copies of financial reports are available online at washingtonbridgeleague.org

Treasurer, **Rose Berman** announced that, "For the fiscal year ended 12/31/15 the WBL made profit of \$4,454. This is the first time in the last four years that we did not lose money, chiefly because of profitable Sectionals and savings from publishing the Bulletin on-line and charging the actual mailing costs to those members requesting hard copies. The Unit game continues to be profitable, but less so than in previous years due to gradually declining attendance. The prospect for 2016 looks good, for the first four months we show a profit of \$2,750." The report was approved by acclamation.

Ellen turned the meeting over to **Jim Allen**, Elections Chairman, who presented the nominations received from petitions and from the floor for officers and board members for the fiscal year 2016. All were elected by acclamation as follows:



Ellen Cherniavsky, President

Linda Marshall,

Vice President

Melissa Price, Secretary

Rose Berman, Treasurer

Board Member 2-year terms:

Hadi Abushakra

Alexander Gretsinger

Lloyd Rawley

1-year term to fill out an opening:

Sylvia Shi

Jim turned the meeting back to Ellen, who then announced the ***Ace of Clubs*** and ***Mini-McKenney*** award winners.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

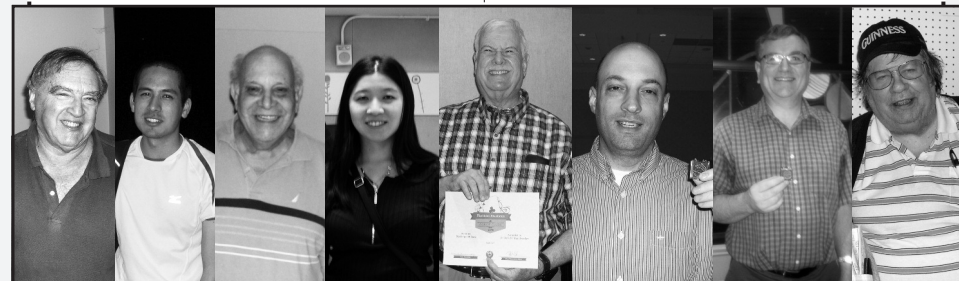


ACE OF CLUBS WINNERS

0 to 5	<i>Sarath R Silva</i>
5 to 20	<i>Ed Smith</i>
20 to 50	<i>David C Handwerker</i>
50 to 100	<i>Wesley Ashendorf</i>
100 to 200	<i>Judy Retchin</i>
200 to 300	<i>Adam M Gann</i>
300 to 500	<i>John B Arnett Sr</i>
500 to 1000	<i>Richard H Levin</i>
1000 to 2500	<i>James Adams</i>
2500 to 5000	<i>Juline R Glaz</i>
5000 to 7500	<i>David L Ruderman</i>
7500 to 10,000	<i>Paul J Benedict</i>
Over 10,000	<i>Steven Schatzows</i>

MINI-MCKENNEY WINNERS

0 to 5	<i>Darlyn J Counihan</i>
5 to 20	<i>Cathy C McIntyre</i>
20 to 50	<i>David C Handwerker</i>
50 to 100	<i>Barbara Teng</i>
100 to 200	<i>Judy Retchin</i>
200 to 300	<i>Adam M Gann</i>
300 to 500	<i>John B Arnett Sr</i>
500 to 1000	<i>John H McCormick</i>
1000 to 2500	<i>Alexander Prairie</i>
2500 to 5000	<i>Sylvia Shi</i>
5000 to 7500	<i>Brad Theurer</i>
7500 to 10,000	<i>Paul Benedict</i>
Over 10,000	<i>William C Pettis</i>



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TOP TEN CUMULATIVE POINT WINNERS

All Players

1	47.82	Steve Robinson
2	45.80	Peter Boyd
3	35.68	Leo LaSota
4	30.34	Robert Hopkins Jr
5	28.87	Mark Chen
6	27.31	Alexander Prairie
7	27.16	James Geist
8	26.44	Richard Wegman
9	24.23	Brad Theurer
10	24.15	Adam Gann

Players with fewer than 2000 masterpoints

1	24.15	Adam Gann
2	14.35	Witold Palosz
3	14.01	Jeffrey Halle
4/5	12.13	Michael Corrigan
4/5	12.13	Donna Hickling
6	11.45	Barbara Summers
7	10.49	Ernie Schuler
8/9	10.03	Richard McMillan Jr
8/9	10.03	Bob Lawrence
10	9.65	Terry Klein

Players with fewer than 300 masterpoints

1	12.13	Michael Corrigan
2	10.03	Bob Lawrence
3	9.44	David Handwerker
4	8.99	Brian Sutton
5	8.85	Jack Teller
6	7.32	Walter Beckerman
7/8	6.59	Richard Barth
7/8	6.59	Brian Mc Namara
9	5.62	Rolf Swenson
10	5.40	Sarah Silva

Results

THU MORNING A/X PAIRS @ RDBC

Stratum A, 14.0 Tables / Based on 29 Tables

1	Suzanne Floyd - Marshall Kramer	.66.03
2	Robert Hopkins Jr - Brad Theurer	.61.86
3	Roslyn Weinstein - Deena Kaplan	.59.78
4	Bruce Steinwald - Peter Gould	.58.01
5	James Geist - Joy Oliver	.54.65
6	Margaret Hurley - Walter Laessig	.53.69
7	Margie Coccodrilli - Donald Goldman	53.53

Stratum X, 9.5 Tables

1	Suzanne Floyd - Marshall Kramer	.66.03
2	Roslyn Weinstein - Deena Kaplan	.59.78
3	Bruce Steinwald - Peter Gould	.58.01
4	Margaret Hurley - Walter Laessig	.53.69
5	Margie Coccodrilli - Donald Goldman	53.53
6/7	Barbara Teng - Syed Zamir	.53.21
6/7	Carol Fouts - Geane Schubert	.53.21

THU MORNING BCD PAIRS @ RDBC

Stratum B, 15.0 Tables

1	Brian Mc Namara - Richard Barth	.62.50
2	David Handwerker - Jack Teller	.60.61
3	Marilyn Udell - Maida Crocicchia	.59.47
4	Charla Lerman - Deidre Sacks	.58.14
5	Jane Adams - Val Lubbers	.57.39
6	Randall Stephens - Philip Sticha	.56.63

Stratum C, 10.0 Tables

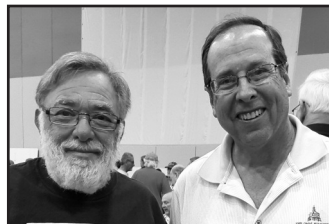
1	Brian Mc Namara - Richard Barth	.62.50
2	David Handwerker - Jack Teller	.60.61
3	Charla Lerman - Deidre Sacks	.58.14
4	Jane Adams - Val Lubbers	.57.39
5	Randall Stephens - Philip Sticha	.56.63
6	Dave Marchal - Mohammed Moiduddin	55.68

Stratum D, 5.0 Tables

1	David Handwerker - Jack Teller	.60.61
2	Charla Lerman - Deidre Sacks	.58.14
3	Donald Gutman - Judith Fried	.53.79
4	Paul Elstein - Gail Rowe	.50.57

THU EVE A/X PAIRS

Stratum A, 32.0 Tables / Based on 80 Tables



1	Sumner Steinfeldt - Hal Hindman	.68.04
2	Robert Hopkins Jr - Joan Lewis	.66.01
3	Brad Theurer - Leo LaSota	.61.12
4	Barbara Summers - William Colligan	.60.11
5	Adam Gann - Robert Gookin	.58.55
6	Richard Wegman - William Cole	.58.36
7	James Beller - Linda Marshall	.57.29
8	Jay Cherlow - David Loken	.56.12
9	Steve Robinson - William Pettis	.55.62
10	Rich Ardini - Bruce Cheney	.55.37
11	Rose Berman - Janet Dence	.55.31

12	Lyle Poe Jr - Barry Falgout	.55.29
13	Mark Lavine - Barbara Doran	.54.12
14	Marshall Kuschner - Candace Kuschner	53.89
15	Peter Van Zijl - Murat Berk	.53.85
16	Eugene Fisher - Mark Rosen	.53.65

Stratum X, 17.5 Tables

1	Barbara Summers - William Colligan	.60.11
2	Jay Cherlow - David Loken	.56.12
3	Rich Ardini - Bruce Cheney	.55.37
4	Rose Berman - Janet Dence	.55.31
5	Peter Van Zijl - Murat Berk	.53.85
6	Eugene Fisher - Mark Rosen	.53.65

THU EVE B/C/D PAIRS

Stratum B, 22.0 Tables



1	Charles Dearolf - Kathleen Zellmer	.68.18
2	Brian Sutton - Walter Beckerman	.66.10
3	Sandra Harding - David Harding	.65.97
4	Anne Menkens - Susan Holbeck	.58.52
5	Prem Garg - Alexander Stille	.58.14
6/7	Thomas Jennings - Clifford Feldman	.56.25
6/7	Mark Jones - Jay Simon	.56.25

Stratum C, 20.5 Tables

1	Charles Dearolf - Kathleen Zellmer	.68.18
2	Brian Sutton - Walter Beckerman	.66.10
3	Sandra Harding - David Harding	.65.97
4	Anne Menkens - Susan Holbeck	.58.52
5	Prem Garg - Alexander Stille	.58.14
6	Mark Jones - Jay Simon	.56.25

Stratum D, 12.5 Tables

1	Brian Sutton - Walter Beckerman	.66.10
2	Sandra Harding - David Harding	.65.97
3	Anne Menkens - Susan Holbeck	.58.52
4	Prem Garg - Alexander Stille	.58.14
5	Mark Jones - Jay Simon	.56.25
6	Thomas Keslin - Robert Staiman	.52.31

THU EVE NLM PAIRS @ WBL

Stratum A, 11.0 Tables

1	Brian Mc Namara - Richard Barth	.65.18
2	Michael Cooperman - Myron Goldstein	62.16
3	Cate Frezza - Kim Gandy	.60.87
4	Marc Zlotnik - David Narrow	.60.76
5	Jim Rubin - Ferit Yegenoglu	.59.57
6	Ted Van Dyke - Franny Van Dyke	.55.57

Stratum B, 8.0 Tables

1	Cate Frezza - Kim Gandy	.60.87
2	Marc Zlotnik - David Narrow	.60.76
3	Jim Rubin - Ferit Yegenoglu	.59.57

4	William Morrow - Sunil Sikka	.55.02
5	Tyler Creighton - Jeff Frank	.52.08

Stratum C, 5.5 Tables

1	Cate Frezza - Kim Gandy	.60.87
2	William Morrow - Sunil Sikka	.55.02
3	Tyler Creighton - Jeff Frank	.52.08
4	Farida Mazhar - Sudha Garg	.48.21

THU EVE 0-20 PAIRS @ WBL

Stratum A, 6.0 Tables / Based on 5 Tables

1	Joel Hayden - Jeri Hayden	.65.00
2	Lovelace Clark - Deborah Crockett	.61.67
3	Florence Hendershot - Marcia Bhorjee	57.50
4	Nicholas Sapirie - Robert Ives	.56.67

Stratum B, 4.5 Tables

1	Joel Hayden - Jeri Hayden	.65.00
2	Lovelace Clark - Deborah Crockett	.61.67
3	Florence Hendershot - Marcia Bhorjee	57.50
4	Nicholas Sapirie - Robert Ives	.56.67

Stratum C, 3.5 Tables

1	Joel Hayden - Jeri Hayden	.65.00
2	Florence Hendershot - Marcia Bhorjee	57.50
3	Nicholas Sapirie - Robert Ives	.56.67

THU EVE 199ER SWISS @ NVBA

Stratum A, 9 Tables

1	James Connor - Debbie Moore - Jovica Medic - Duncan Wainwright	.57.00
2	Gary Scavongelli - Janice Scavongelli - David Delzingaro - Craig Pritzker	.49.00
3/4	Philip Theis - Jeanne Theis - Cordellia Scruggs - Arlene Schettler	.46.00
3/4	John Lewis - Eric Newton - Ruth Hansen - Lawrence Plotkin	.46.00

Stratum B, 9 Tables

1	James Connor - Debbie Moore - Jovica Medic - Duncan Wainwright	.57.00
2	Gary Scavongelli - Janice Scavongelli - David Delzingaro - Craig Pritzker	.49.00
3/4	Philip Theis - Jeanne Theis - Cordellia Scruggs - Arlene Schettler	.46.00
3/4	John Lewis - Eric Newton - Ruth Hansen - Lawrence Plotkin	.46.00

Stratum C, 3 Tables

1	Anna Evans - JoAnn Stewart - Bob Evans - John Stewart	.37.00
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FRI AM A/X PAIRS

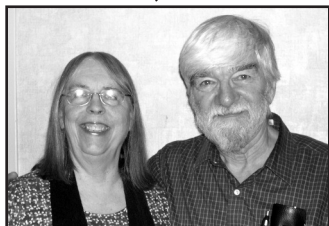
Stratum A, 9.0 Tables

1	Mark Dahl - Pamela Farrar	.62.50
2	Ernie Schuler - James Geist	.59.23
3	Bob Lawrence - Richard McMillan Jr	56.85
4	Mark Rosen - Eugene Fisher	.56.55
5	Ron Sutter - Yuen DeAnda	.56.25

Stratum X, 6.0 Tables

1	Ernie Schuler - James Geist	.59.23
2	Bob Lawrence - Richard McMillan Jr	56.85
3	Mark Rosen - Eugene Fisher	.56.55
4	Ron Sutter - Yuen DeAnda	.56.25

FRI AM B/C/D PAIRS **Stratum B, 10.0 Tables**



- 1 Margaret Cooke - Peter Isard59.31
- 2 Sam Pal - Dev Chattopadhyay58.08
- 3 John Arnett Sr - Jill Benson57.48
- 4 Liz Ferraro - Alan Ferraro57.06
- 5 Robert Catlett - Alfred Liepold56.46
- 6 Jake Hudson - Juan Pardo55.32

Stratum C, 9.5 Tables

- 1 Margaret Cooke - Peter Isard59.31
- 2 Sam Pal - Dev Chattopadhyay58.08
- 3 John Arnett Sr - Jill Benson57.48
- 4 Liz Ferraro - Alan Ferraro57.06
- 5 Jake Hudson - Juan Pardo55.32
- 6 Barbara Sadick - Erik Kitagawa54.42

Stratum D, 5.5 Tables

- 1 Margaret Cooke - Peter Isard59.31
- 2 John Lewis - Eric Newton54.38
- 3 Donna Genderson - Cheryl Sherman52.08
- 4 Barbara Pierce - Angela Prow50.38

FRI AM 299ER PAIRS

Stratum 3, 11.0 Tables

- 1 Nancy Hale - Marcia Littlejohn72.32
- 2 Jeanne Klusewitz - Philip Sticha66.07
- 3 Brian Mc Namara - Richard Barth60.42
- 4/5 Neil Singer - Michael Barth59.82
- 4/5 David Handwerker - Jack Teller59.82
- 6 Stephen Baldwin - Kate Baldwin59.23

Stratum 2, 8.5 Tables

- 1 Nancy Hale - Marcia Littlejohn72.32
- 2 David Handwerker - Jack Teller59.82
- 3 Stephen Baldwin - Kate Baldwin59.23
- 4 Heide Blaker - Lynne Battle56.55
- 5 Lorraine Shumaker - Anita Lancaster55.06

Stratum 1, 5.0 Tables

- 1 David Handwerker - Jack Teller59.82
- 2 Stephen Baldwin - Kate Baldwin59.23
- 3 Andrew Swaim - Katherine Lehman47.92
- 4 Nancy Ferris - Judith Riggs47.32

FRI AFT A/X PAIRS

Stratum A, 12.0 Tables / Based on 37 Tables

- 1 Mark Dahl - Pamela Farrar59.09
- 2 Leo LaSota - Barbara Shaw58.90
- 3 Fred Gramlich - Catherine Bardsley56.44
- 4 Mark Tonnesen - Kenneth Davis55.87
- 5/6 Barry Bragin - Barry Falgout53.98
- 5/6 Robert Hopkins Jr - Richard Wegman53.98

Stratum X, 7.0 Tables

- 1 Fred Gramlich - Catherine Bardsley56.44
- 2 Ernie Schuler - James Geist53.60
- 3 Michael Lawrence - Craig Olson50.57
- 4 Alice Wegman - Jeffrey Kosnett49.43
- 5 Scott Lutrey - Pamela Schaffer49.24

FRI AFT B/C/D PAIRS **Stratum B, 11.5 Tables**



- 1 Mary Ourand (pic) - Sheila Kaplan65.05
- 2 Robert Catlett - Alfred Liepold58.41
- 3 Sam Pal - Dev Chattopadhyay57.92
- 4 Jess Feinman - Martin Reed56.08
- 5 John Arnett Sr - Jill Benson55.68
- 6 Juan Pardo - Jake Hudson55.66

Stratum C, 10.0 Tables

- 1 Mary Ourand - Sheila Kaplan65.05
- 2 Sam Pal - Dev Chattopadhyay57.92
- 3 Jess Feinman - Martin Reed56.08
- 4 John Arnett Sr - Jill Benson55.68
- 5 Juan Pardo - Jake Hudson55.66
- 6 David Bort - Carrie Singer51.90

Stratum D, 5.0 Tables

- 1 Mary Ourand - Sheila Kaplan65.05
- 2 Angela Prow - Barbara Pierce51.85
- 3 Peter Isard - Margaret Cooke51.65
- 4 Leo Potsiadlo - Barbara Maffei47.32

FRI AFT 299ER PAIRS

Stratum 3, 13.0 Tables

- 1 Jeanne Klusewitz - Philip Sticha67.99
- 2 Nancy Feldman - Bethany Kadish62.12
- 3 Michael Cooperman - Myron Goldstein61.55
- 4 Sarah Jenkins - Mary Ann Goldenson59.47
- 5 David Handwerker - Jack Teller57.77
- 6 Barbara Gifford - Karen Sandler55.68

Stratum 2, 10.0 Tables

- 1 Nancy Feldman - Bethany Kadish62.12
- 2 Sarah Jenkins - Mary Ann Goldenson59.47
- 3 David Handwerker - Jack Teller57.77
- 4 Barbara Gifford - Karen Sandler55.68
- 5 Rebecca Mandir - Nanci Porten53.98
- 6 Charla Lerman - Deidre Sacks52.84

Stratum 1, 7.0 Tables

- 1 Nancy Feldman - Bethany Kadish62.12
- 2 David Handwerker - Jack Teller57.77
- 3 Rebecca Mandir - Nanci Porten53.98
- 4 Charla Lerman - Deidre Sacks52.84
- 5 Faye Bildman - Dolores Svec48.86

FRI EVE TRIPLE NICKEL

Stratum A, 13 Tables



- 1 Clyde Kruskal - Donna Rogall - Lloyd Rawley - James Geist79.00

- 2 Helene Bauman - Carole Banks - Jim Wakefield - Vincent Wilmot Jr65.00
- 3 Eric Landau - Donald Berman - Barbara Doran - Rose Berman61.00
- 4/5 Ellen Cherniavsky - Brad Libros - Shawn Stringer - William Cole60.00
- 4/5 Barry Bragin - Mark Chen - Barry Falgout - Brad Theurer60.00

Stratum B, 4 Tables

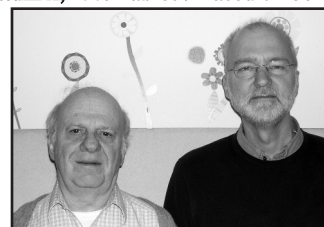
- 1 Brian Sutton - Rich Ardini - Eric Newton - John Lewis52.00

Stratum C, 3 Tables

- 1 Brian Sutton - Rich Ardini - Eric Newton - John Lewis52.00

SAT AM A/X PAIRS

Stratum A, 19.0 Tables / Based on 60 Tables



- 1 Steve Robinson - Peter Boyd64.63
- 2 Jay Kelkar - Mohsin Chandna63.23
- 3 Alexander Prairie - Mark Chen62.16
- 4 Linda Marshall - Steven Schatzow61.81
- 5 Gregory Bright - John Christensen60.61
- 6 Leo LaSota - Benjamin Brill59.52
- 7 Barry Falgout - Vincent Wilmot Jr58.23
- 8 Hank Meyer - Donald Berman57.93
- 9 Barry Bragin - Brad Theurer57.03
- 10 Adam Gann - Zachary Madden56.78

Stratum X, 11.5 Tables

- 1 Alexander Prairie - Mark Chen62.16
- 2 Adam Gann - Zachary Madden56.78
- 3 Jeffrey Kosnett - Robert Rovner55.62
- 4 Witold Palosz - Jeffrey Halle55.48
- 5 Barack Peled - Sorina Negulescu54.66
- 6 James Geist - Paul Block52.01

SAT AM 299ER PAIRS

Stratum A, 17.0 Tables

- 1 Sarath Silva - Rolf Swenson61.17
- 2 Ellen Haines - Amy Elmore59.51
- 3 Joseph Lebaron - Judith Perrier59.09
- 4 Anne Shields - Dorothy Seyler57.39
- 5 Joel Greengard - Michele Greengard57.06
- 6 Donald Gutman - Cathy McIntyre55.82

Stratum B, 14.5 Tables

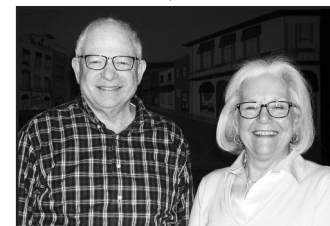
- 1 Sarath Silva - Rolf Swenson61.17
- 2 Ellen Haines - Amy Elmore59.51
- 3 Anne Shields - Dorothy Seyler57.39
- 4 Joel Greengard - Michele Greengard57.06
- 5 Donald Gutman - Cathy McIntyre55.82
- 6 Janice Tucker - Diana Roberts55.73

Stratum C, 9.0 Tables

- 1 Ellen Haines - Amy Elmore59.51
- 2 Joel Greengard - Michele Greengard57.06

- 3 Donald Gutman - Cathy McIntyre55.82
- 4 Charla Lerman - Deidre Sacks53.55
- 5 Linda Meade - Giselle Bleecker53.46

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



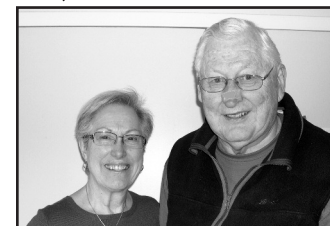
- 1 David Espo - Susan Baker65.28
- 2 Andrea Weiswasser - Ann Lawrence64.58
- 3 Joan Maxwell - David Maxwell54.17

Stratum B, 2.5 Tables

- 1 David Espo - Susan Baker65.28
- 2 Elizabeth Jones - Carmen Clelland45.83

SAT AM B/C/D PAIRS

Stratum B, 21.0 Tables / Based on 20 Tables



- 1 Liz Ferraro - Alan Ferraro62.50
- 2/3 Donna Hickling - Michael Corrigan61.31
- 2/3 Brian Sutton - Walter Beckerman61.31
- 4 John Arnett Sr - David Penn60.42
- 5 Terry Klein - Duncan Thompson58.04
- 6 Ted Van Dyke - Franny Van Dyke57.74
- 7 Howard Bender - Clifford Feldman55.95

Stratum C, 19.5 Tables / Based on 9 Tables

- 1 Liz Ferraro - Alan Ferraro62.50
- 2/3 Donna Hickling - Michael Corrigan61.31
- 2/3 Brian Sutton - Walter Beckerman61.31
- 4 John Arnett Sr - David Penn60.42
- 5 Terry Klein - Duncan Thompson58.04

Stratum D, 14.5 Tables / Based on 6 Tables

- 1/2 Donna Hickling - Michael Corrigan61.31
- 1/2 Brian Sutton - Walter Beckerman61.31
- 3 John Arnett Sr - David Penn60.42
- 4 Terry Klein - Duncan Thompson58.04

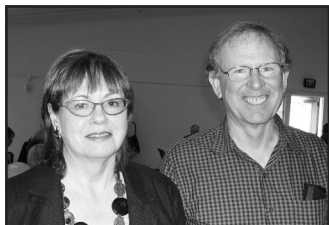
SAT AFT A/X PAIRS

Stratum A, 20.0 Tables / Based on 48 Tables

- 1 Richard Wegman - Alice Wegman63.16
- 2 Benjamin Brill - Leo LaSota59.76
- 3/4 Steve Robinson - Peter Boyd58.88
- 3/4 Donna Rogall - Robert Gookin58.88
- 5 Witold Palosz - Jeffrey Halle58.77
- 6 Michael Richey - Clyde Kruskal57.68
- 7 Robert Bell - Lou Reich57.24
- 8 Mark Dahl - Wayne Bardsley56.80

- 9 Brad Theurer - Barry Bragin55.92
 10 Mark Rosen - Eugene Fisher55.87
Stratum X, 10.5 Tables
 1 Witold Palosz - Jeffrey Halle58.77
 2 Mark Rosen - Eugene Fisher55.87
 3 Alexander Prairie - Mark Chen54.71
 4/5 Murat Berk - Richard Wissing53.40
 4/5 Zachary Madden - Adam Gann53.40
 6 Jeffrey Kosnett - Robert Rovner52.74

SAT AFT B/C/D PAIRS
Stratum B, 17.0 Tables



- 1 Donna Hickling - Michael Corrigan . .61.94
 2 Franny Van Dyke - Ted Van Dyke . .59.44
 3 Terry Klein - Duncan Thompson . .59.31
 4 Asim Mandal - Dev Chattopadhyay .58.33
 5 Thomas Grahame - Michael Kuehl . .57.64
 6 Anita Gutschick - Carl Gutschick . .56.94

Stratum C, 15.0 Tables

- 1 Donna Hickling - Michael Corrigan . .61.94
 2 Franny Van Dyke - Ted Van Dyke . .59.44
 3 Terry Klein - Duncan Thompson . .59.31
 4 Asim Mandal - Dev Chattopadhyay .58.33
 5 Thomas Grahame - Michael Kuehl . .57.64
 6 Andrew Swaim - Daniel Putnam . .54.17

Stratum D, 9.5 Tables

- 1 Donna Hickling - Michael Corrigan . .61.94
 2 Franny Van Dyke - Ted Van Dyke . .59.44
 3 Terry Klein - Duncan Thompson . .59.31
 4 Andrew Swaim - Daniel Putnam . .54.17
 5 Isabelle de Zamaroczy - Barbara Lebowohl 53.89
 6 Barry Lieberman - Mary Baxter53.61

SAT AFT 299ER PAIRS
Stratum A, 11.0 Tables



- 1 Pamela Yood - Michael Miale69.35
 2 Steven Leifer - Jacqueline Leifer . .59.23
 3 Sarath Silva - Rolf Swenson58.33
 4/5 Janice Scavongelli - Gary Scavongelli 56.55
 4/5 Heide Blaker - Lynne Battle56.55
 6 Jess Feinman - Mark Valavanis56.25

Stratum B, 10.0 Tables

- 1 Pamela Yood - Michael Miale69.35

- 2 Sarath Silva - Rolf Swenson58.33
 3/4 Janice Scavongelli - Gary Scavongelli 56.55
 3/4 Heide Blaker - Lynne Battle56.55
 5 Jess Feinman - Mark Valavanis56.25
 6 Stephen Baldwin - Kate Baldwin ...54.76

Stratum C, 7.5 Tables

- 1 Pamela Yood - Michael Miale69.35
 2 Janice Scavongelli - Gary Scavongelli 56.55
 3 Jess Feinman - Mark Valavanis56.25
 4 Stephen Baldwin - Kate Baldwin ...54.76
 5 David Handwerker - Jack Teller ...54.46

SUN A/X SWISS TEAMS

Stratum A, 18 Tables / Based on 52 Tables



- 1 Ai-Tai Lo - Steve Robinson - William Pettis
 - Peter Boyd - William Cole94.00
 2 Stephen Drodge - Adam Gann - Mark Chen
 - Alexander Prairie87.00
 3 Jason Meyer - James Geist - Monique Smith
 - Merril Hirsh84.00
 4/5 Barry Falgout - Joan Lewis - Robert Hop-
 kins Jr - Rusty Krauss82.00
 4/5 Jeffrey Halle - Witold Palosz - Leon
 Masiewicki - Ann Ingram82.00

Stratum X, 11 Tables

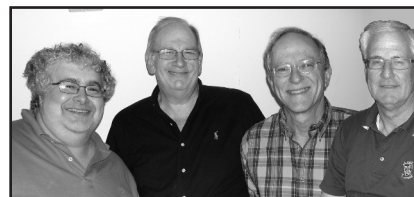
- 1 Stephen Drodge - Adam Gann - Mark Chen
 - Alexander Prairie87.00
 2 Jason Meyer - James Geist - Monique Smith
 - Merril Hirsh84.00
 3 Jeffrey Halle - Witold Palosz - Leon
 Masiewicki - Ann Ingram82.00
 4 Gene Kuehneman - Adrienne Kuehneman
 David Rodney - Avril Rodney72.00

SUN BRACKETED B SWISS: 1, 8 Tables



- 1 Stephen Weiner - Barbara Summers - Susie
 Eisinger - Clayton Eisinger - Neal Rosen-
 thal (not pic)88.00
 2/3 Margie Coccodrilli - Jerry Miller - Anne
 Derbes - Robert Schwab85.00
 2/3 Thomas Jennings - James Augustine - Mike
 Ladd - Betty Ladd85.00

SUN BRACKETED B SWISS: 2, 8 Tables



- 1 Murat Berk - Terry Klein - Bob Lawrence -
 Richard McMillan Jr110.00
 2 William Mendez Jr - Michael Goldman -
 David Benson - Jill Benson88.00
 3 John McCormick - Ralph Bayrer - Thomas
 Osborne - Robert York80.00

SUN BRACKETED B SWISS: 3, 8 Tables

- 1/2 Tina Brinsfield - Bill Murphy - David
 Handwerker - Jack Teller81.00
 1/2 Jeffrey Yutzler - Michael Corrigan - Donna
 Hickling - Sharon Suttan81.00
 3 Leo Potsiadlo - Michael Black - Richard
 Shaker - Roberta Shaker80.00

SUN AM 299ER SWISS TEAMS

Stratum A, 10 Tables



- 1 Michael Miale - Pamela Yood - Diana Jarrett
 - Cynthia Larre59.00
 2 John Wertman - Joia Hertz - Amy Elmore -
 Ellen Haines53.00
 3/4 Kathleen Parkins - Nancy Thomas - Janet
 Page - Darlyn Counihan44.00
 3/4 Reina Lerner - Sharona Sapoznikow - Lynne
 Battle - Heide Blaker44.00

Stratum B, 10 Tables

- 1 Diana Jarrett - Cynthia Larre - Michael
 Miale - Pamela Yood59.00
 2 John Wertman - Joia Hertz - Amy Elmore -
 Ellen Haines53.00
 3/4 Kathleen Parkins - Nancy Thomas - Janet
 Page - Darlyn Counihan44.00
 3/4 Reina Lerner - Sharona Sapoznikow - Lynne
 Battle - Heide Blaker44.00

Stratum C, 7 Tables

- 1 Diana Jarrett - Cynthia Larre - Michael
 Miale - Pamela Yood59.00
 2 John Wertman - Joia Hertz - Amy Elmore -
 Ellen Haines53.00
 3 Kathleen Parkins - Nancy Thomas - Janet
 Page - Darlyn Counihan44.00

**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. Dick Wegman is president of the Foundation. The Foundation will promote bridge in the Washington area by developing teaching programs in middle schools and high schools in D.C. and suburban Maryland, and expanding opportunities for adults to learn bridge or improve their bridge-playing skills. Thanks to the efforts by Barb Ames, the IRS has now approved the tax exempt status of the Foundation, so all contributions are tax-deductible.

Adam Gann is our WBL bridge-in-schools coordinator. Adam has invited approximately a dozen schools (both middle and high school) to participate in the schools program starting this fall. The WBL is now looking for bridge players who would be interested in teaching in these school programs. Teachers will teach a uniform curriculum, and receive training using ACBL materials designed for first-time learners. Time commitments for bridge teachers (following training) would likely be a couple of hours per week over the course of a school semester. A modest stipend for teachers may be available from the ACBL. If you are interested in teaching (or otherwise participating) in the bridge-in-schools program, please contact Adam at adamgann@gmail.com.

To support the Foundation, Dick Wegman has taught several 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.

The WBL Board has resolved to support the Educational Foundation in any way it can, including financially. Contributions from members are also welcome. If you would like to contribute directly to the Foundation, please contact Rose Berman, WBL Treasurer, at rose.berman@verizon.net.



MASTER POINTERS by I/N Columnist, Vince Wilmot, vwilmot@comcast.net

DEFENSE: SIGNALLING

By far, the most difficult aspect of the game to master is defense. Declarer has a complete view of all of his side's assets. Defenders on the other hand, only see their own hand, and the dummy. Their challenge is to piece together partner's hand and declarer's hand to figure out how best to defend.

The defenders have tools to help them. In a previous article, we discussed opening leads, and the rule of 11. This allows defenders to understand honor holdings in their partner's hand. In addition to the advantage of opening leads, there are three basic signaling tools to help guide the defense.

Attitude signals: When partner leads a card, as third hand, when I am not trying to win the trick, I give my partner an attitude signal. In standard signaling, playing a high card would show strength in the suit led. A low card would show lack of interest in the suit led. In the deal below, West leads the ♥K against a 4♠ contract. East should play the ♥10 to encourage partner to continue with hearts. If West plays another heart, the defense can take three hearts and the ♠A to defeat the contract. If West switches to any other suit, declarer will take all of the remaining tricks.

<u>North</u>			
♠ 654			
♥ 985			
♦ AK974			
♣ K3			
<u>West</u>		<u>East</u>	
♠ A3		♠ 76	
♥ KQ63		♥ A104	
♦ 1052		♦ J65	
♣ 10842		♣ QJ976	
<u>South</u>			
♠ KQJ1098			
♥ J72			
♦ Q3			
♣ A5			
<u>East</u>	<u>South</u>	<u>West</u>	<u>North</u>
	1♠	P	1NT
P	2♠	P	4♠
P			

None Vulnerable; Lead: ♥K

Let's change the deal slightly.

North		East	
♠ 654		♥ 76	
♥ 985		♥ 1042	
♦ AK974		♦ J65	
♣ K3		♣ AQJ97	
West		East	
♠ A3		♥ 76	
♥ KQ63		♥ 1042	
♦ 1052		♦ J65	
♣ 10842		♣ AQJ97	

South
♠ KQJ1098
♥ AJ7
♦ Q3
♣ 65

Now, when West leads the ♥K, East wants partner to play a club. Therefore they should play their lowest heart to discourage hearts.

Count: In the following deal, South is declaring 3NT.

North		East	
♠ 843		♠ J1092	
♥ KQJ109		♥ 82	
♦ A2		♦ K53	
♣ 654		♣ QJ109	
West		East	
♠ 75		♠ J1092	
♥ A65		♥ 82	
♦ J9876		♦ K53	
♣ 872		♣ QJ109	

South
♠ AKQ6
♥ 743
♦ Q104
♣ AK3

East	South	West	North
P	1NT	P	2♦*
P	2♥	P	3NT
P	P	P	

* Transfer to hearts

None Vulnerable; Lead: ♦7

When West leads a diamond, declarer ducks, and partner wins the ♦K and returns a diamond. Declarer then leads the ♥K, and continues with the ♥Q. West has to decide when to take the ♥A. West can see that there is no further entry to the dummy. They therefore need to hold up the ♥A for the correct number of rounds. If South has two hearts, West should win the second heart. If South has a third heart, West should hold up twice. How does West know?

The answer is that East needs to give a count signal. In standard signaling, a high card followed by a low card shows an even number of cards. Playing cards from low to high in a suit shows an odd number. In the diagrammed deal, East will play the ♥8 followed by the ♥2. West will know to hold their ♥A until the third round.

Let's change the deal slightly:

North		East	
♠ 843		♠ J1092	
♥ KQJ109		♥ 832	
♦ A2		♦ K5	
♣ 654		♣ QJ109	
West		East	
♠ 75		♠ J1092	
♥ A65		♥ 832	
♦ J9876		♦ K5	
♣ 872		♣ QJ109	

South
♠ AKQ6
♥ 74
♦ Q1043
♣ AK3

Now, when hearts are led, East will follow with the ♥2 followed by the ♥3. West will therefore know to win the second round of hearts. If West ducks two rounds of hearts, declarer will have nine tricks – three spades, two hearts, two diamonds and two clubs. If West takes the second heart and plays either black suit, 3NT will go down.

Suit Preference: This is by far the rarest signal given by defenders. On this deal, West has shown ten cards in the minor suits. When West leads a heart, it is fairly obviously a singleton. East knows to win the ♥A and return a heart for partner to ruff. If East can get partner to lead a diamond back, East can give a

second ruff to defeat the contract. How do you tell partner what to lead?

North		East	
♠ AK8		♠ 3	
♥ QJ104		♥ A9632	
♦ 765		♦ A43	
♣ 765		♣ 432	
West	South	West	North
♠ 94	♠ QJ107652	2NT*	3♠
♥ 10	♥ 75	P	P
♦ QJ1098	♦ K2		
♣ QJ1098	♣ AK		
		* Minor suits	

None Vulnerable; Lead ♥10

The answer is a suit preference signal. If East plays their highest heart, they wish West to return the higher remaining suit -- diamonds. Similarly, if they lead their lowest heart, they are asking for the lower remaining suit -- clubs. In our example deal, East should return the ♥9 to get a diamond return, and ensure setting the contract.

THE WBL ONLINE

The Washington Bridge League is providing two 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 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
Contact Clyde Kruskal at cpkfam@gmail.com
or 301-395-0480 with any questions.

WBL SOLVERS' CLUB'S NEW PROBLEMS

1) Matchpoints None Vul

♠42♥KJ92♦-♣QJ109876

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
1♠	Pass	2♥	???

2) IMPs Both Vul

♠AKJ763♥2♦J82♣KQ3

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
1♦	1♥	Pass	???

* New suits non-forcing

3) IMPs None Vul

♠KQJ♥Q542♦-♣AKQJ98

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
1♣	Dbl	Pass	1♠
???	???	Pass	1♠

4) IMPs None Vul

♠QJ2♥Q4♦10872♣AQ96

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
Pass	3♥	Dbl	2♥
???	???	Pass	2♥

5) IMPs They're Vul

♠93♥-♦AK74♣AJ108632

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

Return answers by July 7 to:

Steve Robinson

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22206 or robinswr@erols.com

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

Contact **Barbara Doran** 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 Coordinator*, at 301-464-1261 or melissadprice46@gmail.com.

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