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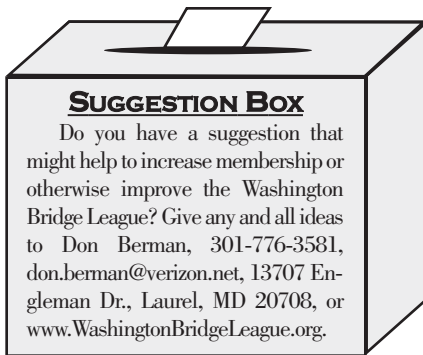
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PRESIDENT'S LETTER

by *WBL President, Ellen Cherniavsky*

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Having been elected President for my third and final term, I would like to share with you the goals I have for the year to come.

Most important, we need to make sure that we have processes in place that enable us to make leadership transitions smoothly. Our Treasurer, Rose Berman, has announced her decision to retire from her job, and will not be running for the office next year. I have appointed a search committee to look for her replacement. If you have accounting experience or are willing to learn how to do what we need with a software package that the Board will purchase for you, please get in touch with me. Rose, many thanks for your dedicated service.

Second, we need to get a better handle on expenses, especially since we have been losing money. To this end our Ways and Means Committee plans to meet to draw up a budget and pinpoint areas in which our spending is not cost-effective.

This past year, we had an unfortunate

gap in communications with the membership on account of the website being down. That website is now back up, but I would like to investigate alternative options that might offer greater flexibility and reliability though possibly at greater expense. Our Website Committee is going to be looking into a particular software package that is available for a three-month free trial period. Also, I think we should be open to the possibility of having more than one website, if we find that a "canned package" can't do everything we want (as I expect will be the case).

Finally, we need to update our policies and define a process through which updating happens more painlessly, seamlessly and transparently than is now the case. Policies in major need of overhaul include the role of the Bulletin editor and the responsibilities of the Tournament Chairman.

Many thanks to all who have volunteered in the past year, and have signed up for the year to come.

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◆ We have established a **WBL Unit Membership Email Database**.

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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 2016 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: **Leland Comstock, Jane Hochberg, Thomas J Maher, and Elyse G Wander.**

In addition, we welcome the following

transfers from other units: **Dale Abrahams, Mary C Boynton, Mr Larry G Carswell, Marcia A Fletcher, Mr John Flynn, Mr Barry W Goulding, Steve J Graves, Mrs Linda Greenhouse, Nancy R Harris, Ms Stephanie Kay, Ruth Kent, Ms Diane L La Penna, Ms Nancy S Macinnis, Mr Norman F Oblon, Dr Lee P Rosky, Gail Rubinstein, Leonard Rubinstein, Ms Brenda J Thomas, and Dr Brenda J Williams.**

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.

2016-2017 WBL/NVBA PLAYER OF THE YEAR FINAL STANDINGS

Congratulations to this year's winners!

Brad Theurer (Open)

and **Barbara Teng** (Non-LM)

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, 2016 through June, 2017). 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.

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0-20 Pairs (both sites), Intermediate/Novice Pairs (500/300/100) (Obr Kodesh
only) & Stratified 199er (200/100/50) Swiss Teams (K of C Hall only)
Note Site Change: K of C Hall, 5115 Little Falls Rd., Arlington . 7:00pm
Ohr Kodesh Congregation, 8300 Meadowbrook Ln., Chevy Chase 7:30pm
I-495 to Connecticut Ave. S. 4th light left E-W Hwy 410. Left Meadowbrook Ln.
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FRIDAY, AUGUST 25

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- ♦ **Relaxed & Fun Stratified IMP Pairs/Teams** (unlim/2000/750) ... 7:30pm
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—Lunch available for purchase—

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- ♥ *StrataFlighted A/X (unlim/3000) & B/C Pairs (2000/750) (single session) ... 3:30pm
- ♦ Intermediate/Novice Pairs (500/300/100) & 49er Pairs (50/20/5) (single sessions) ... 11:00am, 3:30pm

—Lunch available for purchase—

SUNDAY, AUGUST 27

- ♠ Flights A/X (unlim/5000) Board-A-Match Teams (2 session playthrough w/break) ... 11:00am & TBA
- ♠ Bracketed Flight B Teams (no single player >3000) (2 session playthrough w/break) ... 11:00am & TBA
B Teams Bracketed by total team masterpoints; three overall places in each.
- ♦ 500/300/100 Swiss Teams, VPs (single sessions) ... 11:00am, 3:00pm
- ♣ **Lots of Intermediate & Novice Events w/ Silver Points! ♥0-5 MP play FREE! ♠**
Separate I/N events & strata as advertised as attendance allows. (Director's discretion.)

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Tournament Chair: Brad Theurer, 301-527-8819, bathurer256@gmail.com; **Hospitality Manager: Mike Zane**; **Volunteer Coordinator: Barbara Summers**, 301-598-5838, jimbarb1184@aol.com; **Partnerships: Barbara Doran**, 301-608-0347, barb.doran@verizon.net, **Online Partnership Desk** available.

*StrataFlighted if attendance warrants—otherwise combined into Stratified Pairs (unlim/2000/500)
Stratification by avg. masterpoints of the team or pair. No individual may exceed the event's upper limit.

Directions to the Margaret Schweinhaut Senior Center, 1000 Forest Glen Rd, Silver Spring, MD: I-495 to Georgia Avenue North (toward Wheaton). 1st light right on Forest Glen Rd. The Center is .7 mile on right.

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THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

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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 and

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

Intermediate/Newcomer Lecture 6:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m.

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

NVBA 199ER SWISS TEAMS (200/100/50); WBL 499ER PAIRS (500/300/100) .. 7:00 p.m. 7:30 p.m.

NEWCOMER PAIRS (0-20) 7:00 p.m. 7:30 p.m.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

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 Lecture 1:45 p.m.

STRATAFLIGHTED A/X (3000+/3000) or B/C (2000/750) .. 2:30 p.m.

I/N (500/300/100) or 99ER (100/50) or 0-20 PAIRS 2:30 p.m.

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

I/N (500/300/100) PAIRS 7:30 p.m.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

FLIGHT A/X PAIRS (3000+/3000; 2-session Play-thru event) 10:30 a.m. & 3 p.m.

STRATIFIED B/C PAIRS (2000/750) 10:30 a.m. / 3 p.m.

STRATIFIED SIDE GAME (3000+/3000) 10:30 a.m. / 3 p.m.

I/N (500/300/100), 49ER (50/20) or NEWCOMER (0-5) .. 10:30 a.m. / 3 p.m.

Intermediate/Newcomer Lecture 2:15 p.m.

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

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support Grass Roots events in our local area!**

STRATIFIED (2000+/2000/750) PAIRS 7:30 p.m.

I/N (500/300/100) or 49ER (50/20/5) PAIRS 7:30 p.m.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

FLIGHTS A/X (6000+/6000) SWISS TEAMS 10 a.m. & TBA

BRACKETED FLIGHT B TEAMS (no single player >3000) .. 10 a.m. & TBA

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

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

I/N (500/300/100) SWISS TEAMS 10 a.m. / 2:15 p.m.

Mini-lesson: You, too, can learn to love Swiss! 10 a.m.

—Followed by—49ER (50/20/5) SWISS TEAMS (18 boards)

SINGLE SESSION EVENTS are indicated by a slash (/) separating the start times.

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. Games under 500 MP limit will be stratified based on attendance and may vary.

DIRECTIONS: From Route 50/Arlington Boulevard heading west from Route 495/Beltway: Continue on/Take Route 50 West -one mile outside the Beltway, & turn left at Javier Road (the second stoplight after the intersection of 50 and 495). Take an immediate right onto the access road; the Elks Lodge will be on your left—parking on the side & in the rear. From Fairfax, heading East on Route 50: Pass the intersection of Route 50 and Prosperity Avenue & turn right where you see the Elks Lodge #2188 sign.

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Moderated by Steve Robinson

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Congratulations to **Jenny Elliott, Mark Rosen, Jackie Sincoff** and **Pete Hughes** who tied for first with a score of 480. They win a free play to the WBL Unit Game, and will be invited to be on a future panel. Tied for third were **Tom Musso, Barry Bragin, Mike Gill, Bill Bingham, Marvin Elster** and **Jay Weinstein** with a score of 470. Tied for ninth were **Prahalad Rajkumar, Leo LaSota**, and **Mark Valavanis** with a score of 460. Tied for twelfth were **Mitchell Edelman, Jim Houghton, Jim Allen, Robert Stone** and **Peter Haglich** with a score of 450. The average score of the 59 solvers was 400. The average score of the experts was 465.

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.

MARCH/APRIL 2017 SOLUTIONS

1) Matchpoints None Vul

♠KJ6♥876♦K654♣K54

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
?????		1♣	1♥
Action	Score	Votes	Solvers
Dbl	100	8	24
2♣	80	2	2
Pass	60	1	14
1NT	60	0	14
2♦	60	0	2
2NT	30	0	1
2♥	30	0	2

Partner opened the bidding 1♣, East overcalled 1♥ and we have ten HCP. We have no clear bid. A negative double shows four spades. 1NT or 2NT shows a heart stopper. Club support shows at least four clubs. 2♦ shows a better hand. We could pass but what do we do if partner reopens with a double? Of all the poor choices, double is the cheapest and therefore the least of all evils. What I have going for me is that if the auction goes 1♣ - (1♥) - Dbl - (pass) - 1♠, I know that partner has only three spades so I will find another strain. If partner has four spades and 11-14 points, he'll jump to 2♠. Partner will know that I can't have five spades. Of course, if they compete

and partner bids spades we'll play in the 4-3 or possibly the 3-3 spade fit.

Two experts raise clubs. If we're going to play in a 3-3 fit, I'd rather play in the major.

Parker: "2♣—1NT will definitely wrong side notrump. Hope partner has five clubs."

Shi: "2♣—Both this and 1NT could work out terribly depending on what partner has. I have enough high-cards that hopefully we will survive this."

Seven experts join me and show four spades. If I put down the dummy, I'll put a heart in with my spades and apologize for mis-sorting my hand. This could work out poorly if west raises hearts and partner decides to bid spades with only three.

Korbel: "Double—I used to solve this scenario by raising to 2♣. But, we are at the one-level only and I have some extras, so I'll try doubling this time. Jeff Rubens once suggested passing, then cuebidding 2♥ in response to partner's double to show this hand type but with a fourth heart."

Woolsey: "Double—A scary action with only three spades, but everything else looks worse. This hand is a good argument for playing that double shows at least four spades and a 1♠-call denies four spades."

Adams: "Double—If partner bids 1♠ which shows three spades, I will try 2♣. If partner bids 2♠, will sit."

Theurer: "Double—A common problem with no good answer. Ten HCP too good to pass and even if I do, what do I do if partner reopens with a double? 1NT? No heart stopper so would rather partner play notrump. 2♣? Only three pieces, and its matchpoints. Double should show four spades, which I don't have. But I will double anyway, at least I have three good spades."

Zhong: "Double—Although this double usually shows four spades, this hand is an exception. If this is IMP, I would pass."

Chen: "Double—Will be interesting to see if panel thinks it is worse to lie about stoppers or spade length. 1NT will get us to the right strain, but wrong side contract. Double will work out as long as partner does not bid spades."

Schwartz: "Double—Worst case scenario

is partner has a GF with four spades, but that still might work out. Otherwise we rate to find a reasonable spot. Obviously I don't plan on taking further action opposite a minimum rebid."

One expert passes. What are you going to do if partner reopens with a double?

Goldberg: "Pass—Better to pass now and await developments because the alternatives to passing are worse. Also, the bidding is unlikely to end at the level of 1♥ and you should be able to make a descriptive bid later or make a more informed decision. Describing the worse alternatives, there is no bid that comes close to describing your flat hand and scattered values. You cannot raise clubs with only three-card support because partner may hold four or possibly even three clubs. You are not strong enough to bid 2♦ on a four-card suit that includes only an unsupported king. Bidding 1NT, likely wrong-siding the contract, without a heart stopper and no source of tricks in the form of a long suit is ugly. And, there is no reason to make a negative double—which lies about your spade length in a hand that includes no ruffing value."

If you have a choice between poor bids, make the cheapest.

2) Matchpoints None Vul

♠982♥K3♦A32♣A7654

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
?????	Pass	1♦	2♥
Action	Score	Votes	Solvers
2NT	100	9	35
Pass	70	0	2
3♣	70	1	17
3♥	70	1	1
Dbl	70	0	2
3NT	30	0	1
2♠	20	0	1

Partner opened 1♦ and this time we have 11 HCP. Seems like 2NT would accurately describe this hand. Heart stopper with invitational values. But we only have one heart stopper. This hand could easily belong in a minor, however, it is would be difficult to ex-

plore a minor-suit contract. I can't think of any other bid which describes this hand. I must admit that if I was barred from bidding 2NT, I would make a negative double.

One expert shows a good hand with diamonds. Suppose partner has $\spadesuit KJ \heartsuit xx \diamondsuit KQxxx \clubsuit KQx$. I hope he bids 3 \spadesuit allowing you to bid 3NT.

Parker: "3 \heartsuit —Limit or better in diamonds. Partner will always bid 3NT with a stopper."

Eight experts join me and bid 2NT which shows 11-12 balanced. 2NT doesn't have to end the auction. 2NT is actually the normal bid.

Shi: "2NT—Eleven points and a stopper. I will try a natural 2NT."

Korbel: "2NT—All choices are bad. Someone should run a simulation on what works the most often."

Woolsey: "2NT—At least I have aces on the side, so if we have only a single heart stopper our tricks might be off the top."

Adams: "2NT—At least you did not put my King in Spades this time. 3 \clubsuit is game-forcing, so not bidding that."

Goldberg: "2NT—Bidding an invitational 2NT seems right on values. Your hand includes stoppers in all but the spade suit. You are relative flat. You have a possible advantage in the positional value of the heart king and you have a potential for five tricks from the diamond suit. If a game is there, you should suggest opting for nine tricks in notrump rather eleven in diamonds. If game is not there, notrump played from your side may score better than playing in a minor. Note that making a 3 \heartsuit limit-raise doesn't promise a heart stopper, needlessly takes up valuable bidding space, and may make it more difficult to find a notrump game if one is there."

Theurer: "2NT—Not perfect but OK on shape, have a heart stopper and OK on values. 3 \clubsuit is an overbid, and passing does not solve things either."

Zhong: "2NT—This looks like a clear bid."

Schwartz: "2NT—Shows values reasonably well and leaves room for an escape to three-of-a-minor."

One expert forces to game. With Kxx, you'd want partner to be declarer in notrump holding Qx. With Kx it doesn't matter who plays the hand.

Chen: "3 \clubsuit —I like this better than 2NT because I want my partner to be the notrump declarer."

Sometimes is right to make the normal bid.

3) Matchpoints None Vul

$\spadesuit AKQ9862 \heartsuit K63 \diamondsuit 2 \clubsuit 54$

<u>SOUTH</u>	<u>WEST</u>	<u>NORTH</u>	<u>EAST</u>
1 \spadesuit	Pass	2 \heartsuit	Pass
?????			
<u>Action</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Votes</u>	<u>Solvers</u>
3 \heartsuit	100	4	13
2 \spadesuit	90	6	17
3 \spadesuit	80	1	16
4NT	60	0	2
4 \heartsuit	50	0	1
4 \spadesuit	50	0	3
4 \diamondsuit	50	0	7

A simple answer would be to jump to 3 \spadesuit which shows AKQxxx of spades or better, sets spades as trump and initiates cue-bidding. There are two problems with this. If partner has $\spadesuit Ax \heartsuit AQJ10xx \diamondsuit Axx \clubsuit K54$, 6 \heartsuit is practically cold and 6 \spadesuit will go down if spades are 4-1 or they lead a club and the ace of clubs is off-side.

Three experts join me and raise hearts. This will allow partner to bid 4 \clubsuit if he has a club control. If partner bids 4 \diamondsuit we'll play in 4 \heartsuit since we're probably off two clubs. Seeing if partner has the queen of hearts could be important in a possible small or even a grand slam which you can't do if spades is the trump suit. Playing in hearts could work out very well if partner has the king of clubs. We can always correct to spades if that feels right. Setting trumps ASAP makes for better constructive auctions.

Shi: "3 \heartsuit —I would like to know about partner's hearts to see if I can bid a slam. We could make slam opposite as little as $\spadesuit axx \heartsuit AQJxx \diamondsuit xxx \clubsuit Axx$. Depending on what partner shows, I may try to sign off in a spade slam at the end."

If you have good trumps and an ace, you're

worth one try below game.

Goldberg: "3 \heartsuit —The idea of supporting with support as soon as possible is a stand-out on this hand. Your partnership will likely have the same number of potential losers, or perhaps even fewer losers in practice, playing in a heart contract than in a spade contract. In a heart contract, the lead will come up to partner's hand which may include one or more tenaces—something absent in your hand."

Zhong: "3 \heartsuit —I would like to know if partner has the heart queen."

Seven experts rebid their spades. In Washington Standard, a 2 \spadesuit -rebid might be a five-card suit if there is not better rebid. In any system, 2 \heartsuit promises a rebid so partner can't pass 2 \spadesuit . A jump to 3 \spadesuit shows a solid spade suit, AKQxxx or better and sets spades as trump.

Six experts bid 2 \spadesuit . Since the trump suit hasn't been established, the auction might get complicated. There are lots of continuations where you can't describe your 7-3 great hand.

Korbel: "2 \spadesuit —If partner had responded in a minor I would try 3 \spadesuit , but the Kxx of hearts makes this hand pretty complicated. I would hate to get to 7 \spadesuit instead of 7 \heartsuit opposite a hand like $\spadesuit Ax \heartsuit AQxxx \diamondsuit Axxx \clubsuit Ax$ and find the spades 4-1."

Woolsey: "2 \spadesuit —Planning on 3 \heartsuit next unless partner supports spades. This will show 6-2 in the majors, not exactly what I have, but if partner chooses to play in hearts that will probably be right—otherwise, I make sure we play in spades."

If you had $\spadesuit AKxxx \heartsuit Jx \diamondsuit xxx \clubsuit KQx$, you'd rebid 2 \spadesuit and over 3 \clubsuit you'd take a 3 \heartsuit preference. Very different from the hand you hold.

Adams: "2 \spadesuit —Give me the Jack of spades and I would jump to 3 \spadesuit , but here, hearts might just be our spot."

Holding the jack of spades doesn't do anything about the possible club problem.

Theurer: "2 \spadesuit —With this great spade suit, I'll rebid them for now and give delayed heart support later over the likely 2NT, 3 \clubsuit or 3 \diamondsuit . I considered jumping to 3 \spadesuit to show

solid suit but I'd rather leave more space for me to give that delayed heart support to give partner a better picture of my hand."

Partner might not expect you to have Kxx of hearts.

Chen: "2 \spadesuit —Save space, see what else partner has to say."

Schwartz: "2 \spadesuit —Spades rates to play better but still need to leave room to get to hearts when that's right."

One expert sets spades as trump. Over 3 \spadesuit partner is supposed to cuebid his lowest control. If partner doesn't bid 4 \clubsuit there is no slam.

Parker: "3 \spadesuit —Shows solid Spades. Next bid will be more of a challenge."

Setting trumps ASAP leads to better constructive auctions.

4) Matchpoints None Vul

$\spadesuit 32 \heartsuit K10863 \diamondsuit 10 \clubsuit AQJ54$

<u>SOUTH</u>	<u>WEST</u>	<u>NORTH</u>	<u>EAST</u>
		1 \diamondsuit	1 \heartsuit
Pass	1 \spadesuit	Pass	2 \spadesuit
?????			
<u>Action</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Votes</u>	<u>Solvers</u>
Dbl	100	6	8
3 \clubsuit	80	5	42
2NT	70	0	1
Pass	40	0	6
3 \spadesuit	20	0	1
3 \diamondsuit	20	0	1

East overcalled 1 \heartsuit . You hoped that it would go Pass—(Pass) to partner who would reopen with a double which you would pass for penalties. West came to the rescue and bid 1 \spadesuit and East raised to 2 \spadesuit . So what now? If you double 2 \spadesuit , it says that you had penalty double of 1 \heartsuit . I double and let partner decide what to do. Sometimes West has only four spades or East raised with two spades and partner has four spades. If partner has four spades or even three good spades, the opponents could be hurting especially since partner knows that you have hearts bottled up. Partner will have an easy bid over the heart-penalty-double.

Five experts join me and double 2 \spadesuit which is a penalty double of 1 \heartsuit . Double shows a hand strong enough to bid at your last turn

and the only reason that you didn't bid previously is that you had a heart stack.

Parker: "Double—Should show a good hand with hearts. It will let partner decide what to do."

Shi: "Double—Should show that I had a heart trap pass and a decent hand with tolerance for penalty. We may still have 2♠ crushed."

Korbel: "Double—3♣ doesn't show this hand anyway, and I have some defense."

Adams: "Double—This is penalty double of hearts. Hoping partner can get them in spades."

Zhong: "Double—It shows a penalty double of hearts."

Five experts want to play for twenty a trick. They think that the opponents will always have at least eight spades in the auction.

Woolsey: "3♣—Partner can't have too much length in the majors and he didn't rebid 2♦, so he figures to have some club support."

True partner could easily have three clubs such as ♠AQ10x ♥x ♦Kxxxx ♣Kxx but notice the spades.

Goldberg: "3♣—Compete by bidding 3♣. Partner will not take you for the world's fair as you passed at your first opportunity. In addition, letting the opponents play in a comfortable two-level spade contract is not winning bridge. Partner is likely to have a club tolerance. Give partner four or more diamonds for his opening call. Righty overcalled in hearts where you have five, leaving no more three for partner. Together, the opponents hold eight or more spades and, with your two, partner holds no more than three. So, partner could have a variety of shapes but will more than likely hold at least a two clubs."

You're assuming that the opponents always have their bids.

Theurer: "3♣—I might have bid 2♣ at my first turn. I'm not convinced this hand is "right" to trap pass with this hand, but now I can show clubs and hearts. Basically partner should wonder why I did not bid 2♣ over 1♥, presumably it's because I have substantial heart length/strength."

Chen: "3♣—I probably would have bid 2♣ on the first round."

Schwartz: "3♣—The downside to not bidding the first time. Sounds like partner has a minimum so 3♣ is probably the best partial as the only other option at this point is an overbid of 3♠."

When there is an overcall, pass followed by double of another strain shows a penalty double of the overcalled suit.

5) IMPs None Vul

♠A♥876 ♦AK876♣AJ54

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
1♦	Pass	1♠	Pass
2♣	Pass	2♥*	Pass
?????	4th suit Game Forcing		
Action	Score	Votes	Solvers
2NT	100	6	7
3♦	90	2	31
3♣	90	1	6
3♥	80	2	8
3NT	20	0	4
4♦	20	0	3
2♠	20	0	0

Partner has forced to game so we can't pass below game. However, we have no clear bid. 2♠ shows at least two-card spade support, but usually three. 2NT shows a heart stopper or at least Jxx. 3♣ shows five clubs. 3♦ shows six diamonds. 3♥ shows four hearts. When you have no clear-cut bid and you have a choice, make the cheapest questionable bid. While you don't have a heart stopper, you do have three hearts. Partner will know that you're likely 1=3=5=4. The question is which bid can you make which partner will take as a default bid. You don't want partner to think that you have a highly distributional minor-suited hand.

One expert rebids his clubs. Usually when you rebid a suit it shows five. He plays 3♣ as the default bid.

Korbel: "3♣—I have no idea."

Five experts join me and don't distort their distribution. 2NT is cheap, forcing and allows partner to tell you why he bid 2♥. That is the benefit of making a cheap bid. 2NT is their default bid. At least partner

will play you the distribution that you have. Over 2NT partner will tell you why he set up a game-force.

Woolsey: "2NT—The stopper will have to take care of itself. Anything else is too dangerous a distortion."

Shi: "2NT—Awkward hand. I will bid 2NT and get out of partner's way to see where they are coming in. Anything else may prevent him from showing support in a minor."

Adams: "2NT—Need better methods. Hopefully partner does not bid 3NT with shortness in hearts."

Chen: "2NT—All bids are flawed, I might as well do the one that lets Partner show support for my minor at the three-level."

Schwartz: "2NT—With the extra values, need to leave room to find out why partner forced as a lack of a heart stopper in partner's hand is unlikely. The "book" bid of 3♥ takes up too much room."

Two expert bid 3♥. I'm not sure what 3♥ means but the problem is that partner will not be able to conveniently tell you why he bid fourth-suit. Partner will expect you to have four hearts and if he also has four hearts, you'll end up in 4♥. Of all of the possible bids, 3♥ uses up the most room.

Parker: "3♥—Shows stiff spade and a good hand."

Doesn't 2NT show short spades?

Goldberg: "3♥—Raise partner's artificial 2♥-bid to 3♥, patterning out your shape. Knowing about your most likely possible shapes, partner will be better placed to make a good call at his next and possibly subsequent rounds of bidding. Incidentally, besides knowing that you don't hold as many as three spades (or spade honor-little), partner should be aware that your hearts may not include a stopper and your heart suit may be shorter than four pieces. Holding a heart stopper, partner might figure that you may have opted to bid 2NT instead of 3♥. Last, by giving partner the option to bid notrump first, you just might have, once again, right-sided the contract."

Two experts rebid their diamonds. 3♦ is their default bid. I think that 3♦ shows a good six-four hand.

Theurer: "3♦—This is what I play as my "default" bid here after fourth-suit forcing. I can't bid notrump with no heart stopper, 3♣ would show five, and can't bid 2♠ with stiff or 3♥ with only three of them."

Zhong: "3♦—Other bids are not suitable so I bid 3♦ as waiting."

When faced with alternatives, make the cheapest alternative bid.

SOLVERS' SCORES

John Adams	Dbl	2NT	2♠	Dbl	2NT	490
Mark Chen	Dbl	3♣	2♠	3♣	2NT	440
Wes Goldberg	Pass	2NT	3♥	3♣	3♥	420
Daniel Korbel	Dbl	2NT	2♠	Dbl	3♣	480
Steve Parker	2♣	3♥	3♠	Dbl	3♥	410
Steve Robinson	Dbl	2NT	3♥	Dbl	2NT	500
Alan Schwartz	Dbl	2NT	2♠	3♣	2NT	470
Sylvia Shi	2♣	2NT	3♥	Dbl	2NT	480
Brad Theurer	Dbl	2NT	2♠	3♣	3♦	460
Kit Woolsey	Dbl	2NT	2♠	3♣	2NT	490
Yi Zhong	Dbl	2NT	3♥	Dbl	3♦	490

2017 TROPHY RACE STANDINGSwww.WashingtonBridgeLeague.org

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 is up to date as of 5/18 not including the unit KO or round robin. All points are subject to audit by the WBL Director.

Lovenberg

1 Donna Rogall	118.70
2 Clyde Kruskal	113.29
3 Brad Theurer	92.12
4 Steve Robinson	85.52
5 Mark Shaw	74.13
6 Barry Falgout	69.91
7 Lloyd Rawley	69.27
8 Martin Graf	63.64
9 Robert Bell	60.62
10 Linda Marshall	54.04
11 Leo LaSota	54.00
12 Steven Schatzow	53.15
13 James Geist	47.75
14 William Pettis	46.88
15 Vincent Wilmot Jr	46.59
16 Lou Reich	44.56
17 William Cole	43.46
18 Richard Wegman	42.68
19 Peter Boyd	42.14
20 David Ruderman	40.93
21 David Genne	40.10
22 Fred King	37.89
23 Alan Tenenbaum	35.08
24 Julian Boyce	33.76
25 Andrew Gofreed	33.57
Jason Meyer	33.57
27 Shawn Stringer	30.80
28 Merrill Hirsh	30.72
29 Daniel Korbel	30.64
30 Amie Frankel	29.17

Izzy Cohen

1 Peter Van Zijl	26.52
2 Brian Sutton	26.16
3 Myron Goldstein	25.49
4 Kiyomi Shiba	25.04
5 Robert Rovner	23.93
6 Barbara Teng	22.12
7 David Espo	21.06
8 Murat Berk	20.87
9 Ted Van Dyke	19.85
Franny Van Dyke	19.85
11 Bob Lawrence	19.78
12 Carole Banks	19.24
13 Terry Klein	19.10
14 Hakan Berk	18.52
15 Melanie Manfield	17.30

Tubbs

1 Brian Sutton	26.16
2 Myron Goldstein	25.49
3 Barbara Teng	22.12
4 David Espo	21.06
5 Franny Van Dyke	19.85
Ted Van Dyke	19.85
7 Bob Lawrence	19.78
8 Barry Tash	16.97
9 Judy Retchin	16.94
10 Alexander Stille	15.72

Woolridge

1 Dana Best	6.92
2 Debra Graham	6.88
3 Eula Thomas	5.34
4 Patsy Chick	5.28
5 Yuan-Jye Liu	4.87
6 Nancy Raskin	4.05
7 Leslie Beal Bloom	3.60
8 Charles Brown	3.54
9 Michael Zielinski	3.37
10 Sue Kushner	3.31

**0-20
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& GAME****GUARANTEED
PARTNERS!****7:00PM
LESSON****7:30 - 10ISH
GAME****JOIN ANYTIME**

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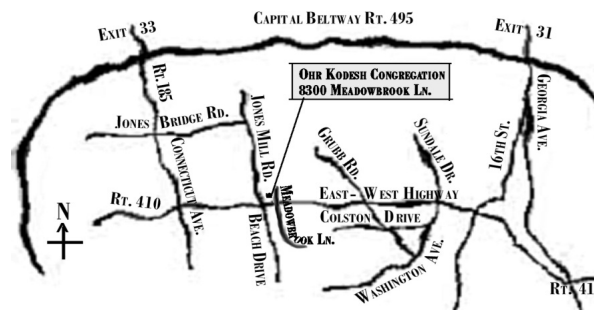
This is a great program for beginners as well as experienced social bridge players! Partners will be provided if needed. For more information, contact 0-20 Coordinator, **Isabelle Thabault** at imthabault@aol.com

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

06/22/2017StrataFlighted Unit Championship
 06/29/2017StrataFlighted Unit Championship
 07/06/2017CLOSED—Bethesda Regional
 07/13/2017StrataFlighted Unit Championship
 07/20/2017StrataFlighted North American Pairs
 07/27/2017StrataFlighted Unit Championship
 08/03/2017StrataFlighted North American Pairs
 08/10/2017StrataFlighted Unit Championship
 08/17/2017StrataFlighted Club Championship
 08/24/2017WBL Sectional
 08/31/2017StrataFlighted North American Pairs
 09/07/2017StrataFlighted Grand National Teams
 09/14/2017NVBA Sectional
09/21/17**StrataFlighted Unit Championship
09/28/17**StrataFlighted Unit Championship
10/05/17**NVBA Sectional
10/12/17**Club Appreciation BAM Teams; NLM: Swiss

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

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To find a partner 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.

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Please contact **Chris Miller**, Club Manager and Chief Director, at unitgame.director@districtsix.org if you have questions about how the WBL Unit Game is run.

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BRING A FRIEND TO THE 0-20 OR NLM UNIT GAME!

Bring a new player (who has not previously played at the WBL) to the Unit Game to play in the 0-20 or NLM game and you both will play free that evening.

THE WASHINGTON BRIDGE LEAGUE IS ON FACEBOOK!

<https://www.facebook.com/washingtonbridgeleague>

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.

UPCOMING SECTIONALS

- ♣ August 24-27, 2017, WBL, Silver Spring, MD
- ♦ September 14-17, 2017, NVBA, Fairfax, VA
- ♥ October 5-8, 2017, NVBA, Fairfax, VA
- ♠ October 19-22, 2017, WBL, Silver Spring, MD
- ♣ January 4-7, 2018, WBL, Silver Spring, MD
- ♦ February 15-18 2018, NVBA, Fairfax, VA
- ♥ April 5-8, 2018, WBL, Silver Spring, MD
- ♠ April 26-29, 2018, NVBA, Fairfax, VA
- ♣ June 7-10, 2017, WBL, Silver Spring, MD

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 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,

AT THE TABLE: A SURVIVAL MANUAL

by **Rich Colker**, rcolker@gmail.com

—PART 9—

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.

Play in the Middle of the Hand

Principle: Try to do most of your thinking at trick one, or whenever the lead is in your hand. If you must think when following to a trick and there is no problem about what to play, follow suit immediately and ask that the cards be left face up until you are ready to continue. Be especially careful on defense about thinking before signaling.

What is the proper tempo and procedure for play in the middle of the hand (i.e., after trick one)? To some extent this depends on whether you are on lead or following suit. The Laws say that you may not use the manner or tempo of your play

to try to influence the opponents or convey information to your partner. You may attempt to influence the other players by which cards you play, but not how you play them.

When on lead you are entitled to a reasonable (that is, not too long, not too brief) amount of time to think about your next play. Thinking is a legitimate part of the game, as long as you have a *bridge* reason for doing so. You may think about the current trick, future tricks, or a combination of the two. However, it is still possible that thinking when you are on lead will mislead an opponent or help partner.

When you are following suit, however, things are different. It will then be more important for you to try, whenever possible, to play in tempo: neither too fast nor too slow. There will be times when you will need to consider your play more carefully (for example, should you win your ace immediately or hold up until a future trick? should you split your honors or duck?). You should realize in such cases that your tempo conveys information which your partner may not take advantage of (he will have no trouble placing that ace once you think before ducking). You will be better placed if you can plan ahead for these problems during times when it is less revealing what you are thinking about—or that you are thinking at all. For example, you might use the time while other players are thinking to do your own thinking.

It is especially important when following to a trick that you not stop to consider what to do on a future trick when you have no problem about what to play to the cur-

rent trick (as, for example, when you hold a singleton in the suit led). If you need time to think and are not going to win the current trick (thus, you will not be on lead), you should follow suit in tempo and then leave your card face up on the table to indicate that you are not ready to begin the next trick. (You may need to ask that the current trick be left face up if someone tries to lead to the next trick while your card is still exposed and before you are ready to proceed.) Do not hold up your play just to think ahead (perhaps saying, as some players do, "I need to think about the whole hand" or "I have no problem on this trick"). Play your card immediately when you have no alternative (so the other players can do their thinking) and then leave it face up on the table to stop the play to the next trick.

It is also poor form when following to a trick to break tempo to decide what type of signal to give or which card to signal with. Take special care to play your signal cards in tempo. Just as when you are deciding whether to duck or win your ace, an obvious hesitation may Alert partner that this is an important play or that he should pay attention to a card which might otherwise escape his attention. Whether done intentionally or not, such actions are considered sharp practices and need to be avoided.

In short, try to do as much of your thinking and planning as possible at the earliest opportunity and when it will be least noticeable to the other players at the table: at trick one, when another player is thinking or when you are on lead. When following to a trick, if you want to think about future tricks and there is no problem following to the current trick, follow suit immediately and then ask that the cards be left face up until you are ready to continue. Become sensitive to any unauthorized information that may be conveyed by your actions.

Bits & Pieces, cont. from p. 4...

<i>Open Leaders</i>		
<u>Player</u>		<u>Points</u>
1 Brad Theurer	.....	283.49 *
2 Robert Hopkins Jr	.....	254.81 *
3 Barry Falgout	.....	225.42 *
4 Rusty Krauss	.....	182.92 *
5 Steven Schatzow	.....	167.00 *
6 Mark Chen	.....	160.67
7 Steve Robinson	.....	155.91 *
8 Robert Bell	.....	139.46
9 Joan Lewis	.....	130.78 *
10 Linda Marshall	.....	128.88 *
11 Donna Rogall	.....	127.12 *
12 Peter Boyd	.....	127.07 *
13 Kenneth Davis	.....	118.57 *
14 Alexander Prairie	.....	115.68 *
15 Clyde Kruskal	.....	112.34
16 Lyle Poe Jr	.....	111.53
17 Fred King	.....	107.57
18 Sylvia Shi	.....	106.72
19 Mark Shaw	.....	105.74 *
20 William Pettis	.....	98.61 *

<i>Non-LM Leaders</i>		
<u>Player</u>		<u>Points</u>
1 Barbara Teng	.....	53.23 *
2 Brian Sutton	.....	43.57 *
3 Bob Lawrence	.....	38.01 *
4 Amy Brisson	.....	28.09
5 Cate Frezza	.....	28.07 *
6 Kim Gandy	.....	27.41 *
7 Francesca Mazarella	.....	27.11 *
8 Charles Stewart	.....	27.04
9 Tamara Vetter	.....	26.92 *
10 Daniel Morgan	.....	25.91 *
11 Thomas Grahame	.....	25.83 *
12 Gretta Bordcosh	.....	24.78
13 Joseph Lebaron	.....	24.17 *
14 Robert O Connor	.....	24.01 *
15 Sandra Harding	.....	23.79
16 Michael Kuehl	.....	22.78
17 Bernard Finn	.....	22.74
18 Brian Lamm	.....	21.95
Cathy Walton	.....	21.95
20 Mary Ourand	.....	21.79 *

WBL MEMBERS: SYLVIA SHI & BETH PALMER TO REPRESENT THE USBF AT THE WOMEN'S 2017 VENICE CUP



"Congratulations to the CLERKIN, NPC team: Migry Zur Campanile, Shannon Cappelletti, Jill Meyers, Beth Palmer, Sylvia Shi, Joanne Weingold, Dennis Clerkin NPC, winners of the Women's USBC USA1 final, earning the right to represent the US in the Venice Cup in Lyon, France this summer. Palmer and Shi were on last year's Women's team in Wroclaw, Poland, where they won the world championship." —photo and text from *Bridge Winners*, May 8: <http://bridgewinners.com/article/view/clerkin-npc-is-womens-usa1/>

WBL WINNERS FROM THE SPRING KANSAS CITY NABC



WBL members, **Steve Robinson** and **Peter Boyd**, **Michael Gill** and **Noble Shore**, and **Sylvia Shi** and **Daniel Korbel**, swept up in the finals of the 2016-2017 North American Pairs Flight A, finishing 1- 2- and 6 respectively. Robinson

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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.

Hugo Van Dyke is our new bridge-in-schools coordinator. 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 Hugo at huvandyke@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.

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, Dick Wegman and Carole Banks.** Each year, a committee of the most recent five winners, with the longest standing acting as the Chair (*Paul Leopold this year*), considers the candidates. They make their recommendation to the Unit Game Chief Director, who has final veto power.

The criteria for awarding the trophy are as follows:

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

We welcome nominations from the membership of the WBL. Please send your suggested candidate to 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 7, 2017.

2016 WINNERS WINNERS WINNERS WINNERS WINNERS WINNERSMAY 11, 2017.....ANNUAL MEETING & ELECTIONS REPORT.....



MINUTES OF THE 2017 WASHINGTON BRIDGE LEAGUE ANNUAL MEETING

from Linda Marshall, Vice President

The 2017 WBL Annual Meeting was called to order by President, **Ellen Cherniavsky** at 7:05 p.m..

The minutes of the 2016 WBL Annual Meeting were approved by acclamation.

Treasurer's Report

Copies of financial reports are available online at washingtonbridgeleague.org. Contact the Treasurer or other Board members with any questions.

Treasurer, **Rose Berman** announced that as of the fiscal year ending 12/31/16, the WBL had a loss of \$5,370. The Board is considering measures to address financial losses, which are generally attributable to lower attendance and greater expenses (including increased rent). The WBL's bank account has a balance of approximately \$30,000. 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 2017. All were elected by acclamation as follows:

Ellen Cherniavsky, President
Linda Marshall, Vice President
Hadi Abushakra, Secretary
Rose Berman, Treasurer
Board Member 2-year terms:
Carole Banks
Charles Dearolf
Clyde Kruskal

1-year term to fill out an opening: **Eileen Inglesby-Houghton**

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

The meeting was adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

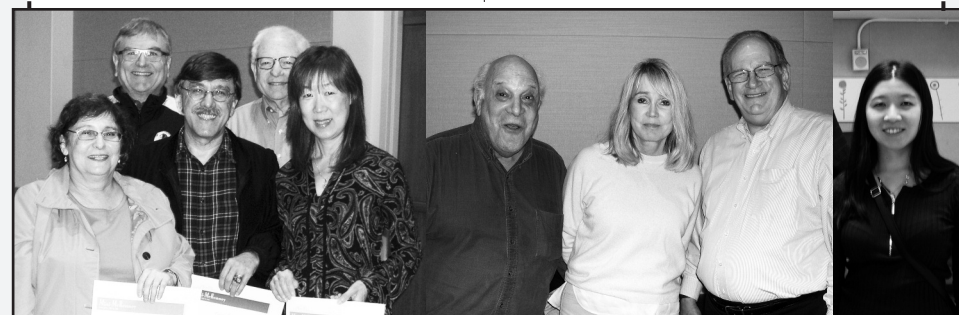


ACE OF CLUBS WINNERS

0 to 5	Massimo Ceresa
5 to 20	David Espo
20 to 50	Sarah Silva
50 to 100	Scott Lutrey
100 to 200	Mohammed Moiduddin
200 to 300	Julie Marquette
300 to 500	Karen Sprague
500 to 1000	Richard Levin
1000 to 1500	Terri Sanker
1500 to 2500	Neal Rosenthal
2500 to 3500	Mark Lavine
3500 to 7500	Juline Glaz
5000 to 7500	Dalia Kende
7500 to 10,000	Ann Ingram
Over 10,000	Steven Schatzow

MINI-MCKENNEY WINNERS

0 to 5	Barbara Devaney
5 to 20	Carole Stringer
20 to 50	Sarah Silva
50 to 100	Scott Lutrey
100 to 200	Barbara Teng
200 to 300	Julie Marquette
300 to 500	Charles Dearolf
500 to 1000	Terry Klein
1000 to 1500	Georgette Weiss
1500 to 2500	Zachary Madden
2500 to 3500	Mark Lavine
3500 to 7500	Sylvia Shi
5000 to 7500	Brad Theurer
7500 to 10,000	Robert Bell
Over 10,000	Daniel Korbel



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April 6-9, 2017

TOP TEN CUMULATIVE POINT WINNERS

All Players

1	37.23	Robert Hopkins Jr
2	36.86	Brad Theurer
3	32.83	Rusty Krauss
4	31.86	Barry Falgout
5	30.11	Richard Wegman
6	29.21	Fred King
7	29.10	Donna Rogall
8	26.28	Steve Robinson
9	25.50	Linda Marshall
10	24.26	William Cole

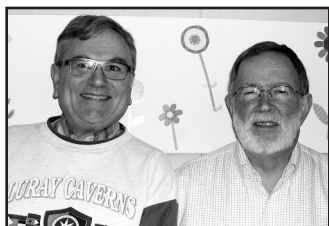
Players with fewer than 2000 masterpoints

1	23.82	Marc Warner
2/3	11.50	Franny Van Dyke
	11.50	Ted Van Dyke
4	10.01	Albert Lauber
5	9.67	Alfred Liepold
6	9.66	Melanie Manfield
7	8.59	Shiang Chen
8	7.81	Michael Cooperman
9	7.79	Walter Smith Jr
10	7.73	Adam Gann

Players with fewer than 300 masterpoints

1	11.50	Ted Van Dyke
2	7.81	Michael Cooperman
3	7.64	Brian Sutton
4/5	7.59	Alexander Stille
	7.59	Barbara Devaney
6/7	6.38	Charles Stewart
	6.38	Bernard Finn
8	6.10	Walter Beckerman
9/10	5.52	Carole Smith
	5.52	Jeff Frank

Results



THURS MOR A/X PAIRS

Stratum A, 13.0 Tables / Based on 26 Tables

1	Brad Theurer - Robert Hopkins Jr	.69.87
2	Gene Kuehneman - Barry Goulding	.64.58
3/4	Steven Fox - Shiang Chen	.57.85
3/4	Lowell Phillips - Lynn Boardman	.57.85
5	Larry Wallace - Rita Dalinka	.56.57
6	Penny Stoeve - Alfred Liepold	.55.61
7	Jerome Sikora - John Arnett Sr	.53.37

Stratum X, 8.5 Tables

1	Steven Fox - Shiang Chen	.57.85
2	Larry Wallace - Rita Dalinka	.56.57
3	Penny Stoeve - Alfred Liepold	.55.61
4	Jerome Sikora - John Arnett Sr	.53.37
5	John Gauss - Barbara Teng	.51.60

THURS AM BCD PAIRS

Stratum B, 13.0 Tables

1	Michael Cooperman - Judy Retchin	.66.29
2	Donna Hickling - Michael Corrigan	.64.20
3	Julian Klazkin - Cathy McIntyre	.59.09
4	Julie Marquette - Mary Ourand	.58.33
5	Marianne Keler - Bogin Robert	.56.44
6	Duane Webster - Carol Webster	.56.25

Stratum C, 9.0 Tables

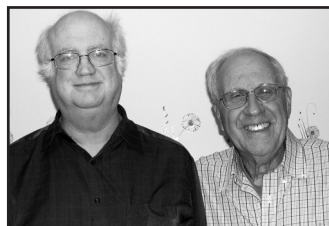
1	Julian Klazkin - Cathy McIntyre	.59.09
2	Marianne Keler - Bogin Robert	.56.44
3	Rebecca Mandir - Nanci Porten	.55.68
4	Prabhakar Tamboli - Albert Pike III	.55.11
5	Cheryl Sherman - Charla Lerman	.51.89

Stratum D, 5.0 Tables

1	Marianne Keler - Bogin Robert	.56.44
2	Johanna Weekley - Nancy Pashby	.49.43
3	Katherine Marshall - Eula Thomas	.48.48
4	Jeffrey Weber - Anthony Barnello	.46.97

THU EVE A/X PAIRS

Stratum A, 30.5 Tables / Based on 89 Tables



1	William Cole - Richard Wegman	.65.50
2	Hal Hindman - Clyde Kruskal	.62.55
3	Linda Marshall - Lyle Poe Jr	.60.16
4	Mark Chen - Donna Rogall	.58.02
5	Steven Schatzow - Andrew Gofreed	.57.76

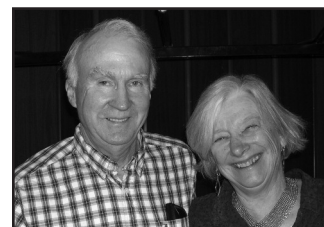
6	Mark Shaw - Martin Graf	.57.65
7	Brian Sutton - Walter Beckerman	.57.61
8	Sylvia Shi - Steve Robinson	.56.82
9/10	Daniel Korbel - Marc Warner	.56.72
9/10	Lloyd Rawley - Ronald Zucker	.56.72
11	Peter Hughes - Kenneth Davis	.56.71
12	Vivek Choudhury - Shyam Giridharadas	.56.25
13	Fred King - Rebecca Duty	.56.02
14	Daniel Friedman - Bernie Weberman	.55.68
15	Stephen Drodge - Alexander Prairie	.55.56
16	Leo LaSota - Brad Theurer	.54.42

Stratum X, 13.5 Tables

1	Brian Sutton - Walter Beckerman	.57.61
2	Lloyd Rawley - Ronald Zucker	.56.72
3	Vivek Choudhury - Shyam Giridharadas	.56.25
4	Daniel Friedman - Bernie Weberman	.55.68
5	Stephen Drodge - Alexander Prairie	.55.56
6	Hadi Abushakra - John Christensen	.53.72
7	Richard Wissing - Eugene Fisher	.53.59

THU EVE BC PAIRS

Stratum B, 29.0 Tables



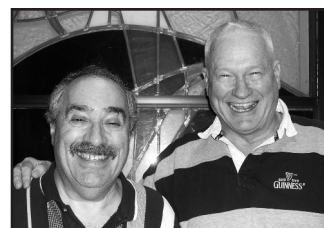
1	Ted Van Dyke - Franny Van Dyke	.64.39
2	Michelle Zygielbaum - Michael Kuehl	.63.45
3	Gerald McGowan - John Adams	.62.34
4	Rochelle Cohen - Mark Cohen	.60.79
5	Francesca Mazarella - Rich Ardini	.59.46
6	Michael Watts - Mary Ourand	.58.90
7	Barry Tash - James Wisman	.58.33

Stratum C, 22.0 Tables

1	Ted Van Dyke - Franny Van Dyke	.64.39
2	Michelle Zygielbaum - Michael Kuehl	.63.45
3	Gerald McGowan - John Adams	.62.34
4	Francesca Mazarella - Rich Ardini	.59.46
5	Michael Watts - Mary Ourand	.58.90
6	Barry Tash - James Wisman	.58.33

THU EVE 0-500 PAIRS

Stratum A, 12.0 Tables



1	Mike Morstein - Robert O Connor	.59.52
2	Mahmoud Katirai - Shala Panbechi	.59.23

3	Cate Frezza - Kim Gandy	.58.93
4/5	Carmen Fitchett - Fabiola Bishop	.55.65
4/5	Kenneth Jones - John Goon	.55.65
6	Carole Smith - Jeff Frank	.55.36

Stratum B, 9.5 Tables

1/2	Carmen Fitchett - Fabiola Bishop	.55.65
1/2	Kenneth Jones - John Goon	.55.65
3	Carole Smith - Jeff Frank	.55.36
4	Mary Mitchelson - Kate Beardsley	.54.76
5	Debra Graham - Jane Yasukawa	.54.46
6	Stephen Baldwin - Kate Baldwin	.53.87

Stratum C, 7.5 Tables

1	Carmen Fitchett - Fabiola Bishop	.55.65
2	Mary Mitchelson - Kate Beardsley	.54.76
3	Debra Graham - Jane Yasukawa	.54.46
4	Anita Barretto - Gail Klein	.51.49
5	Emilio Cecchi - Antony Heatwole	.50.60

NVBA 199ER STRATIFIED SWISS TEAMS

Stratum A, 10 Tables

1	Michael Miale - Pamela Yood - Gary Thomas - Nancy Smagala	.53.00
2	Amy Elmore - Jason Ji - Mary Anne Kidwell - Ellen Haines	.51.00
3	Sharon Douaire - Dewey Claderwood - Jovica Medic - James Bexfield	.47.00
4/5	Diana Jarrett - Jon Guyton - James Vanduseen - Robert Morrison	.45.00
4/5	Mary Frances Jetton - Ellen Marcus - Ruth Hansen - Lawrence Plotkin	.45.00

Stratum B, 8 Tables

1	Michael Miale - Pamela Yood - Gary Thomas - Nancy Smagala	.53.00
2	Amy Elmore - Jason Ji - Mary Anne Kidwell - Ellen Haines	.51.00
3	Sharon Douaire - Dewey Claderwood - Jovica Medic - James Bexfield	.47.00

Stratum C, 5 Tables

1	Amy Elmore - Jason Ji - Mary Anne Kidwell - Ellen Haines	.51.00
2	Sharon Douaire - Dewey Claderwood - Jovica Medic - James Bexfield	.47.00

NEWCOMER (0-20) PAIRS

Stratum A, 7.0 Tables

1	Phillip Fraas - Susan Callegari	.63.69
2	Rollin Huntington - Edith Mead	.62.50
3	Shail Butani - Ishwar Butani	.61.90
4	Shirley Jarecki - Willa Pickering	.57.74
5	Mary Beatley - Lynn Wilson	.54.76

Stratum B, 6.0 Tables

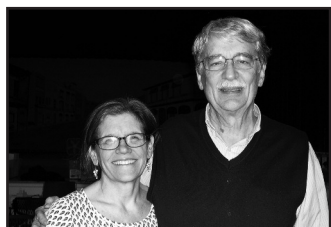
1	Phillip Fraas - Susan Callegari	.63.69
2	Rollin Huntington - Edith Mead	.62.50
3	Shirley Jarecki - Willa Pickering	.57.74
4	Mary Beatley - Lynn Wilson	.54.76

Stratum C, 4.5 Tables

1	Phillip Fraas - Susan Callegari	.63.69
2	Shirley Jarecki - Willa Pickering	.57.74
3	Mary Beatley - Lynn Wilson	.54.76
4	Patricia Green - Anne Bradford	.51.19

FRI MOR A/X PAIRS

Stratum A, 10.5 Tables / Based on 28 Tables



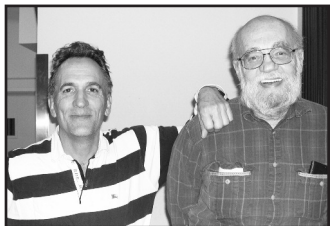
- 1 Rebecca Duty - Fred King62.57
- 2 Leo LaSota - Andrew Gofreed60.89
- 3 Daniel Korbel - Marc Warner59.99
- 4 Fred Gramlich - Catherine Bardsley 55.16
- 5 Larry Wallace - Alice Miller54.58
- 6 Annie Schwartz - Alan Schwartz53.84

Stratum X

- 1 Fred Gramlich - Catherine Bardsley .55.16
- 2 Kevin O'Brien - Hal Jones Jr53.13
- 3 Penny Stoever - Alfred Liepold47.81

FRI MOR BC PAIRS

Stratum B, 8.0 Tables



- 1 Brian Mc Namara - Arthur Weiss61.90
- 2 Jill Benson - Bernard Klein58.04
- 3/4 Calvin Konner - Michael Cooperman 56.85
- 3/4 Barbara Teng - Syed Zamir56.85
- 5 Annapurna Satpathy - Ernie Schuler 55.06

Stratum C

- 1 Brian Mc Namara - Arthur Weiss61.90
- 2 Jill Benson - Bernard Klein58.04
- 3 Barbara Teng - Syed Zamir56.85
- 4 James Metzger - Donna Hickling53.87

FRI MOR 0-500 PAIRS

Stratum A, 10.0 Tables

- 1 Susan Weiss - Bernice Felix69.35
- 2 Kim Gandy - Cate Frezza63.69
- 3 Robert O Connor - Julie Marquette . .63.39
- 4 Heide Blaker - Lynne Battle56.85
- 5 Jerry Pruzan - Marguerite Salah56.55
- 6 Janet McGlynn - Elizabeth Lomas54.17

Stratum B

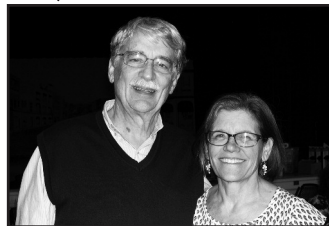
- 1 Kim Gandy - Cate Frezza63.69
- 2 Heide Blaker - Lynne Battle56.85
- 3 Janet McGlynn - Elizabeth Lomas54.17
- 4 Andrea Fritz - Sarath Silva53.27
- 5 Nancy Smagala - Kathy Sullivan52.08

Stratum C

- 1 Janet McGlynn - Elizabeth Lomas54.17
- 2 Nancy Smagala - Kathy Sullivan52.08
- 3 Charla Lerman - Donna Genderson51.79

FRI AFT A/X PAIRS

Stratum A, 14.0 Tables / Based on 32 Tables



- 1 Fred King - Rebecca Duty65.44
- 2 Hanna Schepps - Mita Banerjee60.36
- 3 Penny Stoever - Alfred Liepold60.17
- 4 Barry Falgout - Brad Theurer59.09
- 5 Donna Rogall - Robert Gookin57.89
- 6 Steve Robinson - William Cole57.80
- 7 Margot Hennings - Douglas Grove56.21

Stratum X

- 1 Penny Stoever - Alfred Liepold60.17
- 2 Amy Bloom - Rose Berman55.32
- 3 John McCormick - Shiang Chen54.61
- 4 Clifford Feldman - Amanda Carter53.14

FRI AFT BC PAIRS

Stratum B, 6.0 Tables



- 1 Calvin Konner - Michael Cooperman .61.67
- 2 Michael Lawrence - Craig Olson59.58
- 3 Robert Gray - Richard Wilson56.25
- 4 Kenn Pendleton - Isabelle Thabault . .54.58

Stratum C

- 1 Robert Gray - Richard Wilson56.25
- 2 Kenn Pendleton - Isabelle Thabault . .54.58

FRI AFT 0-500 PAIRS

Stratum A, 12.0 Tables



- 1 Stephen Baldwin - Kate Baldwin64.88

- 2 Jerry Pruzan - Marguerite Salah63.39
- 3 Bernard Finn - Charles Stewart61.90
- 4 Linda Dennis - Dorothy Osterberger 61.01
- 5/6 Jean Barquin - Marsha Shiff56.25
- 5/6 Atish Sanyal - Arvind Bhand56.25

Stratum B

- 1 Stephen Baldwin - Kate Baldwin64.88
- 2 Bernard Finn - Charles Stewart61.90
- 3 Linda Dennis - Dorothy Osterberger 61.01
- 4/5 Jean Barquin - Marsha Shiff56.25
- 4/5 Atish Sanyal - Arvind Bhand56.25
- 6 Nancy Smagala - Kathy Sullivan55.65

Stratum C

- 1 Stephen Baldwin - Kate Baldwin64.88
- 2 Atish Sanyal - Arvind Bhand56.25
- 3 Nancy Smagala - Kathy Sullivan55.65
- 4 Elizabeth Lomas - Janet McGlynn48.51

FRI EVE 499ER PAIRS

Stratum A, 5.5 Tables

- 1 Andrea Weiswasser - Ann Lawrence .59.90
- 2 Alexander Gretsinger - Karen Sandler 58.33
- 3 Thomas Stanley - Mary Baxter55.62
- 4 Dave Hoexter - Joel Pollack52.50

Stratum B

- 1 Andrea Weiswasser - Ann Lawrence .59.90
- 2 Alexander Gretsinger - Karen Sandler 58.33
- 3 Thomas Stanley - Mary Baxter55.62
- 4 Dave Hoexter - Joel Pollack52.50

Stratum C

- 1 Dave Hoexter - Joel Pollack52.50
- 2/3 Janet McGlynn - Elizabeth Lomas51.25
- 2/3 Charles Brown - Sue Kushner51.25

FRI EVE IMP PAIRS/TEAM(T)

Stratum A, 16 Tables

- 1 William Pettis - Steven Schatzow - Melanie Manfield - Linda Marshall82.00
- 2 Donna Rogall - Clyde Kruskal - David Genne - Lloyd Rawley58.00
- 3 Fred King - Brad Theurer - Rebecca Duty - Barry Falgout57.00
- 4 James Geist - Hal Jones Jr - Robert Levey - Kevin O'Brien33.82
- 5 Donald Berman - Barbara Doran - Rose Berman - David Fleischer31.00

Stratum B

- 1 David Espo - Ferit Yegenoglu - Linda Meade - Shaye Hester7.20
- 2 Sam Pal - Dev Chattopadhyay - Annapurna Satpathy - Azmat Ali5.00
- 3 Linda Dennis - Bernard Finn - Dorothy Osterberger - Charles Stewart28.36

Stratum C

- 1 David Espo - Ferit Yegenoglu - Linda Meade - Shaye Hester7.20
- 2 Sam Pal - Dev Chattopadhyay - Annapurna Satpathy - Azmat Ali5.00
- 3 Linda Dennis - Bernard Finn - Dorothy Osterberger - Charles Stewart28.36

FRI EVE IMP PAIRS/TEAM(P)

Stratum A, 16.0 Tables

- 1 William Pettis - Melanie Manfield61.49
- 2 Clyde Kruskal - Lloyd Rawley55.94
- 3 Fred King - Rebecca Duty42.23
- 4 Peter Boyd - Carol Crawford32.94
- 5 Ferit Yegenoglu - Shaye Hester31.27
- 6 Steven Schatzow - Linda Marshall24.14

Stratum B

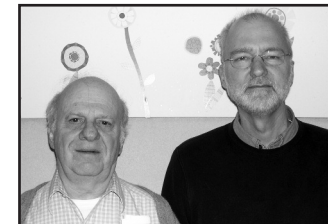
- 1 Ferit Yegenoglu - Shaye Hester31.27
- 2 Dev Chattopadhyay - Azmat Ali18.77
- 3 Christopher Miller - Carole Banks0.82
- 4 Brian Sutton - Robert Maman1.63
- 5 Clifford Feldman - Amanda Carter3.22

Stratum C

- 1 Ferit Yegenoglu - Shaye Hester31.27
- 2 Dev Chattopadhyay - Azmat Ali18.77
- 3 Brian Sutton - Robert Maman1.63
- 4 Lisa Eklund - Jim Dickson5.45
- 5 David Espo - Linda Meade9.33

SAT MOR A/X PAIRS

Stratum A, 17.0 Tables / Based on 52 Tables



- 1 Steve Robinson - Peter Boyd68.94
- 2 Brad Theurer - Robert Hopkins Jr66.75
- 3 Barry Falgout - Rusty Krauss64.50
- 4 Lloyd Rawley - Merrill Hirsh61.05
- 5 Daniel Korbel - Marc Warner60.38
- 6 William Pettis - Melanie Manfield59.09
- 7 Monique Smith - James Geist57.88
- 8 Ronald Kral - Eugene Kales56.54
- 9 Leo LaSota - Alan Tenenbaum56.50

Stratum X

- 1 Stephen Drodge - Alexander Prairie .52.45
- 2 Robert Schwab - Rex Settle51.73
- 3 Jay Cherlow - Albert Lauber50.55
- 4 Rammohan Sarangan - James Berry . .49.69
- 5 Robert Rovner - Dale Sanders49.09

SAT MOR 0-500 PAIRS

Stratum A, 17.0 Tables

- 1 Carole Smith - Jeff Frank63.26
- 2 Diana Jarrett - Cynthia Larre61.53
- 3 Jacqueline Leifer - Steven Leifer58.90
- 4 Jess Feinman - Mark Valavanis58.68
- 5 Donald Smith - Pat Kibler58.49
- 6 Stephen Baldwin - Kate Baldwin58.35

Stratum B

- 1 Carole Smith - Jeff Frank63.26
- 2 Diana Jarrett - Cynthia Larre61.53
- 3 Jess Feinman - Mark Valavanis58.68

- 4 Stephen Baldwin - Kate Baldwin . . . 58.35
- 5 Elizabeth Jones - James Deckant . . . 57.59
- 6 Bernard Finn - Charles Stewart . . . 57.42

Stratum C, 6.5 Tables

- 1 Carole Smith - Jeff Frank . . . 63.26
- 2 Diana Jarrett - Cynthia Larre . . . 61.53
- 3 Jess Feinman - Mark Valavanis . . . 58.68
- 4 Stephen Baldwin - Kate Baldwin . . . 58.35
- 5 Elizabeth Jones - James Deckant . . . 57.59

SAT MOR 49ER PAIRS

Stratum A, 5.0 Tables

- 1 Bobbie Wolf - Thomas P Wolf . . . 60.38
- 2 Bessie Bradford - Thomas Stanley . . . 57.13
- 3 Paul Higgins - Mary Liz Higgins . . . 54.30
- 4 Laurel Olsen - Dottie Poulos . . . 53.63

Stratum B, 5.0 Tables

- 1 Bobbie Wolf - Thomas P Wolf . . . 60.38
- 2 Bessie Bradford - Thomas Stanley . . . 57.13
- 3 Paul Higgins - Mary Liz Higgins . . . 54.30
- 4 Laurel Olsen - Dottie Poulos . . . 53.63

SAT MOR BC PAIRS

Stratum B, 13.0 Tables

- 1 Donna Hankey-Woods - Douglas Woods 61.17
- 2 Richard Padgett - Francesca Mazarella 59.47
- 3 Andrew Lipps - Eric Branfman . . . 56.25
- 4/5 Leila Whiting - Robert Cohen . . . 55.49
- 4/5 Calvin Konner - Mary Ourand . . . 55.49
- 6 Kenn Pendleton - Isabelle Thabault . 54.92

Stratum C, 8.0 Tables

- 1 Richard Padgett - Francesca Mazarella 59.47
- 2 Kenn Pendleton - Isabelle Thabault . 54.92
- 3 Robin Scanlon - Ethel Furness . . . 54.55
- 4 Marguerite Salah - Victor Weedn . . . 53.03
- 5 Long Mao - Michael Hsu . . . 52.84

SAT AFT A/X PAIRS

Stratum A, 13.5 Tables / Based on 37 Tables



- 1 Alan Tenenbaum - Leo LaSota . . . 61.64
- 2 Marc Warner - Daniel Korbel . . . 59.14
- 3 David Rodney - Rusty Krauss . . . 58.23
- 4 Richard Wegman - David Ruderman 56.78
- 5 Donna Rogall - James Geist . . . 56.07
- 6 Mark Dahl - Pamela Farrar . . . 55.03
- 7 Jim Wakefield - Helene Bauman . . . 53.88

Stratum X, 5.5 Tables

- 1 John Glynn - Ellen Glynn . . . 52.97
- 2 Alice Wegman - Jeffrey Kosnett . . . 50.51
- 3 Hadi Abushakra - Silas Wasserstrom 47.14
- 4 Robert Rovner - Dale Sanders . . . 46.20

SAT AFT 0-500 PAIRS

Stratum A, 14.0 Tables

- 1 Bernard Finn - Charles Stewart . . . 61.17
- 2 Mahmoud Katirai - Shala Panbechi . 58.90
- 3 Heide Blaker - Lynne Battle . . . 57.58
- 4 Jess Feinman - Mark Valavanis . . . 57.01
- 5/6 Barbara Devaney - Alexander Stille . 55.68
- 5/6 Ken Kimball - Tamara Vetter . . . 55.68

Stratum B, 12.0 Tables

- 1 Bernard Finn - Charles Stewart . . . 61.17
- 2 Mahmoud Katirai - Shala Panbechi . 58.90
- 3 Heide Blaker - Lynne Battle . . . 57.58
- 4 Jess Feinman - Mark Valavanis . . . 57.01
- 5 Barbara Devaney - Alexander Stille . 55.68
- 6 Linda Meade - David Espo . . . 55.11

Stratum C, 6.0 Tables

- 1 Jess Feinman - Mark Valavanis . . . 57.01
- 2 Barbara Devaney - Alexander Stille . 55.68
- 3 Charles Brown - Sue Kushner . . . 54.55
- 4 Johanna Weekley - Cathy McIntyre . 54.17

SAT AFT BC PAIRS

Stratum B, 9.0 Tables

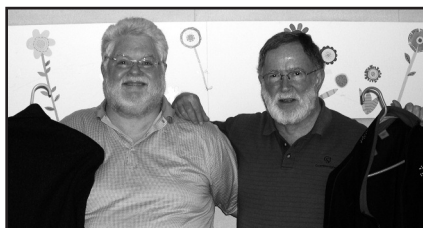
- 1 Charles Ellis - Sheila Ellis . . . 66.07
- 2 Mark Brenner - Anita Christman . . . 58.93
- 3 Michael Lawrence - Craig Olson . . . 57.14
- 4 Sheila Kaplan - Marie Saeger . . . 56.25
- 5 Robin Scanlon - Ethel Furness . . . 53.57

Stratum C, 5.0 Tables

- 1 Charles Ellis - Sheila Ellis . . . 66.07
- 2 Mark Brenner - Anita Christman . . . 58.93
- 3 Sheila Kaplan - Marie Saeger . . . 56.25
- 4 Robin Scanlon - Ethel Furness . . . 53.57

SUN A/X SWISS

Stratum A, 17 Tables / Based on 40 Tables



- 1 "Barry Falgout" - Rusty Krauss - Robert Hopkins Jr - "Joan Lewis" . . . 106.00
- 2 Linda Marshall - Steven Schatzow - Donna Rogall - David Ruderman . . . 96.00
- 3 Ai-Tai Lo - Adam Gann - Zachary Madden - William Pettis . . . 91.00
- 4 Fred King - Lyle Poe Jr - Brad Theurer - Richard Wegman . . . 86.00
- 5 Eugene Kales - Donald Berman - Richard Ferrin - Annie Frankel . . . 82.00
- 6 Pamela Farrar - Kenneth Davis - Mark Dahl - Ronald Kral . . . 80.00
- 7 Steve Robinson - Peter Boyd - William Cole - Beth Palmer . . . 77.00

- 8 Robert Graves - Donna Graves - Mita Banerjee - Ronald Spieker . . . 74.00
- 9 Terry Klein - Shiang Chen - Murat Berk - Michael Berard . . . 71.00
- 10 Jason Meyer - Lloyd Rawley - James Geist - Brad Libros . . . 68.00

Stratum X, 7 Tables

- 1 Robert Graves - Donna Graves - Mita Banerjee - Ronald Spieker . . . 74.00
- 2 Terry Klein - Shiang Chen - Murat Berk - Michael Berard . . . 71.00
- 3 Jason Meyer - Lloyd Rawley - James Geist - Brad Libros . . . 68.00

SUN BRACKETED B TEAMS-1

8 Tables



- 1 Jay Cherlow - Albert Lauber Jr - Hadi Abushakra - Walter Smith (not pic) . 94.00
- 2 Barack Peled - Todd Zimnoch - Tobey Roland - Arthur Rocklin . . . 92.00
- 3 John McCormick - Ralph Bayrer - Ann Atcheson - George Parkins . . . 81.00

SUN BRACKETED B TEAMS-2

12 Tables



- 1 Alexander Stille - Barbara Devaney - Franny Van Dyke - Ted Van Dyke . . 96.00
- 2 Sym Gallucci - Evan Gay - Linda Lee - Robert Lee . . . 89.00
- 3 Irvin Eberlin - Joan Rothschild - Monica Leid - Ronda Martinez . . . 79.00
- 4 Marilyn Udell - Maida Crocicchia - Franz Delahan - Madeline Delahan . . . 78.00

SUN MOR 0-500 SWISS

Stratum A, 5 Tables

- 1/2 Jean Barquin - Marsha Schiff - Sarah Watson - Sally Schlein . . . 52.00
- 1/2 Michael Cooperman - Prabhakar Tamboli - Yaeko Perera - Judy Retchin . . . 52.00

Bits & Pieces, cont. from p. 19...

and Boyd's win was a two years in a row repeat first place overall finish. A report on their win can be found in the May/June/July issue of *District 6 TableTALK* at <http://districtsixbridge.org/TableTALK/TableTALK-2017-05.pdf>. This report and the photo are from the 60th Spring North American Bridge Championships Daily Bulletin, Friday, March 10, 2017, Volume 60, Number 1.

Daniel Korbel finished 2nd overall on the Schwartz team in the premier event of the NABC, the Vanderbilt KO teams, a grueling seven-day, 60-boards-a-day knockout. The full team was: Richard Schwartz, Daniel Korbel, Boye Brogeland, Espen Lindqvist, David Gold, and David Bakhshi.

Sylvia Shi won first overall in the Smith Life Master Women's Pairs. Here's the article and photo from the report in the 60th Spring North American Bridge Championships Daily Bulletin, Friday, March 17, 2017, Volume 60, Number 9:

Pamela Granovetter and Sylvia Shi won the Smith Life Master Women's Pairs. Shi, Granovetter take Women's Pairs



Sylvia Shi and Pamela Granovetter won the Smith Life Master Women's Pairs after leading most of the way. They finished 11 matchpoints on a top of 17 ahead of Georgiana Gates and Pat Levy of Houston TX.

It was the seventh NABC title for Shi and the eighth for Granovetter, their first together. "My husband fixed us up," Granovetter said. "He kept telling me, 'You should play

with Sylvia.' I said, 'I don't want to start a new partnership, I'm too old.' She right away learned our whole relay system. It's really complicated."

The Granovetter's system, which they call Gus, wasn't too complicated for Shi.

"It's a very fun system," Shi said. "Lots of interesting decisions you don't face when you play standard."

After a few years of meeting as opponents, Shi of Rockville MD and Granovetter of Cincinnati played together for the first time last fall in the Nail Life Master Pairs in Orlando, placing 15th.

Though the pair had always planned to play together this weekend, the Smith wasn't on their calendar until a couple of weeks ago when Granovetter had an unexpected availability.

They started with a bang, scoring their highest percentage, 66.32%, in Thursday's first qualifying session to lead the event. When they qualified in second place after a 54.95% in Thursday's second session, it was the only session they weren't in the lead. On Friday, they reclaimed the lead in the first session with a 56.00% and put it away in the second final session with a 61.55%.

"We just tried to play well," Shi said. "In the evening we had a few bad boards to start, but I think we finished strong."

2017-18 NORTH AMERICAN PAIRS: 4 Pairs Qualify in the 0-2500 and NLM! (3 in the Open)

Club qualifying has begun for this year's event and continues until the end of August. There are three flights: Open, 0-2500 and Non-Life Master (with fewer than 500 points).

The District 6 Final for qualified entrants in all flights is September 23-24, with the NLM flight playing only on September 24.

Pre-registration is required in order to play in the District Finals: deadline: Sept. 15. Qualifiers to the National Final at the summer Philadelphia NABC will be subsidized to various extents.

For more information, directions and complete conditions of contest, see districtsixbridge.org or contact Sylvia Shi at 289-788-0385 or sylviamshi@gmail.com.

STEPPING UP TO NEW HEIGHTS:

As of May 1, 2017

Junior Masters:

5 Masterpoints

Susan E Bonds
Mrs Ann K Donatelli
Dr Jacques Nacson
Martijn Van Beelen

Club Masters: 20 MPs

Dana Best
Debra A Graham
Stephanie Karsten
Lesley P Lavalleye
Nancy Pashby

Sectional Masters: 50 MPs

Ms Susan R Baker
Ms Blair B Bourque
Mr Michael P Eidi
Mr Alexander Stille
Nathan Tash

Regional Masters: 100 MPs

Mr David M Espo
Robbie L Lloyd



NLM MASTER POINTERS

—in transition—

WHOSE PLAY IS IT?

This column will return next issue with a new non-life master columnist, Melanie

Manfield. We'd like to thank Vince Wilmot for his contributions over the last couple of years and during his prior stint writing in these pages.

WBL HOLDS ITS FIRST INTER-SCHOOL COMPETITION

On Saturday, May 20th, the WBL Educational Foundation sponsored its first inter-school bridge competition.



Students from Sidwell Friends and Walter Johnson High Schools participated in the event, which took place at Sidwell Friends High School in Washington D.C. All of the Sidwell and WJ students are new recruits to the game, thanks to the teaching and coaching efforts of WBL volunteers who have been meeting and working with them on a weekly basis

over the past nine months. Students who played in the inter-school competition "had a blast" and are eagerly awaiting the next inter-school event (which we hope to arrange sometime this fall).

The event was organized by Hugo Van Dyke, our WBL Bridge-in-Schools



Coordinator, who has initiated bridge education programs at six public and private schools in Maryland and D.C. during the past school year. Blake Schwartzbach and Jim Metzger led the bridge teaching at WJHS and Sidwell, and Jim Geist and Rose Berman arranged for T-shirts and trophies for the participants.

Thanks to everyone for putting this event together, and we very much look forward to the next one!

—Dick Wegman, President, WBL Educational Foundation

WBL SOLVERS' CLUB'S
NEW PROBLEMS

1) Matchpoints None Vul

♠ Q4 ♥ KQ543 ♦ QJ654 ♣ Q

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

2) Matchpoints None Vul

♠ AJ1032 ♥ - ♦ A432 ♣ K876

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

3) Matchpoints None Vul

♠ 873 ♥ KJ964 ♦ 9 ♣ A542

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

4) Matchpoints None Vul

♠ AK543 ♥ KJ8765 ♦ 3 ♣ K

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
		1 ♠	Pass
????			

5) Matchpoints You're Vul

♠ — ♥ QJ10764 ♦ Q109653 ♣ K

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
????			Pass

Return answers by June 29 to:

Steve Robinson

2891 S. Abingdon St #A2, Arlington VA,
22206 or robinswr@erols.com

NEED 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).

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