



Washington Bridge League

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69TH ANNUAL D.C. CHAMPIONSHIPS, NOVEMBER 21-24 2002

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 21

- ♣ Stratified Open Pairs 10:30am

Washington Bridge Center, 1620 Elton Road, Silver Spring MD

- ♦ StrataFlighted Open Pairs, Stratified 199er Pairs (*Christ the King Church only*), Stratified 99er Pairs (*Beth El only*), Newcomer Pairs (0-5 MP)

Beth El Congregation, 3830 Seminary Rd, Alexandria 7:00pm

Christ the King Church, 2301 Colston Drive, Silver Spring 7:30pm

Capital Beltway to Connecticut Ave. South. Left on East-West Hwy. Right on Grubb Rd. 1st left on Colston. The church is one block on the left.

- * * * * **Remainder of Tournament held at White Oak Armory Only** * * * *

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FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 22

- ♥ Stratified Open Pairs (single sessions) 10:00am, 2:00pm & 8:00pm

- ♠ Stratified Senior Pairs (single sessions) 10:00am & 2:00pm

- ♣ Intermediate/Novice Pairs (single sessions) 10:00am, 2:00pm & 8:00pm

- ♦ Stratified BAM Teams 8:00pm

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 23

- ♥ Senior Pairs (single sessions) 9:30am & 1:30pm

- ♠ Newcomer Pairs (0-5 masterpoints) 1:30pm

- ♦ Bracketed KO Teams 9:30 am, 1:30pm & **7:00pm**

- ♥ StrataFlighted Open Pairs (single sessions) 1:30pm & **7:00pm**

- ♠ Intermediate/Novice Pairs (single sessions) 1:30pm & **7:00pm**

Please Note the New Start Time for the Saturday Evening Session

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 24

- ♣ A/X Swiss Teams, VPs 11:00am & TBA

- ♦ B/C Swiss Teams, VPs 11:00am & TBA

- ♥ 300/100/50 Swiss Teams, VPs (single sessions) 11:00am & TBA

I/N events: 199er, 99er, 49er, & 0-20; Stratification at Director's discretion

Open and Senior Stratified events are: A = 1500+, B = 500-1500, C = 0-500

StrataFlighted events are: A/X = 3000+ / 0-3000, B/C = 500-1500 / 0-500

Famous Washington Hospitality includes food and/or drinks for all players every day. **Refreshments** available throughout the tournament. **Scrip** awarded for 1st/2nd overall and section tops. **Information:** Lee Jensen, 4206 Independence St., Rockville, MD 20853, (301) 949-7467, lpj@lsr.nei.nih.gov.

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In an effort to provide confidential feedback to the Washington Bridge League Board of Directors, our Board has established a position called Ombudsman. Any player with helpful director issues including criticism or praise of the directing staff may contact the Ombudsman and be assured that the source of the information will remain confidential.

Ann Lindley serves as the first Washington Bridge League Ombudsman. Information should be provided in writing and may be handed to her at any game, or mailed to her at 18518 Grackle Way, Gaithersburg, MD 20879-1767. Ann has served on the Washington Bridge League Board and is an experienced and regular WBL player.

In most cases, comments can be transmitted to Michael Carroad, Club Manager of the WBL Unit Game, or Millard Nachtwey, Tournament Chief Director and ACBL Field Representative, rather than to Ann. Under Michael's leadership, our game has grown to be the number one unit game in the United States. The Ombudsman adds a conduit to Michael and our tournament directors for constructive progress.



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PRESIDENT'S LETTER

by WBL President, Barbara Doran

What is the purpose of the Washington Bridge League? With all the emphasis placed these days on member recruiting, I think we may have lost sight of our first priority... serving our membership. Yes, we need new players. Yes, we need to provide events and classes for our new members. But we also need to concentrate on providing what the current membership wants. The WBL has traditionally been dedicated to providing excellent events, experimenting with new formats, and above average hospitality. This is the direction the Board has taken. Is it what you want?

As you read in last month's bulletin, we are in the process of surveying the membership to find out what our players really care about. There are trade-offs.

Do you prefer a comfortable, roomy, cli-

mate-controlled site where refreshments are more expensive, restricted or must be purchased from a commercial site (for example, a hotel restaurant)? Do you want a balanced field, or would you rather the time spent seeding be spent playing? Do you want different things at sectionals than at the Unit Game?

Attendance at games has been falling in recent years – not just here, but all over the country. Is it because you're not getting what you want or because things other than bridge are taking you away from us?

We need to know what you want. Please take the time to fill out our surveys. Talk to the board members. Talk to the Directors. You are the Washington Bridge League... make it yours.

Until next time... *Barb*

PARTNERSHIPS

Need a Partner for Unit Games or Sectional Events?

The WBL has expanded its efforts to help players arrange partnerships for the Thursday evening unit game and for WBL sectionals. Players who would like assistance can obtain help either on-line or by contacting one of the WBL's partnership coordinators.

(1) **On-line partnership desk.** The WBL has established an on-line partnership desk on its web site. The WBL is the first unit in the country to do this. Players can sign up, indicate which events they are available for, and find out if other players are available for the games they wish to play in. The on-line desk can be easily accessed by logging on to the WBL web site (www.washingtonbridgeleague.org), and simply clicking on the partnership desk. Please give it a try.

(2) **Partnership coordinators.** For those who prefer assistance in person, three people have volunteered to help players find partners in advance of the unit game or sectional events. Fred King will assist players in Flights A/X (the5kings2@aol.com; 703-536-1914). Charity Sack and Barbara Rothkin will assist players in Flights B and C (charity@charitysack.com; 703-963-7027; brothkin@aol.com; 301-493-9359). Please let them know as early as you can what game or events you would like to play in. Madge Gallant will continue to be available to help anyone who comes on Thursday evening needing a partner.

Good luck, and we look forward to seeing you on Thursday evenings and at the WBL sectionals.

BITS AND PIECES

EDITORIAL

The survey is here! The survey is here!
We can finally find out the answers to questions like: What's your favorite event? ...What makes bridge fun? ...Would you like to play fewer boards on Thursday nights in order to get home earlier? ...And, most importantly, will I be able to sleep in on Sundays of a sectional? But, seriously, though, we'd really like to know what's most important to you. Go directly to page 18. Do not pass go...all right, all right, I guess it's ok to read the other stuff too.

ERRATA

Last issue's memorial article on Jeannie Stenger reported that she is ranked 48th among WBL masterpoint leaders. It should have said that she is ranked 8th!

OF NOTE

Two hands from Ms. Mary Syker's GrandLMastersPointers column from the July/August 2002 *Washington Bridge League Bulletin* made it into Phillip Alder's national bridge columns September 20 and 21. Her column focused on the art of psyching. The hands selected feature John Adams in action.

You can read them at:

www.phillipalderbridge.com/CAL_0902.HTM

INVITATION TO BRIDGE TEACHERS

Would you like to list your bridge class in the *WBL Bulletin*? Course listings for area bridge classes can be listed free of charge. Advance notice of two to three months is necessary depending on

when the next issue is coming out, (which depends on when the next Sectional or special event is coming up). Listings will include the course name, a short (25 word maximum) description, teacher, location, dates and times, contact info, and cost. (If you would like to describe the classes further, a paid advertisement will be necessary.)

Please send the information to the editor, Donna Rogall at drogall@erols.com. (Or, use the snail mail address or phone number listed on the inside front cover.)

INVITATION TO CLUB OWNERS

We would like to print any news, upcoming special events, or interesting stories and pictures that your club may have in the *Bulletin's* new Club News column. Please send the information to drogall@erols.com. (Or, use the snail mail address or phone number listed on the inside front cover.)

2002-2003 WBL-NVBA PLAYER OF THE YEAR

Eligibility

Players must attend at least three WBL and three NVBA sectionals during the contest period (August, 2002, through June, 2003). Points won on Tournament Thursday evenings are included in the totals, but do not count towards eligibility. The WBL's "In-Club Sectional" in September, 2002, does not count towards the totals or for eligibility.

Awards

Two trophies will be awarded.

Standings

Here are the standings after two of ten tournaments. The asterisk* indicates that the player has met the eligibility requirements.

Open Leaders	
Player	Points
1 Robert Gookin	50.71
2 Janet Gookin	41.01
3 Leo LaSota	39.16
4 Margot Hennings	33.27
5 John Adams	26.92
6 Barbara Shaw	24.47
7 Stan Schenker	23.41
8 Mark Shaw	23.19
9 Stephen Swearingen	23.11

10 John Lawrence	22.38
11 David Milton	21.42
12 Alan Kleist	20.77
13 Weizhong Bao	20.52
14 Steve Robinson	20.35
15 Hailong Ao	19.58
16 Tim Crank	19.33
17 Kefu Xu	18.94
18 Prahalad Rajkumar	18.92
19 Joe Wallen	18.21
20 Alfred Steinberg	16.64

AFTER NOVEMBER'S D.C. CHAMPIONSHIPS,
THE NEXT WBL SECTIONAL IS:

The 39th Annual Presidential Tournament

January 9-12, 2003

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- ♣ Intermediate/Novice Pairs (single sessions) 10:00am, 2:00pm & 8:00pm
♥ *Party to Honor New Life Masters after the Game Friday Night*

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- ♦ Newcomer Pairs (0-5 masterpoints) 1:30pm
- ♥ Flight A/X Pairs (single sessions) 1:30pm & **7:00pm**
- ♠ Flight B/C Pairs (single sessions) 1:30pm & **7:00pm**
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SUNDAY, JANUARY 12

- ♦ A/X Swiss Teams, VPs 11:00am & TBA
- ♥ B/C Swiss Teams, VPs 11:00am & TBA
- ♠ 300/100/50 Swiss Teams, VPs (single sessions) 11:00am & TBA

NonLM Leaders

<u>Player</u>	<u>Points</u>
1 Prahalad Rajkumar	18.92
2 Michelle Cantave	12.26
3 David Hamilton	12.26
4 Todd Zimnoch	11.38
5 Penny Stoeve	11.38
6 John Lowe III	8.17
7 Linda Dick	8.15
8 D Tonnesen	8.02
9 John Christensen	6.90
10 Rajkumar Rajeswaran	6.60
11 Huailin Chen	6.22
12 Charles King	5.62
13 A Patel	5.30
14 Jean Morgan	5.25
15 Ali Al-Aref	5.01
16 Salam Saidi	5.00
17 John Laurim	4.66
18 Martha Lackey	4.53
19 Joana Da Silva	4.47
20 James Conrad	3.81

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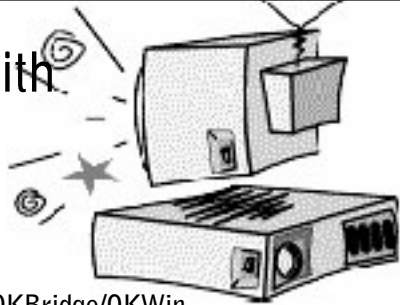
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BRIDGEATSCHOOLS, INC.

by Beth Maloney-Refaie, Director
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BridgeAtSchools, Inc. started their first pilot program at Jefferson Montessori School in Gaithersburg, this September. With the assistance of Jim Allen, Washington Bridge Center Owner and his wife Dona Allen, principal of Jefferson Montessori, BridgeAtSchools, Inc. was able to start the bridge program as part of their After-School Activities.

With the assistance of their Mentor - Barbara Shaw, the teacher - Barbara Clark, who had no previous knowledge of bridge has been able to use the BridgeAtSchools curriculum to teach the children the basics of bridge. In the process, they have given invaluable feedback to help us improve the program.

Fourteen children are participating in the program and the teacher says that the kids want to play all the time. In fact, she has witnessed them teaching other children the game during inside recess. In a recent correspondence, the teacher informed BridgeAtSchools that she has been asking several logic questions to the class as part of her regular curriculum and the kids who are participating in the bridge program seem to do consistently better on these questions than the others. She stated that they had previously all been at about the same level of ability in logic. She questions... "Do you suppose that the bridge

lessons are helping them to structure their thinking more logically?"

BridgeAtSchools is conducting research on all of the pilot programs in order to prove that bridge does improve things like Critical

Thinking, Social Skills and Math. Schools have agreed to allow us to use a control group as well as the bridge group to compare pre and post testing scores of these students. We hope to quantify the benefits of bridge in youth participating in bridge programs.



**Pilot
Program
in
Gaithersburg
is
Scoring a
“Grand Slam”**

Quantifying the benefits of bridge will not only allow us to introduce bridge to more schools, but also to have research for potential grant funders. Funding continues to be paramount to the success of BridgeAtSchools.

In addition to Jefferson Montessori, other pilot programs are running in Georgia and new ones will be starting in Delaware, Pennsylvania, Maryland and New Jersey by the end of November.

If you would like to know more about our program or would like to make a tax deductible contribution to BridgeAtSchools, please visit our website at www.bridgeatschools.org.



WBL SOLVERS' CLUB

Moderated by Steve Robinson

robinswr@erols.com

Congratulations to Alex Gipson who came in first with a score of 480. He wins a free entry to the Unit Game and will be invited to be on a future panel. Second was JJ Wang with a score of 470. Tied for third were Jim Murphy, Joana Silva, Mike Kovacich, Irene Harrison, Jerry Miller and Randy Thompson with a score of 460. Tied for ninth were Arnie Frankel, Paul Krueger, David Chechelashvili, Jeff Parker, Fred Steinberg, Lynn Connelly and Jim Creech with a score of 450. Tied for sixteenth were Jamie Radcliffe, Dave Smith, C Hunsberger, Lloyd Rawley and Hailong Ao with a score of 440. Tied for twenty-first were Ben Laden, Franklyn Taylor, Tim Crank, Eric Branfman, Art Hayes, Stu Fleischman and Alan Rich with a score of 430. The average score of the 189 solvers was 375. The average score of the experts was 432.

All readers are encouraged to send answers and/or new problems to Steve Robinson, 2891 S. Abingdon St. #A2 Arlington, Va, 22206. 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, Steve 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. WBL Solvers Club uses Washington Standard as published July 1996.

Washington Standard second edition the book, is out. If you are a serious bridge player, this book is a must. You can purchase a copy from Steve for \$25.00 at the Unit Game and at tournaments or can send him a check for \$28.95 which includes \$3.95 for priority mail.

1) IMPs, You Vulnerable. You, South, hold:

AK10/AQ3/J106/10952

<u>SOUTH</u>	<u>WEST</u>	<u>NORTH</u>	<u>EAST</u>
-	-	-	3♦
Pass	Pass	Dbl	Pass
???			
<u>Action</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Panelists</u>	<u>Solvers</u>
Pass	100	4	58
4♦	80	3	89
3NT	70	2	25
4♣	50	0	7
5♣	30	0	2
4♠	20	0	3
4♥	20	0	2
4NT	20	0	1
3♥	20	0	2

What does the Law of Total Tricks say about this hand? Assume partner is 4=4=1=4. For Law purposes, one makes that assumption. The opponents have nine diamonds and we have eight clubs. Eight plus nine equals seventeen. There are seventeen total tricks. If we can take ten tricks in clubs, our eight-card fit, then the opponents can take seven tricks in diamonds. Passing the double gets +300 which is better then +130 for bidding 4♣. If three notrump makes, which means partner probably has a diamond honor, we should get at least 500. While +500 compared to +600 is not a good score at matchpoints, it is an acceptable score at IMPs. The best reason to pass is that there is no way to tell what is your best game. Opposite QJxx/xxxx/x/AKQx, 4♠ is best. Opposite QJx/xxxx/Qx/AKQx, three notrump is best.

Three experts agree with me and pass the double.

Cappelletti: "Pass---And lead six of diamonds except against unusually solid opponent."

I'm not sure I would lead a trump. Dummy doesn't figure to have a ruffing value.

Shaw: "Pass---My lawful bid. If partner has a five-card suit we might make game. If partner has a diamond honor we might even

get 800. I think we are about 90% to get at least plus 300 and about 40% to make a vulnerable game if we get to the right one. For example if I bid 4♦ and partner bids 4♥ I will pass and 5♣ might be best."

Or three notrump might be best. Passing is best since you can't know what is your best game.

Adams: "Pass---Only other option I can think of is three notrump. But if partner has the diamond card needed to give three notrump a shot, then they are stuck with only five or six diamond winners (my bet is five). I expect 500-800 whenever three notrump makes, and 300-500 otherwise. Give partner QJxx/KJxx/A/Qxxx, the ultimate reason for bidding three notrump."

But you could make three notrump if LHO has a singleton honor.

Two experts bid three notrump. They could lose the first seven tricks.

Parker: "Three notrump---We have enough points to make a vulnerable game, the question is can we beat them 800. Even with AKxxxxx of diamonds it is unlikely East can run the suit. I will take my chances that we have a stopper."

Hopkins: "Three notrump---I hope partner has a diamond honor or that opening leader has a blocking singleton honor. All the hands I constructed where partner has no suits longer than four cards play best in three notrump. If partner is 6-4, 5-5, or 4-6 (etc.) in the majors, he might have reopened differently or correct now reasoning that I don't have a diamond stack since I didn't pass for penalties."

This is not matchpoints where +500 could be a zero. +500 loses only three or four IMPs against a vulnerable game.

Three experts try for a major-suit game. Do you really want to play in a 4-3 fit when there is a possible seven-card suit out there?

Josh Sher: "4♦---Yuck! If the 3♦ call is usually seven cards we likely have only 500 against it and may even have only 300. Three notrump will make if partner has a diamond honor which is likely, but I rather not gamble on it. Four-of-a-major in a moysian should lose one diamond and two trumps if things go badly, but will likely still make since the

hand with the trumps will run out of diamonds. If partner has a diamond honor that will keep them from tapping out the long hand. Sadly I play 4♦ as starting a scramble (two places to play normally) so that the doubler will bid hearts with five spades, four hearts and three clubs. Oh well. The vigorous is that on rare occasion partner will come alive with a slam try of his own over 4♦ or bid a five-card major."

Sher has a point. I would cuebid with 2=4=2=5 distribution planning on playing in 4♥ if partner has four of them, otherwise playing in 5♣. Therefore doubler must bid 4♥ holding four even if he has five spades.

Schwartz: "4♦---Obviously the choice is between 4♦ and passing. I can't see passing without a trump trick and the risk that they have nine trumps. Even a make is possible. A 4-3 major might play well with no prolonged tap available and partner won't be disappointed if he has more in mind."

King: "4♦---On a good day partner will have a five-card major. Even with only a 4-3 fit he might make it. I think one has to take a chance for a vulnerable game."

Take a sure plus score when you can't be sure you are going to get to the best contract. I don't see declarer taking more than his trump tricks.

2) IMPs, YouVulnerable. You, South, hold:

982/543/AKJ54/92

<u>SOUTH</u>	<u>WEST</u>	<u>NORTH</u>	<u>EAST</u>
-	1♥	2♣	2♥
???			
<u>Action</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Panelists</u>	<u>Solvers</u>
Pass	100	6	131
Dbl	90	1	21
3♣	80	1	19
2NT	70	0	4
3♦	70	1	13
2♠	20	0	1

Overcaller has made a two-level overcall which is usually an opening bid with a good suit. With short spades, overcaller could have a very strong hand, for instance A/x/Qxxx/AKJxxxx. Notice that 6♦ is cold opposite the problem hand. We have a rea-

sonable hand. Give overcaller as little as Kx/Kx/xxx/AQJxxx and three notrump is on a club finesse and a break. Some experts assume that overcaller is required to reopen whenever he has shortness in the opponent's suit. I disagree. One needs extra values to reopen. Holding thirteen HCPs, overcaller needs advancer to have more than seven HCPs to have the majority of the HCPs. Since advancer tends to bid with seven HCPs, the odds are that advancer has fewer than seven HCPs. Do you really want to compete when the opponents have more than half the deck? I don't think that I as overcaller would compete with the second example hand. If overcaller does reopen, how do you show him that you have the AK of diamonds so you get to slam or at least game opposite example one.

If advancer decides to compete and I think that it is clear to do so, there are three possibilities; 3♣, responsive double, and 3♦. 3♦ seems too aggressive since you can no longer play in 3♣ so the choice is between double and 3♣. I like double since it brings diamonds into play. Since responsive doubles are used to describe many different types of hands, one can double and remove a spade bid to clubs to show diamonds and clubs.

One expert raises clubs.

Sher: "3♣---I can't handle the auction if I start with a responsive double, but am too good to pass. I hope my partner's 2♣ overcalls are sound."

Hopkins: "3♦---I am sailing off on the good ship vulnerability. At IMPs, partner's two-level vulnerable overcall shows a good hand. We could be anywhere from cold for six - (Ax/x/Qxxx/AKJxxx, reasonable splits) to -500 (KQJx/xx/x/KQJ10xx, where they get a spade ruff against our 4♣ contract). The median is probably close to three or four of a minor just making or down one. I am bidding 3♦ because that is most likely where we might have a game and also I want a diamond lead should they buy the contract."

Six experts pass.

Cappelletti: "Pass---If partner can't reopen, it's safer to defend."

Shaw: "Pass---I don't like passing but,

unless I can bid two notrump to show this type of hand, I really don't have much of a choice. If I double what do I bid if partner bids 3♠? With most partners I can bid two notrump to show diamonds with club tolerance but some partners play it as a distributional hand for the other two suits. Partner is still there and can balance as well."

Adams: "Pass---I have no bid, and only a moderate hand. Partner with heart shortness can protect."

Parker: "Pass---Partner can reopen with a double, or rebid clubs since he will be short in hearts. I see no reason to bid anything at this point since we will have a second chance. A responsive double should have at least four spades or three clubs."

Schwartz: "Pass---If partner promised to bid 2♠ so I can convert to 3♣, I would do that, but he didn't promise."

King: "Pass---Partner can reopen if this bid is passed to him and he has an appropriate hand."

AKJxx opposite a two-level overcall is worth a peep.

3) IMPs, None Vulnerable. You, South, hold:

543/43/543/K9876

<u>SOUTH</u>	<u>WEST</u>	<u>NORTH</u>	<u>EAST</u>
-	1♣	Dbl	1♥
Pass	1NT	Dbl	Pass
???			

<u>Action</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Panelists</u>	<u>Solvers</u>
Pass	100	6	64
2♠	50	1	33
2♦	50	1	23
2♣	50	1	68
2NT	20	0	1

This is bad hand somewhat similar to hand number one. You have no clear bid. Do we bid a three-card diamond or spade suit or try to play in the opponent's suit or pass and hope partner has a very good hand? Since I don't like to bid three-card suits when there is any other alternative, passing the double seems to be the best choice. Least of all evils and maybe partner can beat them. East's failure to redouble says that we have at least half the deck.

Five experts agree with and pass the double.

Sher: "Pass---If I bid I expect to get doubled and go for 300 or so if I don't happen to hit a five-card suit and partner is unlikely to have one. If I do hit one, partner will raise then they will double me. I'd rather take my -180 or -380 and on rare occasion we might actually beat it if partner actually has a good lead."

Shaw: "Pass---I don't know if we can set them but I'm fairly sure we can't make a contract. Minus 180 or 280 is no disaster and partner shows a very good hand."

Adams: "Pass---It's not game. Partner knows I do not have a bid over 1♥. Maybe this is enough. Maybe they run. Would not surprise me to find partner holding 4=3=4=2 18 count with no club stopper."

Parker: "Pass---Minus 180 is not too bad and maybe partner can beat them. He can be 4=4=4=1, so 2♣ is a non bid. No sense in bidding anything and getting too high or be doubled."

Schwartz: "Pass---Partner has 2♣ and bidding his own suit as takeout bids so he should be prepared for a pass. My values are all defense oriented (look at those club spots). I think 2♣ would be buck passing."

Three experts remove the double. Does partner promise support for any of these suits?

The following expert is going to play in at best a seven-card fit. Couldn't partner be 3=4=4=2?

Cappelletti: "2♠---Least of evils. Partner more likely to have four spades."

Is 2♣ a cuebid or is it an offer to play? If partner is 4=4=4=1, you wouldn't be happy playing in 2♣.

Hopkins: "2♣---I hope partner has a balanced 19-20 count and, if he does, this is where I want to play."

The following expert makes a good bid if partner has five diamonds but supposed he's 4=4=3=2? Actually if partner has five good diamonds, we should beat one notrump.

King: "2♦---The bid least likely to get partner excited."

Passing one-notrump doubled and having them make it is not the end of the world.

You won't lose a lot of IMPs -180. It would be silly to play in a 3-3 fit.

4) MPs, You Vulnerable. You, South, hold:

K/3/K106543/AK543

<u>SOUTH</u>	<u>WEST</u>	<u>NORTH</u>	<u>EAST</u>
-	-	1♠	Pass
2♦	2♥	2♠	4♥
???			

<u>Action</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Panelists</u>	<u>Solvers</u>
Pass	100	5	18
4♠	80	4	72
5♣	70	0	64
Dbl	30	0	25
4NT	20	0	7
6♣	20	0	3

Where do we belong? 4♠, 4♥ doubled, five-of-a-minor are all possibilities. How do we find out where we belong? Partner is there and maybe he knows where we belong. Bidding 4♠ would be wrong when partner holds QJxxxx/QJx/Ax/Qx. Just because partner holds six spades doesn't mean that they are good enough to play opposite your singleton king. Doubling would be wrong when partner holds AQJxxx/x/Ax/Qxxx. While the double is not a I got them double, it does say that you think defending is better than declaring. Holding a singleton in the opponent's suit is not good defense. Bidding 5♣ would be wrong when partner holds AQJxxxx/Axx/Qx/x. Since we have no clue as to where we belong, let partner help. Since 2♦ is game forcing, partner has to do something.

Four experts agree with me and pass. Let partner give his input. Maybe he has AJxxxx/xx/AQx/xx and bids 5♦. Wouldn't it be nice to get the slam bonus.

Sher: "Pass---If partner doubles I will settle for 4♠."

I'm not sure I would pull partner's double of 4♥.

Shaw: "Pass---Since I made a two over one we are game forced. Partner has at least six spades and the king is a pretty good holding. I will pass 4♠ and pull double to 5♣ showing a slammish minor-suit hand even though I'm a little light for the bid. The prob-

lem comes when partner tanks and doubles."

If partner tanks and doubles, you are forced to pass.

Schwartz: "Pass---Don't know which game is right. Admittedly this leaves clubs out of the picture, but can't have everything."

Hopkins: "Pass---Partner may know what to do! Wouldn't that be remarkable?!? Partner will discern your points are not in hearts and that your spade holding is at most two small or a singleton honor and act appropriately."

Four experts bid 4♠ which will probably end the auction.

Cappelletti: "4♠---Probably your best game anyway. Majors at matchpoints."

Adams: "4♠---Sorry if we missed slam. Just no science to get there. 4♠ is practical bid. Maybe I get to double 5♥."

Parker: "4♠---He freely rebid spades so he must have at least six good ones. 5♣ would be a spade cuebid and I don't think I am that good."

5♣ would be natural showing diamonds and clubs.

King: "4♠---A singleton honor is often as good as or better than a small doubleton. This could be an underbid, but at matchpoints I don't want to go minus."

When you don't know what to do in a forcing auction, pass and let partner help you make the decision.

5) IMPs, YouVulnerable. You, South, hold:

32/KQ1093/1043/AJ3

<u>SOUTH</u>	<u>WEST</u>	<u>NORTH</u>	<u>EAST</u>
-	4♠	4NT	5♠
???			
<u>Action</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Panelists</u>	<u>Solvers</u>
Double	100	4	55
5NT	70	3	36
6♥	50	1	51
6♣	40	1	33
Pass	30	0	10
6♦	30	0	1
6NT	20	0	1
7♣	20	0	1
7♥	20	0	1

The keys to this problem are what is the meaning of partner's four notrump and what

would be the meaning of a double by you? If four notrump shows hearts and a minor, then you could bid 6♥. If four notrump shows both minors, then you should double. Since five hearts and five-of-a-minor occurs twice as often as five clubs and five diamonds, isn't it better to play that four notrump shows hearts and a minor? Even if partner has hearts, we might be off two tricks. For instance x/AJxxx/AKQxxx/x if partner has hearts and diamonds or x/AJxxx/x/KQ10xxx if partner has hearts and clubs. Another thought is whether this is a forcing situation. Since partner can bid four notrump with zero defensive tricks, KQJxxx/QJ10xxxx for instance, there is no guarantee that 7♠ can be beaten. Therefore double by you shows cards and not a spade stack. Partner is allowed to pull a double with extra distribution.

Three experts agree with me and make a strength showing double.

Cappelletti: "Double---Hope partner doesn't have hearts and clubs. The opponents are probably saving."

Schwartz: "Double---Even if partner has hearts, how do we confidently get there. If he doesn't and has a spade, slam isn't likely. Double should show values and not a lot in spades. Too bad pass isn't forcing, maybe it should be."

King: "Double---I don't think partner has to have to have all three suits and I would expect him to usually bid the lowest suit he has. If he bids 6♦ I will correct to hearts. If he bids 6♣ I have a more difficult decision. If he bids five notrump to ask me to choose then I will bid 6♥ gladly."

Five experts bid on. I hope his partner has hearts.

Shaw: "6♥---A real nasty problem since partner can have any two suiter or a three-suiter with a spade void. If partner has the minors he may have three hearts and a spade void. Only if I'm playing a team I rate to beat and it's a long match would I would double and take the sure plus. The other way this could win is that they will take out insurance and bid 6♠."

One expert bids 6♣. At least he will play in at least an eight-card fit. Partner is not

supposed to pass 6♣ holding the red suits.

Adams: "6♣---I expect I will be doubling 6♠, whether we are making or not. Five notrump choice of minors is wrong. First, I have a strong preference for clubs. Second, partner could have red suits. If I ask for minors and partner has reds, we will play diamonds instead of hearts. If I bid 6♣ and partner corrects to 6♦, we will be playing hearts. In hearts I can pitch clubs on diamonds. In diamonds they can get a heart ruff or tap long hand."

Three experts ask partner to bid his lowest five-card suit.

Parker: "Five notrump---Partner should have a two-suiter, so I can support anything

he has. If he bids 6♦ then we have a heart fit. I have good cards for offense and for defense but I hate to get stolen from so I will bid them up and maybe they will save at this vulnerability."

Sher: "Five notrump---Partner has at least two suits, and I expect a real good hand in this vulnerability, so let him pick a slam."

Hopkins: "Five notrump---I hope partner has a two-suiter and we locate a 5-3 fit. If he skips clubs, I will convert to hearts."

Take plus scores in competitive situations.

Make every card count!

SOLVERS' SCORES

John Adams	Pass	Pass	Pass	4♠	6♣	420
Mike Cappelletti	Pass	Pass	2♠	4♠	Dbl	430
Robbie Hopkins	3NT	3♦	2♣	Pass	5NT	360
Fred King	4♦	Pass	2♦	4♠	Dbl	410
Steve Parker	3NT	Pass	Pass	4♠	5NT	420
Steve Robinson	Pass	Dbl	Pass	Pass	Dbl	490
Alan Schwartz	4♦	Pass	Pass	Pass	Dbl	480
Mark Shaw	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	6♥	450
Josh Sher	4♦	3♣	Pass	Pass	5NT	430

WBL SOLVERS' PROBLEMS

January/February 2003

1) IMPs, Both Vul, You, South hold:

1032/AJ3/KQ543/K3

<u>SOUTH</u>	<u>WEST</u>	<u>NORTH</u>	<u>EAST</u>
1♦	1♠	DBL	PASS
?????			

2) IMPs, Both Vul, You, South hold:

AKJ32/K543/A2/A3

<u>SOUTH</u>	<u>WEST</u>	<u>NORTH</u>	<u>EAST</u>
DBL	3♥	3♠	PASS
4♥	PASS	4♠	PASS
?????			

3) MPs, Both Vul, You, South hold:

A10/KJ/KQ104/AK852

<u>SOUTH</u>	<u>WEST</u>	<u>NORTH</u>	<u>EAST</u>
	PASS	PASS	1♦
?????			

4) MPs, Both Vul, You, South hold:

J943/KJ10/Q72/A106

<u>SOUTH</u>	<u>WEST</u>	<u>NORTH</u>	<u>EAST</u>
PASS	PASS	1♣	1♥
DBL	PASS	1♠	PASS
?????			

5) IMPs, Both Vul, You, South hold:

AK102/3/AQ43/AQJ3

<u>SOUTH</u>	<u>WEST</u>	<u>NORTH</u>	<u>EAST</u>
			1♠
?????			

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UNIT GAME WINNERS

June 20 - October 31, 2002

JUNE 20, 2002

UNIT CHAMPIONSHIP

42 Pairs

*Andrew Kaufman &
Warren Kaufman*

B/C/D PAIRS

28 Pairs

Mark Rosen & Marlys Moholt

STRAT 0-200 PAIRS

20 Pairs

William Norlander & Chuck Zurauski

JUNE 27

STaC SWISS TEAMS

35 Teams

*Ellen Klosson, Ellen Cherniavsky,
Helene Bauman & Arnie Frankel*

STRAT 0-200 PAIRS

12 Pairs

Joseph Farruggio & Frieda Joyce

JULY 11

NAP UNIT QUALIFYING

80 Pairs

J Merrill & Lou Reich

STRAT 0-200 PAIRS

15 Pairs

Agnes Gavin & Evelyn Knapp

AUGUST 1

STRATA-FLIGHTED UNIT CHAMPIONSHIP

38 Pairs

*Joel Miller &
Leon Letwin*

B/C/D PAIRS

30 Pairs

*Doris Konecke &
Martha Chen*

STRAT 0-200 PAIRS

10 Pairs

*Barry Anderson &
Dennis Serpico*

AUGUST 8

STRATA-FLIGHTED UNIT CHAMPIONSHIP

42 Pairs

*Jackie Thompson &
Jim Allen Jr*

B/C/D PAIRS

30 Pairs

*Kenneth Kaufman &
Lloyd Rawley*

STRAT 0-200 PAIRS

10 Pairs

*Tim Houck &
Ben Epstein*

AUGUST 15

NAP UNIT QUALIFYING

74 Pairs

*Leo LaSota
&
Alfred Steinberg*

STRAT 0-200 PAIRS

16 Pairs

*William Norlander &
Chuck Zurawski*

AUGUST 22

STRATIFIED CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP

44 Pairs

*Leo LaSota
&
Dan Kasture*

AUGUST 29

STRATA-FLIGHTED UNIT CHAMPIONSHIP

40 Pairs

*Robert Klein &
David Ruderman*

B/C/D PAIRS

34 Pairs

*Ronald Zucker &
Tiber Roberts*

STRAT 0-200 PAIRS

12 Pairs

*Michelle Cantave &
Diana Campillo*

SEPTEMBER 5

STRATA-FLIGHTED UNIT CHAMPIONSHIP

34 Pairs

*Steve Robinson &
Alfred Steinberg*

B/C/D PAIRS

34 Pairs

*Robert Stearns &
Ronald Susi*

STRAT 0-200 PAIRS

15 Pairs

*Jeremy Tilstra &
Michael Gill*

THE
SURVEY

STARTS ON

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SEPTEMBER 12

MBA STaC

86 Pairs

***Thomas Peters &
John Lawrence***

STRAT 0-200 PAIRS

15 Pairs

***Shulamith Cohen &
Sol Silverman***

SEPTEMBER 19

NVBA SECTIONAL

A/X PAIRS

70 Pairs

***Janet Gookin
&
Robert Gookin***

B/C PAIRS

62 Pairs

***Madan Nanda &
Gabriele Nanda***

100/300 PAIRS

14 Pairs

***William Norlander &
Chuck Zurawski***

SEPTEMBER 26

**SEPTEMBER SECTIONAL
in the CLUBS**

34 Pairs

***William Cole &
Robert Bell***

B/C PAIRS

52 Pairs

***Mary Mudd &
Barry Sparks***

STRAT 0-200 PAIRS

15 Pairs

***Michael Gill &
Jeremy Tilstra***

OCTOBER 3

CLUB APPRECIATION B-A-M

A/X B-A-M TEAMS

22 Teams

***Steve Robinson, Andrew Gofreed,
John Adams, Alfred Steinberg***

B/C/D B-A-M TEAMS

62 Teams

***Barry James, Diane Jaworivsky,
Audrey Warren, Ruth Zimmerman***

STRAT 0-200 PAIRS

12 Pairs

***Arnold Kritz &
Timothy Stewart***

OCTOBER 10

WBL SECTIONAL

A/X PAIRS

62 Pairs

*John Adams
&
Steve Robinson*

B/C PAIRS

51 Pairs

*Jim Dick &
Linda Dick*

100/300 PAIRS

16 Pairs

*Jean Morgan &
Robert Bonham*

OCTOBER 24

NVBA SECTIONAL

A/X PAIRS

55 Pairs

*Kenneth Davis
&
Donald Geerhart*

B/C PAIRS

56 Pairs

*Robert Hartmann &
Ronald Spieker*

100/300 PAIRS

17 Pairs

*Timothy Stewart &
Alexander Vortmeyer*

OCTOBER 17

CLUB APPRECIATION PAIRS

A/X PAIRS

42 Pairs

Janet Dence & John Sedgewick

B/C/D PAIRS

28 Pairs

John Terauds & Joseph Farruggio

STRAT 0-200 PAIRS

10 Pairs

*Gail Morgenweck &
Joan Fitzpatrick*

OCTOBER 31

GNT UNIT QUALIFYING

32 Teams

*Ellen Klosson, Ellen Cherniavsky,
William Cole, Peter Boyd
tied for first place with
Robert Klein, David Ruderman,
Alice Wegman, Richard Wegman*

STRAT 0-200 PAIRS

10 Pairs

Evelyn Knapp & Agnes Gavin

2002 TROPHY RACE STANDINGS

www.WashingtonBridgeLeague.org

Updated by our Webmaster, Don Berman

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 fewer than 1500 masterpoints; the Tubbs Race is open to all WBL members who started the calendar year as a Non-Life Master; the Woolridge Race is open to all WBL members who started the calendar year with fewer than 20 masterpoints; the Machlin Race includes only those points won in senior events at the five WBL Sectional Tournaments.

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

This list is up to date through October 12, 2002, including the Unit KOs and the Round Robin. All points are subject to audit by the WBL Director.

Lovenberg

1	191.17	Alfred Steinberg
2	188.23	Leo LaSota
3	140.51	Steve Robinson
4	126.16	John Adams
5	115.64	Earl Glickstein
6	106.05	Ellen Klosson
7	105.76	Alan Kleist
8	100.08	Barbara Shaw
9	97.98	Weizhong Bao
10	95.01	Mark Shaw
11	90.06	Robert Bell
12	88.78	David Ruderman
13	88.54	Robert Klein
14	86.40	Ellen Cherniavsky
15	80.44	Donna Rogall
16	80.05	Fred King
17	79.67	Yi Zhong
18	75.21	Peter Boyd
19	69.98	Kefu Xu
20	65.69	Hailong Ao
21	65.47	Warren Kaufman
22	63.60	Eugene Kales
23	62.71	Jim Allen Jr
24	57.92	Andrew Kaufman
25	53.64	Clyde Kruskal

Izzy Cohen

1	86.40	Ellen Cherniavsky
2	79.67	Yi Zhong
3	65.69	Hailong Ao
4	57.92	Andrew Kaufman
5	52.88	Jackie Thompson
6	44.54	James Geist
7	44.30	Vincent Wilmot Jr
8	44.05	Charity Sack
9	40.06	William Colligan
10	38.75	John Gassenheimer
11	37.61	Kitty Gottfried
12	34.29	David Hamilton
13	33.47	Joel Miller
14	33.27	Tim Crank
15	33.25	Charles Pan

Tubbs

1	44.05	Charity Sack
2	34.29	David Hamilton
3	32.63	Michelle Cantave
4	31.78	Richard Ferrin
5	29.05	Carole Banks
6	27.30	Robert Wissman
7	24.72	Suzanne Abrams
8	23.63	Barry Anderson
9	22.17	Norris Hekimian
10	22.17	Edgar Mac Arthur

Woolridge

1	34.29	David Hamilton
2	20.83	Steven Sacks
3	19.02	Ellen Rosenthal
4	15.50	Timothy Stewart
5	8.86	David Epstein
6	8.22	Azmat Ali
7	7.54	Joan Donoghue
8	7.54	Julie Oethinger
9	7.09	Diana Campillo
10	5.67	Rachelle Sladoff

Machlin

1	11.86	Marie Creisher
2	11.27	Rosemary Marks
3	10.60	Charles Stenger
4	8.40	Charles Pan
5	8.30	Jeanne Stenger (<i>died 8/4/02</i>)
6	7.67	James Rodgers
7	6.76	Stephen Czecha
8	6.64	Alice Miller

SURVEY

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The survey is here!
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The survey is here. The survey is long. Why is it so long, you ask? Aren't editors supposed to edit? Shouldn't we just ask the most important questions? Well, that's the thing, you see. We don't really know which ones are the most important to you. That's what we hope your answers will tell us. In fact, if some question seem unimportant to you, just put zeroes after them (or skip the question entirely). See, the survey isn't that long after all!

For the questions that do matter to you, please use the following Importance Rating numbering system to let us know how important each issue is to you.

The survey results will be compiled and printed in an upcoming issue of the *WBL Bulletin*.

IMPORTANCE RATING

Except where there are special instructions, when you answer the survey questions, please put a **3**, **2**, **1**, or **0** in the space next to your selection(s) according to the importance criteria described below:

3: Extremely Important:

This affects how often I will play, or possibly whether I will play at all.

2: Important:

I may still play as often without this, but I won't be happy about it.

1: Mildly Important:

It would be a little better with this.

0: Unimportant:

I am just putting a zero here so you know that I didn't accidentally miss this.

Checkmark:

If you find that using this ranking system is too time consuming, just put a checkmark next to your selection(s). (*This is the same as putting a #1 by each of your selection(s).*)

YOUR CHOICE OF HOW TO RESPOND

Pick whatever method is easiest for you:

- (a) Pull out pages 19 through 26.
(*They are the center pages of this issue and should come out as two sheets of 8 1/2" x 11" paper... Page 18 - the instruction page - does not need to be returned.*)

Then return your filled out form to any of the following:

- by mail to:
Donna Rogall
901 Cliftonbrook Ln.
Silver Spring, MD 20905
- in person to any director or board member that you see at a game
- place in the survey collection box at the Unit Game

or (b) Respond by e-mail to Donna Rogall at drogall@erols.com.
(*If you would like an e-mail version of the questions, send an e-mail requesting it.*)

or (c) Respond at the website:
www.WashingtonBridgeLeague.org

*Thanks in advance
for your time
and input!*

SURVEY

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QUESTIONS



i. *Information*



a. Name:

(No anonymous responses will be compiled.)

b. WBL Member ACBL #:

(We are also interested in hearing from non-members — responses will be compiled separately.)

c. e-mail:

(For WBL business only. No addresses will be shared.)

d. Approximately how many Unit Games did you play in during the last 12 months?

 0-5 6-15 16-25 26-35 36-45

e. Approximately how many WBL Sectionals did you play in during the last 12 months?

 0 1 2 3 4 5

f. What flight do you usually play in?

 A X B C D Novice

g. What city & state do you live in?



I. *General Questions*



1. 'Fun' vs. 'Serious' Bridge

a. Would you like the Unit Game better if a 'fun' game was offered in addition to the selection of seriously competitive games that currently exist? *(Please put your importance rating next to your selection.)*

 Yes

 No

b. Would you like the WBL Sectionals better if a 'fun' game was offered in addition to the selection of seriously competitive games that currently exist? *(Please put your importance rating next to your selection.)*

 Yes

 No

c. If you answered yes to 1.a. and/or 1.b., which of the following would contribute to making a game 'fun'? *(Please put your importance rating next to each of your selection(s). Some of these choices can be answered in more detail in upcoming questions, but here we're trying to get a good general description of 'fun'.)*

 relaxed rules

 no alerts

 director's rule final

 fewer director calls

 allow partners with a great difference in masterpoints to play together

 restrict 'fun' game(s) by masterpoint level

 bar rude players from the 'fun' game

 short game

 evening game ends early

 team game

 dinner game

 game with a food break

 fewer boards, time to socialize while playing

 lots of boards, fast play

 Other: _____

2. Partnerships

Would you like the WBL to provide more assistance in finding partners or teammates? *(Please put your importance rating next to your selection.)*

☐ Yes

☐ No

3. Babysitting

a. Would you like the WBL to set up babysitting at the sites of the unit game and/or sectionals? *(Please put your importance rating next to your selection.)*

☐ Yes

☐ No

If you answered yes, please answer b:

b. There may be insurance issues that could add to the cost. How much would you be willing to pay per child for babysitting per session? *(Please put your importance rating next to the highest range you are willing to pay.)*

☐ \$10-14 ☐ \$15-19 ☐ \$20-24 ☐ \$25-30

☐ \$0-9 (Subsidize this other ways.)

4. Behavior

Would you like the WBL to have its directors more liberally hand out zero tolerance penalties for rude behavior? *(Please put your importance rating next to your selection.)*

☐ Yes

☐ No

5. Appeals

The ACBL Board of Directors voted to have management submit a plan to have Directors handle appeals at Nationals starting Jan. 2004. The manner of hearing appeals may be left to the sponsoring organization at lower levels tournaments, unit and club games. At the unit and club levels, it isn't possible to have a committee of directors. *(Please put your importance rating next to your first choice only.)*

We should :

☐ a. continue as is with appeals going to player committees

☐ b. let the director have the final word after consulting with other directors and players

☐ c. have a director sit on the committee

☐ d. have some other form of appeals process

please elaborate) _____

6. Membership Motions

a. Should we continue to allow motions to be brought at membership meetings?

☐ Yes

☐ No

b. What should the requirements (if any) be for advance notice of each type of motion brought? (The policies have recently been amended to read that all motions to be brought before the WBL membership must be published in the *WBL Bulletin* in advance of a duly convened meeting of the membership. This requirement used to just apply to motions that would change the *Constitution*.) *(Please put your importance rating next to your first choice only.)*

☐ I agree with the Board that advance notice in the *WBL Bulletin* for all types of motions is necessary.

☐ Advance notice in the *WBL Bulletin* is only necessary for motions that would change the *Constitution*.

☐ No advance notice should be required for any motion.

☐ Other: _____

♣♦♥♠
II. Sectionals
 ♣♦♥♠

7. Times

a. What time would you like to see each of the following sectional events begin? (*Please put your importance rating next to your first choice only.*)

Thursday, 1st session:

__9am __9:30 __10 __10:30 __11 __11:30
 __12pm __12:30 __1 __1:30 __2 __2:30 __3

Thursday, 2nd session:

__5pm __5:30 __6 __6:30 __7 __7:30 __8

Friday, 1st session:

__9am __9:30 __10 __10:30 __11 __11:30

Friday, 2nd session:

__10:30am __11 __11:30 __12pm __12:30 __1
 __1:30 __2 __2:30 __3

Friday, 3rd session:

__3:30pm __4 __4:30 __5pm __5:30
 __6 __6:30 __7 __7:30 __8

Saturday, 1st session:

__9am __9:30 __10 __10:30 __11 __11:30

Saturday, 2nd session:

__10:30am __11 __11:30 __12pm __12:30 __1
 __1:30 __2 __2:30 __3

Saturday, 3rd session:

__3:30pm __4 __4:30 __5pm __5:30
 __6 __6:30 __7 __7:30 __8

Sunday, 1st session:

__9am __9:30 __10 __10:30 __11 __11:30
 __12pm __12:30 __1 __1:30 __2 __2:30 __3

Sunday, 2nd session:

__12:30pm __1 __1:30 __2 __2:30 __3 __3:30
 __4 __4:30 __5 __5:30 __6 __6:30 __7

b. If it turns out that 2 different particular start times for a particular session turn out to get the bulk of all the votes fairly evenly, what do you think of the idea of running half of our tournaments with one start time and the other half with the other start time for that session? (*Please put your importance rating next to your selection.*)

__Yes, do it.

__No, don't do it.

8. Breaks/Food

a. How long of a dinner break should there be on each day? (*Please put your importance rating next to your first choice only.*)

Thursday:

__None __15min. __30min. __45min. __1hr.
 __1¹/₄hr.s __1¹/₂hr.s __1³/₄hr.s __2hr.s
 __2¹/₄hr.s __2¹/₂hr.s __2³/₄hr.s __3hr.s

Friday:

__None __15min. __30min. __45min. __1hr.
 __1¹/₄hr.s __1¹/₂hr.s __1³/₄hr.s __2hr.s
 __2¹/₄hr.s __2¹/₂hr.s __2³/₄hr.s __3hr.s

Saturday:

__None __15min. __30min. __45min. __1hr.
 __1¹/₄hr.s __1¹/₂hr.s __1³/₄hr.s __2hr.s
 __2¹/₄hr.s __2¹/₂hr.s __2³/₄hr.s __3hr.s

Sunday:

__None __15min. __30min. __45min. __1hr.
 __1¹/₄hr.s __1¹/₂hr.s __1³/₄hr.s __2hr.s
 __2¹/₄hr.s __2¹/₂hr.s __2³/₄hr.s __3hr.s

b. Would you like a playthrough on Sundays of the sectionals (with food available)? (*Please put your importance rating next to your selection.*)

__Yes

__No

c. What food do you like to see offered? (*Please put your importance rating next to each*

of your selections.)

☐ None necessary

☐ Just drinks are necessary

☐ Current selection is good

☐ Soda ☐ Juice ☐ Wine/Beer

☐ Sandwiches ☐ Salads ☐ Fruit ☐ Veggies

☐ Pizza ☐ Subs ☐ Candy ☐ Chips ☐ Danixh

☐ Trail mix ☐ Other _____

9. Location

Qualities:

a. Which of the following qualities are most important for the site of our sectionals to have? Feel free to add your own. *(Please put your importance rating next to each of your selections.)*

☐ Lighting ☐ Noise ☐ Temperature Control

☐ Parking ☐ Ease of getting to ☐ Reliability

☐ Overall Atmosphere ☐ Food Restrictions

☐ Kitchen Space ☐ Time Restrictions

☐ Food/Drink Available within the Site

☐ Proximity to Restaurants

☐ Other: _____

☐ Other: _____

b. Would you be willing to pay \$2 more per session for a high quality playing site? *(Please put your importance rating next to your selection.)*

☐ Yes

☐ No

Distance:

c. How far will you travel and still play as often as you would prefer in WBL sectionals? (Most of our membership lives in Rockville/Bethesda area.) *(Please put your importance rating next to the longest range of time you find manageable.)*

☐ 0-20min. ☐ 20-30min. ☐ 30-45min.

☐ 45-60min. ☐ 60-90min. ☐ A very long time

d. Would you be willing to pay \$2 more per session for a closer playing site? *(Please put your importance rating next to your selection.)*

☐ Yes

☐ No

Other:

e. Do you like the White Oak Armory at Randolph Rd. & Rt. 29? *(Please put your importance rating next to your selection.)*

☐ Yes

☐ No

f. Is it ok to have some sections of an event at one site and some at another? *(Please put your importance rating next to your selection.)*

☐ Yes

☐ No

g. Is it ok to have Thursday night at one site, Friday at another site, and Saturday and Sunday at a third site? *(Please put your importance rating next to your selection.)*

☐ Yes

☐ No

h. Are there any other sites that you can suggest?



III. **Unit Game**



10. Times

What time would you like to see the Unit Game begin? *(Please put your importance rating next to your first choice only.)*

☐ 5pm ☐ 5:30 ☐ 6 ☐ 6:30 ☐ 7 ☐ 7:30 ☐ 8

11. Food

a. What food do you like to see offered?
(Please put your importance rating next to each of your selections.)

- ☐ None necessary
☐ Just drinks are necessary
☐ Current selection is good
☐ Soda ☐ Juice ☐ Wine/Beer ☐ Dinner
☐ Sandwiches ☐ Salads ☐ Fruit ☐ Veggies
☐ Pizza ☐ Subs ☐ Candy ☐ Chips ☐ Danixh
☐ Trail mix ☐ Other _____

b. Would you be interested in a game that served dinner before the game? (Please put your importance rating next to your selection.)

- ☐ Yes
☐ No

c. Would you be interested in a game that served dinner during the game? (Please put your importance rating next to your selection.)

- ☐ Yes
☐ No

d. How much would you be willing to pay for dinner? (Please put your importance rating next to the highest amount you will pay.)

- ☐ \$0 ☐ \$4-6 ☐ \$6-8 ☐ \$8-10 ☐ \$10-12

12. Locations

Qualities:

a. Which of the following qualities are most important for the unit game to have? Feel free to add your own. (Please put your importance rating next to each of your selections.)

- ☐ Lighting ☐ Noise ☐ Temperature Control
☐ Parking ☐ Ease of getting to
☐ Overall Atmosphere ☐ Food Restrictions
☐ Kitchen Space ☐ Time Restrictions
☐ Proximity to Restaurants

☐ Other: _____

☐ Other: _____

b. Would you be willing to pay \$2 more per session for a high quality playing site? (Please put your importance rating next to your selection.)

- ☐ Yes
☐ No

Distance:

c. How far will you travel and play as often as you would prefer in Unit Games? (Most of our membership lives in Rockville/Bethesda area.) (Please put your importance rating next to the longest range of time you find manageable.)

- ☐ 0-20min. ☐ 20-30min. ☐ 30-45min.
☐ 45-60min. ☐ 60-90min. ☐ A very long time

d. Would you be willing to pay \$2 more per session for a closer playing site? (Please put your importance rating next to your selection.)

- ☐ Yes
☐ No

Other:

e. Which site do you prefer? (Please put your importance rating next to your selection.)

- ☐ Christ the King Church
☐ Ohr Kodesh (after revamping is completed)

f. Are there any other sites that you can suggest?

13. Free Pre-Game Mini-Lessons

Would you attend or do you know any non-members who would attend free pre-game lessons at the Unit Game? (Just put a check next to your answer.)

- ☐ Yes
☐ No

♣♦♥♠
IV. Events
 ♣♦♥♠

14. Events

a. How much of a mix of events would you like to see at the **Sectionals**? (*Please put your importance rating next to your first choice only.*)

- ☐ a lot more than we have now
- ☐ more than we have now
- ☐ what we have now is good
- ☐ less than we have now
- ☐ a lot less than we have now

b. How much of a mix of events would you like to see at the **Unit Game**? (*Please put your importance rating next to your first choice only.*)

- ☐ a lot more than we have now
- ☐ more than we have now
- ☐ what we have now is good
- ☐ less than we have now
- ☐ a lot less than we have now

c. Which of the following events would you like to see Included and which would you like to see Excluded at the **Sectionals**? (*SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS: Next to each event that you would like to see Included, please put your importance rating and then the letter "I". Next to each event that you like to see Excluded, please put your importance rating and then the letter "E".*)

☐ B-A-M teams (*One pair on your team sits East-West. The other pair sits North-South. At the end of the game, you add your score with your teammates' score on each board. If the total is positive you get 1 point. If the total is zero, you get .5. If the total is negative, you get 0 points. You then total up your points on all the boards. Whichever team has the most points wins.*)

- ☐ Swiss teams Victory Points Scoring
- ☐ Swiss teams Win/Loss
- ☐ Knockout (KO) Teams
- ☐ Compact KO Teams (*played in one day*)
- ☐ Individuals
- ☐ Flighted (*Sections are made up of one flight only*)
- ☐ Stratified (*Sections include players from all flights, but masterpoint awards are*

given for each flight.)

☐ Strata-flighted (*Sections are made up of players from 2 or 3 different flights and masterpoints are given for each flight.*)

☐ Bracketed Knockout Teams without allowing play-up into a higher bracket

☐ Bracketed Knockout Teams allowing play-up in a higher bracket

☐ Non-LifeMaster Tournament

☐ LM/nonLM game

☐ Senior

☐ Mixed

☐ Women's

☐ Men's;

☐ 1-session events

☐ 2-session events

☐ 3-session events

☐ 4+session events

☐ Continuous Pairs (*A multi-session event. You can play in as many or as few sessions as you like with a variety of different partners. Individual overall awards are given to the highest scores posted in at least 2 sessions.*)

☐ Money Bridge...rubber bridge format

☐ Money Bridge...pair game format

☐ Money Bridge...Cavendish type - bid on expert pairs format

☐ Fast Pairs/5 min/board

☐ Regular Pace Pairs/7min/board

☐ Slow Pairs/8.5min/board

☐ 20-22 boards/session

☐ 23-25 boards/session

☐ 26-27 boards/session

☐ Relaxed Rules Bridge. *See ACBL Bulletin.*

☐ Championship/Trophy Events

☐ Team of 2 Pairs (Best Ball) *Both pairs on your team sit the same direction in different*

sections. On each board you use the better score to determine the matchpoint awards for your team.

___ Team of 2 Pairs (Worst Ball) Both pairs on your team sit the same direction in different sections. On each board you use the worse score to determine the matchpoint awards for your team.

___ Par Contest (Hands are pre-arranged to include interesting problems in bidding, play and defense.)

___ Barometer Pairs (After every couple of hands, your matchpoints are posted. Everyone plays the same hands at the same time.)

___ Any Different, New or Unusual Game

___ Other _____

d. Which of the following events would you like to see Included and which would you like to see Excluded at the **Unit Game**? (*SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS: Next to each event that you would like to see Included, please put your importance rating and then the letter "I". Next to each event that you like to see Excluded, please put your importance rating and then the letter "E".*)

___ B-A-M teams

___ Swiss teams Victory Points Scoring

___ Swiss teams Win/Loss

___ Individuals

___ Flighted

___ Stratified

___ Strata-flighted

___ LM/nonLM game

___ Senior

___ Mixed

___ Women's

___ Men's;

___ Money Bridge...rubber bridge format

___ Money Bridge...pair game format

___ Money Bridge...Cavendish type

___ Fast Pairs/5 min/board

___ Regular Pace Pairs/7min/board

___ Slow Pairs/8.5min/board

___ 20-22 boards/session

___ 23-25 boards/session

___ 26-27 boards/session

___ Relaxed Rules Bridge.

___ Championship/Trophy Events

___ Team of 2 Pairs (Best Ball)

___ Team of 2 Pairs (Worst Ball)

___ Par Contest

___ Barometer Pairs

___ Any Different, New or Unusual Game

___ Other _____



V. Bulletin



15. e-mail the WBL Bulletin

Would you be willing to receive your WBL bulletin by e-mail in lieu of a printed copy? (You can view a sample of what this would look like on our unit's website.) (Just put a check next to your answer.)

___ Yes

___ No, but I will take the e-mail version along with the printed version.

___ No, don't send the e-mail version at all.

16. Type Size

How do you like the type size you are reading now? (Please put your importance rating next to your selection.)

___ It needs to be a lot bigger.

___ It needs to be a little bigger.

___ It's fine, but no smaller.

___ It's fine and it could even be a little smaller.

WBL UNIT GAME SCHEDULE

All Games held at *Christ the King Church*

November 14	Strata-Flighted Unit Championship
November 21	WBL Sectional
November 28	Closed - Happy Thanksgiving
December 5	Strata-Flighted Unit Championship
December 12	Holiday Party (MABC STaC)
December 19	Stratified GNT Qualifying
December 26	Strata-Flighted Unit Championship
January 2	Strata-Flighted Pairs
January 9	WBL Sectional
January 16	Strata-Flighted Pairs
January 23	Strata-Flighted Pairs
January 30	Stratified GNT Qualifying
February 6	NVBA Sectional

Newcomer, Novice, and Intermediate

7:15pm	Free Duplicate Mini-Lesson
7:30pm	Bridge

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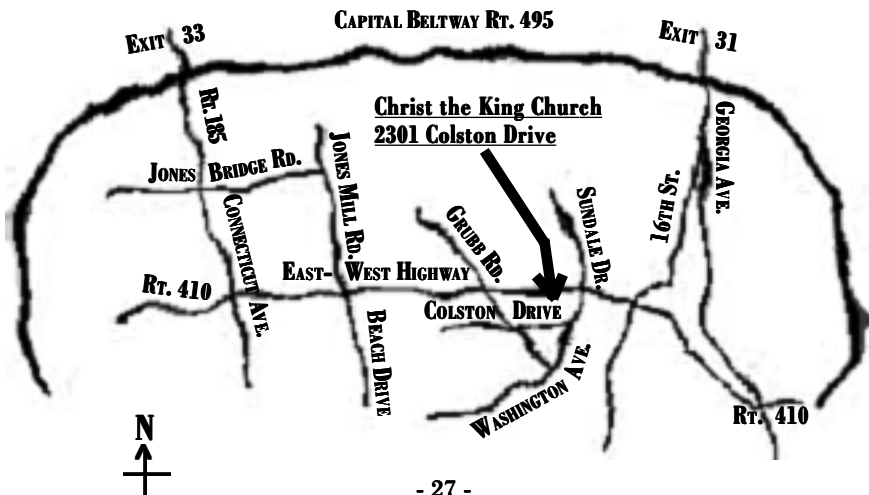
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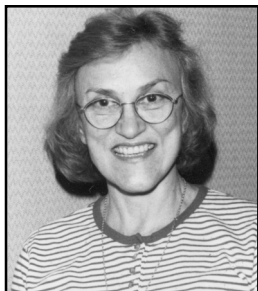
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COMMITTEE ACTION XLI

Part I

by Rich Colker, rcolker@worldnet.att.net

In the second qualifying session of the Life Master Open Pairs here in Washington last July you pick up, as dealer with neither side vulnerable, ♠8 ♥853 ♦QJ983 ♣AK74. You pass and LHO opens 1♠. Partner bids 3♥ (preemptive) and RHO bids 3♠. What is your call?

Some players might try a lead-directing 4♣. Still others might try 3NT (minors?). You bid a rather pedestrian 4♥ and the auction continues: 4♠-Pass-Pass. Now what? Well, it isn't as though this turn of events comes as a surprise to you. After all, 4♥ frequently acts as a "transfer" to 4♠—for the opponents—in auctions like this. Your options seem to be Pass, 5♥, or a lead-directing 5♣. Well?

Consider your prospects in 5♥ at this vulnerability. If partner has a "normal" 3♥ bid such as ♠Jxx ♥KQ109xx ♦x ♣xxx you will go down two tricks in 5♥ (doubled) even if the opponents allow partner to ruff his two losing spades in dummy (easily prevented by ace and another trump at tricks two and three). After a diamond lead partner threatens a diamond ruff (or two) if declarer fails to draw trumps immediately, which of course would prevent him from ruffing his losers in dummy.

Reverse partner's minor-suit holdings and now we have five likely losers (surely the opponents can obtain their diamond ruff) and the opponents will be off two clubs and a ruff before they know what happened, and they may also have a heart loser. Change partner's hand again, this time to two-two in the minors, and there's still the issue of the spade losers to deal with. Setting up a diamond winner for a spade pitch requires losing the lead twice, and by then the opponents will probably be able to cash a second spade. All things considered, 5♥ will not be a bargain (–300 is virtually certain and –500 a real possibility) and in many cases 4♠ will be going down as well.

Of course if partner has a side four-card minor such as ♣QJxx or ♦Kxxx, your offensive prospects in 5♥ would increase dramati-

cally, as would the opponents' prospects in 4♠ or even 5♠. Maybe bidding 4♣ or 3NT would have worked out better, allowing partner to express a second opinion over 4♠. Is there any doubt that you have a real problem here and that any of the options mentioned earlier (Pass, 5♣ and 5♥) could work out well or very poorly?

Well, if you haven't guessed it yet partner huddled over 4♠. Now what are your options? First, we must determine what partner's huddle means. Could he have been thinking about doubling 4♠? Hardly, unless he has found an extra couple of aces since he bid his preemptive 3♥. So partner must have been thinking about bidding 5♥. But that must mean that partner has either extra heart length (most likely seven of them) or a secondary four- or five-card minor or both, all of which make a further bid by you (5♣ or 5♥) much more attractive. And since Pass is a logical alternative to either of those actions you are obliged to Pass.

Can't you just bid 5♣ or 5♥ if you are willing to pay the piper later if your bid works out well and the opponents call the Director? Absolutely not. Law 73C says: "When a player has available to him unauthorized information from his partner, as from a remark, question, explanation, gesture, mannerism, special emphasis, inflection, haste or hesitation, he must carefully avoid taking any advantage that might accrue to his side." If you go ahead and bid on after partner's hesitation you could be subject to a procedural penalty for your disregard of your obligations under the laws, not to mention having your score adjusted to "the most unfavorable result that was at all probable." That means that if beating 4♠ would have been pretty routine but there's also a slight chance that you might have misdefended, allowing 4♠ to make, your score will be adjusted to 4♠ making. Wouldn't you rather pass and preserve your chance to beat it legitimately at the table?

...continued in the next issue



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-Regular Season-

<u>Game Date</u>	<u>Versus</u>	<u>Time/Result</u>
9/8/2002	vs. Arizona	1:00 PM EST
9/16/2002	vs. Philadelphia	9:00 PM EST
9/22/2002	at San Francisco	4:15 PM EST
Week 4	OPEN DATE	
10/6/2002	at Tennessee	1:00 PM EST
10/13/2002	vs. New Orleans	1:00 PM EST
10/20/2002	at Green Bay	4:15 PM EST
10/27/2002	vs. Indianapolis	8:30 PM EST
11/3/2002	at Seattle	4:15 PM EST
11/10/2002	at Jacksonville	4:05 PM EST
11/17/2002	at NY Giants	1:00 PM EST
11/24/2002	vs. St. Louis	4:15 PM EST
11/28/2002	at Dallas (Thu)	4:05 PM EST
12/8/2002	vs. NY Giants	1:00 PM EST
12/15/2002	at Philadelphia	1:00 PM EST
12/22/2002	vs. Houston	1:00 PM EST
12/29/2002	vs. Dallas	1:00 PM EST

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ALERTZZzzzz!!!!

Part IV: Alert System Goals

by Clyde Kruskal

When I go out to play bridge, I do not want to have to read a dozen convention cards, memorize parts of a dozen systems, or worry during two dozen auctions that I have forgotten the opponents methods. I want to think about the bridge, and otherwise relax and be sociable. I think most players to a large extent agree. The alert procedure should make this possible.

People who play unusual systems and conventions have a small advantage (even if their methods are not inherently superior), because the opponents will not always be able to handle their bids optimally given the limited opportunity for preparation. We should do whatever we can to make sure their opponents do not become confused at the table, turning this into a large advantage. Otherwise it is worthwhile to play unusual methods just for that reason. You should win on the superiority of your methods, bidding, and play.

Primarily, the alert procedure should warn the opponents that a bid might not have the expected meaning.

HERE ARE THE MAJOR GOALS:

- **Be simple and comfortable.**
- **Inform opponents (of bidding side) about meanings of all bids (including negative inferences).**

- **Not inform bidding side about meanings of their own bids.**

- **Limit extraneous communication at the table.**

No alert procedure can do all of this. It must be a compromise. Let's go through these goals one at a time.

Be simple and comfortable.

I think the current alert procedure is reasonably simple. This may sound funny coming from someone who is writing his fourth article on the subject, but for most players, who use standard systems without a lot of conventions, there really is not that much to know. The complicated part occurs at the edges where very few players live. In the rare instances that you come across a bid that you are not sure about, you can just alert, since there is no penalty for over alerting. I have not noticed a lot of director calls and rulings caused by the alert procedure being too complicated.

It has to be workable for all levels of players, from novice to expert. It used to be that bids that were part of 1950's Goren were never alertable. This protected people who played a very natural form of bridge. We have moved away from that. Strong two's and low-level penalty doubles are now alertable. It is just no longer reasonable to protect the extremely rare "mom-and-pop" player, while complicating life for everyone else.

You do not want to have the feeling that you or your opponents may have missed an alert, or do not understand the meaning of some bid. Notice that the rules state that to alert or announce you are supposed to make a statement and use the alert card at the same time. (In addition, you are also responsible for insuring that your opponents have registered your alert. To this end it is polite for recipients to overtly acknowledge an alert, as by nodding or returning an alert card placed on the table to its owner.) The two different kinds of cues (and an acknowledgement) provide positive reinforcement.

It is slightly uncomfortable to ask questions for which you almost surely know the answer. Announcements avoid this by describing the actual meaning in one word or a short phrase. Before announcements (and special alerts) some “standard” bids such as transfers were alerted. So, if the auction 1NT-2♦ was alerted, you could usually assume it was a transfer but you would not be sure. You could ask, but who wants to ask a question for which the answer is almost surely known? Once in a while it is okay, but not every time a transfer occurs.

There are still bids that are alerted where I almost surely know what the bid means (sometimes depending on the opponents). For example, if the auction 1♠-2NT is alerted I expect that it is a forcing spade raise, but I have to ask just in case. This is a result of having simple definitions (conventional bids are alertable with a few exceptions). It occurs infrequently enough that I am willing to tolerate asking.

There are also bids that are not alerted where I almost surely know what the bid means. When the opponents

make a direct cuebid of a suit opening, it is usually Michaels. It is so common that I find myself not checking, which can be dangerous. It might be more reasonable to make all meanings except Michaels alertable, but this would violate the principle that only highly unusual meanings of cuebids are alertable.

Many players dislike announcing the point range on a strong 1NT opening, since a large majority plays it as strong (at least in this area). Colker tells me that before instituting announcements for all ranges, players that might have an action depending on the range would wait to be sure there was no announcement or check an opponent’s convention card, but would just pass quickly if they had no action for any range. This would pass unauthorized information to partner.

Inform opponents (of bidding side) about the meanings of all bids (including negative inferences).

As mentioned above, the most important job of the alert procedure is to warn opponents about bids that do not have their expected meaning. I think it does a good job here. I cannot think of any major surprises although there may be some minor ones. For example, when playing Precision, 1♥-4♥ is alertable because responder may have a different hand type than the opponents are expecting, but 1♥-(1♠)-4♥ is not alertable because now the bid is in competition. I think it should still be alerted, since the hand type may still be different than standard.

The current procedure has moved away from alerting negative inferences: For example, bids that may bypass a four card major, or not making a sup-

port double are no longer alertable. In these circumstances, if you really need to know you will have to ask, and, of course, there will be times you may not even know to ask. Usually these negative inferences will not affect your bidding. Are you really going to choose to make a takeout double because an opponent will not bypass a four card major, or because he may have three-card support for his partner's suit rather than at most two? Maybe. But this is extremely delicate bidding, and I would rather live with the consequences in order to avoid all of the extra alerts. In fact partnerships develop styles, so that if every negative inference required an alert almost every bid would be alertable. This would ruin the whole idea of alerts warning opponents to ask what a bid means; you would never really know when to ask.

The information about negative inferences is more useful during the play. The ACBL Alert Procedure deals with this stating, "To ensure full disclosure, however, at the end of the auction and before the opening lead declarers are encouraged to volunteer to explain the auction (including available inferences)." I wish this were a rule rather than just an encouragement. The defenders can obtain the same effect by being in the habit of asking at the end of the auction if there are available inferences. In fact the declarer can also ask at the risk of giving away information to the opponents.

We could introduce a "mild" alert, which would state that there is an inference that you might want to know about, but basically the bid means what it sounds like. This is a reasonable idea, but it does complicate the alert procedure by creating a new class of alerts.

Not inform bidding side about meanings of their own bids.

There is a big difference between alerting a bid that is "about to be made" and alerting one that has already been made. Almost all alerts are of bids that have already been made. For example, if you play preemptive jump raises so that $1\heartsuit-3\heartsuit$ is weak, the alert of $3\heartsuit$ will not give away information. If you have forgotten and you really have a limit raise, you are expected to continue the auction as if you have already shown your hand. There are only a few examples of alerts of bids about to be made (which is good). One is puppet stayman where $2NT-3\clubsuit$ asks for a five card major. The alert informs partner that they are playing puppet stayman. As I stated in the first article, I think this alert should be eliminated. It serves almost no purpose.

Sometimes you are not sure what you are playing but you can make a bid that caters to more than one possibility. For example, if you are not sure whether you are playing Drury and have a hand with limit raise values and also five clubs, you can bid $2\clubsuit$ and figure out what you are playing by listening whether partner alerts. This is unfortunate, but it at least it happens very infrequently. Of course, an ethical player would not use this information.

The explanation of bids can pass unauthorized information. If you ask what $4NT$ means, many people will say "Roman-key-card" or "1430", both of which clarify the bidding system. I would rather the explanation simply be "asks about key cards". This is not as complete an explanation, but basically it tells the opponents what is going on and does not tell partner what your responses mean. Similarly, if you ask about the auction

2♠-2NT many people will say “Ogust” or “asks for a feature”. Once again, I would rather they say “asks me to further describe my hand”. (I end up asking about this bid because many players alert it even though most meanings are not alertable. Maybe I will stop asking after this particular alert.)

Limit extraneous communication at the table.

As indicated above the new alert procedure reduces communication: The announcements give a quick explanation, rather than the more tedious alert, question, and then explanation. Not alerting negative inferences avoids extraneous alerts followed by questions and answers where nobody cares.

There is still some improvement that can be made here. As mentioned in the first article, the announcement that a 1♣ opening may be short is not sufficient. It may be a standard short club or may be an unusual bid. So one is forced to ask.

There are bids where the most common meaning is alertable (as in the Jacoby 2NT), and bids where not only is the most common meaning not alertable but other very different meanings are also not alertable (as for Michaels cuebids). These situations can cause unnecessary communication, but simplify the alert procedure by minimizing exceptions to the general principles.

CONCLUSION

There are still difficult situations. For example, consider the opponents bidding pass-1♠-2♣-2♠, where 2♣ is Drury showing a limit raise of spades. (This is the problem auction of my pre-

vious article.) If 2♠ shows a minimum the auction is likely to die, so both players can bid as if they are in balancing seat. But if 2♠ shows a full opener the player in direct seat may not want to enter the auction, even with good distribution. In either case, 2♠ is not alertable. Notice that the alert procedure works fine in the sense that neither player needs to be warned about the 2♠ bid. It shows spades. The problem occurs that if you ask about the meaning of 2♠ you are giving away the information that you care. (Unless you always ask in this situation, and, as we saw from the previous article, always asking may not be sufficient.)

When I first started writing these articles, I thought there would be an exact definition of what bids are alertable. I quickly found out that there is not. For example, there is no cutoff as to at what level a double is presumed to be negative or penalty. To some extent you must protect yourself. And even if the opponents fail to alert you have to show damage. This helps the procedure work well even when most players are not experts on the nuances.

I am not satisfied that it is acceptable to alert whenever you are not sure. Basically this is reasonable, but for the most common bids players should be expected (after a reasonable learning curve) to get it right. This is especially true for alerts that can clue partner in on your system.

Overall the alert procedure seems very good. Not only is it a compromise of competing goals, but also it is a compromise of different people's visions. It just cannot be perfect. I expect there to be new ideas and improvements over time.

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THE WORKER BZZZ

featuring: **Lee Jensen, Tournament Chair**
by our first guest biographer, Beebee B. Noteworthy

This is the first in a series of bios aimed at bringing you some tidbits about the people who work behind the scenes and some details of what their efforts for the WBL entail. Enjoy! —Ed.

The Washington Bridge League has had a long history of outstanding members who have contributed to its success as a premier organization. Over the years, we, as its members, have had the good fortune to watch some of our most dedicated peers rise and mature in various capacities, forming the bedrock on which the game we love, its operation, and its continuing survival, rests. The work involved in maintaining a complex operation, which always seems, to some degree, to be in a state of flux, can appear daunting even with a hard-working team of volunteers at hand. We need a group of folks to administer, coordinate, execute, plan, maintain, clean up, set up, adjudicate, right the wrongs, do the dirty work, and mostly with out thanks and/or compensation. That's a pretty tall order.

This rough-sketch biography article is written in honor of one such individual, someone who has, over the last eleven odd years, been there in the hot seat, doing just those things outlined in the latter portion of the preceding paragraph. Let's take our hats off to our current Tournament Co-Chair (last eleven years), sitting board member (also last eleven years), past three-term president, and overall WBL workhorse, Lee Jensen.

Lee was born in Sioux City, Iowa in

1951, where he grew up until he left home in 1969 to pursue a mining degree at the Colorado School of Mines. It was there that he learned the skills required in mining, including blasting, hauling ore, working a jack-leg (which you can think of as a horizontal jack-hammer), along with a host of other back-breaking duties. From mining in Colorado he moved onto a variety of jobs, including a nine-year stint with the Air Force, working the counter at a 7/11, pumping gas, and software development at Honeywell (though not necessarily in that order). He eventually emigrated to the Washington D.C. area where he completed his Bachelor's Degree at the University of Maryland in Technical Management, and subsequently, in 1990, entered into his current occupation at NIH where he is at their Laboratory of Sensory Motor Research, studying eye movement.

Lee has one son, Michael, 19, who is currently a Sophomore at the West Virginia University, on a full ROTC scholarship, studying History.

He took up bridge while at the mining college and kept it up while at Honeywell, but then took time off from the game until he moved to this area. He joined our unit about 15 years ago, and soon entered into his public service with our unit. He joined our board at that time, eventually rising to the office of unit president, and also took over the Tournament Chairman title from long time TC Nadine Wood. His ex-

perience and vast knowledge of the intricacies of running the bridge unit as well as tournaments is arguably second to none, and that says a lot considering the resident expertise in the D.C. area. For example, here are some of the duties of the TC: shopping for all of the tournament food, making sandwiches, schlepping tables/chairs/food/etc, setting up the tournament site, taking down the tournament site, arranging the playing site (contracts, legal issues, etc), dealing with irate tournament-goers, arranging the playing site when the scheduled site cancels our reservation (which has happened twice courtesy of the White Oak Armory and September 11th), and the list goes on. That's a boat-load of work for an array of people, let alone one man.

But Lee does a lot more than just worry about making sure we have a bridge game to play in. He is an avid golfer (five handicap) who travels all over the east coast playing in tournaments; recently he made the National Finals at a Florida tourney. He enjoys reading (he lists Terry Goodkind, a fantasy writer, as one of his favorite authors), and is an excellent cook (something many of us have had the great chance to discover personally) especially on the barbie.

Sometimes it is difficult to really get a good insight on someone's personality, even when you deal with that person at a close level for several years. Such is the case with this fellow, a person with a rather quiet and introspective demeanor, who is a real private hero. In this situation, sometimes one way to discover someone like that is to get his responses to some bipolar-style questions. For example, if you have seen the movie Pulp Fiction, one of the

character poses a series of questions to another character, one of which is "Are you a Beatles man, or are you an Elvis man?" the theory being that a person normally, if given the choice, have a particular preference for one or the other, but not really both.

What follows is a list of questions and Lee's responses...

(1). Would you rather be the pilot or a passenger? (Lee says he'd rather be the passenger.)

(2). Who do you prefer, Roger Moore or Sean Connery? (Connery)

(3). When you barbecue, do you prefer gas or coals? (coals)

(4). Would you rather be alone a deserted island, or on the corner of 42nd and Broadway? (island)

(5). Who would you rather see slip and fall on a banana peel: Saddam Hussein or Martha Stewart? (Martha)

(6). Who would you rather play a round of golf with: Tiger Woods or Bobby Jones? (Jones)

...and in regards to the Elvis/Beatles issue, Lee is a Beatles man.

There is a lot more to Lee than meets the eye (or meets the words in a biography), and no short epistle really does the man justice. But the next time you are sitting at the table, in a hotel, armory, church, or wherever the game is located, waiting for the next round to be called, munching on some snack provided, sipping on a cup of coffee or soda, you might want to spare a thought, a silent 'thank you', to the people who make it all appear so effortlessly available. And for one quiet guy in particular, a big hearty 'well done'.

EXTRA SECTIONAL TOURNAMENT IN THE CLUBS

September 26-29, 2002

Results

THU AM STRAT OPEN PAIRS ... 47 Pairs

A	B	C	
1			Sylvia Levy-Eileen Theimer 67.41
2			Marshall Kushner-Vonnie Lavender 65.06
3			Marcia Stein-Antionette Logwood 63.30
4	1		Jim Allen, Jr-Jackie Thompson .. 61.54
5			Donald Geerhart-Robert Hartmann .. 61.22
6	2	1	Aquil Ahmed-A Patel 60.60
3			Gail Brooks-Gloria Schulstad 59.16
4			Jesse Cheng-Helen Cheng 58.17
5			Mirta Halperin-Lorraine Yarnowich . 56.09
6	2		Salam Saidi-Pitamber Devgon 55.93
3			Emil Rassofsky-John Laurim 55.22
4			William Bailey-Maureen Shea 51.12

THU EVE FLIGHT A/X PAIRS ... 60 Pairs

A	X	
1		William Cole-Robert Bell 67.44
2		Vincent Wilmot Jr-Jim Houghton ... 62.90
3		Andrew Gofreed-Alfred Steinberg .. 62.37
4		Harold Siegelman-Earl Glickstein .. 61.18
5	1	Ellen Klosson-Ellen Cherniavsky ... 60.48
6		Margot Hennings-Prahalad Rajkumar .. 60.12
7		Sumner Steinfeldt-Edward Gofreed . 59.23
2		Thomas Musso-Melissa Gumbert ... 58.93
3		Larry Kahn-H John Edmonds 58.68
4		Ellen Glynn-John Glynn 57.44
5		Hy Chansky-David Popper 54.78
6		Denis Taneri-Martin Graf 53.87

THU EVE FLIGHT B/C/D PRS ... 52 Pairs

B	C	D	
1			Mary Mudd-Barry Sparks 62.20
2	1		Suzanne Abrams-Reese House .. 61.17
3	2	2	Frank Cardillo-Paul Krueger 61.01
4	3		Robert Henry-Kevin Barnes 60.98
5			Charles Young Jr-Lynn Boardman 60.42
6/7	4	3	Jeffrey Kosnett-Martin Fullenbaum .. 59.09
6/7			Wil Schwartzapfel-Irving Lessin . 59.09
5			Behnaz Fardkhisheh-Mohsen Esfandiary . 58.14
6/7	4		Michael Goldman-William Mendez Jr . 56.25
6/7			Satinder Gupta-Janet Coffin 56.25
5			William Kingery Jr-Daniel Koch . 55.11
6			Christon Johnson-George Schropp ... 53.87

THU EVE WBL 0-200 PRS 16 Pairs

A	B	C	
1	1	1	Michael Gill-Jeremy Tilstra 66.07
2			Deborah Stone-Brenda Blandford 58.93
3			Ruth Freedman-Millie Reizenstein .. 56.85
4			Sandra Stringer-Robert Bonham . 52.68
5			William Norlander-Chuck Zurawski .. 52.08
2/3			Joseph Farruggio-Frieda Joyce ... 51.19

2/3	2	Tim Houck-Justin Dean 51.19
4	3	Rachelle Sladoff-Cielle Block 50.89

FRI AM STRAT OPEN PAIRS 61 Pairs

A	B	C	
1	1		Charles Carrington-Tibor Eichenbaum .. 70.45
2	2		Salam Saidi-Robert Hartmann 63.94
3	3		Carole Grob-Steven Ivins 63.30
4			Sylvia Levy-Marcia Stein 63.03
5			Donald Geerhart-Edward Gofreed .. 61.22
6	4		Mary Schwerdtfeger-Alice Daniels ... 60.47
5	1		Hikmat Nasr-Julia Nasr 58.49
6			Rhona Prenskey-Ellinor Hatton ... 58.08
2			Martha Lackey-Edward Heberg .. 55.61
3			Zoe Martindale-Arthur Mackwell 53.49
4			Mary Ann Moskowitz-Deitrich Ford .. 53.23
5			Pitamber Devgon-Gerry Higgins . 50.96

FUN FRIDAY 0-200 16 Pairs

A	B	C	
1			Helen Dodge-Halina Kulczycki . 59.17
2			Bonnie Polk-David Schultz 55.83
3			Charles Allport-Sandra Allport ... 55.00
4/5	1/2		Carl Rodina-S Karen Rodina 53.33
4/5	1/2		Barbara Rolling-Edwin Brawn 53.33
3	1		Patricia Needham-Virginia Re ... 52.50
4			Frances Denney-Anne Medlin ... 52.08
2/3			Lucy Scheer-Ann Thompson ... 50.83
2/3			James Edmonds-Mary Viereck . 50.83
4			Clara Miller-Yoshiko Langer 50.42

GAITHERSBURG 0-1000 29 Pairs

A	B	C	
1			Lea Rochkind-Arthur Podolsky .. 65.23
2	1		Robert Lawrence-Frances Lawrence . 64.03
3			Leonard Plotkin-Robert Von Moss 60.77
4	2		Millie Reizenstein-Ruth Freedman ... 58.93
5	3	1	Betty Simpson-Robert Weeks 58.70
6			Phyllis Kristianson-Ann Parrott . 56.07
4			Betty Houston-Janice Clayton 55.23
5			Tillie Roths-Ebbie Lunsford 53.80
2			Lois Kay-Betty-Ann McGeehan . 52.82
3			John Beatty-Mary Beatty 47.30

FRI AFT STRAT OPEN PAIRS ... 26 Pairs

A	B	C	
1			Glenn Lublin-Jim Allen Jr 65.38
2	1		Jim Gaarder-Jimmy Ritzenberg .. 61.06
3/4			Jane Sturgis-Anne Wisher 60.74
3/4			Alfred Steinberg-Steve Robinson 60.74
5			Rossi Lindstrom-Barbara Rothkin ... 58.97
6	2	1	Calvin Cobb Jr-Charles King 57.85
3			Mark Rosen-Marlys Moholt 57.53

4	Audrey Stern-Gloria Schulstad ...	54.81
5	Robert Jenkins-Rose Berman	52.72
2	Emil Rassofsky-Barbara Stanard	49.52
3	Nelu Schwartz-Marshall Kramer	45.51
4	Ruth Schrider-Arthur Olson	44.39

FRI EVE STRAT OPEN PAIRS ... 39 Pairs

A B C

1	Dara Khambata-Eileen Theimer .	70.35
2 1	Edward Borodkin-Donald Bridges	63.75
3	Peter Gray-Ernest Gray	62.98
4	Peter Boyd-Ellen Klosson	59.29
5	Mita Banerjee-Marie Creisher	57.05
6	Jim Pestaner-Charles Stenger	56.89
2	Lorraine Holub-Patrick Palmer Jr	56.09
3/4	Michael Mayer-William Peters ...	55.42
3/4	Arthur McCann-John Rothschild	55.42
5	Jan Garber-Allen Lord	54.81
6	Satinder Gupta-Janet Coffin	54.65
1	John Lowe III-Juan Pardo	53.37
2	Cecilia Valdivieso-Charity Sack .	50.48
3	David Hamilton-Michelle Cantave	50.16
4	Ali Al-Aref-Gloria Halstead	45.19
5/6	Margaret Rose-Reni Malloy	44.55
5/6	Naomi Fisch-Lee Tanen	44.55

SAT AM STRATIFIED PAIRS 24 Pairs

A B C

1	Pauline Addie-Anne Wisher	59.29
2 1	Mary Guandolo-Daniel Huzzard .	59.03
3 2 1	Mark Rosen-Rick Larkin	57.86
4	James Geist-Alan Kleist	57.31
5/6 3	Aaron Navarro-John Kuchenbrod .	57.21
5/6	Ernest Gray -Charles Stenger	57.21
4	James Rodgers-Charles Pan	55.06
5 2	Jon Ranhand-Donald Goldman ..	53.79
3	Samuel Bowlin -Freida Joyce	49.85

NORMA'S GAME 26 Pairs

A B C

1 1	Jay Kelkar-Mahadeo Patwardhan	64.39
2	Edward Heberg-Lynette Vanderschaaf ..	59.47
3	Shirley Lafferty-Gene Gallagher .	58.71
4 2 1	Monica Shumann-Cherie Charles	57.77
5 3	Eric Pamer-Susan Waters	57.39
6	Mildred Hartshorn-Hannah Moore ...	55.30
4	Dan Bruh-David Raley	53.60
5	James Edmonds-Thomas Johnson	51.52
6	Richard Hesse-Sen. Robert Packwood .	50.57
2	Mimi Spielberg-Paul Spielberg...	49.43
3	Mary O'Shea-Marvin Burstein	47.73
4	Rolf Valtin-Robert Gemmill	46.02

SAT AFT STRAT OPEN PAIRS ... 86 Pairs

A B C

1	John Adams-Alfred Steinberg	65.97
2 1	Charity Sack-John Lawrence	63.66
3	Lyle Poe Jr-Mark Shaw	63.43
4	Juline Glaz-Daniel Shankle Jr	62.73
5	Bruce Houston-Donald Van Arman ..	62.30
6	Raphael Kahn-William Hacker ..	61.57
2	Rose Berman-Donald Bridges	57.74

3	Madan Nanda-Bernard Oetjen	57.12
4	Jim Allen Jr-Jackie Thompson ...	56.48
5	A Patel-Aquil Ahmed	55.33
6	Charles Pan-James Rodgers	55.09
1	Jay Kelkar-Mahadeo Patwardhan	54.49
2	Phyllis Sonen-Edward Alexander	54.40
3	Anne Wilson-Kim Bingham	53.39
4	Howard Tash-Martin Reed	52.55
5	Jon Ranhand-Donald Goldman ..	51.04

SAT EVE STRAT OPEN PAIRS .. 31 Pairs

A B C

1	Earl Glickstein-Robert Bell	65.80
2 1	Charles Carrington-Allen Lord	62.96
3 2	James Geist-Mita Banerjee	61.02
4 3 1	Charity Sack-Carole Banks	59.17
5 4	Kenneth Kaufman-Lloyd Rawley ..	57.59
6	Diane Walker-Rae Dethlefsen	55.91
5 2	Juan Pardo-Freida Joyce	54.17
6 3	Peter Gajewski-John Lowe III	53.17
4	Suellen Garrison-Phyllis Dean ...	50.37
5	James Andre-Lily Andre	50.06

FLIGHT A/X SWISS 8 Teams

A X

1/3 1	Jim Allen Jr-Kefu Xu -Weizhong Bao - Jackie Thompson	91.00
1/3	Steve Robinson -Eileen Theimer -Barbara Shaw -Mark Shaw	91.00
1/3	Alfred Steinberg -John Adams - Andrew Gofreed -Donna Rogall - Richard Wegman	91.00

FLIGHT B/C/D SWISS 15 Teams

B C D

1	Lynn Boardman -Bill Gainer -Charles Young Jr -Robert Stearns	110.00
2	Bruce Goldstein -William Peters -Diane Jaworiwsky -Karen Chagalis	85.00
3 1	Charity Sack -Carole Banks -David Hamilton -Michelle Cantave	81.00
4 2 1	Neal Rosenthal -Ellen Rosenthal - Steven Sacks -Marc Weiner	79.00
5	Charles King -Arthur Weiss -Robert Boorman -W Lyles Carr III	77.00
3	Richard Cassell-Stephen Goldstein-Gordon Hatheway Jr -Mitchell Karlick ..	75.00

SUN OPEN PAIRS 9 Pairs

A B

1 1	Terrence Van Wyck-Scott Ruegg	59.03
2/5 2/3	Jackie Greene-Joan Mitchum	54.86
2/5 2/3	Susan Strauss-Richard Slater	54.86
2/5	Carolyn Gibson-James Plutino	54.86
2/5	Stephen Swearingen-Bruce Culmer ...	54.86

SUNDAY 0-100 PAIRS 14 Pairs

A B C

1 1 1	Lucy Scheer-Lilla Wolfman	60.92
2 2	Mary O'Shea-Myrna Kroh	57.50
3 3 2	David Miller-Nancy Miller	55.00
4	Fran Denney-Betty Taff	54.17
5 4	Peggy Errington-Laura Whelen ...	54.08

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ALL PLAYERS

1	34.49	Leo Lasota
2	25.72	John Adams
3	18.85	Steve Robinson
4	16.64	Alfred Steinberg
5	15.72	Alan Kleist
6	15.37	Stan Schenker
7	14.41	Stephen Swearingen
8	12.68	Robert Gookin
9	12.08	Dan Kasture
10	11.47	David Milton

0-1500 PLAYERS

1	12.08	Dan Kasture
2	10.83	Hailong Ao
3	9.08	Lee Jensen
4/6	7.87	Vincent Wilmot Jr
4/6	7.87	David Wakefield
4/6	7.87	George Clark III
7/8	7.63	Jim Gaarder
7/8	7.63	Jimmy Ritzenberg
9	7.23	James Geist
10	6.70	Audrey Stern

0-500 PLAYERS

1/2	5.77	Glenn Young
1/2	5.77	Edward Rodrigues
3	5.72	Rose Baltrusaitis
4	5.49	John Christensen
5	5.41	Rajkumar Rajeswaran
6	5.25	Jean Morgan
7	5.01	Robert Wissman
8	4.73	Linda Dick
9	4.66	John Laurim
10/11	4.46	Michelle Cantave
10/11	4.46	David Hamilton

THU MORN STRATIFIED OPEN PAIRS

•11½ Tables

Stratum A

1	69.53	Alan Kleist - Leo Lasota
2	61.54	Rossi Lindstrom - Arnie Frankel
3	61.03	Gerald Steinberg-AlexanderGottesman
4	58.69	Micheline Heiche - Audrey Stern
5	56.92	Tibor Eichenbaum-Charles Carrington

6	55.59	Lorraine Morgan-Winston Edwards
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Stratum B

1	61.03	Gerald Steinberg-AlexanderGottesman
2	58.69	Micheline Heiche - Audrey Stern
3	56.92	Tibor Eichenbaum-Charles Carrington
4	49.09	Roslyn Rubin - Allen Lord
5	48.87	Jack De Vivo - Martha Chen

Stratum C

1	61.03	Gerald Steinberg-AlexanderGottesman
2	47.84	Emil Rassofsky - John Laurim

THU EVE STRATIFIED A/X PAIRS

•31 Tables

Stratum A

1	69.12	John Adams - Steve Robinson
2	59.93	Katherine Kruskal - Lee Jensen
3	59.85	David Milton - Stan Schenker
4	59.07	Leo LaSota - Alan Kleist
5	58.33	Harold Siegelman - Robert Klein
6/7	58.14	Andrew Gofreed - S. Swearingen
6/7	58.14	Edward Schwartz - Richard Zerilli

Stratum X

1	59.93	Katherine Kruskal - Lee Jensen
2	58.14	Edward Schwartz - Richard Zerilli
3	57.20	Ellen Glynn - John Glynn
4	56.62	Denis Taneri - Betty Taneri
5	56.37	Mark Lavine - Barbara Doran
6	54.53	Ronald Susi - Stephen Czecha

THU EVE STRATIFIED B/C PAIRS

• 25½ Tables

Stratum B

1	66.67	Jim Dick - Linda Dick
2	61.92	Robert Wissman- John

Christensen

3	61.10	M. Esfandiary-Behnaz Fardshisheh
4	60.00	Robert Hartmann - Ronald Spieker
5	57.95	Brenda Green - Chester Johnson
6	57.50	Edward Rodrigues - Glenn Young

Stratum C

1	61.92	Robert Wissman -John Christensen
2	57.50	Edward Rodrigues - Glenn Young
3	55.25	Keith Crank - Gregory Campbell
4	53.92	Christopher Miller - Joana Da Silva
5	53.73	William Kingery Jr - Daniel Koch

6 53.59 Ellen Rosenthal - Steven Sacks

THU EVE STRATIFIED 199ER PAIRS

•8 Tables

Stratum A

1 58.63 Jean Morgan - Robert Bonham
2 56.55 Rena Brewrink - Reni Malloy
3 55.65 Rachelle Sladoff - Cielle Block
4 55.36 Millie Reizenstein - Albert Leon
5 54.46 Thomas Marcelino - Robert Sturm

Stratum B

1 56.55 Rena Brewrink - Reni Malloy
2 55.65 Rachelle Sladoff - Cielle Block
3 52.98 Jeffery Smith - Lorraine Davis
4 52.38 Elizabeth & Roger Williamson

Stratum C

1 55.65 Rachelle Sladoff - Cielle Block
2 52.98 Jeffery Smith - Lorraine Davis
3 52.38 Elizabeth & Roger Williamson

FRI MORN STRATIFIED OPEN PAIRS

•11 Tables

Stratum A

1 62.20 Satinder Gupta - Janet Coffin
2 61.61 Jane Sturgis - Jackie Thompson
3 60.42 Jean Morgan - John Laurim
4 58.63 Leo Lasota - Stephen Swearingen
5/7 55.65 Rossi Lindstrom-Leon Hammerman
5/7 55.65 Suellen Poland - John Barnicle
5/7 55.65 Steve Bunning - Kristene Miller

Stratum B

1 62.20 Satinder Gupta - Janet Coffin
2 61.61 Jane Sturgis - Jackie Thompson
3 60.42 Jean Morgan - John Laurim
4 51.49 Salam Saidi - Kamel Tabbara
5 49.70 Margaret & William Blackburn

Stratum C

1 60.42 Jean Morgan - John Laurim
2 46.13 Marshall Schmier - Leslie Horvath

FRI MORN STRATIFIED SENIOR PAIRS

•7 Tables

Stratum A

1 61.67 Rosemary Marks - Marie Creisher
2 59.17 Ellie Ostrinsky-Maurice Greenman
3/4 55.00 Gloria Schulstad - Audrey Stern
3/4 55.00 David Wakefield - George Clark III
5/6 52.50 Gary Wold - Fannie Johnson
5/6 52.50 Jack Armstrong - Anne Stein

Stratum B

1 55.00 David Wakefield - George Clark III
2 52.50 Gary Wold - Fannie Johnson

3 50.83 Barbara Porterfield - John Wang

4 47.08 Helene Oliver - Wallace Oliver

Stratum C

1 52.50 Gary Wold - Fannie Johnson

FRI AFT STRATIFIED OPEN PAIRS

•11½ Tables

Stratum A

1 69.09 Jim Allen, Jr - Glenn Lublin
2 67.73 Leo Lasota - Stephen Swearingen
3 66.88 Jim Houghton - Vincent Wilmot Jr
4 63.33 Sylvia Levy - Ralph Turner
5 58.18 Earl Glickstein - Harold Siegelman
6 55.21 James Geist - Mita Banerjee

Stratum B

1 55.21 James Geist - Mita Banerjee
2 55.00 Jean Marx - Jerry Falconett
3 52.92 Christon Johnson- Robert Boorman
4 51.59 Steve Bunning - Kristene Miller

Stratum C

1 55.00 Jean Marx - Jerry Falconett
2 52.92 Christon Johnson- Robert Boorman

FRI AFT STRATIFIED SENIOR PAIRS

• 8 Tables

Stratum A

1 63.39 George Clark III - David Wakefield
2 59.23 Raymond Hays - Sammy Slough
3 55.95 Audrey Marbach-Wil Schwartzapfel
4 55.65 Gloria Schulstad- Rosemary Marks
5 52.98 Jean Morgan - John Laurim

Stratum B

1 63.39 George Clark III - David Wakefield
2 59.23 Raymond Hays - Sammy Slough
3 52.98 Jean Morgan - John Laurim
4 51.19 MaryAnn Moskowitz-Roslyn Rubin

Stratum C

1 59.23 Raymond Hays - Sammy Slough
2 52.98 Jean Morgan - John Laurim

FRI AFT STRATIFIED 299ER PAIRS

•5 Tables

Stratum A

1 63.00 Sherrie Chapman - Ronald Claxton
2/3 55.50 A. Edwin & M. Josette Johnson
2/3 55.50 Sherrie Schrama - Richard Bryan
4 54.00 Judy Glick - Clifford Dyhouse

Stratum B

1 63.00 Sherrie Chapman - Ronald Claxton
2 55.50 A. Edwin & M. Josette Johnson

FRI EVE STRATIFIED OPEN PAIRS

•19 Tables

Stratum A

- | | | |
|---|-------|-----------------------------------|
| 1 | 70.83 | Barbara Doran - Robert Hopkins Jr |
| 2 | 63.33 | Donna Rogall - Robert Gookin |
| 3 | 62.78 | Audrey Marbach - Alice Miller |
| 4 | 60.69 | Eileen Houghton - Robert Bell |
| 5 | 59.82 | Pamela Bowman - Julian Boyce |
| 6 | 59.58 | Richard Veach - William Cole |

Stratum B

- | | | |
|---|-------|----------------------------------|
| 1 | 59.31 | Kitty Gottfried - Daniel Feldman |
| 2 | 55.89 | Deborah James - Arthur Olson |
| 3 | 52.14 | Alice Wegman - Charles |

Carrington

- | | | |
|---|-------|------------------------------|
| 4 | 50.69 | John Lawrence - Charity Sack |
| 5 | 47.92 | Ali Al-Aref - Doug Gersten |

Stratum C

- | | | |
|---|-------|-----------------------------------|
| 1 | 47.92 | Ali Al-Aref - Doug Gersten |
| 2 | 46.27 | Alfred Graham - Mary Peters |
| 3 | 45.28 | Michelle Cantave - David Hamilton |

SAT MORN STRATIFIED SENIOR PAIRS

•13 Tables

Stratum A

- | | | |
|---|-------|------------------------------------|
| 1 | 67.01 | Zeke Letellier - Jennifer Koonce |
| 2 | 61.30 | Julie Oethinger - Joan Donoghue |
| 3 | 60.50 | John Lowe III - D Tonnesen |
| 4 | 58.68 | Kenneth Davis - John Ashe |
| 5 | 57.15 | Ellie Ostrinsky - Rosemary Marks |
| 6 | 56.97 | Lorraine Morgan - Gloria Schulstad |

Stratum B

- | | | |
|---|-------|---------------------------------|
| 1 | 61.30 | Julie Oethinger - Joan Donoghue |
| 2 | 60.50 | John Lowe III - D Tonnesen |
| 3 | 53.47 | Jane Friend - Marie Nylen |
| 4 | 53.33 | Janet Duke - Marlene Stone |
| 5 | 52.89 | John Killeen - Patricia Killeen |

Stratum C

- | | | |
|---|-------|---------------------------------|
| 1 | 61.30 | Julie Oethinger - Joan Donoghue |
| 2 | 60.50 | John Lowe III - D Tonnesen |
| 3 | 53.33 | Janet Duke - Marlene Stone |
| 4 | 52.89 | John Killeen - Patricia Killeen |

SAT AFT STRATIFIED A/X PAIRS

•16½ Tables

Stratum A

- | | | |
|---|-------|------------------------------------|
| 1 | 59.28 | Leo LaSota - Dan Kasture |
| 2 | 59.11 | Jim Gaarder - Jimmy Ritzenberg |
| 3 | 58.72 | Rose Baltrusaitis - Thierry Poirey |
| 4 | 57.85 | Stan Schenker - David Milton |
| 5 | 57.67 | Janet Gookin - Robert Gookin |
| 6 | 56.08 | John Adams - Alfred Steinberg |

Stratum X

- | | | |
|---|-------|------------------------------------|
| 1 | 59.28 | Leo LaSota - Dan Kasture |
| 2 | 59.11 | Jim Gaarder - Jimmy Ritzenberg |
| 3 | 58.72 | Rose Baltrusaitis - Thierry Poirey |
| 4 | 55.68 | Ellen Cherniavsky - Joe Wallen |
| 5 | 54.42 | R. Rajeswaran - Donald Hennings |
| 6 | 53.03 | Thomas Peters - John Lawrence |

SAT AFT STRATIFIED B/C PAIRS

•11 Tables

Stratum B

- | | | |
|---|-------|-----------------------------------|
| 1 | 65.13 | Edward Rodrigues - Glenn Young |
| 2 | 61.49 | Aaron Navarro - Gian Jain |
| 3 | 58.19 | Marty Zupan - Dick Pellerin |
| 4 | 56.62 | Eugene Fisher - Adrienne Fisher |
| 5 | 56.02 | Sarah Goodstein-Frank Evangelista |
| 6 | 55.47 | Brian Sims - Sam Westgate |

Stratum C

- | | | |
|---|-------|---------------------------------|
| 1 | 65.13 | Edward Rodrigues - Glenn Young |
| 2 | 56.62 | Eugene Fisher - Adrienne Fisher |
| 3 | 52.23 | Suzanne Abrams - Jack Geltman |
| 4 | 49.39 | Lois Redmond - Ann Cumming |

SAT AFT STRATIFIED SENIOR PAIRS

•10 Tables

Stratum A

- | | | |
|-----|-------|------------------------------------|
| 1 | 62.27 | Pearl Rubenstein - Charles Stenger |
| 2 | 61.34 | Zehava Tadjer - Charles Margolis |
| 3 | 57.87 | Jerry Miller - Margie Coccodrilli |
| 4 | 55.32 | Ellie Ostrinsky - Marie Creisher |
| 5 | 55.09 | Zeke Letellier - Jennifer Koonce |
| 6/7 | 54.86 | Charlotte Freedman - Daniel Syed |
| 6/7 | 54.86 | Judy Weisman - Carl Weisman |

Stratum B

- | | | |
|-----|-------|-----------------------------------|
| 1 | 57.87 | Jerry Miller - Margie Coccodrilli |
| 2/3 | 54.86 | Charlotte Freedman - Daniel Syed |
| 2/3 | 54.86 | Judy Weisman - Carl Weisman |
| 4 | 52.31 | Charles Pan - James Rodgers |

Stratum C

- | | | |
|---|-------|----------------------------------|
| 1 | 50.93 | Janet Coffin - Satinder Gupta |
| 2 | 49.07 | Sheldon Richter - Ruby Eisenbach |

SAT AFT STRATIFIED 299ER PAIRS

•7 Tables

Stratum A

- | | | |
|---|-------|-------------------------------|
| 1 | 62.50 | Krishna Anand - S Mitra |
| 2 | 57.08 | Judy Braddy - Helen Montanaro |
| 3 | 55.42 | John Lowe III - D Tonnesen |
| 4 | 54.58 | Judy Glick - R Richard Hopp |
| 5 | 54.17 | Cynthia Helms - Charles King |

Stratum B

- | | | |
|---|-------|---------------------------------|
| 1 | 62.50 | Krishna Anand - S Mitra |
| 2 | 57.08 | Judy Braddy - Helen Montanaro |
| 3 | 54.58 | Judy Glick - R Richard Hopp |
| 4 | 53.75 | Neal McKinney - Barbara DiCicco |

SAT AFT STRATIFIED 49ER PAIRS

• 6 Tables

Stratum A

- | | | |
|---|-------|----------------------------------|
| 1 | 59.58 | Kevin Acker - Donald Peck |
| 2 | 58.33 | Neal Rosenthal - Ellen Rosenthal |
| 3 | 57.08 | Myrna Kroh - Mary O'Shea |
| 4 | 55.42 | Anne Vaeth - Roberta Feldstein |

Stratum B

- | | | |
|---|-------|--------------------------------|
| 1 | 59.58 | Kevin Acker - Donald Peck |
| 2 | 55.42 | Anne Vaeth - Roberta Feldstein |

SAT EVE STRATIFIED A/X PAIRS

• 12 Tables

Stratum A

- | | | |
|-----|-------|----------------------------------|
| 1 | 67.17 | John Adams - Alfred Steinberg |
| 2/3 | 56.57 | M. Hennings - Prahalad Rajkumar |
| 2/3 | 56.57 | Jim Houghton - Vincent Wilmot Jr |
| 4 | 55.22 | James Gumbert - Melissa Borsody |
| 5 | 54.71 | R. Rajeswaran - Donald Hennings |
| 6 | 53.54 | Earl Glickstein - Robert Bell |

Stratum X

- | | | |
|---|-------|--------------------------------|
| 1 | 54.71 | Rajkumar Rajeswaran-D.Hennings |
| 2 | 53.37 | David Fleischer - James Geist |
| 3 | 52.19 | Leo LaSota - Dan Kasture |
| 4 | 50.84 | Thomas Peters - John Lawrence |

SAT EVE STRATIFIED B/C/D PAIRS

• 13½ Tables

Stratum B

- | | | |
|---|-------|-----------------------------------|
| 1 | 60.54 | David Hamilton - Michelle Cantave |
| 2 | 60.53 | Bill & Margaret Blackburn |
| 3 | 60.17 | Jan Garber - Allen Lord |
| 4 | 59.10 | Robert Wissman-John Christensen |
| 5 | 58.67 | Gary Weinberg - Sarah Weinberg |
| 6 | 55.74 | Marilyn Whittaker - John Lowe III |

Stratum C

- | | | |
|---|-------|-----------------------------------|
| 1 | 60.54 | David Hamilton - Michelle Cantave |
| 2 | 59.10 | Robert Wissman- John Christensen |
| 3 | 58.67 | Gary Weinberg - Sarah Weinberg |
| 4 | 55.74 | Marilyn Whittaker - John Lowe III |
| 5 | 53.73 | Edward Molnar - Kathrine Loh |

Stratum D

- | | | |
|---|-------|-----------------------------------|
| 1 | 60.54 | David Hamilton - Michelle Cantave |
| 2 | 55.74 | Marilyn Whittaker - John Lowe III |
| 3 | 53.73 | Edward Molnar - Kathrine Loh |

SUNDAY FLIGHT A/X SWISS TEAMS

• 12 Teams

Stratum A

- | | | |
|---|----|--|
| 1 | 89 | Kefu Xu - Yi Zhong -
Hailong Ao - Weizhong Bao- |
| 2 | 87 | Steve Robinson - Alan Kleist - Leo
Lasota - Mark & Barbara Shaw |
| 3 | 71 | Alfred Steinberg - John Adams-
Donna Rogall-Robert Gookin -
Steve Swearingen |
| 4 | 63 | Kenneth Davis - Charles Yaple-
Kenton Schoen - Stan Schenker |

Stratum X

- | | | |
|---|----|---|
| 1 | 89 | Kefu Xu - Yi Zhong -
Hailong Ao - Weizhong Bao |
| 2 | 63 | Kenneth Davis - Charles Yaple-
Kenton Schoen - Stan Schenker |

SUNDAY FLIGHT B/C SWISS TEAMS

• 9 Teams

Stratum B

- | | | |
|-----|-----|--|
| 1 | 100 | Dave Wakefield - George Clark-
Micheline Heiche - Audrey Stern |
| 2/3 | 92 | Evan Duquette - Susan Shank-
Alvin Ezrin - James Geist |
| 2/3 | 92 | Lloyd Rawley - Kenneth Kaufman-
Brian Childers - Charity Sack-
John Lawrence |
| 4 | 90 | Yi Der & Martha Chen-
Rosemary Marks - Charles Pan |

Stratum C

- | | | |
|---|----|--|
| 1 | 71 | Lewis Maddock - Barry Lieberman-
Ruth Ellen Livingston-Thomas Din |
|---|----|--|

SUNDAY MORN 299ER SWISS TEAMS

• 6 Teams

- | | | |
|---|----|--|
| 1 | 67 | Helen Solomon - Sally Garfinkel-
Ann Cumming - Lois Redmond |
| 2 | 55 | Robert & Frances Lawrence-
A Edwin & M Josette Johnson |

SUNDAY AFT 299ER SWISS TEAMS

• 4 Teams

- | | | |
|---|----|---|
| 1 | 45 | Georgia & Arlen Lyhus-
Rose Hadidian - Sarah Pinocci |
|---|----|---|

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CROSS-RUFFING

The Encyclopedia of Bridge defines a Crossruff as: "A method of play whereby ruffing tricks are made in each of a partnership's hands, thus using the trumps separately."

SECRETS OF A SUCCESSFUL CROSS-RUFF

1. Cash your side winners early (Aces and Kings outside of the trump suit).
2. DO NOT pull trump. You'll need them for trumping!
3. Cross-ruff the hand by going back and forth trumping in opposite hands.

Contract: 6♠

Declarer: South

Lead: ♣ 6

North

♠ A Q 8 2

♥ 5

♦ K 4 2

♣ A 9 8 4 3

West

♠ 7 6

♥ Q 7

♦ Q 9 7 5

♣ Q 10 7 6 2

East

♠ J 5 3

♥ K J 8 6 4

♦ J 10 3

♣ K J

South

♠ K 10 9 4

♥ A 10 9 3 2

♦ A 8 6

♣ 5

Through enthusiastic bidding you wind

up declaring in a 6♠ contract. Let's count the losers from declarer's perspective. If trumps behave, you have no spade losers, four heart losers and one diamond loser. Five losers! But you can only afford to have one loser if you want to make this contract. If you draw three rounds of trump, you will only be able to ruff one heart loser in dummy and you will still have four losers.

Noticing that there is a short suit in both hands (hearts in dummy and clubs in declarer's hand), thoughts of a possible cross-ruff should come to mind.

One secret to a successful crossruff is to cash your side winners early: win the ♣A, then cash your two good diamonds. Now cash the ♥A and crossruff the hand, back and forth. In all, you take one heart, two diamonds, one club and eight(!) trump tricks. 12 tricks — Wooooohoooo! If you don't cash your two diamond tricks first, West can pitch three diamonds while you're ruffing hearts! Then later when you try to cash your diamonds, West will be able to ruff one of them.

DEFENSE TO A CROSS-RUFF

Lead Trumps! You'll reduce their possible cross-ruffs for every trump you lead! If West had found a trump lead on this hand, then our declarer would have only gotten seven trump tricks and gone down!

WHEN NOT TO CROSS-RUFF

When you have a good secondary suit, it is usually better to run that suit (after pull-

ing trump, of course) instead of crossruffing the hand. So pull trump and cash out your side suit.

Contract: 4♥

Declarer: South

Lead: ♦ Q

North

♠ 10

♥ A Q 8

♦ K 9 8 4

♣ K J 10 6

West

♠ A 9 5

♥ 9 7 6 3

♦ Q J 10 5 3

♣ 8

East

♠ K J 8 4 2

♥ 5

♦ A 7 6 2

♣ 7 4 2

South

♠ Q 7 6 3

♥ K J 10 4 2

♦ —

♣ A Q 9 5

As declarer in 4♥, you count your losers: 4 spades. Since there is a singleton spade in dummy and a diamond void in your hand, you might start fantasizing about a cross-ruff! But wait! See that beautiful club suit? You can discard one of your losing spades on dummy's fifth club. Usually with a powerful side-suit, it's better to draw trump and run your second suit.

On this hand, if you gave up a spade (preparing to trump some spade losers in dummy), West would lead another diamond, forcing you to trump in your hand again. Then you would only have three trump in each hand while West has four! Since you only have eight trump tricks on a cross-ruff, when you try to cash the two club tricks you need to take ten tricks, West can trump the second one.

I know, I know! Every time I show you a new technique, I have to go back and tell you when not to use it. Sigh. In bridge, there are always exceptions to everything you will

learn. So there are no rules, only guidelines. There is actually only rule in bridge:

Always accept a breath mint from your partner.

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