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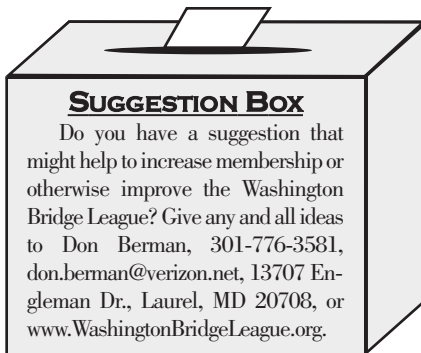
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## PRESIDENT'S LETTER

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

Change of venue! Yes, as the front page announces, our January sectional (and the next three sectionals after that) will be held at the Margaret Schweinhaut Senior Center. The hope is that by moving to a site that is better in so many ways, more players will be able to enjoy attending our WBL sectionals.

One of the advantages of the Senior Center is that its size is more conducive to holding a bridge tournament. Not only is the main playing area larger, but there is a separate room which can be used for NLM events. The lighting is much better, and the chairs are more comfortable. The location is at least as convenient as Kensington, if not more so, and the parking situation is much better. There is much more parking directly on site, and ample street parking close by.

Some of you may remember playing at the Senior Center in the past, and wonder why we stopped having sectionals there. The answer,

unfortunately, is that they didn't want us back because we didn't behave responsibly. By failing to keep the site clean, and by not showing the proper respect for the site and its personnel, we made ourselves unwelcome.

We don't want to lose the Senior Center again. We're running out of options for less expensive sites; we can't afford hotel space without significantly increasing entry fees. Please commit to helping the WBL be an organization the Senior Center wants to rent to. You can lend a hand by picking up your trash at the end of (and/or during) each session, by sliding the chairs under the tables after the evening session, and on Sunday by closing up the bidding boxes, and staying around to fold up the tables and stack the chairs (as so many did Sunday of the October tournament – many thanks!).

Looking forward to seeing you back at the Margaret Schweinhaut Senior Center!

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I certify that the above statements are correct and complete — Donna Rogall, Editor

## HELP WANTED! MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY ASSISTANT

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

Please contact Rose Berman if you're interested in helping at 301-776-3581 or [Rose.Berman@verizon.net](mailto:Rose.Berman@verizon.net).

## WBL BULLETIN & WBL E-NEWS

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Starting this year, the WBL Bulletin has ceased free mail distribution. The bulletin will continue to be available free online through our website: [washingtonbridgeleague.org](http://washingtonbridgeleague.org). You can be notified when the new issue is available online if we have your email address—see below.

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◆ We are establishing a **WBL Unit Membership Email Database**.

The emailings will be used for occasional bridge news only.

One use will be to inform you when the bulletin is available online.

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

☛ Send your email, name and player number to **WBL e-List Administrator, Alex Gretsinger**, at: [agretsinger@gmail.com](mailto:agretsinger@gmail.com)

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## BITS AND PIECES

### TIME TO RENEW?

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

### MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY

The December 2015 WBL/NVBA Membership Directory is available for pick up at the unit game and local clubs.

### DEAR BRIDGE PLAYER:

The holidays are a joyous time for all of us. They are also a time when our thoughts turn to helping others.

As many of you know, the Washington Bridge League Education Foundation has been operating a bridge-in-schools program in recent months. We've had unprecedented results. We're in position to support programs at five schools during the current school year, in several parts

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### BRIDGE & BOWLING SATURDAY, FEB 6, 2016

Sign up now to join us for a Washington winter tradition, **Bridge and Bowling**. First, we will bowl a 3-game tournament with pre-formed balanced teams at *Bowl America*. Around 5:30 PM we will have dinner at *Metro 29 Diner*. Finally, we will play a GNT qualifier at the *Knights of Columbus* (upstairs room) with pre-formed balanced teams. Sign up to participate in one, two, or all three events.

**Bowling:** 1:30 p.m. at *Bowl America*, 140 S Maple Ave, Falls Church, VA 22046, 703-534-1370. Teams will be formed in advance based on bowling skill as indicated on the registration form or by past results in bridge and bowling. We will play a 3-game tournament. The cost is \$13.50 for 3 games. There is a charge of \$4.55 for shoes if you don't have your own shoes.

**Dinner:** 5:30 p.m. at *Metro 29 Diner*, 4711 Lee Hwy, Arlington, VA, 703-528-2464. No advance payment is required. However, please let us know if you plan to attend so we

know how many people to tell the restaurant to expect.

**Bridge:** The game (a GNT qualifier) will start at 7:30 p.m. at the **KOCH** (upstairs room), 5115 Little Falls Rd., Arlington, VA. You can come with your own team, but otherwise, Steve Robinson forms teams with members that span the range of bridge experience from world class on down, and you take turns playing with each other. The cost is \$9 per person (\$36 per team). You must register in advance to be assigned to a team.

**Sign up:** Email your bowling average to **Linda Marshall** (for bowling) at [Ldajmarshall@msn.com](mailto:Ldajmarshall@msn.com) and send your total masterpoints to **Steve Robinson** (for the bridge game) at [robinswr@erols.com](mailto:robinswr@erols.com). You can also give this registration form to Linda Marshall or Steve Robinson at a game, or mail it to: Linda Marshall, 6303 Redwing Road, Bethesda, MD 20817. NVBA players can send their info to Linda or Steve, or to **Lucy McCoy** at [Lucymccoy@verizon.net](mailto:Lucymccoy@verizon.net), or by phone at 703-848-2331. Please sign up no later than **February 3**.

### BRIDGE AND BOWLING—REGISTER BY 2/3/16

I, \_\_\_\_\_, will attend:

☐ Bowling (\$13.50) Bowling average \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Bridge (\$9) Masterpoints \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Dinner (check to reserve a space, pay at dinner for your own choices)

SILVER SPRING, MD: JANUARY 7-10, 2016

**ALERT! New Playing Site Friday - Sunday ALERT!**

54<sup>th</sup> Annual

~ **PRESIDENTIAL TOURNAMENT** ~

at the **MARGARET SCHWEINHOUT SENIOR CENTER**  
1000 Forest Glen Rd, Silver Spring, MD **Friday-Sunday only**

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 7**

- ♣ StrataFlighted Open (unlim/2000) or 1000/500/300 Pairs .....11:15am  
**Rockville Duplicate Bridge Club**, 301-503-3348 (Mark Lavine) **NO ENTRY**  
*St. James Episcopal Church, 11815 Seven Locks Rd., Rockville* **TILL 11AM**
- ♦ StrataFlighted Open Pairs (A/X unlim/3000, B/C/D Separate 2000/1000/500)  
(both sites); Stratified NLM Pairs (NLM/100/50) & 0-20 Pairs (Ohr Kodesh only); Stratified 199er Swiss Teams (Beth El only)  
**Beth El Congregation**, 3830 Seminary Rd, Alexandria .....7:00pm  
**Ohr Kodesh Congregation**, 8300 Meadowbrook Ln., Chery Chase 7:30pm  
I-495 to Connecticut Ave. S. 4<sup>th</sup> light left E-W Hwy 410. Left Meadowbrook Ln.  
1<sup>st</sup> left Freyman Dr. Parking lot on left. No outside food allowed.

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 8**

- ♣ \*StrataFlighted A/X (unlim/3000) or B/C/D Pairs (2000/1000/500) (single sessions) 10:00am, 2:00pm
- ♦ **Stratified Triple Nickel Swiss Teams** (unlim/2000/750) ... **Post-Game Party!** .... 7:15pm  
—5 rounds, 5 boards a round, 5 minutes a board. **with beer, wine & desserts**
- ♠ Intermediate/Novice Pairs (300/200/100/50/20) (single sessions) ..... 10:00am, 2:00pm, 7:15pm

♥ **Panel Show & Party** ♥ **SATURDAY, JANUARY 9**  
to Honor New Life Masters between sessions

**Win upgraded (more) masterpoints today! \$1 additional fee supports Grass Roots events.**

- ♣ \*StrataFlighted A/X (unlim/3000) or B/C/D Pairs (2000/1000/500) (single sessions) . 10:00am, 3:00pm
- ♦ Intermediate/Novice Pairs (300/200/100) or Newcomer Pairs (50/20/5) (single sessions) 10:00am, 3:00pm

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 10**

**WBL Trophy Race Winners' Presentation**

- ♣ **Bracketed Teams**, (2 session playthru w/break—lunch available for purchase) 11:00am & TBA  
**Check out this format!** Each bracket of eight teams (by average masterpoints) plays all of the other teams in its bracket! The top bracket will hold an unlimited number of teams and will play a Swiss format. Your team may choose to play up—but only into the top bracket.
- ♦ 300/100/50 Swiss Teams, VPs (single sessions) .....11:00am, 3:00pm
- ♣ **Lots of Intermediate & Novice Events with Silver Points!** ♥  
Separate I/N events & strata as advertised as attendance allows. (Director's discretion.)

**Hospitality** includes snacks, drinks, & **Friday lunch & evening party**. Sunday lunch available for purchase.  
**Chair: Steve Schatzow**, 202-332-3729, [sschatzow@his.com](mailto:sschatzow@his.com). **Volunteer Coordinator: Barbara Summers**, 301-598-5838, [jimbarb1184@aol.com](mailto:jimbarb1184@aol.com); **Hospitality Chair: Mike Zane**, 301-653-1215, [Mikezane@msn.com](mailto:Mikezane@msn.com);  
**Partnerships: Barbara Doran**, 301-608-0347, [barb.doran@verizon.net](mailto:barb.doran@verizon.net), **Online Partnership Desk** available.  
*\*StrataFlighted if attendance warrants—otherwise combined into Stratified Pairs (unlim/2000/500) Stratification by avg. masterpoints of the team or pair. No individual may exceed the event's upper limit.*

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

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

### Sunday, June 5 (All day playthrough with lunch break)

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

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

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## WBL SOLVERS' CLUB

*Moderated by Steve Robinson*

robinswr@erols.com

Congratulations to **Francis McMullan** who came in first with a score of 490. She wins a free entry to the Unit Game. Tied for second were **Bill Teer** and **Mark Rosen** with a score of 480. Fourth was **Yi Zhong** with a score of 470. Tied for fifth were **Mary Ourand**, **Dhor Axelrod**, **Mark Chen** and **Robert Stone** with a score of 460. Tied for ninth were **Lyle Poe**, **Donna Rogall** and **Rex Settle** with a score of 450. Tied for twelfth were **Susan Warsinger**, **Jim Summers** and **Harry Gellis** with a score of 440. Tied for fifteenth were **Leo LaSota**, **Shiang Chen**, **Kent Goulding**, **Barry Bragin**, **Jerry Miller** and **Saul Penn** with a score of 430. The average score of the 172 solvers was 365. The average score of the experts was 436.

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

I personally score all the problems. If a majority of the solvers vote for an answer, and the answer is reasonable I will give that answer 100 points. I will not give 100 points to an answer that I consider bad no matter how many experts vote for it. There are times when I want to make a point. I will give that answer 100 points and will therefore give the majority answer 90 points. For the other answers I consider how good the answer is and how many experts vote for it for its score. If you submitted an answer that got 20 points, that bid would get a bad score at the table. A good exercise would be to

figure out why I gave your answer 20 points. You might have misread the problem.

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

### SEPT/OCT 2015 SOLUTIONS

#### 1) IMPs None Vulnerable

♠AQJ52♥AKQJ3♦J5♣-

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
		1♠	Pass

?????

Action	Score	Votes	Solvers
4♣	100	5	39
2NT	90	2	47
4NT	90	1	15
7♠	90	1	4
2♥	70	0	46
6♠	70	0	2
2♦	50	0	2
2♣	50	0	1
3♠	20	0	1
3♥	20	0	4
5♣	20	1	10
4♦	20	0	1

There are three ways to go with this hand. You bid it scientifically and try to find out if partner has a diamond control. You can bid what you hope you can make and hope that the opponents will not find the killing lead. You can fake a diamond control and hope to fool the opponents. There are many ways to bid this hand scientifically. You can start with Jacoby 2NT which shows a game-forcing spade raise. You can splinter in clubs and see what partner does. Both of these establish spades as trump. You can even use a special tool – Exclusion Blackwood (EKB). A jump to 5♣ after trumps have been established asks partner to tell how many keycards he has but ignore the ace of clubs. However, to use EKB, you must establish trumps first. If opener has the AKQ of clubs, you could easily be off two diamond tricks. Scientific bidding will



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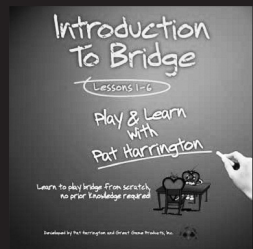
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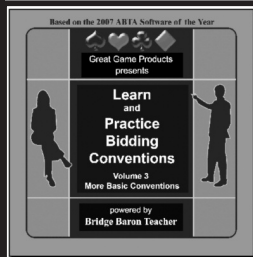


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tell the opponents to lead a diamond.

Four experts join me and splinter. If opener has ♠Kxxxx ♥xxx ♦Kx ♣KQJ or ♠Kxxxx ♥xxx ♦Ax ♣KQJ, he'll sign-off in 4♠. If you then bid 5♣, he should show his diamond control if he has one. If you then bid 6♣, he'll tell you if it's a first or second-round control.

**Parker:** "4♣—Hoping to get a 4♦ cue bid from partner. He could have something like ♠Kxxxx ♥xx ♦Qxx ♣AKQ and we go down in slam. If I was behind in the match I would bid 7♠, hoping for the wrong lead."

**Shi:** "4♣—Then if partner signs off, I'll bid 5♣. Plenty of time for partner to eke out a 5♦ bid."

It makes sense that 4♣ followed by 5♣ is a void.

**Hopkins:** "4♣—I hope to get a Diamond cue-bid out of partner either at the four-level or five-level."

**Theurer:** "4♣—Question is how do I find out what partner has in diamonds? Exclusion RKC isn't necessarily best since if partner shows one keycard, it's most likely the spade King and now I don't know about diamonds. Even if he showed zero keycards outside clubs, we might want to be in slam if he has second round diamond control. So I will splinter, and if partner signs off, will try 5♣ to show full control (void or stiff Ace) of clubs and hope partner can cuebid 5♦. If he cues 4♦ over my splinter, then I could just bid 7♠ if I could be sure partner is showing first round diamond control, else I could cuebid 4♥ and then over 4♠, bid 5♣ to again try to get more info from partner about diamonds."

Two experts bid Jacoby 2NT. If opener jumps to 4♠ showing a hand that would not accept a limit raise, you can bid 5♣ forcing Opener to show a diamond control if he has one. BTW ♠AKxxx ♥xx ♦xx ♣AJ10x is a 12-count which is too strong for a 4♠ sign-off since you'd bid 4♠ over a 3♠ limit-raise.

**Zucker:** "2NT—Bring back my strong jump shift to 3♥! In the meantime, I'll set trump quickly and plan to bid 5♣ over the inevitable 4♠. Shortness in hearts won't deter me (I'll bid 4♣ over 3♥), and any other bid will let me pinpoint the diamond ace or king. 2♥ or 4♣ could work. The only bid I don't consider is 5♣, exclusion, as partner's answer of one key card will leave me still wondering what to do."

I'm glad you didn't consider 5♣ because

you don't really want to play there.

**Adams:** "2NT—I don't lose anything by bidding 2NT before jumping to 5♣ exclusion and I might learn something important (like short diamond). Rarely, I have to deal with a partner that jumps to 4♠. Then I would just cue-bid 5♣."

Two experts gamble on 7♠. However, by bidding 4NT first and then bidding 7♠, you might get a safe trump lead. If you're missing the ace of diamonds, 4NT would work better if West has it.

**Schwartz:** "7♠—If I bid it slowly, I will tell them what to lead, so let them guess. Partner is unlikely to have six cards in the red suits if they guess wrong."

**Woolsey:** "4NT—This is likely enough to be a five or seven hand, so I'm bidding seven. No point in telling the opening leader I have something like this. I'm just bidding the grand regardless of partner's response."

One expert does something that one should never do. He makes a bid which can be interpreted in two ways and one of those ways would be a disaster. I asked one of my favorite partners and she passed 5♣. There is no reason why you can't have ♠x ♥x ♦x ♣KQJ10xxxxxx.

**Lublin:** "5♣—Exclusion Blackwood hand."

If you're playing an advanced convention such as Exclusion, make sure you've gone over how it works.

#### 2) IMPs None Vulnerable

♠-♥KQ10986 ♦AKQJ4♣65

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
1♥	Pass	Pass	2♠
?????			(13-15)
Action	Score	Votes	Solvers
3♠	100	2	7
4♥	90	0	31
4♦	80	6	49
3♦	70	2	67
3♥	50	0	8
5♦	50	0	3
3NT	20	0	1
4NT	20	0	1
Pass	20	0	3
Dbl	20	0	1
4♠	20	0	1

If you hold six diamonds and five hearts and a good hand and open 1♦, this would not

be a problem. However, the very best bidders open 1♥ with five hearts even if they have eight diamonds and they could have problems telling partner which is the longer red suit. You could have the problem hand or you could have ♠-♥KQ1098 ♦AKQJx ♣xxx. Most open 1♥ with ♠x♥KQJxx ♦KQJxxx ♣x a 5-6 weak hand. If you open 1♦ and then bid hearts with a 5-6 weak hand, you might end up in 6NT when partner thinks that you have a good hand. After opening 1♥ and later 3♦ or 4♦, how does partner know if you have six hearts? I propose that you use reverse Michaels when holding six hearts. If your RHO opens 1♠, you shouldn't bid Michaels holding ♠x♥KQ10986 ♦KQJxx ♣x. Partner would prefer diamonds with two hearts and three diamonds and you'd miss your 6-2 heart fit. You could only do it if your hand was strong enough that you could bid your hearts over partner's minor-ask. After opening 1♥ you should do the opposite. 3♠ should be reverse Michaels. It shows hearts and a minor but you have at least six hearts. That way partner can support your hearts with two of them.

Six experts jump to 4♦. How does partner

know if you are 5-5 or 6-5?

**Parker:** "4♦—And then 5♦ over their 4♠."

**Shi:** "4♦—I'm sure I will have to make a decision over 4♠ and might as well involve partner."

**Zucker:** "4♦—I can almost make this on my own, but don't want to bypass 4♥. Also, this lets partner know about my shapely hand, which lets me respect anything s/he does from here on out."

**Schwartz:** "4♦—I need to get partner involved and 3♦ won't do it."

**Hopkins:** "4♦—This should help us know what to do if the opponents compete to 4♠ or even higher."

**Adams:** "4♦—Might make with 4♥ down, gets partner into full picture of what going on in case opponents bid 4♠. Might regret the bid if partner has stiff Jack of Hearts."

One expert bids only 3♦ assuming that 3♦ will not end the auction.

**Woolsey:** "3♦—I don't see any reason to do anything tricky. Just let West bid 4♠ if he thinks he can make it, and let partner double if he doesn't think they can make it. If partner doesn't double, I'll then bid 4NT which should imply longer hearts since I would bid 5♦ with longer diamonds."

One expert joins me and bids 3♠ which shows a two-suited hand but the major is longer than the minor.

**Theurer:** "3♠—I remember a problem related to this one that came up at a unit game. The issue here is that you'd like to tell partner you have a strong two-suiter, but with longer hearts. If I bid 4♦ now, partner may think I have only five hearts and at least five diamonds (remembering that Stevie opens 1♥ even with longer diamonds). I want to tell partner that I have six hearts instead. Since I'm going to drive to the four-level (at least) anyway, I think I can cuebid 3♠ here. Partner will likely either bid 3NT or 4♣ (or, the opponents might bid more spades) and when I bid diamonds next, he should realize I have the red two-suiter but with longer hearts since I didn't bid some number of diamonds immediately."

When you have a two-suited hand, you should have a way to distinguish when your first suit is longer.

### 3) IMPs They're Vulnerable

♠ Q975♥ 9♦ 10852♣ 10654

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
Pass	Pass	1♥	Pass
Pass	Dbl	Rdbl	2♣
Pass	Pass	Dbl	Pass
????			
Action	Score	Votes	Solvers
Pass	100	6	55
2♦	80	3	63
2♠	70	1	42
2NT	30	0	3
2♥	20	0	9

Partner has shown a huge hand. He opened, redoubled and then doubled. The opponents are in at best an eight-card club fit. Look at poor East. He can't pass 1♥ redoubled since that would mean that he was going to pass 1♥ doubled. He could be 2=5=3=3. There are other reasons to pass the double. If you bid 2♦, partner could be 4=5=3=1 and if you bid 2♠ he could be 3=5=4=1. You have no way of knowing whether partner has four spades or four diamonds and he might not have four of either suit. If the cards are bad for defense, they'll also be bad for offense. If the cards are good for offense, then they'll be good for defense.

Five experts join me and pass partner's double. Passing is the way you win bridge events. +500 will win many more IMPs than +90 in 2♦ or +110 in 2♠ while -180 will not lose many IMPs.

**Zucker:** "Pass—Partner has shown a very good hand with probably only five hearts. I'd much rather defend. If they make, it's not game, and even -380 (2♣ doubled making three) might be better than doubled in one of our potential 4-3 fits. I know that I'm supposed to take out partner's takeout doubles, but I might not guess the right suit if we have an eight-card fit, and partner knows how weak I am. I'll provide the trumps; he can provide the tricks."

**Schwartz:** "Pass—If partner is distributional, he might have shown it over the double, thus having a doubleton club is a good possibility. It's not game so it's worth the risk as we won't make our contract unless I hit a four-card suit in partner's hand."

**Theurer:** "Pass—Partner must have a very good hand since I could have nothing. He did

not bid a suit at his second or third turn so I'm guessing he's fairly balanced (3532 shape?) with probably 18-19HCP. Perhaps he has a stiff club (thus 4531 or 3541 shape). If I bid 2♦ or 2♠ that could be a bad spot if partner only has three of that suit. So I'm a reluctant passer. 2♣ doubled isn't game, and it could turn out to be the only way we can go plus."

**Hopkins:** "Pass—I believe partner should have something like a balanced 18-19 count. The opponents may have nowhere to go and this is a good shot at a fair penalty."

**Adams:** "Pass—Strange auction. Partner better not be doubling 2♣ with a singleton. I would have responded 1♠."

Four experts pull partner's strength showing double.

Three experts pull the double to 2♦.

**Parker:** "2♦—If partner bids 2♥ then I can bid 2♠"

**Lublin:** "2♦—Too close to pass."

**Shi:** "2♦—Even if 2♣ may be going down, surely either 2♦ or 2♠ is making on our side."

One expert pulls to 2♠ which is the suit which West is most likely to have.

**Woolsey:** "2♠—If partner has four diamonds, he would have bid 2♦ instead of doubling. Thus, our most likely eight-card fit is spades."

When the opponents give you a chance for a top, go for it.

### 4) IMPs They're Vulnerable

♠ 1082♥ A43♦ 1085♣ J1042

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
Pass	1♠	Pass	1NT
Pass	Pass	Dbl	Pass
????			
Action	Score	Votes	Solvers
Pass	100	9	55
2♣	70	1	41
2♥	50	0	50
2♠	30	0	4
2♦	30	0	21
2NT	20	0	1

From the opponent's failure to bid above 1NT, you can tell that partner has a very good hand. If partner has a very good hand, why didn't he bid at his last turn? It's probably because he has

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a good hand with spades. Since you don't have anything clear to bid, why not defend and hope to beat 1NT? If partner has an 18-point good hand you could get 800. If partner has a so-so good hand you might end up -180. If partner's double is for penalties how does he compete if he wants to balance. Bids over 1NT in pass-out seat should be two-suiters like the DONT convention. 2♣ shows clubs and a higher and you could be four-four. With ♠xxx ♥AKxx ♦KJxx ♣xx bid 2♦.

Nine experts think this is a lead problem and not a bidding problem.

**Lublin:** "Pass—Pass and lead spade ten."

Partner should have strong spades which is why you should lead a spade.

**Shi:** "Pass—Partner does not promise 4-4 in the red suits to double 1♠, so with some random takeout hand, he would have doubled earlier. This double should have extras going with it."

**Zucker:** "Pass—Is this a lead problem for which spade should I lead? Partner doesn't have the red suits or he would have doubled 1♠. As such, partner rates to have good spades. I have a club stopper and the diamond ace. Teammates, who saw me on hand three, are tired of hearing -180, but oh well."

**Schwartz:** "Pass—To me this is a lead problem (which black suit) as partner's double shows cards, not takeout."

**Theurer:** "Pass—Ugh. What does partner have for this sequence? He didn't double 1♠ initially yet is known to have sound values, so his shape must be suspect - probably has spade length and not both red suits. This situation is a bit like the previous problem, I have no clear action so I will pass, lead a high spade and hope I have enough stuff to set 1NT. Again, at least we aren't doubling them into game. This double by partner after passing the first time should have some penalty implications. He is probably balanced or semi-balanced and could tolerate me pulling his double if I was very weak with a long suit to bid."

**Hopkins:** "Pass—I expect partner to have Spades and a good hand. I am going to lead the Spade ten if we play it here."

**Adams:** "Pass—This should be fairly ugly for them. Scored 1400 last time a similar auction came up. Partner's double is penalty. I am leading spade ten."

**Woolsey:** "Pass—I assume you meant this as an opening lead problem, not a bidding problem."

Only one expert pulls partner's strength-showing-spade-showing double.

**Parker:** "2♣—If partner had a real take-out double he would have doubled the first time, so I will bid 2♣ in case he has clubs and if not he can play it."

When partner is strong, passes and then doubles, his double is for penalties. If you want to compete, play DONT type two-suited bids in pass-out seat.

## 5) IMPs None Vulnerable

♠3♥A432♦AKQJ1032♣2

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
1♦	Dbl	1♥	2♦
????			Pass
Action	Score	Votes	Solvers
5♦	100	4	24
4♦	80	4	24
4♥	70	0	70
3♠	50	2	3
4NT	50	0	12
Dbl	50	0	9
4♣	50	0	1
3♦	30	0	6
Pass	30	0	1
3♥	30	0	14
2♥	30	0	3
5♥	30	0	3
3NT	20	0	1
2♠	20	0	1

Do you want to make a descriptive bid or a practical bid? There is a descriptive bid that you could make which is 3♠. 3♠ shows four-card heart support with spade shortness. There are two practical bids that you could make. One is 4♥ which shows four-card heart support and a good hand. The other is 5♦. If you had to guess how the auction will continue over 4♥, you'd expect the opponents to bid 4♠. Since you would bid 5♦ over 4♠ why not do it immediately? By bidding 5♦ without showing your four hearts, you make it harder for the opponents to get the auction right or get the defense right.

Two experts splinter. You should splinter only if you need partner involved in high-level decisions or you can take charge yourself. Splintering might make sense if you could bid three blacks showing shortness in both black suits.

**Parker:** "3♠—Splinter. I'm not sure if in

this sequence 4♦ shows the classic solid diamonds and four hearts."

**Lublin:** "3♠—Splinter bid."

Four experts jump to 4♦. If RHO had passed, then a jump to 4♦ shows four hearts and at least six diamonds headed by two of the top three diamond honors. You'd have 2♦ showing a minimum hand with at least six diamonds and 3♦ showing a good hand with at least six diamonds. With RHO bidding 2♦ you no longer have a 2♦ bid. 3♦ is now a minimum diamond bid so 4♦ should show diamonds and a good hand. ♠x ♥AK ♦AQJ109xx ♣xxx is my idea of a 4♦-jump.

**Shi:** "4♦—I show a good hand with six diamonds and four hearts - close enough?"

**Zucker:** "4♦—Not sure if this still shows 6-4 with all of the other bidding, but willing to risk it, since, if not, partner will think I have long Diamonds, which I do, and a hand that doesn't want to defend (I didn't double), which I do. Somebody brought out the pinochle deck for this hand, so I'd better get my shape in now."

The double of 2♦ is a support double which shows three hearts. Actually double makes sense since you probably want to play in diamonds unless you have at least a nine-card heart fit.

**Hopkins:** "4♦—This is the bid I would have made without the competition and I see no reason to tell partner what my hand looks like now. This might help us judge how high to go over competition."

**Adams:** "4♦—Pretty sure this shows 4-6 solid diamonds even over the 2♦ interference."

Three experts join me and make a practical bid. 5♦ is the bid you are going to make over

the opponent's 4♠ or 5♣ so why not bid it right away. By bidding 5♦ and never supporting hearts you don't have to worry about partner correcting 5♦ to 5♥ which he might do if he is very short in diamonds. If there is a heart guess, you can postpone it until you get a count of the hand if diamonds are trump but not if hearts are trump. If you are playing in diamonds, you can more easily handle a bad heart break.

**Schwartz:** "5♦—They are probably bidding 4♠ and with the takeout double, diamonds are a lot safer spot even if partner has five hearts."

If partner has only four hearts, a 4-1 heart break could lead to disaster playing in hearts. In diamonds you don't have to play the heart suit until the end.

**Theurer:** "5♦—Even though I have four hearts with partner, my diamond are so solid I'd rather play in my suit than his, especially if his hearts are rather weak since the doubler could have four or even five hearts. The opponents are probably heading for 4♠ or 5♣ so I will take up lots of bidding space and make them guess what to do next. Maybe I will be able to develop a slow trick or two in the black suits to pitch some of my hearts. Also the opponents aren't likely to play me for this many hearts!. Even if this doesn't make it has a good chance of being a profitable save against their game."

**Woolsey:** "5♦—I know I'm going there, so why not go there right away and let them guess what to do at the high level."

When you know what's likely to be the best contract such as 5♦ on this hand, get there without giving away information.

## SOLVERS' SCORES

John Adams	2NT	4♦	Pass	Pass	4♦	450
Robbie Hopkins	4♣	4♦	Pass	Pass	4♦	460
Glenn Lublin	5♣	3♦	2♦	Pass	3♠	320
Steve Parker	4♣	4♦	2♦	2♣	3♠	380
Steve Robinson	4♣	3♠	Pass	Pass	5♦	500
Alan Schwartz	7♠	4♦	Pass	Pass	5♦	470
Sylvia Shi	4♣	4♦	2♦	Pass	4♦	440
Brad Theurer	4♣	3♠	Pass	Pass	5♦	500
Kit Woolsey	4NT	3♦	2♠	Pass	5♦	430
Ron Zucker	2NT	4♦	Pass	Pass	4♦	460



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1 Steve Robinson .....	223.04
2 Mark Shaw .....	175.41
3 Linda Marshall .....	168.05
4 David Ruderman .....	165.53
5 Steven Schatzow .....	157.91
6 Vincent Wilmot Jr .....	148.93
7 Sylvia Shi .....	138.03
8 Richard Wegman .....	133.28
9 William Pettis .....	128.51
10 Leo LaSota .....	124.86
11 Martin Graf .....	123.74
12 Donna Rogall .....	122.59
13 Barry Falgout .....	108.49
14 James Geist .....	101.49
15 Robert Bell .....	97.55
16 Brad Theurer .....	93.37
17 Lloyd Rawley .....	88.06
18 Peter Boyd .....	87.09
19 Andrew Gofreed .....	86.43
20 William Cole .....	83.11
21 Fred King .....	82.22
22 Michael Richey .....	78.44
23 Clyde Kruskal .....	77.73
24 Merrill Hirsh .....	63.40
25 Richard Ferrin .....	62.40

**Izzy Cohen**

1 James Berry .....	60.38
2 Terry Klein .....	56.63
3 John McCormick .....	47.22
4 Brad Libros .....	44.66
5 Leon Masiewicki .....	41.47
6 Robert Rovner .....	39.92
7 Daniela Tunsanu .....	39.01
8 Radu Tunsanu .....	39.01
9 James Beller .....	38.89
10 Ernie Schuler .....	38.30
11 Annapurna Satpathy .....	37.10
12 Mirsad Mujezinovic .....	35.38
13 Namik Haveric .....	35.38
14 Alfred Caponiti .....	33.53
15 Myron Goldstein .....	33.26

**Tubbs**

1 Terry Klein .....	56.63
2 Radu Tunsanu .....	39.01
3 Daniela Tunsanu .....	39.01
4 Myron Goldstein .....	33.26
5 John Goon .....	28.81
6 Barry Tash .....	27.15
7 David Handwerker .....	26.25
8 Blake Schwartzbach .....	26.02
9 Michael Kuehl .....	25.33
10 Kenneth Jones .....	25.17

**Woolridge**

1 Jim Rubin .....	22.80
2 Ferit Yegenoglu .....	21.44
3 Bruce Reynolds .....	11.97
4 Cate Frezza .....	11.60
5 Eleanor Young .....	11.35
6 Kim Gandy .....	10.79
7 Joel Greengard .....	10.50
8 Michele Greengard .....	10.50
9 Ellen Rosenthal .....	10.04
10 Jeff Frank .....	9.14

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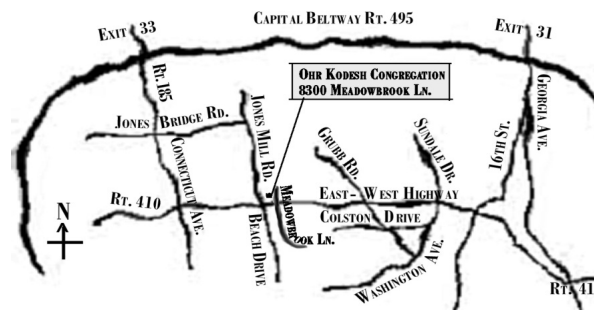
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 01/07/2016 .....WBL Sectional  
**01/14/16\*\*** .....Holiday Party StrataFlighted Unit Champ  
 01/21/2016 .....StrataFlighted Unit Championship  
 01/28/2016 .....StrataFlighted Grand National Teams  
 (& Unit KO seeding event)  
 02/04/2016 .....StrataFlighted Unit Championship  
 02/11/2016 .....D6 STaC—Stratified Pairs  
 02/18/2016 .....NVBA Sectional  
 02/25/2016 .....StrataFlighted Grand National Teams  
 03/03/2016 .....StrataFlighted Unit Championship  
 03/10/2016 .....IMP Pairs/StrataFlighted Unit Champ  
 03/17/2016 .....StrataFlighted Unit Championship  
 03/24/2016 .....Upgraded Club Championship  
 03/31/2016 .....StrataFlighted Grand National Teams  
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Buffet Dinner starts at 6 p.m.  
StrataFlighted Unit Championship starts at 7:30 p.m.

The Annual **WASHINGTON BRIDGE LEAGUE HOLIDAY PARTY**, which includes dinner and a bridge game will be held at the Kensington Town Hall/Armory at 3710 Mitchell St., Kensington, MD. Everyone is asked to bring their favorite goodies (appetizers, salads, desserts, etc.). The main course and holiday drinks will be provided. Dinner will be served from 6 to 7 p.m. If you have any questions or would like to help with the party, please call Clyde Kruskal at 301-395-0480 or email him at [cpkfam@gmail.com](mailto:cpkfam@gmail.com).

*Come on out for great feasting, great bridge, and great fun!*

#### UPCOMING SECTIONALS

- ♦ January 7-10, 2016, WBL, Silver Spring, MD
- ♥ February 19-22, 2016, NVBA, Fairfax, VA
- ♠ April 7-10, 2016, WBL, Silver Spring, MD
- ♣ May 12-15, 2016, NVBA, Fairfax, VA
- ♦ June 4-5, 2016, WBL NLM, Kensington, MD
- ♥ July 7-10, 2016, WBL, Silver Spring, MD
- ♠ September 8-11, 2016, NVBA, Fairfax, VA
- ♣ October 6-9, 2016, WBL, Silver Spring, MD

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

#### Here's how to help:

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

Thank you in advance for any assistance you can provide.

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

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

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

From setting up and break-

## WBL NLMMASTER SECTIONAL

September 10-12, 2015

### TOP TEN CUMULATIVE POINT WINNERS

#### All Players

- |     |                        |           |
|-----|------------------------|-----------|
| 1   | <b>Myron Goldstein</b> | .....8.28 |
| 2/3 | Marjorie Kulash        | .....7.67 |
|     | Damian Kulash          | .....7.67 |
| 4   | Terry Klein            | .....5.99 |
| 5/6 | Jack Rudy              | .....4.59 |
|     | Josh Rosenbluth        | .....4.59 |
| 7   | Cheri Hayes            | .....4.33 |
| 8/9 | Robert Gray            | .....4.10 |
|     | Phyllis Morgan         | .....4.10 |
| 10/ | Porter Kier            | .....4.01 |
| /11 | Bob Lawrence           | .....4.01 |

### —RESULTS—

#### THU EVE NLM PAIRS - 19.0 TABLES

A B C

- |       |   |            |
|-------|---|------------|
| 1 1   | <b>Damian Kulash - Marjorie Kulash</b> , Washington DC                          | .. .65.73  |
| 2 2   | Sarah Jenkins, Rockville MD; Rolf Swenson, Silver Spring MD                     | .. .63.04  |
| 3 3   | Mahmoud Katirai - Shala Panbechi, Bethesda MD                                   | .....61.31 |
| 4 4   | Yaeko Perera, Vienna VA; Maryann Bishop, Washington DC                          | 57.44      |
| 5 5 1 | <b>Michael Benefiel</b> , Silver Spring MD; <b>Julian Klazkin</b> , Bethesda MD | .....55.95 |
| 6 6   | Anita Lancaster - Sandra Harding, Annandale VA                                  | .....55.74 |
| 2     | Gin Bell, Washington DC; Lynne McCombs, Bethesda MD                             | 53.87      |
| 3     | H Wesley Ashendorf, Potomac MD; William Davis, Bethesda MD                      | .. .53.27  |
| 4     | Marc Zlotnik - David Narrow, Bethesda MD  | .....52.38 |
| 5     | Joel Greengard - Michele Greengard, Gaithersburg MD                             | .....51.49 |
| 6     | Judy Rovner - Sheila Blum, Chevy Chase MD                                       | .....51.19 |

#### THU EVE 0-20 PAIRS -5.5 TABLES

A B C

- |       |                                       |            |
|-------|---------------------------------------|------------|
| 1 1 1 | <b>Clare Glynn - Carole Stringer</b>  | .....75.72 |
| 2     | Janet Page - Robbie Lloyd             | ... .59.68 |
| 3 2 2 | Lovelace Clark - Sherry Floyd         | .55.77     |
| 4 3 3 | Christine Bond - Francoise O'Sullivan | .....54.45 |

#### FRI MORN PAIRS - 25.0 TABLES



A B C

- |     |   |            |
|-----|---|------------|
| 1   | <b>Bob Lawrence</b> , Potomac MD; <b>Porter Kier</b> , Swan Point MD                | 63.39      |
| 2   | Michael Cooperman, Chevy Chase MD; Myron Goldstein, Silver Spring MD                | 62.80      |
| 3   | Phyllis Morgan, Chesapeake Beach MD; Robert Gray, Prince Frederick MD               | 60.71      |
| 4   | Gary Scavongelli, Burke VA; James Loisel, Arlington VA                              | .....59.23 |
| 5 1 | <b>Toni Sandler</b> , Falls Church VA; <b>Eleanor Linde</b> , McLean VA             | .....58.63 |
| 6   | Michael Barth - T S L Perlman, Washington DC  | .....58.33 |
| 2 1 | <b>Christine Bond</b> , Washington DC; <b>Francoise O'Sullivan</b> , Chevy Chase MD | .....56.25 |
| 3   | Dave Hall - John Woodhull, Westminster MD   | .....55.06 |
| 4 2 | Elizabeth Jones - Laurel Olsen, Vienna VA   | .....53.87 |
| 5 3 | Deborah Crockett, Washington DC; Bessie Bradford, Fort Washington MD                | .....53.27 |
| 6   | Janet Page - Robbie Lloyd, Silver Spring MD   | .....52.68 |

## SAT MORN 0-50 NLM PAIRS - 6.0 TABLES



A B

- 1 1 John Wertman, Burke VA;  
Robert Morrison,  
Alexandria VA . . . . .59.58**
- 2 2 Robert Greenburg, Reston VA; Darlyn  
Counihan, Silver Spring MD . . .57.50
- 3 3 Sara Hayes, Bethesda MD;  
Gin Bell, Washington DC . . . .54.58
- 4 4 Judith Fried - Michele Conroy,  
Bethesda MD . . . . .52.50

## SAT MORN PAIRS - 29.5 TABLES BASED ON 36 TABLES



A B C

- 1 Myron Goldstein, Silver  
Spring MD; Terry Klein,  
Brookeville MD . . . . .69.51**
- 2 Pat Tylander, Alexandria VA;  
Cheri Hayes, Washington DC . .62.50
- 3 1 Reina Lerner, Bethesda MD;  
Sharona Sapoznikow,  
Potomac MD . . . . .60.42**
- 4 Terry Coates, Wheaton MD;  
John Horner, Silver Spring MD .59.95
- 5/62/3 Heide Blaker, Chevy Chase MD;  
Lynne Battle, Bethesda MD . .59.82
- 5/62/3 Damian Kulash - Marjorie Kulash,  
Washington DC . . . . .59.82
- 4 1 Nancy Ferris, Chevy  
Chase MD; Judith Riggs,  
Washington DC . . . . .58.33**

- 5 2 John Goon, Rockville MD; Kenneth  
Jones, Silver Spring MD . . . .57.44
- 6 Linda Dennis - Dorothy Osterberger,  
Columbia MD . . . . .56.85
- 3 Thomas Wainwright - Duncan  
Wainwright, Springfield VA . . .55.65
- 4 Jacob Hornberger, Ashburn VA;  
Marilyn Lowen, Potomac MD . .55.36
- 5 Frances Cox - Philip Cox,  
Shepherdstown WV . . . . .52.98
- 6 Rolf Swenson, Silver Spring MD;  
Sarath Silva, Washington DC . .51.79

## SAT AFT STRATIFLIGHTED PAIRS - 23.5 TABLES



A B C

- 1 Josh Rosenbluth,  
Hummelstown PA; Jack Rudy,  
Camp Hill PA . . . . .76.13**
- 2 Daniel Morgan, Vienna VA; John  
Blodgett, Jefferson MD . . . .70.83
- 3 1 Damian Kulash - Marjorie  
Kulash, Washington DC . . .66.67**
- 4 2 Sheila Ellis, Alexandria VA; Joan  
Axilbund, Vienna VA . . . . .60.71
- 5 3 Dorothy Osterberger - Linda Dennis,  
Columbia MD . . . . .58.04
- 6 4 1 Kate Baldwin - Stephen  
Baldwin, Bethesda MD . . .57.93**
- 5/7 Karen Sandler - Anne Weismann,  
Bethesda MD . . . . .57.14
- 5/7 2 Kyle Butts - Gregory Kenderdine,  
Washington DC . . . . .57.14
- 5/7 David Lindley - Thomas Keslin,  
Alexandria VA . . . . .57.14
- 3 Dave Hall - John Woodhull,  
Westminster MD . . . . .53.87
- 4 Rolf Swenson, Silver Spring MD;  
Sarath Silva, Washington DC . .51.26
- 5 Norma Taquino, Odenton MD; Jill  
Kolody, Pasadena MD . . . .50.00

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

of the Washington area. Never before has a local bridge-in-schools effort been launched this seriously, this energetically and this successfully.

The benefits of our program will repay the game we love, for many years. Not only has a new crop of players been introduced to bridge, but other young people will hear about the game and perhaps try it, too. Washington-area bridge stands to benefit greatly.

However, launching the bridge-in-schools program—and keeping it launched—requires money. We need to pay for supplies, travel and training of teachers. We would also like to build a contingency fund that would finance expansion of the program.

Members have already contributed substantial sums. But more are needed.

Won't you please help us? Your year-end gift will be greatly appreciated. It is tax-deductible to the full extent of the law. Every cent will go toward the bridge-in-schools program. No money will be withheld or diverted for administrative costs except as explained above.

Please do your part to help us develop new, young bridge players. Your generosity will help make that happen.

Thank you very much and happy holidays,

Bob Levey  
—Longtime WBL member and WBLEF  
fundraising chair

**TO MAKE A CONTRIBUTION:** Please make a check payable to "WBL Education Foundation" and mail it to Rose Berman, Treasurer, WBL Education Foundation, 13707 Engleman Drive, Laurel, MD 20708-1325.

## WELCOME TO THE WASHINGTON BRIDGE LEAGUE

The WBL welcomes the following new ACBL members: **Mr Scott K Ambler, Devra F Glowinski, Mrs Lorraine R Nacson, Mr Dean M Resnick, Mr Nicholas Sapirie, Mrs Maria Shire, Mrs Joan E Armstrong, Mr Massimo Ceresa, Nusrat R Currier, Mrs Anne Folliet, Ms Linda W Palmer, and Mrs Susan S Wisor.**

In addition, we welcome the following transfers from other units: **Ms Anne Derbes, Mr Robert M Schwab, Charles A Gambrell, Mona Marie Gambrell, Mr Stanley S Kagan, Mrs Rita S Kanter, Member has Snowbird, Mr Geoff Lewis, Mrs G E Meddaugh, and Nancy Pashby.**

Please join us at our weekly Unit Game on Thursday evenings and frequent the local bridge clubs in the area. Information can be found at [www.WashingtonBridgeLeague.org](http://www.WashingtonBridgeLeague.org).

## COME JOIN THE 2016 WBL UNIT KNOCKOUT!

The deadline for entering the **2016 Washington Bridge League Unit KO** is **February 4.**

There will be three flights of play: Flight A, Flight B, plus a Flight C for Non-Life Master players with fewer than 500 masterpoints. The masterpoint cutoff for Flight B will be determined by the coordinator after reviewing the entries and the masterpoints of the teams entered. *A 0-100 flight may be instituted if entries warrant.*

For Flight C, the seeding will be random draw. For Flights A and B, the GNT qualifier on **January 28** will be used as a factor in seeding; however, you don't have to play in the GNT qualifier in order to play in the Unit KOs. If you have six members of your KO team, they can play on six different GNT teams on January 28. They will have six different seed numbers.

The cost is only \$30/team for the whole event. The winning team in each flight of the 2015 Unit KO will be awarded a cash award equal to their entry fee.

Contact **Steve Robinson** to find partners, for more information, or to sign up a 4-6 player team:

Email: [robinswr@erols.com](mailto:robinswr@erols.com)

phone: 703-379-4371

snail mail: 2891 S. Abingdon St #A2,  
Arlington, VA 22206

**Bryan Geer** is the Coordinator for Flight C: [bgeer@verizon.net](mailto:bgeer@verizon.net) or 301-236-0014.

## 2015-2016 WBL/NVBA PLAYER OF THE YEAR

**To be eligible**, a player: (1) Must be a member (or pending member) of either the NVBA or the WBL; (2) Must attend all but one NVBA sectional and all but one WBL sectional during the contest period (August, 2014 through June, 2015). Points won on Tournament Thursday evenings are included in the totals, but do not count towards eligibility; (3) Must be a member in good standing of the ACBL and a local affiliate throughout the contest period and remain so through the award presentation.



**Awards:** Two trophies will be awarded at the July 4th Regional: Open and Non-Life Master.

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

### Open Leaders

Player	Points
1 Steve Robinson	100.57
2 Mark Shaw	95.27
3 Martin Graf	86.02
4 Steven Schatzow	84.56
5 Mark Chen	80.63
6 Linda Marshall	78.11
7 Helene Bauman	77.36
8 Barry Falgout	71.28
9 Jim Wakefield	68.08
10 Rusty Krauss	66.74
11 Sylvia Shi	66.69
12 Peter Boyd	64.95
13 William Pettis	62.73
14 Brad Theurer	62.49
15 Alexander Prairie	61.70
16 Leo LaSota	59.69
17 Andrew Gofreed	59.47
18 Robert Bell	58.94
19 Richard Wegman	50.39
20 William Cole	48.57

### NonLM Leaders

Player	Points
1 Adam Gann	42.45
2 Terry Klein	20.30
3 Donna Hickling	20.18
4 Phyllis Morgan	19.07
Robert Gray	19.07
6 Duncan Thompson	15.74
7 Jeffrey Schwartz	15.60
8 Vinod Shah	15.19
Ila Shah	15.19
10 Jeffrey Yutzler	13.96
11 Wendy Morrison	12.71
12 Darlyn Counihan	12.49
13 Thomas Grahame	12.47
14 Daniel Morgan	11.15
15 Eileen Abramson	10.56
16 Thomas Keslin	10.20
17 Francesca Mazarella	10.17
18 Mary Ourand	9.61
19 Reina Lerner	9.42
20 Julie Marquette	9.26

## WBL EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION

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

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

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

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

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

♣ **Fairfax, VA** ♦ **FEBRUARY 18-21, 2016** ♥

## NVBA WILLIAM POISSANT MEMORIAL TOURNAMENT

The Arlington/Fairfax Elks Lodge #2188  
8421 Arlington Boulevard, Fairfax, VA ♦ 703-560-2213

### THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 18

STRATIFIED OPEN PAIRS (2000+/2000/750) or 500/300/100 PAIRS .....10:30 a.m.

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

*Evening games at: NVBA: Beth El Hebrew Congregation, 3830 Seminary Road, Alexandria, VA or WBL: Ohr Kodesh Congregation, 8300 Meadowbrook Ln, Chery Chase, MD NVBA (Beth El) WBL*

*Intermediate/Newcomer Lecture .....6:30 p.m.*

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

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

### FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 19

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

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

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

*Intermediate/Newcomer Lecture .....1:15 p.m.*

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

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

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

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

**\*\*\* Join the FUNd! \*\*\* —\$1 extra/game Sat. & Sun.  
means extra fun at this Summer's DC NABC!**

### SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 20

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

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

*Intermediate/Newcomer Lecture .....1:15 p.m.*

**TROPHY EVENT: WILLIAM POISSANT MEMORIAL PAIRS**

(2 SESSIONS — Qualifying and Barometer Final) .....2 & 7:30 p.m.

STRATIFIED OPEN PAIRS (2000+/2000/750; Single session) ...2 p.m.

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

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

*—Open to Non-Qualifiers and New Entrants.*

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

### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 21

FLIGHTS A/X (5000+/5000) BOARD-A-MATCH TEAMS 11 a.m. & TBA

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

### Tournament Chair

Margot Hennings,  
703-560-0245

### Partnership Chair

Marty Bley  
[nvbapartnerships@gmail.com](mailto:nvbapartnerships@gmail.com)  
240-441-9885 (C)

*Mid-Chart Conventions permitted in all A/X Events*

**Next NVBA Sectional  
May 12-15 at Arlington/  
Fairfax Elks Lodge  
(Thurs at Beth El)**

[www.nvba.org](http://www.nvba.org)

69<sup>th</sup> Annual

APRIL 7-10, 2016

**ALERT!** Schweinhaut Center Friday - Sunday **ALERT!**

# CITY OF ~ WASHINGTON TOURNAMENT ~

at the **MARGARET SCHWEINHAUT SENIOR CENTER**  
1000 Forest Glen Rd, Silver Spring, MD **Friday-Sunday only**

**THURSDAY, APRIL 7**

- ♣ StrataFlighted Open (unlim/2000) or 1000/500/300 Pairs .....11:15am  
**Rockville Duplicate Bridge Club**, 301-503-3348 (Mark Lavine) **NO ENTRY TILL 11AM**  
St. James Episcopal Church, 11815 Seven Locks Rd., Rockville
- ♦ StrataFlighted Open Pairs (A/X unlim/3000, B/C/D Separate 2000/1000/500) (both sites); Stratified NLM Pairs (NLM/100/50) & 0-20 Pairs (Ohr Kodesh only); Stratified 199er Swiss Teams (Beth El only)  
**Beth El Congregation**, 3830 Seminary Rd, Alexandria .....7:00pm  
**Ohr Kodesh Congregation**, 8300 Meadowbrook Ln., Chevy Chase 7:30pm  
I-495 to Connecticut Ave. S. 4<sup>th</sup> light left E-W Hwy 410. Left Meadowbrook Ln. 1<sup>st</sup> left Freyman Dr. Parking lot on left. No outside food allowed.

**FRIDAY, APRIL 8**

- ♣ \*StrataFlighted A/X (unlim/3000) or B/C/D Pairs (2000/1000/500) (single sessions) 10:00am, 2:00pm
- ♦ **Stratified Triple Nickel Swiss Teams** (unlim/2000/750) ... **Post-Game Party!** .... 7:15pm  
—5 rounds, 5 boards a round, 5 minutes a board. **with beer, wine & desserts**
- ♠ Intermediate/Novice Pairs (300/200/100/50/20) (single sessions) ..... 10:00am, 2:00pm, 7:15pm

**SATURDAY, APRIL 9**

**Win upgraded (more) masterpoints today! \$1 additional fee supports Grass Roots events.**

- ♣ \*StrataFlighted A/X (unlim/3000) or B/C/D Pairs (2000/1000/500) (single sessions) . 10:00am, 3:00pm
- ♦ Intermediate/Novice Pairs (300/200/100) or Newcomer Pairs (50/20/5) (single sessions) 10:00am, 3:00pm

**SUNDAY, APRIL 10**

**Lunch available for purchase.** A/X Swiss & B Teams: 2 session playthroughs w/break

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

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

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

**Hospitality** includes snacks, drinks, & **Friday lunch & evening party.** Sunday lunch available for purchase.  
**Chair: Steve Schatzow**, 202-332-3729, [sschatzow@his.com](mailto:sschatzow@his.com). **Volunteer Coordinator: Barbara Summers**, 301-598-5838, [jimbarb1184@aol.com](mailto:jimbarb1184@aol.com); **Hospitality Chair: Mike Zane**, 301-653-1215, [mikezane@msn.com](mailto:mikezane@msn.com);  
**Partnerships: Barbara Doran**, 301-608-0347, [barb.doran@verizon.net](mailto:barb.doran@verizon.net), **Online Partnership Desk** available.

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

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

Mid-chart allowed in all events except I/N

## 85TH ANNUAL D.C. CHAMPIONSHIPS

October 8-11, 2015

### 2015 MACHLIN TROPHY WINNER



2009 winner, Rose Berman, presented the Machlin Sportsmanship Award to the 2015 winner (and prior WBL President), **Dick Wegman**.

## —Results—

**THURSDAY MORNING OPEN PAIRS**

**Stratum A**, 14.0 Tables / Based on 25 Tables

- 1 Leo LaSota - Barbara Shaw ..... .67.31
- 2 Steven Schatzow - Kenneth Davis ..... .65.54
- 3 Terri Sanker - Mark Lavine ..... .58.81
- 4 Joan Cutler - Evan Gay ..... .58.33
- 5 Juline Glaz - Daniel Shankle Jr ..... .57.69
- 6 William Pettis - Ruth Potter ..... .56.89
- 7 Joel Goldberg - Marilyn Forrest ..... .55.93

**Stratum X**, 9.0 Tables

- 1 Joan Cutler - Evan Gay ..... .58.33
- 2 Joel Goldberg - Marilyn Forrest ..... .55.93
- 3 Donald Jacobs - Barry Ko ..... .55.45
- 4 Ralph Bestock - Mel Orlans ..... .53.37
- 5 Lester Slaback - John Jackson ..... .53.04

**THURSDAY MORNING 0-1000 PAIRS****Stratum B**, 10.5 Tables

- 1 James Metzger - Michael Corrigan .. .64.67
- 2 Larry Wallace - Paul Chassy ..... .59.90
- 3 Sarah Jenkins - Linda Weiner ..... .59.62
- 4 Helen Paver - Sandra Jacobs ..... .59.05
- 5 John Arnett Sr - Arthur Keefe III ..... .58.78
- 6 William Peterson - David Abraham ..... .58.42

**Stratum C**, 5.5 Tables

- 1 Sarah Jenkins - Linda Weiner ..... .59.62
- 2 William Peterson - David Abraham ..... .58.42
- 3 Robert O Connor - William Lowry ..... .57.91
- 4 Vivian Pollock - David Stearman ..... .51.19

**THU EVE A/X PAIRS**

**Stratum A**, 28.0 Tables / Based on 79 Tables

- 1 Sumner Steinfeldt - Hal Hindman .. .65.15
- 2 Steven Schatzow - Andrew Gofreed ..... .62.02
- 3 David Rodney - Rusty Krauss ..... .60.50
- 4 Robert Brady - Leo LaSota ..... .60.31
- 5 James Geist - Jason Meyer ..... .59.47
- 6 Sylvia Shi - Steve Robinson ..... .59.24
- 7 Hakan Berk - William Zane ..... .59.19
- 8 Ellen Cherniavsky - Vincent Wilmot Jr ..... .56.58
- 9 Melissa Price - Richard Price ..... .56.39
- 10 John McCormick - Barack Peled ..... .56.09
- 11 Alexander Prairie - Stephen Drodge ..... .56.04
- 12 Michael Richey - Lloyd Rawley ..... .55.88

### TOP TEN CUMULATIVE POINT WINNERS

**All Players**

- 1 49.53 ..... *Sylvia Shi*
- 2 44.63 ..... Steve Robinson
- 3 38.05 ..... Steven Schatzow
- 4 28.75 ..... Hal Hindman
- 5 26.87 ..... Rusty Krauss
- 6 25.35 ..... Leo LaSota
- 7 24.77 ..... Linda Marshall
- 8 21.22 ..... Mark Shaw
- 9 19.95 ..... Richard Wegman
- 10 18.22 ..... Barry Falgout

**Players with fewer than 2000 masterpoints**

- 1 16.04 ..... *Daniel Feldman*
- 2 11.21 ..... Suzanne Abrams
- 3/4 11.10 ..... Yuen DeAnda
- 11.10 ..... Ron Sutter
- 5 9.98 ..... Wayne Bardsley
- 6 9.74 ..... Hadi Abushakra
- 7 9.64 ..... John Arnett Sr
- 8 8.25 ..... Thomas Jennings
- 9/10 7.89 ..... Barack Peled
- 7.89 ..... John McCormick

**Players with fewer than 300 masterpoints**

- 1/2 5.76 ..... *Phyllis Morgan*
- 5.76 ..... Robert Gray
- 3 4.41 ..... Darlyn Counihan
- 4/5 4.24 ..... Vinod Shah
- 4.24 ..... Ila Shah
- 6 4.18 ..... Wendy Morrison
- 7 4.11 ..... Arthur Keefe III
- 8 4.03 ..... Ted Proxmire
- 9 3.75 ..... Linda Meade
- 10 3.69 ..... Joseph Lebaron



- 13 Barry Falgout - Lyle Poe Jr .....55.53
- 14 Frances Price - Jeff Price .....55.14

#### **Stratum X, 15.0 Tables**

- 1 Hakan Berk - William Zane .....59.19
- 2 Melissa Price - Richard Price .....56.39
- 3 John McCormick - Barack Peled .....56.09
- 4 Alexander Prairie - Stephen Drodge .....56.04
- 5 Michael Richey - Lloyd Rawley .....55.88
- 6 Frances Price - Jeff Price .....55.14

#### **THU EVE BCD PAIRS**

##### **Stratum B, 23.0 Tables**

- 1 Mary Mudd - Barry Sparks .....65.20
- 2 Larry Wallace - Dev Chattopadhyay .....63.26
- 3 Phyllis Sonen - Hilda Getz .....61.17
- 4 Gail Singer - Rochelle Cohen .....59.47
- 5/6 Aaron Navarro - Judith Dausch .....57.77
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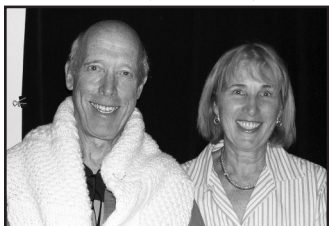
##### **Stratum C, 17.5 Tables**

- 1 Larry Wallace - Dev Chattopadhyay .....63.26
- 2 Phyllis Sonen - Hilda Getz .....61.17
- 3 Aaron Navarro - Judith Dausch .....57.77
- 4 Patricia Greason - Howard Stevens .....56.75
- 5 Garry Grossman - Paul Chassy .....56.25
- 6 Arun Guha - Elizabeth Williamson .....55.68

##### **Stratum D, 10.0 Tables**

- 1 Patricia Greason - Howard Stevens .....56.75
- 2 Brian Sutton - Walter Beckerman .....52.46
- 3 Mary Ourand - Michael Watts .....51.89
- 4 Darlyn Counihan - Priscilla Krueger .....51.70
- 5 Kathleen LaMarre - David Lindley .....50.67
- 6 Terry Klein - Myron Goldstein .....49.81

#### **THU EVE NLM PAIRS, Stratum A, 10.5 Tables**



- 1 Bruce Reynolds - Linda Meade .....73.83
- 2 Tyler Creighton - Alexander Stille .....59.82
- 3 Kate Baldwin - Stephen Baldwin .....57.10
- 4 John Goon - Kenneth Jones .....56.43
- 5 Karen Sandler - Anne Weismann .....54.04
- 6 Antony Heatwole - Emilio Cecchi .....52.71

##### **Stratum B, 8.0 Tables**

- 1 Linda Meade - Bruce Reynolds .....73.83
- 2 Tyler Creighton - Alexander Stille .....59.82
- 3 Kate Baldwin - Stephen Baldwin .....57.10
- 4 John Goon - Kenneth Jones .....56.43
- 5 Antony Heatwole - Emilio Cecchi .....52.71

##### **Stratum C, 6.5 Tables**

- 1 Linda Meade - Bruce Reynolds .....73.83
- 2 Tyler Creighton - Alexander Stille .....59.82
- 3 Antony Heatwole - Emilio Cecchi .....52.71
- 4 Carole Smith - Eleanor Young .....51.20
- 5 Leslie Beal Bloom - Nancy Raskin .....49.48

#### **THU EVE NEWCOMER PAIRS**

##### **Stratum A, 6.0 Tables**

- 1 Steven Bindeman - Robert Lewis .....59.50
- 2 Sherry Floyd - Jane Yasukawa .....57.52
- 3 Clare Glynn - Carole Stringer .....57.10
- 4 Beverly Stearns - Fern Lapidus .....56.05

##### **Stratum B, 5.5 Tables**

- 1 Steven Bindeman - Robert Lewis .....59.50
- 2 Sherry Floyd - Jane Yasukawa .....57.52
- 3 Clare Glynn - Carole Stringer .....57.10
- 4 Beverly Stearns - Fern Lapidus .....56.05

##### **Stratum C, 4.5 Tables**

- 1 Steven Bindeman - Robert Lewis .....59.50
- 2 Sherry Floyd - Jane Yasukawa .....57.52
- 3 Clare Glynn - Carole Stringer .....57.10
- 4 Beverly Stearns - Fern Lapidus .....56.05

#### **THU EVE 199ER SWISS TEAMS**

##### **Stratum A, 11 Tables**

- 1 James Connor - Ruth Hansen - Jovica Medic - Duncan Wainwright .....60.00
- 2 William Lowry - Anne Bradford - Sheila Soper - Philip Slattery .....50.00
- 3 Jim Bexfield - Joan O'Conner - Brian Lamm - Cathy Walton .....49.00
- 4 John Peterson - Richard Poznanski - Nancy Tarlano - Rozelin Prochaska .....47.00

##### **Stratum B, 10 Tables**

- 1 James Connor - Ruth Hansen - Jovica Medic - Duncan Wainwright .....60.00
- 2 William Lowry - Anne Bradford - Sheila Soper - Philip Slattery .....50.00
- 3 Jim Bexfield - Joan O'Conner - Brian Lamm - Cathy Walton .....49.00
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##### **Stratum C, 7 Tables**

- 1 James Connor - Ruth Hansen - Jovica Medic - Duncan Wainwright .....60.00
- 2 William Lowry - Anne Bradford - Sheila Soper - Philip Slattery .....50.00
- 3 Kathleen Parkins - Evelyn Reneer - Jack McCalman - Sartaj Alag .....46.00

#### **FRI AM A/X PAIRS**

##### **Stratum A, 6.0 Tables / Based on 26 Tables**

- 1 Suzanne Abrams (pic) - Thomas Jennings 60.42
- 2 Linda Marshall - David Ruderman 55.83
- 3 Hadi Abushakra - Rex Settle .....54.58
- 4 Lloyd Rawley - Kiyomi Shiba .....52.50



##### **Stratum X, 4.0 Tables**

- 1 Thomas Jennings - Suzanne Abrams .....60.42
- 2 Hadi Abushakra - Rex Settle .....54.58
- 3 Lloyd Rawley - Kiyomi Shiba .....52.50

##### **FRI AM BCD PAIRS, Stratum B, 9.0 Tables**

- 1 Jerome Sikora - Lorraine Hegel .....61.01

- 2 Thomas Reckford - Steven Mendelsohn 60.12
- 3 Ted Proxmire - Charles King .....57.44
- 4 Linda Barton - Marguerite Salah .....57.14
- 5 Rhona Prenskey - Nelu Schwartz .....55.65

##### **Stratum C, 8.5 Tables**

- 1 Thomas Reckford - Steven Mendelsohn 60.12
- 2 Ted Proxmire - Charles King .....57.44
- 3 Linda Barton - Marguerite Salah .....57.14
- 4 Rhona Prenskey - Nelu Schwartz .....55.65
- 5 John Arnett Sr - Jill Benson .....55.06

##### **Stratum D, 3.5 Tables**

- 1 Ken Kimball - Tamara Vetter .....52.38
- 2 Susan Weiss - Bernice Felix .....49.11
- 3 Margaret Cooke - Peter Isard .....48.51

#### **FRI AM 299ER PAIRS, Stratum A, 10.5 Tables**



- 1 Dave Marchal - Mohammed Moiduddin 65.10
- 2 David Handwerker - Jack Teller .....59.91
- 3 Rebecca Cardozo - Karen Horowitz .....59.57
- 4 Andrew Swaim - Katherine Lehman .....56.85
- 5 David Penn - Maxine Penn .....56.22
- 6 Maia Abramson - Audrey Belford .....54.35

##### **Stratum B, 9.0 Tables**

- 1 Dave Marchal - Mohammed Moiduddin 65.10
- 2 David Handwerker - Jack Teller .....59.91
- 3 Rebecca Cardozo - Karen Horowitz .....59.57
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- 5 Maia Abramson - Audrey Belford .....54.35

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- 3 Andrew Swaim - Katherine Lehman .....56.85
- 4 Maia Abramson - Audrey Belford .....54.35

#### **FRI AFT A/X PAIRS**

##### **Stratum A, 12.0 Tables / Based on 28 Tables**



- 1 Linda Marshall - Steven Schatzow .....67.80
- 2 Richard Wegman - Robert Hopkins Jr 60.61
- 3 Sylvia Shi - Daniel Korbel .....58.33
- 4 Leo LaSota - Mark Shaw .....57.20
- 5 Jim Wakefield - Helene Bauman .....54.55
- 6 David Ruderman - Arnie Frankel .....53.98

#### **Stratum X, 4.5 Tables**

- 1 Richard Price - Melissa Price .....52.84
- 2 Fred Gramlich - Catherine Bardsley .....51.52
- 3 Samuel Phillips - Lowell Phillips .....50.76
- 4 Jimmy Ritzenberg - Robert Levey .....50.57

#### **FRI AFT BCD PAIRS**

##### **Stratum B, 9.5 Tables**



- 1 JJill Benson - ohn Arnett Sr .....66.30
- 2 Ted Proxmire - Charles King .....63.59
- 3 Amy Bloom - Thomas Grahame .....62.44
- 4 Sheila Kaplan - Mary Ourand .....61.46
- 5 Rhona Prenskey - Nelu Schwartz .....60.96
- 6 Thomas Reckford - Steven Mendelsohn 59.86

##### **Stratum C, 7.5 Tables**

- 1 John Arnett Sr - Jill Benson .....66.30
- 2 Ted Proxmire - Charles King .....63.59
- 3 Sheila Kaplan - Mary Ourand .....61.46
- 4 Rhona Prenskey - Nelu Schwartz .....60.96
- 5 Thomas Reckford - Steven Mendelsohn 59.86

##### **Stratum D, 3.5 Tables**

- 1 Sheila Kaplan - Mary Ourand .....61.46
- 2 Marguerite Salah - Barry Ko .....54.26
- 3 Stephen Weiner - Wendy Morrison .....47.61

#### **FRI AFT 299ER PAIRS**

##### **Stratum E, 6.0 Tables**



- 1 Julie Marquette - Joseph Lebaron .....57.50
- 2 Jennifer Fahnestock - Arthur Keefe III 56.67
- 3 Lawrence Meyer - Jerry Pruzan .....56.25
- 4 Richard Galleher - Carol Marks .....53.33

##### **Stratum F, 5.0 Tables**

- 1 Jennifer Fahnestock - Arthur Keefe III 56.67
- 2 Lawrence Meyer - Jerry Pruzan .....56.25
- 3 Richard Galleher - Carol Marks .....53.33
- 4 Robert Greenburg - Darlyn Counihan 52.92

##### **Stratum G, 4.5 Tables**

- 1 Jennifer Fahnestock - Arthur Keefe III 56.67
- 2 Richard Galleher - Carol Marks .....53.33
- 3 Robert Greenburg - Darlyn Counihan 52.92
- 4 Andrew Swaim - Katherine Lehman .....52.50





### FRI EVE TRIPLE NICKEL SWISS

#### Stratum A, 18 Tables

- 1 Michael Richey - David Genne - James Geist - Donna Rogall .....72.00
- 2 Fred King - Rebecca Duty - Alice Wegman - Richard Wegman .....70.00
- 3 Mark Lavine - Gail Singer - Thomas Grahame - Amy Bloom .....64.00
- 4 Donald Berman - Rose Berman - David Fleischer - Barbara Doran .....60.00
- 5 Blake Schwartzbach - Adam Gann - Alexander Prairie - Mark Chen ....58.00

#### Stratum B, 10 Tables

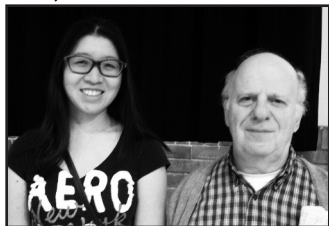
- 1 Mark Lavine - Gail Singer - Thomas Grahame - Amy Bloom .....64.00
- 2 Blake Schwartzbach - Adam Gann - Alexander Prairie - Mark Chen ....58.00
- 3 Jeffrey Halle - Sorina Negulescu - Witold Palosz - Leon Masiewicki .....57.00
- 4 Carole Banks - William Zane - Steven Fox - Jon Farber .....55.00

#### Stratum C, 6 Tables

- 1 Carole Banks - William Zane - Steven Fox - Jon Farber .....55.00
- 2 M David Jackson - George Parkins - Mary Mudd - Barry Sparks .....49.00

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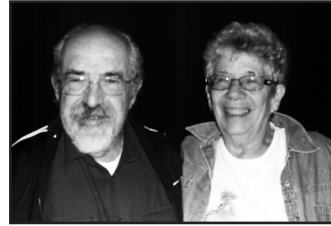
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- 1 Sylvia Shi - Steve Robinson .....66.41
- 2 Barry Falgout - Rusty Krauss .....63.58
- 3 Linda Marshall - Vincent Wilmot Jr ..62.30
- 4 Jimmy Ritzenberg - Robert Levey .....61.62
- 5 Mark Shaw - Martin Graf .....58.21
- 6 Steven Schatzow - Alfred Duncker .....57.54
- 7 Angelo Zuccaro - Kenneth Davis ....56.80
- 8 Michael Gill - Noble Shore .....56.24

#### Stratum X, 8.0 Tables

- 1 Jimmy Ritzenberg - Robert Levey ..61.62
- 2 Suzanne Abrams - David Grabiner ..51.95
- 3 Craig Olson - Michael Lawrence ....48.10
- 4 Hadi Abushakra - James Beller ....47.94
- 5 Ralph Russo - Daniel Feldman ....47.34



### SAT AM BCD PAIRS, Stratum B, 11.5 Tables

- 1 Paul Chassy - Reina Chassy .....63.25
- 2 Prabhakar Tamboli - Albert Pike III ..59.98
- 3 Anthony Hawks - Marty Zupan ....59.12
- 4 Yuen DeAnda - Ron Sutter .....58.55
- 5 Terry Klein - Duncan Thompson ....58.48
- 6 Jon Ranhand - Thomas Reckford ....57.67

#### Stratum C, 9.5 Tables

- 1 Reina Chassy - Paul Chassy .....63.25
- 2 Prabhakar Tamboli - Albert Pike III ..59.98
- 3 Anthony Hawks - Marty Zupan ....59.12
- 4 Yuen DeAnda - Ron Sutter .....58.55
- 5 Terry Klein - Duncan Thompson ....58.48
- 6 Jon Ranhand - Thomas Reckford ....57.67

#### Stratum D, 3.0 Tables

- 1 Prabhakar Tamboli - Albert Pike III ..59.98
- 2 Terry Klein - Duncan Thompson ....58.48

### SAT AM 299ER PAIRS

#### Stratum A, 9.5 Tables

- 1 Phyllis Morgan - Robert Gray .....65.81
- 2 Karen Horowitz - Rachelle Sladoff ...60.54
- 3 Ila Shah - Vinod Shah .....59.12
- 4 Dave Marchal - Mohammed Moiduddin 58.39
- 5 Jennifer Fahnestock - Arthur Keefe III 58.11
- 6 Faye Bildman - Dolores Svec .....56.68

#### Stratum B, 7.0 Tables

- 1 Karen Horowitz - Rachelle Sladoff ...60.54
- 2 Dave Marchal - Mohammed Moiduddin 58.39
- 3 Jennifer Fahnestock - Arthur Keefe III 58.11
- 4 Faye Bildman - Dolores Svec .....56.68
- 5 Robert O Connor - Richard Barth ...53.71

#### Stratum C, 4.0 Tables

- 1 Jennifer Fahnestock - Arthur Keefe III ..58.11
- 2 Faye Bildman - Dolores Svec .....56.68
- 3 Janet Page - Wendy Morrison .....47.76

### SAT AM NEWCOMER PAIRS

#### Stratum A, 4.5 Tables

- 1 Johanna Weekley - Cathy McIntyre ...64.93
- 2 Linda Meade - Darlyn Counihan ....58.78
- 3 Michele Conroy - Judith Fried .....58.70
- 4 Michael Beaghen - Mark Gorsak ....50.00

#### Stratum B, 2.5 Tables

- 1 Michele Conroy - Judith Fried .....58.70
- 2 Michael Beaghen - Mark Gorsak ....50.00

### SAT AFT A/X PAIRS

#### Stratum A, 16.0 Tables / Based on 40 Tables

- 1 Ralph Russo (pic) - Daniel Feldman 66.25
- 2 Steve Robinson - Sylvia Shi .....59.86
- 3 Wayne Bardsley - Mark Dahl ....58.61
- 4 Mark Shaw - Martin Graf .....58.06



- 5 Ann Lindley - Steven Schatzow .....56.60
- 6 Brad Theurer - Mark Chen .....56.39
- 7/8 Peter Boyd - William Cole .....55.56
- 7/8 Hadi Abushakra - James Beller ....55.56

#### Stratum X, 8.5 Tables

- 1 Daniel Feldman - Ralph Russo .....66.25
- 2 Hadi Abushakra - James Beller .....55.56
- 3 Eric Brannman - Carl Nelson .....54.86
- 4 Jerry Miller - Margie Coccodrilli ....50.83
- 5 Roma Chandra - Thomas Grahame ....50.28

### SAT AFT BCD PAIRS, Stratum B, 13.0 Tables



- 1 Yuen DeAnda - Ron Sutter .....61.93
- 2 Steven Leifer - Jacqueline Leifer ....61.17
- 3 Donna Hickling - Francesca Mazarella 59.66
- 4 Jon Ranhand - Thomas Reckford ....56.63
- 5 Behnaz Fardshisheh - Leyla Aru ....56.44
- 6 Annapurna Satpathy - Stephen Weiner 56.25

#### Stratum C, 12.5 Tables

- 1 Yuen DeAnda - Ron Sutter .....61.93
- 2 Steven Leifer - Jacqueline Leifer ....61.17
- 3 Donna Hickling - Francesca Mazarella 59.66
- 4 Jon Ranhand - Thomas Reckford ....56.63
- 5 Behnaz Fardshisheh - Leyla Aru ....56.44
- 6 Annapurna Satpathy - Stephen Weiner 56.25

#### Stratum D, 5.5 Tables

- 1 Steven Leifer - Jacqueline Leifer ....61.17
- 2 Donna Hickling - Francesca Mazarella 59.66
- 3 Terry Klein - Duncan Thompson ....55.87
- 4 Rochelle Hilton - Hugo Van Dyke ...55.49

### SAT AFT 299ER PAIRS, Stratum A, 11 Tables

- 1 Ila Shah - Vinod Shah .....60.33
- 2 Janet Page - Wendy Morrison .....59.82
- 3 Phyllis Morgan - Robert Gray .....58.89
- 4 Reina Lerner - Sharona Sapoznikow ..54.85
- 5 Sheila Ellis - Charles Ellis .....54.17
- 6 Cate Frezza - Kim Gandy .....54.08

#### Stratum B, 8.5 Tables

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- 2 Reina Lerner - Sharona Sapoznikow ..54.85
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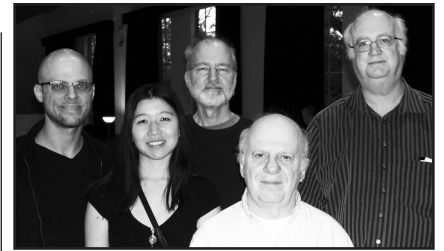
#### Stratum C, 6.5 Tables

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- 3 Maryann Bishop - Cecily Wolfe .....53.65
- 4 Ann Lawrence - Andrea Weiswasser ..52.46
- 5 Beverly Dowell - Ruth Fischer .....52.00

### SUN EYNON TROPHY TEAMS

#### 13 Tables / Based on 43 Tables

- 1 Daniel Korbel - Sylvia Shi - Peter Boyd -



#### Steve Robinson - William Cole .....93.00

- 2 Hal Hindman - Mark Chen - Clyde Kruskal - Donna Rogall .....92.00
- 3 Richard Wegman - Fred King - Ai-Tai Lo - William Pettis .....89.00
- 4 Leo LaSota - Brad Theurer - Lyle Poe Jr - Mark Shaw .....87.00
- 5 Rusty Krauss - Barry Falgout - Joan Lewis - Robert Hopkins Jr .....77.00

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- 1/2 Robert Finkelstein - Joe Leighton - Yuen DeAnda - Ron Sutter .....82.00
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- 1 William Mendez Jr - Michael Goldman - David Benson - Jill Benson .....112.00
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- 3 Bernie Weberman - Daniel Friedman - Joel Greengard - Michele Greengard ....88.00
- 4 Sarah Jenkins - Jeanne Haji - Darlyn Counihan - Maryann Bishop .....73.00

### SUN AM 299ER SWISS, Stratum A, 6 Tables



- 1 Joseph Lebaron - Norman Kittrell - Phyllis Morgan - Robert Gray .....64.00
- 2 Diana Roberts - Janice Tucker - Paul Elstein - Marsha Berman .....53.00

#### Stratum B, 5 Tables

- 1 Diana Roberts - Janice Tucker - Paul Elstein - Marsha Berman .....53.00
- 2 Lynne Battle - Heide Blaker - Lorraine Shumaker - Ann Hunter .....37.00



# NL Master Pointers

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## SCORING THE GAME, PART I

There are several common forms of scoring for the game of bridge. The two most common in the tournament bridge world are matchpoints and IMPS. In this series of articles, I will describe how these scoring systems work. We will then explore strategies that might differ between the two scoring methods.

Matchpoints is the usual scoring method for pair games. At matchpoints, you earn one matchpoint per board for each pair that you do better than, and ½ matchpoint for each pair you tie. If you are sitting North/South, you are compared to all of the other North/South pairs. Let's look at a simple example. In my example, the board will be played 4 times. The best score you can get on the board is 3 matchpoints, if you beat all three of the other pairs, and the worst score is 0 matchpoints if they all do better than you.

N/S Pair Number	Contract and Result	N/S Score	Match-points
1	2♠ North made 5	+200	2
2	2♠ North made 4	+170	1
3	4♠ North made 4	+420	3
4	4♠ North down 1	-50	0

As you can see, all four pairs had different results. Pair 3 got 1 matchpoint for beating each of the other three pairs, for a total of 3 matchpoint, also referred to as a top on the board. Pair 1 received one matchpoint, for beating pair 2, 0 matchpoints for not beating pair 3, and 1 matchpoint for beating pair 4. Poor pair 4 received zero matchpoints, also referred to as a bottom, because their score was worse than any of the other pairs.

Let's look at a more complicated example, this time with 7 pairs. This time, top should be 6 matchpoints.

N/S Pair Number	Contract and Result	N/S Score	Match-points
1	1NT North made 1	+90	2.5
2	1NT North made 1	+90	2.5
3	2♠ East down 1	+100	4
4	3NT North down 2	-100	0
5	1NT South made 2	+120	5
6	Passed out	0	1
7	3♠ East down 2	+200	6

This time, pair 7 got the top score by beating all of the other north south pairs. One matchpoint for each of 6 pairs is the top score of 6 matchpoint. Pair 4 got the bottom, as they were the only pair to get a negative score. Let's look at pairs 1 and 2. They both attained the same table result of +90. Pair 1 gets 1 matchpoint for beating pair 4, 1 matchpoint for beating pair 6, and ½ matchpoint for tying pair two. That gives them 2.5 for the board.

At matchpoints, you strive to get the largest plus score or smallest minus score you can. Let's look at one more example with 7 pairs.

N/S Pair Number	Contract and Result	N/S Score	Match-points
1	3NT East made 5	-660	2.5
2	4♦ X South down 6	-1400	0
3	3NT East made 5	-660	2.5
4	4♠ West made 5	-650	5
5	3NT East made 5	-660	2.5
6	6NT West down 1	+100	6
7	3NT West made 5	-660	2.5

Pair 6 was fortunate because their opponent bid too much and went down. They received the full six matchpoints for defeating all of the other pairs. Pair 4 was also fortunate because their opponent played in a lower scoring contract and only made 650. As you can see, even the smallest number of point difference can result in a large matchpoint difference. They earned a near top for beating all N/S pairs except pair 6. Pair 1 received 2.5 matchpoints. How did I arrive at this figure? They receive 1 matchpoint for beating pair 2, and ½ matchpoint each for tying pairs 3, 5, and 7. Finally, Pair 2, suffered a terrible defeat going down 6 tricks doubled and received 0 matchpoints for their efforts.

Next time, we will explore how IMPS are scored.

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

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Cynthia Lunn  
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# WBL SOLVERS' CLUB'S NEW PROBLEMS

## 1) IMP's

♠ K82♥AJ ♦ K43 ♣ AK543

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
4♠	Pass	Pass	Pass

????

- 1) Double at all vulnerabilities
- 2) Double only when you're vul and they're not vulnerable
- 3) Double only when both non-vulnerable
- 4) Double only when both vulnerable
- 5) Double only when you're non-vul and they're vulnerable
- 6) Pass at all vulnerabilities

## 2) IMPs Both Vul

♠ K9432♥K105♦KQ843♣-

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
		1♠	Pass

????

## 3) Matchpoints You're Vul

♠ AKQ2♥2♦K3♣AKQ876

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
	2♥	Pass	Pass
	Pass	3♦*	3♥

????

\*0-11

## 4) IMPs Both Vul: ♠ 76♥KJ1096♦A3♣KJ109

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

## 5) IMPs Both Vul: ♠ AQ2♥Q6♦Q32♣AQJ54

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

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

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

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

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