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**HOLIDAY PARTY, DINNER & UNIT GAME**

*on **December 11** (see p.16)*

**53RD ANNUAL  
PRESIDENTIAL TOURNAMENT**

*from **January 8-11** (see p.5)*

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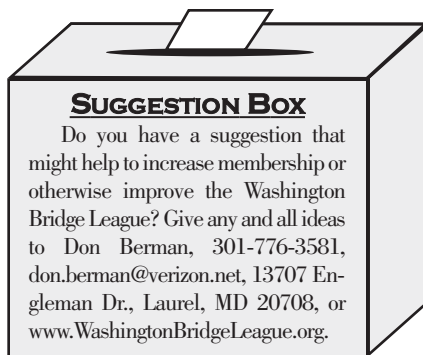
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Do you have a suggestion that might help to increase membership or otherwise improve the Washington Bridge League? Give any and all ideas to Don Berman, 301-776-3581, don.berman@verizon.net, 13707 Engleman Dr., Laurel, MD 20708, or www.WashingtonBridgeLeague.org.

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## PRESIDENT'S LETTER

by *WBL President, Richard Ferrin*

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At the Washington Bridge League, we are in a period of change. Not because the weekly game and sectional tournaments we sponsor are disappointment. Indeed, compared to most of the rest of the country, bridge in the Washington area is thriving. But it can be so much more. To grow as an organization we need to change with the times.

Our new tournament chairman, Steve Schatzow, has introduced several new ideas to improve our sectional tournaments, and he needs your constructive feedback. Are the starting times right? What can we do to grow the Friday morning game? What do you think of the new Triple Nickel Swiss just added for Friday night? How about the Sunday lunch break arrangements? Steve has put a lot of thought into this, and ultimately the feedback you provide and attendance statistics will let Steve and the Board know what is working and what needs more...change.

One particular conundrum I have been pondering for awhile is how to get more young people interested in bridge. We cherish our current members and beginning seniors, but our juniors

are the future of bridge in the Washington area. Part of the problem, as I see it, is that more and more millennials in this area do not have cars, but rely instead on public transportation. Should we consider moving the unit game and/or sectionals to a place closer to a metro stop? How about more workshops for new players?

What can we do with the WBL website to attract new players, while at the same time provide all of the information that we expect? How about the role of social media? These are some of the topics that our Publicity Committee is beginning to tackle. Solutions to these issues may help revitalize the game we all love so much. We encourage your ideas, and look forward to seeing you at the bridge table.

### WBL EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION

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

The Washington Bridge League has established a new WBL Educational Foundation. The Foundation will promote bridge in the Washington area by developing teaching programs in D.C. and suburban Maryland schools, and expanding opportunities for adults to learn bridge or improve their bridge-playing skills. In September, the IRS approved the tax exempt status of the Foundation. All contributions are tax-deductible.

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

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

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Starting in January of 2015, the WBL Bulletin will cease 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)**

Please also indicate if you would like to be included on Steve Robinson's email list in order to receive additional bridge news, bridge problems, and other tidbits. (If your email address is up-to-date (and not marked private) with the ACBL, then we already have it.) You will be able to unsubscribe from either list.

## BITS AND PIECES

### COME JOIN THE 2015 WBL UNIT KNOCKOUT!

The deadline for entering the **2015 Washington Bridge League Unit KO** is **Jan. 29**.

There will be three flights of play: Flight A, Flight B, plus a Flight C for Non-Life Master players with less 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 22 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 22. 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

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### BRIDGE & BOWLING SATURDAY, JAN 24, 2015

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 *Laurel Lanes*. Then we will have dinner at *Sullivan's Steak and Beverage Co.* Finally, we will play a GNT qualifier at the *Laurel Bridge Club* with pre-formed balanced teams. Sign up to participate in one, two, or all three events.

**Bowling:** Meet at 1:30 p.m. at Laurel Lanes, 15013 Baltimore Avenue North, Laurel, MD, (301) 490-6006. 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 for bowling is \$16 (payable when you sign up), plus the cost of shoe rental if you don't bring your own bowling shoes.

**Dinner:** Meet at 5:30 p.m. at Sullivan's Steak and Beverage Co., 9624 Fort Meade Road (Rte

198), Laurel, MD, (301) 498-7427. We will have dinner to celebrate (or commiserate) after bowling and get ready for a fun evening of bridge. No advance payment is required. However, please let us know if you plan to attend so we know how many people to expect.

**Bridge:** The game (a GNT qualifier) will start at 7:30 p.m. at the Laurel Bridge Club, 8654-A Laureldale Drive, Laurel, MD, (301) 395-6810. You can come with your own team, but the real fun of this event is playing on a team with members that span the range of bridge experience from world class on down. The cost is \$9 per person (\$36 per team). You must register and pay in advance to be assigned to a team.

**Sign up:** Give this registration form, with payment (\$16 for bowling, \$9 for bridge), to Linda Marshall or Don Berman, or mail this form to: Linda Marshall, 6303 Redwing Road, Bethesda, MD 20817. Make checks payable to Washington Bridge League. Please sign up no later than January 15th.

### BRIDGE AND BOWLING—REGISTER BY 1/15/15

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

☐ Bowling (\$16)      Bowling average \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

Please send your registration to Linda Marshall, 6303 Redwing Road, Bethesda, MD 20817.  
Make checks payable to: Washington Bridge League.

## KENSINGTON, MD: JANUARY 8-11, 2015

**ALERT!** Check Start Times carefully—Some have changed

### 53<sup>rd</sup> Annual ~ PRESIDENTIAL TOURNAMENT ~

at the **KENSINGTON TOWN HALL/ARMORY**  
3710 Mitchell St, Kensington, MD ~ (except where noted)

#### THURSDAY, JANUARY 8

- ♣ StrataFlighted Open (unlim/2000) or 1000/500/300 Pairs ..... 11:15am  
**Rockville Duplicate Bridge Club**, 301-503-3348 (Mark Lavine)  
*St. James Episcopal Church, 11815 Seven Locks Rd., Rockville* **NO ENTRY 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 (Kensington Armory only); Stratified 199er Pairs (Beth El only)  
**Beth El Congregation, 3830 Seminary Rd, Alexandria** ..... 7:00pm  
**Kensington Town Hall/Armory** ..... 7:30pm

#### FRIDAY, JANUARY 9

- ♣ \*StrataFlighted A/X (unlim/3000) & 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 10

to Honor New Life Masters between sessions

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

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

#### TEAMDAY, JANUARY 11

### 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); H.C. Emeritus: **Kitty Gottfried**; Partnerships: **Barbara Doran**, 301-608-0347, [barb.doran@verizon.net](mailto:barb.doran@verizon.net)  
\*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 Kensington Town Hall/Armory:** 495 Beltway Exit 33, Connecticut Avenue North (Rt. 185N—to Kensington). 1.5 miles, right at light—Knowles Ave. 1<sup>st</sup> right at stop—Armory Ave. 1<sup>st</sup> left at stop—to 3710 Mitchell St. & parking lot on right. Additional parking in nearby lots—see website maps.



KENSINGTON, MD: MARCH 19-22, 2015

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**Thursday, March 19:** OHR KODESH: 8300 Meadowbrook Ln., Silver Spring, MD

NLM StrataFlighted Pairs (NLM<500/200/100 and separate 20/10/5) 7:30 pm

**Friday, March 20:** ROCKVILLE DBC: 11815 Seven Locks Rd., Potomac, MD

NLM Stratified Pairs (500/100/20) .....11:15 am

**Saturday, March 21:** Rest of tournament at: NEWPORT MILL MIDDLE SCHOOL

Free ½ hour lesson before each game today, by Leslie Shafer, ACBL Columnist!

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

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

**Sunday, March 22** (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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equal to their entry fee.

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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.

**2014 UNIT KO WINNERS**

**Congratulations** to the winners of this year's Unit Knockout!

**Open Flight**

1) **Donna Rogall, John Adams, Robert Brady, Clyde Kruskal**

2) Robert Hopkins Jr, Barry Falgout, Kent Goulding, Rusty Krauss, Joan Lewis

3/4) Adrienne Kuehneman, Barbara Doran, Gene Kuehneman, Eric Landau, Alan Schwartz, Annie Schwartz

3/4) Lynn Jones, Ellen Cherniavsky, William Pettis, Shawn Stringer, Joseph Trapani

**Flight B**

1) **Robert Schwab, Anne Derbes, Rex Settle, Jay Weinstein**

2) Albert Lauber, James Beller, Jay Cherlow, Ned Griffith, Walter Smith Jr

3/4) Michael Berard, Murat Berk, Peter Van Zijl, Richard Wissing

3/4) Isabelle Thabault, Joanne Howes, Eugene Massey, Theodore Wilkinson

**Flight C**

1) **Shala Panbechi, Mahmoud Katirai, Ted Van Dyke, Franny Van Dyke**

2) David Marshall, Charles Dearolf, Michael Kuehl, Kathleen Zellmer

**Flight D**

1) **David Matusow, David Narow, Phillip Shapiro, Joan Zlotnik, Marc Zlotnik**

2) Patricia Haggerty, Jane Dolkart, Barbara Gifford, Judy Retchin

**WELCOME TO THE  
WASHINGTON BRIDGE LEAGUE**

The WBL welcomes the following new ACBL members: **Mrs Nicette F Beinart, Mr Oscar Beinart, Mr Michael J Cackoski, Ms Lee C Galloway, Dr Julie G Glass, Bea T Hessick, Ann M Hoopes, Fay D Jackson, Mrs Bette S Levin, Mr Harvey A Levin, James R Macayeal, Ms Abigail M Marks, Linda C Miller, Ms Terry E Miller, Margaret E Morrill, Bruce L Reynolds, Mr Jim H Rubin, Donna L Vershay, Ms Rhoda Abrams, Ms Margaret A Crowley, Ms Stephanie G Garshag, Jody Goren, Robert E Greeves, Lynne Lambert, Dr Frances M Lussier, Mary A McNamar, Shredia D Noonan, Carol V Power, Ted S Power, and Mrs Marie C Tayman.**

In addition, we welcome the following transfers from other units: **Mrs Petra R Evans, Mr Scott A Lutrey, Barbara J Steed, Irene M Brandt, Mr Ryan C Connors, Ms Anne Derbes, Garry S Grossman, Mr Don F Hemenway, Mr Jack Koenigsberg, Adrienne C Kohn, Mr J Merrill, Mr W Ward Rayner Jr, Mr Robert M Schwab, Everett E Sinnett, and William S Steed**

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).

**2014-2015 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.

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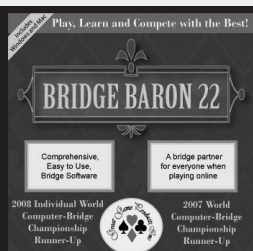
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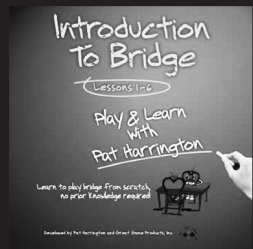
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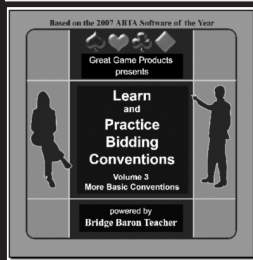


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Moderated by Steve Robinson

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Congratulations to **Barry Bragin, Lloyd Rawley, Wes Goldberg** and **Mark Shimshak** who tied for first with a score of 500. They win a free entry to the Unit Game, and will be invited to be on a future panel. I will play with them in a future game. Tied for fifth were **Prabalad Rajkumar, Mike Richey, Art Hayes, Rich Uhrig** and **Audrey Warren** with a score of 490. Tied for tenth were **Tom Vinson, Jim Villanueva, Tracy Brines** and **Tom Musso** with a score of 480. Tied for fourteenth were **Don Beyer, Karen Heath, Mickie Kivel, Harry Gellis, Mike Deverin, Jack Hawks, Jay Weinstein, Jeff Zaller, Molly Tinsley, Summer Steinfeld, Mark Rosen, Ben Stauss** and **Paul McMullin** with a score of 470. Tied for twenty-seventh were **Robert Dorosin, Carolyn Wilson, Walter Kerns, Tony Graziano, John Arnette Sr, Sonney Taragin, Bruce Cheney, Pete Hughes, Ed Kinlaw** and **Ellena Ball** with a score of 460. Tied for thirty-seventh were **Richard Ferrin, William Hohe, Chuck Williams, Buck Rogers** and **John Matthew Farber** with a score of 450. The average score of the 190 solvers was 394. The average score of the experts was 465.

All readers are encouraged to send answers and/or new problems to Steve Robinson, 2891 S. Abingdon St. #A2 Arlington, VA, 22206-1329. In addition to the winner receiving a free play at the WBL Unit Game, Steve will play with anyone who gets a perfect score or who exactly matches all five of his answers. If you send a self-addressed stamped envelope to the above address along with your answers, I will send you a copy of the new problems to ensure that you can meet his next deadline. You can pick up a copy of the problems at the WBL Unit Game in Maryland, and can send answers or requests for problems to [robinswr@erols.com](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.

### 1) IMPs, None Vulnerable

♠974♥Q63♦AK43♣KJ4

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
1♦	3♠	Dbl	Pass
????			
Action	Score	Votes	Solvers
Pass	100	7	86
3NT	80	1	11
4♥	70	1	53
4♦	30	0	10
4♣	30	1	28
5♦	20	0	1
4♠	20	0	1

Partner has made a negative double at the three-level and we don't have a clear response. We don't have a spade stopper so 3NT would be a gamble. We only have three hearts and you know how I feel about bidding three-card majors unless there are no other alternatives. Partner's allowed to make a negative double with only three hearts and 3-3 fits do not play well. We could bid 4♣, but playing a 4-3 fit at the four-level in a minor where you get only 130 if you make it, is not winning bridge. That's assuming partner has four clubs. Or you can pass the negative double and hope to beat it. Of all

the choices, I like 3NT the best. I've seen many hands where West assumes that I have a stopper and waits for partner to get in to lead thru my assumed stopper. Partner is allowed to have a spade stopper. I believe that negative and takeout doubles are meant to be taken out. I could see partner holding ♠A♥AKxx♦QJxxxx♣xx.

Seven experts pass the negative double. I must admit that passing this double has a lot to say for it.

**Parker:** "Pass—Its only -530 if they make it so let's try for a small plus if partner has a good hand."

**Schwartz:** "Pass—Clear at matchpoints, but even at IMPs seems the percentage choice. If I bid, have to guess what and if partner has at least two spades, going minus seems likely."

**King:** "Pass—Even if declarer has seven spade tricks, I don't see where he can get two other tricks if partner has the values he should have to double at this level."

**Hughes:** "Pass—A plus score looks good enough."

**Theurer:** "Pass—Preempts work! We have balance of power and no clear fit since partner can easily be 2=4=3=4. Once in a great while they can make 3♠ doubled, but as I believe Kit Woolsey has said, "If they never make a doubled contract against you, you aren't doubling them enough". Yes, that includes doubled partscores at IMPs. I'm doubling - well, in this case, leaving in partner's double. It will also make declarer misguess trumps if there is a possible misguess and if partner doesn't have a clear lead such as from AK of hearts, he will lead a diamond which I'm fine with. Most of the time we should get +300 which will be adequate compensation for a game if we have one, and +500 is certainly possible. If I don't pass, what are the alternatives?"

With neither vulnerable, if you could get +300 every time against a doubled contract you'd be way ahead.

**Woolsey:** "Pass—This looks like our last chance for a plus score. Even if they have seven spade tricks, which is far from guaranteed, they would still need to find two more tricks to make which doesn't seem likely."

**Adams:** "Pass—I always pass these. Sometimes it works sometimes it does not."

Two experts pull the double to three-card suits. Negative doubles show four hearts but

showing is different from promising. A double of 3♠ is often to try to get to 3NT.

**Lublin:** "4♥—I bid 4♥ on board one. At least I won't get doubled."

They're not doubling you into game and if partner has only three hearts it could be bloody. If you don't want to get doubled, then bid 3NT.

**Hopkins:** "4♣—This is pure guesswork. At least partner will expect I have more diamonds than Clubs."

Negative doubles are meant to be taken out.

## 2) Matchpoints, None Vulnerable

♠AKQJ43♥3♦K4♣A543

<u>SOUTH</u>	<u>WEST</u>	<u>NORTH</u>	<u>EAST</u>
?????		Pass	2♥
<u>Action</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Votes</u>	<u>Solvers</u>
3♠	100	6	36
4♠	90	2	44
Dbl	70	0	85
3♥	50	2	6
2♠	40	0	19

If East had opened 1♥, 2♠ would be a weak jump overcall. However, a jump to 3♠ over 2♥ is intermediate and shows a reasonable six-card or longer suit. ♠AQJxxx would be minimum suit quality. Opposite a doubleton, there's a good chance for only one trump loser. The question is — how little do you need from partner to make 4♠ and would partner bid 4♠ with that minimum? Opposite ♠x♥xxxx♦Qxxx♣Qxxx, 4♠ needs the king of clubs onside with clubs 3-2. Add the jack of clubs and 4♠ is practically cold. I think partner would pass 3♠ in a flash with two queens and a jack.

85 solvers doubled 2♥. Suppose LHO bids 4♥. If you now bid 4♠, partner could hold ♠x♥xxx♦QJ10xxx♣Qxx. For my double followed by a 4♠ bid, I'd have ♠AQ10xx♥3♦AKx♣AKxx and would expect partner to bid 5♦ holding six diamonds and one spade.

Six experts don't force this hand to game. How can you not force to game when partner promises six points. You assume when you bid that partner has six points. If he has fewer, get a new partner.

**Parker:** "3♠—Good hand. Good spade suit, this is what the bid shows. Maybe just a bit too

good, but it shows what I have in one bid."

**King:** "3♠—Too strong to bid only 2♠ and not strong enough to bid 4♠, especially at matchpoints."

2♠ would be a wimpy bid.

**Hughes:** "3♠—Hopefully, partner will bid four with one trick. If I double he might pass with four hearts and one outside trick for +300."

Is QJxxx of clubs one trick?

**Theurer:** "3♠—This should show a strong hand and a strong suit. Doubling and bidding spades later shows strong hand but a weaker suit. 3♠ leaves room for partner to bid 3NT, or cuebid. I would think 3♠ sets trumps so that in addition to 4♥, that 4♣ and 4♦ should be cuebids with spade support. Slam is still possible despite partner being a passed hand ♠Txx♥xxx♦Axxx♣KQx."

I'm not sure that 4♣ would be a cuebid in support of spades. If partner was a passed hand, then 4♣ would be fit showing since he couldn't have ♠x♥Axx♦xx♣KQJ10xxx.

**Woolsey:** "3♠—Looks like the right value bid, and keeps 3NT in the picture."

If partner has ♠x♥Kxx♦Qxxxx♣Qxxx, do you really want to be in 3NT?

**Adams:** "3♠—Not minimum for this action, but it sends the suit message before they preempt 4♥."

**Schwartz:** "4♠—With the suit quality and 6-4 I am too good for 3♠. I don't start with double with a one-suited hand."

Two experts bid 3♥ which they play as asking for a stopper. At least 3♥ is forcing to game which is better than the 3♠-bidders. 3♥ is better played as Michaels showing five spades and a five-card or longer minor. Using 3♥ as Michaels allows partner to bid 3NT if he doesn't have a spade fit and has heart strength. However, 3NT might not be the best contract if responder has ♠x♥Kxx♦Qxxxx♣Qxxx. Opener leads his Queen of hearts, and gets in with his minor suit entry to run the rest of the hearts. Do you know what you call AKQJ43 of a major? The answer is "trump".

**Lublin:** "3♥—I bid 3♥ looking for notrump stopper. Nine tricks are easier to take than ten."

**Hopkins:** "3♥—Asking for a stopper. Part-

ner might be able to guess my suit and then really be able to make the right decision."

Force to game when all you need is a pair of queens to make game.

## 3) IMPs, You're Vulnerable

♠K763♥-♦KQ82♣AKJ103

<u>SOUTH</u>	<u>WEST</u>	<u>NORTH</u>	<u>EAST</u>
1♣	1♥	Pass	2♥
?????			
<u>Action</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Votes</u>	<u>Solvers</u>
Dbl	100	9	147
2♠	90	1	11
Pass	50	0	3
3♣	40	0	9
3♦	40	0	5
3♥	40	0	12
3NT	20	0	1
5♣	20	0	1
2NT	20	0	1

Double is the most popular answer but doubling 2♥ is scary. There are at least two strikes against doubling. Strike one is that you can't lead trumps against 2♥ doubled. Strike two is that if partner passes your takeout double, Declarer will play the hand knowing where the hearts are. What is partner supposed to bid over the takeout double holding ♠xxx♥Qxxxx♦xxx♣xx? He might think that -470 is as good as -500. Partner could even hold ♠xxx♥QJ10x♦xxxx♣xx and pass the double.

I've learnt from pass experience that when you're short in the opponent's suit, 20% of the time he has a stack and would be happy to play for penalties. The other 80% of the time he has at best Jxxx. Because of the 80% number, I like 2♠. On good days the opponents will bid 3♥ and you beat it one trick. I don't want partner passing with only four hearts expecting me to have one.

Nine experts double.

**Parker:** "Double—OK what's the catch? What else would anyone bid?"

**Schwartz:** "Double—I'm sure Steve will enlighten us on other possibilities as I don't see any."

The problem would be if partner has five poor trumps.

**King:** "Double—Seems obvious so there must be some lesson Steve wants to give here."

**Hughes:** "Double—Partner couldn't find a double or a 1NT-bid over 1♥, so we'll settle



for a partial unless he has an Ace and five good hearts.”

**Theurer:** “Double—This seems obvious so perhaps the director has something else in mind. 2♠ seems to deemphasize diamonds since why can’t partner be 4=2=5=2? Partner knows it’s IMPS so he won’t pass the double with a marginal trump holding since takeout doubles should generally be taken out. If he responds 2NT, would that be natural here or for minors (2443 pattern)? I’d think natural with a hand too weak to bid 1NT over 1♥ but trumps not long/strong enough to pass the double.”

*I like all 2NT bids in this type of situation as you pick.*

**Woolsey:** “Double—I’m not afraid of the penalty pass. Partner heard them bid and raise hearts.”

**Adams:** “Double—Enough extra that we should beat this if partner has five hearts and converts.”

**Hopkins:** “Double—In my nightmare sessions, partner is always 3-5-3-2 with nothing and we have entered the realm of “No Hope”.

*That’s why I bid 2♠. 2♠ tells partner that you don’t want to defend 2♥ and you want to compete. If partner is 2=5=3=3, he’ll bid 2NT and I’ll bid 3♣.*

**Lublin:** “Double—I double for takeout. If partner has the Hawaii (hearts are 5-0) he will pass with good trumps.”

*Be careful doubling when you’re void.*

#### 4) IMPs, Both Vulnerable

♠K109♥9♦A♣AKQ107653

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
?????		3♦	Pass

?????

Action	Score	Votes	Solvers
5♣	100	6	71
Pass	80	0	5
4♣	80	2	32
3NT	70	2	28
5♦	70	0	34
4♦	40	0	3
6♦	20	0	1
4NT	20	0	16

*What do we bid over 3♦? 4♣ is one possibility, assuming its natural, but what would partner*

*do over 4♣ and what would his bids mean? 4♣ would allow LHO to bid a major. You could bid 3NT but your heart stopper is not the best. You could also bid 5♣ which would end the auction for your side. If partner has a normal 3♦ opener, 5♣ would be very unlikely to make. You could also pass 3♦ and hope to make it. I would expect to make 3♦ more often than 5♣.*

**Lublin:** “5♣—I bid 5♣ as a two-way shot. They may bid and I will double or I’ll make 5♣.”

**Hughes:** “5♣—My opponent will surely lead an Ace if he has one. Having my hand concealed is crucial. At matchpoints I would gamble 3NT.”

**Theurer:** “5♣—Many play that 4♣ over any preempt is RKC except for 3♣ where 4♦ is RKC, and besides I don’t want to give anything away in the auction so I will just bid what I hope to make - maybe partner will have any spade honor including the Jack or they lead a spade, or partner has the club jack for an entry to lead a spade up, or an unlikely heart Ace. Diamonds may not play well with heart taps or trump lead cutting me off from my club suit.”

**Woolsey:** “5♣—I’m bidding what we might make, as well as shutting the opponents out of 4♥.”

**Adams:** “5♣—What else would you bid?”

*Two experts bid 4♣ which I assume is forcing and natural. Is partner supposed to jump to 5♦ holding solid diamonds? The drawback is that LHO can bid a long major at the four-level.*

**Schwartz:** “4♣—Why not? Slam still a slim possibility. I might even pass 4♦. I don’t feel the need to preempt the opponents when we have the majority of HCP.”

**King:** “4♣—Let’s see what partner bids. We could belong in five-of-either-minor. If he shows something in spades, I will bid 5♣, otherwise 5♦ might be best.”

*Two experts gamble that partner has a heart stopper or hearts are not led.*

**Parker:** “3NT—Might miss a slam, or a game but this seems automatic too. Second choice is to bid 5♣.”

**Hopkins:** “3NT—This is probably the practical bid as partner is really likely to have a Heart stopper. Behind in a match, I would try 4NT (Blackwood) to generate a swing.”

*How bad can it be to make a practical bid (5♣)?*

#### 5) IMPs, None Vulnerable

♠32♥AQJ976♦A2♣AKQ

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
1♥	Pass	1♠	Pass
?????			
Action	Score	Votes	Solvers
3♣	100	10	95
3♥	70	0	20
4♥	50	0	21
3NT	50	0	15
2NT	50	0	14
4NT	40	0	4
2♣	30	0	10
Pass	20	0	1
2♥	20	0	4
5♥	20	0	1
2♠	20	0	1
1NT	20	0	1
2♦	20	0	1
5♦	20	0	1
4♠	20	0	1

*How do you show a very good hand with six hearts? Jumping to 3♥ shows 16 to a bad 18 points. Jumping to 4♥ could just be a gambling bid. Long hearts with some distribution. ♠x♥AQJxxxx♦x♣Axxxx would be a gambling 4♥ bid. So, to show this hand you need to force to game and the only way to force is to jump shift. 3♣ is game-forcing. Over partner’s next bid you will rebid hearts showing a good heart suit. The only problem would be if partner is void in hearts and keeps supporting your clubs. If responder holds ♠QJ10xx♥-♦Kxxx♣xxxx, would he pass 4♥ or correct to 5♣?*

**Lublin:** “3♣—I bid 3♣ and if partner can’t bid 3NT will bid 4♥.”

**Parker:** “3♣—This hand is too good for 3♥.”

**Schwartz:** “3♣—Best way to investigate Hearts VS notrump. By the way, with nine likely tricks, why not open 2♣?”

**King:** “3♣—Let us hear from partner before we go guessing as to strain and level.”

**Hughes:** “3♣—Leaves room to explore and should be unanimous.”

**Theurer:** “3♣—I don’t want to bid 3NT with a heart suit that needs some help and only one sure diamond stop. Nor do I want to leap to 4♥ which should not show a power HCP hand but more of a playing-strength hand that was a little too good for an 4♥ opener. So I will manufacture a jump shift on my strong three card “suit”. I will pass 3NT, bid 4♦ over 3♥ and bid 4♥ over 4♣. Over 3♠, not sure - either 3NT or 4♥ could be right.”

**Woolsey:** “3♣—As much as I hate jump shifting on three-card suits, it looks best here. Since when did opening 2♣ with 9 1/2 winners go out of fashion?”

**Adams:** “3♣—Right on strength. Would rather have four clubs, but we don’t have any artificial forces available over 1♠. 4♥ next and partner can cut me slack with four or fewer clubs.”

*Hopefully partner will know that sometimes you have to make up a 3♣ bid. The problem is that partner won’t know how good your hearts are. You’d make the same bid with AQJ109x of hearts which will play for one loser opposite a void.*

**Hopkins:** “3♣—If partner bids 3NT, that’s probably the right spot. This is a fairly hefty “1♥” opener.”

*Sometimes you have to make up a bid to create a force.*

#### SOLVERS’ SCORES

John Adams	Pass	3♠	Dbl	5♣	3♣	500
Robbie Hopkins	4♣	3♥	Dbl	3NT	3♣	350
Enid Hughes	Pass	3♠	Dbl	5♣	3♣	500
Fred King	Pass	3♠	Dbl	4♣	3♣	480
Glen Lublin	4♥	3♥	Dbl	5♣	3♣	420
Steve Parker	Pass	3♠	Dbl	3NT	3♥	470
Steve Robinson	3NT	4♠	2♠	5♣	3♣	460
Alan Schwartz	Pass	4♠	Dbl	4♣	3♣	470
Brad Theurer	Pass	3♠	Dbl	5♣	3♣	500
Kit Woolsey	Pass	3♠	Dbl	5♣	3♣	500



**2014 TROPHY RACE STANDINGS**[www.WashingtonBridgeLeague.org](http://www.WashingtonBridgeLeague.org)

Updated by John Adams

The Lovenberg Race is open to all WBL members; the Izzy Cohen Race is open to all WBL members who started the calendar year with less than 1500 masterpoints; the Tubbs Race is open to all WBL members who started the calendar year as a Non-Life Master with less than 500 masterpoints; the Woolridge Race is open to all WBL members who started the calendar year with less than 20 masterpoints.

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

This list is up to date through October 30, 2014, not including the Round Robin. All points are subject to audit by the WBL Director.

**Lovenberg**

1	181.67	Steve Robinson
2	150.21	John Adams
3	117.29	Donna Rogall
4	112.27	Brad Theurer
5	111.90	Steven Schatzow
6	108.20	David Genne
7	101.90	Clyde Kruskal
8	95.54	James Geist
9	88.36	Lloyd Rawley
10	86.66	Barry Falgout
11	85.73	Linda Marshall
12	84.09	Larry Kahn
13	75.87	William Pettis
14	75.70	H John Edmonds
15	75.66	Michael Richey
16	74.27	William Cole
17	70.83	Ronald Zucker
18	64.80	Fred King
19	64.40	Mark Shaw
20	56.77	Terry Klein
21	54.97	Michael Gill
22	52.72	Richard Wegman
23	51.26	Robert Bell
24	50.68	Ellen Cherniavsky
25	49.93	David Ruderman

**Izzy Cohen**

1	56.77	Terry Klein
2	48.93	Myron Goldstein
3	44.87	James Berry
4	40.94	Michael Kuehl
5	39.69	Barry Tash
6	39.69	James Wisman
7	38.61	Margaret Cooke
8	37.61	Charles Dearolf
9	37.51	Guillaume de Decker
10	36.96	Norman Kittrell
11	35.67	Mary Ourand
12	35.46	Peter Isard
13	35.37	Leon Masiewicki
14	34.13	Thomas Reckford
15	33.68	James Beller

**Tubbs**

1	56.77	Terry Klein
2	48.93	Myron Goldstein
3	40.94	Michael Kuehl
4	39.69	Barry Tash
5	38.61	Margaret Cooke
6	37.61	Charles Dearolf
7	36.96	Norman Kittrell
8	35.67	Mary Ourand
9	35.46	Peter Isard
10	32.93	Shala Panbechi

**Woolridge**

1	20.14	Marc Zlotnik
2	18.78	John Goon
3	16.38	Stephen Baldwin
4	16.38	Kate Baldwin
5	16.12	David Narrow
6	16.12	David Handwerker
7	11.63	Barbara Teng
8	9.54	Carl Barth
9	9.44	Carole Smith
10	8.48	Nathan Tash

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LESSON****7:30 - 10ISH  
GAME****JOIN ANYTIME**

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Lessons will cover slam bidding, weak twos, 3 level+ pre-empts, overcalls, takeout doubles, negative doubles, opening leads, and signaling. Each lesson will be tailored to the needs and interests of the players.

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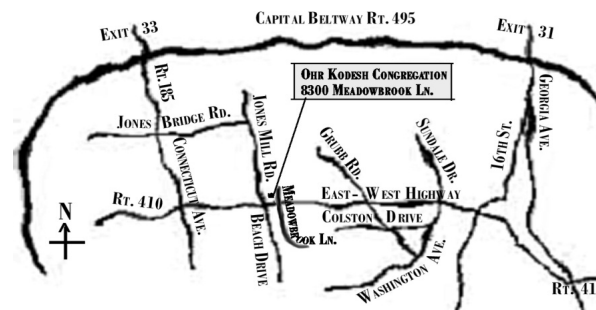
## ~ ♦ SCHEDULE ♥ ~

Most games held at Ohr Kodesh

**12/11/14<sup>+</sup>** .....Holiday Party; D6 STaC Stratified Pairs  
<sup>+</sup>Christ the King Church: 2301 Colston Dr., Silver Spring  
**12/18/2014** .....StrataFlighted Grand National Teams  
**12/25/2014** .....CLOSED—Christmas  
**01/01/2015** .....CLOSED—New Year's Day  
**01/08/15\*\*** .....WBL Sectional  
**01/15/2015** .....StrataFlighted Unit Championship  
**01/22/2015** .....StrataFlighted Grand National Teams  
**01/29/2015** .....StrataFlighted Unit Champ—A/X: IMP Pairs  
**02/05/2015** .....StrataFlighted Unit Championship  
**02/12/2015** .....D6 STaC—Stratified Pairs  
**02/19/2015** .....NVBA Sectional  
**02/26/2015** .....StrataFlighted Grand National Teams  
**03/05/2015** .....Membership Game—StrataFlighted Pairs  
**03/12/2015** .....StrataFlighted Unit Championship  
**03/19/2015** .....StrataFlighted Unit Championship  
**03/26/2015** .....StrataFlighted Unit Championship

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

**For a Last-Minute Partner, to say you'll be late, to hear announcements (closings posted by 4pm), or to contact the Unit Game for any reason, call the WBL Cell Phone:**

**(301) 395-2760****MAP TO OHR KODESH CONGREGATION**

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**WBL GUARANTEED  
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You never need to miss the unit game because you don't have a partner at the last minute! The WBL has a guaranteed partner (GP) program for players who *occasionally* need a partner for the unit game. Here's how it works: we provide a standby partner; if an odd number of people in need of a partner arrive, we match the players as best we can, and the GP plays with the one who is left. (If there is an even number of players looking, the GP goes home). You can always get a game.

Players in search of partners should try to arrive between 7:00 and 7:15 (or call ahead). The partnership desk closes at 7:25. You can call the WBL cell phone **(301) 395-2760** at the last minute if are on your way and know you'll be at bit late.

To find a partner in the Open or B/C/D game at least a day in advance, contact **Barbara Doran** at [UnitGamePartner@DistrictSix.org](mailto:UnitGamePartner@DistrictSix.org) or [barb.doran@verizon.net](mailto:barb.doran@verizon.net), or call 301-608-0347 between 9am and 10pm. To find a partner for the NLM game, contact **Shawn Stringer** at 301-275-6363 or [ShStringer@aol.com](mailto:ShStringer@aol.com).

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## THE UNIT GAME

### DEC. 11, 2014 ANNUAL HOLIDAY PARTY



Thursday Unit Game held at  
\*Christ the King Church\*

Buffet Dinner starts at 6 p.m.  
District Six STaC Pairs starts at 7:30 p.m.



The Annual **WASHINGTON BRIDGE LEAGUE HOLIDAY PARTY**, which includes dinner and a bridge game will be held at Christ the King Church: 2301 Colston Dr., Silver Spring, 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 8-11, 2015, WBL, Kensington, MD
- ♥ February 19-22, 2015, NVBA, Fairfax, VA
- ♠ March 19-22, 2015, WBL **NLM**, Kensington, MD
- ♠ April 9-12, 2015, WBL, Kensington, MD
- ♣ April 23-26, 2015, NVBA, Fairfax, VA
- ♦ July 30-Aug 2 2015, WBL, Kensington, MD
- ♠ Sept 10-13, 2015, WBL **NLM**, Kensington, MD
- ♥ Sept 24-27, 2015, NVBA, Fairfax, VA
- ♠ October 8-11, 2015, WBL, Kensington, MD
- ♣ October 22-25, 2015, NVBA, Fairfax, VA

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-

Bits & Pieces, cont. from p. 7...

#### Open Leaders

Player	Points
1 Steve Robinson	.80.91
2 William Cole	.59.22
3 Linda Marshall	.58.26
4 Alexander Prairie	.56.87
5 Steven Schatzow	.56.63
6 Fred King	.52.99
7 Helene Bauman	.52.32
8 Ai-Tai Lo	.51.96
9 Sylvia Shi	.50.59
10 John Miller	.50.52
11 William Pettis	.50.23
12 Mark Shaw	.48.24
13 Donna Rogall	.46.88
14 Michael Richey	.45.87
15 Leo LaSota	.45.23
16 Lloyd Rawley	.42.62
17 Jim Wakefield	.42.14
18 John Adams	.40.30
19 Robert Hopkins Jr	.38.11
20 Monique Smith	.37.13

#### NonLM Leaders

Player	Points
1 Terry Klein	.15.44
2 Shiang Chen	.13.83
3 Eleanor Linde	.13.30
4 Sharon Suten	.13.27
5 Alice Ling	.13.10
6 Norman Kittrell	.12.73
7 Barbara Teng	.12.49
8 Mary Ourand	.12.46
9 Alexander Salpeter	.10.69
10 Dean Baird	.10.59
11 Jane Dolkart	.10.50
12 David Marshall	.10.44
13 Sheila Kaplan	.10.37
14 Deborah Cobb	.10.04
15 Margaret Cooke	.10.04
16 John Merold	.9.28
17 Larry Taylor	.8.83
18 Ed Krest	.8.80
19 Blake Schwartzbach	.8.56
20 Peter Isard	.8.54

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# WBL NLMaster SECTIONAL

September 11-14, 2014

## TOP TEN CUMULATIVE POINT WINNERS

### All Players

1	8.62	Michael Corrigan
2	7.69	Terry Klein
3/4	7.10	Ollie Thomas
	7.10	Julie Thomas
5/6	6.86	Joseph Lebaron
	6.86	Norman Kittrell
7	5.31	Donna Hickling
8	5.27	Mark Eisenstadt
9/10	5.04	Adam Gann
	5.04	Blake Schwartzbach

### Players with fewer than 50 masterpoints

1	3.49	Toni Sandler
2/3	2.56	Michael Jarman
	2.56	Kelly Jarman
4/5	2.32	Stephen Baldwin
	2.32	Kate Baldwin
6	2.19	Pat Tylander
7/8	2.17	Bruce Harris
	2.17	Bill Tallant
9/10	2.09	William Morrow

### Players with fewer than 20 masterpoints

1/2	2.56	Kelly Jarman
	2.56	Jarman
3/4	2.17	Bill Tallant
	2.17	Bruce Harris
5/6	2.09	William Morrow
	2.09	Carole Smith
7/8	1.76	Stephany East
	1.76	Bill Grierer
9/10	1.55	Ray Handwerker
	1.55	David Handwerker

## —RESULTS—

### THURSDAY EVENING PAIRS

#### Stratum A, 15.0 Tables / Based on 25 Tables



1	Terry Klein - Myron Goldstein	.68.18
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2	Mahmoud Katirai - Shala Panbechi	.65.91
3	Randall Stephens - Philip Sticha	.65.72
4/5	Stephen Baldwin - Kate Baldwin	.59.66
4/5	Mary Ourand - Michael Watts	.59.66
6	Hanna Wagner - Mark Feldman	.58.90

#### Stratum B, 12.5 Tables

1	Terry Klein - Myron Goldstein	.68.18
2	Mahmoud Katirai - Shala Panbechi	.65.91
3	Stephen Baldwin - Kate Baldwin	.59.66
4	Hanna Wagner - Mark Feldman	.58.90
5	Marc Zlotnik - David Narrow	.58.52
6	Nathan Tash - Bob Caplon	.56.63

#### Stratum C, 8.0 Tables

1	Stephen Baldwin - Kate Baldwin	.59.66
2	Marc Zlotnik - David Narrow	.58.52
3	Nathan Tash - Bob Caplon	.56.63
4	Barbara Teng - Carolin Crabbe	.52.08
5	Phyllis Morgan - Robert Gray	.51.70

### THU EVE 0-20 PAIRS

#### Stratum A, 8.5 Tables

1	Ted Power - Carol Power	.67.87
2	Emily Volz - Britta Chambers	.59.15
3	Joseph Quinn - Patricia Quinn	.57.13
4	Carole Smith - William Morrow	.55.37
5	Beverly Stearns - Julie Glass	.54.05

#### Stratum B, 7.0 Tables

1	Ted Power - Carol Power	.67.87
2	Emily Volz - Britta Chambers	.59.15
3	Joseph Quinn - Patricia Quinn	.57.13
4	Beverly Stearns - Julie Glass	.54.05
5	Olga Pierre - Susan Baker	.53.00

#### Stratum C, 5.5 Tables

1	Ted Power - Carol Power	.67.87
2	Emily Volz - Britta Chambers	.59.15
3	Beverly Stearns - Julie Glass	.54.05
4	Hal McCombs - Eugenia Castleman	.49.80

### NLM PAIRS @ ROCKVILLE

#### Stratum A, 21.0 Tables

1	Susan Weiss - Bernice Felix	.64.58
2	Joy Oliver - Garry Grossman	.63.01
3	Toni Sandler - Eleanor Linde	61.86
4	Sheila Kaplan - Mary Ourand	61.73
5	Kathleen Zellmer - Terry Klein	.58.63
6/7	William Morrow - Carole Smith	57.74
6/7	Heide Blaker - Lynne Battle	57.74



#### Stratum B, 15.5 Tables

1	Toni Sandler - Eleanor Linde	.61.86
2/3	William Morrow - Carole Smith	.57.74
2/3	Heide Blaker - Lynne Battle	.57.74
4	Carol Kuehl - Barbara Walton	.57.36
5/6	Roslyn Weinstein - Deena Kaplan	.56.55
5/6	Nancy Kaden - Rebecca Mandir	.56.55

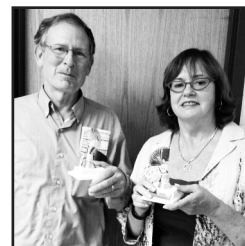
#### Stratum C, 9.5 Tables

1	Toni Sandler - Eleanor Linde	.61.86
2	William Morrow - Carole Smith	.57.74
3	Carol Kuehl - Barbara Walton	.57.36
4	Nancy Kaden - Rebecca Mandir	.56.55
5	Phillip Shapiro - David Matusow	.55.36
6	Anita Barretto - Gail Klein	.53.57

### SAT AM PAIRS

#### Stratum A, 24.5 Tables / Based on 34 Tables

1	Michael Corrigan - Donna Hickling	65.48
2	Ettie Gordon - Mark Eisenstadt	60.71
3	Barbara Gifford - Geri Elias	.60.42
4/5	Bill Grierer - Stephany East	.60.38
4/5	Cheri Hayes - Gale Greenbaum	.60.38
6	Norman Kittrell - Joseph Lebaron	.60.12



#### Stratum B, 17.0 Tables

1	Ettie Gordon - Mark Eisenstadt	.60.71
2	Barbara Gifford - Geri Elias	.60.42
3/4	Bill Grierer - Stephany East	.60.38
3/4	Cheri Hayes - Gale Greenbaum	.60.38
5	Norman Kittrell - Joseph Lebaron	.60.12
6	Sarah Watson - F Scott Bush	.59.63

#### Stratum C, 9.5 Tables

1	Barbara Gifford - Geri Elias	.60.42
2	Bill Grierer - Stephany East	.60.38
3	Susan McCarthy - Adrienne Downs	.58.51
4	Mohammed Moiduddin - Dave Marchal	55.66
5	Hugh McNaughton - K Crandall	.55.65
6	Pat Tylander - Judy Retchin	.52.08

### SAT AM 49ER PAIRS

#### Stratum A, 9.0 Tables

1	Kelly Jarman - Michael Jarman	.61.01
2	Bobbie Wolf - Tom Wolf	.56.83
3	Ray Handwerker - David Handwerker	56.80
4	Michele Greengard - Joel Greengard	.56.55
5	Denise Gogarty - Caroline Brown	.56.51

#### Stratum B, 6.5 Tables

1	Kelly Jarman - Michael Jarman	.61.01
2	Bobbie Wolf - Tom Wolf	.56.83
3	Ray Handwerker - David Handwerker	56.80
4	Michele Greengard - Joel Greengard	.56.55
5	Kyle Butts - Gregory Kenderdine	.56.13

#### Stratum C, 3.5 Tables

1	Kelly Jarman - Michael Jarman	.61.01
2	Bobbie Wolf - Tom Wolf	.56.83
3	Michele Greengard - Joel Greengard	.56.55

### SAT AFT PAIRS

#### Stratum A, 20.0 Tables / Based on 25 Tables

1	Ollie and Julie Thomas	.64.46
2	Alan Skvirsky - Terry Klein	64.16
3/4	David Penn - Maxine Penn	.61.31
3/4	Poul Arendal - Charles Shank	.61.31
5	Karen Sandler - Anne Weismann	.61.05
6	Margaret Cooke - Peter Isard	.60.54



#### Stratum B, 13.0 Tables

1	David Penn - Maxine Penn	.61.31
2	Karen Sandler - Anne Weismann	.61.05
3	David Cissel - Roger McAlevey	.60.42
4	Deborah Cobb - Ed Krest	.59.63
5	Norman Kittrell - Joseph Lebaron	.58.38
6	Julie Marquette - Yaeko Perera	.57.27

#### Stratum C, 6.0 Tables

1	David Cissel - Roger McAlevey	.60.42
2	Eleanor Linde - Toni Sandler	.55.65
3	Barbara Gifford - Geri Elias	.51.23
4	Deloris Colick - Joseph Colick	.50.30

### SAT AFT 49ER PAIRS

#### Stratum A, 5.0 Tables

1	Michael Jarman - Kelly Jarman	.68.13
2/3	Ray Handwerker - David Handwerker	.65.63
2/3	Michael Benefiel - Linda Wiesman	.65.63
4/5	Robert Powers - Jean Powers	.54.38
4/5	Lorenzo Paul - Jennifer Fahnestock	.54.38



#### Stratum B, 3.5 Tables

1	Michael Jarman - Kelly Jarman	.68.13
2/3	Ray Handwerker - David Handwerker	65.63
2/3	Michael Benefiel - Linda Wiesman	.65.63

### SUNDAY SWISS

#### Stratum A, 21 Tables



1	Blake Schwartzbach - Norman Kittrell - Adam Gann - Joseph Lebaron	.101.00
2/3	John Blackwell - Francesca Mazarella - Alexander Salpeter - Michael Corrigan	85.00

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♣ **Fairfax, VA ♦ FEBRUARY 19-22, 2015 ♥**

## **NVBA WILLIAM POISSANT MEMORIAL TOURNAMENT**

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

### **THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 19**

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, Chevy 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 PAIRS (200/100/50/20); WBL NLM PAIRS (NLM/100/50) ...7:00 p.m. ....7:30 p.m.

### **FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 20**

*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.

### **SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 21**

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.*  
**\*\*ALL events on Sat. afternoon & evening award REGIONALLY RATED  
SILVER POINTS—an additional \$1 will be added to your entry fee to  
support Grass Roots events in our local area!—Details at [www.nvba.org](http://www.nvba.org).\*\***

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 22**

FLIGHTS A/X (5000+/5000) FLIGHT A/X (5000+/5000) ...11 a.m. & TBA  
BRACKETED FLIGHT B TEAMS (no single player >2000) ...11 a.m. & TBA  
*B Teams Bracketed by Total Team Masterpoints: three overall places in each.  
BAM & B/C Teams: 2-session events, a brief break & food available on-site.*

I/N (500/300/100) SWISS TEAMS (Single sessions) ...11 a.m. / 3:15 p.m.  
49ER (50/20/5) SWISS TEAMS (Single session) .....11 a.m.

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

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## **84TH ANNUAL D.C. CHAMPIONSHIPS**

October 9-12, 2014

—Results—

### **TOP TEN CUMULATIVE POINT WINNERS**

#### **All Players**

1	30.73	.....	Leo LaSota
2	18.37	.....	William Pettis
3	17.32	.....	Steve Robinson
4	16.91	.....	Richard Wegman
5	16.86	.....	Benjamin Brill
6	16.83	.....	Fred King
7	16.59	.....	Brad Theurer
8	15.39	.....	Mark Chen
	15.39	.....	Mark Shaw
10	14.78	.....	Alexander Prairie

#### **Players with fewer than 2000 masterpoints**

1	14.78	.....	Alexander Prairie
2	13.23	.....	Thomas Peters
	13.23	.....	Mary Peters
4	12.62	.....	Debnarayan Dhar
5	12.49	.....	James Berry
6	10.49	.....	Michael Richey
7	8.64	.....	David Grabiner
	8.64	.....	Suzanne Abrams
9	8.44	.....	Jeffrey Halle
10	8.27	.....	James Beller

#### **Players with fewer than 500 masterpoints**

1	6.90	.....	John Arnett Sr
2	6.52	.....	Azmat Ali
3	6.20	.....	Jane Dolkart
4	5.83	.....	Lawrence Heinen
5	5.81	.....	Art Hartstein
6	5.02	.....	Alexander Salpeter
7	4.73	.....	Thomas Grahame
8	4.69	.....	Sheila Kaplan
9	4.66	.....	Mary Ourand
10	4.35	.....	Eleanor Linde
	4.35	.....	Alice Ling

#### **Players with fewer than 100 masterpoints**

1	4.35	.....	Eleanor Linde
2	3.67	.....	Ted Proxmire
3	3.61	.....	Anne Weismann
4	3.57	.....	Alexander Gretsinger
5	3.43	.....	Richard Poznanski
	3.43	.....	John Peterson
7	3.02	.....	Sarah Jenkins
8	2.97	.....	Shiang Chen
9	2.69	.....	Mohammed Moiduddin
	2.69	.....	David Marchal

### **2014**

#### **MACHLIN TROPHY WINNER**



**Audrey Marbach**  
accepted the *Machlin Sportsmanship Award Trophy* on Sunday. She invariably exhibits exemplary demeanor to both partners and opponents and the highest ethical standards. She mentors newer players and is especially helpful with their partnership questions.

### **SECTIONAL REPORT— CHANGES FOR THE JAN 8-11 PRESIDENTIAL TOURNAMENT**

#### **Thanks**

For playing, for volunteering, for your positive comments on the snacks (yes, we will have lox again), the menu book, the Triple Nickel Swiss (with a major enhancement in January), for introducing yourselves to opponents when you didn't know their names, and your helpful comments and suggestions which will lead to.....

#### **Changes for January's Presidential Tournament**

- 1) We will have two five minute breaks for all pair games for the prostate-impaired, smokers, and to avoid waiting lines in the women's restrooms.
- 2) We will use Fast Results to give everyone immediate results.
- 3) In addition to Barb Doran, we will use the Online Partnership Desk.
- 4) We will have a Friday night "social" immediately following the Triple Nickel with free beer and wine, and desserts.
- 5) The first session Sunday will start at 11 a.m.

We will have a short break (30-35 minutes) for lunch. You can either bring your own lunch or purchase a sandwich from a limited menu. The menus from our provider will be distributed at the Registration Desk when you purchase your entry. You can return your checked menu and your money to the food desk by the end of the first round of the Swiss, and pick up your sandwich at the break.

## Volunteers

We need volunteers to help put out the breakfast snacks Friday, Saturday, and Sunday morning, and the lunch on Friday. We need volunteers to provide fruit, salad, and vegetable dishes to enhance the Friday lunch. And to provide desserts for the Friday night "social." If you can help, please contact our Volunteer Coordinator, Barbara Summers, at [jimbarb1184@aol.com](mailto:jimbarb1184@aol.com) And we need volunteers to help with the "tear down" and clean-up after the second session on Sunday.

## Comments and Suggestions

If you have them, let me know at: [sschatzow@his.com](mailto:sschatzow@his.com) or 202-332-3729

## —Results—

### THURS MORN OPEN PAIRS

#### Stratum A, 12.0 Tables

- 1 Bruce Steinwald - Peter Gould . . . . .60.88
- 2 Juline Glaz - Daniel Shankle Jr . . . . .58.10
- 3 Barry Goulding - Hillary Goulding . . .57.41
- 4 Marshall Kramer - Suzanne Floyd . . .57.18
- 5 Guillaume de Decker - Leon Masiewicz 56.25
- 6 Terri Sanker - Mark Lavine . . . . .53.47

#### Stratum B, 7.0 Tables

- 1 Bruce Steinwald - Peter Gould . . . . .60.88
- 2 Barry Goulding - Hillary Goulding . . .57.41
- 3 Marshall Kramer - Suzanne Floyd . . .57.18
- 4 Guillaume de Decker - Leon Masiewicz 56.25
- 5 Joan Cutler - Geane Schubert . . . . .52.31

#### Stratum C, 2.5 Tables

- 1 Bruce Steinwald - Peter Gould . . . . .60.88
- 2 Joan Cutler - Geane Schubert . . . . .52.31

### THURS MORN 0-1000 PAIRS

#### Stratum A, 11.0 Tables

- 1 Maida Crocicchia - Maxine Penn . . . .65.22
- 2 Linda Barton - Lester Slaback . . . . .59.05
- 3 Joe Lentz - Rama Kapur . . . . .57.48
- 4/5 Joel Goldberg - Marilyn Forrest . . . .54.17
- 4/5 Sharona Sapoznikow - Reina Lerner .54.17
- 6 Sarah Jenkins - Mary Ann Goldenson 53.83

#### Stratum B, 8.0 Tables

- 1 Joe Lentz - Rama Kapur . . . . .57.48

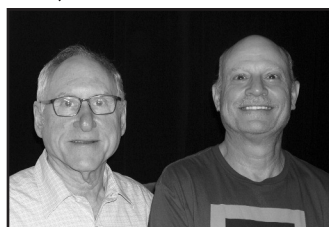
- 2 Sharona Sapoznikow - Reina Lerner .54.17
- 3 Sarah Jenkins - Mary Ann Goldenson 53.83
- 4 Michael Corrigan - James Metzger . . .53.65
- 5 John Arnett Sr - Arthur Keefe III . . . .52.48

#### Stratum C, 4.5 Tables

- 1 Sharona Sapoznikow - Reina Lerner .54.17
- 2 Sarah Jenkins - Mary Ann Goldenson 53.83
- 3 David Marchal - Mohammed Moiduddin 52.34
- 4 Yaeko Perera - Geri Elias . . . . .46.73

### THURS EVE FLT A/X PAIRS

#### Stratum A, 31.0 Tables / Based on 71 Tables



- 1 Benjamin Brill - James Berry . . . . .63.39
- 2 Sumner Steinfeldt - Sarah Anne Cressy 62.50
- 3 Debnarayan Dhar - Kiyomi Shiba . . .60.71
- 4/6 Steve Robinson - John Adams . . . . .59.82
- 4/6 Jimmy Ritzenberg - Robert Levey . . .59.82
- 4/6 Mark Chen - Alexander Prairie . . . .59.82
- 7 Gene and Adrienne Kuehneman . . .58.33
- 8 Maureen Brines - Tracy Brines . . . .58.10

#### Stratum X, 17.5 Tables

- 1 Benjamin Brill - James Berry . . . . .63.39
- 2 Debnarayan Dhar - Kiyomi Shiba . . .60.71
- 3/4 Jimmy Ritzenberg - Robert Levey . . .59.82
- 3/4 Mark Chen - Alexander Prairie . . . .59.82
- 5 Gene and Adrienne Kuehneman . . .58.33
- 6 Maureen Brines - Tracy Brines . . . .58.10

### THURS EVE FLT B/C/D PAIRS

#### Stratum B, 24.0 Tables

- 1 Dev Chattopadhyay - Azmat Ali . . . .67.99
- 2 Daniel Feldman - Robert Rovner . . .65.34
- 3 Leila Whiting - Alfred Liepold . . . .61.74
- 4 Tony Robson - Larry Taylor . . . . .60.65
- 5 Clifford Feldman - Thomas Jennings .59.72
- 6 Leslie Jessell - Jennifer Elliott . . . .59.28

#### Stratum C, 19.0 Tables

- 1 Dev Chattopadhyay - Azmat Ali . . . .67.99
- 2 Tony Robson - Larry Taylor . . . . .60.65
- 3 Clifford Feldman - Thomas Jennings .59.72
- 4 Leslie Jessell - Jennifer Elliott . . . .59.28
- 5 Ken Kimball - Tamara Vetter . . . . .57.17
- 6 Prem Garg - Michael Kuehl . . . . .56.44

#### Stratum D, 11.0 Tables

- 1 Leslie Jessell - Jennifer Elliott . . . .59.28
- 2 Ken Kimball - Tamara Vetter . . . . .57.17
- 3 Prem Garg - Michael Kuehl . . . . .56.44
- 4/5 Joan Axilbund - Sheila Ellis . . . . .56.02
- 4/5 Jeffrey Yutzler - Donna Hickling . . .56.02
- 6 Louis Coccodrilli - Norman Kittrell . .53.41

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- 1 Joel Greengard - Michele Greengard .66.13
- 2 Robert Maman - Cecily Wolfe . . . . .57.57
- 3 Alexander Gretsinger - Jane Dolkart .57.10
- 4 Terry Klein - Myron Goldstein . . . . .55.44
- 5 Lorne Ginn - Linda Wish . . . . .54.67
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- 1 Joel Greengard - Michele Greengard .66.13
- 2 Robert Maman - Cecily Wolfe . . . . .57.57
- 3 Alexander Gretsinger - Jane Dolkart .57.10
- 4 Terry Klein - Myron Goldstein . . . . .55.44
- 5 Nathan Tash - Bob Caplon . . . . .54.05

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- 1 Joel Greengard - Michele Greengard .66.13
- 2 Robert Maman - Cecily Wolfe . . . . .57.57
- 3 Nathan Tash - Bob Caplon . . . . .54.05
- 4 Judy Rovner - Nancy Raskin . . . . .53.45

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- 2 Emily Volz - Britta Chambers . . . . .61.60
- 3 Steven Messina - Eugenia Castleman .54.38
- 4 Sydney Polakoff - Carolyn Goldman .54.17

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- 1 Joseph Quinn - Patricia Quinn . . . .66.47
- 2 Emily Volz - Britta Chambers . . . . .61.60
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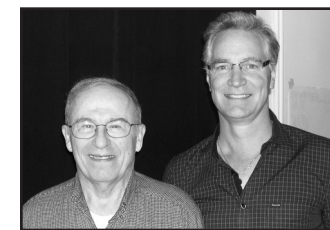
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- 3 Silas Wasserstrom - Michael Gottesman 57.85
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- 1 Lawrence Heinen - James Beller . . . .59.93
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- 1 Barbara Hodges - Phillip Tseng . . . .58.63
- 2 Annapurna Satpathy - John Arnett Sr 57.14
- 3 Thomas Grahame - Ernie Schuler . . .56.25
- 4 Thomas Reckford - Behnaz Fardshisheh 55.36
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- 1 Barbara Hodges - Phillip Tseng . . . .58.63
- 2 Annapurna Satpathy - John Arnett Sr 57.14
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- 4 Thomas Reckford - Behnaz Fardshisheh 55.36
- 5 Yuen De Anda - Ron Sutter . . . . .52.68

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- 1 Thomas Grahame - Ernie Schuler . . .56.25
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- 1/2 Jane Dolkart - Tina Brinsfield . . . .60.71
- 1/2 Sheila Kaplan - Mary Ourand . . . . .60.71
- 3 Maree Webster - Hanna Wagner . . . .59.82
- 4 Nicole Swain - Alexander Salpeter . . .57.74
- 5 Karon Green - Ellen Futterman . . . .55.36
- 6/7 Katherine Culp - Sally Schlein . . . .55.06
- 6/7 Lorne Ginn - Linda Wish . . . . .55.06

#### Stratum B, 8.5 Tables

- 1 Tina Brinsfield - Jane Dolkart . . . .60.71
- 2 Maree Webster - Hanna Wagner . . . .59.82



- 3 Nicole Swain - Alexander Salpeter . . .57.74
- 4 Karon Green - Ellen Futterman . . . .55.36
- 5 Debra Malet - Gale Greenbaum . . . .53.87

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- 1 Karon Green - Ellen Futterman . . . .55.36
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- 1 Ellen Cherniavsky - Jason Meyer . . .66.96
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- 3 Leo LaSota - John Adams . . . . .59.23
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- 1 Dale Sanders - James Beller . . . . .55.65
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- 1 Odessa Morton - Eileen Covert . . . .63.69
- 2 Ernie Schuler - Thomas Grahame . . .63.39
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- 2 Ernie Schuler - Thomas Grahame . . .63.39
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- 4 Ron Sutter - Yuen De Anda . . . . .57.44
- 5 Calvin Konner - Art Hartstein . . . .56.85

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- 1 Eileen Covert - Odessa Morton . . . .63.69

- 2 Gale Greenbaum - Jill Benson . . . . .48.51

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- 2 Sheila Kaplan - Mary Ourand . . . .63.89
- 3 Katherine Culp - Sally Schlein . . . .60.21
- 4 Cate Frezza - Kim Gandy . . . . .54.57
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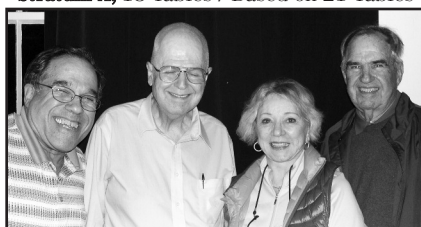
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- 4 Tina Brinsfield - Jane Dolkart . . . .51.60
- 5 Kate Baldwin - Stephen Baldwin . . .51.18

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- 1 Cate Frezza - Kim Gandy . . . . .54.57
- 2 Kate Baldwin - Stephen Baldwin . . .51.18
- 3 Nancy Ferris - Arthur Keefe III . . . .48.50
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- 5 Robert Brady - Alexander Prairie . . .56.09
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- 1 Thomas Peters - Mary Peters . . . . .64.93
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- 3 Robert Krueger - Jeffrey Halle . . . .58.71
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- 1 John Arnett Sr - Annapurna Satpathy 62.50
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- 1 Eugene Massey - William Rogers . . .59.66
- 2 Jeffrey Yutzler - Norman Kittrell . . .52.65
- 3 Samuel Kaplan - David Marshall . . .50.57

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- 1 Roslyn Weinstein - Ann Brown . . . .65.53
- 2 Alexander Gretsinger - Jane Dolkart .61.34
- 3 Paul Elstein - Patricia Stuehler . . . .60.80
- 4 Karen Sandler - Anne Weismann . . .60.61
- 5 Alice Ling - Eleanor Linde . . . . .59.47
- 6 Barbara Levine - Neil Crane . . . . .59.28

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- 1 Alexander Gretsinger - Jane Dolkart .61.34
- 2 Paul Elstein - Patricia Stuehler . . . .60.80
- 3 Karen Sandler - Anne Weismann . . .60.61
- 4 Alice Ling - Eleanor Linde . . . . .59.47
- 5 Dave Marchal - Mohammed Moiduddin 57.77
- 6 Sharon Bates - Ellen Pollack . . . . .55.89

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- 1 Paul Elstein - Patricia Stuehler . . . .60.80
- 2 Dave Marchal - Mohammed Moiduddin 57.77
- 3 Kenneth Jones - John Goon . . . . .54.77
- 4 Anita Lancaster - Sandra Harding . .53.96
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- 2 Suzanne Abrams - David Grabiner . .64.41
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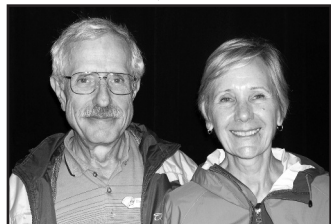


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- 1 Suzanne Abrams - David Grabiner . . .64.41
- 2 Eric Brnfman - Carl Nelson . . . . .61.58
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- 1 Franz Delahan - Madeline Delahan . .59.85
- 2 Jacqueline Leifer - Steven Leifer . . .59.28
- 3 T S L Perlman - Jane Friend . . . .58.90
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- 5 Bernice Hacke - Albert Stolpe . . . .55.87
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- 2 Jacqueline Leifer - Steven Leifer . . .59.28
- 3 T S L Perlman - Jane Friend . . . .58.90
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- 6 Donna Hankey-Woods - Douglas Woods 53.79

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- 1 Jacqueline Leifer - Steven Leifer . . .59.28
- 2 Terry Klein - Duncan Thompson . . .56.06
- 3 Jeffrey Yutzler - Norman Kittrell . . .54.55
- 4 Susan Weiss - Bernice Felix . . . . .52.84

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#### Stratum A, 14.0 Tables

- 1 Vinod Shah - Ila Shah . . . . .63.26
- 2 Tamara Vetter - Ken Kimball . . . . .61.55
- 3 Mahmoud Katirai - Shala Panbechi . .60.61
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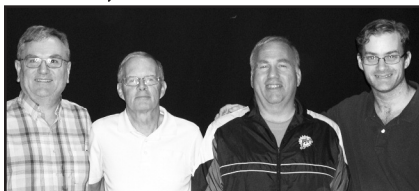
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## NEGATIVE DOUBLES: PART 3

Two months ago, we began investigating Negative Doubles, which can be used on a wide variety of hands. As we mentioned last month, it would be difficult to find top players who do not use Negative Doubles in a number of situations. Advancing players should become familiar with the basics of the bid, so here we continue the series of questions and concepts to expand your knowledge.

### 7. What does a double after 1♦ – 2♣ promise?

This is one of the most difficult auctions in bridge. The negative double in this sequence promises only one four card major and enough values to compete. If Responder waits for both four card majors, he will get shut out of many auctions. Compare:

1♣ – 1♦ – X The negative double shows both majors.

1♦ – 2♣ – X The negative double promises only one major. Responder may have both, but only one is promised.

### 8. How does Responder show spade hands after his RHO overcalls 1♥?

It is important for advancing players to distinguish between making a negative double and bidding 1♠ in various one level auctions. If Responder has four spades, he should double and if he has five+ spades, he should bid 1♠. Knowing about the 5th spade is very important when Opener holds three spades. Note that after 1♣ – 1♦, Responder is allowed to bid 1♠ with only four because in that auction, the negative double shows both majors. But in 1♣ – 1♥ auctions, Responder has the chance to distinguish his spade length by doubling vs. bidding 1♠. It is worth remembering these spade showing sequences:

- a. 1♦ – 1♥ – X: X shows exactly four spades
- b. 1♦ – 1♥ – 1♠: 1♠ shows five or more spades
- c. 1♣ – 1♦ – X: X shows four hearts and four spades

d. 1♣ – 1♦ – 1♠: 1♠ shows four or more spades

### 9. How high should you play negative doubles?

Partners must discuss and agree how high to play negative doubles, and there is a place on the convention card to show this agreement. Most intermediate players play negative doubles up to and including overcalls of 3♠. New players are often unsure whether to bid if the opponents have preempted at the 3-level, but as long as Responder has sufficient strength, he must make sure that the opponent has not stolen the contract. So think about these hands after the bidding goes 1♦ – 3♠ – ?

Ax/AQTx/Kxxx/Jxx: This is a clear negative double with game values.

xx/Axxx/KJxx/Jxx: Responder must pass. If partner is strong enough, he may reopen with a double and Responder can then bid 4♥.

After gaining more experience and familiarity with negative doubles, players may want to discuss with regular partners playing these doubles through the four level.

### 10. What does Responder do with 8-10 HCP but without the other Major?

After 1♦ – 1♠, if Responder does not have four hearts, but does have four or more diamonds, then he can bid 2♦. While it is true that Opener may have only three diamonds, the vast majority of the time they have four or more. When partner opens 1♣, they have four or more clubs over 80% of the time.

Lacking four diamonds, then Responder has two choices: a) he can bid 1NT even without a spade stopper or b) he can raise diamonds on a 3-card suit. Both of these choices have obvious drawbacks but, since passing is not an option with this much strength, we recommend bidding 1NT even without a stopper. Please note that some experts suggest a third option – namely making a negative double with just three hearts. We understand these are tough hands to describe but, since we be-

lieve strongly that the negative double promises four hearts, we recommend bidding 1NT as the lesser evil.

### 11. What does Responder bid with hands where he would like to penalty double

Holding KQJ95/xxx/Jx/xxx, and playing negative doubles, Responder cannot double for penalties even though he would like to do so. So, Responder must pass and wait for partner to reopen the bidding with a double. Responder can then pass for penalty. Responder's initial pass is known as a penalty pass.

### 12. What does the double mean after opponent overcalls 1NT?

It is widely accepted that a double after a 1NT overcall is a penalty double, showing 9+ HCP. This is not a negative double.

### 13. What is a negative double followed by a new suit?

If Responder makes a negative double and then bids a suit, the suit bid is not forcing and usually shows a good five card suit or any six card suit.

This finishes our description of negative doubles. Next month, we'll give you a number of hands to bid and some ideas about how best to use the negative double. Until then, if you have questions, feel free to contact us at [ron@motherzucker.com](mailto:ron@motherzucker.com) or [ShStringer@aol.com](mailto:ShStringer@aol.com). Have fun, and we'll see you at the table!

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ALL WBL EVENTS**

## Did You Know?

The **Rockville Duplicate Bridge Club** has a game almost every day!

*Join us often and spread the word!*

DAY	TIME	LOCATION
Monday*	11:15 AM	St James
Tuesday	7:00 PM	Rockville Senior Center
Thursday*	11:15 AM	St James
Friday*	11:15 AM	St James
Saturday*	1:00 PM	St James

\*0-1000 game in addition to the open game  
—as attendance allows—

[www.rockvilledbc.com](http://www.rockvilledbc.com)

**Need a Partner?** Call Mark Lavine: 301-503-3348

#### Locations:

St James Episcopal Church 11815 Seven Locks Road Potomac, MD	Rockville Senior Center 1150 Carnation Dr Rockville, MD
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## BRING A FRIEND TO THE 0-20 OR NLM UNIT GAME!

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

## STEPPING UP TO NEW HEIGHTS: As of November 1, 2014

### Junior Masters:

#### 5 Masterpoints

Joel M Greengard  
Michele Greengard  
Elyse R Grossman  
Edith Kuhnle  
Mrs Beverly M Rezneck  
Peg J Richter  
Muhammad R Shah  
Shaheda Sultan  
Ms Susan R Baker  
Mr Michael J Benefiel  
Cathy C McIntyre

### Club Masters: 20 MPs

Mr Carl A Barth  
Nancy F Kaden  
Rebecca H Mandir  
Dave Marchal  
Helene S Oskard  
Mrs Carol Butler  
Dr David C Handwerker  
Deidre Sacks  
Mr Gary E Scavongelli  
Carole M Smith

### Sectional Masters: 50 MPs

Mr Harry T Dewey  
Ina A Smith-Tornberg

Mrs Dina Tashoff

### Regional Masters: 100 MPs

Mr Hugh A McNaughton  
Chris Rowe  
Mr Blake Schwartzbach  
Ms Anne L Weismann  
Adam M Gann  
Mr Jay A Rottier  
Ms Anne H Shields

### NABC Masters: 200 MPs

Terry A Coates  
Ms Yasmin C Jiwa  
Mr Alexander Salpeter

# WBL SOLVERS' CLUB'S NEW PROBLEMS

## 1) Matchpoints, They're Vulnerable

♠ 74♥ K9843 ♦ KQ2 ♣ AQ2

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
Pass	4♦	Pass	Pass
Pass	4♣	Pass	Pass
?????			

## 2) IMPs, You're Vulnerable

♠ AQ10743 ♥ AK43 ♦ K2 ♣ 2

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
			2♥
?????			

## 3) IMPs, Both Vulnerable

♠ KJ109543 ♥ - ♦ K32 ♣ KQ2

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

## 4) IMPs, Both Vulnerable

♠ AK3 ♥ 654 ♦ QJ1032 ♣ K2

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

## 5) IMPs, They're Vulnerable

♠ AQ82 ♥ A54 ♦ 2 ♣ AKQ108

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
?????			2♠

Return answers by January 1 to:

**Steve Robinson**

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Arlington VA, 22206  
[robinswrt@erols.com](mailto:robinswrt@erols.com)

## 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*.