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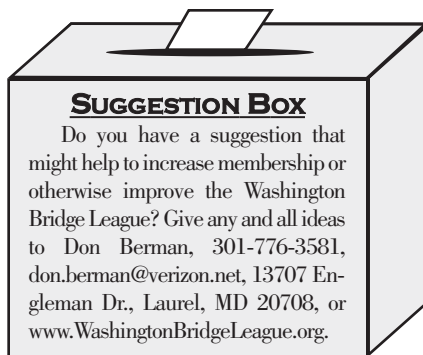
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on April 26 and 27

See page 3 for all the details!



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TREASURER'S REPORT

by *WBL Treasurer, Rose Berman*

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For the fiscal year ended December 31, 2013, the Washington Bridge League lost \$7,200. There are a few reasons for this: decreased attendance and therefore decreased revenues at both the Unit games and the Sectionals, routine increases in expenses, and the retirement of Kitty Gottfried [see her receiving the 2014 ACBL Nadine Wood Volunteer of the Year Award on p 17] who devoted a great deal of time and energy to saving us money on refreshments. The big loss leader is the *WBL Bulletin* which cost a net of \$11,800 for production and mailing. In prior years the Unit game and Sectionals were

profitable enough to absorb the cost of the bulletin, but that is no longer the case.

The WBL Board is addressing these issues in a few ways. The membership growth committee is working to attract and retain new players, and to increase attendance at our games. We can all help with this by doing what we can to create an enjoyable playing experience. Also, the Board is planning to transition to having the primary method of delivery of the bulletin be online.

Detailed financial statements are available on the WBL website. Please feel free to contact me, or any other Board members, with comments, suggestions or questions.

THE NADINE WOOD AWARD FOR SERVICE TO THE WASHINGTON BRIDGE LEAGUE

The **Nadine Wood Award for Service to the Washington Bridge League** was created in 2011 to honor one of the WBL's foremost volunteers. The criteria state, "The award would be given at most biennially to a person who had contributed over a number of years through "exemplary and outstanding" volunteer service. Volunteer activities to be considered include, but are not limited to helping provide hospitality, such as cooking or preparing food, buying and delivering refreshments or other supplies, helping with logistics, such as parking, acting as a guaranteed partner, and other activities that contribute to an enhanced bridge playing experience."

Nadine's service was not just local and the ACBL voted to rename the national volunteer of the year award after her. The first recipient of the WBL's volunteer award, Kitty Gottfried, is also the first recipient of the national volunteer award—see p.17.

Frances Burke, pictured here, was named as the next recipient of the *Nadine Wood Award for Service to the Washington Bridge League* during our January sectional. Board member, Clyde Kruskal, spoke of her years of past and



continuing service for the WBL.

"Frances serves our unit in several capacities. She does all of the "Cheer and Sympathy." Whenever we need to send out a card and/or a gift, we just let Frances know, and POOF it is done. She also serves on the election committee. In particular, on election night, she prepares and distributes the ballots and is one of volunteers you will meet giving out ballots to the members. Finally, she serves on the Membership

Committee and is also Membership Secretary, sending a welcome letter to each new member joining the WBL. She also handles other communications such as congratulating our new Life Masters and dealing with any returned mailings of the *WBL Bulletin*.

"Professionally, Frances was an elementary school teacher. I got to know Frances and her husband, Ed, about thirty years ago, when we played at the Washington Bridge Center. They are two of the nicest people you would ever hope to meet. Even then, Frances was doing "Cheer and Sympathy." After she retired early in the '90's, the WBL board asked her to become Membership Secretary."

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BITS AND PIECES

IN MEMORY OF MIKE CAPPELLETTI

ACBL Grand Life Master Mike Cappelletti of Alexandria VA died Nov. 14, 2013 after a brief illness. He was 75. Cappelletti served on the ACBL Board of Governors and the National Appeals Committee. He is a past president of the Mid-Atlantic Bridge Conference and the Washington Bridge League and Northern Virginia Bridge Association.

Mike served as a WBL board member for two years prior to becoming elected as WBL president in 1971. He served three one-year terms as president, plus one year as past president. He was a popular and enthusiastic president, and only the WBL Constitutional amendment limiting presidents to a maximum of three consecutive terms prevented him from continuing. Some referred to that amendment as "the Cappelletti rule."

Cappelletti was a lawyer who worked as a public defender in Washington DC and previously worked for the U.S. Department of Justice. He had a distinguished career as a bridge player and was also a world-class poker player. Mike was especially knowledgeable about the variant called Omaha poker, and was a long-time columnist for *The Card Player* magazine.

Best known to bridge players for the conventional defense to INT that bears his name, Cappelletti was a two-time NABC champion: the 1967 Freeman Mixed Board-a-Match Teams and the 2013 Leventritt Silver Ribbon Pairs. He had seven second-place finishes in national-level contests. Cappelletti captured a bronze medal in the World Mixed Teams in 1974 and placed sixth in the World Open Pairs in 1978.

We will remember the cigar and the twinkle in his eye. There is a great story about Mike and how broad his grin was when he overheard a first-time regional player who was quite new to the game excitedly tell her friend after she had left his table, "You will never guess what just happened! I just played two boards against a bridge convention!"

NEW!! WBL EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION ESTABLISHED

A huge thanks to past WBL President, Dick Wegman, and past WBL Vice President, Barbara Ames, for their work and initiative to bring 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. All contributions to the Foundation are tax-deductible.

If you are interested in contributing to the Educational Foundation, please contact Rose Berman, WBL Treasurer, at rose.berman@verizon.net.

If you are interested in helping to develop bridge teaching programs (either in schools or for interested adults), please contact either Richard Ferrin, WBL President, at rferrin@mac.com, or Dick Wegman, at aliweg@aol.com.

RUN FOR THE BOARD?

If you would like to run for the board, please submit a bio form and picture to the editor by April 10 to be published in the next issue. The offices of President, Vice President, Treasurer, and Secretary are one year terms. The six Unit Director positions are two year terms, at least three of which will be open this year. Elections will be held at the Annual Meeting and D6 STaC Stratified Pairs on May 8 at the Unit Game. For more information, contact Richard Ferrin at 202-265-0718 or rferrin@mac.com.

THANKS!!

A big thank you to the WBL, Guy Mason DBC, Rockville DBC and Chevy Chase DBC for donating free plays for a fun raffle to Norma's 1st ACBL/ABA Club game.

—Norma's Bridge Game

SPRING WBL OPEN SECTIONAL CANCELLED

Due to a lack of adequate facilities, we regret that there will be no spring open WBL sectional. The next WBL open sectional is August 7-10.

THE WBL JANUARY SECTIONAL WAS A BIG HIT!

Despite uncooperative snow and ice on Thursday and Friday of our sectional, overall attendance was excellent. We were busting at the seams to hold everyone in on Saturday during the ABA/ACBL game.



Yuen De Anda noted, "I think it was really really nice of Charles Carrington to support this event. He invited me to play at 'the hut'. His partner, a novice, offered me her place to play with him and she would clean up after lunch.

"What amazing hospitality!"

—See page 19 for the tournament results—

SEEKING MENTORS AND MENTEES FOR WBL 0-300 MENTOR PROGRAM

by Linda Marshall

During the three unit games on **April 10th, 17th, and 24th**, we will be collecting applications from all WBL members with fewer than 300 masterpoints desiring to be paired with a life master or similarly qualified player to help guide him or her in attaining the player's bridge goals. Unless otherwise requested, couples would generally be assigned to one mentor. Please look for the sign-up table on those dates, starting at 7:15 p.m. We began this program in 2008, and had a lot of enthusiastic and productive participation. We expect to have varying ways to have fun while learning bridge. If you've played the game for more than a week, you know that all of us are still learning bridge together. We plan an annual game at the Laurel Bridge Club for mentor/mentee pairs who wish

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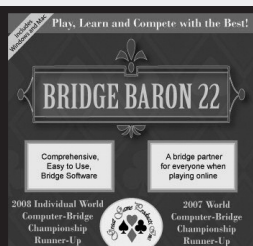
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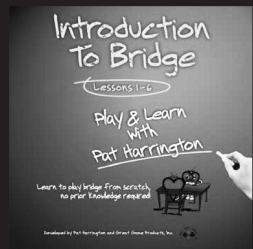
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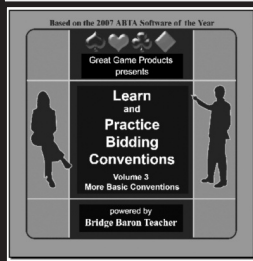


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WBL SOLVERS' CLUB

Moderated by Steve Robinson

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Congratulations to **Merril Hirsh** and **Sam Marks** who tied for first with a score of 490. They win a free entry to the Unit Game, and will be invited to be on a future panel. Tied for third were **Enid Hughes** and **Ron Zucker** with a score of 480. Tied for fifth were **Kent Goulding**, **Mike Deverin**, **Lloyd Rawley**, **Alan Berger**, **Neal Walters**, **Guillaume de Decker**, **Mark Chen**, **Jim Andre** and **Jim Wakefield** with a score of 470. Tied for fourteenth were **Roman Kaluzniacki**, **Chris Marks**, **Tom Musso**, **Barbara Summers**, **Rusty Krauss**, **Mike Gill**, **Francis McMullan**, **Brad Theurer**, **Ben Stauss**, **Leo LaSota**, **Prahalad Rajkumar**, **Lyle Poe**, **Lex Poot**, **Mike Lawrence** and **Yi Zhong** with a score of 460. Tied for twenty-ninth were **Terry Coates**, **Gene Fisher**, **Hank Meyer**, **Larry Kahn**, **Marvin Elster**, **Arnold Klinger**, **Carl Jeschke**, **Ted Ying**, **Richard Wimberley**, **Walter Kerns**, **Jerry Miller**, **Gareth Birdsall**, **Jon Mathew Farber**, **Donna Rogall**, **Art Hayes**, **Ram Sarangan** and **Mickie Kivel** with a score of 450. The average score of the 180 solvers was 418. The average score of the experts was 445.

All readers are encouraged to send answers and/or new problems to Steve Robinson, 2891 S. Abingdon St. #A2 Arlington, VA, 22206-1329. In addition to the winner receiving a free play at the WBL Unit Game, Steve will play with anyone who gets a perfect score or who exactly matches all five of his answers. If you send a self-addressed stamped envelope to the above address along with your answers, I will send you a copy of the new problems to ensure that you can meet his next deadline. You can pick up a copy of the problems at the WBL Unit Game in Maryland, and can send answers or requests for problems to robinswr@erols.com. You can also see and answer the problems at the WBL website. 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) Matchpoints, None Vulnerable

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SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
		1♦	Pass

?????—2♣GF; 3♣ & 2NT inv

Action	Score	Votes	Solvers
2NT	100	3	33
3♣	90	3	63
1NT	90	2	51
2♣	80	2	27
1♠	70	1	5
Pass	20	0	1

There is no clear-cut response. 3♣ is invitational and non-forcing but usually you have a suit that will play opposite a singleton. Partner's allowed to pass 3♣ with a minimum no matter what his club holding is. 2♣ is forcing to game but is this a game-forcing hand? There's something to be said to respond 1♠. If you get by the 1♠-response,

you'll be ahead. 2NT shows your point count but your stoppers in the major-suits are very weak. 1NT could be right especially if opener has two little in either clubs or hearts.

Two experts force to game. If the clubs run and they don't attack your weak suit, 3NT could make. If I was going to bid clubs I'd bid 2♣, since we wouldn't play in clubs unless partner has a fit.

Parker: "2♣—I have good major spots which should help. I expect to get to 3NT from partner's side. He does not have high cards in diamonds so he should do OK with either a club fit or good major stoppers."

Woolsey: "2♣—Both of the invitational sequences are too distorted. The clubs are too weak for a 3♣-call, and I prefer partner declarer notrump with my weak majors. Also I have good diamonds if partner has a long diamond suit. Better to overbid and perhaps reach a poor game in the right strain than stop in a part-score in the wrong strain."

One expert bids 1♠. If there is any other reasonable alternative, I strongly believe that you should never go out of your way to bid a three-card major. However, the alternatives in this problem are so bad that I think that bidding 1♠ here is a reasonable alternative. I might bid 1♠ at the table where I could say that I had a club mixed in with my spades, but here I can't go against my 'not bidding three-card majors' stand.

Guido: "1♠—I would like to abstain. Every call is some sort of lie. I hope partner bids 1NT so I can pass."

Three experts invite in clubs. The problem is that 3♣ might be a silly contract. Partner would pass 3♣ with ♠Kxxx♥AKxx♦QJ10xx♣-

Tinsley: "3♣—With tight honors, this hand looks suit oriented, and spade Jack is too iffy for two-over-one."

Landen: "3♣—I'd prefer a better suit."

Jaffe: "3♣—Invitational. I must show 10-12 points and a six-card suit. Partner must have values in majors, but I'm still afraid of notrump. Hoping partner will clarify with next bid."

I'd treat that club suit as a five-carder.

One expert joins me and goes conserva-

tive. This is matchpoints where plus scores are rewarded. Even smaller minus scores are rewarded.

Adams: "1NT—Random. Anything could be right, even 1♠. It's matchpoints so going conservative."

Three experts make the point-count bid.

King: "2NT—Surely this is not worth a game force. The question is whether to emphasize clubs despite the horrible texture in the suit or bid 2NT with neither major-suit stopped. Also 2NT would probably wrong side the contract. I guess I would choose 2NT as the lesser of evils."

Schwartz: "2NT—The poor clubs precludes bidding 3♣ as when partner passes with shortness, it's unlikely to make. I am not worried about wrong siding the hand as with those heart spots I am unlikely to get a heart honor lead."

Hopkins: "2NT—At least my HCP will worth something here."

At matchpoints when in doubt go conservative.

2) IMPs, They're Vulnerable

♠J972♥8♦AKQ743♣75

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
			1NT

?????—*I'll know what your bid means*

Action	Score	Votes	Solvers
3♦	100	4	36
Dbl	90	4	30
2♣	90	2	28
Pass	70	1	38
2♦	70	0	37
3♣	20	0	1
3♥	20	0	1
4♦	20	0	2
2♠	20	0	3
3NT	20	0	2
2NT	20	0	2

There are many approaches to this hand. You could show a one-suited hand by using a convention. Using Cappelletti, 2♣ shows a one-suited hand. Using DONT, double shows a one-suited hand. You could show a two-suited hand using DONT. 2♦ shows diamonds and a major. The trouble with DONT is that partner does not know the relative

lengths of your two suits. What does Advancer do over 2♦ if he's 2=5=2=4? Therefore if you're playing DONT, don't treat this hand as diamonds and another. You could show a four-card major and a longer minor by doubling. You could pass and hope to defeat 1NT. You could also show a one-suited diamond hand by bidding 3♦. Some can actually show a one-suited diamond hand by bidding 2♦.

Five experts agree with me and treat this as a one-suiter. However, if you're going to treat this as a one-suiter, why make life easy for the opponents? If Responder has anything, he can easily show it over double or 2♣, since most play system-on over both. However, if you jump to 3♦, West can't bid with a weak hand. If they have a nine-card heart fit, it would be much easier for them to find it if your one-suited bid was either double or 2♣. Over double or 2♣, LHO could also have a weak hand with long clubs. He can't show it over 3♦.

Guido: "3♦—Semi safe and makes it harder to find their heart fit."

Adams: "3♦—Double does not create enough pressure even though it's the system bid. Assuming they have hearts, they can't make a non-forcing call, so they bid, or they don't. My four cards in spades may prevent a negative double."

Jaffe: "3♦—Preemptive. Make it harder for opponents to try to find major suit fit. I assume partner has hearts, as I have spades. If LHO is declarer, I want diamond lead and a look at dummy before deciding what to lead at trick two. If RHO is declarer, I'm leading top diamond regardless of whether contract is notrump or suit."

Two experts make it easy for the opponents.

Parker: "2♣—Shows one-suiter and asks partner to bid 2♦. I can back in with spades over hearts if needed."

Hopkins: "2♣—I am treating this as a one-suiter."

Four experts use the Robinson convention. Double shows a four-card major and a longer minor, or possibly a one-suited minor. Double gives the opponents an easy road just like the one-suited bids.

Tinsley: "Double—To show four-card major and longer minor. Why not? It's on the card and could turn out to be the gift that keeps on giving."

Woolsey: "Double—Four-card major, longer minor. It is important to prepare to compete. Passing hoping it will go all pass is wishful thinking."

King: "Double—Playing Robinson, double seems to stand out. At least how I play it, it can be either four-card major and a longer minor or just a long minor. I get to hear partner's bid before I decided if I show the spades or just treat it as one suited in diamonds. I guess if I have to choose a follow-up, I would show the spades if partner bids 2♦ as that is a more likely game."

Landen: "Double—Robinson paid advertisement."

One expert passes. This never works for me. LHO always has either six clubs or five hearts and they get out of 1NT.

Schwartz: "Pass—With many playing negative doubles of three-level bids, bidding 3♦ might make it easier for the opponents. With the disparity of the suits, I certainly won't make a Robinson Double. Can always compete to later if the opponents transfer"

If they open 1NT and you have a long minor, bid it at the three-level. Don't give the opponents an opportunity to do something at the two-level.

3) IMPs, They're Vulnerable

♠J72♥A8♦QJ10♣AQ1072

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
1♣	Pass	1♦	Pass
1NT	Pass	2♦*	Pass
2NT	Pass	3♥	Pass
?????	*Artif game force		

Action	Score	Votes	Solvers
4♦	100	6	74
3♠	90	3	32
4♣	90	1	22
3NT	70	1	35
5♦	40	0	13
4♥	40	0	2
Pass	20	0	1
5♣	20	0	1

Partner's auction strongly suggests that he has a long diamond suit but doesn't have a four-card major. With a four hearts and a game-forcing diamond hand, he would have bid 2♥ directly over 1NT. Partner could be 3-6 in the red suits. If he has three spades you belong in 3NT no matter what your spade stopper looks like. How would responder bid ♠xxx♥KQx♦AKxxxx♣A? I like 3♠ which says to partner that you have something in spades but not enough to bid 3NT. Unless you have a major-suit fit, all bids below 3NT are attempts to get to 3NT. I agree that maybe South should have bid 3♦ over 2♦ but we'd have the same problem if partner continued with 3♥.

Two experts join me and bid 3♠. 3♠ says you have a little in spades. Jxx, 10xx, Qx are typical 3♠-bids. If you had great spades, you'd be 3NT. If partner has a singleton spade, he'll avoid 3NT. If partner has more than one spade, he'll bid 3NT and you'll be long there. This way you can get to 3NT with Jxx opposite Qx in spades.

Tinsley: "3♠—Hoping partner will decide if he has some spade help. Maybe spades are 4-4 and we'll have nine winners once spades are cashed."

Woolsey: "3♠—Our spade stopper might be Jxx opposite xxx, which is fine. I think South should have rebid 3♣ or 3♦ rather than 2NT considering that he has already shown a balanced hand, but the problem would be the same."

Seven experts bypass the possible last making contract.

King: "4♦—Partner seems worried about Spades, so I would bid 4♦. Actually I don't understand why we didn't bid 3♦ over 2♦ instead of 2NT."

Adams: "4♦—No second choice. I have a great hand for diamonds, poor spades for no-trump. I would have bid 3♣ over 2♦ however."

Parker: "4♦—Sounds like partner is concerned with Spades and so am I. Sounds like he may be 1=4=6=2."

Landen: "4♦—I can't understand why I didn't bid 3♦ instead of 2NT."

Hopkins: "4♦—Perhaps partner would like to know I have Diamond support and am lacking in the Spade department? It might

have been wiser to bid 3♦ over partner's 2♦ rather than repeating the bid I already made."

Jaffe: "4♦—Afraid of notrump with weakness in spades. Partner's game-force and my strong spots in diamonds make diamond game or slam most likely final contract. Want to show diamond support and spade weakness. Let partner decide between diamond game or slam."

Schwartz: "4♣—I don't agree with many of the bids so far. This hand is a solid 1NT opener to start with. Over 2♦, I have a great hand in support of diamonds, so why not show diamond support in addition to the lack of spade stopper? I have even a better hand so a 4♣-cue seems best followed by heart cue bid."

One expert shows a full spade stopper.

Guido: "3NT—I still have my minimum and have nothing more to say. Hope my half stop in spades gives me some protection."

Unless you have a major-suit fit, all bids below 3NT are attempts to see if you belong there.

4) IMPs, They're Vulnerable

♠92♥A2♦KQJ96♣K1096

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
Pass	Pass	Dbl	4♥
?????			Pass
Action	Score	Votes	Solvers
4NT	100	5	60
Pass	90	3	60
5NT	80	1	3
5♦	80	1	36
5♣	60	0	4
5♥	60	0	10
6♦	60	1	5
6NT	20	0	2

Partner has made a takeout double of 4♥. It would be nice if partner was always 4=1=4=4 when he doubles 4♥. However, he would like to be able to double 4♥ when he has at least three spades and shortness in hearts, no matter what he has in the minors. He'd also like to double 4♥ when he has a very good hand even if he had fewer than three spades. I'd double 4♥ holding ♠AQxx♥x♦Ax♣AJxxxx. I would certainly double 4♥ holding ♠KJxx♥x♦Axxx♣Axxx.

What do you do in response to his ran-

dom takeout double? You could pass his takeout double and hope to beat it. You could bid 4NT and play in five-of-whichever-suit partner bids. You could insist on playing in diamonds. You could also drive this hand to slam.

Three experts pass the double. The score you get is dependent on how many hearts East has and what ruffing values West might have. How many tricks would you get on defense if partner's hand is ♠Kxxx♥x♦Axxx♣AQx?

King: "Pass—It is hard to imagine partner with less than ♠KQxx♥x♦Axx♣Axxx for his double and 5♦ could go down with a Spade ruff while unless declarer has ten hearts, it is hard to see him getting ten tricks, so I would pass."

Adams: "Pass—Depends on my opponents, but usually just pass. We might have a slam, we might not. This should be OK."

Tinsley: "Pass—I think we'll be able to figure out a way to set this contract two."

Seven experts join me and pull the double. Two experts force to slam. At least 5NT will get you to your best strain.

Parker: "5NT—Probably an overbid, but I want partner to pick a minor. How about a hand like ♠Axxx♥x♦Axxx♣AQxx, I could bid 4NT and pass five-of-a-minor. He must have good hand to double at the four-level so I will hope a slam makes. His double is for take-out not penalty."

Two experts insist on diamonds. I hope their partner is not 4=2=2=5 or 4=2=1=6.

Hopkins: "6♦—This might be right even if we are in the 5-2 fit. I have too much to not bid slam and the wrong relative minor suit distribution to bid notrump asking for partner to pick a minor."

Woolsey: "5♦—If I bid 4NT partner will bid 5♣ with equal length in the minors, and that will be the wrong strain. Passing, driving to slam, or bidding 4NT and passing 5♣ could all be right, but this middle of the road action looks best."

Unless partner is exactly 3-3 in the minors, why will 5♣ be the wrong strain?

Four experts join me and ask partner to bid his longer minor.

Schwartz: "4NT—Even if partner doesn't have a singleton, slam should have some play as partner will have extra values if balanced."

Landen: "4NT—Two places to play. This is a very tough problem. Might be making in both directions or nobody can make anything. Bobby Wolff advised me to buy the contract on the wild hands."

Jaffe: "4NT—Unusual. I know I'm one club short, but I don't like the alternatives. Whether partner bids 5♣ or 5♦ I'll pass."

Bobby Wolff's comment makes sense. Buy the contract on wild hands.

5) IMPs, They're Vulnerable

♠AJ3♥A982♦AK10987♣-

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
1♦	5♣	Dbl	Pass
?????			Pass
Action	Score	Votes	Solvers
5NT	100	3	8
6♣	90	2	27
Pass	80	3	103
5♦	70	1	14
6♦	70	0	11
5♥	50	1	11
6♥	50	1	6

Your LHO jumped to 5♣ and your partner made a strength showing double. High-level doubles should be convertible. In other words, if you can't handle partner pulling your double with a distributional hand, you shouldn't double. You shouldn't double 5♣ with ♠xxx♥xxxx♦x♣KJxx. You must have some outside strength. ♠Kxxxx♥KQx♦Qxx♣Kx is a typical double of 5♣. The distribution might be different but the honors should be there. Remember, partner is doubling 5♣ with no aces.

Three experts pass the double. Unless West is insane, he should have somewhere close to ten tricks. I wonder how many clubs West does have. If partner has strength outside the club suit, passing the convertible double will cause you to miss a cold slam or even a grand.

Tinsley: "Pass—I'm trusting partner, that he has useful cards against clubs which would be worthless in hearts or diamonds."

Parker: “Pass—Someone said the five-level belongs to the opponents.”

True about the five-level but what about the six-level?

Landen: “Pass—No sure plus anywhere, but expect a plus defending. If vulnerability were reversed I might try 5NT for takeout. Partner could then retreat to 6♦ or suggest a major with 6♣.”

Eight experts pull the double. They expect partner to have strength outside of the club suit.

One expert is conservative.

Woolsey: “5♦—An opponent who jumps to the five-level vulnerable vs. not knows what he is doing. The void in clubs and the long diamond suit make my hand offensively oriented enough to not defend, even though I play the double as penalties. We could have a slam or 5♦ could be hopeless. It is a guess.”

Four experts join me and ask partner to pick a slam. 5NT is a better you-pick-the-slam-bid than 6♣. If partner doesn't have a five-card suit, he can throw the ball back in your court and bid 6♣.

King: “5NT—I think we have too good a

chance for a slam to not ask partner to pick one.”

Adams: “5NT—Pick a Slam. It seems really likely that we have a slam, so I won't bother playing poker with the 5♣-bidder who may or may not be insane. 5NT leaves room for a 6♣ counter try.”

Schwartz: “6♣—Double is not 100% penalty so it's worth forcing this hand to slam.”

Hopkins: “6♣—Partner should have enough to make a slam in whatever suit he chooses.”

One expert guesses on which slam will make. Why guess when you can ask for partner's help?

Guido: “6♥—Hope we don't miss a grand. My second choice is 6♣.”

One expert reverses. 5♥ should show a good hand with four hearts and longer diamonds.

Jaffe: “5♥—I think we have a slam in anything but clubs or notrump, and I trust partner to have both majors. Since we have a heart fit, I want to show it now. I'm afraid to bid 6♣ to show void because but partner may bid 6♠, forcing me to bid 7♥, which could go down. I'll settle for 6♥ as final contract.”

Doubles of high-level bids are convertible.

SOLVERS' SCORES

John Adams	1NT	3♦	4♦	Pass	5NT	480
Frank Guido	1♠	3♦	3NT	4NT	6♥	420
Robbie Hopkins	2NT	2♣	4♦	6♦	6♣	440
Ed Jaffe	3♣	3♦	4♦	4NT	5♥	440
Fred King	2NT	Dbl	4♦	Pass	5NT	480
Steve Landen	3♣	Dbl	4♦	4NT	Pass	460
Steve Parker	2♠	2♣	4♦	5NT	Pass	420
Steve Robinson	1NT	3♦	3♠	4NT	5NT	480
Alan Schwartz	2NT	Pass	4♣	4NT	6♣	460
Molly Tinsley	3♣	Dbl	3♠	Pass	Pass	440
Kit Woolsey	2♣	Dbl	3♠	5♦	5♦	440

Bits & Pieces, cont. from p. 5...

5. Hints for becoming a life master
6. Other bridge resources
7. Director calls — demystifying them and making them a learning experience
8. ...And many more topics.

A link on the WBL homepage, entitled **Mentor Program**, includes, among other things, a copy of this article and applications, answers to frequently asked questions, and suggested books for newer and intermediate players.

Action Items:

1. To be assigned to a mentor, please fill out the application and bring it to the Mentor desk on April 10th, 17th, and 24th.
2. Talk this program up to existing members, past members, and future members.
3. To volunteer to be a mentor, or to give us any suggestions about the program, email Linda Marshall, Ldajmarshall@msn.com or Bryan Geer, hgeer@verizon.net, or talk to us at the unit game. We will have sign-up forms available for mentor volunteers at the unit games on April 10th, 17th, and 24th.
4. Get involved in other ways, including social events or volunteering. Our volunteer coordinator is Barbara Summers, Jimbarb1184@aol.com.

WELCOME TO THE WASHINGTON BRIDGE LEAGUE

The WBL welcomes the following new ACBL members: **Ms Mary L Byrnes, Bob Caplon, Joseph F Colick, Anne G Abend, Mrs Laura A Beck, Claire A Craik, Dr Charles M Deutsch, Ms Diane L La Penna, Ms Eleanor Palmer, Kate Wallace, Sandra N Dugoff, Bruce L Harris, Brent Jacocks, Mrs Elizabeth A Lyons, Joseph B Priestster, Robert J Walsh Jr, Mr Jeffrey M Weber, Mr Edwin Williamson, Mrs Bonnie D Winnick, Mr Jack Bell, Suresh K Dhir, Mr Alpheus W Jessup, Cynthia Lunn, Colleen M McBride, Lynne Muasher, Mr Hiram K Powers-Heaven, and Elizabeth W Tisdale.**

In addition, we welcome the following transfers from other units: **Mrs Rita S Kanter, Karen Schneiderman, Paul L Block, Ms Patricia A Haggerty, Ms Ricki Kanter, Mr Alan Feld, Mr Shelby H Page, Mr Stephen J Weisman, Mr Jie Zhou, Mr Steven H Fox, Mrs Jeanne Haji, Mr Andrew E Kaufman, Dr Katherine, Mrs Rhona P Prensley, and Mr Colin Schloss.**

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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 final for 2013. All points are subject to audit by the WBL Director. **Congratulation to the 2013 Winners!**

Lovenberg**1 Brad Theurer**

2	193.05	Steve Robinson
3	187.08	John Adams
4	148.58	Barry Falgout
5	134.41	Steven Schatzow
6	124.04	Barry Bragin
7	121.92	Lloyd Rawley
8	120.07	Peter Boyd
9	115.46	David Ruderman
10	114.92	William Cole
11	113.28	Clyde Kruskal
12	109.23	Ellen Cherniavsky
13	106.52	Richard Wegman
14	99.10	Robert Bell
15	98.14	Mark Shaw
16	94.30	James Geist
17	94.11	Ronald Zucker
18	94.08	Eugene Kales
19	91.49	Michael Richey
20	85.88	Jason Meyer
21	85.25	Donna Rogall
22	83.50	Alexander Prairie
23	81.87	Alfred Steinberg
24	81.70	James Berry
25	78.31	Fred King

**Izzy Cohen
Alex Prairie**

1	83.50	James Berry
2	81.70	David Genne
3	63.78	Terry Klein
4	49.66	Ernie Schuler
5	46.31	Dale Sanders
6	43.12	Myron Goldstein
7	42.32	Aaron Navarro
8	42.00	Guillaume de Decker
9	41.68	Jill Benson
10	41.17	Mike Frosch
11	41.10	Hadi Abushakra
12	37.95	Carole Banks
13	37.90	Peter Isard
14	36.39	Howard Tash
15	35.99	

Tubbs**1 Terry Klein**

2	49.66	Ernie Schuler
3	46.31	Myron Goldstein
4	42.32	Jill Benson
5	41.17	Peter Isard
6	36.39	Margaret Cooke
7	35.93	Charles Dearolf
8	35.52	Mary Ourand
9	35.20	Julie Thomas
10	34.73	Ollie Thomas

Woolridge**1 Norman Kittrell**

2	20.61	Ettie Gordon
3	19.96	David Matusow
4	14.10	Phillip Shapiro
5	13.23	Judy Retchin
6	12.30	Cecily Wolfe
7	11.22	Gail Klein
8	10.82	Julie Marquette
9	10.18	Stephen Baldwin
10	10.12	Kate Baldwin

UNIT GAME CARPOOL AVAILABLE

To arrange a carpool, contact Don Berman, Carpool Coordinator, at 301-776-3581 or don.berman@verizon.net.Or log on to the WBL's Online Carpool Notices at: www.WashingtonBridgeLeague.org.

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

The cost is \$.50. This includes a 30 minute lesson followed by fun, enjoyable bridge for players with 0-20 masterpoints.

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.

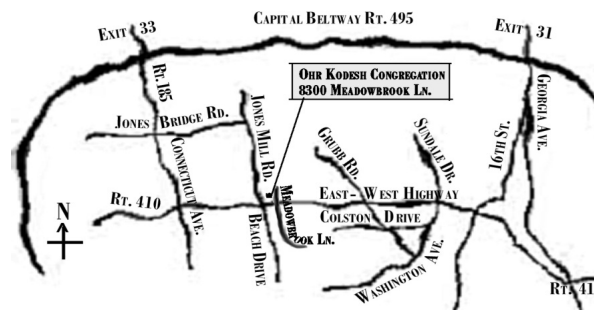
This is a great program for beginners as well as experienced social bridge players! Partners will be provided if needed. For more information, contact Bryan or Lois Geer at 301-236-0014 or by email at geerbridge@verizon.net.

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

04/03/2014StrataFlighted Upgraded Club Champ.
04/10/2014NVBA Sectional
04/17/2014StrataFlighted District 6 Charity Pairs
04/24/2014StrataFlighted Unit Championship
05/01/2014StrataFlighted Unit Championship
05/08/2014Annual Meeting/D6 STaC Stratified Pairs
05/15/2014Unit Charity Game
05/22/2014StrataFlighted Unit Championship
05/29/2014StrataFlighted Unit Championship
06/05/2014StrataFlighted NAP
06/12/14**D6 STaC Stratified Pairs
06/19/2014StrataFlighted Unit Championship
06/26/2014StrataFlighted Unit Championship
07/03/2014Closed—Bethesda Regional
07/10/2014StrataFlighted Unit Championship
07/17/2014StrataFlighted North American Pairs
07/24/2014StrataFlighted 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**

ALERT! The Unit Game is now played at Ohr Kodesh. NO OUTSIDE FOOD IS ALLOWED. Snacks and drinks will be provided.

**WBL GUARANTEED
PARTNER PROGRAM**

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 or 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.

You might want to volunteer for the GP program yourself. It's a great way to meet people. If you play on the night you're the GP, you play free. If you volunteer, you receive a free play for any future unit game whether or not you play that night.

Partnerships Close AT 7:25pm
TO START THE GAME PROMPTLY AT 7:30PM. CALL IF YOU'RE LATE, OR YOU MAY NOT BE ACCOMMODATED.

THE UNIT GAME

Please contact **Chris Miller**, Club Manager and Chief Director, at unitgamedirector@districtsix.org if you have any questions about how the WBL Unit Game is run. This column answers some frequently asked questions.

WHY IS EVERYONE HANGING AROUND BARB?—Because she has the free play box!

Winning your section (not strat) at the WBL Unit Game entitles you to a free play for a Unit Game session. The free plays expire three years from date of issue and may be used for any Thursday night that isn't part of a WBL or NVBA Sectional tournament. The free plays are worth eight dollars, the cost of a normal Unit Game. They may be used for eight dollars of the ten dollar cost of special games (Grand National Team qualifiers, North American Pairs qualifiers, STaCs...).

Check with Barb Doran at the partnership desk to see if you've won a free play before you buy your entry the next time you play on a Thursday night.

Earn even more free plays! Join the Guaranteed Partner program. Volunteer to be the Guaranteed Partner at a Unit Game session. If you are needed, you will play free with someone who needs a partner; if you are not needed, you don't play. In either case, you get a free play for another unit game. Volunteering even once a year is a huge help to the WBL. Contact Barb Doran barb.doran@verizon.net or (301) 608-0347 to join the program.

UPCOMING SECTIONALS

- ♠ April 10-13, 2014, NVBA, Fairfax, VA
- ♥ April 26-27, 2014, WBL NLM, Kensington, MD
- ♣ August 7-10, 2014, WBL, Kensington, MD
- ♦ September 18-21, 2014, NVBA, Fairfax, VA
- ♥ October 9-12, 2014, WBL, Kensington, MD
- ♠ October 23-26, 2014, NVBA, Fairfax, VA
- ♣ January 8-11, 2015, WBL, Kensington, MD
- ♦ February 19-22, 2015, NVBA, Fairfax, VA
- ♥ April 9-12, 2015, WBL, Kensington, MD

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DO YOU HAVE ANY MUSCLE OR BRAINS TO SPARE?

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

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

Here's how to help:

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

Thank you in advance for any assistance you can provide.

Barbara Summers, Volunteer Coordinator, 301-598-5838, jimbarb1184@aol.com,

KITTY GOTTFRIED NAMED THE 2014 ACBL NADINE WOOD VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR

Our own **Kitty Gottfried** is co-recipient of the national ACBL award for volunteer of the year! It is particularly fitting that Kitty receive this honor not long after the ACBL renamed the award in honor of Nadine Wood, a long-time friend of Kitty's and chair of our tournaments. Together, they made Washington hospitality famous. Kitty was always behind-the-scenes, the completely selfless and tireless worker making the game special and welcoming.

It may sound trite, but it is nevertheless true: our unit is the real recipient of this honor—the honor of receiving over 40 years of Kitty's service as Hospitality Chair and Caddy Master. She has provided hospitality at the weekly WBL Unit Games, WBL Sectionals, many 4th of July Regionals, and the four NABCs held in DC from 1984 through 2009. She never asked for any compensation or recognition. Fred King, past WBL and MABC President, recalls, "She was always thorough, conscientious and hard-working, putting in numerous hours preparing, shopping, transporting and cleaning up. She did all this in a true volunteer spirit, never asking for or expecting compensation and she even seems embarrassed with the compli-

ACBL District 6 Director, Margot Hennings, presented a moving tribute and the award to Kitty during the 52nd Annual Presidential Tournament in January. We all enjoyed sharing in the celebration cake and drink with Kitty and her husband, Paul.



ments she receives. What most amuses me about Kitty is how frugal she is. If someone brings in sodas that could have been bought for ten cents a bottle less elsewhere, she is upset. She scoured the grocery store ads each week looking for the best sales and thought nothing of driving miles out of her way to save the WBL a few dollars. Physically she is a very small person, but her generosity and spirit are enormous."

She would go great lengths to make sure that hospitality ran smoothly. For example, Kitty, while Hospitality Chair for the July 2012 MABC Regional in Bethesda, MD, became very ill during the tournament and had to be taken to the hospital by ambulance. While on the stretcher and being carried out of the hotel, she was giving out reminders and instructions for hospitality suite tasks. Kitty also helped with hospitality/refreshments for "Celebrations of Life" following the untimely passing of Nadine Wood and of Chief Tournament Director Millard Nachtwey. Kitty was in the hospital the day before one of these events and demanded and received early release from the hospital to ensure she was able to do what she had promised.

Unfortunately, Kitty is very ill now and has reluctantly stepped down as Hospitality Chair. It is taking one paid person and two volunteers to fill her shoes. Current WBL Tournament Chair, Ron Zucker, reminisced, "Who can feed a room full of bridge players, make sure that everything needed to run a tournament is on hand, be the caddy master, and greet everyone with warmth, all while holding your cost for dinner to less than \$10 per table, or about a third of what McDonald's would charge? I'd understand if you answered "nobody," but you'd be wrong. The answer is Kitty Gottfried.

"Taken as a whole, bridge players are a group where no one is loved by everyone, but everybody loves Kitty. There is nobody like her."

Kitty has led a very interesting life. She was born in Tokyo, Japan, in 1926 as a premature baby—lucky to survive because the Keio Hospital was one of the few hospitals with incubators then.

She grew up in a big house with 14 rooms, a big storage room, garden, back yard, and a middle yard with her grandfather, grandmother, father, mother, two older sisters, five maids, plus a seamstress who came every day. They were a so-called upper class family, so she and her sisters were called ojasama (mademoiselles, or young ladies in English).

Kitty had a peaceful and quiet life until Japan attacked Pearl Harbor. That was disastrous. Upon graduating high school, the Japanese government told them to work because of the shortage of Japanese men. Kitty used her family connections

to get an office job and ended up working for the commerce department serving tea, delivering newspapers and mail, and greeting and admitting her boss's visitors. When her boss was transferred to the newly formed advisory council, their new office was next to the prime minister's residence, so she went in there many times while cabinet members discussed war strategy.

Kitty's house was bombed in March 1945 during the day -- a 250 kg bomb destroyed a big oak tree and killed one maid. Their home was shattered and everything gone.

In 1951, when they finally built a new home in Tokyo, Kitty was transferred to the Yokohama station. She wanted to see American movies in Tokyo, so she went to see the manager at the Ernie Pyle theater which showed American movies but didn't allow Japanese nationals and luckily, she met Paul. He was Supervising Assistant Manager of the Army theaters in Tokyo. He got her in. That was July. They married that September.

They shipped to Seattle on January 1, 1952 and later, to Chicago. After the peace treaty was signed, Japan opened a consulate general office in town. She worked in the office taking care of visas, passport information, etc. Not having any idea who they were, Kitty refused visas to Mr. Dodge, the Michigan banker, and Paul Harvey, a famous radio commentator, because they didn't have sufficient papers.

Gary was born in 1954 and Glenn in 1956. Paul changed jobs in 1961 and they moved to the Washington DC area. They joined the Japan-America Society here, and Kitty became active in hospitality and the ladies' group, and was the first Japanese woman to become a board member (1964-71).

She started to play bridge and then became active in hospitality and managing caddies for the WBL in 1973. In 2002, the WBL made it official, naming her Hospitality Chair for the unit game and sectional tournaments. She feels lucky to have worked with Nadine and Millard for sectionals, regionals, nationals and our annual meetings and holiday dinners and to have had such good caddies and helpers, "Thank you all for the big help for me!" —Kitty Gottfried



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—Results—

TOP TEN CUMULATIVE POINT WINNERS

All Players

1	45.91	Barry Falgout
2	32.16	.....	Rusty Krauss
3	22.69	.....	Lloyd Rawley
4	22.68	.....	John Adams
5	21.93	.....	Robert Hopkins Jr
6	18.91	.....	James Geist
7	18.78	.....	Brad Theurer
8	18.05	.....	Jay Kelkar
9	16.43	.....	Joan Lewis
10	15.91	.....	Albert Lauber
	15.91	.....	Jay Cherlow

Players with fewer than 2000 masterpoints

1	15.91	.....	Albert Lauber
	15.91	.....	Jay Cherlow
3	14.61	.....	Ronald Zucker
4	14.11	.....	Barack Peled
5	13.17	.....	Sorina Negulescu
6	12.58	.....	Robert Brady
7	11.26	.....	Kitty Gottfried
8	10.66	.....	Emerita Hayward
	10.66	.....	Jeffrey Halle
10	10.30	.....	Leon Masiewicki
	10.30	.....	Guillaume de Decker

Players with fewer than 500 masterpoints

1	10.66	.....	Jeffrey Halle
2	8.81	.....	Ernie Schuler
3	7.72	.....	Jill Benson
	7.72	.....	David Benson
5	6.97	.....	Margaret Cooke
	6.97	.....	Peter Isard
7	6.54	.....	Jim Walsh
8	6.41	.....	Dale Sanders
9	5.66	.....	Herb Schulken
10	5.28	.....	Steven Nesseler

Players with fewer than 100 masterpoints

1	4.30	.....	Jane Dolkart
2	4.05	.....	John Jackson
3	3.91	.....	Harry Potter
4	3.81	.....	Kate Baldwin
	3.81	.....	Stephen Baldwin
6	3.69	.....	Richard McMillan Jr
	3.69	.....	Michael Barth
8	3.68	.....	Jane Marsh
	3.68	.....	Johnny Marsh
10	3.49	.....	Deborah Cobb

2013 TROPHY RACE WINNERS



The 2013 WBL Trophy Race Winners were awarded their trophies: l to r: **Brad Theurer** (Lovenberg, Open), **Alex Prairie** (Izzy Cohen, 0-1500), **Terry Klein** (Tubbs, Non-LM), **Norman Kittrell** (Woolridge, 0-20).
—See p. 14 for all the final standings—

THUR MORN OPEN PAIRS

Stratum A, 12.0 Tables / Based on 27 Tables



1	Steven Schatzow - Kenneth Davis	....	.62.73
2/3	Lester Slaback - John Jackson	....	.60.65
2/3	Robert Levey - Warren Manison	....	.60.65
4	Barry Bragin - Eleanor Bragin	....	.59.72
5	Bob Boyd - Alfred Duncker	....	.57.87
6/7	Alfred Steinberg - Arnie Frankel	....	.56.48
6/7	William Pettis - Ruth Potter	....	.56.48

Stratum B, 7.5 Tables

1	Lester Slaback - John Jackson	....	.60.65
2	Raman Srivastav - Thomas Herzog	....	.54.40
3	Lucy Pestaner - Alexander Gottesman	....	.52.78
4	Steven Mendelsohn - Jane Friend	....	.51.16
5	Marshall Kramer - Gerard Mulvenna	....	.50.23

Stratum C, 5.0 Tables

1	Lester Slaback - John Jackson	....	.60.65
2	Raman Srivastav - Thomas Herzog	....	.54.40
3	Steven Mendelsohn - Jane Friend	....	.51.16
4	Marshall Kramer - Gerard Mulvenna	....	.50.23

THUR MORN 0-1000 PAIRS

Stratum A, 15.0 Tables / Based on 14 Tables

1	Tamara Vetter - Ken Kimball	....	.66.04
2	Vladi Basch - Leo Potsiadlo	....	.60.29
3	Phyllis Kristianson - Mary Lafferty	....	.59.10
4	Marsha Berman - Jeffrey Caplan	....	.57.18
5	Maxine Penn - David Penn	....	.56.60
6	Lynne Groff - Ricki Kanter	....	.55.13

Stratum B, 9.5 Tables

- 1 Tamara Vetter - Ken Kimball66.04
- 2 Vladi Basch - Leo Potsiadlo60.29
- 3 Marsha Berman - Jeffrey Caplan57.18
- 4 Maxine Penn - David Penn56.60
- 5 Lynne Groff - Ricki Kanter55.13

Stratum C, 8.0 Tables / Based on 7 Tables

- 1 Tamara Vetter - Ken Kimball66.04
- 2 Vladi Basch - Leo Potsiadlo60.29
- 3 Marsha Berman - Jeffrey Caplan57.18
- 4 Maxine Penn - David Penn56.60
- 5 John Merold - Donna Sinrud53.47

**THUR EVE FLIGHT A/X PAIRS
Stratum A, 22.5 Tables**

- 1 Alan Schwartz - Annie Schwartz68.00
- 2 Barry Falgout - Rusty Krauss63.23
- 3 Lloyd Rawley - Ronald Zucker62.88
- 4 Robert Gookin - Amanda Carter60.56
- 5 Guillaume de Decker - Leon Masiewicki 58.71
- 6 Steve Robinson - John Adams58.14

Stratum X, 10.5 Tables

- 1 Lloyd Rawley - Ronald Zucker62.88
- 2 Guillaume de Decker - Leon Masiewicki 58.71
- 3 Robert Brady - Michael Murphy54.34
- 4 Susan Miskura - Dennis Schwanz53.99
- 5 Luther Hampton - Michael Hampton .52.91
- 6 Albert Lauber - Jay Cherlow50.76

**THUR EVE FLIGHT B/C/D PAIRS
Stratum B, 17.0 Tables**

- 1 Jeremy Billones - Hal Jones Jr64.35
- 2 Cathy McGarrigan - Lynne Beresford .63.19
- 3 Thomas Reckford - Behnaz Fardshisheh 62.50
- 4 Clifford Feldman - Thomas Jennings .62.04
- 5 Aaron Navarro - Robert Rovner60.42
- 6 George Parkins - Paul Block58.10

Stratum C, 14.5 Tables

- 1 Jeremy Billones - Hal Jones Jr64.35
- 2 Cathy McGarrigan - Lynne Beresford .63.19
- 3 Thomas Reckford - Behnaz Fardshisheh 62.50
- 4 Clifford Feldman - Thomas Jennings .62.04
- 5 Aaron Navarro - Robert Rovner60.42
- 6 George Parkins - Paul Block58.10

Stratum D, 7.0 Tables

- 1 Jeremy Billones - Hal Jones Jr64.35
- 2 Barry Tash - James Wisman57.92
- 3 Kathleen LaMarre - David Lindley55.79
- 4 Rozelin Prochaska - Nancy Tarlano52.78
- 5 Neil Crane - Norman Mitchell52.50

**THUR EVE NLM PAIRS @ WBL
Stratum A, 6.0 Tables**

- 1 Jill Benson - David Benson60.88

- 2 Norman Kittrell - Joseph Lebaron ..59.76
- 3 Mahmoud Katirai - Shala Panbechi ..56.01
- 4 Terry Klein - Myron Goldstein54.76

Stratum B, 3.0 Tables

- 1 Norman Kittrell - Joseph Lebaron ..59.76
- 2 Mahmoud Katirai - Shala Panbechi ..56.01

THUR EVE 0-20 PAIRS @ WBL**3.0 Tables**

- 1 Sheila Blum - Judy Rovner68.33
- 2 Joseph Quinn - Patricia Quinn53.33

FRI MORN FLT A/X PAIRS**Stratum A, 5.0 Tables / Based on 19 Tables**

- 1 Kathrine Loh - David Loken64.76
- 2 Bruce Houston - Kenneth Davis60.71
- 3 Hanna Schepps - Shawn Stringer58.10
- 4 Donald Berman - Leon Letwin53.43

Stratum B, 2.5 Tables

- 1 David Loken - Kathrine Loh64.76
- 2 Jay Cherlow - Albert Lauber47.99

FRI MORN FLIGHT B/C/D PAIRS**Stratum A, 6.0 Tables**

- 1 Robert Sturm - Ernie Schuler59.17
- 2 Thomas Reckford - Behnaz Fardshisheh 57.08
- 3 Richard McMillan Jr - Michael Barth 56.25
- 4 Ed Krest - Deborah Cobb54.17

Stratum B, 6.0 Tables

- 1 Robert Sturm - Ernie Schuler59.17
- 2 Thomas Reckford - Behnaz Fardshisheh 57.08
- 3 Richard McMillan Jr - Michael Barth 56.25
- 4 Ed Krest - Deborah Cobb54.17

Stratum C, 4.5 Tables

- 1 Robert Sturm - Ernie Schuler59.17
- 2 Richard McMillan Jr - Michael Barth 56.25
- 3 Ed Krest - Deborah Cobb54.17
- 4 Herb Schulken - Andrew Jacknain .49.58

FRI MORN NLM PAIRS**Stratum E, 8.0 Tables**

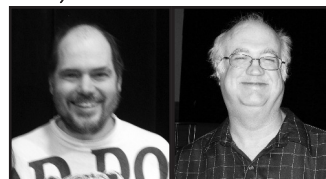
- 1 Susan Weiss - Bernice Felix67.86
- 2 Peter Isard - Margaret Cooke61.01
- 3 Sheila Kaplan - Marie Saeger58.63
- 4 Nancy Ferris - Judith Riggs56.85
- 5 David Benson - Jill Benson54.76

Stratum F, 4.0 Tables

- 1 Nancy Ferris - Judith Riggs56.85
- 2 Richard Long - Eric Cassel49.40
- 3 Heide Blaker - Lynne Battle45.54

Stratum G, 3.0 Tables

- 1 Nancy Ferris - Judith Riggs56.85
- 2 Richard Long - Eric Cassel49.40

FRI AFT FLIGHT A/X PAIRS**Stratum A, 12.0 Tables / Based on 35 Tables**

- 1 John Adams - William Cole61.34
- 2 Brad Theurer - Robert Hopkins Jr ..57.66
- 3 Lloyd Rawley - Kitty Gottfried56.20
- 4 Donald Berman - Leon Letwin55.13
- 5 Steve Robinson - Jim Allen, Jr54.84
- 6 Guillaume de Decker - Leon Masiewicki 53.55

Stratum X, 4.0 Tables

- 1 Lloyd Rawley - Kitty Gottfried56.20
- 2 Guillaume de Decker - Leon Masiewicki 53.55
- 3 Rose Berman - Peter Van Zijl52.36

FRI AFT FLIGHT B/C/D PAIRS**Stratum B, 10.5 Tables**

- 1 Behnaz Fardshisheh - Thomas Reckford 70.38
- 2 Dick Kreimborg - Neal McKinney ..55.02
- 3 Alan Skvirsky - Bette Kramer54.43
- 4 Andrew Jacknain - Herb Schulken ..54.00
- 5 Peter Schiff - Michelle Zyguelbaum ..53.65
- 6 Fred Gramlich - Catherine Bardsley .52.29

Stratum C, 10.0 Tables

- 1 Thomas Reckford - Behnaz Fardshisheh 70.38
- 2 Alan Skvirsky - Bette Kramer54.43
- 3 Andrew Jacknain - Herb Schulken ..54.00
- 4 Peter Schiff - Michelle Zyguelbaum ..53.65
- 5 Fred Gramlich - Catherine Bardsley .52.29
- 6 Irwin Yanus - J Lasek52.18

Stratum D, 6.0 Tables

- 1 Alan Skvirsky - Bette Kramer54.43
- 2 Andrew Jacknain - Herb Schulken ..54.00
- 3 Peter Schiff - Michelle Zyguelbaum ..53.65
- 4 Fred Gramlich - Catherine Bardsley .52.29

FRI AFT NLM PAIRS**Stratum D, 11.0 Tables**

- 1 Michael Cooperman - Mary Ourand .64.29
- 2/3 David Benson - Jill Benson61.01
- 2/3 Yasmin Jiwa - Ronnie Loeser61.01
- 4 Richard Long - Eric Cassel60.71
- 5 Silas Wasserstrom - Andrew Lipps ..55.95
- 6 Toni Sandler - Eleanor Linde53.87

Stratum E, 4.0 Tables

- 1 Richard Long - Eric Cassel60.71
- 2 Toni Sandler - Eleanor Linde53.87
- 3 Julie Marquette - Yaeko Perera48.51

Stratum F, 2.5 Tables

- 1 Richard Long - Eric Cassel60.71
- 2 Toni Sandler - Eleanor Linde53.87

FRI EVE FLIGHT A/X IMP PAIRS**Stratum A, 11.0 Tables / Based on 21 Tables**

- 1 Kefu Xu - Mohsin Chandna54.00
- 2 Lyle Poe Jr - Barry Falgout26.00
- 3 Howard Grunin - John Lowe III21.00
- 4 Joy Oliver - Paulin Nault20.00
- 5 David Ruderman - Donna Rogall19.00
- 6 Brad Theurer - Mark Chen18.00

Stratum X, 4.5 Tables

- 1 Howard Grunin - John Lowe III21.00
- 2 Joy Oliver - Paulin Nault20.00
- 3 Michael Stoller - Robert Kutz3.00
- 4 Michael Richey - James Geist5.00

FRI EVE FLIGHT B/C/D PAIRS**Stratum B, 8.5 Tables**

- 1 Andrew Lipps - Eric Branfman60.85
- 2 Alexander Gretsinger - Jane Dolkart .57.19
- 3 Kitty Gottfried - Steven Fox56.99
- 4 Albert Stolpe - John Gauss55.44
- 5 Charles Dearolf - Jim Walsh54.33

Stratum C, 7.5 Tables

- 1 Alexander Gretsinger - Jane Dolkart .57.19
- 2 Albert Stolpe - John Gauss55.44
- 3 Charles Dearolf - Jim Walsh54.33
- 4 Jeff Yutzler - Noah Coberly52.38
- 5 Aaron Navarro - Judith Dausch51.70

Stratum D, 5.0 Tables

- 1 Alexander Gretsinger - Jane Dolkart .57.19
- 2 Charles Dearolf - Jim Walsh55.44
- 3 Jeff Yutzler - Noah Coberly52.38
- 4 Andrew Lazarus - Arthur Lazarus Jr .49.61

SAT MORN ABA/ACBL FLIGHT A/X PAIRS**Stratum A, 22.5 Tables / Based on 72 Tables**

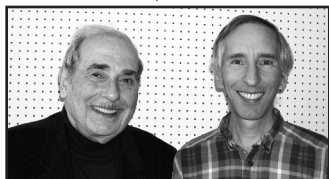
- 1 Jay Kelkar - James Geist63.50
- 2 Barry Falgout - Rusty Krauss62.80
- 3 Diane Walker - Hank Meyer61.87
- 4 Lyle Poe Jr - Brad Theurer61.64
- 5 Sorina Negulescu - Shou-Ling Wang .61.45
- 6 Lloyd Rawley - William Cole61.05
- 7 Jay Cherlow - Albert Lauber57.82
- 8 Mohsin Chandna - Clyde Kruskal ..57.28

Stratum X, 11.0 Tables

- 1 Jay Cherlow - Albert Lauber57.82
- 2 Mel Yudkin - John Christensen54.34
- 3 Jim Wakefield - James Lister52.73
- 4 Michael Richey - Ronald Zucker52.68
- 5 Richard McMillan Jr - Michael Barth 52.05
- 6 Michael Stoller - Robert Kutz51.04

SAT MORN ABA/ACBL FLIGHT B/C/D PAIRS

Stratum B, 27.0 Tables



- 1 Larry Wallace - Ernie Schuler65.18
- 2 Amy Bloom - Margie Coccodrilli63.26
- 3 Jim Walsh - Steven Nesseler60.12
- 4 Thomas Reckford - Behnaz Fardshisheh 58.93
- 5 Martin Reed - Howard Tash56.63
- 6 Marshall Kramer - Suzanne Floyd56.25

Stratum C, 23.0 Tables

- 1 Larry Wallace - Ernie Schuler65.18
- 2 Jim Walsh - Steven Nesseler60.12
- 3 Thomas Reckford - Behnaz Fardshisheh 58.93
- 4 Jon Ranhand - Irwin Yanus56.06
- 5 Catherine Bardsley - Wayne Bardsley 55.66
- 6 Thomas Jennings - Clifford Feldman 55.36

Stratum D, 11.5 Tables

- 1 Jim Walsh - Steven Nesseler60.12
- 2 Liz Ferraro - Alan Ferraro54.55
- 3 Herb Schullen - Annapurna Satpathy 53.79
- 4 Don Schwikert - Pamela Schwikert53.60
- 5 Deborah Cobb - Ed Krest52.68
- 6 Barry Lieberman - Mary Baxter52.46

SAT MORN NLM PAIRS

Stratum A, 22.0 Tables

- 1 Stephen Baldwin - Kate Baldwin65.48
- 2 Carolyn Kier - Porter Kier63.99
- 3 Patricia Fitzgibbons - Susan Gruskiewicz 63.39
- 4 Yuen De Anda - Ron Sutter61.61
- 5 Michael Cooperman - Mary Ourand61.31
- 6/8 Rosemary Kuntz - Joseph Abita59.23
- 6/8 Ronnie Loeser - Jerry Pruzan59.23
- 6/8 Ellen Pollack - Reina Lerner59.23

Stratum B, 12.5 Tables

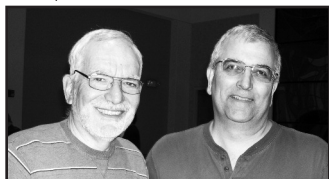
- 1 Stephen Baldwin - Kate Baldwin65.48
- 2 Patricia Fitzgibbons - Susan Gruskiewicz 63.39
- 3 Judy Retchin - Jane Dolkart57.14
- 4 Sheila Blum - Judy Rovner55.06
- 5 Andrea Fritz - Lorraine Shumaker54.46
- 6 Neil Singer - Marsha Shiff53.87

Stratum C, 8.0 Tables

- 1 Stephen Baldwin - Kate Baldwin65.48
- 2 Judy Retchin - Jane Dolkart57.14
- 3 Sheila Blum - Judy Rovner55.06
- 4 John Goon - Kenneth Jones52.08
- 5 Phillip Shapiro - Gail Klein51.19

SAT AFT FLIGHT A/X PAIRS

Stratum A, 21.0 Tables / Based on 50 Tables



- 1 Barry Bragin - Barry Falgout63.70
- 2 Jay Cherlow - Albert Lauber62.71
- 3 James Adams - Ann Ingram60.55
- 4 Jay Kelkar - James Geist60.30

- 5 Ann Lindley - Alfred Duncker59.64
- 6 Steve Robinson - John Adams56.77

Stratum X, 11.0 Tables

- 1 Jay Cherlow - Albert Lauber62.71
- 2 Vincent Wilnot Jr - Carole Banks55.12
- 3 Mel Yudkin - John Christensen55.00
- 4 Michael Richey - Ronald Zucker53.25
- 5 Monique Smith - Merrill Hirsh52.77
- 6 Robert Krueger - William Zane51.61

SAT AFT FLIGHT B/C/D PAIRS

Stratum B, 17.0 Tables / Based on 29 Tables



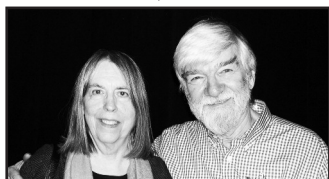
- 1 Barack Peled - Tanya Rodich65.18
- 2 Brian Sims - Todd Zimnoch62.20
- 3 Clifford Feldman - Thomas Jennings 61.01
- 4 Peter Isard - Margaret Cooke60.76
- 5 Gail Harrison - Kathleen Zellmer58.80
- 6 Rochelle Hilton - Rachelle Sladoff58.32
- 4 Susan Weiss - Bernice Felix57.49
- 5 David Benson - Jill Benson56.42
- 6 Yuen De Anda - Ron Sutter55.78

Stratum B, 15.0 Tables

- 1 Joseph Lebaron - Norman Kittrell53.86
- 2 Jane Dolkart - Alexander Gretsinger 52.81
- 3 Joan Axilbund - Mary Lou McMorro 52.14
- 4 Richard Barth - Carl Barth48.55

SAT AFT NLM PAIRS

Stratum A, 11.5 Tables



- 1 Peter Isard - Margaret Cooke60.76
- 2 Gail Harrison - Kathleen Zellmer58.80
- 3 Rochelle Hilton - Rachelle Sladoff58.32
- 4 Susan Weiss - Bernice Felix57.49
- 5 David Benson - Jill Benson56.42
- 6 Yuen De Anda - Ron Sutter55.78

Stratum B, 4.5 Tables

- 1 Joseph Lebaron - Norman Kittrell53.86
- 2 Jane Dolkart - Alexander Gretsinger 52.81
- 3 Joan Axilbund - Mary Lou McMorro 52.14
- 4 Richard Barth - Carl Barth48.55

SUN BRACKETED TEAMS #1

16 Tables / Based on 53 Tables



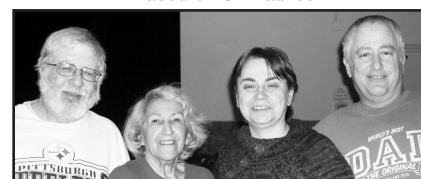
- 1 Barry Falgout - Robert Hopkins Jr - Joan Lewis - Rusty Krauss92.00

- 2/3 Jason Meyer - Lloyd Rawley - Larry Kahn - Barbara Ames90.00
- 2/3 John Adams - Robert Brady - Michael Gill - Noble Shore90.00
- 4 Fred King - Brad Theurer - Mark Chen - Robert Bell87.00
- 5 Donald Berman - Rose Berman - Leon Letwin - Ronald Zucker83.00

SUN BRACKETED TEAMS #2

8 Tables /

Based on 31 Tables

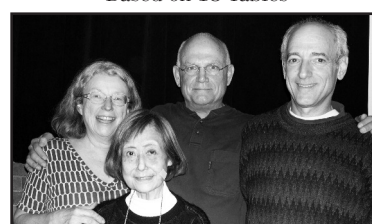


- 1 Jeffrey Halle - Emerita Hayward - Sorina Negulescu - Barack Peled99.00
- 2 David Grabiner - Suzanne Abrams - Michael McQuistan - Brian Hartwig 93.00
- 3 Richard Price - Melissa Price - Guillaume de Decker - Leon Masiewicki87.00

SUN BRACKETED TEAMS #3

8 Tables /

Based on 18 Tables



- 1 Eileen Houghton - Kitty Gottfried - Dale Sanders - Steven Fox87.00
- 2 Jerry Nolte - Elizabeth Nolte - Paul Stygar - Willis Paley Hume86.00
- 3 Mike Frosch - Francesco Parisi-Presicce - John McCormick - Larry Wallace80.00

SUN BRACKETED TEAMS #4

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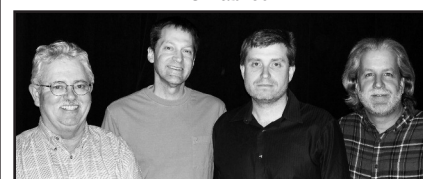
Based on 12 Tables



- 1 James Gerding - Sidney Graves - Jane Marsh - Johnny Marsh107.00
- 2 Glenn Terrell - Dottie Terrell - Mike Ladd - Betty Ladd86.00
- 3 Norman Sweed - Ronnie Sweed - Dan Calistrat - Ellen Forman76.00

SUN BRACKETED TEAMS #5

13 Tables



- 1 Gary Hinson - Harry Potter - James Mosley - Adam Winsler104.00
- 2 Joy Oliver - Ed Krest - Deborah Cobb - Paulin Nault - Azmat Ali - Robert Linn 87.00
- 3 Jim Walsh - Charles Dearolf - Samuel Kaplan - Steven Nesseler84.00
- 4 Wayne Bardsley - Catherine Bardsley - Donna Setzer - Paul Setzer81.00
- 5 Merna Hart - Michael Hart - Lannetta Schmidt - Richard Hart79.00

SUN MORN NLM SWISS TEAMS

Stratum A, 11 Tables



- 1 David Benson - Jill Benson - Margaret Cooke - Peter Isard60.00
- 2 Yasmin Jiwa - Reina Lerner - Maree Webster - Hanna Wagner49.00
- 3 Bob Hartsell - Frants Lasse Becker - Donald Freedman - Nathalie Kaye44.00
- 4/5 Julie Marquette - Yaeko Perera - John Goon - Kenneth Jones41.00
- 4/5 John Cook - Patricia Cook - Eva Vorndran - Marlene Gross41.00

Stratum B

6 Tables / Based on 7 Tables

- 1 Yasmin Jiwa - Reina Lerner - Maree Webster - Hanna Wagner49.00
- 2 Julie Marquette - Yaeko Perera - John Goon - Kenneth Jones41.00

SUN AFT NLM SWISS TEAMS

5 Tables



- 1 Donald Keathley (pic) - Michael Beaghen (pic) - Charles Yu - Ken Brammer56.00

2013 ROUND ROBIN WINNERS

Congratulations to last year's Round Robin Winners! It's time to start thinking about getting your team together for the 2014 event. Here are the 2013 overalls:

Flight A

- 1) **Bill Cole, Peter Boyd, Steve Robinson, Mark Shaw**
- 2) Barry Bragin, Fred King, Lyle Poe Jr, David Ruderman, Brad Theurer, Richard Wegman
- 3/4) Robbie Hopkins, Barry Falgout, Kent Goulding, Barry Goulding, Rusty Krauss, Joan Lewis
- 3/4) Michael Richey, Robert Bell, Earl Glickstein, Ronald Zucker

Flight X

- 1) **Jim Geist, James Key, Robert Levey, Bruce Roberts, Ajit Thyagarajan**

Flight B

- 1) **Albert Lauber, James Beller*, Jay Cherlow, Ned Griffith, Walter Smith Jr**
*did not play in the finals
- 2) William Goldman, Gene Fisher, Martin Reed, Howard Tash

Flight C

- 1) **Jill Benson, David Benson, Myron Goldstein, Terry Klein, Kathleen Zellmer**

2013-2014 WBL/NVBA PLAYER OF THE YEAR

* The eligibility rules have been updated to account for the reduction in WBL sectionals this contest period from four to three.

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* sectionals during the contest period (August, 2013 through May, 2014). Points won on Tournament Thursday evenings are included in the totals, but do not count towards eligibility; (3) Must be a member in good standing of the ACBL and a local affiliate throughout the contest period and remain so through the

award presentation.

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

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

Open Leaders

Player	Points
1 Sylvia Shi	109.32
2 Barry Falgout	97.94
3 Steven Schatzow	96.52
4 Brad Theurer	89.45
5 Barry Bragin	81.09
6 Alexander Prairie	77.70
7 William Cole	75.76
8 Peter Boyd	73.93
9 John Adams	70.23
10 Steve Robinson	69.00
11 Ken Davis	66.86
12 Rusty Krauss	59.52
13 Lloyd Rawley	57.49
14 Robert Hopkins Jr	54.93
15 Mark Chen	52.60
16 Noble Shore	49.79
17 Jay Cherlow	48.40
18 Bob Boyd	46.60
19 Jay Kelkar	45.29
20 John Miller	42.79

NonLM Leaders

Player	Points
1 Jill Benson	29.20
2 David Benson	25.83
3 Catherine Bardsley	24.64
4 Ron Sutter	21.08
5 Yuen De Anda	21.08
6 Charles Dearolf	19.79
7 Terry Klein	17.68
8 John Merold	17.28
9 Michael Stoller	15.39
10 Sharon Suttan	15.09
11 Jim Walsh	14.62
12 Dottie Terrell	14.27
13 Dorothy Black	13.95
14 David Marshall	13.43
15 W Morgan	12.84
16 Donna Sinrud	12.49
17 Reina Lerner	12.41
18 Fred Gramlich	12.33
19 Patricia Cook	12.15
20 John Cook	12.15



2013 WBL NEW LIFE MASTERS



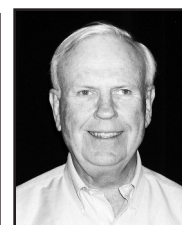
Azmat Ali, Hakan Berk, Eldon Compton, Jennifer Elliott, Joel Goldberg, Eugene Massey, Stephen Osiecki, Joseph Pregosin, Barbara Sadick, Herb Schulken, Raman Srivastav, Ron Starr, Joav Steinbach, Stephen Weiner, Jay Weinstein, Dr Margaret M Whilden, and Douglas Woods.



Azmat Ali has two grown children: a son, Sunny and a daughter Cima. He is a retired businessman with degrees in engineering from the University of Edinburgh, Scotland and an MBA and DC. Azmat joined the ACBL and WBL 15 years ago. He enjoys playing 2/1 and Bergen. His interests outside of bridge include travelling.

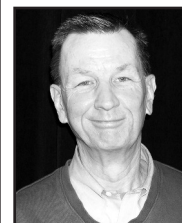
Joel Goldberg and his wife, Judith have a son, Elliot and a daughter, Sandra. Joel is a retired electrical engineer. He earned a BSEE from the Illinois Institute of Technology. Joel believes he held the first patent on the Bridgmate in the 1970's! In 2010, he earned a Certificate of Studio Art (in sculpture) from Montgomery College.

Joel began playing bridge at age 16 and in tournaments at age 18. Some time in the '60's, he joined the ACBL. Joel became a WBL member in 1977 and currently plays Standard American at the Rockville DBC. His favorite bridge book is Watson's, *Play of the Hand* and he also enjoys author, Eddie Kantar. Joel's most exciting bridge moment occurred when he won a Gold Rush Pairs in Williamsburg in 2012. Then, he knew he had completed the color point requirements and just needed to get up to enough total points to make Life Master.



Eugene Massey and his wife, Mary Ellen, have three children and seven grandchildren. Currently retired, Eugene was a Partner at Arent Fox Law Firm. Prior to that, he worked for the State Department in the legal office. He earned his BA from Fairfield University and his JD from Harvard Law.

Parents and family introduced Eugene to bridge in the 1950's, but he didn't join the WBL and start playing in tournaments until 2009. Eugene likes Standard American and enjoys playing at Guy Mason and St. James.



Stephen Osiecki is married. At age 12, he learned to play bridge from his dad. Stephen continued to play during college, then took a 35 year hiatus before joining the ACBL six years ago and then the WBL three years later. Although he hasn't played in any local clubs, Stephen's only tournament wins have been local. He has also played in Honolulu and Iowa City, places he has lived. Some favorite authors are Mike Lawrence, Ron Klinger, Kit Woolsey (especially *Matchpoints*)

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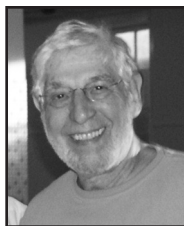


Some of our 2013 New Life Masters gathered for a photo during the Presidential Tournament (p.19) in January while we celebrated their achievements.

and Eric Rodwell from *the Rodwell Files*. Bidding and making 4 hearts with a combined 13 hcp on a strip squeeze marks his biggest thrill in playing so far.

In regards to special wishes for bridge, Stephen says, "I'd like to help the game continue to be vital well into this century. I love the game but do not have that much time to play. I think about how to improve the ease of playing and also about how to improve the way we treat each other. I think both need to change if the game is to remain viable. When partners post-mortem hands at the end of the evening, how about discussing how each partner did/did not follow the "how to be a good partner" rules even before discussing who made what mistake? This game has given so much to so many of us. Is there a way to help very experienced players gladly play with NLMs on as part of club membership? [Check out the Mentor/Mentee program on p.5.]

"These are just a few thoughts. Thanks to all who have helped me (finally!) achieve LM!"

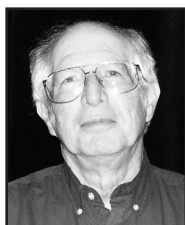


Ron Starr was recognized last year by the WBL for his contributions to bridge education. He had just ended eight years of teaching bridge at Bethesda-Chevy Chase H.S. and Tilden Middle School. Ron is a Balti-

more native, who now resides with his wife, Shirlee, in Potomac, Md. They have two children, Andy and Bonnie, and two grandchildren. A retired pediatric dentist, he is currently a member of the Washington Guild of Goldsmiths and is a docent at the Library of Congress. He played bridge in college, returning to it about 10 years ago, playing in local clubs and across the country in Georgia,

Florida, Arizona, California and Texas.

Ron believes that bridge can be invaluable to students by improving their skills of concentration, logic and mathematics. He found the experience working with these youngsters to be extremely rewarding and encourages others to take part. For the future, he is looking forward to just enjoying playing. He was thrilled at winning 21 gold in the Gold Rush at Gatlinburg.



Stephen Weiner has been married 32 years to Madeline Nevins. He is (semi-)retired, having last worked as a technical writer/editor for a number of consulting firms supporting the Federal government. He taught political science for 10 years, primarily for the University of Maryland, University College, including a 4-year stint in Asia (Japan, Korea, Taiwan, and Thailand). He was a Federal Marketing Consultant for Sperry Corporation and led a team conducting a feasibility study and needs assessment for a Collections Information System for the Smithsonian Institution. Since he retired, Stephen has accepted a number of free-lance writing/editing jobs and has also supported peer-review panels reviewing grant applications for the Department of Justice. Stephen was awarded the Morris Abrams Award for Best Dissertation in Progress in International Relations.

During his junior year in high school, Stephen's best friend called and excitedly told him that he had learned a great new game. He proceeded to explain 4-3-2-1 count for honors and the additional points for shortness. He discussed determining how many tricks your partnership could take and

whether a suit or notrump would be better. After about an hour of this, he said he knew where they could play, and they hustled to a duplicate game. That was his introduction to bridge and only experience until college, where he played a lot of rubber bridge. About the only tournament bridge he played then was somehow being part of the team representing Antioch as the Intercollegiate Bridge Championship.

He didn't play much bridge after graduation (in 1967) except for some rubber bridge, once a month, with his wife and another couple. In 1999, a good friend suggested they play in the Tuesday night duplicate game at the Rockville Senior Center. They joined the ACBL their first night there.

Stephen finds Eddie Kantar's books on defense are invaluable, and he likes to reread Mel Colchamiro's *How You Can Play Like an Expert*. He plays almost every Thursday night at the WBL Unit Game and has started playing every other Wednesday in the JCC game at Beth Ami. He and Madeline are looking for a day game where she, a novice, will feel comfortable.

Stephen was thrilled to come in second in a knock-out game with a pick-up team at the Detroit NABC and when he came in first in a gold-rush pairs game at the Hunt Valley Regional to make Life Master. He says, "I'd certainly like to come in first in any level tournament, but basically I'd like to play as well as some of the great partners I've had. Without meaning to slight anyone, those partners include Lou Coccodrilli, Bob Blatt, and Jimmy Summers."



Jay Weinstein would just like to thank the people who have been part of the fun in playing this amazing game and helping him get to Life Master.

"Everyone at the ACBL and WBL who work so hard to put on all the events that we all enjoy. I really appreciate it.

"Fred Gitelman and everyone at BridgeBase Online for creating this amazing site. I never could have become a borderline respectable player without it—more importantly, it's just really fun. If bridge is to be saved, it will be because

of BBO. I don't know him, but if you do, please thank him for me! And just in case your friend Warren Buffett is reading this, as a professional investor, I would love to play with him some day!

"The late Victor Mollo for the endlessly entertaining books. I never get tired of reading them.

"All the people at my table who haven't been annoyed by my constant chatter and attempts at humor.

"My beloved late grandmother Rose Leibowitz who taught me how to play. We used to watch her deal out all four hands and play by herself. She had a surprisingly low success rate in two way finesses. :)

"My wife Dorothy and children Kara and Mark who indulge my obsession with humor and support.

"My mother and occasional partner, Bunny Weinstein, who tolerates my occasional distemper and shares my passion for the game.

"All the boys from Bethesda who have spent thousands of hours with me playing some of the worst bridge imaginable filled with one hilarious story after another.

"Anne Derbes and Bob Schwab are not just the best teammates imaginable, they have also become wonderful friends. If the amount of laughter we generate were translated into IMP's, we would be undefeated and have uncountable international championships! We also believe they hold the ACBL record for having exactly the same number of masterpoints, all of them with only each other as a partner. And they have a grandson that I have nicknamed Fantunes.

"Last and surely not least, my regular partner for the last 140 years (or so it seems), the one, the only Rex V. Settle. Rex and I are proof that a partnership can agree on nothing at the bridge table and yet have fun and occasionally even win something. (We do agree that we don't deserve Anne and Bob as teammates!) Rex knows every bridge convention ever invented, and he also constantly invents new and interesting ways to renege or lose focus at the table. I prefer a simple game and to regularly bid slams with several unstopped suits. Rex is unfailingly upbeat, supportive and good-natured. I am dyspeptic, despondent, and delusional. Luckily, we do share the fabulous trait of being resolutely and unimaginably stubborn. It all makes for a comedy of errors that we have informally titled, *The Misadventures of Rex and Jay*."



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DOUBLE TROUBLE: TAKEOUT DOUBLES, PART 1

In previous articles, we discussed auctions where your side opened the bidding and you were able to bid constructively to find your best strain and level. When the opponents open the bidding, you must rely on different bidding methods. You can get into the bidding either by a suit overcall or by using the Takeout Double, and the latter will be the focus of our next several articles.

The Takeout Double is a double made by the overcalling side after the opponent opens the bidding in a suit. The strength of the takeout double in the direct seat is an opening bid or better, but can vary somewhat based on the situation.

The shape of the hand will also vary, but usually the doubler will have no less than 3+ card support for the unbid major and at least honor doubleton in any unbid minor. The doubler is usually, but not always, short in opener's suit.

After the opponents open 1♥, a takeout double would be the correct bid with all of the following hands:

- ♠ AKxx ♥xx ♦QJxx ♣Qxx
- ♠ Qxxx ♥x ♦KQxx ♣KJxx
- ♠ KJTx ♥x ♦KJx ♣AJxxx
- ♠ AKx ♥xx ♦KQxx ♣Axxx
- ♠ AKxx ♥xxx ♦QJxx ♣Ax
- ♠ AJT ♥x ♦AQxx ♣Kxxx
- ♠ KQxx ♥xx ♦AJxx ♣Jxx
- ♠ Axxx ♥void ♦Kxxx ♣Kxxx

These hands all have competitive strength plus support for spades, diamonds and clubs. Most players will not overcall 1♠ with only

four cards, and in hands with a five card minor, bidding that suit may kill any chance to find a better fit elsewhere. The double is the most flexible bid and keeps all bidding options in play.

There are four main reasons to make a Takeout Double. The primary purpose of the Takeout Double is to safely contest part scores. When the opponents open the bidding, the overcalling side's chance of a game is diminished. But that does not mean they cannot make a part score, push the opponents to a higher level, or find a profitable save where the negative result is less than the value of opponent's positive result.

It is much easier to get into the bidding at the one level, than it is to wait and try to jump in later. It is also safer to double early, because if it turns out that the opponents have the bulk of the power, they are more likely to outbid than to make a low level penalty double.

Another function of the Takeout Double is to get the competing side to the correct strain. This is particularly important with three suited hands (4441 +/- shapes), since these hands are very hard to describe without using a Takeout Double.

A third purpose of the Takeout Double is for the competing side to find their games. They may well have a major suit game even after the opponents open - a game that depends more on shape than High Card Points (HCP.) The Takeout Double is frequently the best way to start the search for a fit.

The fourth reason to make a Takeout Double is to lay the groundwork for a safe sacrifice. The Takeout Double, plus subsequent bidding, combine to give the doubler's partner valuable information about the shape of

the hands. That may allow him to visualize a cross ruff type hand where, even if doubled, the loss will be less than the value of opponent's game contract.

With hands where you do not have a clear suit overcall but you have opening values, a Takeout Double may be your most descriptive bid. In our next article, we will explore in more detail the strength needed for a Takeout Double and how other factors determine whether the hand is appropriate for this bid.

We look forward to seeing you at the table!

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.

YOUTHS 25 AND UNDER PLAY FOR HALF PRICE IN ALL WBL EVENTS

THE WBL ONLINE

The Washington Bridge League is providing two new online services:

1. The WBL Online Bulletin Board

On an OPT IN basis only, this service will include an online directory of members. Send any of the following information that you're willing to have posted to the WBL webmaster, Don Berman, at don.berman@verizon.net or call him at 301-776-3581.

Name, Email Address, up to two Phone Numbers, ACBL Number

2. The WBL Online Partnership Desk

Check it out at washingtonbridgeleague.org
Contact Clyde Kruskal at cpkfam@gmail.com or 301-395-0480 with any questions.

STEPPING UP TO NEW HEIGHTS: As of March 1, 2014

Junior Masters:

5 Masterpoints

Mrs Ellen N Forman
Kathleen Fuller
Donna Genderson
Marilyn Goldman
Helene S Oskard
Nancy Raskin
Dr Dorthy A Tracey
Gin Bell
Joseph F Colick
Mr Julian Klazkin
Mrs Philippa J Radin
Mrs Barbara G Baldwin
Faye S Bildman
Ms Doris P Brott
Mina P Coggeshall
Kumar Sinha
Mr Ed Smith
Mr Nathaniel P Baldwin
Ms Sheila B Blum
Mr Steven M Friedman
Lois L Gottlieb
Judy M Rovner

Club Masters: 20 MPs

Mrs Isabelle de Zamaroczy
Ms Geri B Elias
Lillian Glaser
Ms Helene M Saunders
David Matusow
Lucio Monari
Phillip S Shapiro
H Wesley Ashendorf
Mr Mark Brenner
Dr Kenneth A Jones
Ms Carol V Kuehl
Carolyn A Crabbe
Gail L Klein
Ms Hannah S Sistare

Sectional Masters: 50 MPs

Mrs Gale Z Greenbaum
Ms Deloris H Colick
Mrs Lindsay Eakin
Mr Alexander N Gretsinger
Julie Marquette
Warren L Schaaf
Mr Neil M Singer
Mr John K Jackson

Regional Masters: 100 MPs

Ms Sharon A Bates
Ms Lynne D Battle
David C Benson
Ms Ettie H Gordon
Ms Susan L Holbeck
Tina C Brinsfield
Mr Javed A Hashmi
Joanne Massey Howes
Mr Arthur Farbenbloom
Mr Steven L Leifer
Sarah P Watson
Michael C Barth
Reina Lerner

NABC Masters: 200 MPs

Mr Gregory Christian
Mrs Erika Emery
Mr John R Horner
Ms Rosemary Kuntz
Mr James R Key
Mrs Bette O Kramer
Ms Cathy C McGarrigan
Mr Jim J Walsh

Advanced NABC Masters: 300 MPs (incl. color)

Mr Thomas J Grahame
Jill I Benson

1) Matchpoints, None Vulnerable

♠ J73 ♥ 98 ♦ 109765 ♣ J76

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
Pass	Pass	Dbl	Redouble
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2) IMPs, None Vulnerable

♠ AQ103 ♥ AQ9742 ♦ J64 ♣ -

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
INT*	2NT (minors)	Pass	
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*(10-12)

3) IMPs, None Vulnerable

♠ AK2 ♥ AQ2 ♦ 64 ♣ KJ432

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
3 ♦	Pass	Pass	Pass
Dbl	Pass	4 ♦	Pass
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4) Matchpoints, Both Vulnerable

♠ A876542 ♥ A2 ♦ AKJ ♣ 2

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
1 ♠	2 ♣	Pass	Pass
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5) Matchpoints, None Vulnerable

♠ 94 ♥ 643 ♦ QJ10 ♣ AK1042

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
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Return answers by April 10 to:

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

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

Ron Zucker, Carpool Coordinator can be contacted at 202-986-2166 or (ron@moherzucker.com) or log on to the **On-Line Carpool Notices** at www.WashingtonBridgeLeague.org.

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