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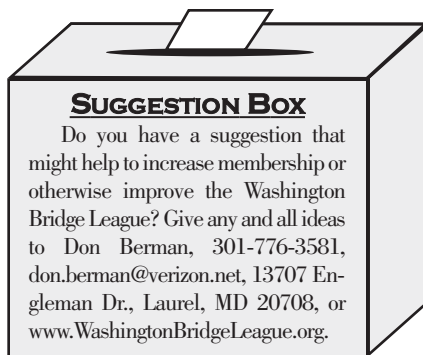
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PRESIDENT'S LETTER

by *WBL President, Richard Ferrin*
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As we begin 2015, I thought this would be a good opportunity to update you on several significant initiatives the WBL is undertaking to strengthen our organization. First, we have constructed a budget so that the unit can better plan for and track expenses as we grow. Carole Banks and Rose Berman deserve special recognition for undertaking this effort. Second, we recently launched a WBL Educational Foundation, which will serve as a vehicle for members to make tax-deductible contributions to a fund designed to promote the teaching of bridge. This is a vital activity that will help us continue to thrive as an organization in the future. Dick Wegman has taken the task of organizing and chairing the Foundation, and Barbara Ames has graciously lent us her time and accounting expertise in preparing the necessary application to the IRS for recognition as an institution el-

igible for tax deductible contributions.

We are also gearing up to put together an updated directory of addresses and telephone numbers of WBL members. The WBL Directory is a valuable resource for members wishing to contact other members to schedule bridge games and other social activities. In order to meet the ACBL's new privacy policy, we will of course omit your name from the directory if you prefer. For new members going nowhere forward, we will include their contact information in the WBL Directory only if they affirmatively give us permission. Information about this service will go out with new member materials to all new ACBL members in the WBL area.

As always, if you have any ideas about how we can serve the WBL better and promote bridge in our area, please contact me or any member of the WBL Board.

BITS AND PIECES

2014 ROUND ROBIN WINNERS

Congratulations to last year's Round Robin Winners! It's time to start thinking about getting your team together for the 2015 event. Here are the 2014 overalls:

Flight A

- 1) *Alex Prairie, Robert Brady, Stephen Drodge, Sylvia Shi*
- 2) Brad Libros, James Berry, Arnie Frankel, Vincent Wilnot Jr
- 3/4) Donna Rogall, Mark Chen, Hal Hindman, Clyde Kruskal
- 3/4) Brad Theurer, Barry Bragin, Fred King, Lyle Poe Jr, David Ruderman, Richard Wegman

Flight B

- 1) *Guillaume de Decker, Leon Masiewicki, Kiyomi Shiba, Ajit Thyagarajan*
- 2) James Beller, Jay Cherlow, Ned Griffith, Albert Lauber, Walter Smith Jr

Flight C

- 1) *Jean Barquin, Edith Burzio, F Scott Bush, Sarah Watson*
- 2) David Marshall, Charles Dearolf, Michael Kuehl, Kathleen Zellmer

Flight E

- 1) *Marc Zlotnik, Joan Zlotnik, Mary Iglehart, Ellen Parker*

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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. You will be able to unsubscribe from either list.

WELCOME TO THE WASHINGTON BRIDGE LEAGUE

The WBL welcomes the following new ACBL members: **Peggy Bradley, Rhonda Cohen, James R Couchenour, Earl D Gayler, Pilar Gottret, Sharon L Leininger, Joan B Perrin, Ms Elaine R Reynolds, Ms Marsha H Shapiro, Meena Sinha, Ms Diane L Binnick, Ms Caroline J Croft, Mrs Sheila Proby Gross, John Sarles, Mr Alexander Stille, and Mr John F Wallace.**

In addition, we welcome the following transfers from other units: **Marvin J Auerbach, Mrs Irene Bloom, Mr H Jaffe, Mrs Rita S Kanter, Mrs Patricia Mackey, Mr Robert O Connor, Steven J Schwartz, Ms Joan R Sherman, Nancy A Wilcox, Libby Albanese, Mr Gary W Kewish, Stephen D Maegin, and Dr Peter C Van Zijl.**

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.

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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!

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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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THURSDAY, APRIL 9

- ♣ StrataFlighted Open (unlim/2000) or 1000/500/300 Pairs 11:15am
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Kensington Town Hall/Armory 7:30pm

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- ♣ *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**

FRIDAY, APRIL 10

SATURDAY, APRIL 11

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

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

SUNDAY, APRIL 12

- ♣ **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

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*StrataFlighted if attendance warrants—otherwise combined into Stratified Pairs (unlim/2000/500)
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WBL SOLVERS' CLUB

Moderated by Steve Robinson

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Congratulations to **Mark McEncarney** and **Mark Chen** who tied for first with a score of 490. They win a free entry to the Unit Game. Tied for third were **Bryan Geer, Enid Hughes, Betty Scott, Elliot Grant, Walter Taschek, Edgar Bowers** and **Ron Starr** with a score of 480. Tied for tenth were **William Adams, Susan Rosenau, Jim Allen, Carole Perla, Jay Weinstein, W Paul McGowan, Margie Mastran, Robert Mansker, Bob Yellen, Becky Duty, Tom Vinson, Kathy Paramore, Oleg Dolgikh, Rich Uhrig, Jeff Zaller, Stephen Osiecki, Debra Gardner, Tracey Brines, Sarah Watson** and **Terry Coates** with a score of 470. Tied for thirtieth were **Ed Chow, Jim Gerding, Jeff Yutzler, Dror Axelrod, Andy Hawks, Stephen Wood, Edward Maixner, Harry Gellis, Mike Kovacich, Jim Villanueva, Carl Gutschick, Tony Graziano, Kathe Baer, Mike Richey, Jim Collins, Jake Hudson, Lyle Poe, Tom Musso, Shiang Chen, Mary Mudd, Gene Fisher, Chris Moll, Saul Penn, Pete Hughes, Peter Van Zijl, Marlys Moholt, Kiyomi Shiba, Arun Guhu, Shirley Ybarra, Carolyn Wood, Ron Daringer, Arnie Frankel, George Lewis, Mike Ford, Phoebe Sharp, Robert Cohen, Bill Haskitt, Paul McMullin, Mike Gill** and **Rose Berman** with a score of 460. The average score of the 179 solvers was 425. The average score of the experts was 478.

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

published July 1996. I accept only the first answer from each solver unless it is clear that the solver wants to correct his answer.

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

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

1) Matchpoints, They're Vulnerable

♠ 74♥ K9843 ♦ KQ2 ♣ AQ2

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
Pass	Pass	4♦	Pass
Pass	4♠	Pass	Pass
?????			
Action	Score	Votes	Solvers
5♦	100	5	117
Dbl	90	2	23
5♣	90	2	6
Pass	70	3	25
6♦	20	0	3
5♥	20	0	1
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When you passed 4♦, you thought that ten tricks was the limit of this hand and that's what I would think. You assumed that you could make

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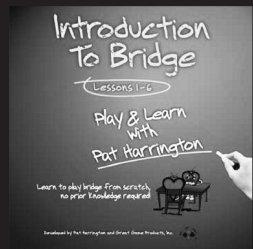
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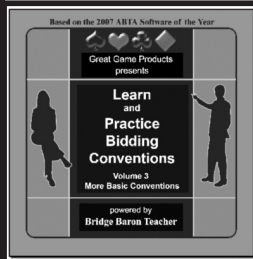


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130 in diamonds. I'd expect to lose two spades and one heart. Now your LHO has gambled with a 4♠-bid. I don't think the 4♠ bid makes it more likely that 5♦ would make. You still figure to lose two spades and one heart. To protect your +130, you have to get at least 200 and the only way to get that is to double. At IMPs, you might bid 5♦ to protect against a double game swing but this is matchpoints where you have to be right.

Five experts change their mind and bid 5♦. I assume that the 5♣ bidders will end up in 5♦. Actually some experts would have bid 5♦ the last time.

Parker: "5♦—This is what I would have bid last time so I would not have this problem now. I expect it is better than 50% we will beat them but the risk of them making is too big at IMPs with them vulnerable."

It helps to know what scoring system you're using.

Woolsey: "5♦—Obviously I cannot pass — this is classic double or save situation. I don't have all that much defense, so I'm willing to bet that 4♠ is a favorite to make. Also, it is possible that 5♦ is a good save. A good save is one that gets us a plus score."

Schwartz: "5♦—The bid I think is 100% the previous round. I don't bid 5♣ as I am not sure that is the right lead and it might help the opponents bid 5♠ when it is right."

Theurer: "5♦—If the vulnerability wasn't favorable I'd be more inclined to sell out but here the risk/reward odds tighten up. 4♠ could easily make especially if an opponent is void in diamonds and LHO has either the club king or the heart ace and we probably have a -300 at worst save in 5♦."

Hopkins: "5♦—What I should have bid originally."

Two experts make what they think is a lead director on the way to 5♦.

Bragin: "5♣—If I had bid 5♦ on the previous round this problem wouldn't exist.ents, I will take out a cheap insurance policy. If they continue to 5♠ I want to suggest a lead to partner."

If partner holds ♠xx ♥xx ♦AJ10xxxx ♣xx, a typical 4♦-opener, why would 5♦ make?

Rawley: "5♣—West's bid at first looks

strange. I'm tempted to double, even though I don't see four likely defensive tricks, on the theory that 4♦ is the normal contract and so we are headed for a bottom anyway if 4♠ makes. But on reflection, 4♠ may be the normal contract. West may have long spades but a hand he considers unsuitable for a preempt at these colors. Our side should have at least 11 diamonds and probably four or fewer spades, so the Law of Total Tricks suggests competing. I will bid a lead-directional 5♣ in case the opponents go to 5♠. I think partner should read this correctly and convert to 5♦; but even if he does not, 5♣ undoubled will cost less than the value of their game."

Three experts pass. Passing can't be right. If they can make 4♠, even -500 in 5♦ has to be better and I'd expect to take anywhere from nine to eleven tricks in diamonds. Since many pairs will be in 5♦, both -620 and -790 will be far below average. If they go down in 4♠, +200 is better than +100 or 130 and if they happen to go down two, +500 is better than the +400 that you might get in 5♦.

Goldberg: "Pass—Presumably, I didn't raise partner to game at my first opportunity because I lacked sufficient cover cards to make the diamond game a good bet and I held sufficient potential defensive values to warrant furthering the preempt. The factor of my potential defensive values still applies. While we may not take a diamond trick against 4♠ even on a diamond lead, partner (or dummy) may hold the club king or a heart card. Also, I might be able to negotiate a ruff for partner somewhere along in the play. There is also a possibility that LHO, in pass-out seat, may have stretched to bid. I don't double so as to withhold an additional clue as to how declarer should play the hand. A one trick set should result in an above average score and a set of 200 or more should give us the lion's share of the matchpoints."

Lublin: "Pass—I pass and take the plus score. Partner is under pressure and I won't punish him."

King: "Pass—This looks bad. Even though he was a passed hand who didn't open 2♠ or 3♠, he seems to have found a good spot. Since not everyone will do this, taking a save in 5♦ seems unlikely to be a good score. I think you have been fixed and have to just stay fixed. I would pass."

One expert joins me and doubles. If you're not going to bid 5♦, you must double. Since West is a passed hand, I'd expect my king of hearts, my queen of clubs or both to be favorably located. It's

not as if you pushed the opponents to the five-level.

Adams: “Double—Can’t risk beating this one trick undoubled at matchpoints when I suspect we are making 4♦. Either 5♦ or double must be the winning action. Pass can’t be winning. It seems odd that a passed hand can bid 4♠. Other tables likely won’t face the problem, so I just have to bet they guessed wrong.”

At matchpoints, you have to make a decision when you have a good save. You must either double or take the save. You shouldn’t pass.

2) IMPs, You’re Vulnerable

♠AQ10743♥AK43♦K2♣2

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
?????			2♥
Action	Score	Votes	Solvers
3♠	100	7	29
4♠	90	1	17
Dbl	80	1	85
2♠	70	3	42
4♥	20	0	3
2NT	20	0	1
3NT	20	0	1
3♥	20	0	1

There were four choices by the experts. One choice is to bid the conservative 2♠. However, if partner has ♠Jxx♥x♦Axxxx♣xxxx, you could be +200 or even +230 in 2♠. A second choice is to bid 3♠ which is an intermediate jump overcall showing at least six spades and at least 16 points. Partner might pass that with enough to make 4♠. A third choice, which is my choice, is to make a long suit game try. Bid 4♠ and try to make game. The fourth choice is to double and hope that partner will help you decide how many spades to bid. Suppose partner has as little as ♠Kxx♥x♦xxxx♣xxxx. All you have to do is ruff two hearts in dummy and with a little luck you make 4♠. You might make 4♠ opposite ♠Jxx♥x♦Qxxxx♣xxxx or ♠xx♥x♦Axxxx♣xxxx. You want to be in game.

Seven experts jump to 3♠. A jump overcall after a preempt is stronger than a simple overcall. It shows six or more spades, with 16-18 points. However, this hand is a four loser hand and you can’t expect partner to raise with only one winner.

Parker: “3♠—Good hand, good spades and partner can raise with some fit or points.”

Woolsey: “3♠—If I had to make the final decision for the partnership I would bet on

4♠. But I don’t have to make that decision. Partner can look at his hand. If partner passes, game figures to be an underdog.”

Partner needs very little to make 4♠ and you can’t expect him to raise to 4♠ on ♠Jxx♥x♦Qxxxx♣xxxx, ♠Kxx♥x♦xxxx♣xxxx or ♠xx♥x♦Axxxx♣xxxx.

Goldberg: “3♠—This bid aptly describes my above minimum values and good six-card suit including three of the top five honors. Unless RHO happened to have preempted on a five-card suit, I won’t a loser in hearts because partner should be able to ruff the third round. Factors that argued against me making a stronger bid is that my diamond king may well be poorly placed, my LHO may have length in spades, and there is no reason to believe at this stage that I have a fit with partner.”

Lublin: “3♠—Showing good hand and asking for trumps or one quick trick for game bid.”

Schwartz: “3♠—I need partner to evaluate his hand for spades so can’t bid 4♠ and the hand is much too strong for 2♠.”

King: “3♠—I’m torn between bidding 3♠ and 4♠, but I would like to get some input from partner so I’ll go low.”

Hopkins: “3♠—I am a little too good for a simple 2♠ overcall.”

Three experts go conservative. I’d overcall 2♠ without the ♥AK.

Bragin: “2♠—I will make a slight underbid in order to preserve room to explore different strains. Partner should strain to keep the bidding open with spade support.”

Rawley: “2♠—This looks at first like a four-loser hand, but the fourth heart will never set up so there is really a fifth loser, unless partner has good spade support and heart shortness. Not quite enough for double followed by 3♠, but I will make a slam try if partner raises.”

Adams: “2♠—It’s worth a jump to 3♠ on value, but not a fan of all the cards in hearts. Partner with likely shortness will raise with a fit. Jumping in spades with LHO short in hearts seems like a big risk.”

One expert doubles. Usually takeout doubles show at least two places to play. If partner is 2=1=5=5, he might remove your spade bid to one of his five-card minors.

Theurer: “Double—Too good for 2♠, not quite good enough spades for 3♠ and 4♠ is

too preemptive and unilateral which makes partner guess what to do next. I’d like to find out what partner’s response to the double is. I will bid 3♠ over 2NT or three-of-a-minor, and if for some reason he bids 2♠, which is not impossible given he is likely short in hearts, I can splinter with 4♣.”

When you can make game opposite a hand that would pass an opening bid, don’t stop short of game.

3) IMPs, Both Vulnerable

♠KJ109543♥-♦K32♣KQ2

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
?????	1♥	Pass	2♥
Action	Score	Votes	Solvers
4♠	100	4	27
2♠	90	5	94
3♠	80	3	44
Pass	20	0	2
Dbl	40	0	10
3♥	20	0	2

How many spades are you going to bid? I’d bid 2♠ on a lot of five-card suits for instance ♠AQxxx♥xx♦Axx♣Jxx. I’d even bid 2♠ with as little as ♠AKxxx♥x♦xxxx♣xxx. I’d bid 3♠ holding ♠KQJ10xxx♥x♦xx♣xxx, which is a weak jump overcall. This hand is much stronger than my example hands. There are two ways to show the strength of this hand. One is to jump to 4♠. Another is to double and then bid 4♠. However, double usually shows two places to play and I don’t think you’d be happy if partner bid five-of-a-minor. You have a hand that needs very little to make game. If partner holds ♠xx♥xxxx♦QJx♣Jxxx, you just need to find the ♠Q onside. Of course if partner has ♠-♥KQJxx♦xxx♣xxxxx, you could go for 1100 with them making nothing. However, this is a bidder’s game and bidders jump to 4♠ and get good results.

Three experts jump to 3♠. I thought that 3♠ is a weak jump overcall. In other words 3♠ is a preempt.

Woolsey: “3♠—This looks right on target. If they bid 4♥, I’ll be happy to accept whatever partner chooses to do.”

Why would partner do anything with ♠Qx♥Qxxxx♦Q10x♣Jxx?

Bragin: “3♠—Unlike problem two, I can play in spades opposite minimal support. I

want partner to bid game with as little as ♠x♥xxxx♦AQxx♣xxxx.”

Why would partner even think about bidding with your example hand?

King: “3♠—I would like to get some input from partner again. He can bid 4♠ over 4♥ if he thinks that is right. If he has a heart stack he can pass or even double.”

Five experts bid only 2♠. You’re going to bid again assuming it doesn’t go all pass. Bidding 2♠ and bidding again later allows the opponents to describe their hands and they’re more likely to make a good decision later. If it goes all pass, partner could easily have the right cards which will allow 4♠ to make. If partner holds ♠Ax♥xxxxx♦Axx♣xxx, the opponents will probably sell to 2♠ since they only have eight hearts between them along with the worthless queen of spades.

Parker: “2♠—If I bid 3♠ they will bid 4♥ and partner will not know I have defense.”

Why does 2♠ show defense? Most experts would bid 2♠ with ♠KQJxx♥x♦QJxx♣xxx. Some might even bid it without the ♦QJ.

Goldberg: “2♠—I need to hold a good suit with a source of tricks to step into the bidding at the two-level where my LHO’s strength and shape is not known. This hand qualifies. I like that my hand contains a seven-bagger with three of the top five honors and a heart void. What I don’t like is that I have no aces and partner rates to be weak and long in hearts.”

Rawley: “2♠—I prefer this bid to 3♠ because it implies some defensive strength, which I have. If West bids 4♥, I want partner to be able to double with a trump stack in order to stop me from bidding 4♠.”

Lublin: “2♠—I bid a calm 2♠ and compete to 3♠. Partner has heart wastage.”

90% of the time that you assume partner has heart wastage, his heart wastage is 10xxx.

Hopkins: “2♠—I would like to bid 3♠ invitational, but I am afraid the world won’t read it that way.”

Three experts join me and jump to 4♠. Maybe 4♠ will push them to 5♥ when both 4♠ and 5♥ goes down. Maybe 4♠ will buy the contract when both contracts make. Maybe the opponents will sell to 4♠ when they could get 500 by doubling. Maybe 4♠ will make. Lots of good things happen when you put pressure on the opponents.

Adams: “4♠—I’d love to bid 3♠ interme-

diate, but that is not Washington Standard. The choice is between 2♠ underbid and 4♠ as too committal. I choose the action that puts the most pressure on opponents.”

Schwartz: “4♠—Would like to bid 3♠ intermediate but that is not the mainstream view, so the choice is between 2♠ and 4♠. I will never get partner to evaluate his hand for spades by bidding 2♠ as I don’t need support only values in the right places. Another point, if I bid 2♠ and it goes 4♥ - Pass - Pass, I am bidding 4♠ anyway so might as bid it now.”

Theurer: “4♠—Give the opponents the last guess as to whether we make 4♠ and/or if they should save in 5♥, lower spade bids might give us a guess over 4♥.”

If you bid 4♠ and they bid 5♥, partner gets first shot at them. I think that if it goes 5♥ pass back to me I would double hoping that my outside strength along with partner’s values will be enough to beat them.

Direct bids sometimes become the next to the last mistake when the opponents make the last mistake.

4) IMPs, Both Vulnerable

♠ AK3♥654♦QJ1032♣K2

<u>SOUTH</u>	<u>WEST</u>	<u>NORTH</u>	<u>EAST</u>
1♦	1♥	Double	Pass
????			
<u>Action</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Votes</u>	<u>Solvers</u>
1♠	100	4	73
2♦	90	7	66
1NT	80	1	24
3NT	20	0	1
2♣	30	0	5
2♥	20	0	4
3♦	20	0	2
4♠	20	0	1
Pass	20	0	2
4♣	20	0	1

I have preached that you shouldn’t bid a three-card major unless there are no reasonable alternatives. That’s when partner expects you to have four of the major. However, if bidding a major shows exactly three, then partner will not hang you. In this case, I play that 1♠ shows exactly three spades and 11-14 points. If I had four spades and 11-14 points I would jump to 2♠. Bidding 2♠, holding four spades, means that West has to make his next bid at the three-level. Same logic after 1♣ - 1♦ - negative double -

pass. One-of-a-major by opener shows exactly three of that major and jumping to two-of-a-major shows 11-14 points with four of the major.

Seven experts bid 2♦ which shows six. If West had bid 2♥, I would bid 3♦ rather than bid 2♠, since in that instance, 2♠ does show four.

Parker: “2♦—No sense showing spades now since if it goes 2♥ by them, now I can bid 2♠ to show three.”

Woolsey: “2♦—I am minimal, don’t have four spades, don’t have a heart stopper, and have a fine six-card diamond suit. What’s the problem?”

Bragin: “2♦—Thanks for the diamond ten. It makes this choice a clear “least of evils.” Some play that 1NT here just shows your pattern and range and then you check for stoppers. But without that agreement partner is free to rise to game counting on you to control the enemy’s suit.”

Goldberg: “2♦—By process of elimination, I can’t pass this minimum opener which lacks sufficient length and strength in hearts to convert the double to business. A 1♠-bid has no appeal as partner has fewer than five spades or he would have bid 1♠ and he may have only three spades. If we ended up in a spade contract, the long hand likely would be forced with a heart lead and heart continuations. Despite my flat shape, I am not about to bid 1NT without the semblance of a heart stopper. And, I have no reason to bid 2♣ holding only two of them. If partner happens to have extra length in clubs, partner may be able to trot out clubs if the auction continues beyond 2♦.”

Rawley: “2♦—1♠ might be our last makeable spot, but I’m unlikely to be able to play it there. Partner, expecting four spades, is too likely to raise me in an impossible contract. 1NT without a stopper would also give partner expectations I can’t meet.”

Schwartz: “2♦—I don’t mind bidding 1NT without a stopper if I was say 3=3=4=3 but here I have a reasonable choice not to. I won’t bid a three-card major in this auction.”

Hopkins: “2♦—My answer would be different if I didn’t have the Jack & Ten of Diamonds. Also at matchpoints, I would gamble out a 1NT call”.

One expert bid 1♠ which he assumes shows four. I strongly penalize bidding three-card suits when they promise four. I don’t know which solvers know that 1♠ shows three so I can’t penalize those who assume that 1♠ shows four. He gets only 90 for his answer.

Lublin: “1♠—AKx is like a four-card suit to me.”

Two experts join me and bid 1♠ knowing that 1♠ shows exactly three spades. They get 100 points for their answers.

Adams: “1♠—This is a textbook 1♠. We jump to 2♠ with four spades. This is not even close to any other bid than 1♠. Of course if you promise four spades to bid 1♠, you will have a problem, but get over it, 1♠ should show three, unless you opened really light third seat”.

Theurer: “1♠—My spades are good, and I seem to recall a few experts believing that 1♠ should promise only three spades and thus bidding 2♠ with four and a sound opening bid to make a more encouraging noise.”

One expert tells a lie when the truth will describe his hand. Rebidding 1NT with three small hearts is not as bad as it seems. If partner raises to 3NT, West might not lead a heart expecting you to have the missing heart honors.

King: “1NT—Which lie to tell? I don’t like 1♠ since I may have to take the tap in the hand with long hearts. 1NT without a stopper could be very bad if partner bids 3NT without checking back for a real stop and 2♦ is very conservative. I’ll go with 1NT and hope partner uses some discretion before blasting to game.”

After one-of-a-minor - 1♥ - double, play 1♠ by opener shows exactly three spades. With four spades and 11-14 points, jump to 2♠. Same logic after a negative double of 1♦ where one-of-a-major shows three and jumping to two-of-a-major shows four.

5) IMPs, They’re Vulnerable

♠ AQ82♥A54♦2♣AKQ108

<u>SOUTH</u>	<u>WEST</u>	<u>NORTH</u>	<u>EAST</u>
????			2♠
<u>Action</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Votes</u>	<u>Solvers</u>
Dbl	100	7	86
3NT	90	5	40
3♣	60	0	37
2NT	40	0	8
Pass	40	0	2
6♣	40	0	1
4♣	20	0	2
3♠	20	0	3

The question is — do you double or do you

jump directly to 3NT? The problem with jumping directly to 3NT is that it will end the auction. If partner has five or more hearts he’ll pass 3NT since you could have a long minor. Usually jumping to 3NT denies support for unbid majors. If you double 2♠ you can still end up in 3NT. You might also end up in hearts or clubs. If partner bids 3♣, which is a constructive bid over your takeout double, you should strongly consider bidding 6♣.

Five experts jump directly to 3NT. I wonder which diamond West will lead holding AKQJx?

Parker: “3NT—Too good for a simple overcall, I am sure they are going down but not as much as a game we might make. Partner is allowed to have a diamond stopper.”

Woolsey: “3NT—Not ideal, but any other approach is really frightening.”

I’d be frightened that West might lead a diamond.

Bragin: “3NT—Unless partner can be counted on to reopen with a double, there is no satisfactory alternative. BTW, with my partners I play “systems on” after 3NT over a preempt. That way partner can confidently bid 4♦ when he has hearts.”

I would never transfer to hearts if I held five of them because I would not expect partner to have more than two hearts.

Lublin: “3NT—They pay extra for game bids.”

Game bids pay extra only when they make.

King: “3NT—This is the most likely game to make, so I’ll just bid it”

Six experts join me and double.

Goldberg: “Double—Double offers the most options. I could opt for a virtual plus score and potentially a big penalty by passing if opener is on the low side and the opponents don’t find a fit. Passing; however, and waiting for a reopening double from partner gives up on our chances of finding a good game or slam. A bid of 3NT, gambling that partner could handle the diamonds or that the opponents don’t lead one, is too unilateral a decision and also suffers from making it difficult to find a heart game or slam if that’s where we belong.”

Rawley: “Double—The hand is too strong for 3♣ or 2NT. If partner bids 3♦, 3♥, or 2NT Lebensohl, I will continue 3NT. This se-

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

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Lovenberg**1 196.00 Steve Robinson**

2	158.85	John Adams
3	142.68	Donna Rogall
4	135.86	Steven Schatzow
5	125.20	Brad Theurer
6	120.61	Clyde Kruskal
7	118.80	David Genne
8	109.94	James Geist
9	97.28	Barry Falgout
10	94.99	Lloyd Rawley
11	90.40	William Pettis
12	89.71	Linda Marshall
13	89.11	Larry Kahn
14	84.44	Michael Richey
15	80.46	Vincent Wilmot Jr
16	80.26	H John Edmonds
17	78.44	Ronald Zucker
18	78.13	William Cole
19	78.03	Fred King
20	74.53	Richard Wegman
21	74.35	Barry Bragin
22	74.31	David Ruderman
23	71.10	Andrew Gofreed
24	68.03	James Berry
25	67.80	Mark Shaw

Izzy Cohen**1 68.03 James Berry**

2	67.65	Terry Klein
3	66.79	Alexander Prairie
4	57.36	Myron Goldstein
5	54.36	Ajit Thyagarajan
6	51.28	Guillaume de Decker
7	50.65	Michael Kuehl
8	49.38	Charles Dearolf
9	47.38	James Wisman
10	46.15	Kiyomi Shiba
11	44.87	Barry Tash
12	44.60	Leon Masiewicki
13	42.13	Prem Garg
14	41.90	Margaret Cooke
15	41.17	Peter Isard

Tubbs**1 67.65 Terry Klein**

2	57.36	Myron Goldstein
3	50.65	Michael Kuehl
4	49.38	Charles Dearolf
5	44.87	Barry Tash
6	41.90	Margaret Cooke
7	41.17	Peter Isard
8	40.97	Norman Kittrell
9	37.60	Mary Ourand
10	33.48	Shala Panbechi

Woolridge**1 25.69 Marc Zlotnik**

2	23.81	John Goon
3	19.22	David Narrow
4	18.20	Stephen Baldwin
5	18.20	Kate Baldwin
6	17.89	David Handwerker
7	14.17	Carole Smith
8	11.63	Barbara Teng
9	11.31	Carl Barth
10	10.93	Nathan Tash

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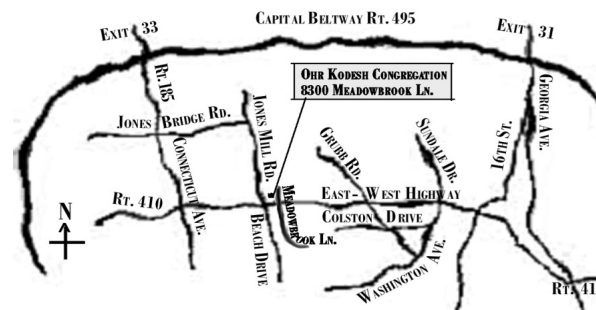
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02/26/2015StrataFlighted Grand National Teams
 03/05/2015Membership Game—StrataFlighted Pairs
 03/12/2015StrataFlighted Unit Championship
 03/19/2015StrataFlighted Unit Championship
 03/26/2015StrataFlighted Unit Championship
 04/02/2015StrataFlighted Pairs—D6 Charity Game
04/09/15WBL Sectional**
 04/16/2015StrataFlighted Unit Championship
 04/23/2015NVBA Sectional
 04/30/2015StrataFlighted Unit Championship
 05/07/2015D6 STaC—Stratified Pairs
 05/14/2015Annual Meeting/StrataFlighted Pairs
 05/21/2015StrataFlighted Unit Championship
 05/28/2015Grass Roots FUNd Game:
 Swiss Teams or NLM: Pairs
 06/04/2015StrataFlighted Unit Championship
 06/11/2015StrataFlighted North American Pairs

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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.

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- ♠ 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
- ♦ January 7-10, 2016, WBL, Kensington, MD

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quence tends to show three hearts, whereas a direct 3NT would strongly discourage partner from converting to 4♥."

Rawley explains the message that double followed by 3NT shows.

Adams: "Double—Too strong for 2NT. Too much desire for a 5-3 heart fit to jump to 3NT. Double is risky only if partner jumps in diamonds, but that risk is low given Lebensohl. Even then, I can jam 4NT and expect partner to get the idea."

Schwartz: "Double—Allows more flexibility as partner is unlikely to insist on diamonds. If my stiff is in hearts, it's another matter. Another point is if partner bids 2NT Lebensohl, I can raise to 3NT and have partner play it on a likely spade lead rather than a diamond lead through dummy."

Theurer: "Double—Good problem. At matchpoints I might just bid 3NT and hope for the best. Here, though, we could be missing a slam, OR we could belong in clubs or even hearts if partner is weak in diamonds. So I will do a slower, more flexible approach and make a try for slam and/or an alternate strain, intending to rebid 3NT over 2NT. I can't rebid 3♣ here but at least our slam prospects are poorer with the weak Lebensohl response PLUS if partner has, say, the diamond king we're right-siding notrump or 3♦ or 3♥ (over a surprise 3♣ I'll again do the splinter thing with 4♦ unless that would be kickback, which might still be okay?."

Hopkins: "Double—If partner has hearts, I will offer a choice of games by bidding 3NT."

Double followed by 3NT shows tolerance for unbid majors. A direct jump to 3NT usually denies support for at least one of the unbid majors.

SOLVERS' SCORES

John Adams	Dbl	2♠	4♠	1♠	Dbl	460
Barry Bragin	5♣	2♠	3♠	2♦	3NT	450
Wes Goldberg	Pass	3♠	2♠	2♦	Dbl	450
Robbie Hopkins	5♣	3♠	2♠	2♦	Dbl	470
Fred King	Pass	3♠	3♠	1NT	3NT	420
Glenn Lublin	Pass	3♠	2♠	1♠	3NT	440
Steve Parker	5♦	3♠	2♠	2♦	3NT	470
Lloyd Rawley	5♣	2♠	2♠	2♦	Dbl	440
Steve Robinson	Dbl	4♠	4♠	1♠	Dbl	480
Alan Schwartz	5♦	3♠	4♠	2♦	Dbl	490
Brad Theurer	5♦	Dbl	4♠	1♠	Dbl	480
Kit Woolsey	5♦	3♠	3♠	2♦	3NT	460

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RUN FOR THE BOARD?

If you would like to run for the board, please submit a bio form and picture to the editor by March 5 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 Upgraded Club Championship StrataFlighted Pairs on May 14 at the Unit Game. For more information,

contact Richard Ferrin at 202-265-0718 or rferrin@mac.com.

ADVERTISE? NEW LOWER LOW RATES!

Advertisements are welcome in the WBL Bulletin which is published every other month. Starting with this issue, printed and mailed subscriptions are no longer included with membership. Paid mailed and printed subscriptions are available: \$12/year WBL members; \$18/year non-members. (See p. 3.) The WBL Bulletin continues to be posted online with an email mes-

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♠ **Fairfax, VA** ♣ **APRIL 23-26, 2015** ♦



NORTHERN VIRGINIA BRIDGE ASSOCIATION SPRING SECTIONAL TOURNAMENT

The Arlington/Fairfax Elks Lodge #2188

8421 Arlington Boulevard, Fairfax, VA; 703-560-2188

THURSDAY, APRIL 23

STRATIFIED OPEN PAIRS (2000+/2000/750) or 500/300/100 PAIRS10:30 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 Lecture6:30 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, APRIL 24

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 Lecture1:15 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) PAIRS2 p.m.

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

I/N (500/300/100) PAIRS7:30 p.m.

SATURDAY, APRIL 25

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 Lecture1:15 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.**

BRACKETED COMPACT KO—All brackets are handicapped 2 & 7:30 p.m.

4 12-board matches start Sat aft—end Sat eve. All teams play 1st 2 matches.

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

I/N (500/300/100) or 49ER (50/20/5) PAIRS2 p.m.

STRATIFIED OPEN (2000+/2000/750) or I/N (500/300/100) PAIRS 7:30 p.m.

SUNDAY, APRIL 26

FLIGHTS A/X (5000+/5000) SWISS TEAMS11 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.

Swiss & 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.

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

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

Championship events and a full schedule of events for players with fewer than 500 masterpoints! Players with 0-5 Masterpoints play **FREE** in **ALL** games!

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Margot Hennings,
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Marty Bley
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Mid-Chart Conventions permitted in all A/X Events

Next NVBA Sectional
Sep 24-27 at Arlington/
Fairfax Elks Lodge
(Thurs at Beth El)

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2014 WBL NEW LIFE MASTERS

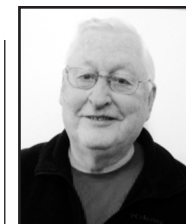
Jill Benson, James Davenport Jr, Alan Ferraro, Liz Ferraro, Gail Ginsburgh, Elliot Grant, Forest Montgomery, Kenn Pendleton, Ernie Schuler, Alan Skvirsky, Bruce Steinwald, James Summers Jr, Isabelle Thabault, Henry Thompson, and Margaret Whilden.



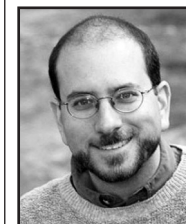
Jill Benson started taking lessons from Leslie Schafer during the fall of 2010 when several of her friends thought it would be a fun way for them to get together. In the spring of 2011, she began playing duplicate in the student games and eventually progressed. Liz says, "I have met many nice people that were also working on improving their game, many of whom have become good friends and bridge partners. Its been especially rewarding to encourage others with their bridge involvement. I have enjoyed my role as partnership chair for recent non-life master sectional events and helping teach local middle school students the fundamentals of bridge. I look forward to the continual learning process bridge offers and meeting new friends along the way."



Liz Ferraro is from NYC, mother of five, step-mother to three, and proud g-ma of 15. She retired as Admin Officer at Bethesda FD after 20 years service with MC Dept of Fire-Rescue. Her husband, Al, 'lured' her into duplicate bridge. Liz says, "It's quite a challenge, but I love it and all the great people we meet."



Alan J. Ferraro not only became a Life Master last year, he also became a Bronze Life Master! Born in DC, he has three children, five stepchildren, and 15 grand children. Retired teacher and Athletic Administrator with MC Public Schools, his hobbies include cooking, working as assigning Commissioner for football officials for 200 high schools in the Washington area, and last, but not least, playing duplicate bridge nine months a year from Florida to Quebec. His wife, Liz, introduced him to bridge in Quebec, and now they enjoy many new French friends.



Elliot Grant tried to learn bridge in high school from books his dad kept around, but quickly decided it was a game invented by cryptographers to confuse the uninitiated. Imagine his surprise to discover fellow B-CC seniors casually playing bridge during graduation rehearsal! These lifelong friends threw him into the game headfirst, and he's never looked back. Elliot and regular duplicate partner (of 20+ years) Jacob Davenport created the Eastern Mysticism bidding system, which they employ at local club games and tournaments.

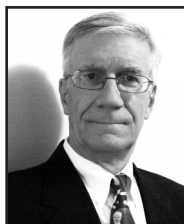


Some of our 2014 New Life Masters gathered for a photo during the Presidential Tournament (p.21) in January while we celebrated their achievements.



Margaret Whilden

Elliot lives on the fringe of Rock Creek Park in Derwood, MD, with his wife and two teenage sons.



Kenn Pendleton was a high school teacher for over thirty years, primarily with Montgomery County Public Schools in Maryland. He served as the Senior Mathematics Test Specialist for GED Testing Service for twelve years and now is an adjunct faculty member at the Germantown campus of Montgomery College, where he teaches Statistics. Though his wife, Mary Grace Snyder Ph.D, is not a bridge player, it was she who constantly encouraged Kenn to pursue and thus finally achieve his goal of becoming a Life Master. This partly was done to honor the memory of his long-time bridge partner, Paul Hauber, who unfortunately passed away before also attaining the rank.



Ernie Schuler learned bridge in middle school from his parents and five siblings. He played with in his family for thirty years but no one in the family was a tournament bridge player. Ernie started tournament play in 2006 when injuries drove him from competitive volleyball and tennis. Ernie works for BAE Systems in Rockville, MD as a software developer and hopes to play more bridge after he retires which, sadly, will not be for many more years.

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sage sent to notify members of its posting. In recognition of this change, the WBL has reduced the already low advertising rates which have remained the same since 2009. The new rates are:

- \$90 ~~\$125~~ for a full page ad
- \$50 ~~\$75~~ for a half page ad
- \$35 ~~\$50~~ for a quarter page ad
- \$20 ~~\$25~~ for an eighth page ad

The sixth appearance of an ad in one calendar year runs free.

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.

If you would like to contribute to the Foundation, please contact Rose Berman, WBL Treasurer, at 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.

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 five of eight sectionals. The asterisk* indicates that the player has met eligibility requirements.

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53RD ANNUAL PRESIDENTIAL TOURNAMENT

January 8-11, 2015

—Results—

The 2014 WBL Trophy Race Winners were awarded their trophies on Sunday.

*Lovenberg (Open)Steve Robinson (center)
Izzy Cohen (0-1500)James Berry (right)
Tubbs (Non-LM)Terry Klein (left)
Woolridge (0-20)Marc Zlotnick*

—See p. 14 for all the final standings—

TOP TEN CUMULATIVE POINT WINNERS

All Players

1	53.12	.....Mark Shaw
2	40.95	.....Leo LaSota
3	35.04	.....Steven Schatzow
4	32.86	.....Kenneth Davis
5	30.80	.....Ruth Potter
6	29.27	.....Vincent Wilmot Jr
7	28.38	.....Linda Marshall
8	27.84	.....Peter Boyd
9	21.76	.....Robert Hopkins Jr
10/	21.08	.....Jian-Jian Wang
/11	21.08	.....Hailong Ao

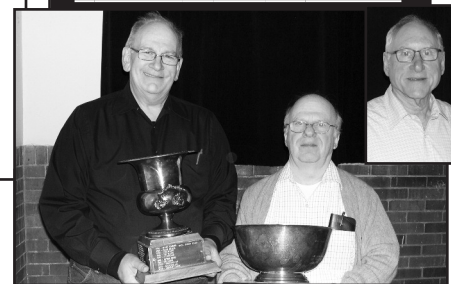
Players with fewer than 2000 masterpoints

1	21.08	.....Jian-Jian Wang
2	11.96	.....David Genne
3	11.67	.....Jeffrey Schwartz
4/5	11.16	.....Witold Palosz
	11.16	.....Jeffrey Halle
6	10.94	.....Mel Yudkin
7	9.96	.....Thomas Jennings
8	9.89	.....Michael Kuehl
9	9.85	.....Clarice Reid
10	8.82	.....Annapurna Satpathy

Players with fewer than 300 masterpoints

1	8.55	.....Deborah Cobb
2/3	7.12	.....Eric Cassel
	7.12	.....Richard Long
4/5	7.11	.....Richard Wilson
	7.11	.....Phyllis Morgan
6	5.67	.....Robin Scanlon
7	5.36	.....Myron Goldstein
8	4.84	.....Michael Cooperman
9	4.09	.....Ted Proxmire
10/	3.79	.....Diana Roberts
/11	3.79	.....Janice Tucker

2014 TROPHY RACE WINNERS



THE APRIL 9-12 68TH ANNUAL CITY OF WASHINGTON TOURNAMENT

from Steve Schatzow, Tournament Chair

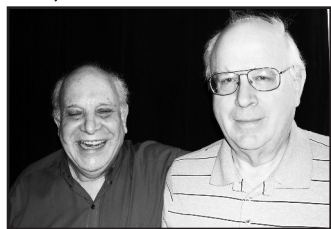
There are four aspects of the next WBL sectional that I wanted to highlight for you.

- 1) The Triple Nickel Swiss continues on Friday night with beer, wine, and desserts. Anyone purchasing an entry for Friday afternoon, GETS A HALF PRICE ENTRY FOR Friday night. Play in both and avoid all rush hours!
 - 2) We will have sandwiches for purchase on Sunday again. Start times will continue at 10 on Saturday and 11 on Sunday.
 - 3) We continue to need volunteers to bring salads and veggies for Friday lunch, and desserts for Friday night. To cut bagels and muffins each morning. To keep the coffee/soft drink area clean. If you can help, please contact Barbara Summers at Jimbarb1184@aol.com
 - 4) We will implement an on-line partnership desk as an alternative to contacting Barb Doran at barb.doran@verizon.net. Click on the link on the District 6 home page: <http://www.districtsix.org> (or on the WBL home page: <http://www.districtsix.org/WBL/wblHome.aspx> under Sectionals)
- If you have any questions or comments, please contact me at sschatzow@his.com

—Results—

THU AM OPEN PAIRS @RDBC

Stratum A, 14.0 Tables / Based on 27 Tables



- 1 Steven Schatzow - Kenneth Davis . . .65.93
- 2 Hank Meyer - Donald Berman62.63
- 3 Robert Hopkins Jr - Kent Goulding . .60.33
- 4 Hanna Schepps - Dalia Kende59.47
- 5 Diane Walker - Ruth Potter56.92
- 6 Roma Chandra - Margie Coccodrilli . .56.08
- 7 Juline Glaz - Daniel Shankle Jr56.05

Stratum B, 8.5 Tables

- 1 John McCormick - Shiang Chen55.76
- 2 Richard Ray - Jon Ranhand51.79
- 3 Lorraine Hegel - Ronnie Loeser51.23
- 4 Loris Patterson - Val Lubbers50.19
- 5 Joan Cutler - Geane Schubert48.72

THU AM CDE PAIRS @RDBC

Stratum C, 13.0 Tables

- 1 Janice Tucker - Diana Roberts71.87
- 2 Peter Schiff - Richard Levin64.55
- 3 Thomas Reckford - Ted Proxmire . . .63.64
- 4 Bob Lawrence - John Dorson62.07
- 5 David Marchal - Mohammed Moiduddin 60.01

Stratum D, 9.5 Tables

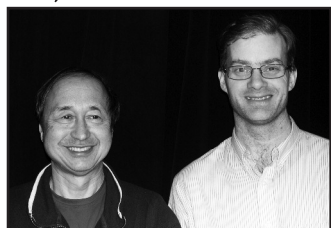
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- 3 David Marchal - Mohammed Moiduddin 60.01
- 4 Philip Sticha - Randall Stephens . . .57.86
- 5 Rosemary Kuntz - Barbara Levine . . .57.48

Stratum E, 7.0 Tables

- 1 Janice Tucker - Diana Roberts71.87
- 2 Bob Lawrence - John Dorson62.07
- 3 David Marchal - Mohammed Moiduddin 60.01
- 4 Philip Sticha - Randall Stephens . . .57.86
- 5 Kaye Appleman - Roseann Rafferty . .51.84

THU EVE OPEN A/X PAIRS

Stratum A, 31.0 Tables / Based on 83 Tables



- 1 Mark Shaw - Leo LaSota63.49
- 2 William Pettis - Ruth Potter62.50
- 3 Bruce Houston - Kenneth Davis61.11

- 4 Margot Hennings - Amanda Carter . .60.88
- 5 James Geist - David Genne60.75
- 6 Guillaume de Decker - Ajit Thyagarajan 57.24
- 7 Dean Baird - Carolyn Baird57.18
- 8 Steve Robinson - Vincent Wilmot Jr .56.91
- 9/10 Peter Van Zijl - Murat Berk56.58
- 9/10 Merril Hirsh - Linda Marshall56.58
- 11 Bruce Roberts - Bruce Goldstein . . .55.81
- 12/13 Marshall Kuschner - Gerald Goodale 55.79
- 12/13 Rick Bingham - Ronald Kral55.79
- 14 Ronald Susi - Rose Berman55.48
- 15 Debnarayan Dhar - Kiyomi Shiba . . .54.71
- 16 H John Edmonds - Larry Kahn54.39

Stratum X, 19.0 Tables

- 1 James Geist - David Genne60.75
- 2 Guillaume de Decker - Ajit Thyagarajan 57.24
- 3 Dean Baird - Carolyn Baird57.18
- 4 Peter Van Zijl - Murat Berk56.58
- 5 Bruce Roberts - Bruce Goldstein . . .55.81
- 6 Rick Bingham - Ronald Kral55.79

THU EVE B/C/D PAIRS

Stratum B, 21.0 Tables

- 1 Eva Klivington (pic) - Robert Poriss .63.89
- 2 David Bort - Walter Mitnick63.69
- 3 Prem Garg - Michael Kuehl60.71
- 4 Eleanor Schwartz - Marguerite Salah 57.87
- 5/6 Georgette Weiss - Sidney Graves . . .57.64
- 5/6 James Gerding - Richard Mersch . . .57.64



Stratum C, 19.0 Tables

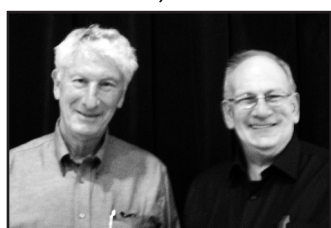
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- 5/7 Onorica Luculescu - Alina Galaszewska 56.02
- 5/7 James Dresser - Brian Brunsfold . . .56.02
- 5/7 Hal Jones Jr - Jeremy Billones56.02

Stratum D, 10.5 Tables

- 1 Prem Garg - Michael Kuehl60.71
- 2/3 Onorica Luculescu - Alina Galaszewska 56.02
- 2/3 Hal Jones Jr - Jeremy Billones56.02
- 4 Charles Dearolf - Kathleen Zellmer . .54.17
- 5/6 Charles Ellis - Sheila Ellis53.24
- 5/6 Mark Jones - Jay Simon53.24

THU EVE NLM PAIRS @ WBL

Stratum A, 13.0 Tables



- 1 Myron Goldstein - Terry Klein70.27

- 2 Richard Barth - Robert O Connor . .64.58
- 3 Karen Sandler - Anne Weismann . . .58.71
- 4 Cheri Hayes - Shay Hester58.14
- 5 Ollie Thomas - Julie Thomas56.44

Stratum B, 8.5 Tables

- 1 Marc Zlotnik - David Narrow54.55
- 2 John Goon - Kenneth Jones53.79
- 3 Barbara Gifford - Sarah Jenkins51.14
- 4 Jim Rubin - Ferit Yegenoglu50.76
- 5 Jeff Frank - Alicia Sosman50.00

Stratum C, 6.0 Tables

- 1 Marc Zlotnik - David Narrow54.55
- 2 John Goon - Kenneth Jones53.79
- 3 Jim Rubin - Ferit Yegenoglu50.76
- 4 Jeff Frank - Alicia Sosman50.00

THU EVE 0-20 PAIRS

Stratum A, 8.0 Tables / Based on 7 Tables

- 1 Deborah Crockett - Frances Lussier . .61.31
- 2 Kate Beardsley - Sara Beardsley . . .61.21
- 3 Joan Malekzadeh - Sheila Tavakolian 60.02
- 4 Sharon Zeigler - Patricia Kiesewetter .58.83
- 5 Joseph Quinn - Patricia Quinn53.87

Stratum B, 5.0 Tables

- 1 Deborah Crockett - Frances Lussier . .61.31
- 2 Kate Beardsley - Sara Beardsley . . .61.21
- 3 Jane Yasukawa - Cathy McIntyre . . .53.57
- 4 Emily Volz - Britta Chambers47.12

Stratum C, 3.5 Tables

- 1 Deborah Crockett - Frances Lussier . .61.31
- 2 Kate Beardsley - Sara Beardsley . . .61.21
- 3 Emily Volz - Britta Chambers47.12

THU EVE 199ER PAIRS @NVBA

Stratum A, 10.0 Tables

- 1 Thomas Keslin (pic) - Carol Goldstone 61.01
- 2 Janice Scavongelli - Gary Scavongelli 60.71
- 3 Timothy Bezanson - Ken Weems . .56.25
- 4 Eileen Street - David Street55.95
- 5 James Sprung - Francesca Mazarella .54.17



Stratum B, 5.5 Tables

- 1 Janice Scavongelli - Gary Scavongelli 60.71
- 2 Gordon Soper - William Lowry52.38
- 3 Phil Theis - Jeanne Theis51.19
- 4 Joyce Wainwright - Tom Wainwright .49.70

Stratum C, 4.5 Tables

- 1 Janice Scavongelli - Gary Scavongelli 60.71
- 2 Gordon Soper - William Lowry52.38
- 3 Phil Theis - Jeanne Theis51.19
- 4 Joyce Wainwright - Tom Wainwright .49.70

FRI AM A/X PAIRS

Stratum A, 6.0 Tables / Based on 33 Tables

- 1 Vincent Wilmot Jr - Clarice Reid . . .63.33

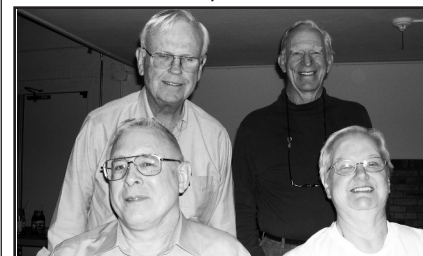
- 2 Leo LaSota - Mark Shaw61.25
- 3 Jay Weinstein - Rex Settle60.83
- 4 Lynn Jones - Steven Schatzow52.92

Stratum X, 2.5 Tables

- 1 Jay Weinstein - Rex Settle60.83
- 2 Fred Gramlich - Catherine Bardsley .49.58

FRI AM B/C/D PAIRS

Stratum B, 11.0 Tables



- 1/2 Charles Meister - Linda Donley (front) 61.01
- 1/2 Eugene Massey - Charles King (back) 61.01
- 3 David Montague - Norman Mitchell . .58.93
- 4 David Bort - John Blodgett56.85
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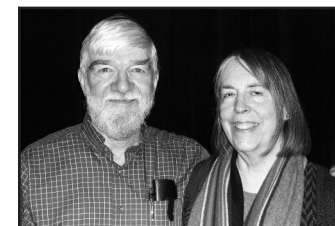
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- 4 David Bort - John Blodgett56.85
- 5 Ernie Schuler - Annapurna Satpathy .54.46

Stratum D, 3.0 Tables

- 1 Thomas Reckford - Ted Proxmire . . .52.38
- 2 Alan Skvirsky - Michael Cooperman .49.70

FRI AM 299ER PAIRS

Stratum A, 16.0 Tables



- 1 Peter Isard - Margaret Cooke71.21
- 2/3 Jay Rottier - Betsy Cox63.64
- 2/3 Terry Klein - Jane Dolkart63.64
- 4 Richard Long - Eric Cassel62.12
- 5 Mohammed Moiduddin - Dave Marchal 59.28

Stratum B, 12.5 Tables

- 1 Richard Long - Eric Cassel62.12
- 2 Mohammed Moiduddin - Dave Marchal 59.28
- 3 Prabhakar Tamboli - Albert Pike III .58.33
- 4 Charles Deutsch - Faye Bildman . . .56.06
- 5 Cate Frezza - Kim Gandy55.30

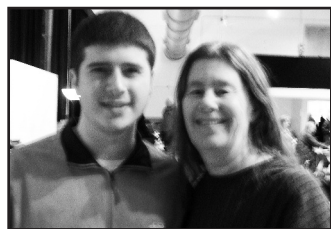
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- 1 Richard Long - Eric Cassel62.12

- 2 Mohammed Moiduddin - Dave Marchal .59.28
- 3 Charles Deutsch - Faye Bildman56.06
- 4 Cate Frezza - Kim Gandy55.30
- 5 Toni Sandler - Eleanor Linde52.84

FRI AFT A/X PAIRS

Stratum A, 12.0 Tables / Based on 36 Tables



- 1 Jeffrey Schwartz - Annie Schwartz . . .60.23
- 2 Melvin Lubart - Barbara Shaw59.85
- 3 Peter Boyd - Ruth Potter58.90
- 4 Leo LaSota - Mark Shaw58.71
- 5 Robert Bell - Barry Falgout56.63
- 6 Fred King - Rebecca Duty55.49

Stratum X, 5.0 Tables

- 1 Jeffrey Schwartz - Annie Schwartz . . .60.23
- 2 Linda Marshall - Brad Libros53.60
- 3 Michael Lawrence - Craig Olson . . .48.30
- 4 Barbara Hodges - Phillip Tseng . . .46.02

FRI AFT B/C/D PAIRS

Stratum B, 14.5 Tables

- 1 Alan Skvirsky - Michael Cooperman .58.73
- 2 Alan Ferraro - Liz Ferraro58.00
- 3 Merna Hart - Michael Hart57.24
- 4 Annapurna Satpathy - Ernie Schuler .55.81
- 5 Eugene Massey - Charles King . . .55.28

Stratum C, 12.5 Tables

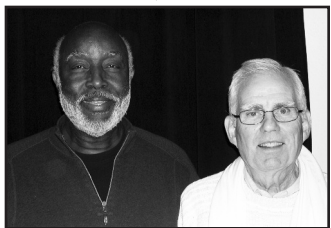
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- 4 Annapurna Satpathy - Ernie Schuler .55.81
- 5 Eugene Massey - Charles King . . .55.28

Stratum D, 5.0 Tables

- 1 Alan Skvirsky - Michael Cooperman .58.73
- 2 Geoff Turley - Jennifer Elliott55.11
- 3 Thomas Reckford - Ted Proxmire . . .53.44
- 4 Jay Rottier - Betsy Cox53.03

FRI AFT 299ER PAIRS

Stratum A, 9.0 Tables



- 1 William Lowry - Gordon Soper70.83

- 2 Richard Long - Eric Cassel63.39
- 3/4 Cynthia Harrison - Mark Feldman . .53.87
- 3/4 Linda Dennis - Dorothy Osterberger .53.87
- 5/6 Sheila Kaplan - Mary Ourand52.38
- 5/6 Bob Lawrence - John Dorson52.38

Stratum B, 7.5 Tables

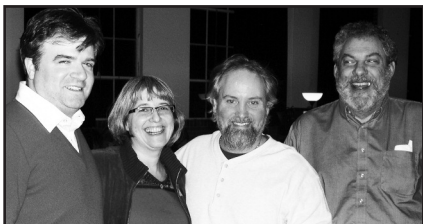
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Stratum C, 5.0 Tables

- 1 Gordon Soper - William Lowry70.83
- 2 Richard Long - Eric Cassel63.39
- 3 Bob Lawrence - John Dorson52.38
- 4 Richard Wilson - Phyllis Morgan . . .50.30

FRI EVE TRIPLE NICKEL SWISS

Stratum A, 24 Tables



- 1 David Genne - Donna Rogall - James Geist - Ronald Zucker73.00
- 2 Rebecca Duty - Eileen Houghton - Fred King - Robert Bell70.00
- 3 Alan Tenenbaum - Ann Lindley - Alfred Duncker - Mary Tenenbaum62.00
- 4 David Marshall - Rosemary Kuntz - Annapurna Satpathy - Michael Kuehl . . .61.00
- 5/6 Kenneth Davis - Linda Marshall - Steven Schatzow - Jay Cherlow60.00
- 5/6 Raymond Gallucci - Sym Gallucci - Syed Khan - Nooreen Razi60.00

Stratum B, 14 Tables

- 1 David Marshall - Rosemary Kuntz - Annapurna Satpathy - Michael Kuehl . . .61.00
- 2 Raymond Gallucci - Sym Gallucci - Syed Khan - Nooreen Razi60.00
- 3/4 Wayne Bardsley - Amanda Carter - Catherine Bardsley - Fred Gramlich . . .57.00
- 3/4 Thomas Grahame - Dale Dallaire - Terence McCarthy - Robert Poriss57.00
- 5 Tanya Rodich - Barack Peled - Steven Fox - Shiang Chen56.00

Stratum C, 8 Tables

- 1 David Marshall - Rosemary Kuntz - Annapurna Satpathy - Michael Kuehl . . .61.00
- 2 Thomas Grahame - Dale Dallaire - Terence McCarthy - Robert Poriss57.00
- 3 Bushra Shamma - Kay Rogers - Eileen Street - David Street41.00



SAT AM ABA/ACBL A/X PAIRS

Stratum A, 19.0 Tables / Based on 60 Tables



- 1 Jian-Jian Wang - Hailong Ao63.43
- 2 Linda Marshall - Steven Schatzow . . .62.75
- 3 Jim Wakefield - Kenneth Davis61.92
- 4 Peter Boyd - Ruth Potter60.35
- 5 Jay Kelkar - Mohsin Chandna58.84
- 6 Leo LaSota - Mark Shaw56.20
- 7 Mary Peters - Thomas Peters56.05
- 8 Robert Krueger - Priscilla Krueger . .55.90
- 9 Witold Palosz - Jeffrey Halle55.57
- 10 Vincent Wilmot Jr - David Ruderman .55.15

Stratum X, 10.5 Tables

- 1 Mary Peters - Thomas Peters56.05
- 2 Robert Krueger - Priscilla Krueger . .55.90
- 3 Witold Palosz - Jeffrey Halle55.57
- 4 Amy Bloom - Margie Coccodrilli . . .53.26
- 5 Franz Delahan - Madeline Delahan .52.10
- 6 John McCormick - Hal Jones Jr . . .52.09

SAT AM ABA/ACBL BCD PAIRS

Stratum B, 21.5 Tables



- 1 Deborah Cobb - Ed Krest60.04
- 2 Robin Scanlon - Ethel Furness59.69
- 3 Ron Sutter - Yuen De Anda59.62
- 4 Prem Garg - Sym Gallucci58.17
- 5 Mike Ladd - Betty Ladd58.02
- 6 Thomas Grahame - Michael Kuehl . .57.96
- 7 Gary Weinberg - Sarah Weinberg . . .56.61

Stratum C, 16.5 Tables

- 1 Deborah Cobb - Ed Krest60.04
- 2 Robin Scanlon - Ethel Furness59.69
- 3 Ron Sutter - Yuen De Anda59.62

- 4 Mike Ladd - Betty Ladd58.02
- 5 Thomas Grahame - Michael Kuehl . .57.96
- 6 Gary Weinberg - Sarah Weinberg . . .56.61

Stratum D, 8.0 Tables

- 1 Deborah Cobb - Ed Krest60.04
- 2 Robin Scanlon - Ethel Furness59.69
- 3 Thomas Grahame - Michael Kuehl . .57.96
- 4 David Benson - Jill Benson56.31
- 5 Sheila Kaplan - Mary Ourand54.77

SAT AM 299ER PAIRS

Stratum A, 15.5 Tables

- 1 Richard Long - Eric Cassel67.48
- 2 Richard Wilson - Phyllis Morgan . . .58.15
- 3 Joseph Lebaron - Norman Kittrell . .55.71
- 4 Prabhakar Tamboli - Albert Pike III .55.48
- 5 Richard Worsham - Paul Lubell . . .55.35

Stratum B, 7.5 Tables

- 1 Richard Long - Eric Cassel67.48
- 2 Richard Wilson - Phyllis Morgan . . .58.15
- 3 Maryann Bishop - Mark Brenner . . .54.27
- 4 Diana Roberts - Janice Tucker . . .52.36
- 5 Deloris Colick - Joseph Colick . . .52.22

Stratum C, 3.0 Tables

- 1 John Dilaura - Willie Dilaura49.01
- 2 Sara Mazie - Mark Zweig48.56

SAT AM 49ER PAIRS

Stratum A, 4.0 Tables

- 1 Marilyn Lowen - Harriet Vinner65.08
- 2 John Goon - Samuel Lee61.90
- 3 Kristina Hamilton - Edith Kuhnle . .56.35

Stratum B, 3.0 Tables

- 1 Marilyn Lowen - Harriet Vinner65.08
- 2 Kyle Butts - Dan Jasnow53.17

SAT AFT A/X PAIRS

Stratum A, 18.5 Tables / Based on 40 Tables

- 1 Martin Graf - Vincent Wilmot Jr . . .62.31
- 2 Debnarayan Dhar - Mel Yudkin60.66
- 3 Albert Lauber - Jay Cherlow58.82
- 4 Leo LaSota - Mark Shaw58.07
- 5 Margot Hennings - Robert Bell . . .57.72
- 6 Richard Price - Melissa Price57.68
- 7 Vonnie Lavender - Bob Boyd57.37
- 8 Lucy McCoy - Carole Grob56.03
- 9 John Glynn - Ellen Glynn55.57
- 10 Robert Rovner - Daniel Feldman . . .55.37

Stratum X, 9.5 Tables

- 1 Debnarayan Dhar - Mel Yudkin60.66
- 2 Albert Lauber - Jay Cherlow58.82
- 3 Richard Price - Melissa Price57.68
- 4 John Glynn - Ellen Glynn55.57
- 5 Robert Rovner - Daniel Feldman . . .55.37

SAT AFT B/C/D PAIRS

Stratum B, 14.5 Tables

- 1 Thomas Jennings - Clifford Feldman .63.27
- 2 Larry Wallace - Ernie Schuler62.26

- 3 Ron Sutter - Yuen De Anda59.04
- 4 Ed Krest - Deborah Cobb58.92
- 5 Ann Seebth - Ruth Woods57.70
- 6 Behnaz Fardshisheh - Patricia Monroe 55.91

Stratum C, 12.5 Tables

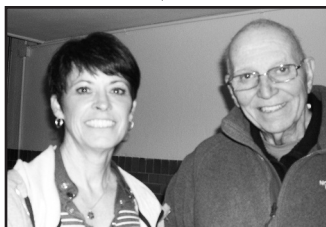
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- 5 Ann Seebth - Ruth Woods57.70

Stratum D, 7.0 Tables

- 1 Ed Krest - Deborah Cobb58.92
- 2 Joseph Abita - David Abraham54.71
- 3 Hal Jones Jr - Maryann Bishop54.29
- 4 Terry Klein - Duncan Thompson53.55
- 5 Mary Ourand - Sheila Kaplan51.82

SAT AFT 299ER PAIRS

Stratum A, 7.0 Tables



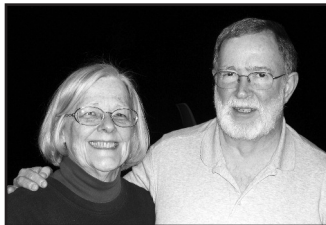
- 1 Phyllis Morgan - Richard Wilson ...59.58
- 2 Shala Panbechi - Mahmoud Katirai ...57.50
- 3 Sarah Jenkins - Barbara Teng55.83
- 4 Deloris Colick - Joseph Colick52.50

Stratum B, 3.5 Tables

- 1 Richard Wilson - Phyllis Morgan ...59.58
- 2 Sarah Jenkins - Barbara Teng55.83
- 3 Deloris Colick - Joseph Colick52.50

SUNDAY TEAMS BRACKET #1

15 Tables / Based on 49 Tables



- 1 Joan Lewis (pic) - Robert Hopkins Jr (pic) - Barry Falgout - Lyle Poe Jr94.00
- 2 Steve Robinson - William Cole - Peter Boyd - Mark Shaw90.00
- 3/4 Steven Schatzow - Alan Tenenbaum - Andrew Gofreed - Mary Tenenbaum - Linda Marshall - David Ruderman89.00
- 3/4 Michael Richey - Jay Kelkar - Mohsin Chandna - Earl Clickstein89.00
- 5 Ai-Tai Lo - Fred King - William Pettis - Robert Bell81.00

SUNDAY BRACKETED TEAMS #2

8 Tables / Based on 24 Tables



- 1 Witold Palosz - Leon Masiewicki - Sorina Negulescu - Jeffrey Halle90.00
- 2 Daniel Koch - David Fleischer - Carole Banks - Melanie Manfield81.00
- 3 Jerry Miller - Margie Coccodrilli - John McCormick - Shiang Chen71.00

SUNDAY TEAMS BRACKET #3

8 Tables / Based on 11 Tables

- 1 Phillip Tseng - Thomas Jennings - Barbara Hodges - Carl Noller111.00
- 2 David Marshall - Annapurna Satpathy - Dev Chattopadhyay - Azmat Ali85.00
- 3 Joe Leighton - Bernice Hacke - Yuen De Anda - Ron Sutter73.00

SUNDAY TEAMS BRACKET #4

8 Tables

- 1/2 Michael Kuehl - Louis Coccodrilli - Michelle Zygielbaum - Ettie Gordon 103.00
- 1/2 Hal Jones Jr - Jeremy Billones - Jay Simon - Mark Jones103.00
- 3 Glenn Terrell - Dottie Terrell - Donna Setzer - Paul Setzer75.00

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Stratum A, 10 Tables



- 1 Terry Klein - Myron Goldstein - Margaret Cooke - Peter Isard66.00
 - 2 Richard Wilson - Ken Miller - Phyllis Morgan - Domenic Dorsett50.00
 - 3 Kaye Appleman - Sarah Watson - Samir Haddad - Michael Eidi49.00
 - 4 Sandra Harding - Anita Lancaster - Jane Dolkart - Judy Retchin45.00
- Stratum B, 6 Tables**
- 1 Richard Wilson - Ken Miller - Phyllis Mor-

gan - Domenic Dorsett50.00

- 2 Kaye Appleman - Sarah Watson - Samir Haddad - Michael Eidi49.00

Stratum C, 3 Tables

- 1 Richard Wilson - Ken Miller - Phyllis Morgan - Domenic Dorsett50.00

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3 Tables

- 1 Terry Klein - Myron Goldstein - Margaret Cooke - Peter Isard53.00

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Open Leaders

Player Points

- 1 Mark Shaw101.36
- 2 Steve Robinson97.76
- 3 Steven Schatzow91.67
- 4 Linda Marshall86.64
- 5 Leo LaSota86.18
- 6 William Cole72.27
- 7 William Pettis70.15
- 8 Kenneth Davis68.77
- 9 Fred King65.57
- 10 Robert Hopkins Jr59.87
- 11 Peter Boyd59.86
- 12 Alexander Prairie58.15
- 13 Ai-Tai Lo57.37
- 14 Barry Falgout57.36
- 15 Robert Bell54.49
- 16 Michael Richey54.40
- 17 Donna Rogall54.39
- 18 Jim Wakefield54.18
- 19 Helene Bauman52.32
- 20 Sylvia Shi50.59

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NonLM Leaders

Player Points

- 1 Terry Klein23.61
 - 2 Shiang Chen21.75
 - 3 Deborah Cobb18.59
 - 4 Ed Krest17.35
 - 5 David Marshall15.69
 - 6 Norman Kittrell15.49
 - 7 Margaret Cooke15.44
 - 8 Michael Kuehl15.18
 - 9 Mary Ourand15.08
 - 10 Peter Isard13.94
 - 11 Barbara Teng13.91
 - 12 Eleanor Linde13.86
 - 13 Dean Baird13.81
 - 14 Jane Dolkart13.53
 - 15 Sharon Suttan13.27
 - 16 Alice Ling13.10
 - 17 Sheila Kaplan12.75
 - 18 Jeffrey Schwartz11.67
 - 19 Alexander Salpeter10.69
 - 20 Mohammed Moiduddin10.50
- David Marchal10.50

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OPENER'S REBID AFTER THE NEGATIVE DOUBLE

The last few articles, we've been discussing the negative double. The negative double is one of the most powerful tools in a partnership's toolbox, and it would be difficult to find many, if any, top level partnerships that don't use it.

This month, we want to talk about what to do after partner has made a negative double of one spade. In other words, we know what partner has shown. Now what?

Opener must remember that his partner's negative double after our sample auction (1♦ – 1♠) is a kind of takeout double promising four hearts, and with various holdings in the other suits. Since a 1♦ opening bid is made on a wide variety of hand types, it is helpful to look at different hands that Opener may have to see what his rebid options are.

a. Opener holds four hearts:

After Responder's negative double, if Opener holds four hearts, he should bid 2♥. Opener's hand may be ♠xx ♥AQxx ♦KJxxx ♣Kx, and 2♥ is the correct bid. If Opener held ♠x ♥AJxx ♦AJxxx ♣Jx, Opener would also bid 2♥, always choosing to bid the major instead of rebidding his six card minor.

If Opener has a minimum opening bid (roughly 12-14 balanced) Opener should bid at the lowest level possible, which would be 2♥ in our auction. With 13+ HCP and a singleton, Opener should jump to 3♥. With 15+ HCP and a singleton, jump to 4♥.

b. Opener does not have four hearts:

After the negative double, Opener can rebid his six-card diamond suit; rebid 2♣

with a minimum hand with 5-4 in the minors; or rebid 1NT with a balanced hand such as ♠Kxx ♥Qx ♦AKxxx ♣Jxx.

Even without a spade stopper, a 1NT rebid is often the best choice on balanced hands. In an ideal world, bidding No Trump would show control of the spade suit. When Opener is balanced, however, with a hand like ♠T9x ♥AJx ♦AQxx ♣Kxx, there is no good choice other than 1NT. The key concept is that it is better to distort having a stopper than to distort your shape by, for example, bidding 2♥ on a three card suit.

Plan Opener's rebid in this auction:

1♦ – 1♠ – X – P:

1. ♠xx ♥AJxx ♦AKxxx ♣Qx

2♥: Opener has found a 4-4 fit and has the max if his partner wants to bid on.

2. ♠x ♥AJxx ♦AQxxx ♣Kxx

3♥: With 14 HCP and a well placed singleton, this hand is worth a jump.

3. ♠x ♥AQxx ♦AKxxx ♣Kxx

4♥: This hand is strong enough to jump to game, since all cards rate to be working.

4. ♠Qxx ♥xx ♦AQJxxx ♣KJ

2♦: This is a good suit and bidding 2♦, with a six card suit, is better choice than 1NT.

5. ♠Kxx ♥xx ♦AQTxx ♣KJx

1NT: There is no better choice. Avoid rebidding five card minors.

6. ♠xx ♥x ♦AQJxx ♣AQxxx

2♣: Opener should show his second five card suit.

7. ♠Jxx ♥xxx ♦AKxx ♣AQx

1NT: Even without a full spade stopper, that is his best bid with a flat hand and no second suit.

8. ♠KJx ♥Ax ♦AKxx ♣Axxx

3NT: Even if Responder is minimum for his bid, the side has enough values for game.

9. ♠xx ♥AKxx ♦AQxx ♣KQx

4♥: There is a known 4-4 heart fit and game values.

10. ♠Kxx ♥x ♦AKxxx ♣AQx

3♦: Opener has enough values and the jump will help Responder decide the best contract.

We hope this review helps you use the negative double more effectively. As always, if you have questions, feel free to contact us at ron@motherzucker.com or ShStringer@aol.com. Have fun, and we'll see you at the table!

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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.

1) IMPs, None Vulnerable

♠ 7♥ AJ109♦ 543♣ AKQ102

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

2) IMPs, None Vulnerable

♠ A5♥ AKJ♦ AK1097♣ 164

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

3) IMPs, None Vulnerable

♠ KJ1063♥ AQJ♦ -♣ J10975

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
1♠	Pass	1♥	Pass
?????	4♣*	Pass	Pass

*splinter raise of spades

4) IMPs, None Vulnerable

♠ 82♥ AQ♦ 10976♣ AQ1075

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

5) IMPs, Both Vulnerable

♠ 82♥ AK7♦ 983♣ K5432

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

Return answers by March 5 to:

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