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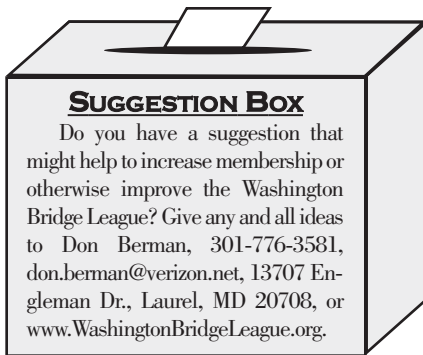
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PRESIDENT'S LETTER

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

We have, in the WBL, a severe shortage of volunteers, which is reaching crisis proportions. The problem is particularly evident in the area of hospitality at sectionals. We all so fondly remember Nadine and Kitty, who worked tirelessly to provide their famous Washington hospitality and who recruited so many faithful volunteers to help with cooking, shopping, transporting supplies, and other tasks. Nadine and Kitty were unique, irreplaceable; their leadership in developing a network of volunteers has no parallel. But they are gone, and without their leadership, the network of volunteers has dissolved. In the absence of volunteer participation, we must rely more and more on commercial sources, which are more expensive and may not be as satisfactory. Eventually this will mean that we will either have to raise entry fees at the sectionals, or reduce hospitality.

For now, our Unit Game is making up for the losses incurred at our sectionals, and for that we must thank Chris Miller, our Unit Game Manager. Chris, with his real-life business background, has designed a model for running the Unit Game and our sectionals that works extremely well and cuts costs while providing full service. On the other side of the river, the NVBA has found it necessary to increase Unit Game entry fees; we hope not to do that for some time. But we need cooperation from the players to help out Directors and Tournament Chairmen: by picking up trash from around the tables at the end of each session; at the end of a Unit Game or Tournament, folding up bidding boxes; at the end of a sectional helping fold chairs and load tables.

Your help makes a big difference. Thanks in advance.

HELP WANTED! MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY ASSISTANT

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

Please contact Rose Berman if you're interested in helping at 301-776-3581 or Rose.Berman@verizon.net.

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

The emailings will be used for occasional bridge news only.

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

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

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

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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 21 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 District 6 STaC — Stratified Pairs on May 5 at the Unit Game. For more information, contact Ellen Cherniavsky at 301-649-1350 or eachernia@yahoo.com.

TIME TO RENEW?

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

ACBL TO SUPPORT LOCAL CHARITY

During the NABCs in Washington in July, the ACBL will make a contribution to local Washington area charities, as determined by the sponsoring units. If you are active in a local charity or support a local charity that could use up to \$5000 from ACBL, please contact Charity Chair Joan Lewis (joanlewis@aha.org) to get a copy of the one-page application form. The NABC Charity Committee will meet in the spring to select the charity/charities to receive all or part of the \$5000. Deadline for the application is April 1, 2016. Charities selected MUST be 501(c)(3) organizations, as determined by the IRS.

WELCOME TO THE WASHINGTON BRIDGE LEAGUE

The WBL welcomes the following new ACBL members: **Mrs Carol A Cohen, Dr Lisa Susan Crawford, Dr Barney Feinstein, Dr E (Genie) Z McGarry, Mr Jonathan L Van Cleve, Katherine L Boland, Maxwell Burns, Mr Daniel K Dudis, Sherri K Farrell, Mr Bernard Klein, Ms Kathy L Kopnisky, Mrs Sheila S Pashayan, Dr Barry Shapiro, and Mrs Joanne Spielman.**

In addition, we welcome the following transfers from other units: **Mr Fred M King, Mr Tim-ofey Nevolin, and Dr Stephan Billstein.**

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.

2015 ROUND ROBIN WINNERS

Congratulations to last year's Round Robin Winners! It's time to start thinking about getting your team together for the 2016 event. Here are the 2015 overalls:

Flight A

- 1) **Brad Theurer, Fred King, David Ruder-man, Richard Wegman, Lyle Poe Jr**
- 2) Ellen Cherniavsky, Robert Bell, Earl Glickstein, Beth Palmer, William Pettis, Shawn Stringer
- 3/4) Donna Rogall, Mark Chen, Hal Hindman, Clyde Kruskal
- 3/4) Robbie Hopkins, Barry Falgout, Kent Goulding, Barry Goulding, Rusty Krauss, Joan Lewis

Flight B

- 1) **Albert Lauber, James Beller, Jay Cher-low, Ned Griffith, Walter Smith Jr**
- 2) Richard Levin, Donald Goldman, Neal Rosenthal, Ellen Rosenthal, Gail Singer

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APRIL 7-10, 2016

69th Annual

ALERT! Schweinhaut Center Friday - Sunday ALERT!

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1000 Forest Glen Rd, Silver Spring, MD **Friday-Sunday only**



THURSDAY, APRIL 7

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

FRIDAY, APRIL 8

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

SATURDAY, APRIL 9

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

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

SUNDAY, APRIL 10

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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WBL SOLVERS' CLUB

Moderated by Steve Robinson

robinswr@erols.com

Congratulations to **Peter Haglich** who came in first with a score of 490. He wins a free entry to the Unit Game. Tied for second were **Mickie Kivel, Mike Richey, Paul Block, Craig Olson, Larry Kahn, Jeff Yutzler, Albert Lauber, Myron Goldstein** and **Elliot Grant** with a score of 480. Tied for eleventh were **Ron Conlon, Ron Zucker, Oleg Dolgikh, Adam Gann, Robert Stone, Mike Lawrence, Jack Hawks, Sadie Boyer, Bill Meeks** and **Karen Heath** with a score of 470. Tied for twenty-second were **Lyle Poe, Joe Leighton, Paul McGowan, Fred Gramlich, Frank Guido** and **Tom Musso** with a score of 460. The average score of the 110 solvers was 415. The average score of the experts was 447.

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 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.

NOV./DEC 2015 SOLUTIONS

1) IMPs

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<u>SOUTH</u>	<u>WEST</u>	<u>NORTH</u>	<u>EAST</u>
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	4♠	Pass	Pass
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- 1) Double at all vulnerabilities
- 2) Double only when you're vulnerable and they're not vulnerable
- 3) Double only when both non-vulnerable
- 4) Double only when both vulnerable
- 5) Double only when you're non-vulnerable and they're vulnerable
- 6) Pass at all vulnerabilities
- 7) Pass at favorable, double all others

<u>Action</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Votes</u>	<u>Solvers</u>
1	100	5	73
5	90	0	4
7	90	2	0
2	80	0	4
6	50	1	28
4	50	0	1



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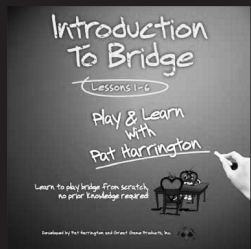
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This problem was not worded well but I will attempt to make my feelings known about doubles of 4♠. Suppose I held ♠J1098xxxx ♥xxx ♦x ♣x. If I am non-vulnerable and the opponents are vulnerable, I could easily open 4♠. To stop me from stealing from you, you should play penalty doubles when you're vulnerable and I'm not. If you hold ♠AQx ♥A ♦Kxxxx ♣Axxx you should double 4♠ without worrying about your partner bidding 5♥. At other vulnerabilities you'd have to worry about partner bidding 5♥, since double of 4♠ is more takeout than penalties. If you double and it's for takeout and partner has a singleton spade, he should go out of his way to pull your double. If they're vulnerable you have less to worry about an opponent opening 4♠ on garbage. The 4♠ opener is probably very sound and is more likely to make. Therefore, if you have a good fit, you could easily take nine tricks which would be a good save against 4♠.

Five experts double at all vulnerabilities. Since lots of players play the double as a takeout double, their partner might pull the double to 5♥.

Adams: "1—Partner will not bid without a long suit and a decent hand."

Parker: "1—Double all vulnerabilities. I just have too good a hand to pass. Partner will pass unless he has lots of distribution."

Woolsey: "1—My double is penalties, and I don't think they are making, so not a problem."

Thurer: "1—Double at all vulnerabilities - at the table, some of this would depend on knowing the preempt style of my opponents. Lacking that, this hand is typical of why "preempts work". I will double all the time since I expect partner to pass often unless he has a long suit, and have plenty of prime values that should take tricks."

Two experts pass at favorable and double otherwise. If they're vulnerable and you're not vulnerable, the 4♠-opener figures to be strong, not some random opener. Therefore you want to double for takeout.

Schwartz: "7—Pass at favorable. Double

otherwise. I usually pass hands with pure defense, but I have enough outside of spades so if partner pulls with a distributional hand, I might make at the five-level. More likely partner will pass and we are likely to beat it at least one. I pass at favorable as willing to collect a 100 or 200 and not have to worry about partner pulling with a weak distributional hand afraid of a make by them."

Shi: "7—Pass when we are white and they are red, double at all other colors. Partner likely to have less at those colors, and missing a game is not such a big deal. Generally I'm fine with playing doubles as more penalty the more favorable they are and more takeout the more unfavorable they are also, and don't necessarily want partner to struggle to respond to a takeout double."

One expert allows his opponents to steal from him.

Hopkins: "6—Pass always."

If you're vulnerable and they're not vulnerable play double of 4♠ as penalties. If they're vulnerable and you're not, then play double of 4♠ as takeout. At equal vulnerabilities it's probably best to play the double as takeout.

2) IMPs Both Vul

♠K9432♥K105♦KQ843♣-

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
		1♠	Pass
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Action	Score	Votes	Solvers
4♣	100	7	60
2♦	90	0	25
2NT	80	1	10
5♣	40	1	6
3NT	40	0	3
4♠	40	0	3
4NT	20	0	1
3♣	20	0	1
5NT	20	0	1

We have a good hand but we don't have any aces. However, partner could have ♠QJ432 ♥xxx ♦43 ♣AKQ and we might only make 2♠. The way we find out if partner has at least two non-club aces is to jump to 4♣. 4♣, a splinter, shows four-card spade support, a game-forcing hand with club shortness. If partner signs-off in 4♠, we can't have a slam. If partner has two aces, with one of them red, he CAN'T sign-off in 4♠. With ♠AJxxx ♥Axx ♦xx ♣Kxx, he must bid 4♥. Bidding 4♥ does not commit us to slam.

Six experts join me and splinter.

Parker: "4♣—Splinter. It is always best to set the trump suit early. Hopefully partner cue bids four-of-a-red-suit next."

Theurer: "4♣—Best to show my club shortness and four+ trumps immediately so that partner can evaluate. This bid is also good in that it allow partner to cuebid either 4♦ or 4♥, or to take control and ask for key-cards, or to sign off with a minimum range hand with club wastage."

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Saturday*	1:00 PM	St James

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Schwartz: "4♣—Leaves open an easy four-level red suit cue bid."

Hopkins: "4♣—I might get some cooperation immediately from partner and then I can force some by making my next bid 5♣. If I were confident it wouldn't be misread, I would have started with exclusion."

Adams: "4♣—Will respect signoff, or bid 5♣ exclusion over a cue-bid."

It makes sense to play that a splinter such as 4♣ followed by 5♣ should show a void in the splinter suit and ask for keycards outside the suit. It makes more sense to always play 5♣ asking for keycards outside of the splinter suit no matter what the short splinter suit was.

Shi: "4♣—Partner will have room to cooperate with 4♦ or 4♥.trump queen to give a try so if they bid 4♠ I will respect their signoff."

One expert bids shows a four-card balanced raise. Suppose his partner jumps to 4♠. He will not know if partner holds ♠QJ432 ♥xxx ♦xx ♣AKQ or ♠Axxxx ♥Axx ♦Ax ♣xxx. He'll jump to 4♠ on both hands.

Lublin: "2NT—I bid Jacoby 2NT."

What would you bid holding ♠x♥-♦xx ♣KQJ10xxxxxx over 1♠? I'd jump to 5♣. Hopefully you have rules.

Woolsey: "5♣—I assume this is exclusion. If not, then whatever route I have for exclusion in my partnership is what I want to do. What could be more perfect than this hand?"

It's always best if you can show shortness with support ASAP.

3) Matchpoints You're Vul

♠AKQ2♥2♦K3♣AKQ876

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
	2♥	Pass	Pass
Dbl	Pass	3♦*	3♥
????		*0-11	

Action	Score	Votes	Solvers
Dbl	100	3	10
5♣	90	3	23
4♣	80	2	53
4NT	70	1	5
4♥	50	0	11
4♠	40	0	1
3♠	40	0	1
4♦	20	0	4
5♥	20	0	1
Pass	20	0	1

How much is your hand worth? What do you need to make a game? ♠xx ♥Qxx ♦QJ10xx ♣xxx is a minimum and you could usually make 5♣. He could have the same hand with the ace of diamonds and you would usually make 6♣. How do you find out if partner has zero or if he has 11? First of all you never assume that partner as zero or 11. The assumption is that he has either four or nine. A double here is flexible and when in doubt you want to make the bid that is most flexible. Double allows partner to pass with four good hearts. Double allows partner to bid 3♠ which shows a bad hand with nothing more to say. Double allows partner to cuebid with a reasonably good hand.

Three experts jump to 5♣. All this shows is that you were ready for partner to bid spades. You could be gambling on making 5♣. Same hand without the king of diamonds and the queen of clubs.

Woolsey: "5♣—With virtually eleven tricks in my own hand. I don't see how I can do less. If partner has a heart stopper and 3NT makes, that is just too bad — I don't see how to get there sensibly."

You'll get there sensibly if you double 3♥ and partner bids 3NT,

Hopkins: "5♣—RHO took away my 3♥ cue-bid and I don't want to imply big Diamond support so I am bidding what I think I can make."

Schwartz: "5♣—Shows close to eleven tricks when partner can have nothing, making six easier to bid."

One expert takes a giant underbid. All you need is for partner to have the jack of spades and the ace of diamonds onside to have a play for 5♣.

Shi: "4♣—Doubling again seems wrong with this playing strength and shape."

Two experts join me and double. This wins big time if the opponents are crazy and partner has four good hearts. It also wins when if partner holds ♠76 ♥xxx ♦QJ109xxx ♣x and can insist on playing in diamonds. If partner bids 3NT, that would be good also.

Adams: "Double—Best chance to see if partner has any life. If I get partner to bid 3NT I can pull to 4♣ and have it be forcing."

Theurer: "Double—This is actually a bit easier when RHO bids 3♥. I may still have a problem after partner bids since even with this second takeout double I don't promise quite this much strength. But let's see what partner bids and worry about my next call that. At matchpoints I need to keep 3NT in the picture here."

One expert asks for aces. I hope his partner is not 3=3=6=1.

Parker: "4NT—Assuming I am not playing 1430, otherwise 4♣. If partner has one ace I can bid 6♣. If he has zero keycards, I can pass 5♣."

Takeout doubles are flexible.

4) Matchpoints Both Vul

♠76♥KJ1096♦A3♣KJ109

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

Action	Score	Votes	Solvers
3♠	100	6	64
Pass	90	2	16
3♥	80	1	6
4♦	70	0	12
5♦	50	0	3
4♣	40	0	8
6♦	20	0	1

What doesn't partner have for his 3♦-bid? He doesn't have three-card heart support since he didn't raise hearts. He doesn't have two spade stoppers since he didn't bid 2NT. Since he bid only 3♦, he probably has a minimum hand. ♠xx ♥xx ♦KQJxxx ♣AQx is a reasonable 3♦-call. If he has a minimum, nine tricks in diamonds could easily be the limit. This is matchpoints where plus scores are valuable. Even if partner has ♠Axx ♥xx ♦KQJxxx ♣Qx, a good diamond suit and a spade stopper, 3NT won't make. ♠Qxx ♥xx ♦KQJxxx ♣Ax will make 3NT if East has all the missing honors but he would have bid 2NT instead of 3♦.

One expert joins me and passes.

Woolsey: "Pass—Partner needs running diamonds, a spade stopper, and another ace to make 3NT. If he has that, he probably would have done more than a non-forcing 3♦."

Seven experts reach for the sky with six of them forcing partner to make a decision. Partner's most likely continuation is to bid 3NT if he thinks that's best. Since he already denied good spades, I don't think he needs a full spade stopper to bid 3NT. I'd bid 3NT holding Qx or Jxx of spades.

Parker: "3♠—Asking for two hearts or a spade stopper."

Lublin: "3♠—I bid 3♠ looking for notrump and then if no spade stopper bid 5♦."

Theurer: "3♠—Somewhat similar theme as problem three - need to keep 3NT in the picture at matchpoints, partner should realize that for now I'm still looking for the best game and that I have a full opening bid which 2♥ did not promise."

While you do have an opening bid, we

know that an opening bid opposite an opening bid does not mean that you can make game.

Hopkins: "3♠—Given the relatively quiet opponents, partner rates to have a Spade stopper. My real question is whether we can get out in 4♦ if partner says no."

Give partner ♠Qx ♥Qx ♦Kxxxx ♣AQx and you'll end up minus.

Adams: "3♠—Punishing partner for opening. Maybe we can make something. A stray Qx of hearts makes 4♥ playable."

This is matchpoints so you don't have to punish partner for opening.

One expert rebids his five-card suit.

Schwartz: "3♥—Seems like a good hand to go for the 5-2 and avoid blindly forcing to game. Even if partner has a spade stopper, lack of outside aces might give 3NT no play."

Since you don't have an eight-card major-suit fit, you need extra values to make game.

5) IMPs Both Vul

♠AQ2♥Q6♦Q32♣AQJ54

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

Action	Score	Votes	Solvers
2♣	100	3	37
2♠	80	2	11
2♥	80	2	12
Pass	70	1	40
1NT	30	1	2
3♠	30	0	4
2♦	20	0	1
3♣	20	0	3

A takeout double followed by a new suit shows at least 17. Raising to 2♠ in competition just shows four spades and you might

have the worst possible takeout double. However, raising if RHO passes does show extras. Is this hand worth double followed by 2♣? Is this hand worth a raise to 2♠? Takeout doubles usually show support for unbid majors. Therefore, if you bid 2♣ partner should expect that you have a hand similar to this. 2♣ shows five clubs, three spades and between 17 and 21 HCP. With more you'd cue bid.

Two experts raise spades. 2♠ could be a silly contract. Partner would love playing 2♠ holding ♠xxx ♥xxxxx ♦xxx ♣xx. However, 2♠ does show at least 16 points.

Theurer: "2♠—I might have overcalled 2♣ then if it goes 2♥ passed back to me I can double, but doubling is okay I guess. But now I have a problem - I can pass here which works when partner is on the minimum side for his 1♠-bid. But he can have a hand just short of a 2♠-bid and now we might miss a vulnerable game at IMPs. 2♣ here should show a hand too good to overcall 2♣ initially, which I don't really have. So I will lie and bid 2♠ which is a spade short but comes closer to describing my overall strength."

Shi: "2♠—Both pass and 2♠ are on the radar for me. Don't think I'm good enough for 2♥. I would pass at matchpoints. If I bid 2♠ partner can still suggest no trump."

If you bid 2♠, he'll assume that you have four spades.

Two experts join me and give partner an out if he has a very bad hand and bad spades. If partner has five spades he'll rebid them. If he only has four spades, he'll bid again if he has

values or he's short in clubs and has diamonds.

Schwartz: "2♣—Even though partner seems likely to have help in hearts, 1NT now overstates the hand. 2♥ commits to spades unnecessarily."

Woolsey: "2♣—Looks like a perfect description of the hand — three-card spade support, club suit, extras."

Two experts cue bid possibly forcing partner to rebid his three-card spade holding.

Parker: "2♥—shows a good hand and probably three spades. I will pass any bid by partner except 3♦, which I will correct to 3♠."

If partner bids 3♦, he can't have five spades but might have five diamonds.

Hopkins: "2♥—I believe most play this as an 18-19 three-card raise initially and so respond appropriately."

One expert passes 1♠.

Lublin: "Pass—I would pass and then raise spades over opponents bid."

One expert overbids. Since a 1NT-overcall shows 15-18, doubling and rebidding 1NT shows 19-21.

Adams: "1NT—Right on values and shape. Light on stopper, but does not commit us to notrump."

How bad can bidding 2♣ be? It shows at least five clubs, at least 17 HCP and tolerance for spades.

SOLVERS' SCORES

John Adams	1	4♣	Dbl	3♠	1NT	430
Robbie Hopkins	6	4♣	5♣	3♠	2♥	420
Glenn Lublin	1	2NT	4♣	3♠	Pass	430
Steve Parker	1	4♣	4NT	3♠	2♥	450
Steve Robinson	7	4♣	Dbl	Pass	2♣	480
Alan Schwartz	7	4♣	5♣	3♥	2♣	460
Sylvia Shi	7	4♣	4♣	3♠	2♠	450
Brad Theurer	1	4♣	Dbl	3♠	2♠	480
Kit Woolsey	1	5♣	5♣	Pass	2♣	420

2015 FINAL TROPHY RACE STANDINGSwww.WashingtonBridgeLeague.org

Updated by Alex Gretsinger

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 2015. All points are subject to audit by the WBL Director. **Congratulations to the 2015 Winners!**

Lovenberg

1 Steve Robinson	230.10
2 David Ruderman	185.94
3 Mark Shaw	182.33
4 Linda Marshall	173.20
5 Steven Schatzow	169.46
6 Vincent Wilmot Jr	160.23
7 Richard Wegman	155.68
8 Sylvia Shi	145.09
9 Donna Rogall	144.54
10 William Pettis	143.47
11 Martin Graf	130.66
12 Leo LaSota	124.86
13 Barry Falgout	119.17
14 Robert Bell	116.84
15 Brad Theurer	113.61
16 James Geist	112.12
17 Fred King	104.62
18 Clyde Kruskal	96.47
19 Lloyd Rawley	90.54
20 William Cole	90.17
21 Peter Boyd	89.79
22 Andrew Gofreed	89.13
23 Michael Richey	88.87
24 Merrill Hirsh	74.40
25 Richard Ferrin	68.34

Izzy Cohen

1 Terry Klein	65.63
2 James Berry	61.44
3 John McCormick	50.23
4 Brad Libros	45.49
5 Myron Goldstein	44.39
6 James Beller	43.86
7 Leon Masiewicki	42.49
8 Robert Rovner	40.39
9 Radu Tunsanu	39.47
Daniela Tunsanu	39.47
11 Ernie Schuler	38.62
12 Annapurna Satpathy	37.42
13 Namik Haveric	35.38
14 Mirsad Mujezinovic	35.38
15 Charles Dearolf	35.27

Tubbs

1 Terry Klein	65.63
2 Myron Goldstein	44.39
3 Daniela Tunsanu	39.47
Radu Tunsanu	39.47
5 Michael Kuehl	31.46
6 Blake Schwartzbach	30.90
7 John Goon	30.87
8 Barry Tash	29.88
9 Kenneth Jones	27.23
10 David Marshall	27.00

Woolridge

1 Jim Rubin	26.10
Ferit Yegenoglu	26.10
3 Ellen Rosenthal	15.01
4 Bruce Reynolds	13.71
5 Eleanor Young	12.88
6 Cate Frezza	11.60
7 Joel Greengard	11.08
Michele Greengard	11.08
9 Kim Gandy	10.79
10 Jeff Frank	9.14

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

The cost is \$.55. 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.

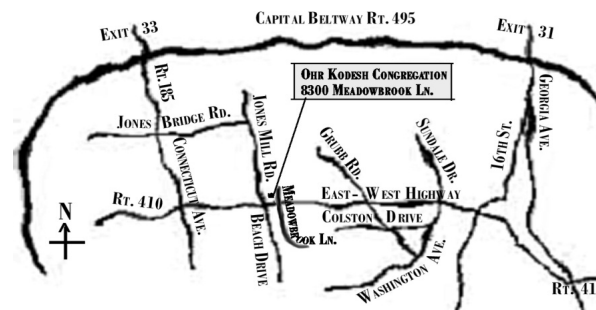
This is a great program for beginners as well as experienced social bridge players! Partners will be provided if needed. For more information, contact Bryan or Lois Geer at 301-236-0014 or by email at geerbridge@verizon.net.

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

03/24/2016Upgraded Club Championship
 03/31/2016StrataFlighted Grand National Teams
 04/07/2016WBL Sectional
 04/14/2016StrataFlighted Unit Championship
 04/21/2016StrataFlighted Grand National Teams
 04/28/2016CLOSED -- No Site Available
 05/05/2016Annual Meeting/D6 STaC—Stratified Pairs
 05/12/2016NVBA Sectional
 05/19/2016Grass Roots Fund Game
 05/26/2016Membership Game
 06/02/2016D6 STaC—Stratified Pairs
 06/09/2016NVBA Sectional
 06/16/2016StrataFlighted Unit Championship
 06/23/2016StrataFlighted Unit Champ—Swiss Teams
 06/30/2016StrataFlighted Unit Championship
 07/07/2016WBL Sectional
 07/14/2016StrataFlighted North American Pairs

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.

UNIT GAME CARPOOL AVAILABLE

To arrange a carpool, contact **Melissa Price**, Carpool Coordinator, at 301-464-1261 or melissadprice46@gmail.com.

THE UNIT GAME

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

WELCOMING PLAYERS AT ALL LEVELS

As many of you know, WBL runs a very successful program for newer players, with a weekly lesson and supervised play session run by Lois and Bryan Geer. The only downside of this program is that their students love it so much that it is hard to persuade them to venture out of the shallow end into the shark-infested depths!

I would encourage everyone at all levels of the game to focus on making your table a welcoming place for all players, but especially for those moving up from one level to another. It can be very intimidating the first time that someone plays in a group that they think is more “expert” – please take every opportunity to show how much you value their presence in your section, and help us to continue the perpetual process of nurturing players all the way from novice to expert.

If you know of anyone that may be interested in learning duplicate bridge, or returning after a long break from the game, please direct them to our teaching game; a session or two can provide a gentle (re-)introduction to the game we love.

UPCOMING SECTIONALS

- ♠ April 7-10, 2016, WBL, Silver Spring, MD
- ♣ May 12-15, 2016, NVBA, Fairfax, VA
- ♦ June 4-5, 2016, WBL NLM, Kensington, MD
- ♥ July 7-10, 2016, WBL, Silver Spring, MD
- ♠ September 8-11, 2016, NVBA, Fairfax, VA
- ♣ October 6-9, 2016, WBL, Silver Spring, MD
- ♦ January, 2017, WBL, Silver Spring, MD
- ♥ February, 2017, NVBA, Fairfax, VA

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

Here's how to help:

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

Thank you in advance for any assistance you can provide.

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

DO YOU HAVE ANY MUSCLES OR BRAINS TO SPARE?

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

From setting up and 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.

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

Flight C — The winners this year, Barquin, have won two years in a row. We think that this is the first time a team in the NLM flight has won twice.

1) *Jean Barquin, Edith Burzio, F Scott Bush, Sarah Watson*

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

Flight X

1) *Monique Smith, Merril Hirsh, Michael Richey, Ronald Zucker*

WBL EDUCATION FOUNDATION'S BRIDGE IN SCHOOLS PROGRAM IS UP AND RUNNING

by Bob Levey

Students at two local high schools are playing regularly, University of Maryland students are doing the same and a bridge day camp is in the planning stages for the coming summer.

All programs are supported by fundraising done by the WBL Education Foundation. Adam Gann, the coordinator of the Bridge in Schools program, calls it “an exciting first year.”

At Sidwell Friends School in Washington and Walter Johnson High School in Bethesda, students play once a week under the supervision of volunteers trained by the Foundation. Games take place during lunch. Sidwell and WJ players expect to represent their schools at an interscholastic bridge match later this year. It might take place at the North American Bridge Championships, scheduled for Washington in July.

At Maryland, youth bridge star Hakan Berk has supervised more than a dozen play-

ers each week throughout the 2015-16 school year. He began as soon as he arrived on campus as a freshman last fall. The Maryland squad hopes to take part in next year's Collegiate Bridge Championships.

Meanwhile, the Bethesda-Chevy Chase YMCA is working closely with the Foundation to plan and launch a bridge day camp for local students this summer. How often bridge camp would meet, and what ages the players would be, remains to be decided. Gann hopes that campers will want to continue playing once they return to school in the fall, and will spearhead the development of new programs at their schools in the coming academic year.

Donations to support the Foundation's Bridge in Schools efforts are welcome. Please make checks payable to the WBL Education Foundation and mail them to Rose Berman, Treasurer, WBL Education Foundation, 13707 Engleman Drive, Laurel, MD 20708-1325. All contributions are tax-deductible to the full extent of the law as long as you itemize deductions.

2015-2016 WBL/NVBA PLAYER OF THE YEAR

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

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

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

Open Leaders

Player	Points
1 Steve Robinson	136.69
2 Mark Shaw	136.31
3 Martin Graf	127.06
4 Peter Boyd	113.25
5 Steven Schatzow	102.51
6 Barry Falgout	94.95
7 Linda Marshall	91.24
8 Mark Chen	89.18
9 Rusty Krauss	86.76
10 Sylvia Shi	86.64
11 Jim Wakefield	79.40
12 Brad Theurer	77.38
13 Helene Bauman	77.36
14 Alexander Prairie	73.18
15 David Ruderman	72.33
16 Robert Hopkins Jr	70.21
17 William Cole	66.80
18 Robert Bell	65.71
19 William Pettis	64.45
20 Leo LaSota	59.69

NonLM Leaders

Player	Points
1 Adam Gann	50.04
2 Donna Hickling	26.95
3 Terry Klein	25.19
4 Duncan Thompson	20.21
5 Phyllis Morgan	19.07
6 Robert Gray	19.07
7 Jeffrey Yutzler	18.36
8 Thomas Grahame	16.65
9 Wendy Morrison	16.39
10 Jeffrey Schwartz	15.60
11 Julie Marquette	15.41
12 Ila Shah	15.19
13 Vinod Shah	15.19
14 Jane Dolkart	13.93
15 Mary Ourand	13.89
16 Darlyn Counihan	13.18
17 Linda Dennis	12.88
18 Francesca Mazarella	12.87
19 Daniel Morgan	12.84
20 Ted Proxmire	12.70

WBL EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION

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

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

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

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

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



2015 WBL NEW LIFE MASTERS

Thayer Baine, Margaret A Cooke, Andres B Doernberg, Brenda Dunaway, Stanley J Fineman, Thomas J Grahame, Garry S Grossman, Peter Isard, Leslie P Jessell, Sheila Kaplan, Ellen A Kelley, Michael Kuehl, Rosemary Kuntz, David L Marshall, Cathy C McGarrigan, Jack C Mortick, Joy I Oliver, Peter Schiff, Charles F Van Gorder, Michael M Watts, Bob Yellen, Lenore C Yellen, and Kathleen Zellmer.

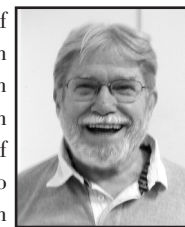


Margaret Cooke and **Peter Isard** began playing duplicate bridge toward the end of 2009 in the WBL novice game run by Bryan and Lois Geer. They benefitted greatly from the novice classes taught by Lois and were winners of the Woolridge award in 2011. Margaret and Peter became life masters during the Kensington NLM tournament that Bryan and Lois helped run last April, which seemed particularly fitting to them. They enjoy going to tournaments in parts of the country that they want to visit and the friendships that have developed at the bridge table. They continue to hope that the challenges of bridge are helping to forestall the onset of short-term memory loss.

Tom Grahame played a (very) little bridge with his parents, and in his early teens taught himself a bit with something called "autobridge". It was a simple mechanical device; you pulled a thin metal device down to reveal the card you should play. Tom says his knowledge of the game was very rudimentary, but it appears he had a lot of company at the time.

Before he had a career and family obligations, Tom

spent 10 and a half months in Europe in 1970-71. He stayed with a cousin in southern Spain and a couple of days a week, he went to the Hotel Melia Don



Pepe to play bridge. Tom says, "One of the people who was always there was a middle aged woman who was part of the extended Spanish royal family. That said, Franco was in power then. Further, should the monarchy ever be restored after Franco's death, she was on the wrong side of the family to ever see power, we came to understand. She seemed embittered to me, and I attributed that to her place in the large royal family."

"One Saturday there was a tournament. I went over, found a partner who was on vacation from Sweden. He was friendly, and from the results, he was a very good player. We won the event, certainly with little thanks to my own contributions. After that, every time I played against the woman who was from royalty, I never heard the end of how lucky I was. Which was true: I was lucky in finding that Swedish partner."

2015

New Life Masters



Some of our 2015 New Life Masters gathered for a photo during the Presidential Tournament (p.23) in January while we celebrated their achievements.

When Tom returned from Europe, he played twice in duplicate tournaments with a friend. He thinks they might have even gotten a couple of masterpoints, but couldn't understand his partner's need to bid an unmakeable slam once every time they played. Since bridge was a minor attraction at that point, he stopped playing altogether. That was 1972. Tom didn't play again until about 2010.

As retirement was no longer so distant, he took seriously finding something he wanted to do in retirement. He has played with many partners since then. Some taught him a great deal, but personal differences caused him to move on. Tom wants to continually improve as a player, but not by playing with people who might be harsh. He doesn't mind people constructively criticizing his play and wants to learn from better players, but would like them to do so with a smile.

Today, Tom looks for partners who enjoy humor, who like to laugh at the table. Bridge is a lot more fun for him when there is laughter. And, Tom says if you can teach him a few new conventions, he'd be grateful!



Leslie Jessell (McDonald) teaches high school math at Richard Montgomery High School in Rockville. She was recently married to Doug McDonald who also teaches math at Richard Montgomery. -- High school sweethearts! Between them, they have 7 children ranging from 26-32, 1 grandchild and a dog! Leslie is a graduate of University of Virginia with an MEd from George Mason University. In addition to Bridge, she likes many other things starting with the letter 'B': Baseball, Beach, Books, Bowling, Biking....and also loves to travel.

Although her mother taught Leslie to play bridge when she was young and she dabbled in some duplicate and played some with her kids, she did not join the ACBL until 11

years ago. She and her friend, neighbor and partner extraordinaire, Jenny Elliott started playing at Christ the King in the basement with their sons, under the tutelage of Steve and Sandy. Over the years, they've been able to go to some great tournaments (their favorite was Toronto) and meet some wonderful people on their Thursday night outings. Leslie says that her usual 'goal' for Thursday nights is to stay awake, and other than that, she wants to keep learning and improving and having fun of course!



Sheila Kaplan got interested in bridge by watching her mother play Auction Bridge, a game something like Whist where accurate bidding is not important.

Fifty years later, Sheila saw an ad in the Washington Post for a one day bridge seminar taught by Steve and Sandy Forsythe where she learned that accurate bidding is in fact very important. It was a great day for Sheila and the Forsythes suggested that she come to the basement game at Christ the King Church, where the Forsythes gave a lesson followed by 12 hands with guidance during the play. After a few months in the basement, Sheila met her boyfriend, Mike, with whom she came out of the basement and played at the real duplicate game upstairs at the church. After retirement from her job as an attorney for the District of Columbia, she got more involved with bridge. Sheila says, "There are so many games to play and so many great opponents!"

Michael Kuehl came from a bridge family. His parents, both of whom were Life Masters, directed two duplicate games in Park Ridge, Illinois.



Michael and his younger brother started playing duplicate bridge in 1955, when he was a sophomore in high school, and at that time even played in a National Tournament in Chicago with their parents. He played bridge occasionally in college, but stopped playing when he went to medical school and then pursued a career as a medical researcher until he retired early in 2015. (Michael's brother, Bill Kuehl, continued playing duplicate bridge; he ultimately became a Life Master and a top player in St. Louis where he directed a duplicate game for many years before retiring from bridge so that he could spend more time with his wife and children.)

Nearly 50 years after Michael stopped playing bridge, he decided to join the ACBL and play duplicate bridge once or twice a week in the Washington area. He was amazed at how much the bidding has changed in the past 50 years! Michael continues to have the same goals in playing this fascinating game. First, trying to be a supportive partner. Second, trying to improve by reading bridge books and pursuing discussions with bridge experts and his partners. Finally, enjoying the experience of playing with others as a partner, teammate, and also as an opponent.



David Marshall is married to Linda (WBL Vice President) and they have two sons, Adam (25), and Josh (22). David is an attorney employed by a U.S. government agency.

He previously worked in the private sector as an attorney for various law firms. He earned a B.A. from Denison University, and his J.D. from the University of Michigan. His hobbies include movies, genealogy, and gardening.

David started playing bridge as a fresh-

man in his high school lunch room, as he and three friends wanted something to occupy their time. Some upper class friends introduced them to the game at their request. David played in several club games during high school, then took a long hiatus from competitive bridge. He really started playing in tournaments when he returned to bridge 5 1/2 years ago. David's wish for his bridge future is simply to continue to enjoy the game.



Joy Oliver taught secondary math and science while she lived in North Carolina. She sponsored a bridge club for her students and then learned and instantly fell in love with the game. Joy currently teaches piano and also enjoys sports.

Mike Watts was first introduced to bridge by running errands for his mother's bridge group. He would go to the store to get cigarettes for them and then sit in on a couple of hands – he's not sure why. When Mike got married, he played party bridge with his wife and other couples using the bridge wheel. Mike feels that this experience may have contributed to his divorce. In 1997, he took a beginning bridge course offered by the county and was "woefully underprepared in 2004 when Steve and Sandy Forsythe taught me the real game of bridge. They contradicted my mother who believed penalty doubles were rude. Had it not been for them, I would still be using the bridge wheel." Mike met his girlfriend Sheila at the table. He says, "My current partners Sheila, Mary and Jim are wonderful but constantly say things like "The 4 on the board was good" like I didn't know it already." Mike's favorite bridge expert is Frank Stewart. Mike says he still can't figure out Stewart's hands in the paper.

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The 2015 WBL Trophy Race Winners were awarded their trophies on Sunday.

Lovenberg (Open) **Steve Robinson** (top right)

Izzy Cohen (0-1500).....**Terry Klein** (top left)

Tubbs (Non-LM)**Terry Klein** (top left)

Woolridge (0-20) **TIE: Ferit Yegenoglu** (left)

Jim Rubin (right)

—See p. 14 for all the final standings—

TOP TEN CUMULATIVE POINT WINNERS

All Players

1	48.30	Peter Boyd
2/3	41.04	Martin Graf
	41.04	Mark Shaw
4	36.12	Steve Robinson
5	31.11	David Ruderman
6	26.97	Robert Hopkins Jr
7	23.95	Lloyd Rawley
8	23.67	Barry Falgout
9	22.10	Vincent Wilmot Jr
10	20.76	Jay Kelkar

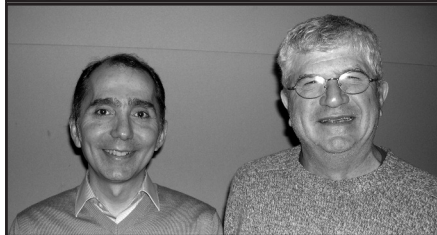
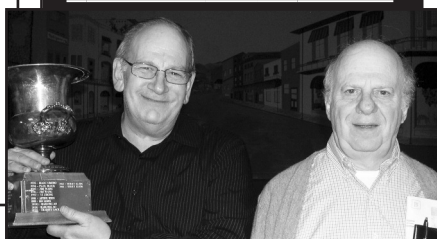
Players with fewer than 2000 masterpoints

1	12.56	Ernie Schuler
2	11.60	Carole Banks
3	10.11	Larry Wallace
4	9.85	Jim Allen, Jr
5/6	8.55	Ron Sutter
	8.55	Yuen DeAnda
7	7.84	Joy Oliver
8	7.67	Judy Retchin
9	7.59	Adam Gann
10	7.39	Kent Goulding

Players with fewer than 300 masterpoints

1	9.85	Jim Allen, Jr
2	7.67	Judy Retchin
3	7.39	Kent Goulding
4	7.29	Jane Dolkart
5	6.15	Julie Marquette
6/7	6.04	Kim Gandy
	6.04	Cate Frezza
8/9	5.99	Richard Barth
	5.99	Brian Mc Namara
10/	4.50	Dorothy Osterberger
/11	4.50	Linda Dennis

2015 TROPHY RACE WINNERS



THU AM A/X PAIRS @RDBC

Stratum A, 14.0 Tables / Based on 30 Tables

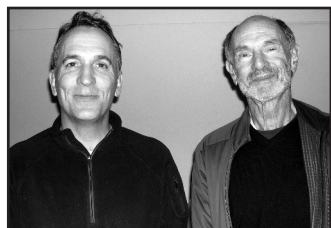
1	Juline Glaz - Daniel Shankle Jr	.63.30
2	Joy Oliver - James Geist	.61.86
3	Melissa Price - Ann Lindley	.61.22
4/5	Hank Meyer - Donald Berman	.59.94
4/5	Robert Hopkins Jr - Brad Theurer	.59.94
6/7	Robert Catlett - Leila Whiting	.58.81
6/7	Audrey Stern - John Lowe III	.58.81

Stratum X, 9.0 Tables

1	Robert Catlett - Leila Whiting	.58.81
2	Raman Srivastav - Steven Mendelsohn	.58.33
3	Adam Gann - Blake Schwartzbach	.57.05
4	Barbara Teng - Syed Zamir	.55.61
5	Joel Goldberg - Marilyn Forrest	.53.85

THU AM BCD PAIRS @RDBC

Stratum B, 15.5 Tables



1	Brian Mc Namara - Richard Barth	.63.88
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2	Mary Ourand - Hanna Wagner	.63.31
3	Vivian Pollock - David Stearman	.61.46
4	Julie Marquette - Judy Retchin	.60.90
5	Jeffrey Kayden - Mark Eisenstadt	.59.48
6	Susan Weiss - Sue Swift	.59.41

Stratum C, 14.5 Tables

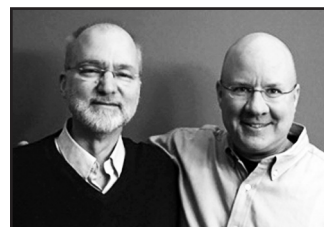
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2	Mary Ourand - Hanna Wagner	.63.31
3	Vivian Pollock - David Stearman	.61.46
4	Julie Marquette - Judy Retchin	.60.90
5	Jeffrey Kayden - Mark Eisenstadt	.59.48
6	Susan Weiss - Sue Swift	.59.41

Stratum D, 11.5 Tables

1	Richard Barth - Brian Mc Namara	.63.88
2	Vivian Pollock - David Stearman	.61.46
3	Julie Marquette - Judy Retchin	.60.90
4	Jeffrey Kayden - Mark Eisenstadt	.59.48
5	Toni Sandler - Eleanor Linde	.56.09
6	Joy Bloomfield - Daphne Byron	.54.44

THU EVE A/X PAIRS

Stratum A, 30.0 Tables / Based on 79 Tables



1	Peter Boyd - Steve Reed	.63.43
2	Debnarayan Dhar - John Christensen	.61.20
3	David Ruderman - Arnie Frankel	.60.95
4	Linda Marshall - Steven Schatzow	.59.26
5	David Soukup - Hakan Berk	.58.84
6	Brad Theurer - Lyle Poe Jr	.58.40
7	Steve Robinson - Sylvia Shi	.58.23
8	Thomas Peters - Robert Rovner	.58.17
9	David Fleischer - Leo Cardillo	.56.94
10	Joan Lewis - Robert Hopkins Jr	.56.71
11	Donald Berman - Hank Meyer	.56.27
12	Eric Poskanzer - Francesco Parisi-Presicce	.56.25
13	Vincent Wilmot Jr - James Geist	.56.16
14	Murat Berk - Peter Van Zijl	.56.15
15	Adam Gann - Robert Cookin	.55.56

Stratum X, 17.5 Tables

1	Debnarayan Dhar - John Christensen	.61.20
2	David Soukup - Hakan Berk	.58.84
3	Thomas Peters - Robert Rovner	.58.17
4	Eric Poskanzer - Francesco Parisi-Presicce	.56.25
5	Vincent Wilmot Jr - James Geist	.56.16
6	Murat Berk - Peter Van Zijl	.56.15

THU EVE BCD PAIRS

Stratum B, 22.0 Tables

1	David Bort - Walter Mitnick	.61.55
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2	Jeffrey Yutzler - Donna Hickling	.61.34
3	Cathy Walton - Brian Lamm	.61.11
4	Eric Branfman - Andrew Lipps	.60.42
5	Leslie Jessell - Jennifer Elliott	.60.23
6	Jeremy Billones - Sheila Ellis	.59.72

Stratum C, 17.0 Tables

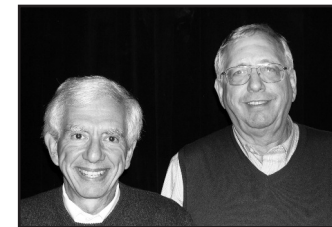
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3	Leslie Jessell - Jennifer Elliott	.60.23
4	Jeremy Billones - Sheila Ellis	.59.72
5	Gary Hinson - Bruce Kasold	.59.03
6	Namik Haveric - Mirsad Mujezinovic	.57.77

Stratum D, 12.5 Tables

1	Jeffrey Yutzler - Donna Hickling	.61.34
2	Cathy Walton - Brian Lamm	.61.11
3	Leslie Jessell - Jennifer Elliott	.60.23
4	Jeremy Billones - Sheila Ellis	.59.72
5	Gary Hinson - Bruce Kasold	.59.03
6	Louis Coccodrilli - Judy Retchin	.55.11

THU EVE NLM PAIRS @WBL

Stratum A, 13.0 Tables



1	Marc Zlotnik - David Narrow	.63.45
2	Ferit Yegenoglu - Jim Rubin	.60.98
3	Richard Barth - Brian Mc Namara	.60.04
4	Ilana Rappaport - Carl Rappaport	.58.71
5	Mahmoud Katirai - Shala Panbechi	.58.52
6	Isabelle de Zamaroczy - Barbara Leibold	.57.20

Stratum B, 9.5 Tables

1	Marc Zlotnik - David Narrow	.63.45
2	Ferit Yegenoglu - Jim Rubin	.60.98
3	Ilana Rappaport - Carl Rappaport	.58.71
4	Cate Frezza - Kim Gandy	.55.87
5	Linda Meade - Bruce Reynolds	.55.68
6	Carole Ruth Cougnet - Ted Michos	.55.30

Stratum C, 6.0 Tables

1	Ferit Yegenoglu - Jim Rubin	.60.98
2	Cate Frezza - Kim Gandy	.55.87
3	Linda Meade - Bruce Reynolds	.55.68
4	Carole Ruth Cougnet - Ted Michos	.55.30

THU EVE NEWCOMER PAIRS

Stratum A, 6.0 Tables

1	Julie Anderson - Bette Levin	.70.00
2	Giselle Bleecker - Suzanne Kim	.63.33
3/4	Sharon Zeigler - Patricia Kiesewetter	.52.50
3/4	Chris Lewis - Janet Coleman	.52.50

Stratum B, 4.5 Tables

1	Julie Anderson - Bette Levin	.70.00
2	Giselle Bleecker - Suzanne Kim	.63.33

- 3 Chris Lewis - Janet Coleman52.50
 4 Lovelace Clark - Candyce Clark51.67
Stratum C, 4.0 Tables
 1 Julie Anderson - Bette Levin70.00
 2 Giselle Bleecker - Suzanne Kim63.33
 3 Chris Lewis - Janet Coleman52.50

199ER SWISS @NVBA

Stratum A, 8 Tables

- 1/2 James Connor - Jovica Medic - Duncan Wainwright - Debbie Moore54.00
 1/2 Jeanne Theis - Phil Theis - Patricia Grea-son - James Bexfield54.00
 3 Gary Scavongelli - Janice Scavongelli - Craig Pritzker - Charles Van Horn Jr .43.00

Stratum B, 8 Tables

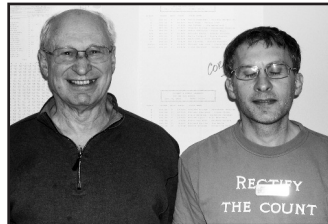
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 3 Gary Scavongelli - Janice Scavongelli - Craig Pritzker - Charles Van Horn Jr .43.00

Stratum C, 6 Tables

- 1 Jeanne Theis - Phil Theis - Patricia Grea-son - James Bexfield54.00
 2 Gary Scavongelli - Janice Scavongelli - Craig Pritzker - Charles Van Horn Jr .43.00

FRI AM A/X PAIRS

Stratum A, 6.5 Tables / Based on 28 Tables



- 1 Donald Berman - Lloyd Rawley61.82
 2 Marshall Kramer - Ann Ingram59.09
 3 Steven Schatzow - Alfred Duncker55.42
 4/5 Jim Dick - Amanda Carter52.72
 4/5 Larry Wallace - Alice Miller52.72

Stratum X, 3.0 Tables

- 1/2 Jim Dick - Amanda Carter52.72
 1/2 Larry Wallace - Alice Miller52.72

FRI AM BCD PAIRS

Stratum B, 11.0 Tables

- 1 Andrew Lipps - Eric Branfman61.31
 2 Terence McCarthy - Anthony Hawks .59.82
 3 Robert Catlett - Alfred Liepold59.52
 4 Michael Corrigan - Donna Hickling ..58.93
 5 Stephen Weiner - Wendy Morrison ..56.85
 6 Mary Ourand - Sheila Kaplan55.06

Stratum C, 9.0 Tables

- 1 Terence McCarthy - Anthony Hawks .59.82
 2 Michael Corrigan - Donna Hickling ..58.93

- 3 Stephen Weiner - Wendy Morrison ..56.85
 4 Mary Ourand - Sheila Kaplan55.06
 5 Eugene Massey - Ted Proxmire53.57

Stratum D, 7.0 Tables

- 1 Michael Corrigan - Donna Hickling ..58.93
 2 Stephen Weiner - Wendy Morrison ..56.85
 3 Mary Ourand - Sheila Kaplan55.06
 4 Eugene Massey - Ted Proxmire53.57
 5 Margaret Cooke - Peter Isard52.08

FRI AM 299ER PAIRS

Stratum A, 10.5 Tables



- 1 Michael Cooperman - Myron Goldstein 61.82
 2 Bob Lawrence - Julie Marquette59.81
 3 Tina Brinsfield - Shaye Hester57.53
 4 Pat Tylander - Judy Retchin57.36
 5 Reina Lerner - Sharona Sapoznikow .57.08
 6 Patricia Stuehler - Ed Krest56.42

Stratum B, 4.0 Tables

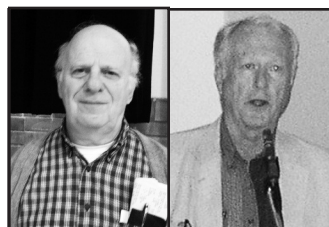
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 2 Andrew Swaim - Katherine Lehman .51.98
 3 Nancy Ferris - Judith Riggs51.56

Stratum C, 3.5 Tables

- 1 Cate Frezza - Kim Gandy54.70
 2 Andrew Swaim - Katherine Lehman .51.98
 3 Julian Klazkin - Charles Deutsch ...51.51

FRI AFT A/X PAIRS

Stratum A, 11.0 Tables / Based on 33 Tables



- 1 Steve Robinson - Jim Allen, Jr63.69
 2 Peter Boyd - Kent Goulding61.01
 3 Ernie Schuler - James Geist60.42
 4 Vonnie Lavender - Robert Gookin ..58.33
 5 John Klayman - Robert Hopkins Jr ..55.06
 6 Donald Berman - David Fleischer ..54.17

Stratum X, 5.0 Tables

- 1 Ernie Schuler - James Geist60.42
 2 Jay Cherlow - Adam Gann50.60
 3/4 Rose Berman - Eileen Houghton47.62
 3/4 Michael Lawrence - Craig Olson47.62



FRI AFT BCD PAIRS, Stratum B, 11.0 Tables

- 1 Liz Ferraro - Alan Ferraro64.29
 2 Terence McCarthy - Anthony Hawks .63.27
 3 Robert Catlett - Alfred Liepold57.86
 4 Barbara Teng - Syed Zamir57.62
 5 Juan Pardo - Jake Hudson51.96
 6/7 Eugene Massey - Ted Proxmire50.89
 6/7 Ronnie Loeser - Jane Dolkart50.89

Stratum C, 9.5 Tables

- 1 Alan Ferraro - Liz Ferraro64.29
 2 Terence McCarthy - Anthony Hawks .63.27
 3 Barbara Teng - Syed Zamir57.62
 4 Juan Pardo - Jake Hudson51.96
 5/6 Eugene Massey - Ted Proxmire50.89
 5/6 Ronnie Loeser - Jane Dolkart50.89

Stratum D, 5.5 Tables

- 1/2 Eugene Massey - Ted Proxmire50.89
 1/2 Ronnie Loeser - Jane Dolkart50.89
 3 Margaret Cooke - Peter Isard49.88
 4 Lynne Groff - Dottie Terrell49.70

FRI AFT 299ER PAIRS, Stratum A, 11 Tables

- 1 Randolph Elkins - Curtis Sandler ..66.04
 2 Anita Lancaster - Lorraine Shumaker 65.43
 3 Richard Barth - Brian Mc Namara ..61.72
 4 Julie Marquette - Judy Retchin56.31
 5 Thomas Keslin - Robert Staiman55.40
 6 Kim Schiffrin - Ginny Feldman52.42

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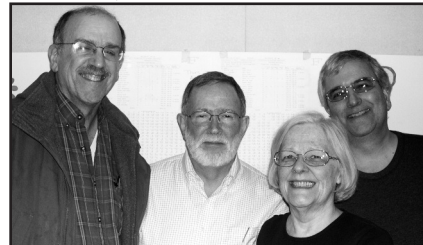
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 2 Nancy Feldman - Bethany Kadish ..51.80
 3 Andrew Swaim - Katherine Lehman .50.64
 4 Jennifer Fahnestock - Arthur Keefe III 50.10

Stratum C, 5.0 Tables

- 1 Kim Schiffrin - Ginny Feldman52.42
 2 Nancy Feldman - Bethany Kadish ..51.80
 3 Andrew Swaim - Katherine Lehman .50.64
 4 Judy Rovner - Sheila Blum48.40

FRI EVE TRIPLE NICKEL

Stratum A, 13 Tables / Based on 15 Tables



- 1 Robert Bell -Robert Hopkins Jr - Joan Lewi - Barry Falgouts86.00

- 2 Alan Tenenbaum - Ann Lindley - Alfred Duncker - Mary Tenenbaum66.00
 3 Carole Banks - Christopher Miller - Kevin Barnes - Clyde Kruskal58.00
 4 Thomas Grahame - Michael Kuehl - Mark Lavine - Gail Singer56.00
 5 Brad Libros - Earl Glickstein - William Cole - Ellen Cherniavsky55.00

Stratum B, 5 Tables

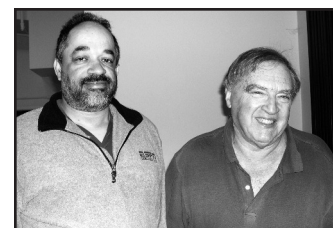
- 1 Thomas Grahame - Michael Kuehl - Mark Lavine - Gail Singer56.00
 2 William Dillon - Robert Blatt - Thomas Reckford - Ted Proxmire46.00

Stratum C, 3 Tables

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SAT AM A/X PAIRS

Stratum A, 20.0 Tables / Based on 59 Tables



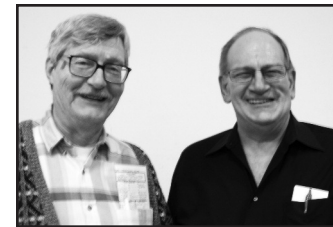
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 2 Mark Shaw - Martin Graf59.76
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 6/7 Steve Robinson - Peter Boyd56.80
 6/7 Kenneth Davis - Angelo Zuccaro56.80
 8 Barry Falgout - Rusty Krauss56.69
 9 Ann Lindley - Alfred Duncker55.59
 10 Linda Marshall - Steven Schatzow ...55.48

Stratum X, 11.5 Tables

- 1 Stephen Drodge - Alexander Prairie .57.57
 2 Michael Lawrence - Craig Olson55.04
 3 Franz Delahan - Madeline Delahan .54.93
 4 Andrew Lipps - Eric Branfman51.43
 5 Peter Van Zijl - Michael Berard50.99
 6 Richard Ferrin - Joe Hertz50.33

SAT AM BCD PAIRS

Stratum B, 20.0 Tables



- 1 Duncan Thompson - Terry Klein59.23
 2/3 Brian Sutton - Walter Beckerman ...58.93

- 2/3 Yuen DeAnda - Ron Sutter58.93
 4/6 Stephen Weiner - Wendy Morrison . .58.33
 4/6 Eleanor Schwartz - Amelia Montjoy . .58.33
 4/6 Nancy Hoye - Jean Marx58.33

Stratum C, 16.0 Tables

- 1 Terry Klein - Duncan Thompson . . .59.23
 2 Brian Sutton - Walter Beckerman . . .58.93
 3/4 Stephen Weiner - Wendy Morrison . .58.33
 3/4 Eleanor Schwartz - Amelia Montjoy . .58.33
 5 Katy Culp - Francesca Mazarella . . .58.04
 6 Brian Brunsvold - Robert Bajefsky . .57.74

Stratum D, 10.0 Tables

- 1 Terry Klein - Duncan Thompson . . .59.23
 2 Brian Sutton - Walter Beckerman . . .58.93
 3 Stephen Weiner - Wendy Morrison . .58.33
 4 Katy Culp - Francesca Mazarella . . .58.04
 5 Brian Brunsvold - Robert Bajefsky . .57.74
 6 Tina Brinsfield - Jane Dolkart56.25

SAT AM 299ER PAIRS

Stratum A, 13.0 Tables



- 1 Dorothy Osterberger - Linda Dennis .62.31
 2 Neil Singer - Michael Barth61.17
 3 Joseph Lebaron - Judith Dausch . . .58.14
 4 Julie Marquette - Judy Retchin . . .57.95
 5 Eva Vorndran - Michael Heald56.44
 6 Peter Pollak - Judy Ferraro55.68

Stratum B, 5.5 Tables

- 1 Peter Pollak - Judy Ferraro55.68
 2 Cate Frezza - Kim Gandy54.73
 3 Joel Greengard - Michele Greengard .54.55
 4 Michael Benefiel - Susan Baker . . .54.17

Stratum C, 2.5 Tables

- 1 Cate Frezza - Kim Gandy54.73
 2 Joel Greengard - Michele Greengard .54.55

SAT AM 49ER PAIRS

Stratum A, 6.0 Tables

- 1 Andrew Swaim - Katherine Lehman . .57.50
 2/3 Steven Messina - Linda Miller56.25
 2/3 Christina Heckard - Barbara Novak . .56.25
 4 Linda Meade - Darlyn Counihan . . .53.75

Stratum B, 3.5 Tables

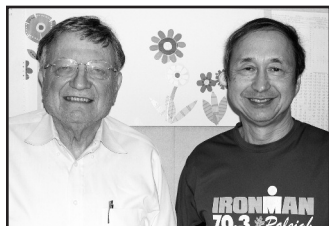
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 3 Marianne Keler - David Espo53.33

Stratum C, 3.5 Tables

- 1/2 Steven Messina - Linda Miller56.25
 1/2 Christina Heckard - Barbara Novak . .56.25
 3 Marianne Keler - David Espo53.33

SAT AFT A/X PAIRS

Stratum A, 18.0 Tables / Based on 45 Tables



- 1 Martin Graf - Mark Shaw63.11
 2 Clyde Kruskal - Donna Rogall62.25
 3 Lloyd Rawley - Carole Banks59.19
 4 Jeffrey Halle - Sorina Negulescu . . .59.07
 5 Stan Schenker - David Milton58.95
 6 Barry Falgout - Rusty Krauss58.58
 7 Margot Hennings - Ronald Zucker . .58.46
 8 Steve Robinson - Peter Boyd57.48
 9 Paul Block - James Geist55.27

Stratum X, 9.0 Tables

- 1 Lloyd Rawley - Carole Banks59.19
 2 Jeffrey Halle - Sorina Negulescu . . .59.07
 3 Paul Block - James Geist55.27
 4/5 Deborah Cobb - David Fleischer . . .51.10
 4/5 Wayne Bardsley - Amanda Carter . .51.10

SAT AFT BCD PAIRS

Stratum B, 14.0 Tables



- 1 Jane Dolkart - Ronnie Loeser66.67
 2 Margaret Cooke - Peter Isard62.88
 3 Glenn Terrell - Dottie Terrell62.31
 4 Dolores Rioux - Daniel Feldman . . .60.98
 5 Gary Weinberg - Sarah Weinberg . . .57.20
 6 Lynne Groff - Alfred Groff55.87

Stratum C, 11.5 Tables

- 1 Ronnie Loeser - Jane Dolkart66.67
 2 Margaret Cooke - Peter Isard62.88
 3 Glenn Terrell - Dottie Terrell62.31
 4 Gary Weinberg - Sarah Weinberg . . .57.20
 5 Lynne Groff - Alfred Groff55.87
 6 Michael Cooperman - Hugo Van Dyke 53.41

Stratum D, 8.5 Tables

- 1 Ronnie Loeser - Jane Dolkart66.67
 2 Margaret Cooke - Peter Isard62.88
 3 Glenn Terrell - Dottie Terrell62.31
 4 Lynne Groff - Alfred Groff55.87
 5 Michael Cooperman - Hugo Van Dyke 53.41

SAT AFT 299ER PAIRS

Stratum A, 10.0 Tables



- 1 Jeanne Haji - Subrahmanyam Muppalla 67.70
 2 Steven Leifer - Jacqueline Leifer . . .65.39
 3 Linda Dennis - Dorothy Osterberger .64.03
 4 Tina Brinsfield - Judy Retchin . . .63.18
 5 Myron Goldstein - Joseph Lebaron . .58.29
 6 Stephen Baldwin - Kate Baldwin . . .55.65

Stratum B, 5.5 Tables

- 1 Subrahmanyam Muppalla - Jeanne Haji 67.70
 2 Stephen Baldwin - Kate Baldwin . . .55.65
 3 Janice Scavongelli - Gary Scavongelli 53.95
 4 Sarath Silva - Rolf Swenson49.96

Stratum C, 2.5 Tables

- 1 Subrahmanyam Muppalla - Jeanne Haji 67.70
 2 Cate Frezza - Kim Gandy47.15

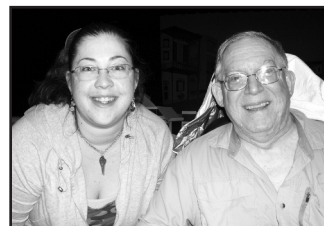
SAT AFT 49ER PAIRS

Stratum A, 3.0 Tables

- 1 Bob Englehart - Gobi Ulbig60.42
 2 Karen Salem - Michael Salem53.12

SUN AM 299ER SWISS

Stratum A, 7 Tables



- 1 Jennifer Fahnestock (pic) - Arthur Keefe III (pic) - Kim Gandy - Cate Frezza . . .64.00
 2 Philippa Radin - Blair Bourque - Kristina Hamilton - Edith Kuhnle51.00
 3/4 Julie Marquette - Karen Sandler - Tina Brinsfield - Judy Retchin38.00
 3/4 Jeff Frank - Alexander Stille - Tyler Creighton - Ashan Rodriguez38.00

Stratum B, 6 Tables / Based on 5 Tables

- 1 Jennifer Fahnestock - Kim Gandy - Cate Frezza - Arthur Keefe III64.00
 2 Philippa Radin - Blair Bourque - Kristina Hamilton - Edith Kuhnle51.00

Stratum C, 4 Tables

- 1 Philippa Radin - Blair Bourque - Kristina Hamilton - Edith Kuhnle51.00



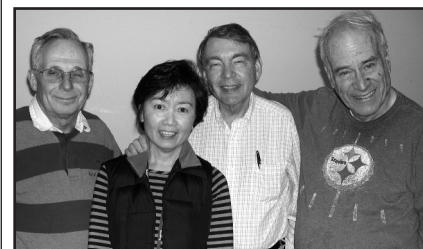
SUN OPEN SWISS

20 Tables / Based on 51 Tables

- 1 Peter Boyd - Steve Robinson - William Cole - Sylvia Shi39.00
 2 Barry Falgout - Robert Hopkins Jr - Rusty Krauss - Joan Lewis36.00
 3 Martin Graf - Mark Shaw - Mohsin Chandra - Jay Kelkar35.00
 4 Richard Ferrin - Ellen Cherniavsky - Eugene Kales - Ellie Dorsey34.00
 5 Lloyd Rawley - Clyde Kruskal - Michael Richey - Donna Rogall30.00
 6 Christian Jolly - Julie Arbit - Zachary Madden - Jin Hu28.00

SUN SWISS BRACKET 2

8 Tables / Based on 24 Tables



- 1 Robert Finkelstein - Yuen DeAnda - Ron Sutter - Joe Leighton92.00
 2 Elaine Conway - Ernie Schuler - Larry Wallace - Elizabeth Nash87.00
 3 Al Stolpe - Julia Brown - Dean Baird - Carolyn Baird77.00

SUN SWISS BRACKET 3

8 Tables / Based on 11 Tables

- 1 William Mendez Jr - Michael Goldman - David Benson - Jill Benson112.00
 2 Thomas Grahame - Michael Kuehl - Michelle Zygielbaum - Ettie Gordon .89.00
 3 David Bort - John Blodgett - Daniel Morgan - Robert Weaver85.00

SUN SWISS BRACKET 4

8 Tables

- 1 Reggie Ray - Odessa Morton - Martha Riviere - Ruth Shilkret98.00
 2 Alan Munro - Bill Murphy - Bud Morgan - William Nanna97.00
 3 Lynne Groff - Alfred Groff - Margaret Whilden - Amy Brisson90.00



NL MASTER POINTERS

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SCORING THE GAME, PART II

In the last article, I discussed how match-point scoring works. This time, we will focus

Diff. in Pts.	IMPs
0 – 10	0
20 – 40	1
50 – 80	2
90 – 120	3
130 – 160	4
170 – 210	5
220 – 260	6
270 – 310	7
320 – 360	8
370 – 420	9
430 – 490	10
500 – 590	11
600 – 740	12
750 – 890	13
900 – 1090	14
1100 – 1290	15
1300 – 1490	16
1500 – 1740	17
1750 – 1990	18
2000 – 2240	19
2250 – 2490	20
2500 – 2990	21
3000 – 3490	22
3500 – 3990	23
4000 or more	24

our attention on how IMP scoring works. IMP is an acronym, standing for International Match Points. It is a form of scoring that is most commonly used in team of four events such as knock-out teams, Swiss Teams, and Round Robins. In these events, you play on a team as two partnerships. Your players will sit North South at one table, and your teammates will sit East/West at your opponents table. The same set of hands will be played at both tables. At the conclusion of the match, you reunite with your partners to compare scores.

There is an IMP table at the bottom of your convention card.

This will be used to convert your scores from raw totals into IMPS.

Let's look at a simple five board match between you and another team. First our scores:

Board #	Contract & Result	Score
1	4♠ North made 5	+450
2	1NT West made 1	-90
3	7♣ X West down 4	+1100
4	4♥ East down 2	+200
5	5♣ North making 6	+600

This is our teammate's score card:

Board #	Contract & Result	Score
1	4♠ South made 4	-420
2	1NT South down 1	+100
3	7♥ North made 7	-1510
4	4♥ East making 4	+620
5	6♣ North down 1	+100

Now let's compare and convert the score to see who won.

Board #	Cumulative Score	IMPS for us	IMPS for them
1	+30	1	
2	+10	0	
3	-410		8
4	+820	13	
5	+700	12	
Final Score	----	26	8

On board one, our team made one more trick than the opposition in the same contract. Adding the score at our table to the score at the other table yielded a net score of +30. (450-420). Referring to the IMP table converts this to one IMP for our team. On board two, the cumulative score was +10 (-90+100). For a difference of 10 points, there are no IMPS for either side. Similarly, we lost 8 IMPS on board 3 (+1100-1510=-410), won 13 IMPS on board 4 (200+620=820), and won 12 IMPS on board 5 (600+100=700). The final score of the match was 26 IMPS for our side and 8 IMPS for our side. Victory is ours!

There is one other aspect to IMPS scoring. In some events, particularly Swiss Teams, sometimes they are scored as IMPS converted to Victory Points (VP). On your convention card, there is a victory point scale on the side of your convention card. The most commonly used scale is the 20 VP scale shown below. Once you determine the final IMP score for your match, you can refer to this table to con-

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vert to Victory Points. Each match's total victory points will be 20. In our example, our team won 15 VP, and our opponents won 5 VP. Victory points are added up cumulatively, and are used at the end of the event to determine the winners.

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

2. The WBL Online Partnership Desk

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STEPPING UP TO NEW HEIGHTS: As of February 1, 2016

Junior Masters: 5 Masterpoints

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Clare M Glynn
Mrs Ellen S Rosenthal
Carole Stringer

Club Masters: 20 MPs

Mr Kyle R Butts
Ms Sudha Garg
Joan Maxwell

Gary P Fookes
Mr Timofey Nevolin
Mr Philip M Rogerson

Sectional Masters: 50 MPs
David M Narrow

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Vickie Abrutyn
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Linda Meade
David Stearman

Regional Masters: 100 MPs

Kaye A Appleman
Angela P Riani

NABC Masters: 200 MPs

Richard C Barth

WBL SOLVERS' CLUB'S NEW PROBLEMS

1) IMPs BothVul

♠ A9♥ KJ87532 ♦ K1075 ♣ -

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

2) IMPs BothVul

♠ 4♥ Q103 ♦ AJ1096543 ♣ 2

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

3) IMPs BothVul

♠ 2♥ K3 ♦ KJ10987 ♣ KQ54

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
2 ♦	Pass	1 ♠	Pass
4 ♠	Pass	3 ♠*	Pass
????		5 ♣	Pass

*solid spades

4) IMPs They're Vul

♠ K652♥ A63 ♦ -♣ AQJ1054

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
1 ♣	Dbl	1 ♥	Pass
1 ♠	Pass	2 ♣	Pass
????			

5) IMPs They're Vul

♠ 4♥ 76532 ♦ 64 ♣ AQ1094

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

Return answers by Mar 24 to:

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

Contact **Barbara Doran** UnitGamePartner@DistrictSix.org,
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in advance. For a last minute partner, call the **WBL cell
phone (301-395-2760)**.

To arrange a carpool, contact **Melissa Price**, *Carpool Coordinator*, at 301-464-1261 or melissadprice46@gmail.com.

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