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to Honor New Life Masters

...and the Sunday

WBL Trophy Race Winners' Presentation

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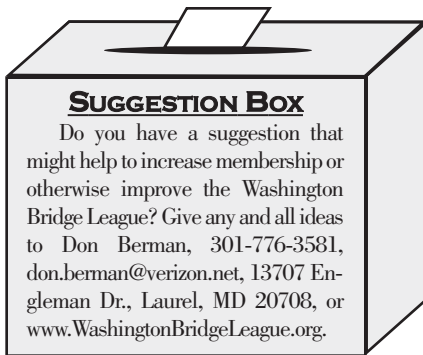
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PRESIDENT'S LETTER

by WBL President, Richard Ferrin

We bridge players are a competitive lot. Our success is dependent not only on our own skill, but also on getting the best game possible out of our partner. If we or our partner make a decision at the table and a bad result occurs, it is natural to want to figure out why the result was bad, so that we learn from the experience and hopefully get a better result the next time we face a similar decision. The trick, however, is to avoid the "deadly post-mortem."

We've all been there one time or another, dishing it out to pard or listening to pard dish it out against us. It is much more painful on the receiving side, with pard asking, "why did you bid X?" or "you should have known to bid Y." These discussions can be healthy, but only if the person on the receiving end is treated with respect and not as an all-purpose scapegoat. If pard tenses up at the end of every session just bracing him or herself for a torrent of finger-pointing by you, then not only do you turn what should be a *treat* for pard to get a chance to play with you into a dreadful experience, but you will never get the best game possible out of pard. The key is to make the

conversation a constructive learning experience, not the "deadly post-mortem." Here are a few tips:

First, and foremost, try to wait until after the session is over (if a pairs game) or before the next segment of the match (if a Swiss match or a knockout segment). The only exception might be that you may need to say something sooner if there is a real risk that you and pard have two different interpretations of a bid that may come up again the next hand. Waiting until the end of the session or segment to go over boards is hard to do, but it pays big dividends. Bob Hamman, one of the world's all-time best players, has an uncanny ability to set aside a bad result and immediately divert all of his energy to the next hand, instead of dwelling on the disaster that just happened. So much of this game is about concentration, and the post-mortem of the last hand at the bridge table inevitably draws energy away from the task ahead on the next hand.

Second, after the session or segment is over, if you think pard made a mistake, before you discuss the hand with pard, think carefully about what you could have done differently to avoid the disaster. If you think about it long enough, chances are that you can come up with something you might have done to make the right decision a little bit clearer to pard. If so, start the conversation with what you might have done differently to get a better result, rather than going immediately for pard's jugular. Even if you ultimately think that it was mainly pard's fault, start with your shortcoming first, it will make any advice you give to pard easier for him or her to swallow.

Third, do not make a habit of pointing out mistakes that were already apparent at the table to pard. Most of the time, when pard makes a mistake, he knows right away, and he doesn't need you to remind him. Bringing up those kinds of hands can seem like you are rubbing it in. You can be more constructive if you ignore those hands, and instead zero in on the hands where you think that

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3710 Mitchell St, Kensington, MD ~ (except where noted)

THURSDAY, JANUARY 3

- ♣ Stratified Open Pairs (unlim/1500/500) 11:15am
Rockville Duplicate Bridge Club, 301-503-3348 (Mark Lavine)
St. James Episcopal Church, 11815 Seven Locks Rd., Rockville **NO ENTRY TILL 11AM**
- ♦ StrataFlighted Open Pairs (A/X unlim/3000, B/C/D Separate 2000/1000/500) (both sites); Stratified NLM Pairs (NLM/100/50) & 0-20 Pairs (Kensington Armory only); Stratified 199er Pairs (Beth El only)
Beth El Congregation, 3830 Seminary Rd, Alexandria 7:00pm
Kensington Town Hall/Armory 7:30pm

FRIDAY, JANUARY 4

- ♣ *StrataFlighted A/X (unlim/3000) & B/C/D Pairs (2000/1000/500) 10:00am, 2:00pm
- ♦ **IMP Pairs** A/X (unlim/3000) 7:15pm **← EARLIER START!**
It's the Friday night IMPs! With only one partner, it scores like a team game. To get your IMP score on a board, we take your result and IMP it against each result at the other tables, then get the average.
- ♥ B/C/D Pairs (2000/1000/500) 7:15pm
- ♠ Intermediate/Novice Pairs (300/200/100/50/20) (single sessions) 10:00am, 2:00pm, 7:15pm
(will run if we have 3 or more tables)

Panel Show & Party to Honor New Life Masters between sessions


- ♣ **Special! JOINT ABA/ACBL** StrataFlighted A/X (unlim/3000) or B/C/D Pairs (2000/1000/500) 11:00am
- ♦ StrataFlighted A/X (unlim/3000) or B/C/D Pairs (2000/1000/500) 4:00pm
- ♥ Intermediate/Novice Pairs (300/200/100) or Newcomer Pairs (50/20/5) (single sessions) . 11:00am, 4:00pm

SUNDAY, JANUARY 6

WBL Trophy Race Winners' Presentation

- ♣ **Bracketed Teams**, (2 session playthru w/short break) 11:00am & TBA
Check out this format! Each bracket of eight teams (by masterpoints) plays all of the other teams in its bracket! The top bracket will hold an unlimited number of teams and will play a Swiss format. Your team may choose to play up—but only into the top bracket.
- ♦ 300/100/50 Swiss Teams, VPs (single sessions) 11:00am, 3:00pm

♣ **Lots of Intermediate & Novice Events with Silver Points!** ♥
I/N events: 0-5, 20, 50, 100, 200, 300; Stratification at Director's Discretion.

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Sunday, March 10 (All day playthrough with lunch break)

Stratified Swiss Teams (500/200/100)11:00 am

-Join us for a fun weekend!-

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pard may still be unaware where he went wrong. (A little sympathy never hurts, either.)

Fourth, when you get around to pointing out pard's mistake, it is often helpful to ask, *in a nice tone of voice*, something like "did you consider bidding Y? How might I have made it easier to extract a bid of Y from you?" Don't turn your partner into a "center-hand opponent."

Last, but not least, if you have a disagreement with pard about a bidding question, don't keep banging away at your side of the argument until

pard relents. And don't repeat the points you have already made. Often you will quickly arrive at an impasse in the discussion, and should move on, when you hear yourself or pard repeating the same points. If the issue is that important, just agree that you both will check with an expert you both respect, and get that person's advice. You can each ask an expert independently, or together. You may both get different answers from different experts—that is what makes "Master Solver's Club" interesting—but at least you have a chance of moving the ball instead of letting the argument drag one or both of you down.

DEC. 20, 2012

ANNUAL HOLIDAY PARTY



Thursday Unit Game held at

Kensington Town Hall/Armory

Buffet Dinner starts at 6 p.m.

Game starts at 7:15 p.m.

*The Annual **WASHINGTON BRIDGE LEAGUE HOLIDAY PARTY**, which includes dinner and a bridge game will be held at Kensington Town Hall/Armory, 3710 Mitchell St., Kensington, MD. Everyone is asked to bring their favorite goodies (appetizers, salads, desserts, etc.). The main course and holiday drinks will be provided. Dinner will be served from 6 to 7 p.m., followed shortly after by the game. If you have any questions or would like to help with the party, please call Jim Geist at 301-915-5310 or email him at wwwjfg@yahoo.com.*

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

BITS AND PIECES

2013 WBL UNIT KO

The deadline for entering the **2013 Washington Bridge League Unit KO** is **Jan. 17**.

There will be three flights of play: Flight A, Flight B, plus a Flight C for players with 0-300 masterpoints. The masterpoint cutoff for Flight B will be determined by the coordinator after reviewing the entries and the masterpoints of the teams entered. *A 0-100 flight may be instituted if entries warrant.*

For Flight C, the seeding will be random draw. For Flights A and B, the GNT qualifier on February 2 will be used as a factor in seed-

ing; however, you don't have to play in the GNT qualifier in order to play in the Unit KOs. If you have six members of your KO team, they can play on six different GNT teams on January 17. They will have six different seed numbers.

The cost is only \$30/team for the whole event for Flight A and Flight B. For Flight C, the cost is only \$16/team for the whole event.

The winning team in each flight of the 2012 Unit KO will be awarded a cash award equal to their entry fee.

Contact **Steve Robinson** to find partners, for

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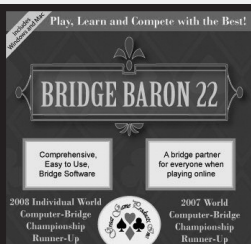
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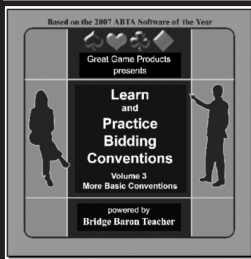


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WBL SOLVERS' CLUB

Moderated by Steve Robinson

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Congratulations to **Lyle Poe** who came in first with a score of 490. He wins a free entry to the Unit Game, and will be invited to be on a future panel. Tied for second were **Sarah Lazarus, Joan Gottlieb, Ed Macarthur, Mike Richey, Rasim Sara, Tom Vinson and Walt Taschek** with a score of 480. Tied for ninth were **Ernie Bertholomew, Ron Starr, John Kloke, Molly Tinsley, Tracy Brines, Yi Zhong, Rex Settle and Arnold Kling** with a score of 470. Tied for seventeenth were **Jim Wakefield, Sonney Targin, Tibor Roberts, Dick Schreitmuller, Seymour Baden, Saul Penn, Ron Destefano, Priscilla Smith, Peter Van Zijl, Frank Guido, Tom Musso, Prahalad Rajkumar, Jeff Zaller, Ram Sarangen, Fred Alanspach, Beverly Flaschentragee, Gareth Birdsall, Bill Bingham and Richard Wimberly** with a score of 460. Tied for thirty-sixth were **Sven Pride, Walter Kerns, Wrus Kristiansen, Mike Berard, Sam Keiter, Nigel Guthrie, Andy Hawks, Wes Goldberg, Lorraine Blasion, Lloyd Rawley, Bob Landry, Michael Mayer, Karen Heath, and Richard Allison** with a score of 450. The average score of the 235 solvers was 396. The average score of the experts was 477.

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 ma-

jority 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 \$30.15 that includes \$5.15 for priority mail.

1) IMPs, They're Vulnerable

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SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
1NT	Pass	1♠	Pass
????		2♣	Pass

Action	Score	Votes	Solvers
3♣	100	7	111
4♣	90	3	52
5♣	80	0	29
3NT	60	0	19
4♦	40	0	1
Pass	30	0	18
3♠	20	0	1
3♥	20	0	2
4NT	20	0	1
2♠	20	0	1

You have seven-card support for partner's clubs. However, you have zero high-cards outside of clubs. A raise to 3♣ shows club support, usually five, and 8-11 points. Usually, you have something in one of the red suits. From the opponent's silence, partner probably has extra values. Opener

can have up to 17 HCPs and bid 2♣. If partner has a hand like ♠Axxxx ♥AK ♦xx ♣Axxx or ♠AKxxx ♥Qx ♦Jx ♣Axxx he'll bid 3NT and 3NT has no play unless partner can win the red suit lead. If partner doesn't have the ace of clubs, he'll need two stoppers in whichever red suit they lead. This means that if partner bids 3NT, it would be very risky passing it. So if partner bids 3NT, you're going to bid 4♣. There's another thing to consider. The opponents have at least one eight-card red suit fit and could have two. While opponents very rarely balance against 3♣, they could and you have zero defense against whichever red suit they end up in. Since you're probably going to bid 4♣ eventually, why not bid 4♣ immediately. The big winner would be if partner would have passed 3♣ and an opponent has short clubs and makes a takeout double.

Seven experts raise to 3♣. The big problem will come if partner bids 3NT.

Parker: "3♣—Wimpy but I don't want to get past 3NT and have no sign of a stopper anywhere. Where are the opponents? My guess is partner will bid again. Maybe 3♦ or 3♥ should show this hand, since it could not show a real suit. If partner had opened 1♥, I could bid 2♠ as an im-

possible bid that shows a good club hand."

Cappelletti: "3♣—Tempting to bid 4♣. You certainly don't want to defend but 4♣ might go minus and is past 3NT."

Theurer: "3♣—The most likely game is 3NT, but it's too big a position for me to just bid it now, even with this monstrous club fit. To make 5♣ partner would usually need significant extras and would surely bid over 3♣, such as what the sequence 1♥ - 1NT - 2♣ - 2♠ would show. Yes, occasionally partner will pass with something like ♠Axxxx ♥xxx ♦Ax ♣Axx and we'll miss a game, but it's non-vulnerable so the loss won't be so bad. ner to be declarer in a notrump contract, but unfortunately that is not legally possible here. I expect us to belong in a club partial more often than not if partner can't act over 3♣."

Adams: "3♣—I would want an extra King to bid 4♣ and pass is out of the question."

Hopkins: "3♣—It is hard not to raise with seven Clubs. And if partner bids 3NT, he might even make it if his hand has the equivalent of three Aces. And the opponents might be able to make something, even game, if partner has wasted and poorly placed Kings and Queens in the red suits."

Schwartz: "3♣—The opponents are unlikely

to get into the auction now vulnerable when I could have a stronger hand defensively, so see no reason to take a likely minus by bidding more."

Landen: "3♣—I certainly won't pass with seven-card support to 100 honors. On the other hand, I don't want partner to think I have close to an opening bid. Even if I could bid 2♦ which could be some form of Bart, I'd choose the follow up that shows a minimum with support."

Two experts join me and show long clubs.

Woolsey: "4♣—This must show a huge club fit with spade shortness. Partner will do whatever is right."

Munday: "4♣—3NT is a tempting target (more so at MPs) but we've wrong sided it

and I see no way to reach it intelligently if it is correct. It would be nice if I had an impossible raise available; sans that option I will show great clubs and not much else by jump raising what could be a three-card suit. Partner should be able to judge well from here. "

Sometimes one overbids to keep the opponents out of the auction.

2) IMPs, Both Vulnerable

♠K96♥98♦-♣AKQ109763

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
1♣	1♥	1♠	Pass
????			
Action	Score	Votes	Solvers
3♣	100	3	51
2♥	90	5	62
4♣	70	2	8
3♦	50	0	9
4♦	50	0	27
5♣	50	0	19
3♠	50	0	4
4♠	50	0	24
4NT	40	0	5
2♠	30	0	8
2♣	30	0	10
6♣	30	0	1
2♦	30	0	5
3NT	20	0	1
3♥	20	0	1

Where do you think this hand belongs? Holding eight tricks, this hand could easily belong in 3NT. In slam, clubs would probably be the strongest trump suit. If you were in a spade slam you might have a trump loser if spades split badly. I think you ignore your spade sup-

port for a moment. Jump to 3♣ to show your great club suit with extra values. Over 3♣, partner can bid 3NT if he's strongly convinced that 3NT is the correct spot. If he really wants to play in spades, he can ask and then you can show your spade support. If he has a slamish hand, 3♣ is a good start. If he has a very weak hand, 3♣ would be a good partscore.

Two experts agree with me and show the best part of the hand.

Woolsey: "3♣—The auction isn't going to end here. I must show this huge club suit before the spade support."

Schwartz: "3♣—Even with partner showing five spades notrump could be right if partner bids it. Bidding two-of-a-red-suit will only confuse the issue as partner will not be passing 3♣."

Seven experts force to game. Cue bids are forcing to game and ask partner to continue describing his hand.

Parker: "2♥—Let's start a force and see what partner bids next. I would like to bid 4♣ showing long clubs and spades but I need a fourth spade. If I had a major a jump to the five-level would ask for second round heart control by partner, but I don't think 5♣ asks for that, so let's start low and see what he bids next. The next round is harder."

Cappelletti: "2♥—And listen. This is the kind of hand you need more information from partner and opponents."

Theurer: "2♥—Not sure whether we belong in game or slam. Most likely we belong in clubs, but if partner is fairly weak we may want to opt for the ten-trick spade game. Imagine partner with ♠QJTxxx ♥xxx ♦Kxx ♣x, for example. So I'll start with a cuebid to let partner give me more information. es are weak we can get to five or 6♣ or even 3NT if partner has hearts stopped and hopefully, NOT a club void."

Adams: "2♥—Not sure I want to play spades yet. Cue bid will let me bid more slowly. Cue bid denies four-card support, but do not think it should absolutely deny three-card support."

Landen: "2♥—Might be a slight overbid, but I have a lots of winners and I like that partner has shown five spades. I should have a better idea of partner's hand after his next bid. es. We might have slam. If so we most likely want to play in clubs."

Two experts show ten black cards with very good clubs. You do have the very good clubs but you only have three spades. 1♣ —

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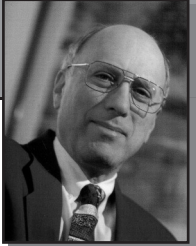
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1♠ — 4♣ shows four-card spade support and at least six good clubs with game-forcing values. This is the same auction.

Munday: “4♣—Lots of options but this seems the most descriptive and it was hard to resist bidding 4♣ twice in a row. My shape is not ideal but it conveys the essence of the hand; spade support, long strong clubs, and a hand that wishes to play at least game. If partner bids 4♥, I will make another move otherwise I am content to play 4♠. It might be right to play in clubs, which this gives us a chance to do also. I’ve not had discussions regarding a self-splinter facing a five-card suit, whether opener still promises four so I’ll be interested in what the panel has to say.”

Hopkins: “4♣—I am going with a slight overbid. It has a lot of upside if partner has good Spades and either the Heart Ace or King. And it will make it very difficult for opponents to find their best contract if they have one. We are unlikely to get doubled given the distribution I have shown.”

Eight-card solid minors are meant to play in notrump or slam.

3) IMPs, None Vulnerable

♠AQ♥54♦K76542♣A43

<u>SOUTH</u>	<u>WEST</u>	<u>NORTH</u>	<u>EAST</u>
1♦	1♥	1♠	Pass
????			
<u>Action</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Votes</u>	<u>Solvers</u>
2♦	100	8	171
2♣	90	1	18
2♠	70	1	24
1NT	30	0	12
3♦	30	0	2
2♥	20	0	2
Pass	20	0	5
4♦	20	0	1

Is K76542 a six-card suit? If it is then 2♦ is a clear rebid. I think this hand is similar to the problem of what to rebid holding ♠AQ♥K76542♦32♣A43 when the auction goes 1♥ - 1NT. There are lots of experts who would rebid 2♣ after opening 1♥ and I think 2♣ is right here. If partner passes 2♣, it could be your best spot. If partner preferences 2♦ you can then bid 2♠ to show a good two-card spade raise.

Seven experts rebid 2♦. Partner might pass 2♦ with a singleton or a void in diamond and 2♦ would be your worst possible contract.

Parker: “2♦—I do have a six-card suit, how can this be bad? If partner bids 2♠, I will raise, if he bids 2NT I will raise. What’s the problem?”

He might think that ♠KJxxx ♥Axx ♦Qx ♣KQx would make 6♦ opposite three keycards.

Cappelletti: “2♦—Certainly better than pass.”

Munday: “2♦—2♠ is a consideration but I’d rather have a small trump to ruff with potentially, and an honor elsewhere. 1NT has some merit given that RHO could not raise. 2♣ is an unnecessary distortion. The diamond suit isn’t great, but there are six of them, so I opt for 2♦ as the least of evils. If partner can’t bid again, we don’t have game, though we may wish we were in a different strain.”

Theurer: “2♦—Yeah, my diamonds aren’t very good, but I do have six of them, and no other rebid is particularly appealing or accurate. 2♠ on a doubleton is possible with the two good honors, but partner’s spades could be weak and I don’t really want to overly encourage him into thinking we have a real fit in that suit. If the bidding doesn’t die here I can support spades later if I get the opportunity and we should be well placed.”

Woolsey: “2♦—I have six diamonds, and I have two spades. Even though the spades are better than the diamonds, length is most important. Misrepresenting trump length is a recipe for disaster.”

Adams: “2♦—Two-of-either-black-suit could be right, but it smacks of screwing around. 2♦ is just normal.”

Schwartz: “2♦—At matchpoints it would be tempting to bid 2♠ but see no reason for this distortion at IMPs as a 5-2 fit with the high honors ruffing could be ugly. I will compete to 2♠ if the opponents bid 2♥.”

Landen: “2♦—What else? I’d like to have a better suit, but I won’t raise spades with two, even if partner shows five.”

One expert thinks that the AQ of spades are three and the K76542 are five. This makes a lot of sense to me.

Hopkins: “2♠—I normally would show my six Diamonds, but really think I have the equivalent of three cards in my partner’s suit.”

Sometimes it’s right to bid a three-card club suit when other bids don’t exactly reflect your hand.

4) IMPs, None Vulnerable

♠AQ92♥AKQ10876♦-♣A3

<u>SOUTH</u>	<u>WEST</u>	<u>NORTH</u>	<u>EAST</u>
Dbl	Pass	1♥	1♦
????			Dbl
<u>Action</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Votes</u>	<u>Solvers</u>
6♥	100	4	35
4♦	90	1	40
4NT	90	1	10
3♦	90	1	17
4♣	80	0	1
Pass	70	2	1
Rdbl	70	0	34
2♦	70	1	43
5♦	70	0	2
4♥	40	0	29
5♥	40	0	6
2♠	20	0	7
3♥	20	0	9
5NT	20	0	1

You doubled and partner made a surprise bid, 1♥. In the back of your mind you might think, what do you bid in response to a takeout double of 1♦ if you hold ♠xxx ♥xxx ♦Jxxx ♣xx? On bad days partner has that and you might not even make 4♥. On good days, partner has ♠xx ♥Jxxx ♦xxx ♣xxx and 6♥ just needs a spade finesse through the opening bidder. So how do you continue? The way I bid is if I don’t support partner’s major right away, I don’t have four-card or longer support. Therefore, Pass, re-double or 2♦ denies four-card heart support. 3♦ or 4♦ which are splinters show at least four-card support. You could bid 4NT which is RKC for hearts. That obviously shows support. If you’re not willing to explore you could bid 6♥.

I like 3♦ which is a splinter in support of hearts. 3♦ sets hearts as trump and usually shows short diamonds. Suppose over 3♦ partner bids 3♥. 3♦ could be a game try, so 3♥ rejects a game try. Over 3♥, you continue with 3♠ which is a heart slam try. Over 3♠, partner could bid four-of-a-minor, to show some slam interest. He could also bid 3NT to show a diamond stopper which doesn’t improve your slam chances. Suppose over 3♠, partner bids 4♥ to show no slam interest. Now suppose you bid 5♣ asking partner to look again at his bad hand. Now he could bid 5♦, the Last Train, to show a little something or

could bid 5♥ to show complete nothing. If he bids 5♥, would you expect to have a good play for slam? I’d be worried about going plus. Over 5♣, if partner has any honors, he should bid a slam.

One expert splinters at the four-level. If you’re going to splinter, why not splinter at a lower level?

Schwartz: “4♦—Followed by 4♠ over a 4♥ signoff. This should show length in addition to a control so partner might be able to bid a slam with the magical xx/Jxxx in the majors.”

Five experts are bidding slam. With a partner that you can’t trust either 6♥ or 4NT is probably the right way to go.

Parker: “6♥—The spade finesse will be on, all partner needs is a doubleton spade and Jxx(x) of hearts. Very unlikely he has a black king.”

Cappelletti: “6♥—Fast arrival might get you a better lead.”

I can’t believe that the lead would make a difference.

Munday: “6♥—Wow. I could see bidding this hand differently based on opponents, state of match etc. This might have no play but I want to prevent a minor bid on my left, and avoid directing a club lead by splintering etc. in diamonds. They may also have a great save at the seven-level. 6♥ has play opposite as little as ♠10xx ♥9xxx ♦xxxx ♣xx so it does not seem practical to stop short, partner is unlikely to cooperate with many hands that make slam laydown on the auction. On similar lines, we might have seven, change partner’s spades above to JTx, but no way to find out that I can see. 4NT, if RKC is also a consideration to muddy the waters but I fear LHO will bid a minor at the five-level.”

Hopkins: “6♥—Unfortunately, Exclusion won’t allow me to find out about the black Kings safely so I bid what I think we can make. A hand such as ♠xx ♥Jxxx ♦xxxx ♣xxx could be enough from partner: he pairs that can wheel out some asking bids will have an advantage here.”

Woolsey: “4NT—The king of spades is a big favorite to be onside. North might have xxx in spades, but West’s failure to raise diamonds puts several diamonds into North’s hand increasing the chances that North has a doubleton spade. I’m driving to a small slam, and if North has the king of clubs I’ll bid a grand slam. So RKC, then specific king ask, and I’ll find out. If North has

bid a three-card heart suit, that's just too bad."

If this were a pinocle deck partner might have the king of clubs but East opened and then made a takeout double.

Two experts pass hoping to find out from the opponents what you can make. It's odds on for West to bid 2♦ back to you.

Theurer: "Pass—Not exactly the bid I expected partner to make! extras, I need little for slam. The key is partner's spade holding, assuming he doesn't hold something in the minors that eliminates my club loser. k if needed. So here, for the moment, I can pass, and listen to what West says - maybe he'll bid 1♠ and then I'll pretty much know partner doesn't have three or more spades. If West bids a minor, I can cuebid at my next turn and see if partner does anything helpful."

Adams: "Pass—I'd like to find out if opponent's have a spade fit. Then I can bid a slam with no assistance. Probably opponents will bid diamonds, but who knows. Not overly worried about them finding a save. This also gives partner a chance to make a cheap free bid, which will also be enough. I don't think any amount of cue bidding will give me what I need."

One expert cuebids. Not sure what partner's

bid is going to tell you since he won't know that you have heart support. If I held ♠xxx ♥xxx ♦xxxxx ♣x, you could be playing in 2♦.

Landen: "2♦—My gut says 6♥, but I'll cue 2♦ for now. Any sign of life from partner and we're in six."

When you know what trumps are, tell partner ASAP.

5) IMPs, Both Vulnerable

♠52♥KQ65♦6♣AKQJ32

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
1♣	Dbl	1♦	Pass
1♥	Pass	2♦	Pass
????			
Action	Score	Votes	Solvers
2♥	100	1	1
3♣	90	7	143
Pass	80	2	65
4♣	30	0	4
5♣	30	0	3
2♠	30	0	7
3♦	30	0	1
2NT	20	0	3
3NT	20	0	6
3♠	20	0	2

Partner's minimum depends on the meaning of a jump to 2♦ over the takeout double. The two possible meanings of a jump to 2♦ are weak-jump-shift, a similar hand to the one above or a fit-showing-jump. A fit-showing-jump shows at least five diamonds, at least four clubs and at least invitational to game values. Of the two meanings I prefer fit-showing-jumps. No matter how you play a jump to 2♦, a minimum hand that partner could have for this auction is ♠xxx ♥xxx ♦KQJxxx ♣x. He could have more and his values could be in spades. Remember, he didn't have to bid over the take-out double.

So what now? If you hold ♠xx ♥KQJx ♦- ♣KQJ10xxx or ♠x ♥KQJx ♦- ♣QJ109xxx. Do you really want to play in 2♦ when 3♣ figures to be a much better contract? Seven experts bid 3♣. 3♣ does not show extras. You might just think that 3♣ is more likely to make than 2♦. If 3♣ might not show extras, how does one show extra values here? 2♥!!!, 2♠ or 2NT. Playing Washington Standard, you can bid 2♥, since partner knows that you don't have five hearts since you didn't open 1♥. The only reason you bid 2♥ is that you have extra values. 2♠ shows extras but also shows spade values.

Two experts give up on game. However, their partner could hold ♠Qxx ♥Jx ♦AJxxxx ♣xx where 2♦ is the worst possible contract here.

Parker: "Pass—Try for a plus score. Partner has six diamonds and probably no spade stopper. My guess is that the opponents will balance in spades."

Hopkins: "Pass—Maybe my high cards will be enough help for partner to have a shot at the contract. Bidding 3♣ probably would get us to a better suit, but increase the level."

Seven experts try to improve the part-score contract. They think that they belong in 2♦ no matter what they have in clubs.

Cappelletti: "3♣—Should be more likely to make than 2♦."

Munday: "3♣—Not enough quick winners to make 3NT a favorite if partner cannot move over 3♣ having not bid 1NT over 1♥. This gets my pattern across though it is a bit of an underbid. Still, I think game is less likely than getting a minus score by reaching with 2♠ or some other option."

With 2♥ available, partner's not supposed to bid over 3♣ unless he knows that he belongs in 3♦. He could have KQJ10xxx of diamonds.

Theurer: "3♣—Interesting that the opponents, who have at least eight spades between them, have not mentioned that suit. Possibly East has length there but was too weak to bid 1♠ over 1♦. My clubs are likely to be better than partner's diamonds else he might have done more than rebid 2♦ at his second turn. Is it worth the risk of going up another level of bidding to play in my better club suit? I think so - partner's diamonds could be six or more but rather weak. He doesn't know I have this club suit when I bid 1♥, I'd bid the same with 3424 pattern."

Woolsey: "3♣—If North is weak I fear we have too many spade losers to play decently in diamonds. If North has a fair hand and bids 3NT, my hand won't be a disappointment."

Adams: "3♣—Too strong to pass 2♦. This will probably make and if partner has anything, he can bid game."

Schwartz: "3♣—Probably plays a trick better than diamonds and keeps slim game chances alive as partner did not make a weak-jump-shift."

Landen: "3♣—With a misfit and a minimum I'd pass 2♦ so 3♣ is forward going. I doubt his suit is as good as mine."

Playing five-card majors sometimes gives you an extra bid.

SOLVERS' SCORES

John Adams	3♣	2♥	2♦	Pass	3♣	450
Mike Cappelletti	3♣	2♥	2♦	6♥	3♣	480
Robbie Hopkins	3♣	4♣	2♠	6♥	Pass	440
Steve Landen	3♣	2♥	2♦	2♦	3♣	450
Jim Munday	4♣	4♣	2♦	6♥	3♣	450
Steve Parker	3♣	2♥	2♦	6♥	Pass	470
Steve Robinson	4♣	3♣	2♣	3♦	2♥	470
Alan Schwartz	3♣	3♣	2♦	4♦	3♣	480
Brad Theurer	3♣	2♥	2♦	Pass	3♣	450
Kit Woolsey	4♣	3♣	2♦	4NT	3♣	470

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Lovenberg

1	275.53	John Adams
2	203.71	Steve Robinson
3	140.66	James Geist
4	132.83	Clyde Kruskal
5	126.67	Donna Rogall
6	115.88	Michael Richey
7	110.23	Mark Shaw
8	103.05	William Cole
9	101.57	Jason Meyer
10	101.01	Brad Theurer
11	99.54	Peter Boyd
12	99.31	David Ruderman
13	98.89	Noble Shore
14	95.14	Alfred Steinberg
15	86.24	Robert Bell
16	85.19	Lloyd Rawley
17	85.13	Alexander Prairie
18	84.49	Steven Schatzow
19	82.28	Michael Gill
20	82.11	William Hacker
21	81.34	Martin Graf
22	77.48	Ronald Zucker
23	74.93	Richard Wegman
24	74.92	Andrew Gofreed
25	72.73	Leon Letwin

Izzy Cohen

1	85.13	Alexander Prairie
2	54.58	Guillaume de Decker
3	51.12	Ajit Thyagarajan
4	49.61	Hadi Abushakra
5	41.29	Alfred Liepold
6	40.58	Eldon Compton
7	40.00	Larry Wallace
8	39.67	James Beller
9	39.56	David Genne
10	38.19	Ernie Schuler
11	37.02	Ollie Thomas
12	37.02	Julie Thomas
13	35.90	Gabriel Cornett
14	35.78	Dale Sanders
15	34.89	Alfred Caponiti

Tubbs

1	85.13	Alexander Prairie
2	51.12	Ajit Thyagarajan
3	40.58	Eldon Compton
4	38.19	Ernie Schuler
5	37.02	Ollie Thomas
6	37.02	Julie Thomas
7	35.90	Gabriel Cornett
8	32.91	Mirsad Mujezinovic
9	32.91	Namik Haveric
10	29.71	David Marshall

Woolridge

1	26.29	Myron Goldstein
2	21.03	Robert Linn
3	20.50	Mahmoud Katirai
4	20.50	Shala Panbechi
5	15.76	Ted Proxmire
6	14.06	Jane Marsh
7	14.06	Johnny Marsh
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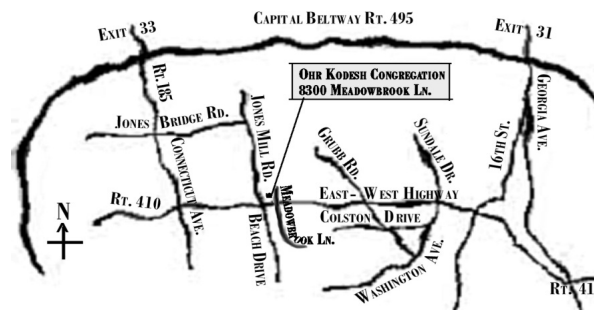
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The Washington Bridge League could use a little of either! In order to keep events exciting and entry fees low, the WBL relies on the goodness of our members to volunteer for small jobs at the Unit Game and Sectional Tournaments. Some jobs require brains while others require muscle. We'll be happy to employ either.

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

Here's how to help:

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

Thank you in advance for any assistance you can provide.

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

UPCOMING SECTIONALS

- ♣ **January 3-6, 2013**, WBL, Kensington, MD
- ♦ **February 7-10, 2013**, NVBA, Fairfax, VA
- ♥ **March 9-10, 2013**, WBL, **NLM**, Kensington, MD
- ♠ **April 4-7, 2013**, WBL, Kensington, MD
- ♣ **May 2-5, 2013**, NVBA, Fairfax, VA
- ♦ **July 25-28, 2013**, WBL, Kensington, MD
- ♥ **Sept 7-8, 2013**, WBL, **NLM**, Kensington, MD
- ♠ **September 19-22, 2013**, NVBA, Fairfax, VA
- ♣ **October 3-6, 2013**, WBL, Kensington, MD
- ♦ **October 24-27, 2013**, NVBA, Fairfax, VA

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more information, or to sign up a 4-6 player team:

Email: robinswr@erols.com

phone: 703-379-4371

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

Bryan Geer is the Coordinator for Flight C:
bgeer@verizon.net or 301-236-0014.

WELCOME TO THE WASHINGTON BRIDGE LEAGUE

The WBL welcomes the following new ACBL members: **Ms Ettie H Gordon, Crystal K Ingram, Mr Claude Jackson, Kay Kendall, Mary Kurtz, David O Maxwell, Joan Maxwell, Ms Dianne V Remsen, Dr**

James Sullivan, Mrs Geraldine D Zurn, Kenneth E Bachman, Eileen J Feldman, Angel I Ferrer, Ms Kim A Gandy, Dolly Hammett, Rebecca H Mandir, A Bruce McKay, Suzanne M McKay, Mr John Goon, Debra A Graham, Michelle J Lindgren, Mrs Andrea T Weiswasser, and Marc Zlotnik.

In addition, we welcome the following transfers from other units: **Amy Du, Carol Dyer, Mrs Gertrude S Gordon, Mrs Kathy Kalish, Ms Susan K Myers, Mrs Pamela W Pugh, Hannah Shapiro, Mrs Adele Waggaman, Mr Edward B Wilber, Mr Matthew R Avery, Mr James A Broderick, Mrs Betty O Hollrah, Mr Geoff Lewis, Ms Anne Derbes, Mr Alfred P Duncker, Mr Mike Forman, Lisa Hostetler, Sybil Meloy, Mr Robert M Schwab, Mr Bob Yellen,**

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BRIDGE & BOWLING SAT, JAN 26, 2013

Sign up now to join us for a Washington Superbowl Saturday tradition, **Bridge and Bowling**. First, we will bowl a 3-game tournament with preformed balanced teams at *Laurel Lanes*. Then we will have dinner at *Sullivan's Steak and Beverage Co.* Finally, we will play a GNT qualifier at the *Laurel Bridge Club* with preformed balanced teams. Sign up to participate in one, two, or all three events.

Bowling: Meet at 1:30 p.m. at Laurel Lanes, 15013 Baltimore Avenue North, Laurel, MD, (301) 490-6006. Teams will be formed in advance based on bowling skill as indicated on the registration form or by past results in bridge and bowling. We will play a 3-game tournament. The cost for bowling is \$16 (payable when you sign up), plus the cost of shoe rental if you don't bring your own bowling shoes.

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

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

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

Sign up: Give this registration form, with payment (\$16 for bowling, \$9 for bridge), to Linda Marshall or Don Berman, or mail this form to: Linda Marshall, 6303 Redwing Road, Bethesda, MD 20817. Make checks payable to Washington Bridge League. **Please sign up no later than January 17th.**

BRIDGE AND BOWLING—REGISTER BY 1/17/13

I, _____, will attend:

☐ Bowling (\$16) Bowling average _____

☐ Bridge (\$9) Masterpoints _____

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

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

Ms Lenore C Yellen, and Alexander Zeymo.

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.

GOT CONCERNS OR COMPLAINTS ABOUT WBL UNIT GAMES OR SECTIONALS?

As your WBL ombudsman, my job is to advocate on behalf of WBL members. Often, I investigate complaints from WBL members about our unit or sectional games. From time to time, I report to the WBL membership, WBL board or WBL staff, keeping members' names confidential. Even when an investigation is not warranted, the ombudsman may provide helpful advice to the WBL board or staff to improve conditions for the membership.

The ombudsman does not have the power to hire or fire unit game or tournament directors. However, the ombudsman is officially authorized to investigate problems pointed out by

members and may make recommendations to directors, their supervisors or the WBL board.

Here's what I've been hearing from the membership over the past few months:

- There is confusion and frustration about the WBL's slow play policy. I've looked at the policies (on the WBL website) and discussed this matter with the unit game chief director, the ACBL's field representative for our district, and the WBL board. The WBL board recently instructed unit game directors to not hold over slow play warnings from one unit game to a future unit game.
- Players in our games sometimes complain about the behavior or perceived attitude of directors who come to the table. Players especially object to directors who are not impartial-sounding, professional and calm in demeanor. The WBL board and the unit game directors are aware of this concern. Based on the feedback I've received from members, there seems to be a need for our directors to be a bit more customer-service oriented, with members being the customers.

To provide feedback to the WBL ombudsman, drop me an email at ade8888@netzero.net or talk to me at the Thursday evening unit game. There is also a feedback form available at the unit game or on the WBL website. Players may additionally lodge complaints with the director-in-charge of any WBL game or tournament and/or the WBL president and board.

—Adrienne Kuehneman,
WBL Ombudsman

**2012-2013 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 at least three WBL and three NVBA sectionals during the contest period (August, 2012 through May, 2013). 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.

Standings: Here are the standings after four of eight sectionals. The asterisk* indicates that

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**NVBA WILLIAM POISSANT
MEMORIAL TOURNAMENT**

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

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 7

STRATIFIED OPEN PAIRS (2000+/2000/750) & 299ER PAIRS (300/200/100)10:00 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 — E-W Hwy 410 E., left Meadowbrook, left Freyman, lot on left.—No outside food.

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.

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

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 8

Intermediate/Newcomer Lecture1:15 p.m.

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

299ER PAIRS (300/200/100) & 49ER PAIRS (50/20/5)2 p.m.

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

299ER PAIRS (300/200/100)7:30 p.m.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 9

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

299ER PAIRS (300/200/100) & 49ER PAIRS (50/20)9:30 a.m.

NEWCOMER PAIRS (0-5)9:30 a.m.

Intermediate/Newcomer Lecture1:15 p.m.

TROPHY EVENT: WILLIAM POISSANT MEMORIAL PAIRS

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

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

299ER PAIRS (300/200/100) and 49ER PAIRS (50/20/5)2 p.m.

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

—Open to Non-Qualifiers and New Entrants.

299ER PAIRS (300/200/100)7:30 p.m.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 10

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

FLIGHT B/C (2000/750) SWISS TEAMS11 a.m. & TBA

BAM & B/C Swiss are 2-session events, with a brief break in-between

—food available on-site.

299ER SWISS TEAMS (300/200/100) (Single session)11:00 a.m.

49ER SWISS TEAMS (50/20/5) (Single session)11:00 a.m.

299ER SWISS TEAMS (300/200/100) (Single session)3:15 p.m.

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.

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Tournament Chair

*Margot Hennings,
703-560-0245*

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Mid-Chart Conventions permitted in all AX Events

**Next NVBA Sectional
May 2-5, '13 at Arlington/
Fairfax Elks Lodge
(Thurs at Beth El)**

www.nvba.org

Did You Know?

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

Join us often and spread the word!

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

www.rockvilledbc.com

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

Locations:

St James Episcopal Church 11815 Seven Locks Road Potomac, MD	Rockville Senior Center 1150 Camation Dr Rockville, MD
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the player has met eligibility requirements.

Open Leaders

Player	Points
1 Steve Robinson	.84.10
2 Mark Shaw	.77.45
3 Peter Boyd	.75.80
4 Alexander Prairie	.63.71
5 Robert Bell	.62.61
6 Fred King	.60.67
7 Ai-Tai Lo	.60.11
8 William Cole	.60.09
9 Sylvia Shi	.59.68
10 Richard Wegman	.52.54
11 Kenneth Davis	.49.53
12 Alan Schwartz	.48.68
13 William Pettis	.45.84
14 Steven Schatzow	.44.45
15 James Geist	.43.82
16 Michael Richey	.42.21
17 Earl Glickstein	.40.30
18 Lyle Poe Jr	.39.31
19 Clyde Kruskal	.38.94
20 Stephen Drodge	.36.17

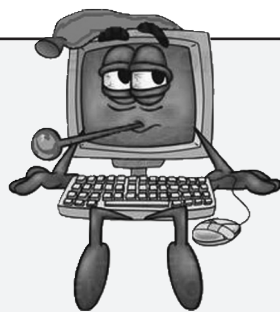
NonLM Leaders

Player	Points
1 Thomas Jennings	.20.67
2 James Gerding	.18.48
3 Erik Kitagawa	.16.29
4 Ron Sutter	.15.98
5 Yuen De Anda	.15.98
6 Barbara Sadick	.15.24
7 Ollie Thomas	.15.13
8 Julie Thomas	.15.13
9 Sidney Graves	.14.84
10 Wayne Bardsley	.13.63
11 Onorica Luculescu	.12.73
12 Ted Proxmire	.12.65
13 Margaret Whilden	.12.58
14 Eric Poskanzer	.12.17
15 Kellen Leister	.12.01
16 Larry Wallace	.11.86
17 Forest Montgomery	.11.52
18 John Gauss	.11.37
19 Carolyn Baird	.11.37
20 Alina Galaszewska	.11.08

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82ND ANNUAL WBL D.C. CHAMPIONSHIPS

September 27-30, 2012

—Results—

TOP TEN CUMULATIVE POINT WINNERS

All Players	
1 27.85	<i>Peter Boyd</i>
2 25.66	Steve Robinson
3 21.67	Donna Rogall
4 20.77	Richard Wegman
5 18.67	James Geist
6 15.68	Ajit Thyagarajan
7 14.93	Noble Shore
14.93	Michael Gill
9 14.55	John Glynn
10 14.50	William Pettis
14.50	Ai-Tai Lo

Players with fewer than 2000 masterpoints

1 15.68	<i>Ajit Thyagarajan</i>
2 10.50	Eugene Fisher
3 9.76	Charity Sack
4 9.65	Leslie Powell
9.65	Suzanne Abrams
6 9.58	Mark Rosen
7 8.01	Thomas Jennings
8 7.87	Sylvia Shi
7.87	Alexander Prairie
10 7.66	Ronald Zucker

Players with fewer than 500 masterpoints

1 15.68	<i>Ajit Thyagarajan</i>
2 6.74	James Gerding
3 6.19	Erik Kitagawa
6.19	Barbara Sadick
5 6.10	Sidney Graves
6 5.85	Ted Proxmire
7 5.74	Mike Ladd
5.74	Betty Ladd
9 4.78	Larry Taylor
10 4.46	Julie Thomas
4.46	Ollie Thomas

Players with fewer than 100 masterpoints

1 5.85	<i>Ted Proxmire</i>
2 3.88	Alice Ling
3 3.00	John Jackson
4 2.99	Judith Dausch
5 2.50	Mary Lou McMorrow
2.50	Joan Axilbund
7 2.46	Shala Panbechi
2.46	Mahmoud Katirai
9 2.45	John Merold
10 2.16	Eleanor Linde

2012 MACHLIN TROPHY WINNER




2010 winner, Barbara Doran (standing in for the 2011 winner, Millard Nachtwey), presented the Machlin Sportsmanship Award Trophy to the 2012 winner: **Paul Leopold**

THURS MORN OPEN PAIRS

Stratum A, 21.5 Tables

1	Benjamin Stauss - John Glynn (<i>pic.</i>)	70.37
2	Eugene Fisher - Mark Rosen	63.43
3	Lester Slaback - John Jackson	62.27
4	Steven Schatzow - Kenneth Davis	59.62
5	Peter Boyd - Ruth Potter	58.56
6	Barbara Levine - Neil Crane	57.56



Stratum B, 12.0 Tables

1 Lester Slaback - John Jackson	.62.27
2 Barbara Levine - Neil Crane	.57.56
3 Michael Platt - Jerry Sikora	.57.18
4 Phyllis Kristianson - Mary Lafferty	.55.56
5 John Horner - Terry Coates	.54.86
6 Margaret Hurley - Richard Ray	.50.94

Stratum C, 6.0 Tables

1 Lester Slaback - John Jackson	.62.27
2 Barbara Levine - Neil Crane	.57.56
3 John Horner - Terry Coates	.54.86
4 Bruce Steinwald - P Gould	.50.38

THURS EVE FLT A/X PAIRS

Stratum A, 30.5 Tables / Based on 80



1 Ajit Thyagarajan - Robert Levey66.29

- 2 Charity Sack - Donna Rogall66.16
 3 James Geist - Jason Meyer64.65
 4 Sumner Steinfeldt - Hal Hindman62.20
 5 Barry Falgout - Rusty Krauss61.31
 6 David Fleischer - Carole Banks61.04
 7 Jim Gaarder - Jimmy Ritzberg60.10
 8 Andrew Gofreed - Stephen Swearingen 59.52

Stratum X, 14.5 Tables

- 1 Ajit Thyagarajan - Robert Levey ...66.29
 2 James Geist - Jason Meyer64.65
 3 Jim Gaarder - Jimmy Ritzberg60.10
 4 Alexander Prairie - Sylvia Shi57.14
 5 Parween Yunus - Kevin O'Brien53.87
 6 Leon Masiewicki - William Dillon ...53.52

THURS EVE FLT B/C/D PAIRS

Stratum B, 24.0 Tables

- 1 Thomas Jennings (pic) - Larry Taylor ...75.30
 2 John Miles - Joan Mitchum68.75
 3 Louise Hayes - Penelope Paddock ...61.31
 4/5 Michael Lawrence - Craig Olson60.12
 4/5 Phyllis Sonen - Hilda Getz60.12
 6 Onorica Luculescu - Alina Galaszewska 59.82



Stratum C, 19.0 Tables

- 1 Thomas Jennings - Larry Taylor ...75.30
 2 Louise Hayes - Penelope Paddock ...61.31
 3/4 Michael Lawrence - Craig Olson ...60.12
 3/4 Phyllis Sonen - Hilda Getz60.12
 5 Onorica Luculescu - Alina Galaszewska 59.82
 6 M. David Jackson - Ann Atcheson ...59.52

Stratum D, 12.0 Tables

- 1 Onorica Luculescu - Alina Galaszewska 59.82
 2 M. David Jackson - Ann Atcheson ...59.52
 3 Leslie Jessell - Jennifer Elliott57.14
 4 James Gerding - W Karl Van Newkirk 52.38
 5 John Gauss - Carolyn Baird51.19
 6/7 John Merold - Dorothy Black50.89
 6/7 Robert Dorosin - Joseph Drodge ...50.89

THURS EVE NLM PRS @ WBL

Stratum A, 13.0 Tables

- 1 Sen. Robert Packwood - Barry Anderson 65.72
 2 Ted Van Dyke - Franny Van Dyke ...60.98
 3/4 Robert Linn - Jill Benson58.14
 3/4 Robert Kibler - Jansie Rogers58.14
 5 Mahmoud Katirai - Shala Panbechi ...57.77
 6/7 Charles Dearolf - Judith Dausch ...56.63
 6/7 Charles Yu - Matthew Avery56.63

Stratum B, 7.5 Tables

- 1 Robert Linn - Jill Benson58.14
 2 Mahmoud Katirai - Shala Panbechi ...57.77
 3 Charles Dearolf - Judith Dausch ...56.63
 4 Robert Maman - Cecily Wolfe52.84
 5 Gail Klein - Anita Barretto50.19

Stratum C, 4.0 Tables

- 1 Mahmoud Katirai - Shala Panbechi ...57.77
 2 Robert Maman - Cecily Wolfe52.84
 3 Gail Klein - Anita Barretto50.19

THURS EVE 0-20 PRS @ WBL

Stratum A, 4.0 Tables

- 1 Adele Ewing - Lillian Glaser61.46
 2 Yaeko Perera - Julie Marquette60.42
 3 David Narrow - Marc Zlotnik57.29

Stratum B, 3.0 Tables

- 1 Adele Ewing - Lillian Glaser61.46
 2 David Narrow - Marc Zlotnik57.29

THURS EVE 199ER PRS @ NVBA

Stratum A, 8.5 Tables

- 1 David Lindley - George Fenzl63.95
 2 Joan Axilbund - Mary Lou McMorrow 60.15
 3 James Hewitt - Kenneth Linder58.93
 4 Marcia Cathey - Enrica Frost58.13
 5 Cathy McGarrigan - Sherry Griffin ..57.10

Stratum B, 5.5 Tables

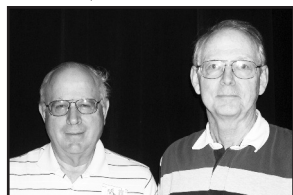
- 1 David Lindley - George Fenzl63.95
 2 Joan Axilbund - Mary Lou McMorrow 60.15
 3 James Hewitt - Kenneth Linder58.93
 4 Cathy McGarrigan - Sherry Griffin ..57.10

Stratum C, 2.5 Tables

- 1 David Lindley - George Fenzl63.95
 2 Arlene Schettler - Rollin Huntington .51.06

FRI MORN FLT A/X PAIRS

Stratum A, 6.0 Tables / Based on 20



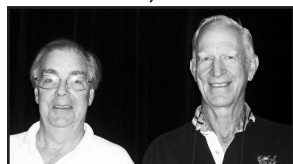
- 1 Bruce Houston - Kenneth Davis57.92
 2 Donald Berman - Leon Letwin57.08
 3 James Geist - Brad Theurer56.25
 4 Stephen Drodge - John Miller55.00

Stratum X, 2.5 Tables

- 1 Kevin O'Brien - Mike Frosch48.96
 2 Mark Rosen - Eugene Fisher46.46

FRI MORN FLT B/C PAIRS

Stratum B, 8.0 Tables



- 1/2 Ted Proxmire - Charles King63.10
 1/2 Norman Sweed - Ronnie Sweed63.10

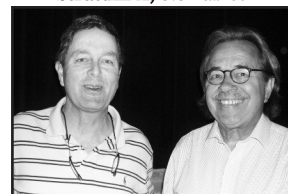
- 3 Rhona Prenskey - Nelu Schwartz61.61
 4 Michael Stoller - Norman Cowen, M.D. .58.04
 5 Julia Brown - Neal McKinney57.74

Stratum C, 4.5 Tables

- 1/2 Ted Proxmire - Charles King63.10
 1/2 Norman Sweed - Ronnie Sweed63.10
 3 Rhona Prenskey - Nelu Schwartz61.61
 4 Louise Hayes - Penelope Paddock ..57.14

FRI MORN NLM PAIRS

Stratum A, 5.5 Tables



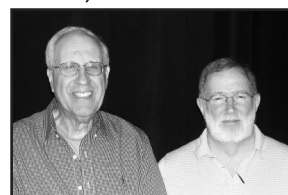
- 1 Herb Schulken - Andrew Jacknain ..65.00
 2/3 Douglas Golden - Ruth Shilkret57.81
 2/3 Joan Axilbund - Mary Lou McMorrow 57.81
 4 Eleanor Linde - Alice Ling55.62

Stratum B, 3.5 Tables

- 1/2 Douglas Golden - Ruth Shilkret57.81
 1/2 Joan Axilbund - Mary Lou McMorrow 57.81
 3 Eleanor Linde - Alice Ling55.62

FRI AFT FLT A/X PAIRS

Stratum A, 10.0 Tables / Based on 26



- 1 Richard Wegman - Robert Hopkins Jr 59.82
 2 Jim Gaarder - Jimmy Ritzberg ...59.52
 3 Peter Boyd - Ruth Potter58.93
 4 Steve Robinson - Jim Allen, Jr58.04
 5 Mike Cappelletti Sr - Amanda Carter .56.85
 6 John Adams - William Cole56.55

Stratum X, 3.5 Tables

- 1 Jim Gaarder - Jimmy Ritzberg ...59.52
 2 Lloyd Rawley - Kitty Gottfried51.79
 3 Mark Rosen - Eugene Fisher50.60

FRI AFT FLT B/C/D PAIRS

Stratum B, 9.0 Tables



- 1 Ajit Thyagarajan - Guillaume de Decker 65.18

- 2 Rhona Prenskey - Nelu Schwartz63.99
 3 Alfred Caponiti - Alfred Liepold ...59.23
 4/5 Michael Gottesman - Silas Wasserstrom 54.76
 4/5 Calvin Konner - Eugene Massey ...54.76

Stratum C, 6.0 Tables

- 1 Ajit Thyagarajan - Guillaume de Decker 65.18
 2 Rhona Prenskey - Nelu Schwartz63.99
 3 David Montague - Norman Mitchell ...52.08
 4 Michael Lawrence - Craig Olson ...51.19

Stratum D, 3.0 Tables

- 1 David Montague - Norman Mitchell ...52.08
 2 Lynne Groff - Margaret Whilden ...47.02

FRI AFT NLM PAIRS

Stratum A, 7.0 Tables



- 1 Julie Thomas - Ollie Thomas62.08
 2 Lynn Frankenfield - Debby Bailine ...57.92
 3 Margaret Cooke - Peter Isard57.08
 4/5 Mary Krenytzky - William Leishear ...56.67
 4/5 Jean Schoen - Kathleen Zellmer ...56.67

Stratum B, 5.0 Tables

- 1 Lynn Frankenfield - Debby Bailine ...57.92
 2 Margaret Cooke - Peter Isard57.08
 3/4 Mary Krenytzky - William Leishear ...56.67
 3/4 Jean Schoen - Kathleen Zellmer ...56.67

Stratum C, 3.5 Tables

- 1 Lynn Frankenfield - Debby Bailine ...57.92
 2 Eleanor Linde - Alice Ling55.00
 3 Maree Webster - Judith Riggs52.50

FRI EVE FLT A/X IMP PAIRS

Stratum A, 9.0 Tables / Based on 15



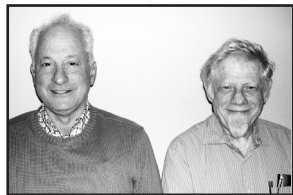
- 1 Ellen Cherniavsky - Ronald Zucker ...70.13
 2 Lyle Poe Jr - Barry Falgout32.75
 3 Clyde Kruskal - Michael Richey ...24.75
 4 Helene Bauman - Arnie Frankel ...15.00
 5 Merrill Hirsh - Monique Smith11.63

Stratum X, 3.0 Tables

- 1 Merrill Hirsh - Monique Smith11.63
 2 Kevin O'Brien - Daniel Feldman ...11.50

FRI EVE FLT B/C PAIRS

Stratum B, 6.0 Tables



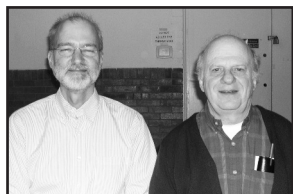
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- 4 Kitty Gottfried - Eiji Ishida53.75

Stratum C, 4.0 Tables

- 1 Craig Olson - Michael Lawrence60.83
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SAT MORN FLT A/X PAIRS

Stratum A, 18.5 Tables / Based on 54



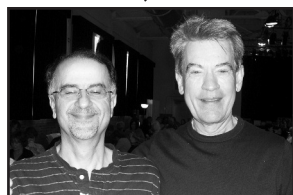
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- 3 Stephen Rzewski - Michael Klein . . .61.28
- 4 Richard Wegman - David Ruderman .61.12
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- 6 Katherine Rabenstein - Janet Dence .56.86

Stratum X, 8.5 Tables

- 1 Katherine Rabenstein - Janet Dence .56.86
- 2 Sylvia Shi - Alexander Prairie55.92
- 3 James Geist - Masood Mazhar51.94
- 4 Suzanne Abrams - Leslie Powell . . .51.47
- 5 Mark Rosen - Eugene Fisher49.98

SAT MORN FLT B/C/D PAIRS

Stratum B, 22.0 Tables



- 1 Hadi Abushakra - Walter Smith Jr . . .64.58
- 2 Barbara Sadick - Erik Kitagawa63.99
- 3 Michael Goldman - William Mendez Jr .60.42
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- 6 Jeffrey Halle - Emerita Hayward . . .57.74

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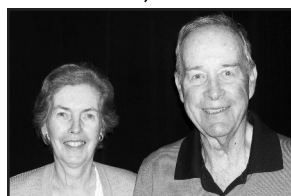
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- 6 Livingston Johnson - Sheryl McEwan .55.06

Stratum D, 9.0 Tables

- 1 Barbara Sadick - Erik Kitagawa63.99
- 2 John Horner - Terry Coates56.25
- 3/5 Annapurna Satpathy - Larry Wallace .54.17
- 3/5 John Gauss - Carolyn Baird54.17
- 3/5 Gabriel Cornett - Eldon Compton . .54.17

SAT MORN NLM PAIRS

Stratum A, 13.5 Tables



- 1 Betty Thompson - Henry Thompson . .66.55
- 2 Ron Sutter - Yuen De Anda65.36
- 3 Dottie Terrell - Glenn Terrell63.00
- 4 Juan Pablo Quizon - John Goon60.25
- 5 James Metzger - Michael Kuehl60.23
- 6 Catherine Bardsley - Donna Setzer . .57.50

Stratum B, 9.0 Tables

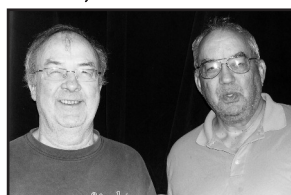
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- 2 Juan Pablo Quizon - John Goon60.25
- 3 Catherine Bardsley - Donna Setzer . .57.50
- 4 Julie Marquette - Yaeko Perera54.61
- 5 Garry Grossman - Adrienne Kohn . . .54.39

Stratum C, 4.5 Tables

- 1 Juan Pablo Quizon - John Goon60.25
- 2 Julie Marquette - Yaeko Perera54.61
- 3 Eleanor Linde - Alice Ling50.02
- 4 Barbara Goldlust - Debby Bailine . . .49.01

SAT AFT FLT A/X PAIRS

Stratum A, 15.0 Tables / Based on 30



- 1 John Glynn - Ronald Susi61.68
- 2 Mark Tonnesen - Kenneth Davis . . .59.62
- 3 Donna Rogall - Clyde Kruskal58.24
- 4 Eugene Kales - Ruth Potter57.01
- 5 David Ruderman - Richard Wegman .56.46
- 6 Steve Robinson - John Adams55.36

Stratum X, 7.5 Tables

- 1 Ronald Susi - John Glynn61.68
- 2 Michael Richey - Ronald Zucker . . .55.08
- 3 Patrick Stanton - Mark Cohen54.95
- 4 Sylvia Shi - Alexander Prairie53.43
- 5 John Lowe III - Howard Grunin51.65

SAT AFT FLT B/C/D PAIRS

Stratum B, 10.0 Tables

- 1 Barbara Sadick - Erik Kitagawa59.06
- 2 Locke Harvey - Barack Peled57.99
- 3 Steven Fox - Kitty Gottfried57.47
- 4 Merna Hart - Michael Hart55.65
- 5 Sarah Weinberg - Gary Weinberg . . .55.51
- 6 Michael Goldman - William Mendez Jr 54.08

Stratum C, 7.5 Tables

- 1 Barbara Sadick - Erik Kitagawa59.06
- 2 Merna Hart - Michael Hart55.65
- 3 Sarah Weinberg - Gary Weinberg . . .55.51
- 4 Michael Goldman - William Mendez Jr 54.08
- 5 Michael Lawrence - Craig Olson . . .54.04

Stratum D, 3.5 Tables

- 1 Barbara Sadick - Erik Kitagawa59.06
- 2 Donna Hankey-Woods - Douglas Woods 46.89
- 3 Paul Setzer - Kellen Leister45.62

SAT AFT NLM PAIRS

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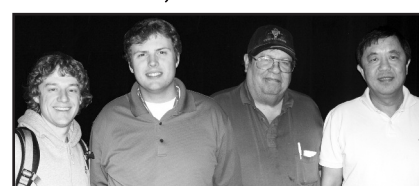
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- 2 Robert Wheeler - Betty Wheeler . . .56.00
- 3/4 Ollie Thomas - Julie Thomas54.50
- 3/4 Suzanne Dawson - Rachelle Sladoff .54.50

Stratum B, 2.5 Tables

- 1 Steven Leifer - Jacqueline Leifer65.00
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SUNDAY FLT A/X SWISS

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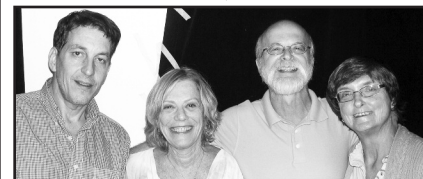
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- 3 John Adams - Donna Rogall - Clyde Kruskal - Richard Wegman92.00
- 4 Earl Glickstein - Robert Bell - Brad Theurer - Lyle Poe Jr81.00
- 5 Alan Tenenbaum - Alfred Steinberg - Gene Kuehneman - Andrew Gofreed79.00

Stratum X, 5 Tables

- 1 Jason Meyer - Lloyd Rawley - James Geist - Danijel Zenko70.00
- 2 Donald Berman - Leon Letwin - Barbara Doran - David Fleischer58.00

SUNDAY FLT B/C/D SWISS

Stratum B, 25 Tables



- 1 Leslie Powell - Suzanne Abrams - Dennis Schwanz - Susan Miskura117.00
- 2 James Gerding - Mike Ladd - Betty Ladd - Sidney Graves96.00
- 3 Robert Stearns - William Goldman - Fletcher Thompson - M Bruce Todd .84.00
- 4 George Parkins - Jean Schoepe - Albert Stolpe - Thomas Jennings83.00
- 5 David Loken - Kathrine Loh - Gerald Cunha - Rosalind Juo Cunha82.00
- 6/7 Jeffrey Kosnett - Ronald Susi - John Glynn - Alice Wegman78.00
- 6/7 Raymond Gallucci - Sym Gallucci - William Kingery Jr - Janet Dence . .78.00

Stratum C, 12 Tables

- 1 James Gerding - Mike Ladd - Betty Ladd - Sidney Graves96.00
- 2 George Parkins - Jean Schoepe - Albert Stolpe - Thomas Jennings83.00
- 3 Charles King - Ted Proxmire - Behnaz Fardshish - Pari Khoshkish77.00
- 4/5 Lynne Groff - Alfred Groff - Margaret Whilden - Thomas Grahame73.00
- 4/5 Onorica Luculescu - Alina Galaszewska - Yuen De Anda - Ron Sutter73.00

Stratum D, 9 Tables

- 1 James Gerding - Mike Ladd - Betty Ladd - Sidney Graves96.00
- 2/3 Lynne Groff - Alfred Groff - Margaret Whilden - Thomas Grahame73.00
- 2/3 Onorica Luculescu - Alina Galaszewska - Yuen De Anda - Ron Sutter73.00
- 4/5 Norman Mitchell - David Montague - Art Hartstern - Terry Vann65.00
- 4/5 John McCormick - Larry Wallace - Eldon Compton - Gabriel Cornett65.00

SUNDAY MORN 299ER SWISS

Stratum A, 7 Tables

- 1 Christine Brooks - Helen(Susie) Tinney - Alice Ling - Phyllis Hendler57.00
- 2 John Merold - Donna Sinrud - Dorothy Black - Inayat Taj51.00
- 3 Garry Grossman - Adrienne Kohn - Ted Van Dyke - Franny Van Dyke43.00

Stratum B, 5 Tables

- 1 John Merold - Donna Sinrud - Dorothy Black - Inayat Taj51.00
- 2 Garry Grossman - Adrienne Kohn - Ted Van Dyke - Franny Van Dyke43.00

SUNDAY AFT 299ER SWISS, 3 Tables

- 1 Ollie Thomas - Julie Thomas - Mahmoud Katirai - Shala Panbechi54.00

WBL NLMaster Sectional

September 22-23, 2012

TOP TEN CUMULATIVE POINT WINNERS

All Players

1	3.87	Cathy McGarrigan
	3.87	Sherry Griffin
3	3.74	Odessa Morton
	3.74	Bill Tallant
	3.74	Dolly Smith
	3.74	Richard Galleher
7	3.51	Wayne Bardsley
8	3.49	Garry Grossman
9	3.26	Adrienne Kohn
10	3.22	Catherine Bardsley

Players with fewer than 200 masterpoints

1	3.87	Cathy McGarrigan
	3.87	Sherry Griffin
3	3.74	Bill Tallant
	3.74	Dolly Smith
	3.74	Odessa Morton
	3.74	Richard Galleher
7	3.49	Garry Grossman
8	3.26	Adrienne Kohn
9	3.22	Catherine Bardsley
10	2.86	Thomas Grahame

Players with fewer than 100 masterpoints

1	3.87	Cathy McGarrigan
	3.87	Sherry Griffin
3	3.74	Dolly Smith
	3.74	Bill Tallant
	3.74	Richard Galleher
6	3.26	Adrienne Kohn
7	3.22	Catherine Bardsley
8	2.77	Barbara Turner
	2.77	David Cissel
10	2.52	Gregory Christian

Players with fewer than 50 masterpoints

1	3.74	Dolly Smith
	3.74	Richard Galleher
	3.74	Bill Tallant
4	2.77	Barbara Turner
	2.77	David Cissel
6	2.46	Frants Lasse Becker
7	2.03	Eleanor Linde
	2.03	Alice Ling
9	2.02	Ettie Gordon
10	1.51	Maryann Bishop

-RESULTS-

SATURDAY MORNING PAIRS

Stratum A, 17.0 Tables / Based on 21

1	Cathy McGarrigan - Sherry Griffin	.71.68
2	Gregory Christian - Thomas Grahame	61.54
3/4	Della Morris - Ettie Gordon	.58.49
3/4	John Horner - Terry Coates	.58.49
5	Margaret Cooke - Peter Isard	.56.69
6	Adrienne Kohn - Garry Grossman	.56.53

Stratum B, 14.0 Tables

1	Cathy McGarrigan - Sherry Griffin	.71.68
2	Gregory Christian - Thomas Grahame	61.54
3/4	Della Morris - Ettie Gordon	.58.49
3/4	John Horner - Terry Coates	.58.49
5	Margaret Cooke - Peter Isard	.56.69
6	Adrienne Kohn - Garry Grossman	.56.53

Stratum C, 6.5 Tables

1	Cathy McGarrigan - Sherry Griffin	.71.68
2	Della Morris - Ettie Gordon	.58.49
3	Margaret Cooke - Peter Isard	.56.69
4	Linda Weiner - Susan Myers	.51.93
5	David Solomon - Peter Lo	.51.76

SATURDAY MORNING 49ERS

Stratum A, 3.5 Tables

1	Kurt Fernstrom - Marilyn Schuyler	60.00
2	Cecily Wolfe - Maryann Bishop	.55.00
3	Anne Shields - Bonnie Cohen	.52.50

SATURDAY AFTERNOON PAIRS

Stratum A, 15.0 Tables

1	Wayne Bardsley - Catherine Bardsley	62.12
2	Alice Ling - Eleanor Linde	.58.71
3	David Cissel - Barbara Turner	.57.58
4	John Weiler - Eva Vorndran	.55.87
5	Ruth Fu - Val Lubbers	.55.68
6	Barbara Sadick - Elsa Angrist	.53.79

Stratum B, 13.0 Tables

1	Wayne Bardsley - Catherine Bardsley	62.12
2	Alice Ling - Eleanor Linde	.58.71
3	David Cissel - Barbara Turner	.57.58
4	John Weiler - Eva Vorndran	.55.87
5	Ruth Fu - Val Lubbers	.55.68
6	Barbara Sadick - Elsa Angrist	.53.79

Stratum C, 7.0 Tables

1	Alice Ling - Eleanor Linde	.58.71
2	David Cissel - Barbara Turner	.57.58
3/4	Asim Mandal - Maryann Bishop	.53.22
3/4	Mahmoud Katirai - Shala Panbechi	53.22
5	Peter Isard - Margaret Cooke	.52.65

SUNDAY SWISS

Stratum A, 13 Tables

1	Odessa Morton - Bill Tallant - Dolly Smith - Richard Galleher	.85.00
2/3	Bob Hartsell - Frants Lasse Becker - Saroj Gulati - Gloria Weiss	.72.00
2/3	Garry Grossman - Adrienne Kohn - Franny Van Dyke - Ted Van Dyke	.72.00
4	Mary Krenytzky - William Leishear - Nathalie Kaye - Thomas Pratt	.71.00
5	Ollie Thomas - Julie Thomas - Barbara Turner - David Cissel	.68.00

Stratum B, 10 Tables

1	Odessa Morton - Bill Tallant - Dolly Smith - Richard Galleher	.85.00
2/3	Bob Hartsell - Frants Lasse Becker - Saroj Gulati - Gloria Weiss	.72.00
2/3	Garry Grossman - Adrienne Kohn - Franny Van Dyke - Ted Van Dyke	.72.00
4	Mary Krenytzky - William Leishear - Nathalie Kaye - Thomas Pratt	.71.00

Stratum C, 3 Tables

1	Odessa Morton - Bill Tallant - Dolly Smith - Richard Galleher	.85.00
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BRING A FRIEND TO THE 0-20 OR NLM UNIT GAME!

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

SATURDAY 0-NLM GAME & MINI-LESSON

Every Saturday, the **Rockville Duplicate Bridge Club** holds a 0 - Non Life Master game with a mini-lesson.

Mini-Lesson: Saturdays, 12:30 pm

0-NLM Game: 1:00 pm

Cost: \$6.00

Location: St. James Episcopal Church
11815 Seven Locks Road

Directions: Take Rt 270 to Exit 4B (from either direction) Montrose Road. This will take you to Seven Locks Road. Left on Seven Locks Rd 3 blocks. St James Church is on the left (going south), between Post Oak and Gainsboro Rd. There are two buildings, the game and mini-lesson are in the building on the left facing the church. There is plenty of parking in the rear, and a rear entrance to the building (1 flight of stairs if you enter from the rear of the building).

For additional information, contact **Mark Lavine**, 301-503-3348 or mlavine@gcsii.com

Open Games: Sat: 1pm, Mon, Thurs & Fri: 11:15am, Tue: 7pm (Tue only at Rockville Senior Center—see www.rockvilledbc.com for directions.)

THE WBL ONLINE

The Washington Bridge League is providing two new online services:

1. The WBL Online Bulletin Board

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

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

2. The WBL Online Partnership Desk

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



NLM MASTER POINTERS

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Shawn Stringer, ShStringer@aol.com

MINOR SUIT AUCTIONS

"I don't think anyone in this tournament can bid diamonds to show diamonds. We lost the club suit in the 1950s. Now diamonds are gone and hearts are sinking fast."— *Bridge Hall of Famer and 23 time National Champion Edgar Kaplan*

When Edgar Kaplan famously noted the decline of the minor suits at the 1980 World Team Olympiad, he was commenting on the tendency of modern bridge to emphasize major suits and No Trump over the minor suits. And there is valid reason for that emphasis. The game bonus in No Trump requires taking only nine tricks, while a major requires ten. Minor suit games, where declarer must take eleven tricks to make his contract, require hands close to slam strength but score no better, and often worse, than game contracts that take fewer tricks.

Despite the bias toward major suits and No Trump, a large percentage of hands are opened in one of the minor suits. In the next few months, we'll be examining how the auction develops after an opening bid of 1♣ or 1♦. First, let's discuss the opening bid.

When dealer opens 1 of a minor, everyone at the table should recognize two likely facts: 1) Opener does not have a five card major; and 2) Opener, if balanced, does not have either 15-17 HCP or 20-21 HCP, because otherwise he would have opener 1NT or 2NT. Another characteristic of minor suit openings is that when you open 1♦, for example, diamonds may not be your longest suit. That is usually not true with a major suit opening.

In most partnerships, players will open 1♦ when holding four clubs and four diamonds. But they will open 1♣ when holding three in each

minor even if the diamonds are significantly better than the clubs. This ensures that they will open 1♦ with only three diamonds *only if they have specifically four spades, four hearts, three diamonds and two clubs* (4432 shape), so partner can be confident raising with only four diamonds.

With these guidelines in mind, let's look at a few hands. What would you open holding:

♠ AT7
♥ KJ83
♦ AJ4
♣ 964

Open 1♣. Even though the diamonds honors make for a much better suit, most partnerships do not open 1♦ with 3-3 in the minors.

♠ A8
♥ AJ3
♦ JT75
♣ K983

Open 1♦. With four diamonds and four clubs, open 1♦. This makes it easier for partner to raise diamonds if the opponents overcall. Also, if your shape is 4144 and you open 1♦, then you can bid 2♣ at your second turn. If you had opened 1♣, then rebidding 2♦ would show *Reverse* strength (16+) and shape (five+ clubs and four+ diamonds), which your hand does not have.

♠ KT63
♥ J
♦ KJ4
♣ AT953

Open 1♣. Although only 12 high card points (including the likely worthless singleton ♥J,) this is a good hand. If partner has support in either black suit, you expect to play in one of those suits.

Remember that a large percentage of the time that the bidding is opened in a minor suit, the hand is not played in that suit. After a minor opening, partner has room at the one level to respond that she has a four card major. When opener has the same major, the hand is likely to be played in some number of that major. With no fit, the hand is likely to be played in No Trump. So the first goal in the auction is to find a major suit fit, making it responder's responsibility to show or deny a four card or longer major at her first chance. Remember that, as a general rule, if responder does not bid a major after partner opens 1 of a minor, then there is a reasonable presumption that responder does not have a four card major.

For the next three hands, assume that partner opened 1♣ and right hand opponent passed. You hold:

♠ 8
♥ Q984
♦ A43
♣ AQ863

Bid 1♥. You can support partner's clubs later if appropriate, but if partner has four hearts, and if the partnership only has the values for game rather than slam, you prefer to play in 4♥, the 10 trick game, rather than 5♣, the 11 trick game.

♠ J73
♥ J753
♦ J93
♣ JT2

Pass. Yes, partner may have only three clubs and partner may have four hearts. You may not end up in the best contract. But if you respond, partner will expect more and may bid too high. This collection of jacks is not worth a response even though you have a four card major. Do not look for a major suit fit when you hold a piece of junk.

♠ KQ64
♥ T654
♦ K7
♣ J95

Bid 1♥. Your spades are much better than your hearts, but bidding 1♠ would tend to deny four hearts. If partner has the first hand in the table above, you prefer to play in hearts rather than NT, since your club holding is so bad. In hearts, you have at most three club losers. In NT, there are at least four club losers.

In our next article, we will continue our discussion of minor suit openings, responses, and opener's rebids. Please contact Ron or Shawn with any questions. Enjoy the game and we will see you at the table!

STEPPING UP TO NEW HEIGHTS: As of November 1, 2012

Junior Masters: 5 Masterpoints

Mrs Isabelle de Zamaroczy
Ms Sedef Berk
Wanda Debella
Mrs Sarah B Jenkins
Susan K Straus
Sheri Zweig
Ms Louela E Bonner
Mr Kyle Burkhalter
Ms Ettie H Gordon
Ms Patricia Kiesewetter
David Matusow
Judy Retchin
Adele Ewing
Ms Mickey Kelley
Belinda C Kennon
Phillip S Shapiro

Club Masters: 20 MPs

Dottie L Donnelly
Mrs Gale Z Greenbaum
Mr Robert Linn
Mrs Debra G Malet
Ted Michos
Ms Joy I Oliver
Blair R Peace

Ted S Proxmire
Stanley B Rosen
Mr Kenneth C Rossato
Ms Marsha B Shiff
Victoria C True
Vickie Abrutyn
Mr Myron L Goldstein
Dr Madeline M Nevins
Ms Dolores N Svec
Daniela R Tunsanu
Radu F Tunsanu
Mrs Madeline O Weinstock
Lynn M Bennett
David C Benson
Ms Regina A Ewig
Ms Kristina Hamilton
Mr Arthur C Moulton

Sectional Masters: 50 MPs

Mrs Heide Blaker
Mr Arthur Farbenbloom
Ms Shaye Hester
Ms Rosemary Kuntz
Ms Karen Y Sandler
Mrs Sharon Sapoznikow
Mrs Sandra True
Ms Edna R Small

Jill I Benson
Mae S Beuchert
Mr David S Cissel
Ms Shala Panbechi
Ms Barbara L Turner

Regional Masters: 100 MPs

Thayer Baine
Parviz Steeds
Ms Kathleen Zellmer
Mr Joseph L Abita
Mrs Jean C Barquin
Ms Jean G Schoen
Elinor Stolar
Mr Hugo H Van Dyke

NABC Masters: 200 MPs

Ms Agnes Gavin
Leslie P Jessell
Ms Ronnie H Loeser
Millie Reizenstein
Stephen R Salitrik
Julie Thomas
Ollie Thomas
Henry L Thompson
Mrs Carol Kahn
Dr Meir Kende

WBL SOLVERS' CLUB'S NEW PROBLEMS

1) IMPs, Both Vulnerable

♠ A Q 10 2 ♥ A J 3 2 ♦ - ♣ A J 6 5 4

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
Pass	Pass	1 ♠	

???

2) IMPs, Both Vulnerable

♠ K 7 4 ♥ A 6 5 4 3 ♦ 9 7 5 3 ♣ A

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
1 ♥	Pass	1 ♣	Pass

???

3) IMPs, Both Vulnerable

♠ J 3 2 ♥ Q J 4 3 2 ♦ A 7 ♣ A 10 9

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
1 ♥	1 ♠	2 ♦	Pass

???

4) Matchpoints, They're Vulnerable

♠ A K 10 8 ♥ K ♦ A Q J 10 9 7 4 ♣ 4

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
1 ♦	3 ♥	Dbl	Pass

???

5) IMPs, Both Vulnerable

♠ A 7 6 5 ♥ 10 3 ♦ A K J 9 7 4 ♣ 4

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
???	5 ♣	Dbl	Pass

???

Return answers by December 27 to:

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

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

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

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