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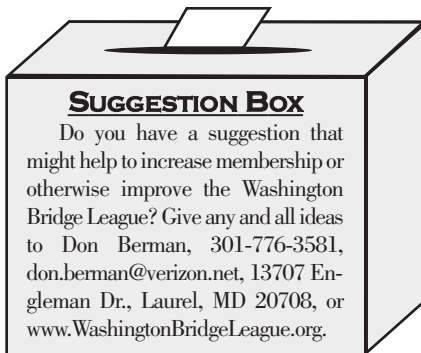


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PRESIDENT'S LETTER

by WBL President, Richard Ferrin
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As WBL President, I hope the WBL is continuing to provide the fun and challenging game to which we have grown accustomed in the DC metropolitan area. We are indeed fortunate to host what is probably the largest weekly unit game in the country, and certainly one of the most competitive. Our sectionals also are well-attended and attract competitors at all skill levels.

But maintaining this level of a unit game, and running four sectionals per year, does not and cannot happen without the efforts of the membership. We have been fortunate in the past to have a few individuals devote countless hours to making our unit games and sectional tournaments run smoothly, particularly Kitty Gottfried who has been our Hospitality Chair, to Ron Zucker, our Sectional Tournament

Chair, to the late Nadine Wood, who did it all. However, Nadine is no longer with us, and Kitty is no longer able to serve as Hospitality Chair. Finally, as noted on page 5, Ron Zucker will be stepping down as Sectional Tournament Chair after the August 2014 sectional.

To be blunt, we are in a desperate situation. It is simply not enough to pay an entry

fee and enjoy the game. The WBL Board has kept entry fees low throughout the years, but only because we have

enjoyed help from our volunteers. We need **you** to volunteer. Not the next person, but **you**. If we get enough volunteers, the tasks can be spread evenly so that everyone can enjoy the game. For example, past issues of the President's Report have suggested that it might make sense to have two or more **Co-Chairs of Hospitality** for the sectionals, so that one person, for example, can oversee hospitality on Thursdays and Fridays, and another on the weekend, or perhaps one for the morning games and another for the afternoon or evening games. The same can be done with the **Tournament Chair**, turning the post into two **Co-Chairs**, as has been done on several occasions in the past.

The work still needs to be done or else our unit game and sectionals will grind to a halt, or perhaps dwindle to much smaller games like most of the ACBL units elsewhere in the country. None of us want to see that happen. But no WBL member must choose between playing bridge and volunteering; the key is to **spread out the work**. So again, I ask for your help. We need co-chairs for Hospitality (both for the unit game and sectionals), and co-chairs for overseeing the Sectional Tournaments. Help us make it happen.

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Sectional
Co-Chairs

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Hospitality
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52nd Annual

~ PRESIDENTIAL TOURNAMENT ~

at the KENSINGTON TOWN HALL/ARMORY

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

(Stratification by avg. masterpoints of the team or pair.)

THURSDAY, JANUARY 2

- ♣ Stratified Open Pairs (unlim/1500/500) 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 (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 3

- ♣ *StrataFlighted A/X (unlim/3000) & B/C/D Pairs (2000/1000/500) (single sessions) 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

Panel & Party Show

SATURDAY, JANUARY 4

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 5

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 average masterpoints) plays all of the other teams in its bracket! The top bracket will hold an unlimited number of teams and will play a Swiss format. Your team may choose to play up—but only into the top bracket.
- ♦ 300/100/50 Swiss Teams, VPs (single sessions) 11:00am, 3:00pm

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

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



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

Directions to the Kensington Town Hall/Armory: 495 Beltway Exit 33, Connecticut Avenue North (Rt. 185N—to Kensington). 1.5 miles, right at light—Knowles Ave. 1st right at stop—Armory Ave. 1st left at stop—to 3710 Mitchell St. & parking lot on right. Additional parking in nearby lots—see website maps.

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NVBA WILLIAM POISSANT MEMORIAL TOURNAMENT

The Arlington/Fairfax Elks Lodge #2188
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THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 20

STRATIFIED OPEN PAIRS (2000+/2000/750) or 500/300/200 PAIRS10:30 a.m.

Norma's Game: K of C Hall, 5115 Little Falls Rd., Arlington, VA, 703-892-1292

Evening games at: NVBA: Beth El Hebrew Congregation, 3830 Seminary Road, Alexandria, VA or

WBL: Ohr Kodesh Congregation, 8300 Meadowbrook Ln, Chery Chase, MD NVBA (Beth El) WBL

Intermediate/Newcomer Lecture6:30 p.m.

STRATAFLIGHTED OPEN PAIRS (A/X=3000+/3000; B/C=2000/750) ...7:00 p.m. ...7:30 p.m.

NVBA 199ER PAIRS (200/100/50/20); WBL NLM PAIRS (NLM/100/50) ...7:00 p.m. ...7:30 p.m.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 21

Gene's Friday Morning Game at KOCH9:30 a.m.

STRATIFIED OPEN (2000+/2000/750) & 299ER (300/200/100) PAIRS

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

Intermediate/Newcomer Lecture1:15 p.m.

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

299ER PAIRS (300/200/100) or 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 22

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

299ER PAIRS (300/200/100) or 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) or 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 23

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

BRACKETED FLIGHT B TEAMS (no single player >2000) ..11 a.m. & TBA

B Teams Bracketed by Total Team Masterpoints: three overall places in each.

BAM & B/C Teams: 2-session events, a brief break & food available on-site.

299ER SWISS TEAMS (300/200/100) (Single sessions) 11 a.m. / 3:15 p.m.

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

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

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

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BITS AND PIECES

TIME TO STEP UP?

from Ron Zucker

I have been the Tournament Chair since 2011. It's been a rewarding and fun experience. I've gotten to discuss hands with some of the best players in the area. I've gotten to know some of the most interesting volunteers. And I've been lucky enough to see successful tournaments. However, I'm leaving the job after the August 2014 Sectional. Though it's been a wonderful opportunity, I am moving on.

As such, the Washington Bridge League is searching for a new Tournament Chair or Co-Chairs. Four times a year, the tournament chair is required to:

- * Coordinate with the Director in Charge regarding game choices and policies.
- * Arrange volunteers for provision of food and drink.
- * Report to the Board of Directors the results of the tournament.

* Attend some, but not all, Washington Bridge League Board of Directors meetings.

* Attend, to the extent possible, all four tournaments. Note that the Tournament Chair plays free at all WBL Sectionals.

There really is no previous experience, either in bridge or with the sectionals, required. I will walk you through everything. Assuming we can have someone lined up soon, I can run the sectional while showing all

that is done and by whom.

The ideal candidate is:

- * Able to receive a few phone calls and/or emails the week before the sectional, no more than 5-10 phone calls.
- * Able to attend four sectionals per year.
- * Able to store a very small amount of WBL items, including three coffee pots and a few other items. All of it will fit into a

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WANTED: Sectional Co-Chairs

DEC. 19, 2013 ANNUAL HOLIDAY PARTY

*Thursday Unit Game held at
*Kensington Town Hall/Armory**

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



The Annual WASHINGTON BRIDGE LEAGUE HOLIDAY PARTY, which includes dinner and a bridge game will be held at 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 Clyde Kruskal at 301-395-0480 or email him at cpkfam@gmail.com.

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



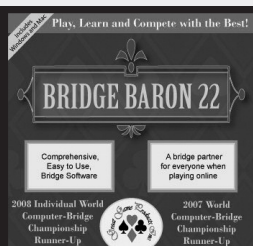
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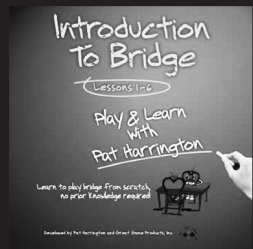
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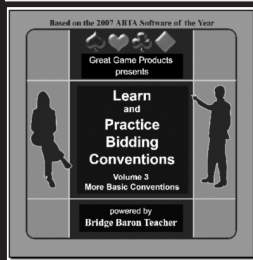


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WBL SOLVERS' CLUB

Moderated by Steve Robinson

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Congratulations to **Ed Jaffe, Molly Tinsley, Carol Halfon, Frank Guido** and **Pat Foster** who tied for first with a score of 490. They win a free entry to the Unit Game, and will be invited to be on a future panel. Tied for sixth were **Harry Gellis, Shirley Ybarra, Jim Allen, Gene Fisher, Bridge Baron** and **Jim Munday** with a score of 480. Tied for twelfth were **Jim Wakefield, Joav Steinbach, Mark Brenner, Lex Poot, James Mason, Tom Grahame, Pete Ekstrand, Oleg Dolgikh, and Walter Kerns** with a score of 470. Tied for twenty-first were **Sheila Odell, Ernie Bartholomew, Richard Wallace, and Arnold Kling** with a score of 460. Tied for twenty-fifth were **Mo Sharaff, Jerry Miller, Audrey Warren, Carol Elfant, Thomas Fukawa, Dror Axelrod, Arnie Frankel, Randall Holden** and **Mike Canes** with a score of 450. Tied for thirty-fourth were **Jeff Yutzler, Susan Rosenau, Ron Alldaffer, Bob Landry, David Rodney, Marvin Elster** and **Stu Horwitz** with a score of 440. The average score of the 196 solvers was 398. The average score of the experts was 438.

All readers are encouraged to send answers and/or new problems to Steve Robinson, 2891 S. Abingdon St. #A2 Arlington, VA, 22206-1329. In addition to the winner receiving a free play at the WBL Unit Game, Steve will play with anyone who gets a perfect score or who exactly matches all five of his answers. If you send a self-addressed stamped envelope to the above address along with your answers, I will send you a copy of the new problems to ensure that you can meet his next deadline. You can pick up a copy of the problems at the WBL Unit Game in Maryland, and can send answers or requests for problems to robinswr@erols.com. You can also see and answer the problems at the WBL website. WBL Solvers Club uses *Washington Standard* as published July 1996. I accept only the first answer from each solver unless it is clear that the solver wants to correct his answer.

I personally score all the problems. If a

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

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

1) Matchpoints, None Vulnerable

♠Q95♥A62♦1063♣AJ95

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
Pass	1♦	Dbl	Pass

?????

Action	Score	Votes	Solvers
2♣	100	2	45
1NT	90	4	33
2♦	80	3	60
3♣	50	1	34
1♥	50	0	3
2NT	50	0	17
1♠	50	0	2
Pass	20	0	1
3♦	20	0	1

When partner makes a takeout double, you're supposed to bid a four-card major or longer major. What happens when you don't have a four-card or longer major? Even though it's unheard of to bid clubs, what other choice do you have? You could bid 1NT but you don't have anything close to a stopper. You could bid a three-card major but you know by now how I feel about that. The books say that if you have eleven points and a four-card major you're supposed to jump in response to a takeout double. You need fewer points if you have a five-card major. If the hand were ♠AJ95♥A62♦1063♣Q95, I would jump to 2♠ since partner promises at least three spades and 2♠ doesn't figure to be a stupid contract. However, jumping in a four-card minor is different. Partner guarantees at least three cards in any unbid major but there is no guarantee for unbid minors.

Three experts cue bid. Cue bids in response to a takeout double show two places to play. What are they going to do over partner's expected 2♥-bid? Unless you pass 2♥, partner will probably get you too high, assuming partner has a normal takeout double such as ♠AKxx♥KJxx♦xx♣Qxx. He'll be looking for the other place to play.

Lublin: "2♦—I would bid 2♦ and bid 3♣ over a major response."

Parker: "2♦—I am willing to play a 4-3 after all, partner will be declarer. I will pass any next bid unless he cue-bids, then 4♣."

If you're a passed hand, a cue bid doesn't promise a rebid. Usually the cue bid shows 4-4 in the majors.

Stone: "2♦—Descriptive bid; you have values but are uncertain of the contract. Partner will not go overboard since you are a passed hand. If partner then bids a major, you can bid 3♣. 3♣ is a reasonable alternative, but I think it implies longer clubs and necessarily fewer points. I reject the matchpoint 1NT, since it fails to convey your HCP or your lack of a diamond stopper. You could be left playing in 1NT, cold for 3NT, 5♣, or even 6♣."

Two experts join me and bid clubs. I don't like jumping in a four-card suit, especially clubs. So since I'm going to bid clubs on this hand I'd strongly prefer 2♣. I don't have a diamond stopper, so I'll bid my four-card club suit and hope that partner has support. If he

doesn't have club support, he's more likely to run from 2♣ then 3♣.

Hopkins: "2♣—Everything else is worse. I probably will get a plus score which should be worth something. My only real hope is that partner does an Equal-level-conversion to 2♥ so I can raise thankfully or that he raises to 3♣ with a big hand."

Woolsey: "3♣—I have to show strength, and bidding 2NT with 10xx of diamonds could be silly."

If you think 1NT is silly, how silly would 3♣ be if partner has made a major-asking takeout double holding ♠AKxx♥KJxx♦Qxx♣xx?

Four experts bid 1NT. I don't like bidding 1NT without a stopper but 1NT might be the winning bid especially if partner is 4=4=3=2.

Schwartz: "1NT—Shows my values succinctly and with a lack of a diamond raise, partner is likely to have help. Jumping in clubs is the only other option and if partner doesn't have four that might not be pretty. I can't cue as a passed hand without a major."

King: "1NT—I have a balanced hand and 2NT seems a little too much, especially without a diamond stopper."

Adams: "1NT—Yes this is flawed. We are heavy on HCP, and light on stoppers, but it's likely our best spot even if they have five cashing diamonds. My partners could be 4333 pretty easily, but even with 4414, there is a reasonable chance 1NT wins just by staying low. We have to make 4♣ to beat 2NT."

Landen: "1NT—This may not be our highest scoring contract, but it's the most likely to lead to a plus score. My second choice is 3♣, but partner will expect at least five."

A jump to three-of-a-minor in response to a takeout double shows at least a five-card suit.

2) IMPs, None Vulnerable

♠K65♥A62♦963♣K876

<u>SOUTH</u>	<u>WEST</u>	<u>NORTH</u>	<u>EAST</u>
			Pass
Pass	Pass	1♣	Pass
1NT	Pass	Pass	2♦*
?????	*diamonds and major		

<u>Action</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Votes</u>	<u>Solvers</u>
Pass	100	6	59
3♣	60	2	66
Dbl	50	2	47
2♥	30	0	5
2NT	30	0	14
3♦	20	0	2
4♣	20	0	2
3NT	20	0	1

This is the case of the dog that didn't bark. If you pass, what will your partner think you have? If you had four diamonds and a good hand, you would double. You might not double with four little diamonds and a minimum. You can't have a four-card major, therefore the only four-card suit you figure to have is clubs. You are very likely 3=3=3=4. If partner has a doubleton diamond and at least four clubs, he'll know the opponents are probably in an eight-card diamond fit or at least a very good seven-card fit and he should bid something. If he's 4=4=2=3 with two little diamonds, he should bid a four-card major expecting that the 4-3 major-suit fit would be a good save against 2♦. Therefore pass is a very descriptive bid. If partner has three diamonds, he'll pass and the opponents will be playing in a seven-card fit.

Two experts bid their partner's hand. One bids 3♣ if one is playing with an inexperienced partner who doesn't know about the Law.

Lublin: "3♣—I would bid 3♣ now because we rate to have eight clubs between us."

Parker: "3♣—I would have bid an inverted 2♣ last time, so now I need to show some fit and strength."

Five experts join me and pass. Be conservative with length in the opponent's suit and be aggressive with shortness.

Hopkins: "Pass—I would rather defend with this balanced collection. Partner can act if he so chooses, presumably with a Club suit."

Schwartz: "Pass—Double shows good defense and I have the expected length in clubs

so partner can possibly compete if short."

Woolsey: "Pass—I have described my hand. Partner will think it likely that I have four clubs, since I didn't respond one-of-a-major and I didn't double 2♦."

Stone: "Pass—It seems so tempting to bid 3♣ with 10 HCP and four clubs, and so cowardly not to. But you have a defensive hand with a reasonable chance of defeating your opponents' contract, even at the two-level. Further, 3♣ is likely to go down unless partner has five clubs. And what if partner has three clubs?"

Adams: "Pass—I really doubt I am getting rich doubling this. 2♥ tempting, but that will be silly if partner has three diamonds. Partner's balancing double should show a doubleton diamond, and his balancing two-of-a-major should show a singleton diamond, so we should be able to compete whenever partner is short, and defend whenever partner is long. My double is penalty since I could well have diamonds, and since I suspect they are in a seven-card fit, I just go quietly."

When the opponents are in a seven-card fit, defend.

Two experts double. The opponents could be in a nine-card fit and the last thing you want to do is double the opponents at the two-level in a nine-card fit. Why can't opener be 4=4=1=4?

Landen: "Double—Extra values and good defense. I must act at matchpoints."

King: "Double—Let partner know that I have a maximum with a lot of defensive values."

Be conservative with length in the opponent's suit and be aggressive with shortness.

3) IMPs, None Vulnerable

♠5♥2♦AQ543♣AQ8765

<u>SOUTH</u>	<u>WEST</u>	<u>NORTH</u>	<u>EAST</u>
			Pass
1♣	Pass	1♦	Pass
?????			

Action	Score	Votes	Solvers
3♦	100	5	66
3♥	90	2	47
4♣	80	1	3
4NT	70	1	25
4♦	70	1	21
3♠	70	0	6
4♥	70	0	4
5♦	40	0	4
2♦	40	0	10
Pass	20	0	2
2♣	20	0	5
3♣	20	0	3

You opened 1♣ expecting partner to bid one-of-a-major. However, partner surprised you by responding 1♦. The opponents hold at least eight hearts and at least eight spades and are silent, which means that partner very likely has a good hand. A raise to 2♦ would probably not end the auction. There are many paths that you can follow. I like 4♣ or 4♦. Both show at least six clubs and diamond support. There is no hand that's worth a four-of-a-minor bid that doesn't include at least six clubs.

Two experts bid 3♥, a splinter, showing diamond support and a singleton or void in hearts. If partner has a hand such as ♠xxx♥AKQ♦Kxxxx♣xx, he'll bid 3NT expecting that you have spades stopped and knowing that his heart honors are not working. However, splintering in hearts will not show a singleton spade.

Lublin: "3♥—I would bid 3♥ splinter and pull 3NT to 4♦."

Parker: "3♥—Splinter. This allows partner to cue-bid spades. Over 3NT by him I will bid 4♠, now he will know what cards are working."

If Responder bids 3♠, he's showing you spade values not necessarily the spade ace. He's not expecting you to have a singleton spade. You could also bid 3NT if your singleton heart is an honor.

One expert takes the direct path and bids

keycard. You need three keycards assuming the king of clubs is a keycard. However, partner won't count the king of clubs as a keycard so you'll be in slam opposite two keys no matter what he has in clubs.

Hopkins: "4NT—Or whatever Key Card system we use. Opposite two Key Cards, I might have to take my chances on the Club finesse if partner doesn't have it."

Six experts raise diamonds directly. They have two singletons and they don't want to pick one. The problem is that partner's first thought would be to try to get to 3NT. Therefore his three-of-a-major bid will show a stopper and not necessarily the ace.

Schwartz: "3♦—I know" partner has a good hand, so splintering with a twelve-count is courting trouble. Also there is the problem of what suit to splinter with. If partner bids 3NT, I am removing."

King: "3♦—Although could also see bidding 5♦ directly but we have gotten this far without the opponents bidding a major, so I don't think they will come in now."

Stone: "3♦—Shows your values and distribution while leaving space to exchange more information. No need to jack up the bidding higher to preempt the opponents, since they didn't compete at the one-level. Your opponents' silence suggests that partner has some values in the majors."

Adams: "3♦—Do not like any alternatives. Do not like splinter since other major will be wide open. Do not want to force. My 1♦-response promises diamonds, and is never some 3=3=3=4 waiting-bid."

Landen: "3♦—I'm missing four primary cover cards. With two of them partner will drive to game, at least. I will pass 3NT if that's partner's next bid."

One expert jumps to 4♦. At least his partner won't be thinking about 3NT. 4♦ must show a strange hand which is what you have. If he bids 5♦, you'll know that you're off at least two major-suit aces. If he bids a major, it will be the ace and not just values in that suit. If you're going to jump to the four-level, why not bid 4♣? 4♣ allows partner to bid 4♦ so you can bid keycard.

Woolsey: "4♦—I must have some distribution for this unusual call. Maybe partner can work out that the reason I didn't splinter in my singleton is because I have two singletons."

Four-level jump in your own suit shows four-card support for partner as well as a six-card suit with at least two of the top three honors.

4) IMPs, None Vulnerable

♠5♥AK43♦K10853♣KQ5

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
			Pass
1♦	Pass	1♠	Pass
?????			
Action	Score	Votes	Solvers
2♥	100	4	52
2♣	90	4	53
1NT	80	2	58
2♦	70	0	14
2NT	40	0	11
3♥	20	0	4
3NT	20	0	2
3♦	20	0	1
3♣	20	0	1

There are three popular answers and all three have flaws. You could rebid 1NT but that shows fewer than 15 HCP. You have 15 HCP plus a five-card suit. You could reverse into hearts but reverses are usually stronger. If 15 HCP, partner would expect you to have at least ♠x♥AK109♦K10987♣KQ10. The third option is to put a heart in with your clubs and rebid 2♣.

Six experts don't think this hand is worth a reverse.

Two experts rebid 1NT. 1NT has two strikes against it. Strike one is that the hand is too strong for a 1NT rebid. Strike two is that you have a singleton spade.

Lublin: "1NT—Although it looks like 2♣ is the right bid, I will rebid 1NT."

Parker: "1NT—Not good enough for 2♥ and no need to bid 2♣, since if partner has a good hand he can bid new minor and we will get to the right fit. If he has a bad hand then we can take the low road."

Partner might take the low road with 10 HCP. Also he might rebid a weak five-card spade suit. What would you rebid over 1NT holding ♠Q6543♥xx♦x♣AJxxx?

Four experts rebid 2♣. They don't say what they'll do if their partner bids 2♦. If they continue with 2♥, they should have reversed. I know what they'll say if their partner passes 2♣."Thank you for the great dummy".

Hopkins: "2♣—Didn't we have a very similar problem recently? This gives partner as much room as possible."

Schwartz: "2♣—Hand is far from a reverse, and too good for 1NT in addition to shape problems. 2♣ encompasses about 11-18 HCP so well within range."

King: "2♣—The club suit seems closer to a four-card suit than the diamonds are a re-biddable one and I have too many points to rebid 1NT even if partner knows I can do that with a singleton."

Landen: "2♣—Standard expert bid. Not strong enough to reverse."

If you plan on bidding 2♥ over partner's 2♦ preference, you might as well reverse.

Three experts join me and reverse. If partner is weak, 2♥ wins when partner is 5-4 in the majors and especially when partner is exactly 5=4=1=3.

Woolsey: "2♥—I'd rather overbid than misdescribe my shape."

Stone: "2♥—A perfect, if minimum, reverse. A pure 15 HCP in aces, kings, and an attached queen, plus a singleton so long as, as is the case with Washington Standard, you can get out at 2NT or at the three-level. 2♣ is the only reasonable alternative. The problem with that bid is when partner has a hand like ♠109xxx♥Qxxx♦J♣Axx, you'll rest in 2♣, cold for 4♥."

After reverses you can't get out in 2NT. However, you can get out in 3♦ if partner has a weak hand with diamond support.

Adams: “2♥—Overbid at IMPs, but gets the hand pattern right. An advertisement for Reverse Flannery responses. Playing that, I would not have to worry about a heart fit and could try 2♣ here instead, but that is not Washington Standard, so can’t use that trick here.”

Reverse Flannery responses: After a minor-suit opener, responder bids 2♠ showing five spades and four or five hearts with an invitational to game hand. Responder bids 2♥ showing five spades and four or five hearts with a non-invitational hand. 2♥ shows five to eight HCP. Using Reverse Flannery responses, you don’t have to worry about partner having a weak hand with hearts when he responds 1♠.

When in doubt show your distribution.

5) Matchpoints, None Vulnerable

♠K5♥1093♦A10853♣K65

<u>SOUTH</u>	<u>WEST</u>	<u>NORTH</u>	<u>EAST</u>
?????		1♣	1♥
<u>Action</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Votes</u>	<u>Solvers</u>
2♦	100	7	157
1NT	90	1	9
2♣	80	2	7
2♥	50	0	6
Pass	50	0	14
Dbl	20	0	3

In standard a two-over-one in a major in competition shows at least ten HCP and a five-card or longer suit. It’s not forcing to game. If you had ♠Kx♥A19853♦1093♣K65, it would make sense to bid 2♥ over the opponent’s 1♠-overcall. The target is 4♥ and you don’t mind getting there light on points if you have some distribution. In this problem we have a five-card minor. One of the targets is 3NT where distribution won’t help. The other target is 5♦ and we need a lot more strength than playing in four-of-a-

major. We have ten HCP and five diamonds but is this hand worth a 2♦-call? I think that unless you have at least 11 HCP, you could easily get to the wrong contract. Either, you get too high when momentum gets you to a bad game or you don’t get high enough when you pass partner’s forcing bid. The problem with bidding 2♦ is what are you going to do next? When partner opens 1♣, he usually has a weak notrump which means that he will very likely rebid 2NT. If 2NT is non-forcing, is Opener supposed to jump to 3NT when he has a balanced 14 count? What does partner do with a balanced 18? He has to jump to 3NT and he won’t know if he’s missing a slam.

If you rule out 2♦, then there are three other choices, none of which makes me happy. Actually there is no bid that makes me happy. A 2♣-raise is missing a club. 1NT is missing a heart stopper. Passing could end the auction. Of the three choices, and taking a hint from problem one, you could bid 1NT? 1NT shows your strength and your balanced hand. The only problem is that you’re missing a heart stopper. Even if the opponents run five hearts, you could easily take the rest. There are some experts who don’t mind bidding 1NT here without a heart stopper. I good days, East overcalled in a four-card suit and they can take only four heart tricks.

Two experts raise clubs. 2♣ could be a silly contract if partner has only three clubs.

Parker: “2♣—No negative double with only two spades, no notrump without stopper, not good enough for 2♦ since I am stuck if he bids 3♣. Hopefully if goes 2♥ back to me and I can bid 2NT which shows diamonds too.”

Stone: “2♣—By elimination. You can’t double with only two spades. This hand is easy for those who play that a negative double here denies as many as four spades, with a 1♠ bid guaranteeing four or more spades, not five. But you are not playing those methods. Bidding 1NT is wrong because you have no heart stopper, and when notrump is right, you will have wrong-sided the contract. The problem with bidding 2♦ is that you have no ef-

fective non-forcing rebid. Bidding 2♥, a limit raise in clubs, is way too aggressive with only three clubs, playing matchpoints. Passing is wrong because there may be no more bidding especially if partner has three hearts, and you can expect a poor matchpoint score if East makes 1♥ or even if you defeat that contract at 50 points for every trick the contract goes down, since you have a probable partscore and possible game your way. Meanwhile, 2♣ is reasonably descriptive, and it is easy for you to compete later to show longer diamonds and extra values. If West bids 2♥, you can compete with 2NT.”

Seven experts bid 2♦ which is an overbid. 2♦ will usually fetch 2NT and you’ll be playing in 2NT no matter what Opener has.

Lublin: “2♦—I would bid 2♦ which is a slight overbid.”

Hopkins: “2♦—It helps if you have rules on what further bids can be passed. I normally play 2NT, 3♦, and 3♣ can be passed but others are at least one-round forces.”

There is something to be said that you could pass 2NT, 3♣ or 3♦. However, if partner has a good hand, having three non-forcing rebids will limit his options. Suppose Opener has ♠Ax♥AQx♦xxx♣AQJxx. He would like to bid a forcing 2NT to see if you have a slam-mish hand.

Schwartz: “2♦—Suit a little lacking but have the values. I’m going to pass 2NT or three-of-a-minor.”

Woolsey: “2♦—Awkward, but the hand is just too strong to pass and 2♣ or 1NT could lead to a silly contract.”

2NT could easily be a bad contract. What is opener going to bid over 2♦ holding ♠QJx♥Axx♦Kx♣QJxxx?

King: “2♦—This is only a one-round force. I hate to pass with so many points, can’t make a negative double without four spades, bid 1NT without a heart stopper when I know RHO has five of them or raise clubs with only three. So 2♦ is all that is left.”

Adams: “2♦—I already bid notrump without a stopper once today”.

If you did it once, why not do it again?

Landen: “2♦—A bit uncomfortable, but no bid ideal. After two-over-one in competition, 2NT or, simple raise or preference to either of our suits is not forcing. To force you need to cuebid or bid a new suit”.

I think that 2♦ is an overbid and 2♣ could lead to a 3-3 fit. 1NT is the least of all evils. If partner has a weak notrump, how bad can 1NT be? 1NT from your side could be better than two or three notrump from partner’s side. At least he’ll know your point count.

On rare circumstances, you’re allowed to bid 1NT without a stopper in Opponent’s suit.

SOLVERS’ SCORES

John Adams	1NT	Pass	3♦	2♥	2♦	490
Robbie Hopkins	2♣	Pass	4NT	2♣	2♦	470
Fred King	1NT	Dbl	3♦	2♣	2♦	440
Steve Landen	1NT	Dbl	3♦	2♣	2♦	440
Glen Lublin	2♦	3♣	3♥	1NT	2♦	430
Steve Parker	2♦	3♣	3♥	1NT	2♣	410
Steve Robinson	2♣	Pass	4♣	2♥	1NT	470
Alan Schwartz	1NT	Pass	3♦	2♣	2♦	490
Robert Stone	2♦	Pass	3♦	2♥	2♣	460
Kit Woolsey	3♣	Pass	4♦	2♥	2♦	420

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Updated by John Adams

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

This list is up to date through November 14, 2013, not including the Round Robin. All points are subject to audit by the WBL Director.

Lovenberg

1	179.45	John Adams
2	169.26	Steve Robinson
3	162.78	Brad Theurer
4	132.16	Steven Schatzow
5	128.53	Barry Falgout
6	112.13	Clyde Kruskal
7	104.07	Lloyd Rawley
8	103.32	Barry Bragin
9	102.57	Peter Boyd
10	96.27	William Cole
11	93.26	David Ruderman
12	92.62	Richard Wegman
13	87.60	Robert Bell
14	84.33	Donna Rogall
15	82.93	Ellen Cherniavsky
16	76.61	James Geist
17	74.46	Ronald Zucker
18	72.84	Jason Meyer
19	72.11	Alfred Steinberg
20	71.09	Eugene Kales
21	71.08	Mark Shaw
22	70.51	James Berry
23	69.49	Michael Richey
24	65.86	Richard Ferrin
25	65.36	Alexander Prairie

Izzy Cohen

1	70.51	James Berry
2	65.36	Alexander Prairie
3	61.81	David Genne
4	43.14	Terry Klein
5	42.52	Dale Sanders
6	41.54	Ernie Schuler
7	40.34	Aaron Navarro
8	40.30	Mike Frosch
9	36.30	Carole Banks
10	36.28	Guillaume de Decker
11	35.80	Myron Goldstein
12	35.03	Hadi Abushakra
13	33.97	Jill Benson
14	33.39	Peter Isard
	33.39	Margaret Cooke

Tubbs

1	43.14	Terry Klein
2	41.54	Ernie Schuler
3	35.80	Myron Goldstein
4	33.97	Jill Benson
5	33.39	Peter Isard
	33.39	Margaret Cooke
7	32.75	Charles Dearolf
8	32.51	Mary Ourand
9	32.01	Julie Thomas
	32.01	Ollie Thomas

Woolridge

1	15.85	Norman Kittrell
2	10.92	Cecily Wolfe
3	10.81	David Matusow
	10.81	Ettie Gordon
5	10.75	Phillip Shapiro
6	9.97	Carl Barth
7	9.87	Julie Marquette
8	9.76	Judy Retchin
9	9.06	Stephen Baldwin
	9.06	Kate Baldwin

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01/09/2014StrataFlighted Grass Roots Fund Pairs

01/16/2014StrataFlighted Grand National Teams

01/23/2014StrataFlighted Unit Championship

01/30/2014StrataFlighted Unit Championship

02/06/2014StrataFlighted Unit Championship

02/13/2014D6 STaC Stratified Pairs

02/20/2014NVBA Sectional02/27/2014StrataFlighted Grand National Teams

03/06/2014StrataFlighted Pairs Membership Game

03/13/2014StrataFlighted Unit Championship

03/20/2014StrataFlighted Unit Championship

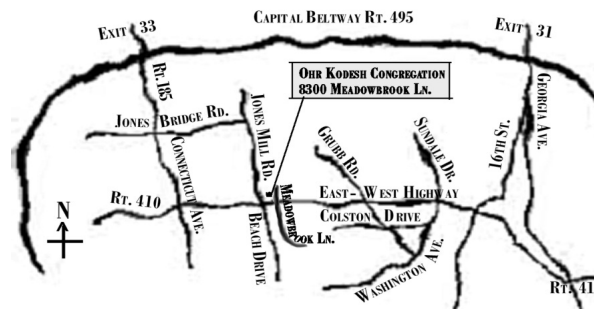
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04/03/2014StrataFlighted Upgraded Club Champ.

04/10/2014NVBA Sectional

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

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Partnerships Close AT 7:25pm
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THE UNIT GAME

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 - ♥ **Spring, 2014**, WBL, TBA, MD
- ♠ **April 10-13, 2014**, NVBA, Fairfax, VA
- ♣ **August 7-10, 2014**, WBL, Kensington, MD
- ♦ **September 18-21, 2014**, NVBA, Fairfax, VA
- ♥ **October 9-12, 2014**, WBL, Kensington, MD
- ♠ **October 23-26, 2014**, NVBA, Fairfax, VA

DO YOU HAVE ANY MUSCLE OR BRAINS TO SPARE?

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

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

Here's how to help:

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

Thank you in advance for any assistance you can provide.

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

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small car, or, if you prefer, can be parceled out to other volunteers.

- * Enjoys getting to know a wide variety of bridge players from the area.

I've been lucky enough to serve in this capacity. I invite you to take the next step and volunteer for your unit. Bridge happens because people volunteer. Become one of those volunteers! It's a rewarding, fun part of the game.

2014 WBL UNIT KO

The deadline for entering the **2014 Washington Bridge League Unit KO** is **Jan. 15**.

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 January 16 will be used as a factor in seeding; however, you don't have to play in the GNT

qualifier in order to play in the Unit KOs. If you have six members of your KO team, they can play on six different GNT teams on January 16. 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 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: **Mrs Anne E Brill, David L Frederick, Antony J Heatwole, Mrs Ilse H Heintzen, Marilyn Lichtman, John D Richardson, Fran Rumford,**

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In addition, we welcome the following transfers from other units: **Ms Anne Derbes, Mr Evan G Gay, Elizabeth Hodes, Jeanie M Ridgeway, Mr Robert M Schwab, Rev William Zane, Irene M Brandt, Mr Irwin Friedman, and Myron Hirsch.**

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.

THANKS!

On behalf of the NVBA Bridge Heroes, a big thank you to Winston Churchill (Mark Lavine & WBL) who raised over \$800 during this year's Longest Day Event.

With help from our generous bridge community, together we raised \$10,159 for our team and over \$550,000 for ACBL.

This event ran to honor those who are living with Alzheimer's every day and their tireless caregivers, to raise money for Alzheimer's research, to promote bridge to all age groups in Northern Virginia and Maryland and to celebrate our youth playing bridge and doing good.

The next Longest Day is June 21, 2014.

—Yuen De Anda

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 the player has met eligibility requirements.

Open Leaders

Player	Points
1 Sylvia Shi	109.32
2 Steven Schatzow	89.39
3 Alexander Prairie	77.70
4 Peter Boyd	71.97
5 Brad Theurer	70.67
6 Barry Bragin	68.49
7 William Cole	64.17
8 Steve Robinson	60.39
9 Ken Davis	54.29
10 Barry Falgout	52.03
11 John Adams	47.55
12 Mark Chen	44.61
13 Bob Boyd	43.68
14 John Miller	42.79
15 Noble Shore	39.45
16 Mark Shaw	38.34
17 Bruce Houston	36.96
18 Helene Bauman	36.73
19 Clyde Kruskal	36.09
20 Lloyd Rawley	34.80

NonLM Leaders

Player	Points
1 Jill Benson	21.48
2 Catherine Bardsley	20.90
3 Yuen De Anda	18.53
4 Ron Sutter	18.53
5 David Benson	18.11
6 Terry Klein	15.66
7 John Merold	15.48
8 Charles Dearolf	15.39
9 Sharon Suttan	15.09
10 Dorothy Black	13.95
11 David Marshall	13.43
12 W Morgan	12.84
13 Michael Stoller	11.89
14 Fred Gramlich	11.54
15 Donna Sinrud	11.49
16 Dottie Terrell	10.37
17 John Cook	10.36
18 Patricia Cook	10.36
19 Michael Canes	10.18
20 Thomas Grahame	10.08

REPORT ON WBL'S BRIDGE IN SCHOOLS PROGRAM

We have had some amazing successes the past year in strengthening existing programs and in initiating new programs in our area's schools. We currently have 50+ students active in the program in five schools, one in Montgomery Co, one in PG Co & three in DC.

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83RD ANNUAL D.C. CHAMPIONSHIPS

October 3-6, 2013

—Results—

TOP TEN CUMULATIVE POINT WINNERS

All Players	
1	26.76 Barry Bragin
2	19.28 Steven Schatzow
3	17.58 Barack Peled
4	17.53 Brad Theurer
5	17.04 Mark Laken
6	16.89 Eugene Kales
7	16.50 Peter Boyd
8	16.41 William Cole
9	15.92 Steve Robinson
10	15.03 Ellen Cherniavsky

Players with fewer than 2000 masterpoints

1	17.58 Barack Peled
2	12.83 Sylvia Shi
3	10.15 Alexander Prairie
4	9.56 Ronald Zucker
5	9.53 Barbara Summers
6	9.43 Witold Palosz
7	8.60 Melanie Manfield
8	8.56 Kathrine Loh
9	8.15 Irv Kipnis
8.15	..... Lowell Phillips
8.15	..... Sorina Negulescu

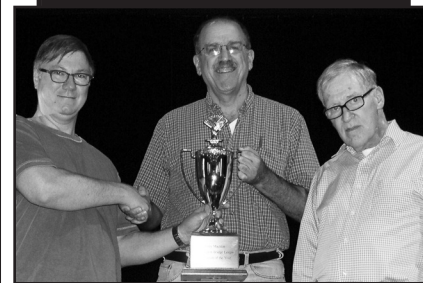
Players with fewer than 500 masterpoints

1	6.62 Prem Garg
2	6.06 Robert Kutz
3	5.79 Terry Klein
4	5.35 Ron Sutter
5.35	..... Yuen De Anda
6	5.29 Sam Pal
7	5.07 David Benson
5.07	..... Jill Benson
9	4.67 Daniela Tunsanu
4.67	..... Radu Tunsanu

Players with fewer than 100 masterpoints

1	5.07 David Benson
2	4.67 Daniela Tunsanu
4.67	..... Radu Tunsanu
4	4.59 Johnny Marsh
4.59	..... Jane Marsh
6	4.22 Ramsey Bordcosh
4.22	..... Fadi Eidi
8	3.16 Barry Tash
9	3.01 Reina Lerner
3.01	..... Sharona Sapoznikow

2013 MACHLIN TROPHY WINNER



2012 winner, Paul Leopold (right) and WBL President, Richard Ferrin (left) presented the Machlin Sportsmanship Award Trophy to the 2013 winner: **Bob Bell**

THUR MORNING OPEN PAIRS

Stratum A, 21.0 Tables

1	Steven Schatzow - Ken Davis	72.22
2	Mark Lavine - Forest Montgomery	65.11
3	Eileen Theimer - Hanna Schepps	63.45
4	William Pettis - Charleen Brand	61.34
5	Benjamin Stauss - John Glynn	60.65
6	Robin Taylor - Mary Tenenbaum	59.49

Stratum B, 13.5 Tables

1	Richard Levin - Neal Rosenthal	59.20
2	Prabhakar Tamboli - Rama Kapur	55.06
3	Rosemary Kuntz - Annapurna Satpathy	54.63
4	Terri Sanker - Kiyomi Shiba	52.98
5	Ellen Kelley - Mavis Walters	52.92
6	Jeanne Ferraro - Alan Ferraro	51.39

Stratum C, 7.0 Tables

1	Ellen Kelley - Mavis Walters	52.92
2	Margarett Whilden - Hanna Wagner	49.07
3	Judy Retchin - Gail Klein	48.15
4	Lorraine Tyler - David Fitzwilliam	46.06
5	Sally Hollman - Susan Ward	45.34

THUR EVE FLT A/X PAIRS

Stratum A, 31.5 Tables / Based on 79 Tables



1	Brad Theurer - Barry Bragin	65.77
2	Ellen Klosson - Lynne Schaefer	65.03
3	Donna Rogall - Charity Sack	61.42
4	Bruce Houston - Kenneth Davis	60.65

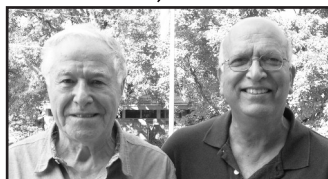
- 5 Barbara Summers - William Colligan .60.35
- 6 Steven Schatzow - Ann Lindley60.15
- 7 Guillaume de Decker - Leon Masiewicki 58.68
- 8 Sven Pride - David Genne58.60

Stratum X, 16.0 Tables

- 1 Barbara Summers - William Colligan .60.35
- 2 Guillaume de Decker - Leon Masiewicki 58.68
- 3 Sven Pride - David Genne58.60
- 4 Kathrine Loh - Amber Emmons56.95
- 5 Daniel Feldman - Dharendra Ghosh .56.25
- 6 Luther Hampton - Michael Hampton .54.86

THUR EVE FLT BCD PAIRS

Stratum B, 30.0 Tables



- 1 Leonid Fastovsky - Prem Garg66.86
- 2 Ramsey Bordcosh - Fadi Eidi64.96
- 3 Barry Tash - James Wisman61.93
- 4 Eileen Houghton - Jacqueline Abrams 61.55
- 5 Clifford Feldman - Richard Mersch .59.09
- 6 Michael Goldman - William Mendez Jr 58.90

Stratum C, 25.0 Tables / Based on 26 Tables

- 1 Leonid Fastovsky - Prem Garg66.86
- 2 Ramsey Bordcosh - Fadi Eidi64.96
- 3 Barry Tash - James Wisman61.93
- 4 Michael Goldman - William Mendez Jr 58.90
- 5 Thomas Jennings - Eva Klivington .58.71
- 6 Catherine Bardsley - Wayne Bardsley 57.39

Stratum D, 12.0 Tables

- 1 Ramsey Bordcosh - Fadi Eidi64.96
- 2 Barry Tash - James Wisman61.93
- 3 Michelle Zyguelbaum - Michael Kuehl 56.06
- 4 Gerald McGowan - John Adams54.92
- 5 John Holt - Joseph Drodge54.73
- 6 Marilyn Rubinstein - Stanley Rosen .52.27

THUR EVE NLM PAIRS @ WBL

Stratum A, 13.0 Tables



- 1 Charles Van Gorder - Patrick Frye . . .68.75
- 2 Terry Klein - Myron Goldstein64.77
- 3 Hanna Wagner - Mark Feldman62.50
- 4 Norman Kittrell - Joseph Lebaron . . .61.17
- 5 Ted Van Dyke - Franny Van Dyke . .59.85
- 6 David Benson - Jill Benson54.36

Stratum B, 8.0 Tables

- 1 Terry Klein - Myron Goldstein64.77
- 2 Norman Kittrell - Joseph Lebaron . . .61.17
- 3 Karen Sandler - Anne Weismann . . .51.33
- 4/5 Marc Zlotnik - Joan Zlotnik49.62
- 4/5 Julie Marquette - Yaeko Perera49.62

Stratum C, 5.0 Tables

- 1 Norman Kittrell - Joseph Lebaron . . .61.17

- 2/3 Marc Zlotnik - Joan Zlotnik49.62
- 2/3 Julie Marquette - Yaeko Perera49.62
- 4 Dottie Donnelly - Ted Michos49.43

THUR EVE 0-20 PAIRS @ WBL

Stratum A, 6.0 Tables

- 1 Adele Ewing - Lillian Glaser63.33
- 2 Sandra El-Khodary - Sandra Dugoff .57.50
- 3 Roslyn Eisner - William Eisner54.17
- 4 William Morrow - Joseph Quinn . . .53.33

Stratum B, 4.5 Tables

- 1 Sandra El-Khodary - Sandra Dugoff .57.50
- 2 William Morrow - Joseph Quinn . . .53.33
- 3 Judy Rovner - Sheila Blum50.00
- 4/5 Stephen Baldwin - Kate Baldwin . . .49.17
- 4/5 Mary Ann McNamer - Bob Greeves .49.17

Stratum C, 2.5 Tables

- 1 Sandra El-Khodary - Sandra Dugoff .57.50
- 2 Judy Rovner - Sheila Blum50.00

THUR EVE 0-200 PAIRS @ NVBA

Stratum A, 9.0 Tables

- 1 Donald Smith - Pat Kibler67.86
- 2 John Peterson - Richard Poznanski .66.07
- 3 James Hewitt - Kenneth Linder65.48
- 4 Walt Pumo - Janice Pumo55.36
- 5 Jeremy Billones - Jack McCalman .52.98

Stratum B, 5.5 Tables

- 1 John Peterson - Richard Poznanski .66.07
- 2 Jeffrey Yutzler - Mary Frances Jetton .51.49
- 3 Juliana Madan - Wendy Lippincott .51.19
- 4 Duncan Wainwright - Jovica Medic .50.60

Stratum C, 3.5 Tables

- 1 John Peterson - Richard Poznanski .66.07
- 2 Juliana Madan - Wendy Lippincott .51.19
- 3 Duncan Wainwright - Jovica Medic .50.60

FRI MORN FLT A/X PAIRS

Stratum A, 8.0 Tables / Based on 27 Tables



- 1 Arnie Frankel - Alfred Steinberg . . .63.33
- 2 Robert Gookin - Ann Lindley61.33
- 3 Robert Kutz - Michael Stoller58.42
- 4 Steven Schatzow - Alfred Duncker .55.50
- 5 Leo LaSota - Mark Shaw53.67

Stratum X, 3.0 Tables

- 1 Robert Kutz - Michael Stoller58.42
- 2 James Garnher - Roma Chandra . . .51.25

FRI MORN FLT B/C/D PAIRS

Stratum B, 11.5 Tables



- 1 Yuen De Anda - Ron Sutter63.14

- 2 Annapurna Satpathy - Sam Pal62.50
- 3 Todd Zimnoch - Henry Wilson58.76
- 4 James Summers Jr - Barbara Summers 56.76
- 5 Ernie Schuler - Thomas Grahame . .54.46
- 6 Loris Patterson - Val Lubbers54.17

Stratum C, 10.0 Tables

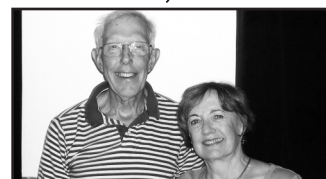
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- 3 Todd Zimnoch - Henry Wilson58.76
- 4 Ernie Schuler - Thomas Grahame . .54.46
- 5 Loris Patterson - Val Lubbers54.17
- 6 Lotta Brafman - Jesse Stern53.02

Stratum D, 5.0 Tables

- 1 Yuen De Anda - Ron Sutter63.14
- 2 Ernie Schuler - Thomas Grahame . .54.46
- 3 Irwin Yanus - J Lasek51.70
- 4 Pamela Schwikert - Don Schwikert .51.63

FRI MORN NLM PAIRS

Stratum A, 7.0 Tables



- 1 Damian Kulash - Marjorie Kulash . .64.58
- 2 Anne Menkens - Susan Holbeck . . .59.58
- 3/4 Sharon Bates - Ellen Pollack57.92
- 3/4 Peter Isard - Margaret Cooke57.92
- 5 Martha Riviere - Patricia Edwards .55.00

Stratum B, 7.0 Tables

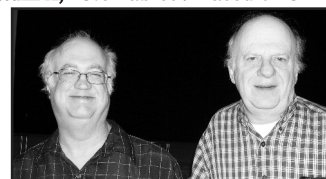
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- 2 Anne Menkens - Susan Holbeck . . .59.58
- 3/4 Sharon Bates - Ellen Pollack57.92
- 3/4 Peter Isard - Margaret Cooke57.92
- 5 Martha Riviere - Patricia Edwards .55.00

Stratum C, 2.5 Tables

- 1 Anne Menkens - Susan Holbeck . . .59.58
- 2 Martha Riviere - Patricia Edwards .55.00

FRI AFT FLT A/X PAIRS

Stratum A, 13.0 Tables / Based on 31 Tables



- 1 William Cole - Steve Robinson64.77
- 2 Barry Falgout - Lyle Poe Jr63.26
- 3 Vincent Wilmot Jr - Helene Bauman .57.58
- 4 David Loken - Kathrine Loh55.87
- 5 Steven Schatzow - Alfred Duncker .55.68
- 6 Brad Theurer - Mark Chen55.49

Stratum X, 6.5 Tables

- 1 David Loken - Kathrine Loh55.87
- 2 Juline Glaz - Daniel Shankle Jr53.41
- 3 Mark Laken - Robert Levey53.22
- 4 Phillip Tseng - Kiyomi Shiba52.65
- 5 Thomas Jennings - Carl Noller51.70

FRI AFT FLT B/C/D PAIRS

Stratum B, 10.0 Tables



- 1 Charlie Williams - Leslie Shafer . . .64.88
- 2 Alan Skvirsky - Stephen Black58.33
- 3 Annapurna Satpathy - Sam Pal56.85
- 4 Ernie Schuler - Thomas Grahame . .56.55
- 5 Wayne Bardsley - Kellen Leister . . .53.27
- 6 Rhona Prenskey - Nelu Schwartz . . .52.98

Stratum C, 8.0 Tables

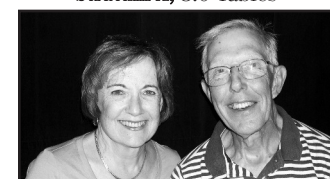
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- 3 Ernie Schuler - Thomas Grahame . .56.55
- 4 Wayne Bardsley - Kellen Leister . . .53.27
- 5 Rhona Prenskey - Nelu Schwartz . . .52.98

Stratum D, 5.0 Tables

- 1 Alan Skvirsky - Stephen Black58.33
- 2 Ernie Schuler - Thomas Grahame . .56.55
- 3 Irwin Yanus - J Lasek52.68
- 4 Douglas Golden - Leo Potsiadlo49.70

FRI AFT NLM PAIRS

Stratum A, 8.0 Tables



- 1 Marjorie Kulash - Damian Kulash . .66.75
- 2 Sharon Suttan - Donna Sinrud61.48
- 3 Ollie Thomas - Julie Thomas60.85
- 4 Thayer Baine - Shaye Hester56.76
- 5 Glenn Terrell - Mark Terrell56.55

Stratum B, 5.5 Tables

- 1 Marjorie Kulash - Damian Kulash . .66.75
- 2 Sharon Suttan - Donna Sinrud61.48
- 3 Thayer Baine - Shaye Hester56.76
- 4 Jacques Delente - Gail Delente . . .55.87

Stratum C, 2.5 Tables

- 1 Jacques Delente - Gail Delente . . .55.87
- 2 Sharona Sapoznikow - Reina Lerner .47.24

FRI EVE FLT A/X IMP PAIRS

Stratum A, 10.5 Tables / Based on 18 Tables



- 1 Daniela Tunsanu - Radu Tunsanu . . .40.32

- 2 John Adams - Sylvia Shi28.83
- 3 Mark Laken - Robert Levey22.42
- 4 Ellen Cherniavsky - Steven Schatzow 17.86
- 5 Diane Alexander - Eugene Schuyler .15.66
- 6 William Pettis - William Cole12.11

Stratum X, 4.5 Tables

- 1 Daniela Tunsanu - Radu Tunsanu40.32
- 2 Alexander Prairie - Mark Chen11.24
- 3 John Lowe III - Howard Grunin7.93
- 4 Todd Zimnoch - Daniel Feldman5.69

FRI EVE FLT B/C/D PAIRS Stratum B, 7.0 Tables



- 1 James Summers Jr - Barbara Summers 60.42
- 2 Witold Palosz - Barack Peled57.50
- 3 Lotta Brafman - Jesse Stern55.42
- 4 Sheila Kaplan - Mary Ourand54.17
- 5 Donna Setzer - Paul Setzer53.75

Stratum C, 6.0 Tables

- 1 James Summers Jr - Barbara Summers 60.42
- 2 Lotta Brafman - Jesse Stern55.42
- 3 Sheila Kaplan - Mary Ourand54.17
- 4 Donna Setzer - Paul Setzer53.75

Stratum D, 3.5 Tables

- 1 Sheila Kaplan - Mary Ourand54.17
- 2 Donna Setzer - Paul Setzer53.75
- 3 Don Schwikert - Pamela Schwikert51.67

SAT MORN FLT A/X PAIRS

Stratum A, 16.5 Tables / Based on 52 Tables

- 1 William Hacker - Benjamin Brill63.08
- 2 Peter Boyd - Ruth Potter61.79
- 3 Barack Peled - Witold Palosz59.40
- 4 Clyde Kruskal - Melanie Manfield58.44
- 5 John Adams - Steve Robinson57.39
- 6 Daniel Shankle Jr - Juline Glaz57.32

Stratum X, 7.0 Tables

- 1 Barack Peled - Witold Palosz59.40
- 2 Clyde Kruskal - Melanie Manfield58.44
- 3 James Geist - Richard Ferrin55.38
- 4 Alexander Prairie - Sylvia Shi54.13
- 5 Michael Stoller - Robert Kutz54.08

SAT MORN FLT B/C/D PAIRS

Stratum B, 19.0 Tables

- 1 Eleanor Schwartz - Amelia Montjoy60.12
- 2 Satinder Gupta - Janet Coffin59.82
- 3 Duncan Thompson - Terry Klein59.23
- 4 Martin Reed - Howard Tash58.93
- 5/6 Amy Bloom - Margie Coccodrilli58.63
- 5/6 Norman Sweed - Ronnie Sweed58.63

Stratum C, 14.5 Tables

- 1 Eleanor Schwartz - Amelia Montjoy60.12
- 2 Satinder Gupta - Janet Coffin59.82
- 3 Duncan Thompson - Terry Klein59.23

- 4 Norman Sweed - Ronnie Sweed58.63
- 5 Stanley Rosen - Melvin Schick55.65
- 6 Craig Olson - Michael Lawrence55.06

Stratum D, 7.5 Tables

- 1 Duncan Thompson - Terry Klein59.23
- 2 Stanley Rosen - Melvin Schick55.65
- 3 Annapurna Satpathy - Sam Pal53.27
- 4 Michael Kuehl - David Marshall49.40
- 5 Donna Setzer - Paul Setzer49.11

SAT MORN NLM PAIRS

Stratum A, 16.0 Tables



- 1 Jill Benson - David Benson66.10
- 2 Barbara Gifford - Patricia Haggerty64.58
- 3 Rochelle Hilton - Rachelle Sladoff63.07
- 4 John Goon - Kenneth Jones60.04
- 5 Sharona Sapoznikow - Reina Lerner58.90
- 6/7 Ike Oren - Virginia Ivin58.33
- 6/7 Marlene Ehrlich - Lois Kay58.33

Stratum B, 14.0 Tables

- 1 Jill Benson - David Benson66.10
- 2 Barbara Gifford - Patricia Haggerty64.58
- 3 John Goon - Kenneth Jones60.04
- 4 Sharona Sapoznikow - Reina Lerner58.90
- 5 Marlene Ehrlich - Lois Kay58.33
- 6 Thayer Baine - Shaye Hester57.95

Stratum C, 9.0 Tables

- 1 Barbara Gifford - Patricia Haggerty64.58
- 2 John Goon - Kenneth Jones60.04
- 3 Sharona Sapoznikow - Reina Lerner58.90
- 4 Lorne Ginn - Linda Wish55.68
- 5 Julie Marquette - Yaeko Perera53.98

SAT AFT FLT A/X PAIRS

Stratum A, 14.0 Tables / Based on 34 Tables



- 1 Eugene Kales - Ronald Kral64.36
- 2 Sylvia Shi - Alexander Prairie61.02
- 3 Steven Schatzow - Linda Marshall60.54
- 4 William Cole - Ellen Cherniavsky58.43
- 5 Monique Smith - James Geist56.90
- 6 Jay Cherlow - Albert Lauber56.79

Stratum X, 7.5 Tables

- 1 Sylvia Shi - Alexander Prairie61.02
- 2 Monique Smith - James Geist56.90
- 3 Jay Cherlow - Albert Lauber56.79
- 4 Carole Banks - David Fleischer52.04
- 5 Michael Stoller - Robert Kutz51.79

SAT AFT FLT B/C/D PAIRS

Stratum B, 10.0 Tables



- 1 Paul Setzer - Donna Setzer62.20
- 2 Leslie Shafer - Charlie Williams60.12
- 3 Patrice Gordon - Arthur Olson57.44
- 4 Clifford Feldman - Thomas Jennings56.55
- 5 Aaron Navarro - Judith Dausch55.65
- 6 Joy Oliver - Harold Mendelson54.46

Stratum C, 9.0 Tables

- 1 Paul Setzer - Donna Setzer62.20
- 2 Patrice Gordon - Arthur Olson57.44
- 3 Clifford Feldman - Thomas Jennings56.55
- 4 Aaron Navarro - Judith Dausch55.65
- 5 Joy Oliver - Harold Mendelson54.46

Stratum D, 5.0 Tables

- 1 Paul Setzer - Donna Setzer62.20
- 2 Joy Oliver - Harold Mendelson54.46
- 3 Maryann Bishop - Ruth Schrider53.87
- 4 Michael Kuehl - David Marshall51.19

SAT AFT NLM PAIRS

Stratum A, 9.5 Tables



- 1 Sheila Kaplan - Michael Watts61.87
- 2 Susan Weiss - Bernice Felix60.63
- 3 Rochelle Hilton - Rachelle Sladoff59.39
- 4 Kathleen Zellmer - Lynne Battle58.02
- 5 Margaret Whilden - Hanna Wagner57.77
- 6 Deborah Cobb - Ed Krest53.40

Stratum B, 6.5 Tables

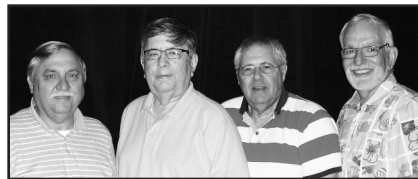
- 1 Kathleen Zellmer - Lynne Battle58.02
- 2 Deborah Cobb - Ed Krest53.40
- 3 Margie Mastran - Alice Ling51.80
- 4 Lorne Ginn - Linda Wish51.15
- 5 Sandy Haberlin - John Haberlin50.43

Stratum C, 3.0 Tables

- 1 Deborah Cobb - Ed Krest53.40
- 2 Lorne Ginn - Linda Wish51.15

SUNDAY BRACKETED SWISS-1

12 Tables / Based on 41 Tables



- 1 Joseph Trapani - Richard Baum - Mark Laken - Barry Bragin105.00

- 2 Richard Ferrin - Ronald Zucker - Ellen Cherniavsky - Eugene Kales89.00
- 3 Robert Hopkins Jr - Joan Lewis - Barry Falgout - Rusty Krauss85.00
- 4 Steve Robinson - Peter Boyd - William Cole - Mark Shaw81.00

SUNDAY BRACKETED SWISS-2

8 Tables / Based on 28 Tables



- 1 Barack Peled - Sorina Negulescu - Irv Kipnis - Lowell Phillips101.00
- 2 Aaron Navarro - Jerry Miller - Howard Bender - Margie Coccodrilli82.00
- 3 Jeffrey Kosnett - Alice Wegman - William Kingery Jr - Janet Dence80.00

SUNDAY BRACKETED SWISS-3

8 Tables / Based on 12 Tables

- 1 Larry Wallace - Nancy Lea Ross - Melanie Manfield - Katherine Rabenstein102.00
- 2 Kim Sanders - Neal McKinney - Rama Kapur - Kathryn Miller91.00
- 3 John Mattioli - Eva Klivington - Suellen Garrison - Michelle Cantave82.00

SUNDAY BRACKETED SWISS-4, 16 Tables



- 1 Leslie Jessell - Jennifer Elliott - Jane Marsh - Johnny Marsh97.00
- 2 Paul Setzer - Kellen Leister - Catherine Bardsley - Wayne Bardsley90.00
- 3 Donna Hankey-Woods - Douglas Woods - Jansie Rogers - Robert Kibler89.00
- 4 Neal Cooper - Michael Canes - Yuen De Anda - Ron Sutter88.00
- 5 Glenn Terrell - Dottie Terrell - Richard Padgett - Sharon Perryman84.00

SUNDAY MORN NLM SWISS, 5 Tables



- 1 Terry Klein - Kathleen Zellmer - Jill Benson - David Benson54.00
- 2 Margaret Whilden - Phyllis Hendler - Reina Lerner - Sharona Sapoznikow51.00

Last week was an exciting week for us. I spent time in three of the schools, DC Prep Public Charter Middle School, Edgewood Campus; Tilden Middle School in Montgomery Co. and Parkdale High School in PG Co. I met many of the 40 students involved in these 3 programs, helped the team leaders with their activities and offered some suggestions for future activities. These were exciting and fun-filled experiences.

It is noteworthy that both the *ACBL Bulletin* and the *District 6 TableTALK* magazines have had articles recently supporting student bridge education. Hopefully, leaders from top

to bottom are planning to take an active part in moving this program forward and will also help enlist players, who are potential teachers and, who genuinely like kids, to mentor a group of students one or more times a week.

We also need player-members who have contacts with faculty and/or administration in public or private schools and can help us present the benefits of this program to those schools. This Program is not only for the benefit of students, who are our future, but it is in the best interest of Club Owners and Directors. Enthusiastic support of this program will help the Directors acquire new players and could make a difference in the Club's future.

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BRIDGE & BOWLING SATURDAY, JAN 25, 2014

Sign up now to join us for a Washington winter 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 16th.

BRIDGE AND BOWLING—REGISTER BY 1/16/14

I, _____, will attend:

☐ Bowling (\$16) Bowling average _____

☐ Bridge (\$9) Masterpoints _____

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

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WBL NLMASTER SECTIONAL: 9/7-9/8/13

TOP TEN CUMULATIVE POINT WINNERS

All Players

1/2	6.29	.....	Lorraine Shumaker
	6.29	.....	Andrea Fritz
3/4	5.56	.....	Bette Kramer
	5.56	.....	Alan Skvirsky
5	5.13	.....	Margarett Whilden
6/7	4.62	.....	Jeffrey Yutzler
	4.62	.....	Norman Kittrell
8/9	4.45	.....	Donna Sinrud
	4.45	.....	John Merold
10/11	3.97	.....	Mary Ourand
	3.97	.....	Michael Watts

Players with fewer than 200 masterpoints

1/2	6.29	.....	Andrea Fritz
	6.29	.....	Lorraine Shumaker
3	5.56	.....	Bette Kramer
4/5	4.62	.....	Jeffrey Yutzler
	4.62	.....	Norman Kittrell
6	4.45	.....	Donna Sinrud
7	3.97	.....	Mary Ourand
8/9	3.65	.....	Myron Goldstein
	3.65	.....	Terry Klein
10	3.57	.....	Dorothy Black

Players with fewer than 100 masterpoints

1	6.29	.....	Andrea Fritz
2/3	4.62	.....	Norman Kittrell
	4.62	.....	Jeffrey Yutzler
4	3.65	.....	Myron Goldstein
5	2.59	.....	Sandra Reavey
6/7	2.02	.....	Geri Elias
	2.02	.....	Barbara Gifford
8	1.88	.....	Alice Ling
9/15	1.40	.....	Lorne Ginn
	1.40	.....	Linda Wish
	1.40	.....	Ila Shah
	1.40	.....	Sarah Jenkins
	1.40	.....	Vinod Shah
	1.40	.....	David Benson
	1.40	.....	Ruthjoy Leventhal

Players with fewer than 50 masterpoints

1	6.29	.....	Andrea Fritz
2/3	4.62	.....	Jeffrey Yutzler
	4.62	.....	Norman Kittrell
4/5	2.02	.....	Geri Elias
	2.02	.....	Barbara Gifford
6/8	1.40	.....	Vinod Shah
	1.40	.....	Sarah Jenkins
	1.40	.....	Ruthjoy Leventhal
9	1.13	.....	Edith Burzio
10/13	0.99	.....	Jacqueline Tyler
	0.99	.....	Martha Riviere
	0.99	.....	Thomas McGlynn
	0.99	.....	Janet McGlynn

WANTED: NLMaster Sectional Chair(s)

A huge thanks to Sectional Chair, **Shawn Stringer**, for running another great NLMaster tournament! Shawn created these sectionals that run just for non-life masters three years ago and is stepping aside in order to be able to keep up with other volunteer bridge work.

She feels that a NLM player(s) would be ideal to take over. No experience is necessary. Shawn will help in the transition. Please contact WBL President, Richard Ferrin, at rferrin@mac.com or 202-265-0718.

—RESULTS—

SATURDAY MORNING PAIRS

Stratum A, 24.0 Tables / Based on 29 Tables

1	Jeffrey Yutzler - Norman Kittrell	63.35
2	Michael Watts - Mary Ourand	.59.90
3	Myron Goldstein - Terry Klein	.58.63
4/5	Alan Skvirsky - Bette Kramer	.58.04
4/5	Margarett Whilden - Phyllis Hendler	58.04
6/7	Alexander Gretsinger - Jane Dolkart	57.14
6/7	John Merold - Donna Sinrud	.57.14

Stratum B, 19.0 Tables

1	Jeffrey Yutzler - Norman Kittrell	63.35
2	Michael Watts - Mary Ourand	.59.90
3	Myron Goldstein - Terry Klein	.58.63
4	Alan Skvirsky - Bette Kramer	.58.04
5/6	Alexander Gretsinger - Jane Dolkart	57.14
5/6	John Merold - Donna Sinrud	.57.14

Stratum C, 8.5 Tables

1	Jeffrey Yutzler - Norman Kittrell	63.35
2	Myron Goldstein - Terry Klein	.58.63
3	Alexander Gretsinger - Jane Dolkart	57.14
4	Andrea Fritz - Lorraine Shumaker	55.06
5	Lorne Ginn - Linda Wish	.53.87

SATURDAY MORNING 49ERS

Stratum A, 5.0 Tables

1/2	Thomas McGlynn - Janet McGlynn	59.00
1/2	Jacqueline Tyler - Martha Riviere	59.00
3	Peter Martin - Bette Slovin	.57.50
4	Robert Gagne - Mathew Karnes	.55.50

Stratum B, 4.0 Tables

1	Jacqueline Tyler - Martha Riviere	59.00
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- 2 Peter Martin - Bette Slovin57.50
3 Julie Slavik - Carolin Crabbe . . .54.00

Stratum C, 2.5 Tables

- 1 Jacqueline Tyler - Martha Riviere 59.00
2 Julie Slavik - Carolin Crabbe . . .54.00

SATURDAY AFTERNOON PAIRS

Stratum A, 22.0 Tables

- 1 Andrea Fritz - Lorraine Shumaker 66.07
2 Alan Skvirsky - Bette Kramer . .64.88
3/4 Joseph Abita - Kathleen Zellmer 62.80
3/4 David Abraham - Ken Marx62.80
5/6 Barbara Turner - Prabhakar Tamboli 61.61
5/6 Terry Klein - Myron Goldstein . .61.61

Stratum B, 18.5 Tables

- 1 Andrea Fritz - Lorraine Shumaker 66.07
2 Alan Skvirsky - Bette Kramer . .64.88
3 Joseph Abita - Kathleen Zellmer 62.80
4/5 Barbara Turner - Prabhakar Tamboli 61.61
4/5 Terry Klein - Myron Goldstein . .61.61
6/7 Armanda Henderson -
John Henderson57.44
6/7 Michael Watts - Mary Ourand . .57.44

Stratum C, 10.0 Tables

- 1 Andrea Fritz - Lorraine Shumaker 66.07
2 Terry Klein - Myron Goldstein . .61.61
3 Jean Barquin - Edith Burzio . . .56.25
4 Ila Shah - Vinod Shah55.95
5 Lorne Ginn - Linda Wish55.36
6 Jeffrey Yutzler - Norman Kittrell 54.46

SUNDAY SWISS

Stratum A, 12 Tables

- 1 John Merold - Dorothy Black - Donna Sinrud - Margaret Whilden . . .89.00
2 David Marshall - Charles Dearolf - Jim Walsh - Samuel Kaplan76.00
3 Andrea Fritz - Lorraine Shumaker - Eva Vorndran - Sandra Reavey . .69.00
4/5 Sarah Jenkins - Ruthjoy Leventhal - Margie Mastran - Alice Ling . . .64.00
4/5 David Benson - Jill Benson - Bette Kramer - Alan Skvirsky64.00

Stratum B, 10 Tables

- 1 David Marshall - Charles Dearolf - Jim Walsh - Samuel Kaplan76.00
2 Andrea Fritz - Lorraine Shumaker - Eva Vorndran - Sandra Reavey . .69.00
3/4 Sarah Jenkins - Ruthjoy Leventhal - Margie Mastran - Alice Ling . . .64.00
3/4 David Benson - Jill Benson - Bette Kramer - Alan Skvirsky64.00

Stratum C, 3 Tables

- 1 Barbara Gifford - Geri Elias - Julie Marquette - Yaeko Perera - David Solomon - Kathryn Miller59.00

Bits & Pieces, cont. from p. 24...

ture survival and strength.

To encourage Owners and Directors who support this Program, the WBL Board voted unanimously to subsidize student players who are enrolled in a Bridge in Schools program and who want to play in a participating club game. Students will present a voucher to the Director and pay only \$1. The club waives half the normal fee and will be reimbursed for the remainder — usually \$3 (for an \$8 game), upon request to the WBL Treasurer.

The Bridge in Schools program shows students how much fun playing bridge is; helps them see a way they can reinforce and expand intellectual, social and emotional concepts and skills already learned; and presents new math skills, social skills and life skills to them while they are having fun. Students and teacher-volunteers will profit both intellectually and emotionally from these intergenerational experiences. Our business communities report they are hiring candidates who not only have the required intellectual skills, but who appear to be able to interact successfully with coworkers from cultures different from their own and know how to lead teams of diverse co-workers. Business leaders report that their primary interests are in social and life skills; surveys indicate business leaders feel they can teach technical skills in “on the job training”, but they gain superior employees if they give preference to candidates who appear to have the necessary social and emotional skills, as it takes too long to teach these skills to candidates who lack them but are otherwise qualified technically.

Bridge in Schools isn't the only way social and life skills can be acquired, but it is a wonderful way to acquire those skills, while making new friends and having a lot of fun. Administration or faculty members from several schools have expressed interest in starting the program in their particular school, but volunteer teachers are needed. Call 301-641-4200 or email mx2whilden@gmail.com to JOIN US in these rewarding opportunities.

NEW WBL PHONE DIRECTORY

The new joint WBL/NVBA Phone Directory will be out by the end of the year and available for pick up at the Unit Game.

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 & you both will play free that evening.

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Linda Heller
David M Narrow
Nanci J Porten
Mr Joseph L Quinn
Ms Daphne B Byron
Soudabeh M Solhjoo
Sheila Tavakolian
Jack Teller
Patricia S Whelan
Eleanor D Young

Club Masters: 20 MPs

Stephen F Black
Wilma F Bonner
Roger McAlevy
Clark Readler
Willard Saunders
Eleanor Sontag
Mr Timm Abendroth
Mrs Sarah B Jenkins
Ruthjoy Leventhal

Sectional Masters: 50 MPs

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Ms Marsha B Shift
Ms Edith E Burzio
Jeff Francis
Mr Norman G Kittrell
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Mrs Ellen Parker
Lawrence F Sancilio

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THE WBL ONLINE

The Washington Bridge League is providing two new online services:

1. The WBL Online Bulletin Board

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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.



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Would You Have Bid Differently?

Over the past six months, we have been analyzing a variety of auctions where partner opened one of a minor. To wrap up this series of articles, we felt it would be beneficial to demonstrate, with some hands that actually came up at the table, what can happen when you and your partner have not had time to discuss fully your style and agreements. Remember that while Two-over-One, Strong NoTrump and Standard Carding are a good start, it takes a fair amount of time discussing the details to avoid disaster at the table.

Hand one: *Have you discussed this with your partner?*

After a last minute decision to attend a local sectional, Ron was fortunate to pick up a fine player at the partnership desk. They barely had time to fill out a convention card, and no time to discuss any of the more difficult auctions.

On the third hand of the session, Ron was the dealer holding ♠8 ♥KT3 ♦KQJ8 ♣AJ932. We have discussed this hand type in previous columns, and know there are two schools of thought: either open 1♦ and rebid 2♣ if partner bids 1♠ (possibly misleading partner about your diamond length) or open 1♣ and rebid 1NT with a stiff spade (possibly misleading partner about your spade length.) Since Ron and his partner had not discussed their styles, Ron felt that it was safer to open 1♦. When his partner responded 1♠, Ron thought he had avoided a bad auction. He rebid 2♣, and passed partner's 2♦ preference.

Ron was glum when this dummy appeared: ♠KJ742 ♥J852 ♦73 ♣Q7. They had managed to find their six card fit on the two level. One opponent held most of the missing diamonds and, needless to say, Ron and his partner scored poorly.

So, what went wrong? First, neither of them did anything wrong, per se. Their auction

would be duplicated by many players. But they hadn't had time to discuss how they wanted to handle such minor suit oriented hands so neither partner was sure of what the other held.

Hand two: *"I was just kidding, partner."*

Playing with an excellent local player for the first time, Ron picked up a lousy hand white against red in 3rd seat. He held ♠J8432 ♥K754 ♦8 ♣T93. Partner dealt and opened 1♦, and Ron had a difficult bid. On the one hand, a 1♠ bid promised values he simply didn't have. On the other hand, Ron's partner may have opened 1♦ on a 3 card suit. Perhaps she was 4-4 in the major suits and relatively short in diamonds. At unfavorable vulnerability, the opponents might not bid and might leave them in a 3-1 fit.

Ron chose to respond 1♠. He thought that if partner bid either 2♦ or 2♣, then he could pass. He also knew that he could rebid 2♠ over opener's 1NT, since, with this partner, he had discussed 1NT rebids and he knew that a 1NT rebid by opener would always show at least two spades.

Instead, Ron's partner did something unexpected. She reversed with 2♥ and Ron knew that 2♥ was clearly 100% forcing. But Ron had already stretched the truth with his first bid and he thought that 2♥ rated to be a playable spot. Maybe, just this once, he could get away with breaking partnership discipline. With real discomfort, but attempting to look strong and confident, Ron passed.

Ron's partner, to her credit, remained calm, said nothing except "thank you" and played the hand. She held ♠AT ♥AQJ8 ♦AKQT52 ♣8. When hearts broke 3-2, she had little trouble making eleven tricks. Plus 200 was not a good score, with most of the field in 4♥ for 650.

So, what went wrong? Holding 5-4 in the majors, many players would bid 1♠ just as Ron did. He did have only four HCP, but with

a singleton diamond, he had six support points for either major. The issue here is partnership trust. If you tell partner your hand is worth a response, and then pass her forcing bid, she won't know whether to believe you in the future. Similarly, if you have made a game forcing bid, it's quite important that, even if you hate your earlier bidding, you don't stop short of game. You can't have a precise bidding conversation when someone runs off in the middle of it!

And what would have happened had Ron passed initially, as he considered doing? His LHO would probably have made a balancing double to reopen the bidding. The opponents had a nine card club fit, after all. And the double may have given Ron's side a chance to find their cold game in hearts. Ron realized that bidding and then passing a forcing bid was the worst of both worlds.

The moral of the stories...

None of us makes the best bid every time. Some hands are more difficult to handle than others. What Ron wants to emphasize is that regardless of what happens at the table, it is

never helpful to yell or to criticize your partner. Accept the bad board with class and resolve to discuss it away from the table.

Also, remember that the next time, you may be the one who picks up a trouble hand. Try to learn both from your mistakes and the mistakes of others. And whenever you have a difficult auction, put that auction on your list to discuss with new partners. Ron now asks, even in the most casual partnership, if he is allowed to rebid 1NT with a singleton in partner's suit!

We look forward to seeing you at the table!

Editor's Note:

Did you know both of our columnists have also been volunteering as tournament chairs? —Ron for the open sectionals, Shawn for regionals and the NLM sectionals. But now, they each need to step back a bit. They'll still be writing the NLMaster column and volunteering in other ways (Shawn will continue running regionals), but would love to see a smooth transition to new volunteers for the open sectionals starting in the fall (see p.5) and the NLM sectionals (see p. 25).

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1) Matchpoints, None Vulnerable

♠ J87♥ 109♦ AK♣ K865432

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
????	1♦	Pass	
	2♣ GF, 3♣ & 2NT inv		

2) IMPs, They're Vulnerable

♠ J972♥ 8♦ AKQ743♣ 75

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
		INT	

????? I'll know what your bid means

3) IMPs, They're Vulnerable

♠ J72♥ A8♦ QJ10♣ AQ1072

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

4) IMPs, They're Vulnerable

♠ 92♥ A2♦ KQJ96♣ K1096

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
Pass	Pass	Dbl	4♥
			Pass
?????			

5) IMPs, They're Vulnerable

♠ AJ3♥ A982♦ AK10987♣-

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
1♦	5♣	Dbl	Pass
?????			Pass

Return answers by December 26 to:

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

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