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**October 13-16, 2011**



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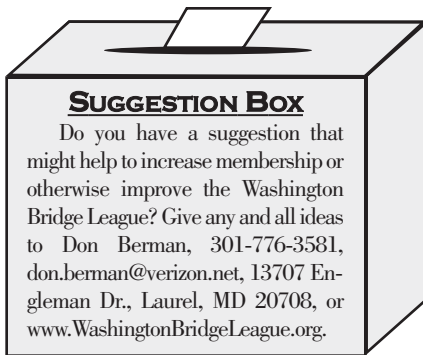
*First awarded in 1931—Try to add*  
*your name to the famous names in-*  
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*Don't miss Saturday's*  
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*See page 7 for the full tournament schedule...*





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## PRESIDENT'S LETTER

by WBL President, Don Berman

**IN MEMORIAM:** It is with great sadness that we learned *Nadine Wood* has passed away. She was one of our finest members.

She will be missed, not only for her work in support of the Unit and bridge in general, but also for her wonderful personality both at and away from the table. She was a very good friend to many of us. Please remember her in your prayers...*Pictorial memorial begins p.3...*

Do you enjoy our games? And would you like them to continue to be run, or perhaps even improved, as they have? Then consider volunteering. While some personnel are paid (directors, caddies, the Bulletin editor) the bulk of the work is done by volunteers. It would be best if we had multiple persons for each job so that each does not have to carry the entire burden. So with that in mind here are some of the

jobs where we need additional help.

Bridge in Schools coordinator. Includes promoting bridge for youth in any venue.

Food purchase and preparation for both the Unit Game and Sectionals.

Keeper of the WBL phone.

Partnerships. Keeping the lists and manning the desk at Unit Games and Sectionals.

Publicity, marketing and related activities such as printing schedules and distributing flyers.

Help with the website.

If you want to contribute in general, then run for the Board of Directors.

We also need caddies (a paying job). If you know anyone or have a teenager that would like to earn a few dollars let us know.

In all these areas please contact me at [don.berman@verizon.net](mailto:don.berman@verizon.net) or 301.906.7651.

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## BITS AND PIECES

### PAST PRESIDENT, JAY COHEN

*Jay Cohen* passed away on Tuesday, July 19, 2011. Jay was WBL President for two terms in 1965-66. He was also an ACBL Director and was a key member of the WBL round robin and Grand National committees. I won my first Regional event playing with Jay in Durham NC on April 13th, 1967.

—Steve Robinson

### CONGRATULATIONS TO THE 2011 UNIT KO WINNERS!

#### Flight A

- 1 *Robert Hopkins Jr, Barry Falgout, Kent Goulding, Rusty Krauss, Joan Lewis, John Miller*
- 2 William Cole, Peter Boyd, Steve Robinson, Mark Shaw
- 3/4 Noble Shore, John Adams, Michael Gill, Steven Schatzow

- 3/4 Barry Bragin, Robert Bell, Earl Glickstein, Fred King, Brad Theurer, Richard Wegman

#### Flight B

- 1 *Jay Weinstein - Anne Derbes - Rex Settle - Robert Schwab*
- 2 Bryan Geer - Lois Geer - David Mead - Kathleen O'Toole
- 3/4 Richard Levin - Ellen Rosenthal - Neal Rosenthal - Marc Weiner
- 3/4 Michael Berard - Murat Berk - Peter Van Zijl - Richard Wissing

#### Flight C

- 1 *Jerry Pruzan - Norman Mitchell - David Montague - Terry Vann*
- 2 Shala Panbechi - Mahmoud Katirai - Ted Van Dyke - Franny Van Dyke

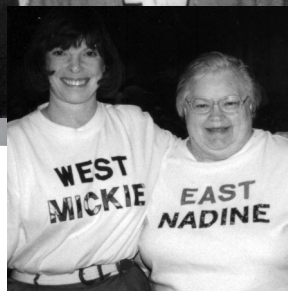
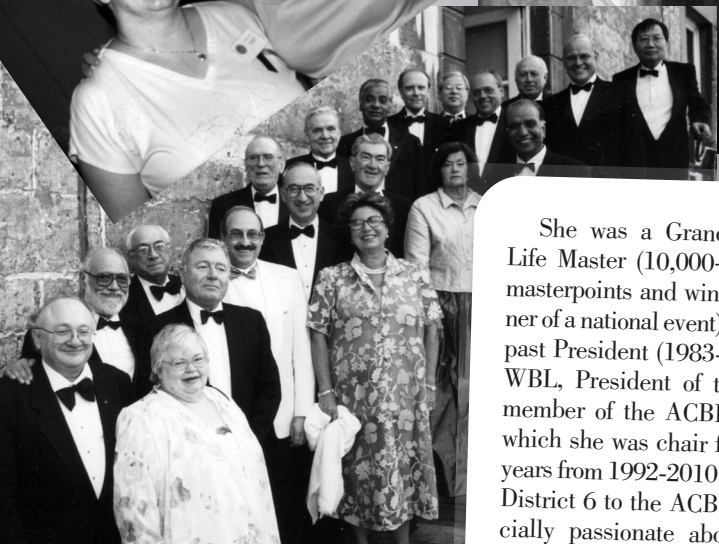
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### Nadine Wood

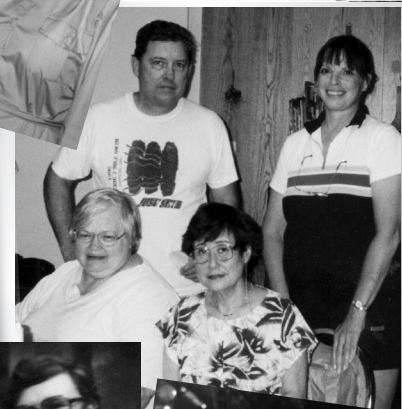
Nadine Wood was born Nadine Kay Nourse in Des Moines, Iowa on June 13, 1935. She began playing bridge as a young woman and studiously searched out fourths for bridge during college. Roland G. Wood married Nadine on September 2, 1956 and had two children, Dana and Greg, and five grandchildren. When Nadine Wood died on August 9, 2011, our bridge community lost one of its most valued and hardest working volunteers.

Nadine began working with the Washington Bridge League in the mid-Eighties—about the same time as longtime friend and National Tournament Director, Millard Nachtwey. The first intermediate/newcomer program took place at the 1984 Summer NABC in Washington. There was one I/N game during that entire tournament. Nowadays, I/N games makes up 20% of attendance. “Nadine went to bat for newcomer games with ACBL Headquarters,” Millard says. “She is one of the most fantastic workers and one of the most fantastic people I know.”





But, Nadine is most well known for her extraordinary talents as Tournament Chair. She chaired the Washington, DC NABCs and numerous regionals and sectionals. She created an essential and authoritative manual for tournament chairs that is still in use. Nadine was an amazing shopper, always on the go buying supplies for tournaments. Reeve says, "Nadine is in the Costco and Sam's Hall of Fame." If you ever went to her home to "cook" for a tournament, it was always a party with bridge players and non-bridge players, kids and older folks – and everyone in between! Better than anyone, she understood that players were the key to successful events... when she was planning a tournament, decisions were never made for the convenience of the hotel staff, the directors or the caddies... it simply was always "Players First."



She was a Grand Life Master (10,000+ masterpoints and winner of a national event), past President (1983-86) and Treasurer of the WBL, President of the MABC (1990-92), a member of the ACBL board of governors, of which she was chair from 1990-92, and for 18 years from 1992-2010 she was the director from District 6 to the ACBL board. She was especially passionate about supporting women's bridge and was a member of the Women's International Team Trials Committee from its inception. Bruce Reeve, a fellow representative on the ACBL Board of Directors, said Nadine worked tirelessly for bridge, and especially women's events. "At the trials," he said, "whatever they want, she gets it."







"In Marche's in Toronto my last dinner (of many) with dear Nadine — God I will miss her."  
—Ken Monzingo

"She was a kind person at the table and away from the table."  
—Mari McColl

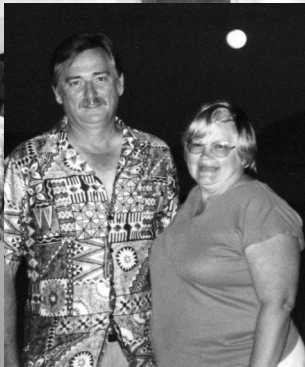
"Nadine, great friend, bridge partner and dinner companion."  
—Bob White

"I will miss her good nature, her wonderful kind and generous spirit."  
—David Solomon

"I valued her friendship, she was an important mentor to me and a fabulous chef."  
—Leland Nettles

Nadine touched thousands of lives in each of those roles and hundreds of bridge players and their families got involved in bridge because of her. Nadine was synonymous with bridge in the Washington area for more than 40 years. All of us in her bridge family feel a deep sense of loss and we will miss her greatly. She set standards for service that the rest can only try to emulate.

— Nadine Wood  
1935-2011



## SILVER SPRING, MD: OCTOBER 13-16, 2011



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### THURSDAY, OCTOBER 13

- ♣ Stratified Open Pairs (unlim/1500/500) .....11:15am  
**Rockville Duplicate Bridge Club, 301-503-3348 (Mark Lavine)** **NO ENTRY TILL 11AM**  
*St. James Episcopal Church, 11815 Seven Locks Rd., Rockville*
- ♦ StrataFlighted Open Pairs (A/X unlim/3000, B/C/D Separate 1500/1000/500) (both sites); Stratified NLM Pairs (NLM/100/50) & 0-20 Pairs (Kensington Town Hall/Armory only); Stratified 199er Pairs (Beth El only)  
**Beth El Congregation, 3830 Seminary Rd, Alexandria** .....7:00pm  
**Kensington Town Hall/Armory, 3710 Mitchell St., Kensington** ..7:30pm  
**Alert! Thursday night moved from Obr Kodesh for this tournament only**

at the  
**81<sup>st</sup> Annual  
D.C.  
Championships**

### FRI, SAT & SUN AT THE KENSINGTON TOWN HALL/ARMORY

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

### FRIDAY, OCTOBER 14

- ♣ StrataFlighted A/X (unlim/3000) & B/C/D Pairs (1500/1000/500) .....10:00am, 2:00pm
- ♦ **IMP Pairs** StrataFlighted A/X (unlim/3000) & B/C/D (1500/1000/500) .....7:30pm  
**The Friday IMPs are back!** 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.
- ♥ Intermediate/Novice Pairs (300/200/100/50/20) (single sessions) .....10:00am, 2:00pm, 7:30pm

### SATURDAY, OCTOBER 15

- ♠ StrataFlighted A/X (unlim/3000) or B/C/D Pairs (1500/1000/500) (single sessions) ..11:00am, 4:00pm
- ♣ Intermediate/Novice Pairs (300/200/100) or Newcomer Pairs (50/20/5) (single sessions) 11:00am, 4:00pm
- ♦ **Machlin Sportsmanship Award** Presentation & **Panel Show** .....between sessions

### SUNDAY, OCTOBER 16

#### ♥ Eynon Trophy



First awarded in 1931—Try to add your name to the famous names inscribed here!

- A/X Swiss Teams, VPs (unlim /5000, 7 round playthru w/short break) .....11:00am & TBA
- ♠ B/C/D Swiss Teams, VPs (3000/1000/500, 7 round playthru w/short break) .....11:00am & TBA
- ♣ 300/100/50 Swiss Teams, VPs (single sessions) .....11:00am, 3:00pm
- ♦ **1-Day Bridge Class:** Advance Your Game: Card Combinations .....10:30am



- ♣ **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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THURSDAY, JANUARY 5

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I-495 to Connecticut Ave. South. 4<sup>th</sup> light left E-W Hwy 410. Left Meadowbrook Ln. 1<sup>st</sup> left Freyman Dr. Parking lot on left. No outside food allowed.

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## Panel Show & Party to Honor New Life Masters between sessions

SATURDAY, JANUARY 7

- ♦ **Special! JOINT ABA/ACBL** StrataFlighted A/X (unlim/3000) or B/C/D Pairs (1500/1000/500) 11:00am
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
SUNDAY, JANUARY 8

## WBL Trophy Race Winners' Presentation

- ♣ **1-Day Bridge Class: Advance Your Game** ..... 10:30am
- ♦ **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 &amp; Novice Events with Silver Points! ♥

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## 2012... Cheers to a New Year & a New Deal!

## WBL SOLVERS' CLUB

Moderated by Steve Robinson

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Congratulations to **Jim Munday** 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 **Randall Holden, Rick Uhrig** and **Mark Thiele** with a score of 480. Tied for fifth were **Larry Kahn** and **Brad Theurer** with a score of 470. Tied for seventh were **Mark Rosen, Barry Bragin, Robert Stone, Leon Letwin, Ann Lindley** and **Martin Personick** with a score of 460. Tied for thirteenth were **Ram Sarangan, Wes Goldberg, Neal Walters, Jim Wakefield, Enid Hughes, Mike Richey, Barbara Summers, Joe Lentz, Mark Rosenbloom** and **Sven Pride** with a score of 450. Tied for twenty-third were **Kees Schaafsma, Hy Chansky, Bill Gress, Marvin Elster, Stephen Chaplin, John Kloke, Ann Ingram, Jacki Sincoff** and **Jeff Watson** with a score of 440. The average score of the 163 solvers was 378. The average score of the experts was 440.

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](mailto:robinswr@erols.com). You can also see and answer the problems at the WBL web site. WBL Solvers Club uses *Washington Standard* as published July 1996. I accept only the first answer from each solver unless it is clear that the solver wants to correct his answer.

I personally score all the problems. If a majority of the solvers vote for an answer, and the answer is reasonable I will give that answer 100 points. I will not give 100 points to an answer that I consider bad no matter how many experts vote for it. There are times when I want to make a point. I will give that answer 100 points and will therefore give the majority answer 90 points. For the other answers I consider how

good the answer is and how many experts vote for it for its score. If you submitted an answer that got 20 points, that bid would get a bad score at the table. A good exercise would be to figure out why I gave your answer 20 points. You might have misread the problem.

The book *Washington Standard* second edition is out. If you are a serious bridge player, this book is a must. You can purchase a copy from Steve for \$25.00 whenever you see him or can send him a check for \$29.95 that includes \$4.95 for priority mail.

## 1) Matchpoints, You're Vulnerable

♠ 3♥ AK72 ♦ AJ1062 ♣ 764

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
	Pass	1♠	Pass
2♦*	3♣	Pass	Pass
Dbl	Pass	3♠	Pass
????		*GF	
Action	Score	Votes	Solvers
Pass	100	3	43
4♠	90	3	49
4♥	80	0	40
4♦	50	1	11
3NT	20	0	19
4♣	20	0	03

Why did partner pass over 3♠ and not pass the penalty double of 3♣? After a two-over-one, all doubles are penalties. If he had six good spades he would have bid 3♠ directly over 3♣. For all partner knew, his LHO opponent might bid 5♣ and now how would he get to show six spades. When the opponents compete, one should go out of his way to make a descriptive bid. Therefore passing denies the ability to make a descriptive bid. My guess is that he has either six bad spades or five good spades and a minimum hand. If he had five spades and a good hand, he would have passed 3♣ doubled. ♠ Qxxxxx♥ QJx ♦ KQ♣ Jx or ♠ AKJxx♥ xxx ♦ KQ♣ xxx would be two examples.

Three experts make a bid which figures to go down. This is not IMPs where you bid 45% games.

**Parker:** "4♠—What can partner have to



not bid 3♠ over 3♣? If he had solid Spades he would have bid in front of me. If he has something like ♠AJxxxx♥Qxx♦x♣Kx, he should be cold if Spades split and he could not have much worse. Any other shape and he bids 3♥ or 3♦. I bet Kit passes, I think this is a set up by Robinson to see who passes inon.”

**Poe:** “4♠—No other reasonable choice. I can’t pass in a game-forcing auction. Partner has had a chance to bid diamonds, hearts or notrump and has rejected all three. I expect that partner has six Spades and a Club stopper or partial stopper and wanted to hear further from me. I hope his Spades are reasonably good. I can’t bid 3NT so 4♠ seems like the only possible game. Maybe possible to try 4♥ hoping for a playable 4-3 fit, but that is a deep position.”

**Hopkins:** “4♠—Partner is something like 7-3-2-1 and we are locked into a game bid so I will hope the quality of his suit is good.”

One expert thinks he’s making a slam try. Before one makes a slam try, you have to set trumps. 4♦ is an attempt to set diamonds as trump.

**Adams:** “4♦—Partner should have excellent spades and slam interest for his Pass and Pull since this is a forcing pass sequence. I have a minimum, but three fast tricks are too much for a simple raise to 4♠. I will respect a sign off, and keep bidding over a last train 4♥ bid. 3NT is not a mild slam try. In a partnership where 4♥ was not last train, I would be tempted to bid 4♥ first, but no need here.”

This is not a pass and pull situation. Passing and pulling with good hands only works when the opponents have stopped bidding and you have described your hand.

Two experts join me and pass a supposedly forcing bid. If game figures to be below 50% and you’re playing matchpoints, get out as quickly as possible.

**Woolsey:** “Pass—What can partner have? With good spades he would have bid 3♠ directly over 3♣. With four hearts he would have bid 3♥. With three diamonds he would have bid 3♦. With something in clubs he would have either passed the double or bid 3NT. That leaves him with something like ♠AKxxxx♥Jxx♦Qx♣Qx, which makes 3♠ our last makable contract.”

**Schwartz:** “Pass—Seems a worth-while gamble as partner does not have a great spade suit with his pass over 3♣. We don’t have another source of tricks and I have a marginal game force to begin with.”

There are times when game-forcing does

not mean game-forcing.

## 2) IMPs, You’re Vulnerable

♠A3♥J8♦A10865432♣9

**SOUTH** **WEST** **NORTH** **EAST**  
????\*

\*(1♦ will not be accepted)

Action	Score	Votes	Solvers
Pass	100	3	36
3♦	90	2	41
4♦	80	1	61
5♦	70	1	13
2♦	30	0	10
2♣	20	0	01
1♦	00	0	03

There were complaints about not being able to open 1♦. If you can’t open 1♦, you have to either pass or preempt. If you preempt then how high do you go? 2♦ on an eight-card suit is insufficient. If you bid higher than 3♦, you put 3NT out of the mix. However, the higher you preempt, the more difficult you make it for the opponents if it’s their hand. By opening 4♦ or 5♦, you hope that the opponents enter the auction and are wrong. The other option is to pass and come in later. If I was going to preempt, I would open 3♦. 3♦ allows partner to bid 3NT. We’re vulnerable and partner will expect a good hand.

One expert opens 5♦. If it’s the opponent’s hand, this will make it very difficult for them to get it right.

**Parker:** “5♦—I would open 1♦ and not think twice. This is much too strong for 2♦, 3♦, or 4♦. Let everyone guess what I have including partner.”

One expert opens 4♦. He hopes that the opponents bid four-of-a-major and that they get it wrong.

**Adams:** “4♦—Three is too little. Five is too much. I do not know what 4♦ is, so neither should my opponents. (2♦ is Flannery, and 1♦ is illegal in this column). What about Pass? Passing means I am the one that will be guessing next.”

One expert joins me and opens 3♦. We hope partner has Kx of diamonds, some strength and can bid 3NT.

**Poe:** “3♦—I can’t bid 1♦, don’t like pass when I have a chance to show diamonds. This is not your main-steam vulnerable preempt but most of the time if we have a game partner will bid it with a diamond filler and good outside values. If partner does not have much I have suc-

cessfully preempted the opponents. 5♦ is silly.”

Three experts pass. They hope to get in the action later. The problem with passing is that partner will take your initial pass into account when he tries to figure out what you have. He’ll never play you for an eight-card suit.

**Woolsey:** “Pass—I’m certainly not going to preempt with this hand and I can’t open any strain other than diamonds, so if I am barred from making the correct opening bid of 1♦ I can’t open anything.”

**Schwartz:** “Pass—Since my only other reasonable option is ruled out, I don’t see a second choice as this is the wrong type of hand to preempt.”

**Hopkins:** “Pass—Too much defense for 4♦, so I will plan to bid later.”

Having a side ace should not deter you from preempting.

## 3) Matchpoints, You’re Vulnerable

♠53♥AK765♦A3♣A654

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
1♥	Pass	1NT	Pass
2♣	Pass	2♠*	Pass
?????		*Good club raise	

Action	Score	Votes	Solvers
3♦	100	5	91
5♣	80	0	06
4♣	60	1	09
3♠	60	1	06
2NT	50	0	12
3♣	50	0	25
3NT	50	0	11
4NT	30	0	01
3♥	30	0	02
Pass	20	0	02

If partner had four or more spades, he would have bid 1♠ directly over 1♥. Therefore 2♣ denies four spades and shows a good raise of partner’s clubs. Raising directly to 3♣ shows extra values but shows less strength than 2♠. With ♠53♥AK765♦43♣A654, which is the same hand without the ace of diamonds, Opener signs-off in 3♣. He could even signoff in 3♣ holding three clubs if he has a weak spade or diamond holding. I would bid 3♣ over 2♠ holding ♠xx♥AQxxx♦xxx♣AJx. All bids other than 2NT and 3♣ are game tries. Since partner has a very strong club raise, we should have a game but which game. The three game possibilities are 5♣, 3NT and 4♥. What does partner need to make 5♣? Opposite as little as

♠xxx♥xx♦xxx♣KQxxx, you can make 5♣ if hearts are 3-3. Since partner didn’t bid 2NT his diamond and spade stoppers are probably weak which strongly suggests that this hand belongs in clubs or possibly hearts.

Four experts join me and bid where their side strength is. 3♦ allows partner to bid 3♥ if he has Qx or QJ. Opposite ♠xxx♥Qx♦Kxx♣KQxxx, you’d want to be in 4♥.

**Poe:** “3♦—Can’t bid 3NT without a Spade stopper. Partner will bid it with a Spade stopper and that rates to be where we belong. Without a Spade stopper, or with just the Ace, Partner will do something else and I will co-operate with a slam move or settle for 5♣.”

**Adams:** “3♦—Leaves 3NT available if partner wants to bid it. Does not exclude a club slam opposite a perfecto, but I am not looking for one.”

**Woolsey:** “3♦—I’m certainly driving this hand to game, so I might as well bid my side strength and see what partner wants to do.”

**Hopkins:** “3♦—I will not quit short of game in 3NT or 5♣.”

One expert makes a non-forcing game try.

**Schwartz:** “4♣—This doesn’t seem the right type of hand to play in notrump and I don’t have a fragment to show. 3♥ would show better heart spots and bidding 4♣ allows me to pass a 4♥ preference as I didn’t strongly suggest hearts.”

One expert bids 3♠. 3♠ shows spade values and denies diamond values. 3♠ is not a Western cue bid. When there are two unbid suits, you bid the suit you have strength in.

**Parker:** “3♠—Must ask for a spade stopper and show a good hand. We do play Flannery so I can’t have four spades.”

When in doubt make the cheapest forcing call.

## 4) IMPs, You’re Vulnerable

♠AKQJ53♥Q♦54♣Q654

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
1♠	Pass	2NT*	Pass
3♥**	Pass	4♥	Pass
?????			

\*GF spade raise \*\*shortness

Action	Score	Votes	Solvers
4NT	100	3	18
5♠	80	1	06
4♠	80	3	132
5♣	80	0	03
6♠	40	0	05
Pass	20	0	01

Partner has made a slam try with nothing in trumps. When partner makes a slam try and you have solid trumps, you must cooperate. This assumes that you haven't already shown a good suit. Signing off in 4♠ is not cooperation. There is an easy solution to this problem. RKC! Unless you're off two keycards, slam should have good play. If partner has something like ♠xxxx♥xxx♦AKx♣AKx, the only way to get you to bid a slam is to bid 4♥. RKC would get you too high opposite bad trumps ♠KJxxx♥K♦QJx♣QJxx or ♠Qxxxx♥A♦QJxx♣QJxx.

Three experts violate the good trump rule. **Adams:** "4♠—Partner must have ♠xxxx♥AKJ♦KQx♣KJx - a pretty serious hand. We're safe at five-level but for a ruff. But there is no point on getting to the five-level, because we have to be off the minor suit aces. Only playing with Ted Basher would I be tempted to bid again."

**Schwartz:** "4♠—Its possible partner has a heart cue bid ♠10xxxx♥Axx♦KQx♣Kx with no minor suit ace so we should be off both aces. If mixed cue bids are played, then it's a different problem."

**Hopkins:** "4♠—I am missing too many controls."

Three experts join me and make a forward going bid. One expert makes a 'what does this bid ask me to do' bid.

**Parker:** "5♠—I can't cue bid and don't want to sign off, so I will ask partner to go on with controls and hopefully show solid spades. I hate to confuse him but don't want to try Blackwood. Maybe he has something like ♠xxxx♥Axx♦Axx♣AKx."

Two experts join me and make a bid that partner will surely understand.

**Poe:** "4NT—My guess is that partner has first round control of all of the other suits. Otherwise how could he cue bid with nothing in Spades. If so I have extras, so I will find out if he has one Ace or three. If he shows three I will bid 5NT. Not much danger of going down in five even if I am wrong about the three Aces."

**Woolsey:** "4NT—What a strange bid 4♥ is. He bypassed controls he must have to make a slam move with nothing in spades, and he likes my heart shortness. So why did partner bid 4♥? Perhaps he wants me to take a look at my heart holding for source of tricks. And what do you know — my queen of hearts grows. I expect something like ♠xxxx♥AKJx♦KQx♣Ax."

Actually partner wants you to look at your trump holding.

When you have solid trumps and part-

ner makes a slam try, you owe him some encouragement.

## 5) IMPs, You're Vulnerable

♠KJ653♥K10♦K8765♣A

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
		Pass	Pass
1♠	Pass	1NT	Pass
2♦	Pass	3♦	Pass
????			
Action	Score	Votes	Solvers
3♥	100	3	16
5♦	90	1	21
4♥	70	1	01
4♣	70	0	15
4NT	70	0	01
4♦	60	2	19
3NT	50	0	23
Pass	50	0	68
3♠	30	0	01

Partner raised diamonds showing an invitational hand. In order to decide what to do, let's give partner average hands for his bidding. Opposite any hand with Axxxx of diamonds, 5♦ will have play. All you have to do is avoid three major-suit losers. Opposite ♠xx♥Axx♦AQxxx♣xxx, you could make 6♦ if one of the spade honors is on-sides and you guess correctly. To make 5♦ opposite ♠xx♥xxx♦AQxxx♣Kxx, you just need to avoid two spade losers. 5♦ even has play opposite ♠xx♥xxx♦Axxxx♣xxx and partner has shown more strength. 5♦ will have play unless partner does not have an ace and there's no way that you can find that out. There are even hands where 6♦ is a reasonable contract — ♠Ax♥Qxx♦Axxxx♣xxx for instance. Since you need partner to have heart, spade and diamond values, bidding 3♥ tells partner that club honors are wasted but heart and spade honors are golden. What about 3NT? To make 3NT, partner needs to be able to cash nine tricks before the opponents cash five. If partner had bid 2NT instead of 3♦, 3NT might fetch. 3♦ tells me that he probably won't have strong stoppers in whichever suit the opponents lead. In 5♦ we can ruff spades in dummy. In 3NT we'd be lucky to get more than one spade trick.

Two experts don't even force to game. 4♦ sounds like an invite. How's partner supposed to know what he needs to accept.

**Parker:** "4♦—Sort of lame, but I can show 5/5 and a good hand. Partner can look at controls again and decide what to do. I don't want to bid 4♣ since he may over eval-

uate his clubs and if I bid 3♥ and he bids 3NT, I don't want to pass with no fast tricks."

**Hopkins:** "4♦—I need good trumps and a card."

Two experts bid where they live.

**Poe:** "3♥—Another hand where we have to decide between 3NT and five-of-a-minor. I am accepting this invitation. If partner bids 3NT showing something in clubs we should have a play. If he has very little in clubs then 5♦ should have a play."

If partner has club and diamond values, what about the second heart stopper?

**Schwartz:** "3♥—Not willing to play in 3NT but can't force to 5♦ if partner has stuff in clubs."

Two experts bid game.

**Adams:** "4♥—RKC for diamonds. I am going

to game anyway, hoping for Axxxx of diamonds. RKC caters to partner having two aces. I will play partner for singleton spade or a spade guess. ♠x♥Axx♦Axxxx♣xxx any extra HCP are gravy, and lacking both aces, I can stop at five. ♠x♥Jxx♦Axxxx♣Qxxx is garbage, but still want a shot at game. ♠xx♥Jxx♦QJxxx♣KQJ and I am sorry I bid. Either pass or 4♦ can work out, but RKC will often be better than 5♦."

**Woolsey:** "5♦—Slam needs ace of hearts and AQ of diamonds, which is too much to hope for. Game is probably on a finesse or a split. I'm not passing, and putting partner under pressure to make the final decision doesn't make sense when I have this hand."

Don't play 3NT when your source of tricks is a crossruff.

## SOLVERS' SCORES

John Adams	4♦	4♦	3♦	4♠	4♥	380
Robbie Hopkins	4♠	Pass	3♦	4♠	4♦	430
Steve Parker	4♠	5♦	3♠	5♠	4♦	370
Lyle Poe	4♠	3♦	3♦	4NT	3♥	480
Steve Robinson	Pass	3♦	3♦	4NT	3♥	490
Alan Schwartz	Pass	Pass	4♣	4♠	3♥	440
Kit Woolsey	Pass	Pass	3♦	4NT	5♦	490

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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 August 18 (not including the KO or RR). All points are subject to audit by the WBL Director.

**Lovenberg**

1	108.00	John Adams
2	98.96	Clyde Kruskal
3	97.73	Lloyd Rawley
4	93.89	Steven Schatzow
5	93.11	Brad Theurer
6	89.91	Steve Robinson
7	89.43	William Cole
8	85.45	Andrew Gofreed
9	73.78	Michael Gill
10	73.59	Robert Bell
11	65.99	Peter Boyd
12	65.93	Donna Rogall
13	65.89	David Ruderman
14	64.61	Alfred Steinberg
15	62.52	Eugene Kales
16	59.41	Noble Shore
17	58.56	Mark Shaw
18	54.62	James Geist
19	54.61	Earl Glickstein
20	52.03	Linda Marshall
21	51.38	William Hacker
22	50.35	Barry Bragin
23	48.71	Ronald Zucker
24	47.75	Michael Richey
25	47.24	H John Edmonds
	47.24	Larry Kahn

**Izzy Cohen**

1	48.71	Ronald Zucker
2	47.75	Michael Richey
3	40.29	Daniel Koch
4	36.16	David Genne
5	35.40	Alfred Liepold
6	34.47	Hadi Abushakra
7	33.09	Daniel Falk
	33.09	Larry Wallace
9	30.84	Ernie Schuler
10	30.54	Marc Weiner
11	30.15	Martin Reed
	30.15	Howard Tash
13	29.30	John McCormick
14	28.81	James Beller
15	27.85	Mirsad Mujezinovic
	27.85	Namik Haveric

**Tubbs**

1	33.09	Daniel Falk
	33.09	Larry Wallace
3	30.84	Ernie Schuler
4	30.54	Marc Weiner
5	29.30	John McCormick
6	27.85	Mirsad Mujezinovic
	27.85	Namik Haveric
8	26.69	Alan Ferraro
9	23.71	Jeanne Ferraro
10	23.12	Guillaume de Decker

**Woolridge**

1	10.45	Margaret Cooke
	10.45	Peter Isard
3	9.01	Lindsay Eakin
4	7.12	Alexander Gretsinger
5	6.46	Jane Dolkart
6	6.44	Connie Corvette
7	6.08	Charles Dearolf
8	5.98	Darlene Merrill
9	5.86	Theodore Michos
	5.86	Dottie Donnelly

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## ~ ♦ ♣ SCHEDULE ♥ ♠ ~

Most games held at Ohr Kodesh

09/15/2011 .....StrataFlighted Grand National Teams

09/22/2011 .....Stratified STaC Pairs

—9/29-10/20 games held at the Kensington Armory—

3710 Mitchell St., Kensington, MD

For directions, see Sectional ad on p. 3

09/29/2011 .....NVBA Sectional

10/06/2011 .....StrataFlighted BAM Teams

10/13/2011 .....WBL Sectional

10/20/2011 .....NVBA Sectional

10/27/2011 .....StrataFlighted Appreciation Pairs

11/03/2011 .....StrataFlighted Grand National Teams

11/10/2011 .....StrataFlighted Unit Championship

11/17/2011 .....StrataFlighted Unit Championship

11/24/2011 .....CLOSED — Thanksgiving

12/01/2011 .....StrataFlighted Unit Championship

12/08/2011 .....StrataFlighted Grand National Teams

12/15/2011 .....Holiday Party: Stratified STaC Pairs

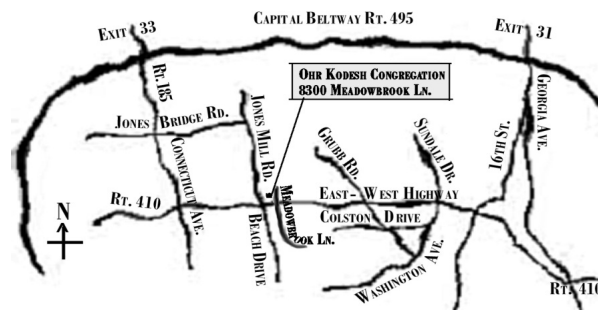
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12/29/2011 .....StrataFlighted Grand National Teams

01/05/2012 .....WBL Sectional

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To find a partner at least a day in advance, contact **Barbara Doran** by email at [UnitGamePartner@DistrictSix.org](mailto:UnitGamePartner@DistrictSix.org) or [barbd@starpower.net](mailto:barbd@starpower.net), or call her at (301) 608-0347 between 9am and 10pm.

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## THE UNIT GAME

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

### A FEW GOOD PEOPLE... CADDIES WANTED

The Unit Game relies on a number of people to keep it running smoothly. Most visible, of course, are the directing staff; I believe that our team is among the most professional that you will find at any club anywhere, and I am proud to work as their colleague. There are the volunteers who organize partnerships, refreshments, etc, and the many that help when we have to relocate the game for a week or two.

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And feel free to overcome your habitual shyness in expressing your thanks to all the people that make our game possible.

### UPCOMING SECTIONALS

- ♣ October 13-16, 2011, WBL, Silver Spring, MD
- ♦ October 20-23, 2011, NVBA, Fairfax, VA
- ♥ January 5-8, 2012, WBL, Silver Spring, MD
- ♠ February 16-19, 2012, NVBA, Fairfax, VA
- ♣ March 10-11, 2012, WBL NLM, Kensington, MD
- ♦ April 12-15, 2012, WBL, Silver Spring, MD
- ♥ April 26-29, 2012, Fairfax, VA
- ♠ August 2-5, 2012, WBL, Silver Spring, MD
- ♣ September 6-9, 2012, NVBA, Fairfax, VA
- ♦ October, 4-7, 2012, WBL, Silver Spring, MD

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## COMMITTEE ACTION #74

by **Rich Colker**, [rcolker@gmail.com](mailto:rcolker@gmail.com)

In the first qualifying session of the 2010 Silver Ribbon Pairs this little bit of confusion spilled over into the appeal room.

Bd: 23; Dlr: South; Vul: Both

North		East	
♠	1062	♠	AK83
♥	75	♥	KJ43
♦	4	♦	A87
♣	K986542	♣	J7
West		South	
♠	QJ75	♠	94
♥	Q108	♥	A962
♦	J53	♦	KQ10962
♣	AQ3	♣	10
West	North	East	South
Pass	3♣ <sup>(1)</sup>	Pass	1♦
Pass			Pass

<sup>(1)</sup> *BIT; Alerted and explained as natural and invitational*

3♣ by North was down three (N/S -300) after the ♠A opening lead. The Director was called after play was completed. South's convention card was marked "3♣/1♦ invitational." North's card was not. Both cards had "weak jump shifts not in competition" checked. All four players agreed to a BIT before the 3♣ bid. North said he was trying to remember their agreement for 3♣, and whether a weak 3♣ bid was reasonable at this vulnerability. The Director ruled that N/S had no agreement and, applying Law 21B1(b) ("the Director is to assume mistaken explanation rather than mistaken call in the absence of evidence to the contrary") adjusted the contract to 3NT by West making four, +630 for E/W (Laws 21B3 and 12C1(e)).

N/S appealed the Director's ruling. South told the Committee that he had misinformed E/W about the meaning of the 3♣ bid. After the bidding North volunteered that he'd made a mistake in the bidding and that his 3♣ bid, which he'd intended as preemptive, was not part of N/S's agreements. South's card was marked "3♣/1♦ inv." but North's was not. North said he couldn't

remember their agreement. North subsequently changed his convention card to agree with South's. N/S also believed that, even if they were ruled against for MI to E/W, 3NT making four was not the right result to assign. They believed that E/W could have reasonably arrived at 4♠, a much inferior contract. E/W countered, saying that if 3♣ had been Alerted and explained properly East would have doubled and West, with his 4=3=3=3 distribution and the ♣AQ, would have bid 3NT.

The Committee considered assigning a result of 3♣x by North down three (-300 for N/S) but decided against that after learning that in screening West had never expressed any thought of passing the double. The contract of 3NT by West was, however, judged to be "likely," as per Law 12c1(e)(ii), and both sides were assigned that result (+630 for E/W, -630 for N/S). As the law in this situation had been fully explained to the appellants, an appeal without merit warning (AWMW) was issued to both North and South.

Well, do you agree with the Committee or not? And why? Think about it and then read on.

This case represents a good example of an appeal that was a total waste of a Committee's time and energy. This is why there are penalties for filing meritless appeals. The Law clearly says, in the absence of clear evidence to the contrary, a Director (and thus an Appeal Committee) is to presume a misexplanation rather than a misbid. Both convention cards were marked "weak jump shifts not in competition," with South's also marked "3♣/1♦ invitational"—the two clearly being incompatible. So which agreement should the Director (and Committee) assume existed? The answer is neither.

It's possible that the pair's agreement was actually "weak jump shifts," but then why was South's card also marked "3♣/1♦ invitational" and why did he Alert that way? Perhaps they had agreed to change from weak jump shifts to invitational, but both forgot to remove the old markings from their convention cards and only South marked the new one on his. Or, perhaps they initially played "3♣/1♦ invitational" but at some point agreed to play weak jump shifts, both marking the new method on their cards but South forgetting to remove the old agreement from his.

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**Committee Action**, *cont. from p. 17...*

It is also possible that the pair discussed changing from weak to "3♣/1♦ invitational" and South (who was perhaps the impetus behind the proposed change) thought the change had been agreed while North only agreed to think about it. Any of these (and maybe others) is possible and is consistent with the ambiguous markings on South's convention card and North's admitted confusion and attempt "remember their agreement for 3♣." Whatever the truth about N/S's agreements, there was clearly confusion and South ended up Alerting a meaning for 3♣ that was not what North intended his bid to show (at the time) and was not what he had in his hand. So Law 21B1(b) says we must assume a mistaken explanation (i.e., they had no actual agreement, so the explanation given was MI).

Given that, what score should we assign? Law 12C1(e) says the non-offending side (E/W here) get "the most favorable result that was likely had the irregularity (the MI) not occurred" and the offending side (N/S here) gets "the most unfavorable result that was at all probable had the irregularity not occurred." Note that "at all probable" is less restrictive than "likely." In other words, more results are "at all probable" than are "likely." If one bid has a 30 percent chance of being made while the alternative action has a 70 percent chance, the first bid isn't "likely" but it's certainly "at all probable." On the other hand, a bid having a 3 percent chance of being made (versus a 97 percent alternative) is not "at all probable" since it

would hardly ever occur at the table. The Director or Committee must judge where the cutoff falls between "at all probable" and "likely" on a case-by-case basis (what's "at all probable" versus "likely" depends on both the number of alternatives and their probabilities).

So, is a 3NT response to East's purported double "at all probable"? I say it's not only "at all probable" but "likely." West has no assurance that East holds four spades and there is no room to find out (by cue-bidding 4♣) below 3NT. Nor is there room to offer a choice between notrump and spade games (3♠ by West would be non-forcing). In addition, even if East has four spades there is no assurance spades will play better than notrump (West's ♣AQ are protected from the lead in both cases). And of course notrump scores better than spades at matchpoints if the same number of tricks are available in each strain. So both pairs should be assigned the result for 3NT by West: ten tricks, +630 for E/W. In fact, N/S were lucky the Committee judged 3♣x not to be an "at all probable" result or they might have ended up with a score of -800.

The pertinent Laws were explained to N/S in screening yet they persisted in bringing this case to a Committee. Not only should it have been clear that the opponents had been misinformed but also that East would have doubled 3♣ for takeout and West would (clearly) have bid 3NT. If they had any doubts about the latter they should have consulted some experts about it before going forward with the appeal.

N/S got what they deserved. Good job by the Committee.

**Bits & Pieces**, *cont. from p. 2...*

**WELCOME TO THE WASHINGTON BRIDGE LEAGUE**

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Many thanks to **Lynn Jones** and **Rick Dey-**

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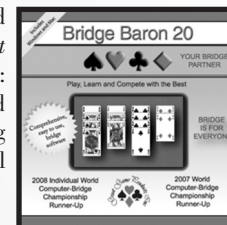
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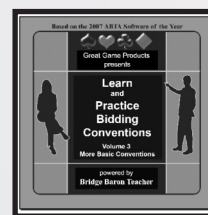
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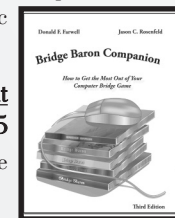
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#### TOP TEN CUMULATIVE POINT WINNERS

##### All Players

1	27.60	William Cole
2	22.68	Steve Robinson
3	22.02	Peter Boyd
4	21.62	Donna Rogall
5	20.28	Clyde Kruskal
6	19.55	Ronald Zucker
7	18.53	John Adams
8	17.68	Mark Shaw
9	17.27	Leo LaSota
10	15.74	Steven Schatzow

##### Players with fewer than 1500 masterpoints

1	19.55	Ronald Zucker
2	14.74	Stephen Drodge
3	14.66	Eileen Houghton
4	13.77	Kitty Gottfried
5	13.72	Albert Lauber
6	12.15	Linda Dick
7	11.57	James Beller
8	8.76	Daniel Koch
9	8.57	Dan Emmons
10	7.49	Matthew Lahut
	7.49	Melody Jenkins

##### Players with fewer than 500 masterpoints

1	8.57	Dan Emmons
2	7.49	Matthew Lahut
3	6.89	Thomas Jennings
4	6.03	Eleanor Schwartz
5	5.84	Larry Wallace
	5.84	Daniel Falk
7	5.35	John McCormick
8	4.85	Sylvia Shi
9	4.80	Gerald O'Dell
10	4.69	Douglas Woods
	4.69	Donna Hankey-Woods

##### Players with fewer than 100 masterpoints

1	4.34	Alan Skvirsky
2	4.04	Ron Sutter
	4.04	Yuen De Anda
4	3.41	Susan Myers
	3.41	Kathleen Zellmer
	3.41	Susan Weiser
7	3.40	Deborah Cobb
	3.40	Philip Sticha
9	3.35	Patrick Frye
10	2.65	William Morris

#### THUR AM PRS @ ROCKVILLE

##### Stratum A, 26.5 Tables

1	Stephen Drodge - John Miller	.72.96
2	Juline Glaz - Daniel Shankle Jr	.64.39
3	Jim Pestaner - Marshall Kramer	.63.09
4	Leonid Fastovsky - Steven Mendelsohn	62.88
5	Irwin Blocker - Myana Fishman	.60.42
6	Eileen Theimer - Shou-Ling Wang	.59.09

##### Stratum B, 18.5 Tables

1	Leonid Fastovsky - Steven Mendelsohn	62.88
2	Irwin Blocker - Myana Fishman	.60.42
3	Sheryl McEwan - Livingston Johnson	.59.01
4	Richard Ray - Alexander Gottesman	.57.58
5	Forest Montgomery - John Jackson	.55.30
6	John McCormick - Ken Casey	.55.05

##### Stratum C, 11.5 Tables

1	Irwin Blocker - Myana Fishman	.60.42
2	Forest Montgomery - John Jackson	.55.30
3	John McCormick - Ken Casey	.55.05
4	Mike Sutton - David Bubes	.53.41
5	Linda Barton - Walter Laessig	.51.89
6/7	Joel Goldberg - Helen Long	.49.24
6/7	Gloria Schmuckler - Lillian Wicker	.49.24



#### THURS EVE A/X PAIRS, Stratum A 38.0 Tables/ Based on 86

1	Eileen Houghton - Kitty Gottfried	.61.77
2	Helene Bauman - Ronald Zucker	.60.70
3	Rose Berman - Melody Jenkins	.60.18
4	Matthew Lahut - Jason Meyer	.58.66
5	Bruce Houston - Kenneth Davis	.58.57
6	Murat Berk - Saul Penn	.58.13
7	Mel Yudkin - Christon Johnson	.57.64
8	Sorina Negulescu - Kay Miller	.57.59
9/10	Barry Falgout - Rusty Krauss	.57.18
9/10	Jay Kelkar - Monique Smith	.57.18

##### Stratum X, 21.5 Tables

1	Kitty Gottfried - Eileen Houghton	.61.77
2	Rose Berman - Melody Jenkins	.60.18
3	Matthew Lahut - Jason Meyer	.58.66
4	Murat Berk - Saul Penn	.58.13
5	Mel Yudkin - Christon Johnson	.57.64
6	Sorina Negulescu - Kay Miller	.57.59



#### THURS EVE B/C/D PAIRS Stratum B, 28.0 Tables

1	Michael Chelst - Eva Klivington	.63.09
2	Rochelle Cohen - Mark Cohen	.61.53
3	William Mendez Jr - Michael Goldman	60.23
4	Albert Lauber - Daniel Koch	.59.47
5	Leila Whiting - Robert Cohen	.58.54
6	Mark Eisenstadt - Arthur Farbenbloom	58.31

##### Stratum C, 25.0 Tables

1	Eva Klivington - Michael Chelst	.63.09
2	Rochelle Cohen - Mark Cohen	.61.53
3	William Mendez Jr - Michael Goldman	60.23



- 4 Albert Lauber - Daniel Koch .....59.47  
 5 Mark Eisenstadt - Arthur Farbenbloom 58.31  
 6 Arthur Olson - Marilyn Courtot .....58.27  
**Stratum D, 17.5 Tables**  
 1 William Mendez Jr - Michael Goldman 60.23  
 2 Arthur Olson - Marilyn Courtot .....58.27  
 3 Walt Pumo - Michael Sofocleous .....57.20  
 4 Eleanor Schwartz - Robert Magruder .56.44  
 5 Namik Haveric - Mirsad Mujezinovic 54.99  
 6 John McCormick - Eldon Compton .....54.00



**THURS EVE NLM  
 PAIRS @ WBL  
 Stratum A,  
 10.5 Tables**

- 1 Douglas Woods - Donna Hankey Woods 62.96  
 2 Michael Watts - Mary Ourand .....61.53  
 3 Garry Grossman - Adrienne Kohn .....60.47  
 4 Peter Isard - Margaret Cooke .....60.04  
 5 Dottie Donnelly - Theodore Michos .....59.71  
 6 Lois Schwartz - Barry Pedowitz .....53.68  
**Stratum B, 7.0 Tables**  
 1 Peter Isard - Margaret Cooke .....60.04  
 2 Dottie Donnelly - Theodore Michos .....59.71  
 3 Lois Schwartz - Barry Pedowitz .....53.68  
 4 Darlene Merrill - Connie Corvette .....52.90  
 5 Jean Barquin - Edith Burzio .....52.57  
**Stratum C, 5.0 Tables**  
 1 Peter Isard - Margaret Cooke .....60.04  
 2 Dottie Donnelly - Theodore Michos .....59.71  
 3 Lois Schwartz - Barry Pedowitz .....53.68  
 4 Darlene Merrill - Connie Corvette .....52.90

**THURS EVE 0-20 PAIRS @ WBL  
 Stratum A, 4.0 Tables**

- 1 William McLeese-Jenneke Fijn Van Draat 62.21  
 2 David Solomon - David Lynn .....61.50  
 3 Shirley Jacobs - Paul Burman .....57.02  
**Stratum B, 4.0 Tables**  
 1 William McLeese-Jenneke Fijn Van Draat 62.21  
 2 David Solomon - David Lynn .....61.50  
 3 Shirley Jacobs - Paul Burman .....57.02  
**Stratum C, 3.0 Tables**  
 1 William McLeese-Jenneke Fijn Van Draat 62.21  
 2 David Solomon - David Lynn .....61.50

**THURS EVE 199ER PAIRS @ VA  
 Stratum A, 5.0 Tables**

- 1 Jeremy Billones - Ewing Walker .....56.50  
 2 James Connor - Debbie Moore .....55.00  
 3 Jon Guyton - Janelle Gmitter .....54.00  
 4 Cloe Ingram - Carol Goldstone .....51.50  
**Stratum B, 4.5 Tables**  
 1 Jeremy Billones - Ewing Walker .....56.50  
 2 James Connor - Debbie Moore .....55.00  
 3 Jon Guyton - Janelle Gmitter .....54.00  
 4 Cloe Ingram - Carol Goldstone .....51.50  
**Stratum C, 2.5 Tables**  
 1 James Connor - Debbie Moore .....55.00  
 2 Jon Guyton - Janelle Gmitter .....54.00

**FRI AM A/X PAIRS,  
 Stratum A**

- 7.0 Tables / Based  
 on 26  
 1 James Beller - Albert  
 Lauber .....57.50



- 2 Bruce Houston - Kenneth Davis .....57.08  
 3/5 Ann Ingram - James Adams .....56.25  
 3/5 Andrew Gofreed - Leo LaSota .....56.25  
 3/5 Alice Wegman - John Glynn .....56.25  
**Stratum X, 4.0 Tables**  
 1 James Beller - Albert Lauber .....57.50  
 2 Alice Wegman - John Glynn .....56.25  
 3 Lloyd Rawley - Kiyomi Shiba .....53.75



**FRI AM B/C/D  
 PAIRS  
 Stratum B,  
 7.0 Tables**

- 1 Joyce Wiley - Georgette Weiss .....58.33  
 2 Thomas Jennings - Steven Fox .....57.08  
 3 Thomas Reckford - Behnaz Fardshisheh 56.67  
 4/5 Alfred Caponiti - Alfred Liepold .....54.17  
 4/5 Jeffrey Zaller - Barbara Israel .....54.17  
**Stratum C, 5.5 Tables**  
 1 Georgette Weiss - Joyce Wiley .....58.33  
 2 Thomas Jennings - Steven Fox .....57.08  
 3 Thomas Reckford - Behnaz Fardshisheh 56.67  
 4 Alfred Caponiti - Alfred Liepold .....54.17  
**Stratum D, 3.0 Tables**  
 1 Georgette Weiss - Joyce Wiley .....58.33  
 2 Jerry Nolte - Elizabeth Nolte .....53.75

**FRIDAY AM NONLM PAIRS  
 Stratum A, 12.0 Tables**

- 1 Susan Myers - Susan Weiser .....60.71  
 2 Douglas Woods - Donna Hankey-Woods 59.23  
 3 Robert Kerr - Jeffrey Caplan .....58.93  
 4 Terry Coates - John Horner .....58.33  
 4/5 David King - Amedee Dean .....58.33  
 6 Jean Schoen - Kathleen Zellmer .....57.14  
**Stratum B, 11.0 Tables**  
 1 Susan Myers - Susan Weiser .....60.71  
 2 Douglas Woods - Donna Hankey-Woods 59.23  
 3 Robert Kerr - Jeffrey Caplan .....58.93  
 4 Terry Coates - John Horner .....58.33  
 5 Jean Schoen - Kathleen Zellmer .....57.14  
 6 Jean Barquin - Kristina Hamilton .....56.25  
**Stratum C, 6.0 Tables**  
 1 Susan Myers - Susan Weiser .....60.71  
 2 Jean Schoen - Kathleen Zellmer .....57.14  
 3 Jean Barquin - Kristina Hamilton .....56.25  
 4 Carl Rappaport - Ilana Rappaport .....54.76



**FRI AFT A/X PAIRS,  
 Stratum A  
 11.0 Tables / Based  
 on 31**

- 1 Andrew Gofreed - Leo LaSota .....65.77  
 2 John Adams - Lloyd Rawley .....61.01  
 3 Robert Levey - Jimmy Ritzberg .....60.12  
 4 Clyde Kruskal - Donna Rogall .....57.74  
 5 Craig Olson - Michael Lawrence .....55.95  
 6 Amanda Carter - Mike Cappelletti Sr 55.36  
**Stratum X, 5.5 Tables**  
 1 Robert Levey - Jimmy Ritzberg .....60.12  
 2 Craig Olson - Michael Lawrence .....55.95  
 3 Christon Johnson - Mel Yudkin .....51.19  
 4/5 Roma Chandra - Robert Claypool .....46.13  
 4/5 Margie Coccodrilli - Daniel Koch .....46.13



**FRI AFT B/C/D  
 PAIRS  
 Stratum B,  
 10.0 Tables**

- 1 Steven Fox - Gerald O'Dell .....61.35  
 2 Barbara Israel - Jeffrey Zaller .....60.04  
 3 Jerry Nolte - Elizabeth Nolte .....59.82  
 4 Prem Garg - Marc Weiner .....59.18  
 5 Mike Frosch - Francesco Parisi-Presicce 52.44  
 6 Charles Maplethorpe - Alfred Liepold 52.42  
**Stratum C, 7.5 Tables**  
 1 Steven Fox - Gerald O'Dell .....61.35  
 2 Jerry Nolte - Elizabeth Nolte .....59.82  
 3 Prem Garg - Marc Weiner .....59.18  
 4 Charles Maplethorpe - Alfred Liepold 52.42  
 5 Leonid Fastovsky - Nelu Schwartz .....51.15  
**Stratum D, 5.0 Tables**  
 1 Jerry Nolte - Elizabeth Nolte .....59.82  
 2 Prem Garg - Marc Weiner .....59.18  
 3 Paul Chassy - Reina Chassy .....50.85  
 4 Herb Schulken - Arun Guha .....49.45

**FRI AFT NLM PAIRS  
 Stratum E, 10.0 Tables**

- 1 M Amey - David Amey .....60.12  
 2/4 Virginia Ivin - John Metzler .....56.25  
 2/4 Larry Wallace - Daniel Falk .....56.25  
 2/4 Jean Schoen - Kathleen Zellmer .....56.25  
 5 Annapurna Satpathy - Elizabeth Nash 55.95  
 6/7 Alan Skvirsky - Jay Gibbons .....55.06  
 6/7 Julie Thomas - Ollie Thomas .....55.06  
**Stratum F, 7.0 Tables**  
 1 M Amey - David Amey .....60.12  
 2/3 Virginia Ivin - John Metzler .....56.25  
 2/3 Jean Schoen - Kathleen Zellmer .....56.25  
 4 Julie Thomas - Ollie Thomas .....55.06  
 5 Sharona Sapoznikow - Reina Lerner .....51.19  
**Stratum G, 2.5 Tables**  
 1 Sharona Sapoznikow - Reina Lerner .....51.19  
 2 Carl Rappaport - Ilana Rappaport .....50.60



**FRI EVE A/X  
 BAROMETER PAIRS  
 Stratum A, 12.0 Tables / Based on 21**

- 1 Steven Schatzow - Linda Marshall .....64.20  
 2 Brad Theurer - James Geist .....62.31  
 3 Rammohan Sarangan - Hank Meyer .....57.58  
 4 Hakan Berk - David Soukup .....55.87  
 5 Barry Falgout - Rusty Krauss .....55.49  
 6 Robert Bell - Donna Rogall .....54.73  
**Stratum X, 4.5 Tables**  
 1 Hakan Berk - David Soukup .....55.87  
 2 Can Savasman - Murat Berk .....48.86  
 3 William Peters - Sylvia Shi .....47.73  
 4 Irv Kipnis - Terry Jones .....46.78  
**Stratum B, 8.5 Tables**  
 1 Yuen De Anda - Ron Sutter .....56.57  
 2 Kathleen Zellmer - William Morris .....55.95  
 3 Jo Turner - Betty Brawley .....55.91  
 4/5 John Metzler - Ken Casey .....53.27  
 4/5 Etsuko Smith - Namiko Suzuki .....53.27



**FRI EVE B/C/D  
 BAROMETER PAIRS  
 Stratum B, 9.0 Tables**

- 1 Deborah Cobb - Philip Sticha .....62.31

- 2 Charles King - Ted Proxmire .....59.73  
 3 Steven Fox - Gerald O'Dell .....57.78  
 4 David Montague - Norman Mitchell .....54.06  
 5 Alfred Caponiti - Frederic Caponiti .....53.58  
**Stratum C, 6.5 Tables**  
 1 Philip Sticha - Deborah Cobb .....62.31  
 2 David Montague - Norman Mitchell .....54.06  
 3 Alfred Caponiti - Frederic Caponiti .....53.58  
 4 Georgette Weiss - Thomas Jennings .....52.28  
 5 Larry Wallace - Daniel Falk .....51.33  
**Stratum D, 4.5 Tables**  
 1 Philip Sticha - Deborah Cobb .....62.31  
 2 Georgette Weiss - Thomas Jennings .....52.28  
 3 Larry Wallace - Daniel Falk .....51.33  
 4 David Cissel - Barbara Turner .....50.00



**SAT AM B/C/D  
 PAIRS  
 Stratum B,  
 19.0 Tables**

- 1 Behnaz Fardshisheh - Pari Khoshkish 63.39  
 2 Alan Skvirsky - Terry Jones .....61.31  
 3 Charles Maplethorpe - Alfred Liepold 59.70  
 4 Fletcher Thompson - William Goldman 57.54  
 5 Arthur Olson - Patrice Gordon .....57.44  
 6 Phyllis Sonen - Hilda Getz .....57.14  
**Stratum C, 15.5 Tables**  
 1 Pari Khoshkish - Behnaz Fardshisheh 63.39  
 2 Charles Maplethorpe - Alfred Liepold 59.70  
 3 Fletcher Thompson - William Goldman 57.54  
 4 Arthur Olson - Patrice Gordon .....57.44  
 5 Phyllis Sonen - Hilda Getz .....57.14  
 6 Thomas Jennings - Albert Stolpe .....56.85  
**Stratum D, 10.0 Tables**  
 1 Thomas Jennings - Albert Stolpe .....56.85  
 2 Arun Guha - Herb Schulken .....55.95  
 3 David Montague - Norman Mitchell .....55.77  
 4 Carolyn Baird - John Gauss .....53.57  
 5 Linda Barton - Susan Morris .....52.98  
 6 Joel Mandelman - Robert Rovner .....52.68



**SAT AM NONLM  
 PAIRS  
 Stratum A,  
 17.0 Tables**

- 1 Yasmina Patel - Parviz Steeds .....71.43  
 2 Elizabeth Nash - Ernie Schuler .....61.10  
 3 Patrick Frye - Sylvia Shi .....60.16  
 4 Rochelle Hilton - Rachel Sladoff .....60.12  
 5 Helen Long - Marilyn Larkin .....57.14  
 6 Yuen De Anda - Ron Sutter .....56.57  
**Stratum B, 8.5 Tables**  
 1 Yuen De Anda - Ron Sutter .....56.57  
 2 Kathleen Zellmer - William Morris .....55.95  
 3 Jo Turner - Betty Brawley .....55.91  
 4/5 John Metzler - Ken Casey .....53.27  
 4/5 Etsuko Smith - Namiko Suzuki .....53.27  
**Stratum C, 5.5 Tables**  
 1 Jo Turner - Betty Brawley .....55.91  
 2/3 John Metzler - Ken Casey .....53.27  
 2/3 Etsuko Smith - Namiko Suzuki .....53.27  
 4 Joan Axilbund - Mary Lou McMorro 52.93



## WBL TROPHY PAIRS

10.0 Tables

Based on 58

- 1 Donna Rogall - Clyde Kruskal .158.16
- 2 John Adams - William Cole .137.76
- 3 Ronald Zucker - Steven Schatzow 135.87
- 4 Steve Robinson - Peter Boyd .131.00
- 5 Leo LaSota - Andrew Gofreed .125.45
- 6 Donald Berman - Leon Letwin .121.96
- 7 Adair Gellman - Vincent Bartone .121.13
- 8 Brad Theurer - Lyle Poe Jr .119.11
- 9 Lloyd Rawley - Michael Richey .118.63
- 10 Audrey Marbach - Alice Miller .116.58
- 11 Mark Shaw - Martin Graf .114.93
- 12 Sven Pride - David Genne .113.67
- 13 Ed Lewis - Mark Rosenbloom .111.75
- 14 Robert Boyd - Kenneth Davis .111.01
- 15 Stephen Drodge - Dan Emmons .98.64



## CONSOLATION PAIRS

Stratum A,

9.0 Tables

- 1 Linda Marshall - Merrill Hirsh .59.82
- 2/3 Shawn Stringer - Terry Feetham .58.93
- 2/3 Fred King - Hailong Ao .58.93
- 4 Craig Olson - Michael Lawrence .55.06
- 5 Roger Stern - Sandra Stern .53.27

### Stratum X, 7.0 Tables

- 1 Linda Marshall - Merrill Hirsh .59.82
- 2 Craig Olson - Michael Lawrence .55.06
- 3 Roger Stern - Sandra Stern .53.27
- 4 Eugene Fisher - James Geist .52.38
- 5 Rose Berman - Michelle Zygielbaum .51.49



## SAT AFT B/C/D PAIRS

Stratum B,

10.0 Tables

- 1 Eleanor Schwartz - Amelia Montjoy .60.12
- 2 Betsy Eliot - Gail Zamboni .59.82
- 3 Marilyn Rubinstein - Patti Anschutz .59.52
- 4 Beth Wisinski - Kay Miller .58.33
- 5 Paul Chassy - Reina Chassy .57.14
- 6 Thomas Grahame - John Mattioli .54.17

### Stratum C, 9.0 Tables

- 1 Eleanor Schwartz - Amelia Montjoy .60.12
- 2 Marilyn Rubinstein - Patti Anschutz .59.52
- 3 Beth Wisinski - Kay Miller .58.33
- 4 Paul Chassy - Reina Chassy .57.14
- 5 Thomas Grahame - John Mattioli .54.17

### Stratum D, 6.5 Tables

- 1 Eleanor Schwartz - Amelia Montjoy .60.12
- 2 Marilyn Rubinstein - Patti Anschutz .59.52
- 3 Paul Chassy - Reina Chassy .57.14
- 4 Herb Schulken - Arun Guha .51.79
- 5 M. David Jackson - Sheryl McEwan .50.89



## SAT AFT NLM PAIRS

Stratum A,

12.0 Tables

- 1 Herbert Rubinstein - Jim Anschutz .70.83

- 2 Patrick Frye - Sylvia Shi .60.71
- 3 Eva Vorndran - Julie Connor .58.12
- 4 Ernie Schuler - Elizabeth Nash .56.25
- 5 David Cissel - Barbara Turner .56.21
- 6/7 Douglas Woods - Donna Hankey-Woods 55.74
- 6/7 Deborah Cobb - Philip Sticha .55.74

### Stratum B, 9.0 Tables

- 1 Patrick Frye - Sylvia Shi .60.71
- 2 Eva Vorndran - Julie Connor .58.12
- 3 David Cissel - Barbara Turner .56.21
- 4/5 Douglas Woods - Donna Hankey-Woods 55.74
- 4/5 Deborah Cobb - Philip Sticha .55.74

### Stratum C, 4.0 Tables

- 1 David Cissel - Barbara Turner .56.21
- 2 Deborah Cobb - Philip Sticha .55.74
- 3 Glenn Terrell - Dottie Terrell .54.89

## FLIGHT A/X BAM TEAMS

Stratum A, 13 Tables / Based on 44



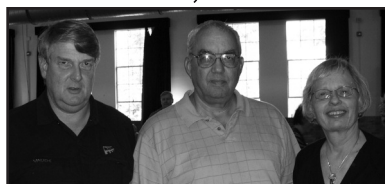
- 1 Mark Shaw - Steve Robinson - Peter Boyd - William Cole .32.00
- 2 Jim Dick - Julian Boyce - Linda Dick - William Zane .31.50
- 3 Earl Clickstein - Richard Wegman - Robert Bell - David Abelow .28.50
- 4 Stephen Drodge - Monique Smith - Dan Emmons - Merrill Hirsh .25.00
- 5 Jason Meyer - Rammohan Sarangan - James Geist - Hank Meyer .24.50

### Stratum X, 7 Tables

- 1 Jim Dick - Julian Boyce - Linda Dick - William Zane .31.50
- 2 Stephen Drodge - Monique Smith - Dan Emmons - Merrill Hirsh .25.00
- 3 Jason Meyer - Rammohan Sarangan - James Geist - Hank Meyer .24.50

## FLIGHT B/C/D SWISS

Stratum B, 24 Tables



- 1 Jeffrey Kosnett - Ronald Susi - Alice Wegman - John Glynn (not pic.) .103.00
- 2 Albert Lauber - James Beller - Daniel Koch - Hadi Abushakra .99.00
- 3 Mark Cohen - Patrick Stanton - Melissa Price - Richard Price .96.00
- 4 Pat Tyler - Ken Marx - Lynda Flanger - Kevin O'Brien .85.00
- 5 Nancy Lea Ross - Katherine Rabenstein - Jerry Miller - Margie Coccodrilli .81.00
- 6/7 Franz Delahan - Madeline Delahan - Reni Malloy - Maida Crocicchia .79.00

- 6/7 Amy Bloom - Mike Frosch - Jennifer Nisenoff - Francesco Parisi-Presicce .79.00

### Stratum C, 16 Tables

- 1 Albert Lauber - James Beller - Daniel Koch - Hadi Abushakra .99.00
- 2/3 Franz Delahan - Madeline Delahan - Reni Malloy - Maida Crocicchia .79.00
- 2/3 Amy Bloom - Mike Frosch - Jennifer Nisenoff - Francesco Parisi-Presicce .79.00
- 4/5 Beth Wisinski - Amelia Montjoy - Kay Miller - Teri Harrison .77.00
- 4/5 Daniel Falk - Larry Wallace - John McCormick - Eldon Compton .77.00

### Stratum D, 7 Tables

- 1 Daniel Falk - Larry Wallace - John McCormick - Eldon Compton .77.00
- 2 Lynne Beresford - Eleanor Schwartz - Lorraine Tyler - Lorraine Shumaker .74.00
- 3 Phillip Tseng - Hsiao Hsiung - Thomas Jennings - Joyce Wiley .69.00

## SUN AM NLM TEAMS

Stratum A, 7 Tables



- 1 G Neil Spokes - Jill Duvall - Saroj Gulati - Bob Hartsell .69.00

- 2 William Morris - Susan Morris - Carol Webster - Duane Webster .50.00
- 3 William Rogers - Thomas Conley - Bob Blodgett - Barbara McEwan .46.00

### Stratum B, 5 Tables

- 1 William Morris - Susan Morris - Carol Webster - Duane Webster .50.00
- 2 Maggie Eckman - Katherine Culp - Yuen De Anda - Ron Sutter .43.00

### Stratum C, 3 Tables

- 1 Maggie Eckman - Katherine Culp - Yuen De Anda - Ron Sutter .43.00

## SUN AFT NLM TEAMS

3 Tables



- 1 Maggie Eckman - Yuen De Anda - Katherine Culp - Ron Sutter (surrounded) .45.00

## INTRO SWISS TEAMS

4 Tables

- 1 Susan Myers - Ina Smith-Tornberg - Mary Ann Goldenson - Susan Weiser .50.00

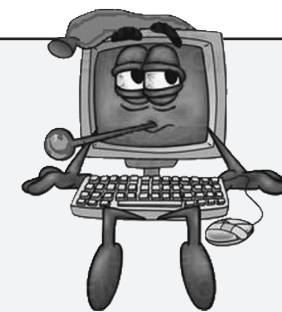
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**erle**, who gave up playing Swiss to help with the class. They both have the patience and great sense of humor that makes them wonderful bridge teachers and an asset to any class.

—Shawn Stringer

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We will hold our **One Day Bridge Class** on Sunday, October 16 as part of the WBL Sectional. A special topic: Card Combinations will be covered thoroughly. Everyone will be taught in one *Advance Your Game* group for this special lesson. No experience is necessary. The cost is \$30, which includes materials and lunch. Please contact Shawn Stringer at [shstringer@aol.com](mailto:shstringer@aol.com) or 301-622-5619 with any questions or to reserve a space.

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**0-NLM Game:** 1:00 pm

**Cost:** \$6.00

**Location:** St. James Episcopal Church  
11815 Seven Locks Road

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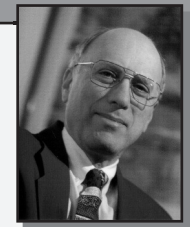
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## MAJOR SUIT RAISES - PART 1

Bidding is built around two key questions: 1) In which strain (suit or No Trump) do we want to play? 2) At what level should we play?

This article is the first in a series of discussions of Major Suit Raises, and how to respond with support after partner opens 1♥ or 1♠ (1M —One of a Major). Responder's description of her hand will help opener to best answer the second question – how high can we safely bid? Responder is trying to relay to opener information about how to proceed, and to give opener an idea of how optimistic to be.

Though bidding systems will be mentioned, our focus in these articles will not be on the particular bidding system you use to respond, but will instead look at how respon-

der determines what kind of raise his hand is worth. In a nutshell, we are talking about “hand evaluation.” In later articles, we'll discuss how to convey the information to partner.

[Note: Many novices start out playing Standard American bidding, but many play or switch to Two Over One (2/1). The concepts that follow are relevant regardless of the bidding system you play. Sometimes the strength required for a particular bid may vary depending on the system played.]

When partner opens 1M, and you have 3 cards in that major, your first step is to count your High Card Points (HCP). Next, note the distribution (or shape) of your hand. Whether you are balanced or if you have void, singleton, or doubleton affects the value of your hand. This combination of HCP and distribution points is called “support points” and

should be figured as follows:

- With 3 card trump support, count your HCP and add 3 points for a void,
- Add 2 points for a singleton, and add 1 point for a doubleton.
- Don't forget to downgrade your hand for singleton or doubleton honors that are likely to be worthless.

In the 2/1 System, there are four basic

types of raises, all based on the value of responder's hand. These are detailed in the table below. This is one area where Standard American and 2/1 are different: playing 2/1, you show a single raise by first bidding 1NT and then taking partner back to the major. You show the constructive raise by immediately supporting the major. Note that if you play Standard American, the single and constructive raises are not separated out, so that a single raise covers a wider support point range.

Type of Raise	Message we are sending Partner	Support Point Value
Single (or Simple) Raise	Unless you have a LOT of extra values, we can only make a part score.	6 to 7 support points
Constructive Raise	If you have significant extra values, we might have game.	8 to bad 10 support points
Invitational Raise	If you have more than a bare minimum opening bid, we want to play in game.	Good 10 to bad 12 support points
Game Forcing Raise	We probably can make game, and might be able to make a slam.	Good 12 or more support points

With these guidelines in mind, let's take a look at some hands. Partner opens 1♥ and you hold the following cards. How should you eval-

uate your hand? Note that we're not asking what bid to make. We'll discuss that in a later article. This is about how to evaluate your hand.

Your Hand	Type of raise
K82/Q54/J8/87542	<u>Single</u> - six support points. You can either count the J as one HCP or count the doubleton as 1 support point - but don't count it twice.
8763/KQ7/KQT86/5	<u>Invitational</u> - this is a great 10 HCP hand which evaluates up to 12 support points and which has a side suit as a source of tricks.
K763/KQ7/JT8/654	<u>Constructive</u> - 9 HCP, no distribution points. In 2/1, this is a solid 2♥ bid.
JT52/T95/Q8/KJ53	<u>Single</u> - 7 HCP. Remember not to double count doubleton or singleton honors. Note also that you should not bid 1♠. “Support with support” and with a one bid hand, make it your priority to support partner's major.
Q65/K63/A82/J753	<u>Constructive</u> - this is a balanced 10 HCP hand with no distribution points and no substance to any of your suits.
K962/A87/9/QT853	<u>Invitational</u> - 9 HCP plus two distribution points makes this an invitational hand. Singletons in the hand with shorter trump are valuable to partner.

Remember that hands change in value based on the preceding bidding. While your hand may not look like much when you first sort it, you may have a great supporting hand for your partner. If you have 3 card trump support, don't muddy the water, don't delay and convey your support to partner as soon

as you can within your bidding system.

In future articles, we will discuss related concepts, including opener's follow up bids to your single raise, responder's game forcing raises, and distinguishing between 3 and 4 or more card support. Remember you can call or email us with any questions and, as always, have fun at the table!

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# WBL SOLVERS' CLUB'S NEW PROBLEMS

## 1) IMPs, You're Vulnerable

♠ - ♥ AKQ43 ♦ KJ105♣ 10965

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

## 2) IMPs, Both Vulnerable

♠ QJ106 ♥ AQ72 ♦ 753 ♣ K2

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
Pass	Pass	Dbl	3 ♥
???			Pass

## 3) Matchpoints, You're Vulnerable

♠ K53 ♥ KJ63 ♦ 3 ♣ KQ1073

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
1 ♣	1 ♠	2 ♠ *	Pass
???			*limit raise or better in clubs

## 4) Matchpoints, Both Vulnerable

♠ J10732 ♥ J92 ♦ AK85 ♣ 3

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
???		1 ♥	Pass

## 5) IMPs, None Vulnerable

♠ A4 ♥ J63 ♦ A9864 ♣ J109

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
???		1 ♠	2 ♣

Return answers by October 4 to:  
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*Good luck! We look forward to seeing you on Thursday evenings.*

September/October 2011