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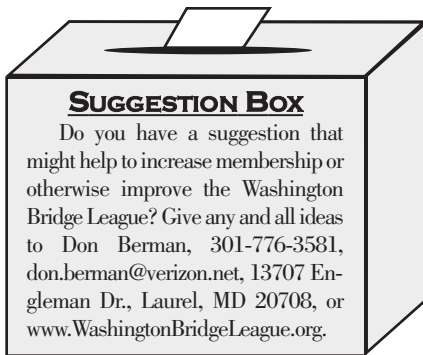
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PRESIDENT'S LETTER

by WBL President, Richard Ferrin

IN MEMORIAM: It is with great sadness that I must report that *Millard Nachtwey* passed away recently. Millard was a brilliant director, with an amazing mastery of bridge movements, coordination of large and sometimes pressure-filled events, all with an even temper and demeanor that made even the most demanding tasks, such as serving as the Chief Director for the Fall North American Bridge Championships, seem effortless. Millard also played frequently in the WBL unit game and District Six Grand National Teams, with several excellent results, including second place in the 2004 Open Flight, and first in the 2006 0-5000 Flight. Last year, the WBL awarded Millard the Machlin Trophy for Sportsmanship.—It seemed the criteria for the award were written to describe Millard. He will be sorely missed, not only to the functioning of the WBL, but to all of us who have played bridge with him or against

him. *A collection of memories starts on p.3.*

On a different subject, I'd like to recognize several of our younger players, who have distinguished themselves in national and international competition. The team captained by Alex Prairie, along with Sylvia Shi, Hakan Berk, and David Soukup, won the GNT Flight C national finals in Philadelphia. To give you an idea how young this team is, we have a number of individual WBL members who have live more years than these four players combined! Also, the team captained by Barry Bragin, along with Brad Theurer, Noble Shore and Mike Gill, all of whom are WBL members and regulars at the Unit Game, placed second in the GNT 0-5000 national finals. The next time you see any of them at your table at the Unit Game, please offer them congratulations. And be sure to bid and play perfectly, or else they will take you to the cleaners!

BITS AND PIECES

2012 SUMMER NABC PHILADELPHIA, PA

Congratulations to the 1st place overall National winners!

**Alexander Prairie, Sylvia Shi,
Hakan Berk, and David Soukup**
in the
Grand National Teams Flight C

NEW WBL PHONE DIRECTORY

Then new joint WBL-NVBA Phone Directory is here. It is available for pick up at the Unit Game.

OPT OUT?

If you'd like to stop receiving the printed version of the *WBL Bulletin*, please send your e-mail address to Don Berman:

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You will start receiving an e-mail link to the on-line version of the bulletin in lieu of your printed copy.

NEXT 1-DAY BRIDGE CLASS: SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

We will hold our next **One Day Bridge Class** on Sunday, September 30, 2012, as part of the WBL Sectional. Come join us as we start on *Defensive Play* topics. The cost is \$30, which includes materials and lunch. Please contact Shawn Stringer at shstringer@aol.com or 301-275-6363 with any questions or to reserve a space.

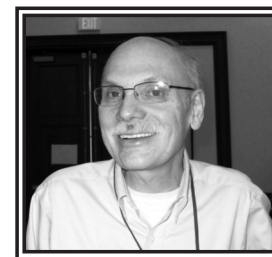
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The WBL welcomes the following new

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Memories of Millard 1953-2012

MILLARD NACHTWEY passed away Friday morning August 3rd, after a brave struggle with cancer. Millard's directing career began with his working at the Karpin Bridge Studio in Wheaton, MD in 1976. He worked with Edith McMullin in establishing a thriving intermediate/novice program at the Washington Bridge League Unit Game. Millard was the proprietor of Millard's Bridge Studio in Silver Spring MD, from 1978 through 1982, by which time his skills were in demand at the tournament level. He became a full-time tournament director, which necessitated his leaving his service on the WBL Board. Rising rapidly through the ranks of tournament directors, Millard soon became Director-in-Charge



of the WBL sectional tournaments and in 1992 became Director-in-Charge of the Mid-Atlantic Bridge Conference (MABC). In 1999, the ACBL recognized his talent by appointing Millard to be the Director-in-Charge of the ACBL Fall North American Bridge Championships.

"Millard faithfully served us for many years as our chief director. He always did an excellent job and even during the difficult times for the last year, his dedication



and composure never wavered. As much as we will miss the wonderful work he did for us, we will also miss him as the fine person that he was. Helpful, friendly and witty, it was always a joy to see him. In addition to being a top notch director and executive, he was a fine player. It is hard to imagine the MABC and our tournaments without him. Our deepest sympathy go out to Doug and to Millard's family and friends. May he rest in peace."

—Fred King (MABC President and past WBL President)

Millard became an ACBL field rep and acknowledged expert in all facets of tournament directing. He particularly relished solving complex problems caused by pairs going to the wrong table, incorrect board movement, or improper game setup. *Margot Hennings*, (NVBA Sectional Chair and ACBL District 6 Director) recalls:

"One famous Friday of a WBL sectional at the Silver Spring Armory, very many years ago, some of the boards that were intended to be on a bye stand were inadvertently picked up and taken out of play causing chaos. The problem was compounded by the original set-up, a 'simple' Blackpool, where once during the event the East-West pairs cross over into another section to finish the event. Millard worked out a solution to the puzzle that had pairs dancing everywhere. Amazingly creative, and it worked!"

In the words of fellow tournament director, *Terry Lavender*:

"It always amazed me to see Millard walk into an empty ballroom....I know that in his mind the crazy quilt of a set-up tournament spread out before him...the yellows, and greens, oranges, pinks and blues, all in their place, all ready for the people to begin....Even in a massive space like

Gatlinburg, he knew where every table was, the parameter of every section, and every available space to grow into. With spatial talent like that....he could have been a great architect....I'm glad he chose us...."

Expert players appreciated Millard's ability as a bridge player, which enabled him to make fine judgment rulings and made him unique among the ACBL's top-flight directors as a director who still loved to play.

"While we all thought the world of Millard as a Director, I had the privilege of playing bridge with him on and off over 30 years. We didn't play often, but whenever we did I was always reminded of two things. First, as declarer, Millard could play the spots off the cards. Second, it was a good thing that he declared so well because he definitely bid with 'abandon'. When you were his partner, you learned that he often bid many of your cards, and sometimes a few of the opponents' cards as well.

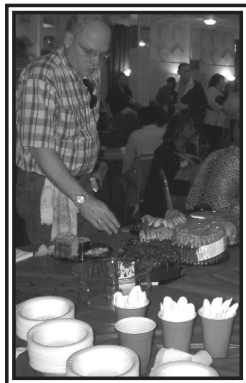
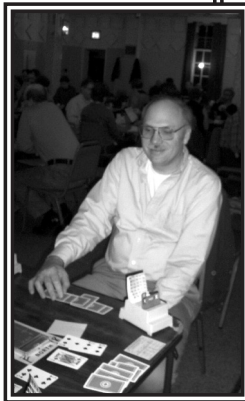
"My favorite memory of Millard as partner was back in the early 1980s...we were playing in a WBL Round Robin event with Carole and Ron Geagley as our teammates. We were probably seeded fifth out of six teams in our league. Inevitably, we had to play to the #1 seed, including world-class players – Steve Robinson, Peter Boyd, Kit Woolsey, and Eddie Manfield. Definitely outclassed by this team, Millard had his bidding shoes shined and ready to go. After some aggressive bidding by him and some cooperation by me, we landed in 6NT. Without batting an eyelash, Millard proceeded to take finesses for two jacks and wrap it up! I don't remember the hands, but I do remember Kit's mumbling something about the slam being cold because two jacks were on side. I just know Millard wouldn't have been so aggressive without those two tens!"

—Joan Lewis (past WBL President)

Millard contributed much of his time helping the MABC run very successful tournaments. He was always willing to give expert advice on tournament locations, event scheduling, finances and other issues not ordinarily in the purview of a tournament director. Millard also went above and beyond for WBL local events, cooking with *Nadine Wood* (passed Tournament Chair and ACBL District 6 Director) and *Kitty Gottfried* (Hospitality Chair) for sectionals, holiday parties and annual meetings.

"I had known Millard for over 20 years. We played at Kitty Pickett's game regularly; after he became National Director we still played at the Unit game whenever possible. He was a kind partner and nice even when I goofed playing hands or bidding.

"Millard and I worked at Nadine's house on Wednesday nights before our sectionals (there were a few other players who helped there, but always Millard) for many years. On one occasion I had to mix ingredients in a 5-gallon can and I was struggling to mix with a spoon, so he rolled up his sleeves and took over. I thought "Wow"! I have never forgotten it.



"There are so many memories with Millard but it's so hard to think and tell now. I really miss you, Millard. Hope you are at peace in heaven now." —Kitty

What did he do in his spare time? Millard enjoyed going to the theater and reading fantasy fiction. Two of his favorite hobbies, playing bridge and cooking, were frequently combined. Millard especially enjoyed playing in home leagues of round robins and knockouts. His team and the opposition team were usually treated to gourmet dinners at his home before matches.

"I met Millard around 1979. For the past eight years or so, Millard and I have been teammates in the Round Robin and WBL Knockout events. Millard was always willing, even eager, to host the matches and cook and serve a great meal to his teammates and many of our opponents. He always made a good hearty meal, always used fresh vegetables creatively, sometimes included great appetizers and soup, sometimes he barbecued a chicken or pork roast. Sometimes we ate outside in his covered porch and almost always broke at the half to have homemade dessert of some kind. He cooked well, he played well, he hosted well. He was a great teammate.

"I attended many parties and get-togethers where Millard contributed some or all of the culinary treats served, and wow! were they tasty! So it seemed like a no-brainer to ask Millard and his 'sous-chef' Doug to cater my wedding. The wedding was an informal one held at my home followed by a reception. Millard and I selected some basic foods, but Millard pretty much made what he wanted, with my blessings. He pre-made some dishes, and some he cooked at my home. Millard and Doug did an incredibly good job with the food and drinks and attending to details that would have escaped many professional caterers. I consider myself lucky to have had such a well-catered wedding. And I still have the menu stuck on my refrigerator!

"Millard had directed locally for a long time and he was always calm, quiet, unflappable, and he always wore a pleasant smile while he nodded and said "Uh huh" at your story, and then quietly adjudicated and explained and ruled. So the first time I saw him in action at the national level, I was surprised and delighted to hear him YELL at a player to gain control. He actually raised his voice. I thought, "Way to go, Millard!" —Diane Walker

In 1993, he treated the directors working at our summer NABC to a final "Tournament Directors' Farewell Party" at his home featuring his favorite recipes. Again, his problem-solving skills were put to good use as he worked with partner and fellow National Tournament Director, Doug Grove, to ensure that the tournament was well covered, while he organized shuttles from the Marriott Wardman Park in downtown D.C. to their home so that all could participate in the feast. For those of you who own the famous "Après Bridge Yummies" cookbook, you need only turn to pages 79-88 to see what you missed!

A fine player and a great partner, Millard always got the best results from his partners because of his ever pleasant demeanor and refusal to criticize partner's mistakes.

"In the mid-1970's, Millard co-Directed the Intermediate/Novice game



(They're receiving their pins from the National Goodwill Committee—1992)



at the Thursday night Unit game where I caddied for him and my mom (Edith McMullin) from the age of 12 until I graduated high school. Over the years, as I struggled with math, Millard happily juggled his directing duties while tutoring me in math between rounds.



"Flash forward to the early 2000's when Millard offered to play with me when I returned to the bridge world, this time as a player and volunteer. In 2004, Millard and I teamed up with Richard Ferrin and Gene Kales in the Open GNTs.

"The first day of the event, in the first boards of the first quarter, I had a total mind loss and made a bid that put Millard in a horrible contract that he managed to keep to -1700! After

the hand was over, I was so distraught, I had to step away from the table and went to the bathroom to collect myself. When I came out, Millard was there and said the kindest, most sportsman like words that boiled down to 'stay calm and focus...there's a lot of match left to play.' So, not only did I go back and follow his advice, but we went on to take and make partial after partial for the rest of quarter, and went on to win that very same quarter. Since then, Millard's words have often (maybe too often!) come to mind, at the table and in life.

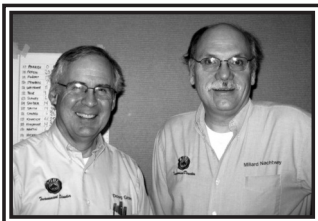
"Beyond these memories, there are so many more from where I'd see him at meetings on end giving his time, energy, and expertise to make the bridge community a home for all of us.

I'll always remember Millard as teacher, a partner, a leader, and a friend." —Charity Sack

That 2004 District Six Grand National Team went on to finish second overall.

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Millard leaves his life partner, Doug Grove, Doug's family, their cat Zephyr, and a host of bridge partners and friends that will very sorely miss him.

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St. James Episcopal Church, 11815 Seven Locks Rd., Rockville
- ♦ 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, SEPTEMBER 28

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

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

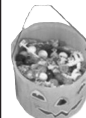
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- ♣ **1-Day Bridge Class: Advance Your Game** 10:30am
- ♦ B/C/D Swiss Teams, VPs (2500/1000/500, 7 round playthru w/short break) 11:00am & TBA
- ♥ 300/100/50 Swiss Teams, VPs (single sessions) 11:00am, 3:00pm



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NLM Stratified Pairs (500/200/100 and 50/20/10)3:15 pm

Sunday, September 23 (All day playthrough with lunch break)

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

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WBL SOLVERS' CLUB

Moderated by Steve Robinson

robinswr@erols.com

Congratulations to **Jim Munday** and **Brad Theurer** who tied for first with a score of 460. They win a free entry to the Unit Game, and will be invited to be on a future panel. Tied for third were **Jim Allen, Barry Bragin** and **Wes Goldberg** with a score of 450. Tied for sixth were **Marvin Elster** and **Enid Hughes** with a score of 440. Tied for eighth were **Don Berman, Al Duncker, Ron Zucker, Ram Sarangan, Yi Zhong** and **Mitch Edelman** with a score of 430. Tied for fourteenth were **Susan Rosenau, Steve Nessler, Kathy Paramore, Sylvia Shi, Mark Chen** and **Thomas Fukawa** with a score of 420. The average score of the 163 solvers was 345. The average score of the experts was 442.

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

1) IMPs, You're Vulnerable

♠ AKJ65 ♥ 1054 ♦ - ♣ AQJ54

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
2♥	3♦*	Dbl	1♥
????	*good heart raise		
Action	Score	Votes	Solvers
Double	100	8	43
4♣	70	2	48
3♠	60	0	22
Pass	50	0	21
4♥	50	0	9
4♠	30	0	14
5♣	20	0	3
4♦	20	0	1
5♠	20	0	1
6♥	20	0	1

What does partner's double of 3♦ mean? Doubles of artificial bids are penalty doubles. It seems logical that partner has at least five diamonds and he has to have some strength. So how do you continue having bid Michaels which shows at least 5-5 spades and either minor? Passing 3♥ is weak. You could have bid 2♥ with as little as ♠ QJ1098 ♥ x ♦ xx ♣ QJ1098. If you bid a suit you show extra length or a reasonable hand with not much defense. You might bid 4♣ holding ♠ KQJxx ♥ x ♦ xx ♣ KQJxx, since you have all offense with very little defense. Double shows a defensive good hand with heart length. And guess what. You have a defensive good hand with heart length.

All but two experts double. Partner does not know which minor you have which could be a problem. If you believe the opponent's bidding, partner has both minors. We assume that he has fewer than three spades. If the opponents have at least eight hearts, then he also has fewer than three hearts. I would not double 3♦ unless I also had club support. With a diamond one-suiter such as ♠ xx ♥ x ♦ KQJxxxx ♣ xx, I would

either pass 3♦, or jump to 5♦.

Parker: “Double—Shows a good Michaels and lets partner decide what to do. He is short in Hearts and should have at least a three-card fit with me somewhere. Give him as little as ♠xx♥x♦Kxxxx♣Kxxx and we have may have a slam, if he passes I will look for a new partner.”

I’m sure if partner leaves in the double, it will be the right move.

Woolsey: “Double—If partner doesn’t fit one of my suits, I can’t imagine them coming close to making this. They don’t have any tricks outside of the trump suit, and they won’t have many trumps left when I get through leading them (yes, I’m leading a trump). If he does fit one of my suits, he can bid what is right.”

King: “Double—I would pass if I were sure it was forcing. I don’t think this is penalty, but shows a good Michaels call and asks partner to do something.”

Michaels is an unlimited bid. You could have had a very bad hand. Pass is not forcing.

Schwartz: “Double—Shows good hand with clubs as my second suit. Not without risk as partner might just have good diamonds but with this much extra values I have to do something. The opponents don’t always have their bid.”

Hopkins: “Double—I think this should suggest defense and extra values including Aces in my suits, shortness in Diamonds and partner can bid appropriately including leaving it in.”

Why would double show clubs as your second suit? You could just as easily have ♠AKJ65♥1054♦AQJ54♣—.

Adams: “Double—This shows a strong Michaels. Presumably partner has diamonds and they are in trouble. Partner can still bid if he has a fit.”

Stone: “Double—A picture bid really. You’ve already announced you have five spades and five of a minor. Double says that you have extra strength but not extra length, and no tolerance for diamonds. With ♠AKJxx♥—♦xxx♣AQJxx, you would bid 4♥ after partner doubled 3♦. Partner can pass the double when it is right. Partner will not expect a concentration of values in hearts since with, for example, ♠AJxxx♥KQJ♦—♣Axxxx, you would have bid 1♠, not 2♥. 3♠ is wrong because it distorts your spade length. Partner may pass with two spades and three or four clubs. Similarly, 4♣ is wrong because it distorts your club length. Pass is out of the question. If you pass, how is partner to know to bid on vulnerable with ♠Qx♥x♦J10xxxx♣xxxx, when you’re on a finesse for a club slam?”

I don’t think partner would double 3♦ with a bad hand just because he has diamonds.

Paulo: “4♣—Partner should have a singleton heart; even though he might hold several diamonds, partner has a fit in some black suit, for sure. With a winning finesse - as it is likely - I suggest a vulnerable game: 4♠ or 5♣.”

Landen: “4♣—Partner is short in hearts and has a string of diamonds. I think I’m too good not to take another bid, 4♣ shows extras and tells partner what my minor is.”

When you make a bid with unlimited strength and you’re strong, you have to tell partner that you have a good hand.

2) IMPs, Both Vulnerable

♠K84♥1095♦AJ1065♣J10

<u>SOUTH</u>	<u>WEST</u>	<u>NORTH</u>	<u>EAST</u>
????		3♦	Pass
<u>Action</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Votes</u>	<u>Solvers</u>
4♦	100	4	32
5♦	90	3	66
3NT	70	2	9
3♥	70	1	3
6♦	50	0	4
Pass	40	0	45
4♠	40	0	2
7♦	30	0	1

Partner opened 3♦ and we have five-card support with very little outside strength. It seems obvious that the opponents can make something. What can we do to make it more difficult for the opponents to get to their best contract? You defiantly want to take some room away from the opponents. If you pass, West would double, East would jump to game and now West would know that his partner has values. If East was 4-4 in the majors, he could cue bid and find their eight-card fit.

Three experts bid what they think they can make. Two experts bid 3NT. In 3NT, LHO leads a spade, you win and run partner’s eight-card diamond suit. Back to the real world.

Parker: “3NT—Might as well start low and see what happens. I play that when they show strength later on my 3NT asks partner to save if he feels it is correct, if I bid 4♦ now, it would ask partner to not save since I may have good defense.”

King: “3NT—Clearly they have at least a vulnerable game, and maybe a slam. Let’s muddy the waters and see what happens.”

One expert thinks he can make 3♥.

Paulo: “3♥—By preempting, I’d be telling the opponents that I think they can make a slam.”

It would be funny if you bought it for 3♥.

-800 would be a funny score if the opponents could make 6♥.

Three experts join me and raise diamonds. We think that LHO will double and RHO will bid four-of-a-major. Neither player will know that his partner has extra values. If East is 4-4 in the majors, he’ll have to guess which one to bid and they might get to a seven-card fit. If East is 3325, he’ll be forced to bid 5♣ over his partner’s takeout double. If you bid 4♦, it will be wrong for you to later bid 5♦. By bidding 5♦ later, the opponents will have learned something and will be in a position to better work out what to do over 5♦.

Schwartz: “4♦—Don’t want to disclose the huge diamond fit to the opponents. Want to leave room for them to rest in four-of-a-major.”

Hopkins: “4♦—Make it easy for them to bid game without being able to gage their total strength well thus making slam exploration difficult. It is likely the strong hand is on my left which diminishes the likelihood my Spade king is a defensive trick.”

Stone: “4♦—The key here is to take away the bid that would allow the opponents to cuebid below game, and that bid is 4♦. Both opponents are probably going to have extra values but will have trouble showing it without the 4♦ cuebid available. Each opponent will have to cater to his partner having stretched a bit and will therefore tend to go conservative. A bid by you at the five-level invites bad results. If you propel them to slam, they are likely to make it. Your expectation is probably 0-2 tricks in defense, including none in diamonds, in whichever suit they choose, and you know they are not getting bad breaks. Meanwhile, with your balanced hand, you can expect to go for 800 or even 1100 in 5♦, so sacrificing cannot be a good strategy. 4♦ really sticks out here as the best bid.”

Three experts tell the opponents that it’s their hand. LHO will double and RHO might pass the double for lack of anything clear to bid. I think the last contract you want to play in is 5♦ doubled. If you’re lucky and hold 5♦ to down two, -500 will gain only four IMPs if the opponents can make five-of-a-major. I’d expect 5♦ doubled to go for at least 800.

Adams: “5♦—I suppose this could go for 1100, but 800 or even 500 more likely. Against that, opponents likely have a slam and will not know if this is a game or slam decision. I dislike 5♦ as a save, but I love it as a preempt, that applies maximum pressure and makes the opponents guess.”

Woolsey: “5♦—If this is going for 1100 the opponents will have a slam, and going for

800 against their game isn’t so bad. The extra level of bidding this takes away from the opponents will make a big difference.”

Landen: “5♦—Opponents can almost certainly make at least game, so I’ll not lose much even if 5♦ doubled is down 800.”

Bidding 5♦ gives the opponents a fielder’s choice. They can double you and get 800 or they can bid and make five-of-a-major. Bidding 4♦ and then bidding 5♦ also gives the opponents a fielder’s choice.

3) IMPs, You’re Vulnerable

♠AK2♥2♦AQ43♣KQ987

<u>SOUTH</u>	<u>WEST</u>	<u>NORTH</u>	<u>EAST</u>
1♣	1♠	DBL	Pass
????			
<u>Action</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Votes</u>	<u>Solvers</u>
2♠	100	5	15
3♦	80	2	19
2NT	70	1	42
3NT	50	2	37
2♦	30	0	44
3♣	30	0	1
5♦	30	0	1
1NT	30	0	3
5NT	20	0	1
4♠	20	0	0

Partner made a negative double and we have enough strength that we could easily have a game. But which game? There are at least three strong bids that we could make. We could jump to 2NT showing a balanced 18-19. However, partner might insist on playing in hearts thinking that we have at least two of them. He might pass 2NT when we belong in diamonds. We could jump in diamonds but 3♦ is non-forcing and you’d make the same bid if you had one less king. Then there’s 2♠, the cue bid. While 1♣ - 1♥ - 2♦ is a reverse and shows extra values, 2♦ after a negative double is not a reverse. After the negative double, 2♦ would show a hand like ♠xx♥Qx♦QJxx♣AKJxx.

Two experts jump in diamonds. 3♦ describes your minor suit distribution which is correct but 3♦ is non-forcing. Give partner as little as ♠xxx♥Qxxx♦Kxxx♣Jx and 5♦ has play.

Parker: “3♦—Good hand, jump shift values. He can bid 3♠ if he wants to get to 3NT. 2♦ would not show this strong a hand over a negative double, just a four-card suit.”

Woolsey: “3♦—2♦ would not show reverse values. If we belong in 3NT, we can still get there. For now it is important to show my minor-suit shape and extra strength.”

Three experts bid notrump. If partner has

♠xx♥xxxx♦Kxxxx♣Ax, you could go down in 3NT while cold for 6♦. If I was on lead against 3NT holding ♠Qxxxx♥AKx♦xx♣xxx, I would lead a heart.

Paulo: “3NT—If I bid diamonds and we belong in notrump, partner can’t bid it; if I bid notrump and we belong in clubs, partner might bid it.”

Landen: “3NT—What I expect to be our most likely game. 2♦ could lead to finding a better game or slam, but it also might sway LHO to lead a heart.”

One expert bids 2NT. If partner passed 2NT, I would not be very happy.

Adams: “2NT—Tempting to bid 2♠, but this has two flaws. 1) I will have difficulty convincing partner that I have double stopper, and 2) partner’s rebid will be forced and will communicate very little. 2♦ is not a reverse on this auction so is out of the question. 2NT, though flawed, shows the stoppers and will enable a rebid structure that is comfortable.”

Not sure why you don’t want to hear partner’s next bid. If he doesn’t bid hearts, maybe you don’t belong in notrump.

Four experts join me and cue bid. Cue bidding does not stop you from getting to 3NT when it’s right. You have answers for each of partner’s next bid. If partner bids 3♥, you can bid 3NT. If partner bids 3♣ you can bid 3♦. If partner bids 3♦ you can think about a diamond slam.

King: “2♠—I don’t want to bid notrump with a singleton in partner’s heart suit and I need to force to game. 2♦ is not a reverse and 3♦ gets us too high.”

Schwartz: “2♠—Need to start with 2♠ as 2♦ does not show extras. Hopefully I will be able to show my diamonds later if it seems right.”

Hopkins: “2♠—I am going to set the force and follow by bidding Diamonds.”

Stone: “2♠—Very close. I don’t like 2NT because you may end up in 3NT going down when 6♦ is cold. Give partner ♠xx♥9xxx♦Kxxxx♣Ax. I think 3♦ shows a more distributional hand with fewer points for instance ♠xx♥x♦AQJx♣AKxxxx and isn’t forcing. With your actual hand, 3♦ is liable to get you past 3NT when that is the only makeable game. The only drawback to 2♠ is that you can’t stop at 2NT when that is the limit of the hand. But you can handle everything else. For example, if partner rebids 3♦, you can explore slam.”

With the problem hand, I would not want to stop in 2NT.

You’re allowed to get partner’s help in order to get to the best spot.

4) IMPs, You’re Vulnerable

♠A10872♥Q3♦Q64♣AQ8

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
1♠	Pass	1♦	1♥
2♥	Dbl	1NT	Pass
Rdbl	Pass	Pass	Pass
?????		2♠	Pass
Action	Score	Votes	Solvers
2NT	100	3	7
3NT	90	4	47
3♦	60	1	28
3♣	60	1	10
3♥	60	0	17
Pass	50	1	21
4♠	40	0	24
3♠	40	0	6
4NT	20	0	1
4♦	20	0	2

Partner has shown a weak notrump with exactly two spades. With three spades, he could have raised your five-card showing 1♠-bid directly. If he thought that his heart stopper was better than his three spades, he might not have raised your spades. However, he would have supported us directly over the double of our game-forcing cue bid holding three spades. So now what? The problem is what would Opener bid over 1♠ if he held ♠Kx♥xxxx♦AKJx♣Kxx? In other words does 1NT guarantee a heart stopper or could you bid 1NT on any balanced hand? I know lots of players who bid 1NT on all balanced hands.

Four experts bid 3NT assuming that there are no other possible contracts.

Parker: “3NT—I don’t think partner has three spades since he did not bid 2♠ over the double. My guess is he has something like ♠xx♥Kxx♦AKxxx♣Kxx or some hand close to that.”

What would Opener bid if he held ♠Kx♥xxx♦AKxxx♣Kxx over your forcing 1♠-bid?

Hopkins: “3NT—Hopefully my Heart Queen should make partner’s Jxx or 10xxx stand up as a stopper. Then we should be able to keep the threat hand off lead.”

Stone: “3NT—I’m not a good enough player to stay out of game with 14 HCP vulnerable at IMPs unless the auction screams that there’s a problem—and I haven’t heard it. Partner can’t have three spades or he would have immediately bid 2♠ over the double. Partner must have a real heart stopper or he would have immediately pulled 2♥ doubled to show his fifth diamond or fourth club. Partner can’t be

2=2=5=4 with Kx of hearts or he would have pulled the redouble to 3♣. Partner is 2=3=4=4 or possibly 2=3=5=3. I’m playing in game, and the auction is screaming for 3NT.”

Landen: “3NT—What I should have bid on the previous round. Have they started paying a bonus for gratuitous bids?”

Four experts join me and look for other possibilities. Cue bids are forcing to game so you don’t have to worry about partner passing your next bid. Under some circumstances, you could play in four-of-a-minor. If partner has KQ or KJ of spades, we could easily belong in spades.

One expert supports diamonds. Partner might expect you to have four-card diamond support.

Woolsey: “3♦—This hand could belong in 3NT, 4♠, or 5♦. Showing the diamond support leaves all options open to partner.”

One expert bids 3♣. Partner might expect you have at least four clubs.

Paulo: “3♣—I see this bid as flexible because if partner has a true stopper he can bid 3NT. If he has three spades he can re-raise my suit else partner can rebid his own suit.”

Two experts join me and bid 2NT. 2NT allows partner to describe his hand. Bidding 2NT and then bidding 3NT will tell partner that you are not sure about playing in 3NT. If he has three little hearts, he should run from 3NT. 2NT followed by 3NT shows doubt. If 3NT was clear, you wouldn’t bid 2NT first.

King: “2NT—Partner clearly doesn’t have three spades and I have help for notrump. This must be forcing, so let’s hear what more partner wants to do.”

Adams: “2NT—2♥ created a game force, so 2NT is forcing. Partner may have been on a marginal heart stopper and will appreciate my help. It would not surprise me if we get too high. Definitely want to steer this to notrump if possible.”

One expert passes. You do have 14 HCP opposite an opening bid and you’re vulnerable at IMPs. Like Stone said. We’re not good enough to stay out of game with 14 opposite an opening bid.

Schwartz: “Pass—Looks like I have a 12 count with no fit. Would be an easier bid not vulnerable or at matchpoints, but we are likely to have four losers in spades, or three in diamonds.”

Like problem three, you’re allowed to get partner’s help in order to get to the best spot.

5) IMPs, None Vulnerable

♠A53♥1074♦9853♣J53

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

Action	Score	Votes	Solvers
2♣	100	5	5
1♥	90	4	70
1NT	80	1	38
1♠	80	0	41
2♦	20	0	4
Pass	20	0	5

There is one of my principles here. Don’t bid a three-card major unless there are no other alternatives. The four unhappy choices are 1♥, 1♠, 1NT or 2♣. You know what I think about one-of-either-major. If we bid 1♥ and partner has four of them he could bid too much. With 16 points, he’ll jump to 3♥. With more he’ll bid 4♥. If the jack of clubs were the jack of diamonds, I would bid 1NT. Lie about strength not about distribution. Bidding 1NT without a diamond stopper could lead to a disaster. So 2♣ is the only bid left standing. Over 2♣, partner is unlikely to jump directly to 5♣.

Four experts bid their three-card major. I could see partner holding ♠KQJx♥Axxxx♦♣AKQx, bidding keycard and then bidding 6♥ expecting to have play opposite any four-card heart holding. The last thing you want is for partner to bid a gambling 4♥.

Parker: “1♥—Not good enough to bid 1NT, if partner has a good hand, which it sounds like, he will show his hand next. I don’t want him thinking I have a diamond stopper yet.”

You’d rather partner think that you have four hearts.

Woolsey: “1♥—Not quite strong enough to try 1NT with no true diamond stopper, so bid the lowest three-card suit and hope partner doesn’t get too carried away.”

Stone: “1♥—The choices are 1♥ or 2♣. I know and support the Moderator’s preference for 2♣ with this hand in the case of a take-out double. But this is a balancing double, not a take-out double. It’s hard to imagine partner with fewer than 16 points. Partner is more likely, in my view, to have a long, yet-unnamed suit or a balanced strong notrump.”

Landen: “1♥—Not 1♠ for the lead.”

Four experts join me and find an alternative to bidding a three-card major.

Paulo: “2♣—I don’t like to bid three-card majors because partner might raise with only three cards or jump raise with four cards.”

King: “2♣—I want the bid that least excites partner. Bidding a major is likely to get a raise with only four. Now if partner bids a major he is promising five.”

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Updated by John Adams

The Lovenberg Race is open to all WBL members; the Izzy Cohen Race is open to all WBL members who started the calendar year with less than 1500 masterpoints; the Tubbs Race is open to all WBL members who started the calendar year as a Non-Life Master with less than 500 masterpoints; the Woolridge Race is open to all WBL members who started the calendar year with less than 20 masterpoints.

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

This list is up to date through August 23, 2012, not including the Round Robin. All points are subject to audit by the WBL Director.

Lovenberg

1	236.85	John Adams
2	150.53	Steve Robinson
3	100.63	Clyde Kruskal
4	99.52	James Geist
5	97.30	Donna Rogall
6	89.62	David Ruderman
7	82.46	Mark Shaw
8	81.90	William Cole
9	76.51	Robert Bell
10	76.12	Noble Shore
11	73.13	Jason Meyer
12	72.52	Peter Boyd
13	71.85	Michael Richey
14	71.83	Alfred Steinberg
15	69.64	Brad Theurer
16	67.89	William Hacker
17	65.62	Leo LaSota
18	65.60	Michael Gill
19	65.33	Lloyd Rawley
20	64.45	Martin Graf
21	61.38	Leon Letwin
22	59.71	Ellen Klosson
23	58.77	Merril Hirsh
24	58.75	Steven Schatzow
25	57.82	Larry Kahn

Izzy Cohen

1	54.06	Alexander Prairie
2	44.55	Guillaume de Decker
3	36.19	James Beller
4	35.62	Hadi Abushakra
5	35.16	Ernie Schuler
6	34.44	David Genne
7	34.29	Dale Sanders
8	34.16	Larry Wallace
9	30.50	Alfred Liepold
10	30.06	Matthew Lahut
11	28.76	Eldon Compton
	28.76	Gabriel Cornett
13	28.63	Leon Masiewicki
14	27.94	Ollie Thomas
	27.94	Julie Thomas

Tubbs

1	54.06	Alexander Prairie
2	35.16	Ernie Schuler
3	28.76	Eldon Compton
	28.76	Gabriel Cornett
5	28.63	Leon Masiewicki
6	27.94	Julie Thomas
	27.94	Ollie Thomas
8	26.30	David Marshall
9	24.90	Ajit Thyagarajan
10	24.61	Daniel Falk

Woolridge

1	21.56	Myron Goldstein
2	15.51	Mahmoud Katirai
	15.51	Shala Panbechi
4	14.06	Jane Marsh
	14.06	Johnny Marsh
6	12.27	Robert Linn
7	9.26	Tina Brinsfield
8	7.28	Ted Proxmire
9	5.15	Jill Benson
10	5.11	Julie Marquette

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

The cost is \$.55. This includes a 30 minute lesson followed by fun, enjoyable bridge for players with 0-20 masterpoints.

Lessons will cover slam bidding, weak twos, 3 level+ pre-empts, overcalls, takeout doubles, negative doubles, opening leads, and signaling. Each lesson will be tailored to the needs and interests of the players.

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

~ ♦ SCHEDULE ♥ ♠ ~

Most games held at Ohr Kodesh

09/13/12**StrataFlighted Upgraded Club Championship**09/20/12****StrataFlighted Grand National Teams**09/27/12****WBL Sectional**10/04/12****District 6 STaC Stratified Pairs

10/11/2012StrataFlighted Club Appreciation Pairs

10/18/2012StrataFlighted BAM Teams; NLM Pairs

10/25/2012NVBA Sectional

11/01/2012StrataFlighted Grand National Teams

11/08/2012StrataFlighted Unit Championship

11/15/2012StrataFlighted Unit Championship

11/22/2012Closed Thanksgiving

11/29/2012StrataFlighted Unit Championship

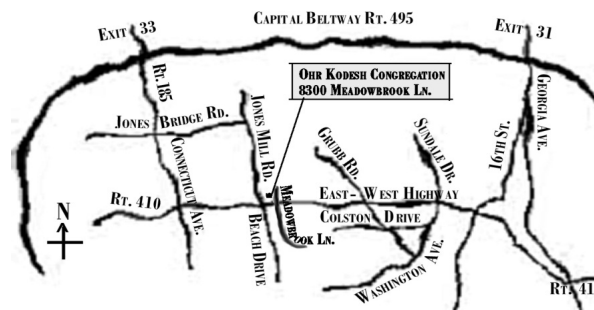
12/06/2012Stratified Grass Roots FUNd Game

12/13/2012D6 STaC Stratified Pairs

12/20/12**Holiday Party/ StrataFlighted Unit Champ12/27/2012Stratified GNTTeams/NLM Charity Pairs**01/03/13****WBL Sectional

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

For a Last-Minute Partner, to say you'll be late, to hear announcements (closings posted by 4pm), or to contact the Unit Game for any reason, call the WBL Cell Phone:

(301) 395-2760**MAP TO OHR KODESH CONGREGATION**

ALERT! The Unit Game is now played at Ohr Kodesh. NO OUTSIDE FOOD IS ALLOWED. Snacks and drinks will be provided.

**WBL GUARANTEED
PARTNER PROGRAM**

You never need to miss the unit game because you don't have a partner at the last minute! The WBL has a guaranteed partner (GP) program for players who occasionally need a partner for the unit game. Here's how it works: we provide a standby partner; if an odd number of people in need of a partner arrive, we match the players as best we can, and the GP plays with the one who is left. (If there is an even number of players looking, the GP goes home). You can always get a game.

Players in search of partners should try to arrive between 7:00 and 7:15 (or call ahead). The partnership desk closes at 7:25. You can call the WBL cell phone **(301) 395-2760** at the last minute if are on your way and know you'll be at bit late.

To find a partner in the Open or B/C/D game at least a day in advance, contact **Barbara Doran** at UnitGamePartner@DistrictSix.org or barbd@star-power.net, or call 301-608-0347 between 9am and 10pm. To find a partner for the NLM game, contact **Shawn Stringer** at 301-275-6363 or ShStringer@aol.com.

You might want to volunteer for the GP program yourself. It's a great way to meet people. If you play on the night you're the GP, you play free. If you volunteer, you receive a free play for any future unit game whether or not you play that night.

Partnerships Close AT 7:25pm
TO START THE GAME PROMPTLY AT 7:30PM. CALL IF YOU'RE LATE, OR YOU MAY NOT BE ACCOMMODATED.

UNIT GAME CARPOOL AVAILABLE

To arrange a carpool, contact Don Berman, Carpool Coordinator, at 301-776-3581 or don.berman@verizon.net.Or log on to the WBL's **Online Carpool Notices** at: www.WashingtonBridgeLeague.org.

THE UNIT GAME

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

PARKING ON THURSDAY NIGHTS

- Be aware that our host site on Thursday nights, Ohr Kodesh Congregation, has a limited amount of parking spaces on its main lot but there is plentiful street parking to accommodate the typical number of attendees.
- Please note that Bridge League attendees may NOT park in spaces on the small "back parking lot" at the rear of the facility. The synagogue maintains a daily evening prayer service that begins at 8 PM and the spaces on this lot are reserved for its attendees.
- All attendees must avoid using the parking spaces that are marked reserved for the clergy, even when seemingly not in use; clergy often return to the facility for evening activities.
- All attendees should use handicapped parking spaces only when appropriate.
- All attendees should be respectful of the neighbors and avoid parking in front of driveways.
- All attendees are expected to observe parking restrictions related to street parking. "No Parking" signs are posted in certain areas and standard laws should be followed. In particular: maintain distances from curbs (within one foot), intersections with yellow curb or signage (35 feet), stop signs (30 feet), driveways (5 feet), other parked cars (two feet), fire hydrants (15 feet) and park in the same direction as the flow of traffic. Police do periodically patrol the area and parking tickets may be issued to violators.

SLOW PLAY (AGAIN!)

As noted on page 19, the WBL has adopted a modified slow play policy that will be in effect at all future Unit Games. The aim of this is not punitive – it is to keep the game moving smoothly, to keep the playing field level, to make players who repeatedly extend their thought processes into other players' time aware of their transgressions and responsibilities, and to increase consistency in application of warnings and penalties. We will be issuing warnings more proactively, and explicitly have the authority to issue penalties without prior warning in the most flagrant cases. We are also keeping track from week to week of repeat offenders.

This is intended to make the game more enjoyable for the majority of players; you are always welcome to let the directing staff or a board member know how well - or badly - it is working.

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,

UPCOMING SECTIONALS

- ♥ September 27-30, 2012, WBL
- ♠ October 25-28, 2012, NVBA
- ♣ January 3-6, 2013, WBL
- ♦ February 7-10, 2013, NVBA
- ♥ March 9-10, 2013, WBL, NLM
- ♠ April 4-7, 2013, WBL
- ♣ May 2-5, 2013, NVBA
- ♦ July 18-21, 2013, WBL
- ♥ September 19-22, 2013, NVBA
- ♠ October 3-6, 2013, WBL

Solvers' Club, cont. from p. 13...

Schwartz: "2♣—The bid least likely to get partner excited. If partner bids a major, then I have something."

Adams: "2♣—We've seen this problem with a second seat double. 1♥ lets partner rebid 1NT, but then we will end up in Hearts when partner has a strong 5-4 in majors. 2♣ risks a small minus, but we will get to the

right strain if partner bids more."

One expert bids 1NT. 1NT is constructive and shows a diamond stopper. I could see bidding 1NT with one flaw. However, two flaws are too much for me. Hopkins does have it right about bidding a three-card major.

Hopkins: "1NT—I always get raised to game if I bid a three-card major."

Don't bid a three-card major unless you would be burned at the stake if you failed to do so.

SOLVERS' SCORES

John Adams	Dbl	5♦	2NT	2NT	2♣	460
Robbie Hopkins	Dbl	4♦	2♠	3NT	1NT	470
Fred King	Dbl	3NT	2♠	2NT	2♣	470
Steve Landen	4♣	5♦	3NT	3NT	1♥	390
Steve Parker	Dbl	3NT	3♦	3NT	1♥	430
Manuel Paulo	4♣	3♥	3NT	3♣	2♣	350
Steve Robinson	Dbl	4♦	2♠	2NT	2♣	500
Alan Schwartz	Dbl	4♦	2♠	Pass	2♣	450
Robert Stone	Dbl	4♦	2♠	3NT	1♥	480
Kit Woolsey	Dbl	5♦	3♦	3♦	1♥	420

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THURSDAY, JANUARY 3

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

2013...
**Cheers to a
New Year &
a New Deal!**

FRIDAY, JANUARY 4

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

Panel & Party Show to Honor New Life Masters between sessions

SATURDAY, JANUARY 5

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


SUNDAY, JANUARY 6

WBL Trophy Race Winners' Presentation

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

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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.

Mid-chart allowed in all events except I/N

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

ACBL members: **Mr Joseph S Arcarese, Ms Louela E Bonner, Bilha Bryant, Eva Haak Hess, Mr Richard C Nicherson, Mrs Patricia E Nickerson, Sandra Read, Mrs Nancy Torray, Mr Timm Abendroth, Susan Burt, Carolin A Crabbe, Ms Geri B Elias, Louise M Huddleston, Ms Judith M Korn, Dianne E Michnick, Paul M Neves, Kathryn W Nordberg, and Georgine I Spisak.**

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.

BRING A FRIEND TO THE 0-20 OR NLM UNIT GAME!

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

NEW

WBL SLOW PLAY POLICY

The Washington Bridge League Board has voted to adopt the following Slow Play Policy:

Players are responsible for:

- 1) maintaining a pace consistent with the time allotted for the round,
- 2) being aware of the time remaining in each round
- 3) being seated and ready to play at the start of each new round, and
- 4) to make a concerted effort to catch up when behind, whether at fault or not.

Directors should:

- 1) determine fault for slow play when possible and
- 2) apply the following guidelines consistently (taking into account particular circumstances, including experience levels).
 - The first violation (2+ minutes late

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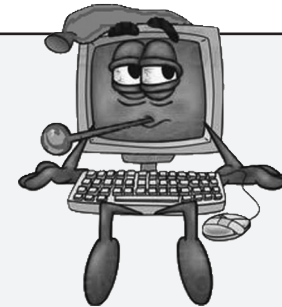
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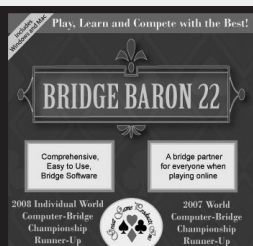
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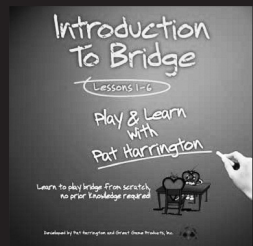
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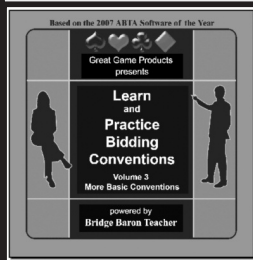


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TOP TEN CUMULATIVE POINT WINNERS

All Players

1	26.23	David Ruderman
2	24.49	Robert Bell
3	23.25	Lyle Poe Jr
4	20.39	Mark Shaw
5	18.99	James Geist
6	18.59	William Pettis
7	18.08	Peter Boyd
8	17.05	Fred King
	17.05	Ai-Tai Lo
10	17.03	Earl Glickstein

Players with fewer than 1500 masterpoints

1	12.78	Albert Lauber
2	11.12	Aaron Navarro
3	10.80	Hadi Abushakra
4	10.64	Forest Montgomery
5	9.40	Linda Dick
6	8.65	Wayne Bardsley
7	8.29	Jay Cherlow
8	8.24	Thomas Jennings
9	7.82	Carolyn Baird
	7.82	John Gauss

Players with fewer than 500 masterpoints

1	10.64	Forest Montgomery
2	8.65	Wayne Bardsley
3	8.24	Thomas Jennings
4	7.82	John Gauss
	7.82	Carolyn Baird
6	7.66	David Montague
	7.66	Norman Mitchell
8	6.09	Kellen Leister
9	5.99	Alan Skvirsky
10	5.71	Eiji Ishida

Players with fewer than 100 masterpoints

1	5.71	Eiji Ishida
2	4.65	Terry Klein
3	4.17	Catherine Bardsley
4	4.05	Duncan Thompson
5	3.84	Lou Bonner
6	3.42	Jill Benson
7	3.33	Ted Proxmire
8	3.15	Edna Small
9	3.03	Deena Kaplan
10	2.93	Edith Burzio
	2.93	Jean Barquin



On Saturday afternoon of the tournament, WBL President, Richard Ferrin presented the trophy to the Washington Bridge League Trophy Pairs winners: Jay Kelkar and Shuba Dey

—Results—

THUR MORN OPEN PAIRS AT ROCKVILLE

Stratum A, 28.5 Tables

1	Bert Chansky - Warren Manison	.66.99
2	Barry Falgout - Diane Walker	.65.74
3	Robert Levey - Erik Kitagawa	.64.96
4	Jeffrey Schwartz - Alan Schwartz	.62.25
5	Phyllis Kristianson - Mary Lafferty	.61.57
6	Linda Barton - William Pettis	.60.19

Stratum B, 20.0 Tables

1	Phyllis Kristianson - Mary Lafferty	.61.57
2	Terri Sanker - Kiyomi Shiba	.59.03
3	Bruce Steinwald - P Gould	.57.64
4	Richard Ray - Jon Ranhand	.57.41
5	Francesco Parisi-Presicce - Mike Frosch	.56.71
6	Joan Eisenfeld - Manny Eisenfeld	.56.67

Stratum C, 11.5 Tables

1	Bruce Steinwald - P Gould	.57.64
2	Peter Schiff - Jack Schiff	.54.08
3	Michael Platt - Terry Vann	.52.24
4	Lynn Bennett - Sarah Fox	.52.31
5	Lester Slaback - John Jackson	.51.16
6	Larry Wallace - Forest Montgomery	.49.54

THUR EVE B/C/D PAIRS

Stratum B, 26.0 Tables

1	John Gauss - Carolyn Baird	.66.37
2	Aaron Navarro - Mike Frosch	.64.39
3	Arun Guha - Elizabeth Nash	.63.83
4/5	Neal Rosenthal - Ellen Rosenthal	.61.36
4/5	Ted Proxmire - Charles King	.61.36

- 6 W Karl Van Newkirk - James Gerding 57.44
Stratum C, 22.5 Tables
 1 John Gauss - Carolyn Baird66.37
 2 Arun Guha - Elizabeth Nash63.83
 3 Ted Proxmire - Charles King61.36
 4 W Karl Van Newkirk - James Gerding 57.44
 5 Thomas Grahame - Gregory Christian 56.55
 6 Eldon Compton - Gabriel Cornett ...56.06

Stratum D, 16.0 Tables

- 1 John Gauss - Carolyn Baird66.37
 2 Arun Guha - Elizabeth Nash63.83
 3 W Karl Van Newkirk - James Gerding 57.44
 4 Thomas Grahame - Gregory Christian 56.55
 5 Eldon Compton - Gabriel Cornett ...56.06
 6 Robert Poriss - Parween Yunus55.66

THUR EVE NLM (WBL)

Stratum A, 7.0 Tables

- 1 Jean Barquin - Edith Burzio58.33
 2 Tom Palagano - Barbara Yuravlikver .57.92
 3 David Benson - Jill Benson57.08
 4 Mary Ourand - Michael Watts53.75
 5 Terry Klein - Myron Goldstein52.50

Stratum B, 4.0 Tables

- 1 Jean Barquin - Edith Burzio58.33
 2 Tom Palagano - Barbara Yuravlikver .57.92
 3 David Benson - Jill Benson57.08

THUR EVE 0-20 PAIRS

Stratum A, 5.0 Tables / Based on 4 Tables

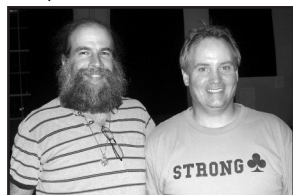
- 1 Kenneth Jones - Paula Leff54.17
 2 Lillian Glaser - Adele Ewing52.50
 3 Julie Marquette - Yaeko Perera51.67

Stratum B, 3.0 Tables

- 1 Kenneth Jones - Paula Leff54.17
 2 Lillian Glaser - Adele Ewing52.50

THUR EVE A/X PAIRS

Stratum A, 34.5 Tables / Based on 85 Tables



- 1 Jason Meyer - James Geist63.45
 2 Vincent Wilmot Jr - Arnie Frankel ..61.55
 3 Lyle Poe Jr - David Ruderman61.16
 4 Nancy Lea Ross - Paul Robb60.65
 5 Steve Robinson - John Adams60.43
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 7 Leo LaSota - Mark Shaw59.00
 8 Joan Lewis - Robert Hopkins Jr58.33
 9 Benjamin Stauss - Charles Young Jr .58.24

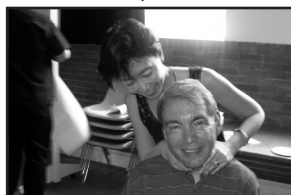
Stratum X, 17.0 Tables

- 1 Jason Meyer - James Geist63.45
 2 Benjamin Stauss - Charles Young Jr .58.24
 3 H John Edmonds - Larry Kahn58.14
 4 Behnaz Fardshisheh - Danijel Zenko .57.01

- 5 Mark Chen - Hal Hindman56.02
 6 Lloyd Rawley - Ronald Zucker55.78

THUR EVE 199ER PAIRS (NVBA)

Stratum A, 11.5 Tables



- 1 Yuen De Anda - Ron Sutter64.92
 2 Blair Curry - Judith Curry59.36
 3 Sandy Haberlin - John Haberlin56.95
 4 Katherine Culp - Janelle Gmitter55.84
 5 Kathleen LaMarre - Jeremy Billones .55.36
 6 Cathy McGarrigan - Sherry Griffin ..55.07

Stratum B, 10.0 Tables

- 1 Yuen De Anda - Ron Sutter64.92
 2 Sandy Haberlin - John Haberlin56.95
 3 Katherine Culp - Janelle Gmitter55.84
 4 Kathleen LaMarre - Jeremy Billones .55.36
 5 Cathy McGarrigan - Sherry Griffin ..55.07
 6 Pat Kibler - Donald Smith54.63

Stratum C, 4.5 Tables

- 1 Nancy Tarlano - Rozelin Prochaska .52.77
 2 Wayne Bardsley - Catherine Bardsley 52.38
 3 Gayle Tomasetti - Rose Marie Sanders 52.13
 4 James Connor - Debbie Moore51.26

FRI AM OPEN PAIRS

Stratum A, 16.5 Tables / Based on 29 Tables



- 1 Alfred Steinberg - Clyde Kruskal ...65.34
 2 Michael Stoller - Robert Kutz61.93
 3 Linda Marshall - Steven Schatzow ..61.57
 4 Hanna Schepps - Shawn Stringer61.55
 5 Jim Wakefield - Kenneth Davis60.54
 6 Jeffrey Schwartz - Annie Schwartz ..59.47

Stratum B, 11.0 Tables

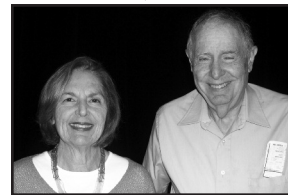
- 1 Michael Stoller - Robert Kutz61.93
 2 Michael Gottesman - Silas Wasserstrom 54.17
 3 Thomas Jennings - Steven Fox54.13
 4 Albert Lauber - Jay Cherlow52.89
 5 Barry Lieberman - Mary Baxter52.84
 6 Alfred Caponiti - Alfred Liepold52.08

Stratum C, 5.5 Tables

- 1 Barry Lieberman - Mary Baxter52.84
 2 John Gauss - Carolyn Baird47.54
 3 Margie Mastran - Ruth Glen45.66
 4 Betty Ladd - Mike Ladd44.42

FRI AM 299ER PAIRS

Stratum A, 11.5 Tables



- 1 Barbara Levine - Neil Crane63.43
 2 Kellen Leister - Wayne Bardsley59.39
 3 Carol Kahn - Temma Kanowith59.36
 4 Susan Myers - Ina Smith-Tornberg ..58.63
 5 Jill Benson - Gale Greenbaum58.58
 6 William Morris - Kathleen Zellmer ..56.23

Stratum B, 10.0 Tables

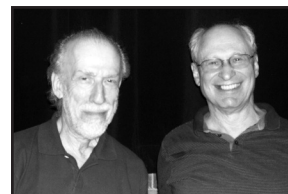
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 3 Carol Kahn - Temma Kanowith59.36
 4 Susan Myers - Ina Smith-Tornberg ..58.63
 5 Jill Benson - Gale Greenbaum58.58
 6 William Morris - Kathleen Zellmer ..56.23

Stratum C, 4.5 Tables

- 1 Susan Myers - Ina Smith-Tornberg ..58.63
 2 Jill Benson - Gale Greenbaum58.58
 3 Cheri Hayes - Tina Brinsfield51.26
 4 Edith Burzio - Jean Barquin44.76

FRI AFT A/X PAIRS

Stratum A, 11.0 Tables / Based on 30 Tables



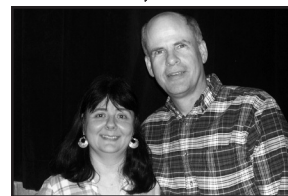
- 1 Leon Letwin - Donald Berman65.77
 2 Steven Schatzow - Linda Marshall ..64.88
 3 Mike Cappelletti Sr - Amanda Carter .62.50
 4 Arnie Frankel - David Ruderman58.63
 5 Leo LaSota - John Adams56.25
 6 Peter Boyd - Ellen Klosson54.46

Stratum X, 4.0 Tables

- 1 Richard Price - Mark Cohen50.60
 2 Robert Stearns - William Goldman ..47.62
 3 Kevin O'Brien - Lynda Flanger46.43

FRI AFT B/C/D PAIRS

Stratum B, 10.0 Tables



- 1 Mary Peters - Thomas Peters66.67

- 2 Alfred Caponiti - Alfred Liepold ...63.04
 3 David Montague - Norman Mitchell ..58.55
 4 Donna Hankey-Woods - Douglas Woods 58.33
 5 Francesco Parisi-Presicce - Mike Frosch 56.33
 6 John Gauss - Carolyn Baird55.36

Stratum C, 8.5 Tables

- 1 Mary Peters - Thomas Peters66.67
 2 David Montague - Norman Mitchell ..58.55
 3 Donna Hankey-Woods - Douglas Woods 58.33
 4 John Gauss - Carolyn Baird55.36
 5 Steven Fox - Marc Stone54.13

Stratum D, 5.0 Tables

- 1 David Montague - Norman Mitchell ..58.55
 2 Donna Hankey-Woods - Douglas Woods 58.33
 3 John Gauss - Carolyn Baird55.36
 4 Larry Wallace - Forest Montgomery .47.54

FRI AFT 299ER PAIRS

Stratum A, 9.0 Tables



- 1 Julie Thomas - Ollie Thomas61.01
 2 Heide Blaker - Lynne Battle58.33
 3 James Summers Jr - Larry Carswell .55.95
 4 Ron Sutter - Yuen De Anda55.36
 5 Alan Skvirsky - Yasmin Jiwa54.46

Stratum B, 7.5 Tables

- 1 Ollie Thomas - Julie Thomas61.01
 2 Heide Blaker - Lynne Battle58.33
 3 Ron Sutter - Yuen De Anda55.36
 4 Alan Skvirsky - Yasmin Jiwa54.46
 5 Wayne Bardsley - Kellen Leister51.79

Stratum C, 3.5 Tables

- 1 Heide Blaker - Lynne Battle58.33
 2 Sandy Haberlin - John Haberlin50.60
 3 Sharon Saponikow - Reina Lerner50.30

FRI EVE A/X IMP PAIRS

Stratum A, 12.0 Tables / Based on 21 Tables

- 1 James Geist - Mark Kotlarsky32.64
 2 Arnie Frankel - Helene Bauman31.91
 3 Donald Berman - Leon Letwin30.27
 4 Eugene Schuyler - Diane Alexander .28.18
 5 Steve Robinson - John Adams20.73
 6 Linda Marshall - Steven Schatzow ..18.73

Stratum X, 5.5 Tables

- 1 James Geist - Mark Kotlarsky32.64
 2 Walter Smith Jr - Richard Ferrin15.91
 3 Behnaz Fardshisheh - Danijel Zenko .7.18
 4 Monique Smith - Merril Hirsh2.18

FRI EVE B/C/D PAIRS

Stratum B, 6.0 Tables

- 1 Andrew Lipps - Eric Branfman62.92
 2 Steven Fox - Kitty Gottfried60.00

- 3 David Montague - Norman Mitchell .54.17
4 David Traub - Carol Traub51.67

Stratum C, 3.5 Tables

- 1 David Montague - Norman Mitchell .54.17
2 Jim Walsh - Robert Maman50.83
3 Aaron Navarro - Judith Dausch50.42

Stratum D, 2.5 Tables

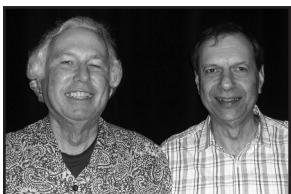
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2 Jim Walsh - Robert Maman50.83

FRI EVE 299ER PAIRS Stratum A, 3.0 Tables



- 1 Ollie Thomas - Julie Thomas56.00
2 Catherine Bardsley - Wayne Bardsley 54.00

SAT AM B/C/D PAIRS Stratum B, 20.0 Tables



- 1 Howard Bender - Aaron Navarro66.81
2 Bryan Geer - David Mead63.61
3 Terry Jones - Alan Skvirsky57.29
4 Sarah Weinberg - Gary Weinberg ...57.08
4/6 Margie Coccodrilli - Donald Goldman 57.08
4/6 Terry Coates - John Horner57.08

Stratum C, 14.5 Tables

- 1 Aaron Navarro - Howard Bender ...66.81
2/3 Sarah Weinberg - Gary Weinberg ...57.08
2/3 Terry Coates - John Horner57.08
4 Terry Klein - Duncan Thompson ...55.69
5 Thomas Jennings - Stephen Colevas .53.89
6 Sidney Graves - James Gerding52.78

Stratum D, 9.5 Tables

- 1 Terry Coates - John Horner57.08
2 Terry Klein - Duncan Thompson ...55.69
3 Sidney Graves - James Gerding52.78
4/6 Joan Anania - Edward Anania52.22
4/6 Donna Hankey-Woods - Douglas Woods 52.22
4/6 Daniela Tunsanu - Radu Tunsanu ..52.22

SAT AM 299ER PAIRS

Stratum A, 20.0 Tables

- 1 Roslyn Weinstein - Deena Kaplan ..64.58
2 Wayne Bardsley - Kellen Leister ...63.39
3/4 Ellen Pollack - Gay Pirozzi60.42
3/4 David Benson - Jill Benson60.42
5 Stanley Katzman - Jean Agenbroad .59.82
6 Mariko Oka - Etsuko Smith58.93

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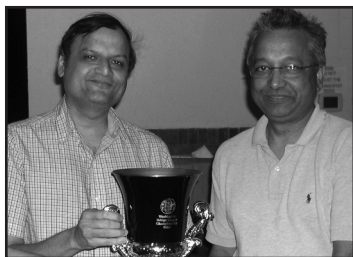
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4 Stanley Katzman - Jean Agenbroad .59.82
5 Mariko Oka - Etsuko Smith58.93
6 Ann Jennings - Craig Jennings55.06

Stratum C, 7.5 Tables

- 1 David Benson - Jill Benson60.42
2 Mariko Oka - Etsuko Smith58.93
3 Heide Blaker - Lynne Battle54.46
4 Yaeko Perera - Kay Linker52.08
5 Tina Brinsfield - Cheri Hayes49.11

SAT TROPHY PAIRS

20.0 Tables / Based on 50 Tables



- 1 Jay Kelkar - Shuba Dey63.35
2 Lloyd Rawley - Michael Richey60.94
3 Leo LaSota - Mark Shaw59.54
4 Peter Boyd - Ruth Potter59.17
5 Alexander Prairie - Noble Shore57.85
6 Robert Bell - Earl Glickstein56.57
7 Hadi Abushakra - Albert Lauber ...54.35
8 Richard Ferrin - Rose Berman53.50
9 Brad Theurer - Lyle Poe Jr50.20
10 Stan Schenker - David Milton49.42
11 William Hacker - Benjamin Brill ...47.24
12 Clyde Kruskal - Donna Rogall47.13

SAT AFT A/X CONSOLATION PAIRS

Stratum A, 9.0 Tables



- 1 Richard Wegman - David Ruderman .62.51
2 Kenneth Davis - Mark Tonnesen ...61.14
3 Frances Mucci - Richard Mucci ...59.05
4 Sorina Negulescu - Lynda Flanger ...56.21
5 Linda Marshall - Vonnice Lavender ..53.01

Stratum X, 3.5 Tables

- 1 Sorina Negulescu - Lynda Flanger ...56.21
2 Roma Chandra - Leonid Fastovsky ..45.21
3 Irwin Blocker - Daniel Feldman44.59

SAT AFT B/C/D PAIRS

Stratum B, 13.0 Tables

- 1 David Montague - Norman Mitchell .64.02

- 2 Duncan Thompson - Terry Klein ...60.61
3 Terry Jones - Alan Skvirsky59.09
4 Sarah Weinberg - Gary Weinberg ...57.20
5 Eiji Ishida - Kitty Gottfried57.01
6/7 George Parkins - Hank Lavender ...56.82
6/7 Beth Wisinski - Gary Wisinski56.82

Stratum C, 10.0 Tables

- 1 David Montague - Norman Mitchell .64.02
2 Duncan Thompson - Terry Klein ...60.61
3 Sarah Weinberg - Gary Weinberg ...57.20
4/5 George Parkins - Hank Lavender ...56.82
4/5 Beth Wisinski - Gary Wisinski56.82
6 Cynthia Harrison - Agnes Gavin ...55.68

Stratum D, 6.5 Tables

- 1 David Montague - Norman Mitchell .64.02
2 Duncan Thompson - Terry Klein ...60.61
3 George Parkins - Hank Lavender ...56.82
4 Cynthia Harrison - Agnes Gavin ...55.68
5 Carol Elfant - Louis Coccodrilli54.55

SAT AFT 299ER PAIRS

Stratum A, 6.5 Tables



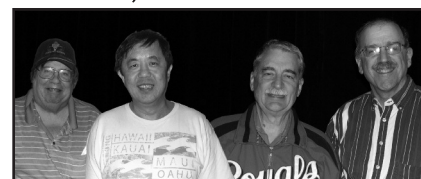
- 1 Julie Thomas - Ollie Thomas61.20
2 Glenn Terrell - Dottie Terrell59.80
3 Ann Jennings - Craig Jennings59.20
4 Wayne Bardsley - Catherine Bardsley 58.91
5 David Cissel - Barbara Turner57.00

Stratum B, 6.5 Tables

- 1 Ollie Thomas - Julie Thomas61.20
2 Glenn Terrell - Dottie Terrell59.80
3 Ann Jennings - Craig Jennings59.20
4 Wayne Bardsley - Catherine Bardsley 58.91
5 David Cissel - Barbara Turner57.00

SUN A/X BAM TEAMS

Stratum A, 13 Tables / Based on 52 Tables



- 1 William Pettis - Ai-Tai Lo - Fred King - Robert Bell30.84
2 Alan Tenenbaum - Lyle Poe Jr - Andrew Gofreed - David Ruderman29.34
3 Eric Landau - Monique Smith - Barbara Doran - Merril Hirsh27.00
4 Steve Robinson - William Cole - Peter Boyd - Mark Shaw - Earl Glickstein26.00
5 Clyde Kruskal - John Adams - Donna Rogall - Richard Wegman25.75

Stratum X, 4 Tables

- 1 Eric Landau - Monique Smith - Barbara Doran - Merril Hirsh27.00

SUN B/C/D SWISS TEAMS

Stratum B, 34 Tables / Based on 33 Tables

- 1 Mark Lavine - Forest Montgomery - Linda Dick - Jim Dick113.00
2 Albert Lauber - Jay Cherlow - Ned Griffith - Hadi Abushakra106.00
3 Albert Stolpe - Thomas Jennings - Edward Taborek - Stephen Colevas91.00
4 Carole Banks - Silas Wasserstrom - Eiji Ishida - Kiyomi Shiba88.00
5 Richard Price - Melissa Price - Patrick Stanton - Mark Cohen87.00
6 Margie Coccodrilli - Jerry Miller - Katherine Rabenstein - Janet Dence82.00
7 Patricia Mitchell - Carol Davis - Edna Small - Louela Bonner79.00
8/9 Aaron Navarro - Howard Bender - Susan Klaber - Tobi Bear77.00
8/9 Joseph Pregosin - Odessa Morton - Sandra Torano - Rick Gallaher77.00

Stratum C, 21 Tables / Based on 20 Tables

- 1 Albert Stolpe - Thomas Jennings - Edward Taborek - Stephen Colevas91.00
2 Carole Banks - Silas Wasserstrom - Eiji Ishida - Kiyomi Shiba88.00
3 Patricia Mitchell - Carol Davis - Edna Small - Louela Bonner79.00
4/5 Aaron Navarro - Howard Bender - Susan Klaber - Tobi Bear77.00
4/5 Joseph Pregosin - Odessa Morton - Sandra Torano - Rick Gallaher77.00
6/7 John McCormick - Larry Wallace - Eldon Compton - Gabriel Cornett75.00
6/7 James Gerding - Jay Simon - Elliot Simon - Sidney Graves75.00

Stratum D, 15 Tables / Based on 14 Tables

- 1 Albert Stolpe - Thomas Jennings - Edward Taborek - Stephen Colevas91.00
2 Patricia Mitchell - Carol Davis - Edna Small - Louela Bonner79.00
3/4 John McCormick - Larry Wallace - Eldon Compton - Gabriel Cornett75.00
3/4 James Gerding - Jay Simon - Elliot Simon - Sidney Graves75.00
5 Margie Mastran - Sheryl McEwan - M. David Jackson - William Hohe74.00

SUN MORN 0-300 SWISS

Stratum A, 6 Tables

- 1 Wayne Bardsley - Catherine Bardsley - Kellen Leister - Maryellen Leister62.00
2 Sybil Cantor - Barbara Ranhand - Shelby Herman - Carol Hopkins57.00

Stratum B, 5 Tables

- 1 Wayne Bardsley - Catherine Bardsley - Kellen Leister - Maryellen Leister62.00
2 Sybil Cantor - Barbara Ranhand - Shelby Herman - Carol Hopkins57.00

Stratum C, 3 Tables

- 1 Sybil Cantor - Barbara Ranhand - Shelby Herman - Carol Hopkins57.00

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starting a round) in a session will normally incur a warning.

- Extreme violations (4+ minutes late starting a round), and habitual slow play that persists from one session to another, may be penalized without prior warning.
- Failure to catch up within two rounds of being warned, any subsequent slow play violation, or playing through the whole of a break, will normally incur a penalty (usually 1/4 board).
- Further violations may incur additional increasing penalties.

Late Plays

- 1) Late Plays may be awarded in pair events in order that all scheduled boards be played, but these should not become a reward for slow play.
- 2) Award of a late play will always be accompanied by a slow play warning or penalty.

The club manager is instructed to maintain a record of all slow play penalties (and warnings and late plays as far as practicable) awarded in

WBL events, and to bring persistent or flagrant slow play to the attention of the Unit Recorder.

BETHESDA, MD 2012 JULY 4TH REGIONAL

—WBL Top 10 Lists—

WBL Members

1	90.81	.....Ruth Potter
2	86.08	.....William Pettis
3	75.57	.....Steve Robinson
4	74.82	.....William Cole
5	71.06	.....John Adams
6	70.07	.....William Hacker
	70.07	.....Benjamin Brill
8	67.19	.....Leo LaSota
9	47.47	.....Martin Graf
	47.47	.....Mark Shaw
	47.47	.....Donna Rogall
	47.47	.....Clyde Kruskal

WBL Members with < 750 masterpoints

1	47.14	.....Alexander Prairie
2	40.62	.....Hakan Berk
3	33.96	.....Leon Masiewicki
4	26.77	.....Suzanne Floyd
5	22.87	.....Dale Sanders
6	22.28	.....Robert Krueger
7	21.92	.....Patti Anschutz

8	20.34	.....Steve Graves
9	19.30	.....Charles Maplethorpe
10	19.03	.....Diane Keiper

WBL Members with < 300 masterpoints

1	40.62	.....Hakan Berk
2	19.30	.....Charles Maplethorpe
3	16.89	.....Jay Weinstein
4	15.77	.....Eldon Compton
5	14.54	.....Nancy Wanicur
6	13.55	.....Joel Goldberg
7	13.19	.....Ronnie Loeser
8	12.61	.....Stephen Salitrik
9	12.05	.....Carol Webster
10	11.87	.....Roslyn Weinstein

WBL Members with < 100 masterpoints

1	11.66	.....Blair Peace
2	9.16	.....Victoria True
	9.16	.....Sandra True
4	9.04	.....Charles Yu
5	8.07	.....Ted Proxmire
6	7.38	.....Judith Dausch
7	7.23	.....Thayer Baine
8	6.43	.....Rosemary Kuntz
9	5.93	.....Shaye Hester
10	5.91	.....Stephen Nagy

SATURDAY O-NLM GAME & MINI-LESSON

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

Mini-Lesson: Saturdays, 12:30 pm

O-NLM Game: 1:00 pm

Cost: \$6.00

Location: St. James Episcopal Church
11815 Seven Locks Road

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

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

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

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DAY	TIME	LOCATION
Monday	11:15 AM	St James
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Thursday	11:15 AM	St James
Friday	11:15 AM	St James
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NLM MASTER POINTERS

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MAJOR SUIT RAISES: RESPONDER SPLINTERS

We have discussed a variety of ways to support partner's major suit opener. We have examined simple raises, invitational (or limit,) raises, forcing raises, preemptive raises, and mixed raises. A basic bidding principle is to make the cheapest bid available to describe your hand. Therefore, a bid that takes up a big chunk of bidding space should show a very specific type of hand. One example of such a bid is a "splinter."

What is a splinter? In your finger, a splinter is an annoying little piece of something. In bridge, a splinter is a little piece of a suit – little meaning one or zero cards in that suit. And the splinter may or may not be annoying to your partner!

When can responder splinter? Responder must have the following size and shape hand in order to make a splinter bid:

- **FOUR+** card support for opener's major.
- **Game forcing values with less than 16** points in support of partner's suit (with more, choose another action).
- **A singleton or void in the suit bid**

How does responder splinter? Responder can splinter by making a double jump in a new suit after partner opens one of a major. Here are the possible bids:

Opener	Responder
1♠	4C, 4D, 4♥ (all splinter bids)
1♥	3♠, 4C, 4D (all splinter bids)

Note that the jump to the four level is not needed as any kind of natural bid, so it is available for responder to convey some very useful information about his hand.

Why are splinters so valuable? Splinters are valuable because they help partners get to slam with fewer points than normally needed – based on precise information about distribution. If opener holds xxx in a side suit and partner shows a singleton in that suit, the deck gets smaller and the ten HCP that opponents hold in the suit will take at most one trick.

More importantly, splinters greatly assist opener in the job of re-evaluating her hand based on what partner has just conveyed. Here, the concept of "wasted values" is critical to your hand evaluation

Consider these hands:

Opener	Responder A	Responder B
♠AJT74	♠KQ65	♠KQ6
♥A3	♥K765	♥K76
♦KQ7	♦A854	♦6
♣932	♣6	♣A854

You open 1♠. If partner holds the A hand, he will splinter by bidding 4♣. You are not annoyed by his splinter – instead you are quite happy. First, you know that your three losing clubs have turned into one losing trick. You realize that you have no wasted values in clubs. Also, since partner does not have club cards, he must have honors in the red suits – honors which fit perfectly with your hand. Your re-evaluation

tells you that you should try for slam. You have only 26 HCP between the two hands, but slam looks pretty cold.

But look at responder hand B. When partner splinters in diamonds, you see that your ♦KQ are no longer worth 5 HCP – they are wasted values. While it is true that your ♦Q may be good for one pitch, partner has too many losing clubs to make slam. Let's say that partner had not splintered, but had bid Jacoby 2N, and then answered two keycards with the Queen to your keycard ask: you would likely bid slam missing only one keycard between the two hands. And you would have no chance. So, the splinter bid keeps you from even thinking about what would be a bad slam.

So, with these guidelines in mind, let's look at a few hands. Partner opens 1♠ and you hold:

♠K863 ♥AQT ♦7 ♣KT932	<i>Bid 4♦</i> , a splinter in support of spades. You have 12 HCP and two for distribution. If partner bids 4♠, though, you are happy to stop. This hand is a "textbook" splinter.
♠A863 ♥AQT ♦7 ♣AQT93	<i>Bid 2N (Jacoby)</i> . Yes, you have a game forcing hand with a singleton diamond. But you have too much strength for a splinter. Partner, holding ♠KQT74 ♥J2 ♦KJT ♣KJ5 will assume she has the wrong hand for you, and will sign off. Keep your splinters limited.
♠QT853 2 ♥AT7 ♦— ♣KT93	<i>Bid 4♦</i> . You only have 9 HCP but you have six card support and a void. This is a game forcing hand. If partner has as little as ♠Kxxxx ♥Kx ♦xxxx ♣AQ you could take twelve tricks!
♠K86 ♥AQT3 ♦7 ♣KT932	<i>Bid 2♣</i> . You have an excellent hand, and you are very likely to want to play in spades. Still, a splinter requires four card trump support for partner.

So, learn the basics of the splinter bid. Recognize when partner or the opponents are splintering. Focus on re-evaluating your hand once partner splinters. You will stay out of dangerous contracts and bid slams that others miss!

Feel free to contact us at ron@motherzucker.com or shstringer@aol.com, or at the unit game. We look forward to seeing you at the table!

STEPPING UP TO NEW HEIGHTS:

As of August 1, 2012

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Linda R Weiner
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Oscar W Lease Jr
Ms Diane S Liebman
Mrs Elizabeth A Majane

Regional Masters: 100 MPs

Mr David R Penn

WBL SOLVERS' CLUB'S NEW PROBLEMS

1) IMPs, They're Vulnerable

♠ J♥843 ♦83 ♣KQJ10652

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

2) IMPs, Both Vulnerable

♠ K96♥98 ♦-♣ AKQ109763

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

3) IMPs, None Vulnerable

♠ AQ♥54 ♦K76542 ♣A43

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

4) IMPs, None Vulnerable

♠ AQ92♥AKQ10876 ♦-♣A3

	SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
		Pass	1 ♥	Dbl
???				

5) IMPs, Both Vulnerable

♠ 52♥KQ65 ♦6♣AKQJ32

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

Return answers by October 4 to:

Steve Robinson

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

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

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

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