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PRESIDENT'S LETTER

by WBL President, Dick Wegman

Since this is my first letter as your new President, I want to tell you about the Board's plans and goals for the coming year. Our unit is widely recognized as one of the strongest in the ACBL. Our Thursday night unit game regularly draws more than 200 players — I don't know of any other unit in the country that can match this record. As far as I know, we have no peer in the quality of our players, our clubs, our directors, and our teachers. But we can't rest on our laurels — there are a number of things we can do to make the playing experience even better for our members and to build the membership of the WBL.

Your survey responses have been very helpful and we very much appreciate your taking the time to fill them out. Many of you want us to do more to help players find partners. To contact a partnership coordinator or to use the online partnership desk, see immediately below.

Starting this month, the WBL will guarantee a partner for anyone who comes to the

unit game needing one - see Madge Gallant.

We are also working hard to find an attractive, reliable, and convenient location for our sectionals. Our tournament co-chairs, Ben Laden and Kathy Kruskal, are spearheading this effort. If any of you have any suggestions (we need about 5,000 square feet of playing space), please let them know.

Finally, we want to encourage more young people in our area to play duplicate bridge. To achieve this, the Board is considering sponsoring a Washington-area interscholastic high school bridge championship next year. If you know of students who might be interested, or a high school teacher who would be willing to sponsor a bridge club, please let us know.

I am very much interested in your suggestions for anything we can do to improve the WBL. Drop me a line (e-mail, aliweg@aol.com), or call (at 301-365-2228) with any suggestions or ideas.

I look forward to seeing you in our clubs, at the unit game, and at our sectionals.

Dick Wegman

PARTNERSHIPS AND CARPOOLS

Need a Partner or a Carpool for Unit Games or Tournaments?

Players who would like assistance can obtain help either on-line or by contacting one of the WBL's partnership coordinators or Don Berman, the carpool coordinator.

(1) **On-line partnership desk.** The WBL has established an on-line partnership desk on its web site (www.washingtonbridgeleague.org). The WBL is the first unit in the country to do this. Sign up, indicate which events you are available for, and find out if other players are available for the games you wish to play in. Simply log on to the WBL website and click on the partnership desk. Please give it a try.

(2) **Partnership coordinators.** For those who prefer assistance in person, three people have volunteered to help players find partners in advance of the unit game or sectional events. Barbara Shaw will assist players in Flights A/X (markshawlexcite.com; 301-598-3339). Charity Sack and Barbara Rothkin will assist players in Flights B and C (charity@charitysack.com; 703-963-7027; brothkin@aol.com; 301-493-9359). Please let them know as early as you can what game or events you would like to play in.

(3) **On-line carpool notices.** Post your requests and look at others at the WBL website. To post requests, send an e-mail to the Web Master (don.berman@verizon.net). Include your name, when you need a ride (either a specific date or a general request, e.g., all unit games), and how to contact you (E-mail or phone numbers).

(4) **Don Berman, carpool coordinator** can also be contacted at 301-776-3581.

Good luck, and we look forward to seeing you on Thursday evenings and at the WBL sectionals.

BITS AND PIECES

BUILDING FUND?

The Washington Bridge League Board is considering starting a building fund. The long term goal would be to own a building suitable for sectionals, unit games, club games and bridge classes.

The WBL has formed a building fund committee chaired by Steve Robinson. Steve would be glad to get input and suggestions.

SPECIAL EVENT

There will be an ACB-wide Instant Match Point Game on Wednesday evening, September 10. Mark this date to play at your local club.

DUPLICATE AT THE TURKISH EMBASSY

Roy Tibery (whose photographs of the annual meeting appear in this issue) and his partner, Ray Tyler won the duplicate bridge tournament on May 22 at the Turkish Embassy. This was their annual charity bridge tournament, this year sponsored by the Achievement Rewards for College Scientist Foundation (ARCS).

2002-2003 WBL-NVBA

PLAYER OF THE YEAR

FINAL STANDINGS

Eligibility

Players must attend at least three WBL and three NVBA sectionals during the contest period (September, 2002, through May, 2003). Points won on Tournament Thursday evenings are included in the totals, but do not count toward eligibility. The WBL's "In-Club Sectional" in September, 2002, did not count towards the totals or for eligibility.

Awards

Two trophies will be awarded.

Final Standings

Here are the final standings after ten of ten tournaments. The asterisk* indicates that the player has met eligibility requirements.

Top 20 Open Winners

Player	Points
1 Leo LaSota	172.87*
2 Robert Gookin	139.05*
3 Steve Robinson	137.40*
4 Mark Shaw	121.67*
5 Fred King	110.45*
6 Alan Kleist	100.96*
7 Barbara Shaw	99.89*
8 Helene Bauman	99.50*
9 Alfred Steinberg	95.23
10 Stephen Swearingen	92.04*
11 John Adams	90.24
12 Janet Gookin	89.62*
13 Kenneth Davis	86.97*
14 Stan Schenker	81.85*
15 Margot Hennings	79.03
16 Andrew Gofreed	70.96
17 John Lawrence	66.42*
18 James Geist	65.74*
19 Tim Crank	62.96*
20 Charles Yaple	61.28*

Top 20 NonLM Winners

Player	Points
1 John Lowe III	57.91*
2 Penny Stoever	37.48*
3 Todd Zimnoch	34.17*
4 David Hamilton	33.63*
5 Michelle Cantave	31.28*
6 John Christensen	29.30*
7 Charles King	25.73*
8 Samuel Bowlin	25.72*
9 Ali Al-Aref	25.10*
10 D Tonnesen	22.74*
11 Joseph Ogulin	22.54
12 Huailin Chen	21.72
13 Suzanne Abrams	21.25*
14 John Laurim	20.84
15 Herbert Behre III	20.19
16 Melville Yudkin	20.11
17 Jon Chasson	19.84*
18 Mary O'Shea	19.41*
19 Gloria Halstead	19.32*
20 Leonid Fastovsky	18.69*

2003-2004 NORTH AMERICAN PAIRS

Club qualifying will be held during June, July, and August of 2003. There are three Flights, Open, 0-2000 and Non Life Master (0-500). Qualification in a flight qualifies you for all lower flights for which you are eligible. Qualification is by individual (not pairs). Flight eligibility is determined by your masterpoint holding on June 1, 2003. Qualification will be directly from the clubs to the District 6 Final, September 20-21, Fredericksburg, VA in which all players must have qualified at the club level without exception.

Three pairs in each flight will qualify for the National Finals, held during the Spring 2004 NABC in Reno, NV. The qualifiers will be subsidized for travel expenses and hotel rooms by the ACBL and/or District 6. Membership dues or Life Master service fee must be current and continuous from the start of the District Final to the completion of the North American Pairs final at the NABC in order to receive compensation.

For more information, visit the District 6 web site or contact Barbara Doran by phone at (301) 608-0347 or by email to xbarbd@mindspring.com.

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for May 2003 - May 2004

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HAROLD SIEGELMAN

by Eileen Houghton

Local bridge players dread those emails from Steve Robinson that say in the subject line, "Sad news." The message he sent on March 29, 2003, though, was particularly dreadful. It said, "Harold Siegelman passed away from unknown but natural causes." Harold had retired only a year before; he was fun to be around, with a quick wit and a dry sense of humor, and he was still in his prime. He had been playing bridge in the Washington area since he moved here in 1977, and was a familiar figure at local tournaments and at social gatherings of bridge players. Although he had been having some health problems before he died, his death was completely unexpected and caught his many friends unprepared.

Harold was born on April 5, 1951 and grew up in Bridgewater, New Jersey. He had a younger sister, Dorothy Siegelman, and two older stepbrothers, Mel and Bob Cutler. Harold's father died in 1961, and his mother married Harold's stepfather, Eli Cutler, four years later. His mother, Florence Cutler, was and is a bridge player. She met Harold's stepfather through bridge, and she introduced Harold to the game. In later years, Harold returned the favor by teaming with his mother and stepfather in Swiss events at local tournaments.

Harold received his Bachelor's degree from Rutgers University in 1973 where he majored in math and political science. He always had a strong interest in politics. During the late 60's and 70's, Harold was quite active in the political process, and worked on the campaign staffs of several different candidates who supported progressive social change. He was active in the civil rights movement. While still in school, he was elected to a local office in Bridgewater. The victory might perhaps have been sweeter if there had been a candidate opposing him, but it was the decision to enter public service and not the contest that mattered.

It was Harold's interest in politics that led him to decide to go to law school after he graduated from Rutgers. He went to the University of North Dakota School of Law and graduated in 1976. Whenever Harold was asked why he chose to go to school in North Dakota, he always said it was because he hated heat. Despite this, after he graduated from law school, Harold accepted a job with the Federal Government and moved to the semi-tropical climate of Washington, DC. Harold worked as a retirement benefits policy specialist with the U.S. Office of Personnel Management from 1977 to 1999; he then went to the U.S. Treasury Department as a benefits program specialist. He retired in March 2002, to devote himself to his hobbies — bridge, games and rotisserie baseball.

Harold had a lifelong love of games. He became a life master in 1975, while he was still in law school. He was a highly talented player and won many events. In 2002, his team represented District VI in Flight A

of the Grand National Teams. Competition for this event is always keen, in part because the members of the winning team receive an (almost) all-expense-paid trip to the Summer North American Bridge Championship ("NABC"). Unfortunately for Harold, the 2002 Summer NABC was in Washington, DC.

When Harold really wanted to win, few players could match his analytic ability and creative flair. If his wardrobe and haircut projected solidity and discipline, his bridge game revealed other sides to him that were not so obvious — he was imaginative, flexible, flamboyant, idiosyncratic and, sometimes, careless.

Harold was a highly-rated boardgamer. He was a member of the Games Club of Maryland ("GCOM") and regularly got together with other "gamers" to play games of strategy, such as "Diplomacy," "Risk," and, recently, "Puerto Rico." He also played games — board games, bridge and chess — over the internet. Though in recent years, Harold rarely traveled far to play bridge (Northern Virginia was a stretch), he went to national conventions of boardgamers. Last year, at one of the largest of these, "Prezcon," he was elected to its "Hall of Fame." At the Prezcon 2003 convention in Charlottesville this past



Harold Siegelman & Jake Jacoby at Prezcon 2003

February, Harold beat all comers at the game, "Puerto Rico." His many friends in the gaming community were also shocked to learn of his death, and they honored him at a memorial service on May 4, 2003, as part of GCOM's annual "Games Day" convention. The GCOM Board also voted to present an award at its next convention, "Euroquest," November 7-9, 2003, to the best overall gamer at the event; the award will be named the "Harold L. Siegelman Award."

In March of this year, Harold played some sessions at the NABC in Philadelphia with his long-time partner, Glenn Robbins, and took a few days off from bridge to spend time with his parents and sister in New Jersey. His death occurred the week after he returned from his visit.

Almost 20 years ago, Harold helped found a rotisserie baseball league composed largely of bridge players. For many years he served as one of the league's commissioners, and until this year he always hosted the "drafts" at which participants ("managers") chose their players. This year, Stevie's unwelcome email came the night before the Sunday draft. The draft was delayed so members could observe a moment of silence in Harold's honor; the league then voted to establish a trophy, to be named after Harold, which would be awarded annually to the winning manager.

It is hard to express the feeling of loss one experiences when someone whom one has been used to seeing, and whose presence one has taken for granted, is suddenly taken away. Harold's death has had this effect on many of us and on many others. In his quiet, unobtrusive way, Harold had made himself a part of many different communities, and now that he is gone, each has been diminished. As Shakespeare said in Hamlet, "We shall not look upon his like again."



GCOM members Jamie Tang, Eric Hymowitz, & Harold Siegelman at Prezcon 2002

WASHINGTON BRIDGE CENTER CLUB NEWS

On May 10, the WBC held it's **Annual Super Club Championship** and honored all players in the top 100 for 2002 with a free dinner and game. The winner of the Lou Miller Trophy was Dara Khambata, finishing ahead of Eileen Theimer and Rossi Lindstrom. Rossi is leading in the 2003 race for the Lou Miller Trophy, thus far.

The club has released in **North American Pairs Schedule** for the summer. During June, July and August, there are at least 12 NAP games per month. The strata for these games is dictated by the ACBL as OPEN, 0-2000, and NLM. In September, the club will host 4 0-49 NAP games.

The WBC has welcomed **three new directors:** Glenn Lublin, Sue Johnston and Ted Ying. All are experienced and fun loving.

New Game for Newbys: On Thursday afternoon the Washington Bridge Center has initiated a new novice game. Beginning at 12:30 with a lesson by world-renowned teacher, Leslie Shafer, and concluding when the players finish (no later than 3:30 to avoid rush hour). This very social game is designed for players to get to know duplicate. The ACBL rules are followed so that each player can become familiar with the fairness of the game. However, no one is allowed to be anything but a perfect Lady or Gentleman, all of the time.

PEGGY

by Jim Allen

Peggy Bennett Reich, age 63, passed away on Sunday, May 18, 2003 of kidney disease.



*Once upon a time,
Our Peggy began to play
Bridge and all the sports
That beauty and brains convey.*

Peggy, considered one of the District of Columbia whiz kids of the 60's, won a World Championship in Mixed teams, in Las Palmas, Canary Islands in 1974. Her team included other D.C. players, Steve Parker, Stevie Robinson, Bobby Lipsitz and Jo Morse. Stevie remembers her as one of his partners in the 60's and 70's. "She was a fine player," Stevie said, "with great table sense. She was innovative and loved the game. She became an outstanding teacher, as well."

Peggy also won a Gold Medal in the 1974 Bridge Olympiad, in Las Palmas. Together with Steve Parker, she won the NABC Mixed Pairs in 1969 and 1976. She was an author, teacher and World Class Bridge Player and a member of the WBL for over 40 years. Over 200 people honored her at her funeral where Steve Parker, her ex-husband, spoke.

"I want to talk to you about Peggy as a person and a tournament bridge player, and not just a player but a great player," Steve extolled.

"During the time Peggy and I were bridge partners, bridge in the DC area had a lot of incredibly bright young people taking up the game and making DC one of the Mecca's of bridge in the United States. Peggy transcended all the great names of bridge in this area.

"Dating from the late 50s, we had people like Dick Freeman, Fred Karpin, Andy Gabrilovitch, Mort Lipsitt, Izzy Cohen and Terry Michaels. These players passed on their legacy to the new generation of 20 year olds who brought DC to a level of New York and Los Angeles as the seat of bridge power. Peggy played with and mentored all these players. She was truly the queen of bridge during this time. Together, we won an event in almost every tournament we entered, from sectionals to regionals, nationals and a world championship. She was even WBL 'player of the year' in 1967 and 1969. She was also WBL Woman of the Year in 1970 and 1974.

"Some great bridge players are technicians, they work out the probabilities for each hand. A few are just natural gamers. Peggy was a gamer, meaning that she had terrific table feel, she could sense where the cards were by the opponents actions. She always claimed to be psychic.

"Of course she had a couple of other things going for her at the table. This was in the 60s and

early 70s. The dress of the time was mini skirts and low cut dresses. Most of the top-flight Tournament Bridge players were men. When Peggy showed up at the table, very few could concentrate on their cards.

"Peggy also loved logic problems and word games. We spent hours after each tournament with friends playing word games or trying to stump each other with logic problems. Many long hours spent in the car driving to tournaments were spent with her giving problem after problem and loving it when her passengers got stumped.

A classic Peggy story from Steve.

"Peggy hated to give anyone bad news and always tried to find a way to break any bad news in a gentle way. I owned a small sports car, an MG, when we first got married. I was working the night shift and was sleeping one morning after getting off shift when a friend of ours (Walt Walvick) borrowed my car. He managed to get in a wreck and arrived back at the apartment in a cab with the bad news. As always there was a large group of people at the apartment at that time. When I woke up, Peggy asked everyone in the room to please line up in a straight line in front of her. Not having an idea what was happening we all lined up. Next she asked that everyone in the room who did not have a car that was in an accident in the last 2 hours to take one-step forward. Needless to say I was the only one left behind."

Lou Reich emphasized that people would say, "When she spoke to you, she made you feel like you were the most important person in the world." He continued to describe her priorities. "With all of her bridge accolades, she was still proudest of her family, her children, Tommy, Ricky and Kim and her seven grandchildren."

Peggy went on to become a fabulous teacher. She authored her own book for teaching, "An Introduction to Popular Bridge Conventions" and others. She taught in the Country Clubs and at the Women's Club and helped many people to enjoy bridge. One of her students, Madeleine Minetti from France, an Arlington resident, said, "She is a great teacher. There is no one like Peggy. She is so nice. She taught me to play bridge; she makes me feel good about myself. She is my friend."

Marge Christian of the Congressional Country Club said, "She was very well qualified and an outstanding bridge teacher. She paved the way for many of us."

Barbara Summers recounts the day that she was asked if Peggy's fees were appropriate. The inquisitor said, "She charges like a brain surgeon!" Barbara glibly replied, "Well, it will certainly be a lot more fun than brain surgery." We miss Peggy.

*In short there's simply not
A player, teacher, Lady
At Bridge of Camelot,
Like our expert, ... Peggy.*

WBL SOLVERS' CLUB

Moderated by Steve Robinson

robinswr@erols.com

Congratulations to Joe Wallen and Marvin Elster who tied for first with a perfect 500. They win a free entry to the Unit Game and will be invited to be on a future panel. I will play with each of them at a future Unit Game. Third was Stu Fleischmann with a score of 470. Tied for fourth were Natalie Aronsohn, Drazen Martinovic, Leo Lasota and Steve Bunning with a score of 460. Tied for eighth were Fred Allenspach, Kieran Dyke, Bob Hartmann, Ajmal Abbasi, David Rodney, Mike Kovacich, Fred Steinberg, Kieran Dyke and Millard Nachtwey with a score of 450. Tied for seventeenth were Bernie Lambert, Marshall Kuschner, Lyle Poe, Gareth Birdsall, Barbara Summers and Mike Lawrence with a score of 440. Tied for twenty-third were Jennifer Lin and Hailong Ao with a score of 430. Tied for twenty-fifth were John Ferman, Kathy Kruskal, David Chechelashvilli, Don Berman, Mark Shimshak, Joa Faria, Michelle Cantave, Brad Theurer, Leon Letwin and Bob Levey with a score of 420. The average score of the 246 solvers was 320. The average score of the experts was 423.

All readers are encouraged to send answers and/or new problems to Steve Robinson, 2891 S. Abingdon St. #A2 Arlington, Va, 22206. 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, Steve 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. WBL Solvers Club uses Washington Standard as published July 1996.

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 at the Unit Game and at tournaments or can send him a check for \$28.95 which includes \$3.95 for priority mail.

1) MPs, They're Vulnerable You, South, hold:

♠AQ73♥4♦KQJ72♣1075

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
Dbl	2♥	Pass	1♥
????			Pass
Action	Score	Panelists	Solvers
Double	100	5	133
3♦	90	4	40
Pass	60	3	53
2♠	40	0	12
3♣	20	0	1
2NT	20	0	2
3♠	20	0	2
3♥	20	0	2

Why didn't partner bid? If he has at least six HCPs and a four-card suit or fewer with a five-card suit, he would have bid over 2♥. He knows that the opponents are in an eight-card heart fit. He bids with any excuse. If partner has strength therefore, his four-card suit must be hearts and he is probably exactly 3=4=3=3. If partner has a four-card black suit, he must be broke. If partner has a five-card suit he must be brain dead. With a five-card suit, one bids with any excuse. However, the opponents are at the two-level in an eight-card fit and it is a Law violation to allow them to play it there. So is there a way that we can push the opponents around without getting partner excited? Since partner has three diamonds, why not bid 3♦. If we're in trouble, a direct 3♦ would be the most difficult contract to double. An opponent would have to have diamond length plus extra strength.

Standard bidding says that double followed by a suit shows extra values. There are at least three situations where bidding a suit after doubling shouldn't promise extra values. After 1♠ — Double — Pass — 2♣ — Pass and 1♠ — Double — Pass — one notrump — Pass, 2♦ should not show extras. You doubled with a five-card diamond suit and 2♦ figures to play better than either 2♣ or one notrump. The third situation is the above auction. Bidding 3♦ shows five dia-

monds. If you happen to have significant extra values, you have to find some other way to bid the hand.

Three experts agree with me and bid 3♦.

King: “3♦—It doesn’t seem right to pass out 2♥ and the hand should be stronger to double again.”

Cappelletti: “3♦—This does not necessarily show a big hand since I might have an “equal level conversion” hand, four spades and six diamonds. I wouldn’t double again which shows better hand, as partner might convert and he is very unlikely to have four spades since he passed first time.”

Parker: “3♦—At matchpoints you can’t afford to let them play at the two-level and expect to score well. Partner has some points and does not have four spades or five clubs (he would have bid freely) so he should have at least three diamonds. He may have a heart stack and if he is good enough we can make three notrump. Double is a close second but I don’t like my defense.”

Five experts reopen with a double. Partner expects you to have extra values when you double the second time. If he has four hearts, he might pass and he will be disappointed with your lack of defensive values.

Lublin: “Double—Never get anything for -110 at matchpoints”

Woolsey: “Double—I didn’t sit down to play in order to defend 2♥ undoubled with a singleton heart. We probably have a spot at 3♦, but we can nose around and try other contracts first. If North passes the double, that might not be so bad for us.”

Hopkins: “Double—Something isn’t right. Partner is nominally marked with some cards yet has failed to act in a favorable competitive situation. With my luck, partner has a 3=4=3=3 or 3=3=3=4 seven or eight count. Even if expecting to catch something like this though, I believe it is still correct to act and hope the vulnerability protects us. -100 should be significantly better than -110 to make the risk worthwhile.”

Bingham: “Double—The favorable vulnerability and my stiff heart say to bid. If we wind up in 3♣ doubled, I will pull to 3♦. Can’t let opponents play at the two-level in matchpoints.”

Chen: “Double—Partner must not have bid because he is either 3=4=3=3 and/or may only have about five HCPs. At IMPs, I would definitely pass, since any other bid

would be rebidding or overstating my values. This is a tough problem at matchpoints. Pass could be correct also, as the opponents may not have diagnosed their double fit in hearts and clubs and could be cold for 4♥. However, at matchpoints our best position may be our 4=3 2♠ contract, our 5=3 3♦-contract, or getting +200 vs. 2♥. Since double caters to three scenarios, and pass only caters to one scenario, double, hopefully in tempo, it is.”

At IMPs there is more to gain by bidding. Allowing the opponents to play in 2♥ when you can make 3♦ costs six IMPs. Going for 300 when the opponents can make 2♥ costs only five IMPs. Pushing the opponents to 3♥ where they are down one gains five IMPs.

Three experts pass. Sometimes you are outmaned and have to put up the white flag. If I were 4=1=4=4, I would pass. I would not expect partner to have a four-card suit other than hearts.

Roman: “Pass—NON-vulnerable is NOT the same as Invulnerable.”

Schwartz: “Pass—I have only 12 HCPs and partner couldn’t make a responsive double, so he likely could have all heart strength. If I bid 3♦, that should show extra values.”

Adams: “Pass—Bidding again shows more values.”

It is a Law violation to allow the opponents to play at the two-level in an eight-card fit. With this in mind, balancing bids should not show extra values and you should make every effort to bid.

2) IMPs, None Vulnerable. You, South, hold:

♠ - ♥AQ73 ♦K9875 ♣QJ102

<u>SOUTH</u>	<u>WEST</u>	<u>NORTH</u>	<u>EAST</u>
—	2♠	Pass	Pass
Double	Redouble	Pass	Pass
?????			
<u>Action</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Panelists</u>	<u>Solvers</u>
Pass	100	11	101
2NT	30	1	41
3♦	30	0	72
3♣	20	0	19
3♠	20	0	7
4NT	20	0	2
3♥	20	0	4

You are sitting in the North seat, holding ♠KQ1098♥Axx♦Kxxx♣x. West says skip bid and you expect 3♣. You are taken back when he opens 2♠. You pass and hope that

partner reopens with a double. It does go pass to partner who thinks for five seconds and makes your day. Partner doubles. You will pass in tempo and lead your stiff club. But wait, RHO redoubles. You pass, the same bid you would have made had RHO passed. Your pass is a penalty pass. If you hold ♠xxxx♥xxx♦xxx♣xxx instead, you have try two notrump and hope for the best. There is only one correct answer to this problem. Trust partner and pass.

Ten experts agree with me and pass. We could be getting four figures.

Woolsey: “Pass—When I reopened with a double, I had made the decision, right or wrong, that my hand would be adequate for defense if partner passed the double. Nothing has changed. His pass is clearly defined as a penalty pass, and West’s redouble doesn’t mean anything except maybe he is trying to generate a misunderstanding. We are simply playing for slightly higher stakes.”

In this case, West had the feeling that it was go all pass and that he was in bad shape. He redoubled to cause confusion. Over half the solvers allowed him to avoid disaster.

Cappelletti: “Pass—Unless you have specific agreement to the contrary, he made a penalty pass.”

Roman: “Pass—Partner’s pass says he was going to pass for penalties, so we have arrived!”

Schwartz: “Pass—It is worrying that RHO passed LHO’s SOS redouble since it can’t be to play, but partner’s pass is for penalty and I will respect that.”

Parker: “Pass—Partner can always bid something so his pass should be for penalty. I must assume he would have passed my double so he must pass here to show a penalty.”

King: “Pass—Partner wants to play 2♠ doubled and this should be even better.”

Hopkins: “Pass—I have been told, but never have seen written, that, above one notrump, the pass of the redouble is for penalty. My hand and the failure of East to raise makes that a very likely possibility so I’m going to see how well we can defend.”

Any level partner’s pass is for penalties.

Bingham: “Pass—Partner’s pass over the redouble should be for penalty. I have my bid and close to the 1=4=4=4 shape expected, so I will trust partner and pass.”

Chen: “Pass—I wonder if I was the one sitting West here? My agreement and the Washington Standard agreement (see p. 194) is that Advancer’s Pass is penalty. The redouble by opener doesn’t change anything. If partner can’t pass for penalty and then he has to bid another suit, even if it is a three-card minor. Despite my spade void, I have no reason to overrule partner, so I shall pass and expect a big number for us.”

Adams: “Pass—Partner’s pass is penalties. This will be ugly for them.”

One expert runs. If he didn’t want to defend, why did he double 2♠?

Lublin: “Two Notrump—Even though partner’s pass is for penalty, I’m bidding two notrump for takeout because I don’t like my chances on defense.”

When an opponent redoubles and you are sitting behind him your pass is for penalty at any level. Your RHO opens 1♣ and it goes pass to partner who doubles. RHO redoubles. Since you are sitting behind RHO, your pass is a penalty pass. If you are sitting in front of the redoubler and the suit has not been supported, then your pass should be for penalty starting at the two-level. RHO opens 2♦, you double and LHO redoubles. Partner’s pass should be for penalty. He wants to play 2♦ redoubled. If the suit has been raised, then the penalty pass starts at the three-level. RHO opens 1♠, you double and LHO bids 2♠. You double again and LHO redoubles. You can remove partner’s pass. However if LHO bids 3♠, you double and LHO redoubles, your partner’s pass is for penalty.

3) IMPs, None Vulnerable. You, South, hold:

♠K10♥4♦AK7654♣AJ98

<u>SOUTH</u>	<u>WEST</u>	<u>NORTH</u>	<u>EAST</u>
1♦	1♥	Pass	Pass
????			
<u>Action</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Panelists</u>	<u>Solvers</u>
Double	100	7	71
2♦	60	3	62
3♦	50	1	25
2♣	50	0	77
Pass	30	1	3
3NT	20	0	1
3♣	20	0	6
2♥	20	0	1

When should you balance in passout seat? You should balance if you have either

shortness in the opponent's suit or extra strength. Here you have both. The question is not whether you should balance but how you should balance. Double is one possibility. If partner passes your double, you should get rich. While you don't have to worry about partner burying you in spades, you do have to worry about the opponents finding their spade fit. The only hand where partner might have four spades is a weak hand containing only four spades and heart length. If I had four spades my hand would look like ♠Qxxx♥Kxxxx♦xx♣xx. Be conservative with length in the opponent's suit and aggressive with shortness.

Six experts agree with me and double. With the extra strength you should be able to handle anything partner does.

Roman: "Double—Would I have passed a penalty double of 1♥? Of course! Therefore, this round is easy."

Cappelletti: "Double—And rebid 2♣ over 1♠, showing decent hand. You also have safety tolerance for big-time spade bid."

Partner can't have long spades. Bidding 1♠ does not promise a lot of strength.

Schwartz: "Double—Want to allow for a penalty pass. Partner isn't likely to bury you in spades when he couldn't bid over 1♥. Also, not clear which level and which minor to bid."

Bingham: "Double—Let partner decide what next. If he bids spades, I will correct to diamonds. On a good day, he will pass with 4=5=1=3 shape and we will beat 1♥ doubled and not have enough to make three notrump. On a bad day, opponents find their spade fit."

Hopkins: "Double—I play this is obligatory on all hands where we are short in their suit except when we are vulnerable and they are not. This means I might reopen with a lot of off-shape hands hoping for the penalty pass from partner. With this hand I will be quite happy if partner passes the reopening double and reasonably comfortable if he does something else."

Adams: "Double—I can bid clubs over spades if partner does not sit."

Three experts reopen with 2♦. They give up the opportunity to get a penalty. Another benefit from reopening with a double that you don't get with reopening with 2♦ is that partner might have clubs and bid them over a double.

Woolsey: "2♦—Reopening with a double and going after a penalty is silly — partner probably doesn't have a penalty pass in the first place, and if he does the opponents surely have a playable spade contract. With 6=4 it makes more sense to rebid the diamonds now and the clubs later if necessary, giving partner maximum choice. If I bid 2♣, I won't be able to show the six-card diamond suit and still be able to get out in 3♣."

Why can't partner have a penalty pass?

Lublin: "2♦—I'm bidding 2♦ because the spade suit is out there and I can bid 3♣ next. Don't double with two little spades."

Chen: "2♦—Partner either has a weak hand or a penalty pass of 1♥. Since the former is more likely, I want to plan to compete to three-of-a-minor over the opponent's undoubled 2♥ contract. By bidding 2♦ now and rebidding 3♣ later, I will accurately describe the shape of this hand and allow partner to make the final decision. If partner has a penalty pass of 1♥, he will hopefully bid two notrump over 2♦, which I can comfortably raise to three notrump."

One expert jumps to 3♦. Preempt just in case the opponents have spades.

Parker: "3♦—If I double and partner bids spades I will have to retreat to diamonds and will not show this good a hand. If the opponents bid more I may get shut out, so I opt to show a good hand and long diamonds now. Partner can bid three notrump with stoppers in hearts and we should make it. Three notrump at matchpoints is where we should aim for."

One expert passes. With 15 HCPs and short hearts, I think this is losing bridge.

King: "Pass—If partner has a heart stack, then they must be better off in spades."

When short in the opponent's suit, make every effort to reopen.

4) MPs, You're Vulnerable. You, South, hold:

♠-♥K843♦KQ109753♣A4

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
1♦	1♥	Pass	Pass
????			
Action	Score	Panelists	Solvers
Pass	100	8	75
3♦	70	3	62
2♦	40	1	90
3NT	40	0	3
4♦	40	0	6
Double	40	0	4
5♦	30	0	3
2♣	20	0	1
1♠	20	0	1
3♣	20	0	1

This time you have a weak hand, length in the opponent's suit, and a void in the unbid major. This points to allowing the opponents to play in 1♥. However, you do have a seven-card suit that is good for offense. So do you pass or bid? If it's the opponent's hand, the other players who are sitting East-West will find their spade fit and get to the correct contract. Suppose partner has ♠xxx♥AQJ10x♦Ax♣Kxx. We're cold for 6♦, seven if they can't ruff a heart on the opening lead. The passers will be +350 collecting 50 a trick. The object of matchpoints is to avoid disasters and if it's your hand, passing will produce a disaster. If it's the opponent's hand, bidding will produce an average. This hand is so strange that it's impossible to know whose hand it is.

Eight experts pass. How can you pass holding a seven-card suit?

Lublin: "Pass—Impossible auction as opponents must have nine spades so I'm going to pass and hope they have missed game also heart king is useless."

Woolsey: "Pass—You have to be kidding me. Somebody has goofed. Partner will bid 1♠ on a five-bagger on any excuse, and he will make a negative double on four spades with any excuse. Thus, either partner is broke or the opponents have a ten-card spade fit (or both). Either way, it has to be better to defend 1♥ than to stir up the animals."

Roman: "Pass—The opponents sure have a lot of spades."

King: "Pass—Surely here I don't want to let them find spades."

Hopkins: "Pass—I have this feeling my LHO has picked off our 4=4 fit. I don't expect partner to have more than three Spades unless close to busted so I worry greatly about letting the opposition back in. I would have some sympathy for the players who take a stab at 5♦, but that is really fishing for the perfect hand ♠xxx♥Qx♦Jxxx♣Kxxx."

Bingham: "Pass—Where are the spades? If partner can't scrape together a negative double over 1♥, then the opponents are not in their best fit, and I'm not going to be able to outbid them in diamonds. Pass before they find their spade fit."

Chen: "Pass—Partner didn't even do a negative double, so it is very likely the opponents have missed their spade fit. I don't want to balance at 2♦ to give the opponents a second chance to find their spade fit and I don't want to balance at 3♦ and go for a number."

Adams: "Pass—Tempting to get them a second chance at finding spades, because bad splits may scuttle. Problem is, bad splits might not be enough to set 4♠."

Four experts agree with me and stir up the animals. If it's the opponent's hand in spades, 3♦ could blow them out of the water.

Cappelletti: "3♦—Certainly correct at matchpoints even when vulnerable."

Parker: "3♦—This time it is preemptive, but partner will not know it. He is very unlikely to be bidding three notrump here since I have hearts. Where are the spades? It sounds like they are 5=4 with the opponents or better. I don't want them to find their fit, so either I pass or jump. I opt for the jump in diamonds since I have a good offensive hand. At IMPs I would let them play it in 1♥." At IMPs, it's more important to balance. You don't want to get 50 a trick when you're cold for a slam.

The following expert has a good point. Holding a void in spades, it is possible that West either meant to overcall in spades or psyched his heart overcall.

Schwartz: "2♦—I strongly suspect a psych as where are the spades? Hopefully

partner will take my later heart bid as natural probably at the slam level over partner's three notrump. I bid only 2♦ to give a partner a chance to jump to three notrump. That will confirm a psych. If partner bids three notrump over 3♦, I can't be sure."

Letting the opponents play at the one-level when holding a seven-card suit is not good strategy.

5) MPs, You're Vulnerable. You, South, hold:

♠KQ6♥A54♦7532♣QT2

	<u>SOUTH</u>	<u>WEST</u>	<u>NORTH</u>	<u>EAST</u>
	—	—	1♣	1♦
	???			
<u>Action</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Panelists</u>	<u>Solvers</u>	
Double	100	7	49	
Pass	50	2	45	
1NT	50	1	70	
2♣	40	1	6	
2♦	30	1	40	
2NT	30	0	21	
2♥	20	0	1	
3♦	20	0	11	
1♠	20	0	1	
3NT	20	0	1	
3♣	20	0	1	

There is no call, which perfectly describes this hand. What call comes closest and is least likely to cause a problem? Double, pass, one notrump, two notrump and 2♣ are suggested calls and each has its flaw. If you double you are likely to end up in a 4=3 or possibly a 3=3 fit. Partner has ♠Axx♥KQx♦xxx♣Kxxx and responds 1♥ to your negative double. Notrump could get notrump played from the wrong side. Partner has ♠Axx♥Qx♦Kx♣AKJxxx and bids three notrump. Pass and you could lose a partscore swing. Partner has ♠Ax♥Kxxx♦Qxx♣Kxxx and allows them to play 1♦. If you raise clubs you could find partner with ♠Axxx♥Kxxx♦xx♣AJx and play in a 3=3 club fit. So what's your poison?

Six experts agree with me and double. Double of 1♦ shows both majors, at least 4=4. You have both majors but are 3=3. At least you'll be at the one-level.

Lublin: "Double—I would make the negative double to show some values but wouldn't raise any jumps by partner except in clubs. Might have three notrump but not from my side."

Best would be if partner rebid either notrump or clubs.

Cappelletti: "Double—Encourage partner to compete and push opponents since we own the majority of points."

Parker: "Double—Partner is short in diamonds and therefore probably long in clubs. I will bid clubs over his expected major. Too good to pass and silly to bid notrump with four little diamonds and the lead coming thru partner."

Bidding over partner's one-of-a-major could be wrong if partner is 4=4=2=3. With no eight-card fit, low is good.

Hopkins: "Double—Oh Happy Day! I have support for both unbid suits and honor-third in my partner's opener. What could be better? I'm not sure I will ever be able to untangle the auction enough to get to our most playable spot, but I can't find a more reasonable call."

Schwartz: "Double—The book bid is to pass, then cue bid, but I think the more practical bid is double and play a low level major contract unless partner shows something extra."

Chen: "Double—All non-penalty doubles have the basic premise of "I have values but I don't know what to do," which is my situation here. I wish I had a four-card major, but then this wouldn't be a Master Solver's Club problem. If partner bids one-of-a-major, I will pass, since he probably has 12-14 balanced and we can't make three notrump even if he has a diamond stopper. All other rebids after doubling should be easy."

If you don't double then what? One expert bids one notrump. If partner has a weak notrump, you should survive. You will take a few tricks after they run the diamond suit. Also, if LHO has a singleton diamond, he might not lead it. If partner has a better hand and bids three notrump, this will not be a good result.

Roman: "One notrump—The real answer is pass, but I doubt I'd be able to do it in tempo."

Two experts raise clubs. If you are going to play in a 4=3 fit, why not play in a major? On good days partner has five clubs.

King: "2♣—I have too few clubs, but make up for it with extra points."

One expert will get to at least three clubs. I'd rather play in one-of-a-major.

Bingham: "2♦—Limit raise in clubs. Yes, I'm one or two clubs short, but this bid shows my values, and lying about my club length seems a lesser evil than bidding notrump without a diamond stopper or a negative double with only three cards in each major."

Two experts pass. The problem with passing is that you will have no clue where you belong if partner reopens with a double. Partner doubles holding ♠AJx♥xxxx♦xx♣AKxx and you cuebid. Partner bids 2♥. So instead of playing in 1♥ as the negative doublers are going to do, you are going to play in at least 2♥.

Woolsey: "Pass—It is very unlike to go

all pass, and if it does that might be as good as anything. If partner reopens with a double, I will cue-bid 2♦, which shows a hand something like this — no suit to bid, no diamond stopper, but a fair amount of strength. I can probably handle most other auctions decently. Any action I take now other than passing is a distortion from which I may not be able to recover."

Adams: "Pass—I've no bid, and no guarantee of game. When partner doubles, I can cue 2♦ and hope partner gets the message."

While one tries to have a four-card major when making a negative doubles, sometimes there is no other way to show strength.

SOLVERS' SCORES

John Adams	Pass	Pass	Dbl	Pass	Pass	410
Rick Bingham	Dbl	Pass	Dbl	Pass	2♦	430
Mike Cappelletti	3♦	Pass	Dbl	3♦	Dbl	460
Mark Chen	Dbl	Pass	2♦	Pass	Dbl	460
Robbie Hopkins	Dbl	Pass	Dbl	Pass	Dbl	500
Fred King	3♦	Pass	Pass	Pass	2♣	430
Glenn Lublin	Dbl	2NT	2♦	Pass	Dbl	390
Steve Parker	3♦	Pass	3♦	3♦	Dbl	410
Steve Robinson	3♦	Pass	Dbl	3♦	Dbl	460
Jeff Roman	Pass	Pass	Dbl	Pass	1NT	410
Alan Schwartz	Pass	Pass	Dbl	2♦	Dbl	400
Kit Woolsey	Dbl	Pass	2♦	Pass	Pass	410

WBL SOLVERS' CLUB'S NEW PROBLEMS

September/October 2003

1) MPs, None Vul. You South hold:

♠4♥10642♦KJ3♣AQ753

<u>SOUTH</u>	<u>WEST</u>	<u>NORTH</u>	<u>EAST</u>
—	—	—	3♦
Pass	Pass	Dbl	Pass
????			

2) MPs, They're Vul. You South hold:

♠Q2♥A♦A76♣AKQ10753

<u>SOUTH</u>	<u>WEST</u>	<u>NORTH</u>	<u>EAST</u>
—	Pass	Pass	2♠
????			

3♠ and 4♣ are NOT valid answers and will be given 0 points.

3) MPs, You're Vul. You South hold:

♠J10864♥K104♦-♣K8653

<u>SOUTH</u>	<u>WEST</u>	<u>NORTH</u>	<u>EAST</u>
—	—	—	Pass
Pass	2♦	Pass	3♦
????			

4) IMPs, None Vul. You South hold:

♠-♥KQ10932♦Q43♣K1054

<u>SOUTH</u>	<u>WEST</u>	<u>NORTH</u>	<u>EAST</u>
—	—	1♠	Dbl
Rdbl	Pass	2♦	Pass
Pass	3♣	Pass	Pass
????			

5) MPs, None Vul. You South hold:

♠AJ1043♥2♦K43♣AQ32

<u>SOUTH</u>	<u>WEST</u>	<u>NORTH</u>	<u>EAST</u>
—	—	1♦	Pass
1♠	Pass	2♦	Pass
????			

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This list is up to date through June 5, 2003 (not including KOs). All points are subject to audit by the WBL Director.

Lovenberg

- 1 105.76 Steve Robinson
- 2 94.42 Leo LaSota
- 3 79.38 Alan Kleist
- 4 70.21 John Adams
- 5 69.75 Alfred Steinberg
- 6 65.83 Fred King
- 7 50.62 Mark Shaw
- 8 48.74 Andrew Gofreed
- 9 48.66 Charleen Brand
- 10 47.94 Warren Kaufman
- 11 46.76 William Hacker
- 12 46.06 Richard Wegman
- 13 45.67 Barbara Shaw
- 14 45.14 Jim Houghton
- 15 44.44 Ellen Klosson
- 16 40.64 Ellen Cherniavsky
- 17 39.44 Lloyd Rawley
- 18 39.40 Andrew Kaufman
- 19 37.57 Charles Young Jr
- 20 37.29 Kitty Gottfried
- 21 37.28 David Ruderman
- 22 37.15 Robert Bell
- 23 37.03 Stephen Swearingen
- 24 34.56 Leon Letwin
- 25 34.43 Glenn Lublin

Izzy Cohen

- 1 46.76 William Hacker
- 2 39.44 Lloyd Rawley
- 3 39.40 Andrew Kaufman
- 4 37.57 Charles Young Jr
- 5 37.29 Kitty Gottfried
- 6 33.92 John Lawrence
- 7 30.37 James Geist
- 8 30.16 Janet Dence
- 9 29.71 Robert Ellis
- 10 29.33 Charity Sack
- 11 28.20 Kevin Barnes
- 12 25.81 Vincent Wilmot Jr
- 13 23.97 Steven Sacks
- 14 23.70 Alice Wegman
- 15 23.53 John Lowe III

Tubbs

- 1 28.20 Kevin Barnes
- 2 23.97 Steven Sacks
- 3 23.53 John Lowe III
- 4 18.66 Ellen Rosenthal
- 5 18.55 John Laurim
- 6 18.27 Michelle Cantave
- 7 16.63 Suzanne Abrams
- 8 15.38 Howard Tash
- 9 15.20 Mark Rosen
- 10 14.53 Martin Reed

Woolridge

- 1 13.15 Neal Rosenthal
- 2 6.25 Cielle Block
- 3 6.25 Rachelle Sladoff
- 4 4.83 Ron Starr
- 5 3.87 William Kingery Jr
- 6 3.18 Shirlee Starr
- 7 3.02 Jean Agenbroad
- 8 2.69 Terry Carlton
- 9 2.69 Candace Carlton
- 10 1.76 Jeffery Smith

Machlin

- 1 5.88 Audrey Marbach
- 2 4.30 Alice Miller
- 3 4.30 Eugene Davidson
- 4 3.92 David Wakefield
- 5 3.88 Juline Glaz
- 6 3.88 Daniel Shankle Jr
- 7 3.68 Edward Alexander
- 8 3.68 Donald Jacobs

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- July 24Strataflighted Unit Championship
- July 31Strataflighted Upgraded Club Championship
- August 7Strataflighted Unit Championship
- August 14Stratified NAOP Qualifying
- August 21Strataflighted Unit Championship
- August 28Strataflighted Unit Championship
- Sept. 4MBA STaC
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- Sept. 18Strataflighted Super Club Championship
- Sept. 25Strataflighted UC/49er Qualifying
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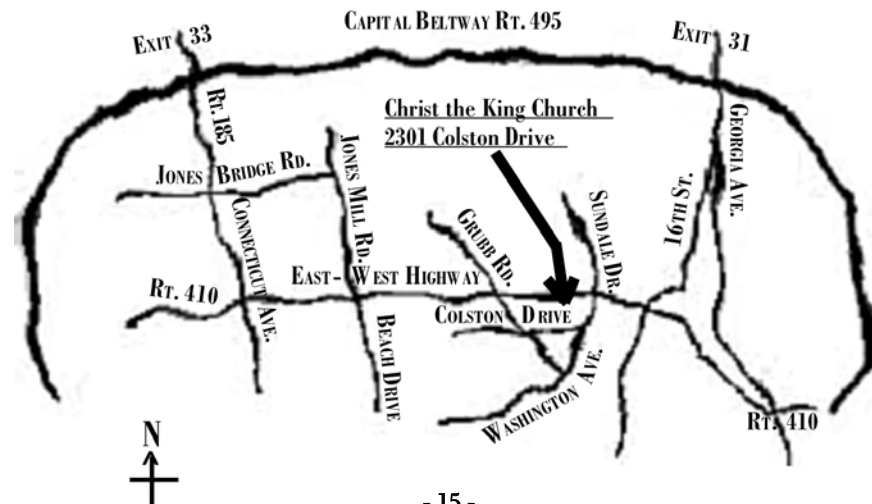
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FOLLOWING THE LAWS

Bidding After a Hesitation: More Than Meets the Eye

by Eric Landau, ehaa@starpower.net

Consider two situations, which at first glance appear to be nearly identical. In both cases, a player huddled, and his partner took a bid holding a hand with which he might well have passed.

On the first deal, the auction went:

<u>W</u>	<u>N</u>	<u>E</u>	<u>S</u>
2S	P(*)	P	3H
P	P	P	

(*) after a lengthy pause

3H made for +140. When E-W looked at the N-S hands, they noticed that North had a particularly good hand for his pass, and that South had a marginal 3H call, with which many players would have passed. 2S would have made, scoring -110 for N-S, so South's decision to bid 3H was worth 250 points. E-W called the director, asking that South's 3H bid be disallowed. The director agreed, and changed the score to N-S -110.

On the second deal, the auction went:

<u>W</u>	<u>N</u>	<u>E</u>	<u>S</u>
2S	3H(*)	P	4H
P	P	P	

(*) after a lengthy pause

4H made for +420. When E-W looked at the N-S hands, they noticed that North had a particularly good hand for his 3H bid, and that South had a marginal 4H call, with which many players would have passed. 3H would have made with an overtrick, scoring +170 for N-S, so South's decision to bid 4H was worth 250 points. E-W called the director, asking that South's 4H bid be disallowed. The director disagreed, and allowed the score to stand.

These decisions appear to be wildly inconsistent. Is the director crazy? Did he have friends sitting E-W on the first deal and friends sitting N-S on the second one? What's going on here?

In fact, the director made the correct decision both times. Do you see the difference?

Law 16A of the Laws of Duplicate Contract Bridge states: "After a player makes available to his partner extraneous information that may suggest a call or play, as by means of a[n]... unmistakable hesitation... the partner may not choose from among logical alternative actions one that could demonstrably have been suggested over another by the extraneous information."

On the first deal, where North passed, his huddle presumably indicated that he was thinking of doing something else, which could only have been taking some stronger action (such as doubling or overcalling). His hesitation "demonstrably suggested" that he had an unusually good hand for his pass. Therefore South's 3H bid was "protected" by the extraneous information from North's huddle.

On the second deal, where North bid 3H, his huddle presumably indicated that he was thinking of doing something else, which might have been taking some stronger action (such as bidding 4H) or might have been taking some weaker action (such as passing). His hesitation did not "demonstrably suggest" that he had an unusually good hand for his 3H bid (even though on this occasion he did); he might have had an unusually weak hand for his 3H bid, in which case South's 4H bid might, for example, have scored -50 instead of +140. Therefore South's 4H bid was not protected by the extraneous information from North's huddle. 4H could have been a losing action just as easily as the winning action it turned out to be.

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BRIDGEATSCHOOLS!

A Grand Finale for Bridge at the Jefferson School
by Barbara Shaw

The year has come to an end and I had a wonderful time with my students. We began the year in September teaching them the value of the cards and suits. They learned how to take tricks by playing war and partnership war. Then we went on from there. Now they actually know quite a bit about playing a real game of duplicate bridge. Just ask any one of their final partners who came the last week of the club for a party and a game of bridge.

I want to thank our World and National Champions for giving up an afternoon of their time to come a play with the boys. Steve Robinson, Alan Kleist, and Bill Pettis all said that they had a wonderful time. A big thanks also to former WBL President and two time Regional Champion Jim Allen for coming out. The kids were excited for a couple of months anticipating playing with champions and having a party. Teachers came from all over the school to meet the champs and see the kids playing bridge. My assistant, Jane Sturgis, remarked that she had never seen them so quiet.

The kids were very serious about playing well. I was able to pick hands that the boys would be able to handle and avoided hands that only the pros would know. One of my kids even made a doubled 3 Spade bid (not knowing what a penalty double was). However he did know how to take 9 tricks and he did. In the last couple of months the kids learned 1NT and 2NT openings with stayman and major suit transfers. Although one kid complained that having to announce transfer was stupid. I replied, "Sorry, those are the rules." They learned how to invite and bid game in NT or the Suit. They learned 1NT forcing

after a major suit opening and 2 over 1 game forcing bids. They were taught how to make 1 level and 2 level overcalls. They learned how to count distribution once they had found a fit. Most of all they became expert dummies. They all liked being able to jump up and run around the table and tell their partner how to play the hand. Sometimes they would even complain that they hadn't been dummy yet. We all had a great time.



At this time we are not sure whether we will have a Club again next year. Three of the four boys graduate. I told the Principal that I would be more than happy to have an after school bridge club next year if there were at least 4 students who wanted to be members. The BridgeAtSchools! program is struggling right now and National coordinators Nadine Wood, Charity Sack and Barbara Heller are trying to keep it going. Whether they do or not, I hope that other area schools will try to have after school bridge clubs. Wouldn't it be fun to eventually have an interscholastic competition between some of the area high schools?

By the way, when the team scores were tallied at the end, the two teams tied as it should be. No 4 board playoffs for this group.

This year's annual meeting was an exceptional event. The food was delicious and the meeting and (uncontested) elections went smoothly. Awards were presented to the mini-McKenny and Ace of Clubs winners. The Unit Player of the Year trophies were presented. President's Awards were given to Alice Wegman, Lee Biggs, and Leslie Shafer. A special service award was presented to Lee Jensen. A thank you gift was given to Barbara Doran for her service as Unit President for the past three years.



2002 President's Award Winners: Alice Wegman and Leslie Shafer

Special thanks to the folks who made the evening a success:

- Millard Nachtwey
- Nadine Wood
- Kitty Gottfried
- Jim Allen
- Ron Zucker
- Eileen Houghton
- Barbara Shaw
- Steve Czecha
- Audrey Marbach
- Ellie Ostrinsky
- Rosemary Marks
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Congratulations to all the award winners, and to the new Board Members and Officers.
...BarbDoran, outgoing President

**2002 WBL UNIT GAME
PLAYER OF THE YEAR WINNERS**



1st Place Trophy Winners from left to right: Alfred Steinberg, David Hamilton, Rosemary Marks, Charity Sack, and Ellen Cherniavsky

- Lovenberg**
- 1 229.23 Alfred Steinberg
 - 2 215.42 Leo LaSota
 - 3 178.76 John Adams

- Izzy Cohen**
- 1 101.05 Ellen Cherniavsky
 - 2 97.09 Yi Zhong
 - 3 76.00 Hailong Ao

- Tubbs**
- 1 68.79 Charity Sack
 - 2 42.57 David Hamilton
 - 3 41.89 Robert Wissman

- Woolridge**
- 1 42.57 David Hamilton
 - 2 29.95 Ellen Rosenthal
 - 3 28.61 Steven Sacks

- Machlin**
- 1 14.10 Rosemary Marks
 - 2 13.73 Marie Creisher
 - 3 10.75 Charles Pan



**2002 MINI-McKENNEY
WBL UNIT 147 WINNERS**



Back Row: Mark Shaw, Michelle Cantave, Charity Sack, and Ajit Thyagarajan. Middle Row: Gail Morgenweck, Joan Fitzpatrick, and Peggy Allen. Front Row: Steve Robinson, Barbara Shaw and Ceceilia Valdivieso.

Rookie of the Year
Gail Morgenweck/Joan Fitzpatrick

Junior Master of the Year
Timothy Stewart

Club Master of the Year
Michelle Cantave

Sectional Master of the Year
Ajit Thyagarajan

Regional Master of the Year
Charles King

NABC Master of the Year
Cecilia Valdivieso

Life Master of the Year
Charity Sack

Bronze Life Master of the Year
Jackie Thompson

Silver Life Master of the Year
Peggy Allen

Gold Life Master of the Year
Barbara Shaw

Diamond Life Master of the Year
Mark Shaw

Grand Life Master of the Year
Steve Robinson

**2002 ACE OF CLUBS
WINNERS**



Left to Right: Charles Carrington, Betty Siefring, Dan Moore, Rossi Lindstrom, and John Laurim

Rookie of the Year
Gail Morgenweck/Joan Fitzpatrick

Junior Master of the Year
Tsung Lee

Club Master of the Year
Stephen Mac Arthur

Sectional Master of the Year
Betty Siefring

Regional Master of the Year
John Laurim

NABC Master of the Year
Charles Carrington

Life Master of the Year
Dan Moore

Bronze Life Master of the Year
Sarah Goodstein

Silver Life Master of the Year
Dara Khambata

Gold Life Master of the Year
Eileen Theimer

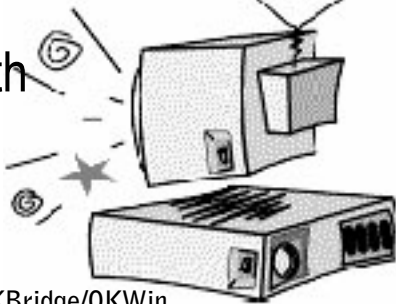
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Rossi Lindstrom

Grand Life Master of the Year
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TOP TEN CUMULATIVE POINT WINNERS

All Players

1	22.89Leo LaSota
2	17.02Alan Kleist
3	16.77	.....Steve Robinson
4	15.77	.....John Adams
5	14.05	.....Leon Letwin
6/7	13.70	.....Joseph Trapani
6/7	13.70	.....Lynn Jones
8	13.52	.....Robert Cookin
9	12.67	.....Fred King
10	12.30	.....Joel Miller

Players with fewer than 1500 masterpoints

1	12.30	.....Joel Miller
2/3	8.57	.....David Wampler
2/3	8.57	.....Michael Schuller
4	6.49	.....Eileen Houghton
5	5.95	.....Kitty Gottfried
6	5.88	.....Steve Bunning
7	5.45	.....Robert Stearns
8	5.44	.....Suzanne Abrams
9	5.24	.....Alice Wegman
10	5.19	.....George Clark III

Players with fewer than 500 masterpoints

1/2	8.57	.....Michael Schuller
1/2	8.57	.....David Wampler
3	5.44	.....Suzanne Abrams
4/5	5.05	.....Lois Geer
4/5	5.05	.....Bryan Geer
6	4.60	.....Eugene Fisher
7	4.55	.....Kevin Barnes
8	4.51	.....Leonid Fastovsky
9	3.83	.....Paul Stygar
10	3.82	.....Donald Jacobs

THURSDAY MORNING

OPEN PAIRSStratum A

16 Pairs



1	Charles Stenger - Robert Cohen	..... .64.58
2	Jim Allen, Jr - Jackie Thompson	..... .61.01
3	Emil Rassofsky - John Laurim	..... .56.25
4	Betty Taneri - Hanna Schepps	..... .55.36
5	Sylvia Levy - Eileen Theimer	..... .54.17

Stratum B

9 Pairs

1	Emil Rassofsky - John Laurim	..... .56.25
2	Arthur Mackwell - Dolores Rioux	..... .53.27
3	George Clark III - David Wakefield	..... .50.89
4	Ann Ruth Volin - Nelson Waks	..... .47.92

Stratum C

5 Pairs

1	Emil Rassofsky - John Laurim	..... .56.25
2	Arthur Mackwell - Dolores Rioux	..... .53.27

THURSDAY EVENING

A/X PAIRSStratum A

76 Pairs



1	Joel Miller - Leon Letwin	..... .62.61
2	Lynn Jones - Joseph Trapani	..... .61.83
3	Richard Wegman - Fred King	..... .61.69
4	Robert Klein - David Ruderman	..... .60.75
5	Michael Richey - Patricia Parker	..... .60.40
6	Chas Fain - Arthur Hayes	..... .60.14
7	Earl Glickstein - Robert Bell	..... .59.19

Stratum X

50 Pairs

1	Joel Miller - Leon Letwin	..... .62.61
2	Lynn Jones - Joseph Trapani	..... .61.83
3	Chas Fain - Arthur Hayes	..... .60.14
4	Jim Wakefield - Gabriele Nanda	..... .58.44
5	Denis Taneri - Martin Graf	..... .58.21
6	Yi Zhong - Hailong Ao	..... .57.55

B/C PAIRSStratum B

48 Pairs



1	Kevin Barnes - Robert Henry	..... .65.91
2	Robert Lepelletier Jr - Richard Cline	..... 65.48
3	Benjamin Stauss - Robert Ellis	..... .65.15
4	Ted Guthrie - Suzanne Abrams	..... .61.74

- 5 Neal Rosenthal - Eugene Fisher59.85
- 6 Melville Yudkin - Bryan Macpherson 58.63

Stratum C

28 Pairs

- 1 Ted Guthrie - Suzanne Abrams61.74
- 2 Neal Rosenthal - Eugene Fisher59.85
- 3 Melville Yudkin - Bryan Macpherson 58.63
- 4 Martin Reed - Jack Geltman57.20
- 5 Leonid Fastovsky - Tina Chisena56.63
- 6 John Evans - Ruth Schrider55.11

200/100 PAIRS at Silver Spring . . .Stratum A
12 Pairs



- 1 Kathy Attan - Sen. Robert Packwood . .59.58
- 2 Agnes Gavin - Evelyn Knapp58.75
- 3 Eric Nash - Wilma Middleton57.08
- 4 Adam Reese - Elliott Shapiro54.58

Stratum B

6 Pairs

- 1 Sen. Robert Packwood - Kathy Attan 59.58
- 2 Eric Nash - Wilma Middleton57.08

FRIDAY MORNING

OPEN PAIRSStratum A
32 Pairs

- 1 Jack Armstrong - Anne Stein63.82
- 2 Leo LaSota - Ed Lewis60.03
- 3 Les Bart - Gloria Silverman58.27
- 4 Jack Moss - Miles Kitzler56.88
- 5 Robert Gookin - Linda Maloney56.63
- 6 Alice Wegman - Seema Bhagwat54.96

Stratum B

17 Pairs

- 1 Jack Moss - Miles Kitzler56.88
- 2 Alice Wegman - Seema Bhagwat54.96
- 3 Daniel Fink - Tobie Fink54.50
- 4 James Geist - Eugene Fisher53.46
- 5 Roslyn Rubin - Sherrie Schrama52.09

Stratum C

8 Pairs

- 1 Daniel Fink - Tobie Fink54.50
- 2 Georgia Lyhus - Arlan Lyhus49.30
- 3 Behnaz Fardshisheh - Marie Nylen . . .49.12

300/200 PAIRSStratum A
6 Pairs

- 1 Donald Jacobs - Helen Solomon58.00
- 2 Sam Dendy - Fausto Calabria55.00

Stratum B

5 Pairs

- 1 Sam Dendy - Fausto Calabria55.00
- 2 Samuel Bowlin - Wanda Avila50.00

FRIDAY AFTERNOON

OPEN PAIRSStratum A
42 Pairs



- 1 Steve Robinson - Steven Parker65.28
- 2 Jane Sturgis - Mark Shaw62.96
- 3 Kim Smith - Stephen Mac Arthur . . .62.27
- 4 Joan Benesch - William Benesch . . .59.95
- 5 Kenneth Katzner - Leon Letwin59.26
- 6/8 Jack Armstrong - Rossi Lindstrom . .58.56
- 6/8 M Laskowski - S James Elliott58.56
- 6/8 Steve Bunning - Kristene Miller . . .58.56

Stratum B

21 Pairs

- 1 Joan Benesch - William Benesch . . .59.95
- 2 Alice Wegman - John Glynn57.18
- 3 Eugene Fisher - James Geist56.94
- 4 David Wakefield - George Clark III . .56.25
- 5 Marshall Kramer - Nelu Schwartz . .56.02
- 6/7 Constance Bynum - Audrey Warren . .52.55
- 6/7 Roslyn Rubin - Rosemary Marks . . .52.55

Stratum C

9 Pairs

- 1 Marshall Kramer - Nelu Schwartz . . .56.02
- 2 Paul Stygar - Edward Maixner51.16
- 3 Judy Glick - Clifford Dyhouse46.76
- 4 Ali Al-Aref - Michele Liebel42.59

FRIDAY EVENING

A/X PAIRSStratum A
16 Pairs



- 1 Ralph Hoffman - Barbara Ames60.71
- 2 Eileen Houghton - Robert Bell58.24
- 3 Kenneth Davis - Charles Yaple57.69
- 4 Leo LaSota - Dan Kasture57.42
- 5 Candace Kuschner - Marshall Kuschner .54.12

Stratum X

6 Pairs

- 1 Barbara Ames - Ralph Hoffman60.71
- 2 Leo LaSota - Dan Kasture57.42

B/C PAIRSStratum B
14 Pairs



- 1 David Wampler - Michael Schuller . .68.45

- 2 Jean Marx - Jerry Falconett68.15
- 3 Eric Branfman - Andrew Lipps59.23
- 4 Eva Klivington - Christian Luong . . .55.95
- 5 Deborah James - Arthur Olson49.70

Stratum C

9 Pairs

- 1 David Wampler - Michael Schuller . .68.45
- 2 Jean Marx - Jerry Falconett68.15
- 3 Eva Klivington - Christian Luong . . .55.95
- 4 Leonid Fastovsky - Tina Chisena . . .48.51

300/200/100 PAIRSStratum A
13 Pairs



- 1 Edward Maixner - Paul Stygar56.90
- 2 Herbert Behre III - Deborah Branch . .55.70
- 3 Naomi Fisch - Lee Tanen54.67
- 4 Ali Al-Aref - Michele Liebel53.33
- 5 John Lowe III - John Mattioli52.80

Stratum B

12 Pairs

- 1 Edward Maixner - Paul Stygar56.90
- 2 Herbert Behre III - Deborah Branch . .55.70
- 3 Naomi Fisch - Lee Tanen54.67
- 4 Ali Al-Aref - Michele Liebel53.33

Stratum C

9 Pairs

- 1 Edward Maixner - Paul Stygar56.90
- 2 Herbert Behre III - Deborah Branch . .55.70
- 3 Naomi Fisch - Lee Tanen54.67
- 4 Ali Al-Aref - Michele Liebel53.33

SATURDAY MORNING

SENIOR PAIRSStratum A
22 Pairs



- 1 John Ashe - Kenneth Davis62.73
- 2 Jon Ranhand - Ann Clark62.04
- 3 Audrey Marbach - Dalia Kende60.65
- 4 Juline Glaz - Daniel Shankle Jr60.19
- 5 Jack Armstrong - Leon Hammerman .59.26
- 6/8 Edward Alexander - Donald Jacobs . .58.10
- 6/8 Margaret Peirce - Nelson Waks58.10
- 6/8 Bruce Houston - Donald Van Arman .58.10

Stratum B

13 Pairs

- 1 Jon Ranhand - Ann Clark62.04
- 2 Edward Alexander - Donald Jacobs . .58.10
- 3 John Lowe III - John Laurim55.79
- 4 Phyllis Sonen - Hilda Getz49.31
- 5 Audrey Stern - George Clark III48.84

Stratum C

8 Pairs

- 1 Jon Ranhand - Ann Clark62.04
- 2 Edward Alexander - Donald Jacobs . .58.10
- 3 John Lowe III - John Laurim55.79

SATURDAY AFTERNOON

A/X PAIRSStratum A
30 Pairs



- 1 Leo LaSota - Alan Kleist62.50
- 2 Bryan Coleman - Fred King58.81
- 3 John Adams - Steve Robinson57.53
- 4 Kenneth Davis - John Ashe56.71
- 5 Stephen Swearingen - S James Elliott 54.01
- 6 Donald Van Arman - Bruce Houston .53.91

Stratum X

13 Pairs

- 1 Donald Van Arman - Bruce Houston .53.91
- 2 Alfred Graham - Todd Zimnoch52.47
- 3 Charles Carrington - Allen Lord . . .51.70
- 4 Steve Bunning - Kristene Miller . . .51.60
- 5 Jim Pestaner - Lucy Pestaner49.68

B/C PAIRSStratum B
16 Pairs



- 1 M Cassandra Smith - Betty Bursey . .62.95
- 2 Mary Jane Von Moss - Jackie Thompson .62.20
- 3 David Wampler - Michael Schuller . .61.26
- 4 George Clark III - Audrey Stern60.71
- 5 Avinash Bhagwat - Marlys Moholt . .56.95

Stratum C

11 Pairs

- 1 David Wampler - Michael Schuller . .61.26
- 2 Suzanne Abrams - L Johnson53.87
- 3 Carole Banks - Khon Lien53.57
- 4 Georgia Lyhus - Arlan Lyhus52.13

SENIOR PAIRSStratum A

14 Pairs

- 1 Audrey Marbach - Alice Miller56.55
- 2 Lorraine Morgan - Gloria Schulstad . .56.25
- 3 Jack Armstrong - Leon Hammerman .55.65
- 4 Kitty Gottfried - Rosemary Marks . . .55.36
- 5 Zehava Tadjer - Charles Margolis . . .54.46

Stratum B

6 Pairs

- 1 Kitty Gottfried - Rosemary Marks . . .55.36
- 2 Zehava Tadjer - Charles Margolis . . .54.46

300/200/100 PAIRSStratum A

12 Pairs



- 1 Timothy Stewart - John Mattioli58.75
- 2 James Andre - Janet Rosenthal55.83
- 3 Gloria Halstead - Thomas Din55.42
- 4 Paul Stygar - Hilda Sheffer51.67

Stratum B

10 Pairs

- 1 James Andre - Janet Rosenthal55.83
- 2 Gloria Halstead - Thomas Din55.42
- 3 Paul Stygar - Hilda Sheffer51.67
- 4 Margaret Buda - Robert Von Moss . . .50.00

Stratum C

7 Pairs

- 1 Gloria Halstead - Thomas Din55.42
- 2 Paul Stygar - Hilda Sheffer51.67
- 3 Herbert Behre III - Deborah Branch .49.58

SATURDAY EVENING

A/X PAIRSStratum A

29 Pairs



- 1 Andrew Gofreed - Alfred Steinberg . .63.78
- 2 Leo LaSota - Alan Kleist57.81
- 3 S James Elliott - Stephen Swearingen .56.08

- 4 Stan Schenker - David Milton55.77
- 5 Richard Ferrin - Eugene Kales54.97
- 6 Steve Bunning - Kristene Miller54.49

Stratum X

13 Pairs

- 1 Steve Bunning - Kristene Miller54.49
- 2 Aron Chrapp - Leonid Fastovsky54.35
- 3 Rae Dethlefsen - Diane Walker54.17
- 4 Katherine Kruskal - Tim Crank52.43
- 5 Elliot Grant - James Davenport Jr . . .51.28

B/C/D PAIRSStratum B

18 Pairs

- 1 Lenore Ward - Jean Trumbo63.10
- 2 Kitty Gottfried - Ben Laden61.31
- 3 Bryan Geer - Lois Geer60.71
- 4 Kathryn Kiley - M Cassandra Smith .58.63
- 5 Suzanne Abrams - L Johnson56.85

Stratum C

13 Pairs

- 1 Bryan Geer - Lois Geer60.71
- 2 Suzanne Abrams - L Johnson56.85
- 3 David Wampler - Michael Schuller . .55.06
- 4 Richard Steiner - Suzanne Steiner . .54.46
- 5/6 David Raley - Barry Lieberman . . .53.57
- 5/6 Anita Gutschick - Carl Gutschick . .53.57

Stratum D

7 Pairs

- 1 Richard Steiner - Suzanne Steiner . .54.46
- 2/3 David Raley - Barry Lieberman . . .53.57
- 2/3 Anita Gutschick - Carl Gutschick . .53.57

SUNDAY

A/X B-A-M TEAMSStratum A

10 Teams



- 1 Jim Houghton - Robert Gookin - Donna Rogall - John Adams34.00
- 2 Peter Boyd - Ellen Klosson - William Cole - Ellen Cherniavsky32.50
- 3 Steve Robinson - Mark Shaw - Barbara Shaw - Jeff Roman28.50
- 4 Leo LaSota - S James Elliott - Alan Kleist - Stephen Swearingen26.50

Stratum X

4 Teams

- 1/2 Michael Andrews - Susan Johnston - William Foster Jr - Linda Smith26.50
- 1/2 Lynn Jones - Tom Cogan - Louis Stuckey - Joseph Trapani26.50

B/C SWISS TEAMSStratum B

11 Teams



- 1 Lynn Boardman -Charles Young Jr - Robert Stearns - Bill Gainer86.00
- 2 Kenneth Kaufman - Lloyd Rawley - J J Armour - Ronald Zucker76.00
- 3 Khon Lien - John Christensen - Eileen Houghton - Kitty Gottfried72.00
- 4 Nancy Kramer - Bruce Goldstein - Karen Chagalis - William Peters70.00

Stratum C

3 Teams

- 1 Kenneth Kaufman - Lloyd Rawley - J J Armour - Ronald Zucker76.00

SUNDAY MORNING

300/200 SWISS TEAMSStratum A

9 Teams

- 1 Mike Schuller - David Wampler - Lois Geer - Bryan Geer65.00
- 2 Herbert Behre III - Mary O'Shea - John Lowe III - John Chasson48.00
- 3 Helen Solomon - Sally Garfinkel - Donald Jacobs -Sandra Jacobs45.00
- 4 Pitamber Devgon - David Schultz - Richard Hesse -Gerry Higgins43.00

Stratum B

4 Teams

- 1 Pitamber Devgon - David Schultz - Richard Hesse - Gerry Higgins43.00

SUNDAY AFTERNOON

299ER SWISS TEAMS

4 Teams

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NLM MASTER POINTERS

written and compiled by I/N Editor, Leslie Shafer

My husband thinks we should always eat our Chinese food in the restaurant to save money. He swears I told him that it was "Double for Takeout."

Most of you know that in bridge, a low level double is usually for takeout. But what happens when partner makes a takeout double and your RHO redoubles? Look at the following hand played last Monday night at the Washington Bridge Center.

DANGEROUS REDOUBLED AUCTIONS!

Dealer: South
Vulnerable: E/W
Lead: ♦K

NORTH

♠ A Q J 8 3
♥ A J 9 5
♦ A
♣ J 9 8

WEST

♠ 7
♥ K 8 4
♦ K Q 10 8 6 5
♣ A 5 2

EAST

♠ K 10
♥ Q 3 2
♦ 9 7 2
♣ K Q 6 4 3

SOUTH

♠ 9 6 5 4 2
♥ 10 7 6
♦ J 4 3
♣ 10 7

Bidding:

<u>WEST</u>	<u>NORTH</u>	<u>EAST</u>	<u>SOUTH</u>
1♦	Dbl (1)	Rdbl (2)	Pass
2♦ (4)	4♠ (5)	Double	1♠ (3)

It is a good practice during the auction to mentally place the high card points around the table. Think of yourself as a real estate agent. One of their biggest draws is location, Location, LOCATION!!

- (1) After West opened (showing 13 points), North made a takeout double with an excellent 17 count, hoping partner might mention one of the majors.
- (2) However, East redoubles, showing 10 HCP or more!

How many points has North "heard" at the table so far? 13 (West); 17 (North); and 10 (East). So all 40 points are accounted for and North should realize her partner is flat broke.

- (3) South's 1♠ bid does not promise any values. Both North and South should know they're outgunned and only take action for damage control purposes. South's 1♠ says, "We're in trouble, partner, but at least I can tell you what suit is least dangerous for us to play in."
- (4) West should think about doubling for penalty, but is not sure it is the right thing to do. When unsure, pass it around to your partner for his evaluation. The rebid of 2♦ by West actually says "I am not interested in punishing the opponents with a penalty double. I have opened a bad hand!" With the decent opener that he actually has, West should pass.

- (5) North, thinking her partner had values

for that 1♠ "free" bid, busted into game. East doubled for penalty. Result: down 2, vulnerable and doubled, E/W +500 for 6 matchpoints out of 7, a shared top board.

A better auction might have been:

Bidding:

<u>WEST</u>	<u>NORTH</u>	<u>EAST</u>	<u>SOUTH</u>
Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass
1♦	Dbl	Rdbl	1♠ (1)
Pass (2)	2♠ (3)	Pass (4)	Pass
3♦ (5)	All Pass		

- (1) Since I can't have many points on this auction, I'm just showing you what suit to play in, since if I pass and you bid clubs, I'll have to go to 2♣.
- (2) I opened a reasonable hand, but don't have enough spades to double for penalty.
- (3) I'm only human, and I have a REALLY good hand for spades.
- (4) I don't have enough spades to double either.
- (5) OK, I'm going to compete to 3♦, since we can't double them at 2♠.

After a lengthy, dry sermon, the minister announced that he wished to meet with the church board following the close of the service. The first man to arrive, however, was a complete stranger. "You seem to have misunderstood my announcement," the minister said. "This is a meeting of the board."

"Yes, I know," the man replied, "but if there is anyone here more bored than I am, I'd like to meet him."

These auctions are not for the faint of heart. They can be very exciting. There'll probably be meetings and sermons regarding the hand afterwards.

If your takeout double ever gets "redoubled" by the opponents, know that you could be in trouble. Subsequent bids by your side are just "scrambling for safety" bids. If your partner does make a free bid in this situation, know that he is broke, and just trying to help avoid some of the carnage about to take place.

[Leslie Shafer is the editor of "Bridge Students 'R Us." A national bridge newsletter specifically for Intermediate and Novice players, it is receiving rave reviews! Started in January 2001, hundreds of subscribers in its first year attest to its easy-to-read format and Leslie's famous humor! Call (301-593-6828) or write for a free copy of Issue #1. You may subscribe by sending your name, address, phone number and payment of \$25 for a one-year subscription (six issues a year) to Leslie Shafer, 690 Concerto Lane, Silver Spring, MD 20901. Her website is www.bridgeteacher.com and her email address is slamhand@erols.com]

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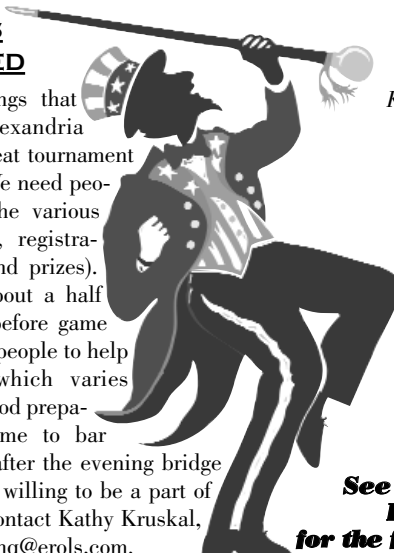
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