



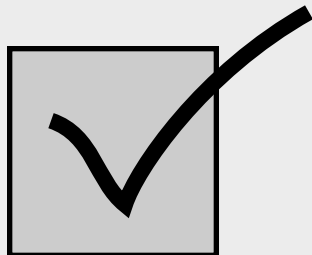
COME OUT AND VOTE!

## ANNUAL MEETING ELECTIONS AND CHARITY GAME

*Thursday, May 13th*  
*at*  
*Christ the King Church*

Complimentary Buffet Dinner .....6:00 p.m.  
Meeting and Elections .....7:00 p.m.  
Charity Game .....7:30 p.m.

*This year, the Charity Game will support the  
Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation*



**Volunteers** are needed to help with cooking at Nadine's the night before, starting at 7 p.m. We also need volunteers to help prepare and set up food on the day, at the church, starting at 3 p.m. Any person who can help, even if only for an hour or two, will be welcome. For information, contact WBL Hospitality Chair, **Kitty Gottfried** at (301) 587-3981 or [kgottfried@hotmail.com](mailto:kgottfried@hotmail.com).

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## PRESIDENT'S LETTER

by WBL President, Dick Wegman

One of the great strengths of our unit is the contribution of our volunteers. More than two dozen players promptly responded to recent e-mail requests from Charity Sack and Steve Forsythe for help at our sectional tournaments (with table set ups, hospitality, parking, caddy management, etc. We're very grateful to everyone who has signed up, and we'd welcome help from anyone else who's in a position to do so.

Many of you have also volunteered to fill in as partners on Thursday nights and at sectionals. As a result, we are able to promise anyone who wants to play that they won't be turned away if they show up to play without a partner. Most clubs in the WBL also provide partners for those who need them. So if you'd like to play and don't have a partner, don't hesitate to come — we will find one for you, and we'll do our best to ensure that your partner will be someone at your skill and experience level.

We've just received word from the ACBL that the Washington Bridge League has been named as a two-star club. Our partnership-guarantee program is one of the main criteria for selection for this award (the other key elements for selection are our zero tolerance policy and our strong teaching program). The WBL is one of only 16 clubs in the country to achieve this status, so we're very proud of our achievement. If we expand our social activities, we may be eligible next year for three-star status, the highest in the ACBL.

Attendance at our sectional in early March was more than 340 tables — an increase of 100 tables from the tournament a year earlier. From what many of you have said, one of the major reasons has been the outstanding hospitality — provided, as always, by Nadine Wood and Kitty Gottfried.

We're also grateful to Ann Lindley, who has agreed to assist Nadine as a tournament co-chair, starting with our next tournament.

Ann will take on this responsibility, in addition to the work she handles as WBL ombudsman. If you have any problems at our sectional tournaments, or any suggestions for how we can improve our events, please let Nadine, Ann, or Kitty know. We're always interested in anything further we can do to make the games convenient, accessible, and fun.

Our annual non-life master sectional is taking place this weekend (April 30 - May 2), at the Washington Bridge Center, located on Elton Road (just off the Beltway at New Hampshire Avenue). Our next open tournament will take place on July 29 - Aug 1. We haven't held a mid-summer sectional for many years, but this one should be at a very convenient time — several weeks after the Alexandria regional and several weeks before the Hunt Valley Regional. We're going to try a new schedule on Saturday at the tournament — two sessions (rather than three), events starting at 11:00 AM and 3:30 PM, with lunch provided between sessions. We hope you like the new Saturday schedule, and we will be very interested in your feedback.

Congratulations to Mark Shaw, who became a Grand Life Master (10,000 points) in February. We will have a roast for Mark following the Friday evening session on July 30th. I hope all of you can join us for that.

Also, don't forget to put the annual meeting on your calendars. It will be held on Thursday, May 13th at Christ the King Church. We will be electing officers and new board members for the coming year. And please stay for the charity game that follows the meeting. Our charity this year is the Race for the Cure, a charity that deserves our full support.

I look forward to seeing you soon at our unit games and the upcoming sectional.

—Dick Wegman

**Make plans for the WBL Summer Sectional!**

### **59TH ANNUAL POTOMAC VALLEY TOURNAMENT**

**JULY 29 - AUGUST 1, 2004**

**GOT MATCHES?**

**GET BEER!**

*(while supplies last)*



Come **Roast & Toast**

the Washington Bridge League's

newest Grand Life Master,

**Mark Shaw, Friday, July 30**

after the evening session



**NEW SATURDAY START TIMES &  
SIZZLIN' SUMMER HOSPITALITY**

2 sessions Saturday:

11:00 a.m. & 3:30 p.m.

**Free Picnic Lunch Provided**

— Bring Your Own Blanket & Ants!



**Jeff Roman returns** with **Victory Workshop II** Saturday at 2:30 p.m. — An encore performance to the 1<sup>st</sup> Victory Workshop Forum: How to Find and Keep Good Partners (A quick review of the 1<sup>st</sup> workshop and a dig further into partnership issues)



**Stay after the 3:30 session Saturday**  
for **“Nibbles”** (by Nadine Wood)  
& **“Bids”** (by Steve Robinson)

Keep Posted for More Details — To Follow by Email, Web, Flyers and Bulletins

## 59th Annual Potomac Valley Tournament



### THURSDAY, JULY 29

- ♣ Stratified Open Pairs (unlim/3000/1500/1000/500) .....10:30am  
**Washington Bridge Center, 1620 Elton Road, Silver Spring MD**
- ♦ StrataFlighted Open Pairs (A/X unlim/3000, B/C/D Separate 1500/1000/500), Stratified 199er Pairs & 0-20 Pairs (Christ the King Church only), Stratified 99er Pairs (Beth El only)  
**Beth El Congregation, 3830 Seminary Rd, Alexandria** .....7:00pm  
**Christ the King Church, 2301 Colston Drive, Silver Spring** .....7:30pm  
Capital Beltway to Connecticut Ave. South. Left on East-West Hwy. Right on Grubb Rd. 1st left on Colston. The church is one block on the left.

### FRIDAY, JULY 30

- ♦ **Friday held at Christ the King Church Only** ♠
- ♥ StrataFlighted A/X Pairs (unlim/3000) & B/C/D Pairs (1500/1000/500) .....10:00am
- ♠ StrataFlighted A/X (unlim/3000) & B/C/D Pairs (1500/1000/500) (single sessions) .....1:30pm, 7:30pm
- ♣ Intermediate/Novice Pairs (300/200/100/50/20) (single sessions) .....10:00am, 1:30pm, 7:30pm

♣ ♦ **Remainder of Tournament held at Newport Mill Middle School Only** ♥ ♠

11311 Newport Mill Road, Kensington MD

Capital Beltway to Georgia Ave North (Exit 31 – State Hwy 97) go 1.7 miles & bear left onto Veirs Mill Rd. (State Hwy 586). Go north 1.1 miles and turn left on Newport Mill Rd. School will be on the left.

### SATURDAY, JULY 31

- ♣ Intermediate/Novice Pairs (300/200/100/50/20) (single sessions) .....11:00am, 3:30pm
- ♦ StrataFlighted A/X Pairs (unlim/3000) (single sessions) .....11:00am, 3:30pm
- ♥ StrataFlighted B/C/D Pairs (1500/1000/500) (single sessions) .....11:00am, 3:30pm
- ♠ Newcomer Pairs (0-5 MPs) .....11:00am, 3:30pm

### SUNDAY, AUGUST 1

- ♣ A/X Swiss Teams, VPs (unlim /3000) .....10:30am & TBA
- ♦ B/C/D Swiss Teams, VPs (1500/1000/500) .....10:30am & TBA
- ♥ 300/100/50 Swiss Teams, VPs (single sessions) .....10:30am, 2:30pm

#### ♣ **Full Schedule of Intermediate and Novice Events** ♥



I/N events: 199er, 99er, 49er, & 0-20; Stratification at Director's Discretion.  
Open Stratified and StrataFlighted Events vary as listed above.

**Washington Hospitality** includes snacks and drinks for all players every day. **Friday, Saturday and Sunday Lunch** provided between the first two sessions free of charge. **Chair: Nadine Wood**, (301) 565-9555, woodthere@erols.com, **Co-Chair: Ann Lindley**, (240) 994-8416. **Volunteer Coordinator: Steve Forsythe**, (301) 592-9177, majsfl@aol.com. **Hospitality: Kitty Gottfried**, (301) 587-3981, kgottfried@hotmail.com. **Partnerships: Charity Sack**, (703) 963-7027, charity@charitysack.com, or, try the easy **On-line Partnership Desk: [www.WashingtonBridgeLeague.org](http://www.WashingtonBridgeLeague.org)**.

## BITS AND PIECES

### 2004-2005 NORTH AMERICAN PAIRS

It's time to make plans for the North American Pairs. Come out and play against your peers for a chance to win a trip to the Spring North American Championship!

Check your local club for NAP qualifying games during June, July, and August of 2004. There are three Flights, Open, 0-2000 and Non Life Master (with fewer than 500 points). All players who play in the District Final must have qualified at the club level.

For more information, see your June/July *TableTALK*, visit the District 6 web site or contact **Barbara Doran** at (301) 608-0347 or [xbarbd@mindspring.com](mailto:xbarbd@mindspring.com).

### THE LOVENBERG CHALLENGE

The Lovenburg trophy finally ran out of space for names. The WBL Board would like to thank Barbara Shaw for providing a new trophy. The challenge to you (other than to try to win this year's trophy) is: Who was Lovenberg? Can anyone provide us with a short biography?

### ROUND ROBIN DEADLINE MAY 10

It's time to get a round robin team together. Round Robin Coordinator, Steve Robinson will gladly help you to form or join a team of four to six players to play in the flight of your choice. League play runs from May 10 through the summer to determine qualifiers for the knockout portion of the event. This fun event can be played in a relaxed home setting or at a club. Sign up with Steve Robinson by phone: (703) 379-4371, by email: [robinswr@erols.com](mailto:robinswr@erols.com), or use the entry form below to sign up by mail or in person.

### 2004 ROUND ROBIN ENTRY FORM

Enclose check (made out to the WBL) for \$50 for Flight A/X, 0-3000/unlimited, \$40 for Flights B/C/D which will be stratified or bracketed depending on the number of entries and number of teams that fall into different brackets.

Return entry and entry fee by May 10 to

**Steve Robinson,**

2891 Abingdon St. #A2, Arlington, Virginia 22206-1329

Open (A/X) Flight      Flight B/C/D

<i>Name</i>	<i>ACBL #</i>	<i>E-Mail Address</i>
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**WELCOME TO THE  
WASHINGTON BRIDGE LEAGUE**

The WBL welcomes the following new ACBL members: **Mr Albert G Lauber, Mr Mark A Stephens, Ms Susan B Brock, Jennifer S Fajman, Mrs Peggy E Fechnay, Dr Norman H Forster, Ms Mollie M Huitema, Mr Arthur H Imirie, Iris J Kesterman, Mrs Carolyn S Kier, Mr Porter S Kier, Lesley P Lavalleye, Ms Ellinor T Legg, Charles P Pritzlaff, and Mrs Sandy C Rothman.**

In addition, we welcome the following transfers from other units: **Mr John M Haines, Dr Namik Haverich, Mr Alex Ogan, Mr Jason Rosenfeld, Mr Charles K Showalter, Ms Louise D Bittker, John B Cahill, Mr Yucheng Ding, Jacqueline Heckman, Ms Lu Jiang, Julie E Katzman, Mr Dong Lu, Mrs Lucy P O'Brien, Mr Arthur Podolsky, Mrs Rhona P Prenskey, and Mr Simon A Steel.**

Please join us at our weekly Unit Game on Thursday evenings and frequent the local bridge clubs in the area. Information can be found on our website, [www.WashingtonBridgeLeague.org](http://www.WashingtonBridgeLeague.org).

**2003-2004 WBL-NVBA  
PLAYER OF THE YEAR**

**Eligibility**

Players must attend at least three WBL and three NVBA sectionals during the contest period (September, 2003, through April, 2004). Points won on Tournament Thursday evenings are included in the totals, but do not count towards eligibility.

**Awards:** Two trophies will be awarded.

**Standings**

Here are the standings after seven of eight Sectionals. The asterisk\* indicates that the player has met eligibility requirements.

<u>Player</u>	<u>Open Leaders</u>	<u>Points</u>	
1	Leo LaSota	127.47	*
2	Mark Shaw	121.06	
3	Steve Robinson	107.19	
4	Hailong Ao	80.05	
5	William Cole	77.53	*
6	Kenneth Davis	75.69	*
7	Alfred Steinberg	71.84	*
8	Weizhong Bao	70.96	*
9	Richard Ferrin	67.95	*
10	Eugene Kales	67.82	*
11	Fred King	65.17	*
12	Barbara Shaw	61.64	*
13	John Adams	60.92	
14	Helene Bauman	59.52	
15	Yi Zhong	57.91	
16	Mita Banerjee	52.31	
17	Donna Rogall	49.47	
18	Frank King Jr	48.24	*
19	John Lowe III	46.94	*
20	Robert Hopkins	45.59	*

<u>Player</u>	<u>NonLM Leaders</u>	<u>Points</u>	
1	Wanda Avila	24.61	*
2	Noble Shore	21.77	
3	Randy Zeibert	20.85	
4	Marshall Kramer	18.58	
5	Christon Johnson	18.56	
6	Robert Boorman	17.73	
7	Michael Gill	17.25	
8	Samuel Bowlin	16.91	
9	Anne Derbes	16.65	*
10	Robert Schwab	16.65	*
11	Stephen MacArthur	15.77	
12	Susan Strauss	15.42	
13	Herbert Behre III	14.97	
14	Charlie Garrod	14.92	
15	Namik Haveric	14.92	
16	Mirsad Mujezinovic	14.92	
17	Leo Cardillo	14.85	
18	Ellen Rosenthal	14.13	
19	Madeline Delahan	14.08	*
20	Neal Rosenthal	14.08	
	Franz Delahan	14.08	*

**CREATING NEW BRIDGE PLAYERS**

*by Sandy Forsythe*

On a recent Saturday afternoon in March, 33 beginners learned to play bridge in just one day at Steve Forsythe's "Instant Bridge Player" seminar. The students learned opening bids and responses, enjoyed free pizza and left hungry to play more of the world's greatest card game! They exchanged phone numbers so they can play together socially, and some of them have attended Steve's Thursday night class and game for beginners. We're still getting calls from people who saw the ad but couldn't make it to the class.

The WBL is very grateful to Jim Allen for letting us hold the program at his club, the Washington Bridge Center in Silver Spring. Jim even let us drink his coffee!

The next **Instant Bridge Player** one-day lesson will be on **Saturday, October 2**, in conjunction with the WBL sectional. For those who don't want to wait until October, we welcome beginners every Thursday night at our special game for players with fewer than 20 masterpoints. We have a lesson at 7:30, followed by a relaxed, friendly game at 8. We usually have four or five tables. We're proud to say that several of our "graduates" are now playing in the 0-200 section of the big game, another fun game. We encourage everyone with fewer than 200 points to come join us!

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**WBL SOLVERS' CLUB**

*Moderated by Steve Robinson*

[robinswr@erols.com](mailto:robinswr@erols.com)

Congratulations to Robert Stone and Gerald Lerner who tied for first with a score of 490. They win a free entry to the Unit Game and will be invited to be on a future panel. Tied for third were Mohamed Abdallah, Barry Bragin, Nikula Teholakov, Robert Jenkins, Dan Moraru, John Livingston and Alan Shaw with a score of 480. Tied for tenth were Mitchell Karlick, Goldie Brody, Bob Hartmann, Bill Wade, Ivan Brendler, Hal Hindman, Charity Sack and Jimmy Ritzenberg with a score of 470. Tied for eighteenth were Chris Marks, Kevin Avery, Peter Haglich, David Wakefield, Mathew Mallory, Bill Fountain, Todd Zimnoch, Kevin Barnes, Michelle Cantave, Matthew Campbell, Jean Franke, Jihfu Lai, Murray Jacobson, Kent Goulding, Dave Abelow, Irene Perkins, Burt and Lynn Hall and Monique Smith with a score of 460. Tied for thirty-sixth were Irving Weinstein, Mike Zane, Greg Belmonte, Ruth Cohen, Bill Gress, Walter Taschek, Susan Bowles, Ron Daringer, Drazen Kretchmer, Saul Penn, Walter Taschek, Ted Ying, and Rick Uhrig with a score of 450. Tied for forty-ninth were Walter Kerns, Lloyd Rawley, Leon Letwin, Rick Bingham, Andrew Brecher, Johnny Petersson, Jim Creech, Walter Beckerman, Chris Miller and Mark Laken with a score of 440. Tied for fifty-ninth were Robert Gunnell, Harriet Glazer, Tom Musso, Rosi Lindstrom, Atul Jain, Tracy Brines, Chuck Yaple, Mike Kovacich, Hy Chansky, Prahalad Rajkumar, Joan O'Neill, Scott Merritt, Tim Crank, Millard Nachtwey, Stu Fleishmann, David Walker and Mathew Haag with a score of 430. The average score of the 285 solvers was 376. The average score of the experts was 444.

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](mailto: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 that includes \$3.95 for priority mail.

**1) IMP's None Vulnerable**

♠ A765♥K♦A7♣AKJ1087

<u>SOUTH</u>	<u>WEST</u>	<u>NORTH</u>	<u>EAST</u>
	Pass	Pass	1♣
?????			
<u>Action</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Votes</u>	<u>Solvers</u>
Pass	100	5	51
Double	80	4	142
1NT	60	1	10
3NT	60	1	43
5♣	40	0	3
3♣	40	0	5
1♠	40	0	9
2♣	20	0	9
2NT	20	0	2
2♠	20	0	1

Double for penalties is the answer to this problem. However, double is for takeout promising support for the unbid suits especially the majors. A singleton king is not what I call heart support. The experts consider two calls, pass and the takeout double which promises support for the unbid suits. Pass has the advantage of being able to see what the opponents have before entering the fray. Of course, LHO who is obviously short in clubs, could respond on next to nothing so his bid has to be taken with a grain

of salt. However, you will hear RHO's rebid.

Four experts agree with me and await further developments. What might be bad for you is that it might go all pass. If West passes, partner might not be strong enough to reopen or even if he's strong enough to balance, he might not have the right distribution. If partner is 2443 he might not reopen for fear of allowing the opponents to get to a better spot. 3NT might make if partner has one winner such as a pointed king. The good news is that players rarely pass 1♣ when they are short.

**Parker:** "Pass—From someone who never passes, I can't see what bad things can happen after a pass. I will be able to bid 3♣ or double depending on how the sequence comes back to me. This way I can show clubs and not totally confuse partner."

**Roman:** "Pass—Maybe I'll get to show this hand by doubling and then bidding spades or some such and maybe I won't, but for now I'm going plus. Hands that start like this sometimes end with the opponents going for big numbers."

Your next problem could be an opening lead problem.

**King:** "Pass—3NT might be a more practical bid, but I will just pass for now and see what happens."

**Schwartz:** "Pass—3♣ is weak so no point to that. The only other possibility is 3NT. Will I be happy if LHO doubles? Now I have to consider running to their suit."

Four experts double. Partner, being a passed hand means that he is less likely to have a long red suit.

**Cappelletti:** "Double—Plan to bid notrump over red-suits. Over 4♥, bid 4NT and pass 5♣; or bid 6NT over 5♦."

Great! Partner has ♠-♥Axxxx♦Qxxx♣xxx and you end up in 6NT.

**Woolsey:** "Double—Since partner didn't open a weak two-bid, it is unlikely that he has enough hearts to bury me. I think the danger of missing a spade fit and belonging in 4♠ rather than 3NT outweighs the danger of partner driving to 4♥. Another point is that if I double and then bid 3NT, West is less likely to find what might be a killing heart lead than if I bid 3NT directly particularly if partner responds 1♥."

**Lublin:** "Double—I double to see if

partner has spades and then bid 3NT if partner bids a red suit."

**Gray:** "Double—Is there any other option?"

Two experts bid notrump. They expect a club lead. Right!

**Adams:** "1NT—Yes, an underbid, but I do not expect the auction to die here. 3NT is big overbid. 1♠ and Db1 are really misdirected."

If partner transfers to hearts, you can jump to 3NT knowing that you won't get a heart lead.

**Hopkins:** "3NT—Partner can pull if he has a strong major, otherwise I will have to tough it out here. The problem with this bid is that I might miss a spade fit and I expect to get a Heart lead a fair amount of the time."

When you are long in the opponent's suit and there is no clear-cut action, it's usually right to pass. Take action when you are short.

## 2) Matchpoints None Vulnerable

♠1054♥K54♦A543♣Q32

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
PASS	1♠	2♣	PASS
?????			

Action	Score	Votes	Solvers
2♠	100	5	30
3♣	90	5	178
2NT	70	0	6
Pass	40	1	65
2♥	20	0	3
2♦	20	0	3

Partner has overcalled at the two level and you have nine HCPs. This hand is somewhere between a weak limit raise and a strong simple raise. You need approximately ten points to make a passed hand limit raise. Since partner could have ♠Kx♥AJ♦xx♣AKxxxx for his 2♣-overcall, passing could cause you to miss a makeable slam which is on a heart and spade finesse which are odds on with the opening bid. So the problem is how much is this hand worth? Five experts say simple raise and five experts say limit raise. I say limit raise. If this were a major suit, I would say simple raise. However, if partner has six club tricks, all partner needs is a spade stopper and either the ace of hearts or king of diamonds to make 3NT. ♠Kx♥10xx♦Kx♣AJ10xxx is

enough with the club finesse working and he could have a lot more.

Five experts make a simple club raise.

**Parker:** "3♣—What is the trick? I have support, no other long suits, no spade stopper and nine points. If this doesn't equal a simple raise I need to take up another game. Partner can always bid again with extras."

**Cappelletti:** "3♣—Must bid."

**Roman:** "3♣—This isn't a limit raise, and surely no one will pass. Should be the first unanimous (experts and solvers) problem in the history of this forum."

**King:** "3♣—I don't think this hand is good enough to cue bid 2♠ and I don't see what other bids are available."

**Schwartz:** "3♣—Tends to be better than a major suit raise so I am comfortable with that even with my good in and out evaluation (better hand than ♠10xx♥Kxx♦Qxxx♣Axx)."

Four experts agree with me and make a limit raise. Being a passed hand limits your hand so partner can't expect much more than you have.

**Woolsey:** "2♠—I can't have much more for a passed hand, with my excellent club support and nice primes. A 3♣ call could be a lot weaker. If partner drives to game, this dummy won't be a disappointment."

**Lublin:** "2♠—Too good for just 3♣. Will bid 2♠ first. Possible notrump game."

**Adams:** "2♠—Three big cards, might as well encourage a little."

**Hopkins:** "2♠—I have just enough to suggest getting into 3NT."

One expert passes. You can't pass when partner needs so little to make game.

**Gray:** "Pass—Game is unlikely, 3♣ may be too high if partner has less than opener. Keep it simple."

Nobody mentioned the winning call at the table, 2NT! Not only does 3NT make when partner has a spade stopper, it also makes sometimes when West assumes that you have a stopper and fails to lead a spade, which is what actually happened when this hand was played. A great Italian player bid 2NT, got raised to 3NT and it made and their spade stopper was Jx opposite 10xx.

When partner overcalls two-of-a-minor, think about how little partner might need to make 3NT.

## 3) IMPs None Vulnerable

♠AQ654♥QJ543♦3♣32

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
PASS	PASS	1♦	PASS
1♠	PASS	2♣	PASS
????**2♥			would be 4th suit GF

Action	Score	Votes	Solvers
2♠	100	4	69
3♥	90	4	61
Pass	50	2	42
2♥	40	1	50
2NT	30	0	45
3NT	20	0	1
2♦	20	0	15
4♥	20	0	1

I made a mistake when I set up this problem. I meant to make South an unpassed hand. I have to live with South being a passed hand but I did say that 2♥ would be game forcing. Ten of the experts found alternative actions to the clear cut 2♥ bid. I think its right to play fourth suit by passed hand as natural and non forcing. This hand type comes up more often than the 5332 hands that have no stopper in the fourth suit. Since 2♥ promises another bid, what do you do with this hand?

Two experts pass. Could be right if partner has five clubs but could be a disaster if partner has four bad clubs.

**Cappelletti:** "Pass—More likely to have disaster than success by bidding 2NT."

**Gray:** "Pass—How can 2♥ be a game force when you are a passed hand? If 2♥ is game forcing, I can't bid that. I guess I pass - looks like total misfit, clubs may be best (ruff diamonds in dummy). Hideous hand."

Four experts jump in hearts. While 3♥ should show this hand, confusion could set in. In some systems 3♥ is a splinter in support of clubs.

**Woolsey:** "3♥—A jump in a new suit is a splinter only if either the suit is clearly unplayable or if a non-jump in the suit would be NATURAL and forcing. Since 2♥ isn't natural, 3♥ must be, and since 2♥ is GF, the jump in the fourth suit must be a natural 5-5 invite. This may get us too high, but at least we will get to the right game if we have one."

**Parker:** "3♥—Same bid as I would do if not a passed hand. Invitational and 5-5 in the majors. Question, how can 2♥ be a game

force by a passed hand? What do you bid with ♠Kxxx♥Axxx♦x♣xx?"

**Roman:** "3♥—The problem with bidding 2♥ (in light of our silly agreement that a passed hand can force to game when opener hasn't shown extras) is that unless partner's third bid is 2NT, when we next bid 3♥, it'll be a try for 3NT and he'll never understand that we have five hearts. Pass could be the winner, but I wouldn't do it."

**Hopkins:** "3♥—I believe this is 5-5 invitational. One good thing about this descriptive bid is partner can drop me quickly if we aren't fitting well."

Three experts agree with me and rebid their spades. If you can't bid your hearts, spades could be your best fit.

**Adams:** "2♠—I am too strong to pass 2♣, and too weak to invite with 3♥ opposite misfit. Very well placed if partner bids again. Likely to be able to scramble eight tricks if passed out."

**King:** "2♠—What a silly system. I play that fourth suit is just natural and non forcing by a passed hand and I have a perfect 2♥ bid available then."

**Lublin:** "2♠—Bid 2♠ and hope for the best."

One expert bids fourth suit forcing.

**Schwartz:** "2♥—Partner might think it's game forcing. He doesn't know I am passing his next bid except 3♥. This will at least get us to a seven-card fit or to notrump."

Change your system to play fourth suit non forcing by a passed hand and this would be a non-problem.

#### 4) Matchpoints None Vulnerable

♠AKJ4♥-♦QJ8765♣AK9

<u>SOUTH</u>	<u>WEST</u>	<u>NORTH</u>	<u>EAST</u>
1♦	PASS	2♣*	PASS
?????	*GF		

<u>Action</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Votes</u>	<u>Solvers</u>
2♦	100	4	47
2♠	90	4	188
3♥	70	3	9
3♣	50	0	13
3♦	40	0	7
5♣	20	0	2
3♠	20	0	11
4♥	20	0	6
4NT	20	0	1
2♥	20	0	1

There are three possible answers to this problem. Raise partner's clubs, rebid diamonds or bid 2♠. There are three possible trump suits and we want to explore each. As in most constructive auctions, the cheapest natural bid is usually the best.

Three experts agree with me and bid 2♦. The key to this hand is partner's diamond support or possible non-support. If partner raises diamonds showing three, we have found a trump fit and the only problem would be level. If partner is short in diamonds and has long clubs that would be OK also. The problem would be if partner has two little diamonds. It would be very hard for him to find out that we are missing the ♦AK unless diamonds are trumps but the good news is that the opponents are unlikely to lead a diamond and partner's diamond losers could go on the spades.

**Cappelletti:** "2♦—Try to get partner to show diamond support (might bid Grand Slam Force)."

**Gray:** "2♦—Partner obviously has no four-card major, so no need to look for spade fit. 6♣ looks promising if partner has a diamond honor. Bid 2♦ and see how he reacts."

Partner's 2♣ does not deny a four-card major. With ♠Kxxx♥x♦x♣AKQxxxx I would respond 2♣, but holding the AK of clubs makes that hand impossible.

**Woolsey:** "2♦—When there are several things to show, it is almost always right to make the cheapest reasonable call. This gives you room to describe the other features of your hand, as well as giving partner room to do something helpful."

Three experts splinter. Since 2♥ is natural and forcing, a jump to 3♥ is a splinter showing a singleton or void in hearts and club support. 3♥ sets clubs as trumps but we have only three clubs. Splintering promises four-card support unless having four-card support is impossible. Partner's 2♣ does not guarantee five clubs and even if partner has five clubs, diamonds might be a better trump suit.

**Parker:** "3♥—Splinter in support of clubs. I believe in showing a fit as soon as possible, especially with AK of partner's suit. If you bid spades and then support clubs you will be hard pressed to show this good a hand."

If partner promised five clubs, then you could splinter with only three clubs, but partner might have only four clubs.

**Adams:** "3♥—Splinter, and keep bidding over 3NT. Might not even need a diamond honor for slam if partner is short."

**Lublin:** "3♥—Splinter and bid 4♣ over 3NT."

Three experts bid 2♠. 2♠ should show an unbalanced hand and therefore at least five diamonds, with at least 13 HCPs. An exception would be if you were dealt ♠AKxx♥xxx♦AKxx♣xx. You could bid 2♠ but most of the time 2♠ shows at least five diamonds and four spades. With a 3343 hand bid 2NT or raise clubs.

**Roman:** "2♠—It's when we have marginal values that bridge hands sometimes become a square peg in search of a convenient round hole to be bashed into. Here, we're going to paint an excellent picture of this hand for partner by next bidding clubs. 3♥ here is a splinter, but requires four trumps."

**King:** "2♠—I think I should bid such a good suit next. We could have a 4-4 spade fit yet."

Failure to bid 2♠ does not mean that we can't find a eight-card spade fit if we have one. If we bid 2♦ and partner bids 2♠, we can raise showing four.

**Schwartz:** "2♠—3♥ splinter shows four clubs. Obviously I am bidding clubs next."

**Hopkins:** "2♠—I am going to go quietly now and see how the auction develops. I would really like to know if partner has diamond support (or shortness) and if he has wasted heart values (which will be strongly suggested if he bids NT). We might even find a Spade fit through this innovative technique of bidding what I have!"

In a constructive auction, the cheapest natural call is usually the best.

#### 5) IMPs They're Vulnerable

♠K98632♥QJ1043♦A♣K

<u>SOUTH</u>	<u>WEST</u>	<u>NORTH</u>	<u>EAST</u>
1♠	Pass	2NT*	PASS
?????			

\* GF spade raise

3♣,3♦ show shortness in bid suit  
4♥ shows 5-5 or better in bid suit

<u>Action</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Votes</u>	<u>Solvers</u>
4♥	100	5	188
3♦	90	3	13
3♣	80	2	47
3♥	40	0	7
4NT	20	1	7
4♦	20	0	5
4♠	20	0	9
5♥	20	0	1
3♠	20	0	3
4♣	20	0	3
3NT	20	0	1

The correct bid is three diamonds with shows shortness in both minors. Since you can't bid diamonds, the choices are 3♣ showing shortness in clubs, 3♦ showing shortness in diamonds or 4♥ showing five hearts. Jumping to 4♥ shows five hearts but should you do it with a queen high suit? I say not. If partner has two little hearts, slam has no play. Give partner ♠AQJx♥xx♦KQJx♣Axx and he will get you to slam since he has no way to check on heart honors. The best way to bid this hand is to start a cuebidding auction. Bidding three-of-either-minor allows partner to cuebid hearts if he has a heart honor. If you bid 3♦ and partner jumps to 4♠, he can't have a round suit ace. If you bid 3♦ and partner bids 3♠, you can now bid cuebid 4♣. If partner doesn't bid 4♥, he can't have a heart honor. The point to this hand is to make sure partner has a heart honor before bidding RKC.

Four experts agree with me and show a singleton rather than the five-card heart suit. What's best about three-of-a-minor is that partner will get a chance to show whether or not he has a heart honor below game. The question is which singleton to show. Two experts agree with me and show the diamond singleton. While an ace in a long suit is worth more than a singleton ace, there is no other way to show a singleton diamond other than by bidding 3♦. Singleton aces or kings should not stop you from showing singletons. At least partner will know that his king of diamonds is worthless and his lack of diamond honors is good.

**Cappelletti:** "3♦—The 100% bid!! It not only shuts off king of diamonds over your next Blackwood bid (if partner has three

aces, then you can find heart king for grand). BUT ALSO, if partner has only two aces, you prefer to get diamond lead in six!"

**Schwartz:** "3♦—Can't bid 4♥ as that shows a better suit and leaves partner no room. 3♦ is better than 3♣ since there are more cards in diamonds that partner will know are useless (King, Queen, Jack of diamonds) VS (Queen, Jack of clubs)."

Two experts show club shortness. 3♣ leaves maximum room for exploration.

**King:** "3♣—I don't like any possible bids here. I am too good to just bid 4♥ as I have only five losers and probably a ten-card spade fit. I will show my stiff club and leave the most amount of room for further exploration."

**Hopkins:** "3♣—I have had very poor results when I jump in suits without at least one of the top two Honors. I will let my partner know about my Club shortage and see how the auction proceeds."

Think how easy the auction will go if partner bid 3♥ over three-of-a-minor.

Five experts show the five-card heart suit.

**Parker:** "4♥—Show what I have, spades and hearts. Partner needs points in these suits to make a slam, so let him make the next decision based on fit."

Partner is going to look at his minor-suit aces and major-suit honors but won't let xx in hearts bother him.

**Woolsey:** "4♥—I believe that a good partnership agreement is that you should never show the 5-5 hand with a worthless doubleton in one of the other suits. This way

partner doesn't have to worry about controls in a specific suit — he can go ahead and bid RKC with the right hand. Without this agreement it is probably better to bid 3♦, so partner will devalue his king of diamonds and upgrade his king of hearts."

**Lublin:** "4♥—Bid 4♥ to show distribution and 5♦ over 4♠ which probably means I have second round club control."

**Roman:** "4♥—This will focus partner's attention on what we need...major honors and minor aces."

Partner will know that his minor suit queens and jacks are worthless but won't know which major suit honors are missing.

**Gray:** "4♥—Use the tools."

I agree about using the tools but 4♥ is not the correct tool.

I don't think 4NT is the right answer to this problem. You bash when the opening lead might affect the result or when you can't have a constructive auction. Here, there's a simple way to find the correct information.

**Adams:** "4NT—Sure, small chance partner could have two small hearts, but against that my blasting gives me a second shot at slam when partner has the major suit aces, diamond king, and no club Ace. Because partner's 4♥ will be last train, it is very likely that I can never know if he has heart control anyway. A jump to 4♥ is out. It promises two of top three and alerts opponents to cash out."

After Jacoby 2NT, jumping to the four-level not only shows a five-card suit, it shows a good suit, not QJ10xx.

## WBL SOLVERS' CLUB'S NEW PROBLEMS

May/June 2004

### 1) MPs, None Vulnerable

♠A72♥8♦AK54♣A8732

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

### 2) MPs, They're Vulnerable

♠A1083♥8♦AKQJ6♣Q109

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
1♦	1♠	3♦*weak	Pass
?????			

### 3) MPs, They're Vulnerable

♠106♥AQ9♦98532♣KQ10

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

### 4) MPs, You're Vulnerable

♠-♥A106543♦AJ32♣Q32

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
Dbl <sup>2</sup>	2♠	Pass	INT <sup>1</sup>
?????	1 <sub>15-17</sub>	2 <sub>one-suiter</sub>	Pass

### 5) MPs, You're Vulnerable

♠KQ62♥J♦AKJ5♣KQ42

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
			1♣
?????			

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### SOLVERS' SCORES

John Adams	INT	2♠	2♠	3♥	4NT	380
Mike Cappelletti	Dbl	3♣	Pass	2♦	3♦	410
Fred King	Pass	3♣	2♠	2♠	3♣	470
Peter Gray	Dbl	Pass	Pass	2♦	4♥	370
Robbie Hopkins	3NT	2♠	3♥	2♠	3♣	430
Glenn Lublin	Dbl	2♠	2♠	3♥	4♥	480
Steve Parker	Pass	3♣	3♥	3♥	4♥	480
Steve Robinson	Pass	2♠	2♠	2♦	3♦	490
Jeff Roman	Pass	3♣	3♥	2♠	4♥	480
Alan Schwartz	Pass	3♣	2♥	2♠	3♦	420
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- 1 69.29 Leo LaSota
- 2 47.70 Mark Shaw
- 3 43.72 Steve Robinson
- 4 38.90 David Ruderman
- 5 38.43 Alfred Steinberg
- 6 34.95 John Adams
- 7 32.82 Alan Kleist
- 8 29.83 Leon Letwin
- 9 29.55 Jane Sturgis
- 10 29.06 Ellen Cherniavsky
- 11 28.11 Barry Falgout
- 12 28.00 Richard Wegman
- 13 27.56 Shou-Ling Wang
- 14 26.52 Warren Kaufman
- 15 25.38 Eugene Kales
- 16 25.07 Weizhong Bao
- 17 24.55 John Lowe III
- 18 23.76 Richard Ferrin
- 19 23.49 Terry Feetham
- 20 21.26 Hailong Ao
- 21 20.68 Barbara Shaw
- 22 20.58 Ellen Klosson
- 23 20.45 Randy Zeibert
- 24 20.37 Donna Rogall
- 25 19.82 Charleen Brand

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- 1 29.55 Jane Sturgis
- 2 24.55 John Lowe III
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- 7 19.54 Noble Shore
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- 10 18.65 Joel Miller
- 11 17.05 Herbert Behre III
- 12 15.76 Alice Wegman
- 13 15.23 Walter Kerns
- 14 14.83 Janet Dence
- 15 14.75 Kitty Gottfried

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- 10 8.59 William Gill

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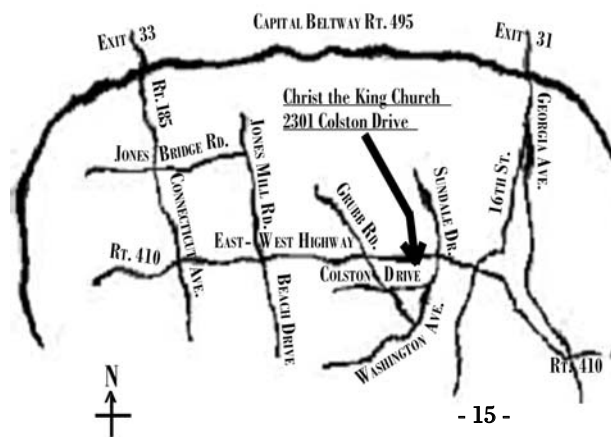


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**COMITTEE ACTION XLV****Part II****by Rich Colker, rcolker@worldnet.att.nat**

We continue discussing the case from the Flight A Swiss Teams that I introduced last time. As you may recall, South over-called East's 1♦ opening with 1NT, West doubled for penalties and North bid 2♦ intending it as a transfer. South said they had not discussed playing runouts or "system on" after their 1NT overcalls so the 2♦ bid was natural and so not Alertable. E/W claimed they were damaged and the Director agreed, ruling that North's intention that 2♦ was a transfer was evidence that N/S had an agreement and without documentation to prove otherwise he was to assume MI rather than misbid. He adjusted the score to 2♦ doubled by North down five, +1400 for E/W. N/S appealed. The Committee believed East knew that 2♦ was not natural and caused his own poor result by his failure to double 2♦ for penalties. They also noted that East should have asked about the 2♦ bid if he was not sure what it meant. The Committee restored the table result (since East's pass of 2♦ and not South's failure to Alert was the primary cause of their poor result) and penalized N/S 3imps for failing to properly Announce that 2♦ was a transfer.

Here's my reaction to what happened. First, while 2♦ was a cue-bid in this auction a cue-bid that is also a transfer is still technically Announceable. Second, the fact that N/S's otherwise meticulously filled out convention card said nothing about transfers after 1NT overcalls was strong evidence that N/S did not have any such agreement. Combine that with the fact that N/S did not even play transfers after their weak notrump openings and the evidence is even stronger that 2♦ was a misbid on North's part caused by his use of transfers with all his other partners. Third, there's a space on the ACBL convention card to

check "Systems on" after a notrump over-call. Had this been checked, or had the rest of the card been incompletely filled out, I'd be more inclined to believe N/S had a conventional agreement about 2♦. But as it is, all the evidence points to 2♦ being a simple misbid. So if N/S did not have an agreement then 2♦ must be presumed natural and as such required no Announcement and thus there was no infraction. So it seems the Committee made the better of the two decisions: at least they allowed the table result to stand.

Next, I fail to see how the procedural penalty (PP) can be right. By restoring the table result for both sides the Committee was in effect saying one of two things about N/S's agreements. If they thought N/S had an agreement (even a vague one) that 2♦ was conventional, they should have adjusted N/S's score so that they did not profit from the MI—even if East's failure to double 2♦ was thought to be a sufficiently egregious bridge error to forfeit E/W's right to protection. On the other hand, if they thought 2♦ was natural then there was no failure to Alert since natural responses to 1NT overcalls are not Alertable. So either the Committee erred by not adjusting N/S's score or they issued an undeserved PP. In addition, even if the Committee thought 2♦ was a transfer, an isolated failure to Announce a transfer in this sort of would not normally warrant a PP. (These should be reserved for repeat offenders or other, more egregious acts of negligence.)

That's all we have room for in this issue. In Part III, I will discuss more about the East-West side of the affair and draw some conclusions about the best way for a committee to approach cases such as this one that have many layers of ambiguity to sort through.

**MEETING**

This year's Annual Meeting and Elections will be held on Thursday, May 13, at Christ the King Church, the site of our Unit Game, prior to play. As usual, there will be a complimentary dinner buffet at 6:00 p.m. The meeting and elections will take place at approximately 7:00 p.m. The church will be open at 3:00 p.m. for ballot casting to those players who will be unable to attend the elections. Copies of the WBL Policies and Treasurer's Report will also be available. A charity game will begin when the meeting concludes.

**2003 MASTERPOINT RACES**

During the evening, we will recognize our 2003 Mini-McKenney and Ace of Clubs winners for their achievements.

**ELECTIONS**

The election portion of the meeting will begin with our Elections Chairperson, Jim Allen, introducing the candidates before they each speak briefly to the membership. Nominations will be accepted from the floor. The four officer positions are one-year terms. The three Unit Director positions are two-year terms. The following unit members are running for the indicated positions.

*Candidate for President*



**Dick Wegman** has served the WBL as Vice President, Chairman of the Conduct & Ethics Committee, and a member of the Board of Directors. If elected, Dick wants to build attendance at Unit games and sectionals by appealing to new members and stimulating interest in playing by existing WBL members. He has several major goals for the coming year: (1) ensuring that the playing atmosphere at WBL events is friendly and welcoming to new players; (2) finding a long-term, stable location for WBL sectional events; (3) helping players find suitable partners for Thursday night games and sectional events; (4) organizing car pools to help players who need rides to WBL games; and (5) sponsoring an interscholastic bridge championship to introduce local high school

and college students to the exciting world of tournament bridge. Dick is a lawyer with a Washington D.C. law firm. Dick and his wife Alice, who plays regularly at Unit games and sectionals, live in Bethesda.



*Candidate for Vice-President*

**Fred King** has been a member of the WBL for 31 years, ever since he moved to Washington in 1973. He retired two years ago after working at the World Bank for almost 28 years. He has been on the WBL board since 2001 and is the education liaison and chairs the unit growth committee. He has also been the WBL caddy master for over 11 years and was the local caddy coordinator for each of the last two Washington nationals. All three of his children have caddied both for the unit at the national level. He enjoys bridge greatly, especially bidding contests, and would like to see our unit attract more new members and do a better job of retaining current members.

*Candidate for Secretary*



**Richard Ferrin** is a lawyer at the firm of Hunton & Williams, where he specializes in international trade regulation. Richard first learned bridge in college, and first played duplicate bridge in the early 1990s, but did not start playing regularly until four and a half years ago. Richard has been active in the WBL since, and can be spotted playing in the weekly unit game and most WBL sectionals. Richard's biggest achievement to date in bridge was an 11th place finish in the three-day North American Swiss event (with Gene Kales, Ai-Tai Lo, and Alan Schwartz) at the 2003 Fall Nationals in New Orleans.

If elected to the board, Richard would like to focus on strategies for retention and development of intermediate-level players. The WBL has developed a good outreach program for encouraging new players, but more needs to be done to encourage players

to transition from the novice game to the open or B/C game, and from the B/C game to the open game. It is important for developing players to feel welcome and not intimidated, so that they keep coming back.

*Candidate for Treasurer*



**Steve Robinson** has served as treasurer for 15 years, and board member for 12 more years. He is retired having worked as a computer specialist for the Dept of the Army. He hopes that every player will use his book "Washington Standard" to become proficient bidders.

*Candidate for the Board*



**Barbara Ames** is a CPA with a busy tax practice in Rockville. She was Vice-President of the WBL from 1995 to 1997. During that time she was actively involved with WBL activities, including membership surveys, and chaired a "Bridge in the Mall" event to promote local bridge and raise money for Children's Hospital.

It is her hope to work on the WBL board to increase the quality and attendance of our local sectional tournaments.

Barbara says, "When I moved to this area in 1986, our sectionals were outstanding. Let's devote the time, attention, and money needed to restore our tournaments to their former excellence."

*Candidate for the Board*

**Winston O. Edwards** earned an undergraduate degree in math and advanced degrees in numerical analysis and management science. He is a retired Federal Director with laudable achievements in the statistical analysis of Medicare claims data, implementation of a national data quality strategy, establishment of an agency-wide statistical council, capacity of fraud detection consultant, and management of statisticians, programmers, and contractors. Currently, he serves as an Adjunct Professor of

Mathematics at Capitol College of Engineering.

Winston hopes he can bring to bear the skills in management, statistical analysis, team leading, and communication that he has developed during his career to the WBL Board. He says, "The urgency to orchestrate bridge tournaments that are focused on the masses, yet inspirational to new players is more critical than ever before. This is most effectively accomplished by being responsive to the former and assuring a constant sensitivity to the expectations of the latter."

*Candidate for the Board*



**Barbara Summers** grew up locally and fell in love with bridge in 6th grade when friends taught her. Then she taught everyone else. At the Univ of Richmond she majored in bridge to the detriment of

her studies and when she later went to work at the CIA, they took over the division chief's office and played bridge at lunch time. When their second child was born she became a stay at home mom and she dearly missed the stimulation of her coworkers and their bridge games. Bridge has taken second place only to her role of wife, mother and grandmother though she says her husband and kids might dispute that.

Barbara says, "For many years I managed our family's investments and my husband Jim always credited my bridge playing with keeping my mind sharp and my making money in the market..well even he became skeptical during 2001 and 02 and began to think his theory flawed. Friends I have met playing rubber bridge and in the duplicate world have enriched my life and contributed so much fun and mental challenge. Learning new bidding systems, defending better, making more overtricks, and helping partner keeps the game exciting."

Barbara also volunteers introducing EASY BRIDGE to high schoolers. She says, "Such fun. Filling in serving on the Board has shown me how much effort is needed to keep our favorite game thriving and expanding. I have been honored to help and hope you elect me to continue on the Board."

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*Bits and Pieces, continued...*

**—CLUB NEWS—**

**WASHINGTON BRIDGE CENTER**

**WBC SECTIONAL**

The Sectional at the WBC is May 21 through May 23. This convenient Sectional has several events worth noting.

1. Social event celebrating ABA members with a Party and Game Saturday night. At 6:00 PM, a special pizza party followed by the game at 7:00 PM where both ABA and ACBL points will be awarded.

2. Special Beth Palmer Women's Pairs Championship (a rare event)

3. Team and pair event where pairs are matched at the door and you have two chances to win.

*This fun sectional will award silver points. Expect great hospitality and conviviality.*

Chief Director: Michael Carroad.

Flyers available at the UNIT GAME.

**"Overheard At the Club"**

"That was an okay return this time, but against good opponents, you should return the deuce."

At the Unit Game: She asked, "Why do so many people come here on Thursday night?"

Her Partner replied, "Because so many people come here on Thursday night."

And remember —Philadelphia Phillies manager, Danny Ozark, "Half this game is ninety percent mental."

**SUIT YOURSELF BRIDGE CLUB**

**"A Match Made at the Partnership Desk"**

*by Sandy Forsythe*

When Steve Spaeth and Laurie Stewart take their wedding vows this spring, they'll be able to say they owe it all to bridge! Steve and Laurie met at the bridge table, when a prescient partnership chairperson (yours truly!) paired them up for a bridge game on August 10, 2002.

Steve and Laurie both attended Friday night Easybridge classes at the Washington Bridge Center, but Steve stopped going just before Laurie began! Both Steve and Laurie grew up playing card games, though neither of them had played bridge. Steve took Easybridge

at the Smithsonian and Laurie took a Montgomery County adult education bridge class before they came to the WBC. Then came that fateful August night when they both were looking for partners for the game at my club, the Suit Yourself Forest Glen Bridge Club. I thought they were well-matched and would get along...little did I know!

Next, fate took a hand. "We had our first date about three weeks after meeting," Laurie writes, "but did attend the same baseball game, separately with friends, about one week after meeting. I thought that was an amazing coincidence that we had each made plans, separately, to go to the same game! And the relationship developed quickly after that."

The happy couple are both in their early 40's, both live in Silver Spring and both are attorneys for the federal government. Another amazing coincidence? Let's just say it was in the cards!

**WBL TOP POINT WINNERS  
FROM THE RENO NABC**

**All WBL Members**

1	207.77	Steve Robinson
	207.77	Peter Boyd
3	88.65	Linda Maloney
4	74.51	Arnie Frankel
5	62.20	Leo LaSota
6	61.75	Fred King
7	61.41	William Pettis
	61.41	Frederick Allenspach
9	59.49	Mark Shaw
10	55.98	Peggy Allen

**Members with fewer than 2000 masterpoints**

1	88.65	Linda Maloney
2	39.89	Shawn Cantlin
3	27.75	Alice Wegman
4	26.03	Hailong Ao
5	18.84	Charity Sack
6	18.28	Jane Sturgis
7	11.83	Diane Walker
8	10.01	Rosemary Shaw
9	9.82	Robert Graves
10	8.82	Lucy Pestaner

**Members with fewer than 500 masterpoints**

1	39.89	Shawn Cantlin
2	8.10	Candace Carlton
3	8.10	Terry Carlton
4	7.57	Robert Boorman
5	4.83	James Andre

## “THE SURVEY SAYS...

The survey results that began with the Nov./Dec. 2003 issue continue here with results from questions 12, and 13. Again, there were 106 total respondents (A/X: 49, B/C: 48, D/N: 9). The tabulation continues here as described in our last 3 issues. The next issue will continue publishing the results.

### 12. Unit Game Location

a. Which qualities are most important for the site of our sectionals to have?

79.2% of all respondents answered.

#### RANKED BY VOTE TOTAL, (EACH VOTE EQUAL)

Parking	78
Lighting	69
Ease of Getting To	63
Temperature	57
Noise	49
Overall Atmosphere	37
Time Restrictions	19
Food Restrictions	18
Proximity to Restaurants	17
Kitchen Space	14

#### RANKED BY WEIGHTED VOTE TOTAL

Parking	179
Lighting	162
Ease of Getting To	127
Temperature	120
Noise	102
Overall Atmosphere	57
Time Restrictions	36
Proximity to Restaurants	26
Food Restrictions	24
Kitchen Space	23

b. Would you be willing to pay \$2 more per session for a high quality playing site?

84.9% of all respondents answered.

	<u>EACH VOTE EQUAL</u>	<u>WEIGHTED</u>
<b>Yes:</b>	61.1%	57.9%
<b>No:</b>	38.9%	42.1%
<b>No Response:</b>	15.1%	15.1%

c. How far will you travel and still play as often as you would prefer in Unit Games?

86.8% of all respondents answered

	<u>EACH VOTE EQUAL</u>	<u>WEIGHTED</u>
<b>0-20 min.:</b>	7.6%	8.4%
<b>20-30 min.:</b>	41.3%	43.3%
<b>30-45 min.:</b>	30.4%	30.3%
<b>45-60 min.:</b>	14.1%	11.2%
<b>60-90 min.:</b>	5.5%	5.7%
<b>A very long time:</b>	1.1%	1.1%
<b>No Response:</b>	13.2%	13.2%
<b>AVERAGE:</b>	<b>35.0 min.</b>	<b>34.2 min.</b>

d. Would you be willing to pay \$2 more per session for a closer playing site?

73.6% of all respondents answered.

	<u>EACH VOTE EQUAL</u>	<u>WEIGHTED</u>
<b>Yes:</b>	51.3%	53.6%
<b>No:</b>	48.7%	46.4%
<b>No Response:</b>	26.4%	26.4%

e. Which site do you prefer?

55.7% of all respondents answered.

	<u>EACH VOTE EQUAL</u>	<u>WEIGHTED</u>
<b>Christ the King:</b>	55.9%	59.8%
<b>Ohr Kodesh:</b>	44.1%	40.2%
<b>No Response:</b>	44.3%	44.3%

### 13. Free Pre-Game Mini-Lessons

Would you attend or do you know any non-members who would attend free pre-game lessons at the Unit Game?

70.9% of all respondents answered

	<u>EACH VOTE EQUAL</u>	<u>WEIGHTED</u>
<b>Yes:</b>	19.2%	
<b>No:</b>	80.8%	
<b>No Response:</b>	29.1%	

# 58TH ANNUAL WBL CITY OF WASHINGTON TOURNAMENT

March 4-7, 2004

## Results



*Tournament Chair, Nadine Wood was roasted Friday evening of the tournament for her achievement of the rank of Grand Life Master: 10,000 master-points and at least 1 national championship. There was champagne punch, munchies, and much fun. Congratulations, Nadine!*

### TOP TEN CUMULATIVE POINT WINNERS

#### All Players

1	26.37	Leo LaSota
2	22.18	David Ruderman
3	21.26	Hailong Ao
	21.26	Weizhong Bao
5	17.92	Alan Kleist
6	16.94	Richard Wegman
7	15.11	Barry Falgout
	15.11	Rusty Krauss
9	14.31	Gloria Silverman
	14.31	Les Bart

#### Players with fewer than 1500 masterpoints

1	21.26	Hailong Ao
2	10.75	Jane Sturgis
3	9.37	Randy Zeibert
4	9.30	John Lowe III
5	8.02	Michael Chelst
6	7.52	Jih-Fu Lai
7	7.04	David Wakefield
8	6.65	Audrey Stern
9	6.59	Robert Stearns
10	6.47	Jan Garber

#### Players with fewer than 500 masterpoints

1	7.52	Jih-Fu Lai
2	6.12	Richard Slater
3	6.12	Susan Strauss
4	5.76	Malvern Sheffield Jr
	5.76	Mirsad Mujezinovic
	5.76	Marlene Stone
	5.76	Namik Haverich
8	5.67	Michael Gill
9	5.22	Kevin Barnes
10	5.09	Leo Cardillo

#### Intermediate/Novice Game Point Leaders

1	4.24	Rama Kapur
2	3.41	Wanda Avila
	3.41	Bruce Husted
4	2.91	Tsung Lee
5	2.79	Marie Sullivan
	2.79	Karen Copp
7	2.42	Polly Fleming
	2.42	Elizabeth Rutz
9	1.82	Margaret Buda
	1.82	Nancy Weil



*The 2003 WBL Trophy Race Winners were also honored at this tournament. From left to right: Tubbs Trophy: Kevin Barnes, Lovenberg Trophy: Steve Robinson, Woolridge Trophy: Neal Rosenthal, Izzy Cohen Trophy: John Lawrence. Congratulations, all!*

## THURSDAY MORNING

### OPEN PAIRS

#### Stratum A, 22 Pairs

1	Rossi Lindstrom - Warren Kaufman	.65.45
2	Gloria Schulstad - Jan Garber	.60.68
3	Mark Shaw - Jane Sturgis	.59.23
4	Jerrie Thomas - Clarice Reid	.58.01
5	Anne Wisher - Rose Lomangino	.57.61
6	Alfred Steinberg - Andrew Gofreed	.55.15

#### Stratum B, 12 Pairs

1	Charles Carrington - Tibor Eichenbaum	.52.72
2	Jim Knowles-Tuell - Wayne Hall	.51.22
3	Emil Rassofsky - John Lowe III	.50.79
4	Arlan Lyhus - Georgia Lyhus	.49.71

## THURSDAY EVENING

### A/X PAIRS



#### Stratum A, 86 Pairs

- 1 Alan Kleist - William Cole . . . . .71.97
- 2 Weizhong Bao - Hailong Ao . . . . .66.86
- 3 John Adams - David Ruderman . . . . .66.10
- 4 Fred King - Richard Wegman . . . . .63.26
- 5 Ed Lewis - Charles Yapple . . . . .62.50
- 6 John Lawrence - Charity Sack . . . . .62.12
- 7 Peter Hughes - David Fleischer . . . . .60.26
- 8 Stephen Czecha - Irwin Aisenberg . . . . .59.09

#### Stratum X, 54 Pairs

- 1 Weizhong Bao - Hailong Ao . . . . .66.86
- 2 John Lawrence - Charity Sack . . . . .62.12
- 3 Peter Hughes - David Fleischer . . . . .60.26
- 4 Stephen Czecha - Irwin Aisenberg . . . . .59.09
- 5 Norma Pierzchala - Wesley Jones Jr . . . . .54.97
- 6 Mark Tonnesen - Shirley Kollas . . . . .54.65

### B/C PAIRS

#### Stratum B, 65 Pairs

- 1 Namik Haverich - Mirsad Mujezinovic .68.45
- 2 Mary Mudd - Barry Sparks . . . . .67.38
- 3 Ellen Rosenthal - Neal Rosenthal . . .62.50
- 4 Satinder Gupta - Janet Coffin . . . . .60.89
- 5 Herbert Behre III - John Lowe III . . .59.86
- 6 Jon Ranhand - Donald Goldman . . . .58.93

#### Stratum C, 40 Pairs

- 1 Namik Haverich - Mirsad Mujezinovic .68.45
- 2 Ellen Rosenthal - Neal Rosenthal . . .62.50
- 3 Jon Ranhand - Donald Goldman . . . .58.93
- 4 Robert Brady - Leo Cardillo . . . . .58.42
- 5 Yasmina Patel - Roma Chandra . . . . .56.85
- 6 Rex Settle - Jay Weinstein . . . . .56.37

## 1999 PAIRS AT SILVER SPRING



#### Stratum A, 8 Pairs

- 1 Rama Kapur - Joe Lentz . . . . .64.58
- 2 John Miles - Kim Ashenden . . . . .57.64
- 3 Shlomit Rind - Eric Beard . . . . .51.39

#### Stratum B, 5 Pairs

- 1 Shlomit Rind - Eric Beard . . . . .51.39
- 2 Francie Gingrich - Judy Condon . . . .50.00

## FRIDAY MORNING

### OPEN PAIRS



#### Stratum A, 30 Pairs

- 1 Ann Lindley - Ronald Spath . . . . .63.64
- 2 Malvern Sheffield Jr - Marlene Stone .61.55
- 3 Margaret Hurley - Marie Nylen . . . . .56.82
- 4 Leo LaSota - Rossi Lindstrom . . . . .56.44
- 5 Marshall Kramer - Nelu Schwartz . . .55.49
- 6 Pat Tyler - Myrtle Pippin . . . . .55.30

#### Stratum B, 24 Pairs

- 1 Malvern Sheffield Jr - Marlene Stone .61.55
- 2 Margaret Hurley - Marie Nylen . . . . .56.82
- 3 Marshall Kramer - Nelu Schwartz . . .55.49
- 4 Pat Tyler - Myrtle Pippin . . . . .55.30
- 5 Herbert Behre III - John Lowe III . . .54.55
- 6 Julia Brown - Marilyn Thomas . . . . .53.98

#### Stratum C, 13 Pairs

- 1 Malvern Sheffield Jr - Marlene Stone .61.55
- 2 Margaret Hurley - Marie Nylen . . . . .56.82
- 3 Marshall Kramer - Nelu Schwartz . . .55.49
- 4 Edith Black - Howard Moss . . . . .53.41
- 5 Steven Forsythe - Sandra Forsythe . .48.86

### 2999 PAIRS



#### Stratum A, 10 Pairs

- 1 Marie Sullivan - Karen Copp . . . . .59.00
- 2 Lou Constantine - Eileen Gould . . .58.50
- 3 Wanda Avila - Bruce Hustead . . . . .57.00
- 4 Bob Grudberg - Bill Hardgrave . . . .54.50

#### Stratum B, 6 Pairs

- 1 Karen Copp - Marie Sullivan . . . . .59.00
- 2 Lou Constantine - Eileen Gould . . .58.50

## FRIDAY AFTERNOON

### A/X PAIRS



#### Stratum A, 25 Pairs

- 1 Steve Robinson - Alfred Steinberg . .61.45

- 2 Leo LaSota - Randy Zeibert . . . . .59.99
- 3 Jan Garber - Gloria Schulstad . . . . .57.06
- 4 Hope Watts - Jane Sturgis . . . . .56.66
- 5 Debnarayan Dhar - Dharendra Ghosh .56.51
- 6 Leon Letwin - Terry Feetham . . . . .56.44

#### Stratum X, 12 Pairs

- 1 Jan Garber - Gloria Schulstad . . . . .57.06
- 2 Hope Watts - Jane Sturgis . . . . .56.66
- 3 Debnarayan Dhar - Dharendra Ghosh .56.51
- 4 Leon Letwin - Terry Feetham . . . . .56.44

### B/C PAIRS



#### Stratum B, 20 Pairs

- 1 Richard Robinson - Samuel Keiter . .61.34
- 2 Malvern Sheffield Jr - Marlene Stone .60.65
- 3 Herbert Behre III - John Lowe III . . .57.87
- 4 Alice Wegman - Seema Bhagwat . . . .56.48
- 5 Aurora McDonough - Bruce McDonough .56.02
- 6 Robert Lawrence - Frances Lawrence .55.79

#### Stratum C, 10 Pairs

- 1 Malvern Sheffield Jr - Marlene Stone .60.65
- 2 Robert Lawrence - Frances Lawrence .55.79
- 3 William Pepelko - Barbara Pepelko . .51.62
- 4 Marshall Kramer - Nelu Schwartz . . .48.61

### 2999 PAIRS



#### Stratum A, 16 Pairs

- 1 Nancy Weil - Margaret Buda . . . . .66.96
- 2 John Terauds - Edwin Tums . . . . .64.88
- 3 Rama Kapur - Tsung Lee . . . . .62.20
- 4 Karen Copp - Marie Sullivan . . . . .56.85
- 5 Raymond Hays - Ruth Freedman . . .53.57

#### Stratum B, 12 Pairs

- 1 Rama Kapur - Tsung Lee . . . . .62.20
- 2 Karen Copp - Marie Sullivan . . . . .56.85
- 3 Betty Simpson - Robert Weeks . . . . .50.30
- 4 Robert Drake - Florence Drake . . . .48.81

#### Stratum C, 9 Pairs

- 1 Karen Copp - Marie Sullivan . . . . .56.85
- 2 Betty Simpson - Robert Weeks . . . . .50.30
- 3 Robert Drake - Florence Drake . . . .48.81
- 4 Ron Starr - Hall Sisson . . . . .46.13

## FRIDAY EVENING

### A/X PAIRS



#### Stratum A, 30 Pairs

- 1 Elizabeth Nelson - Rammohan Sarangan .64.91
- 2 Randy Zeibert - Michael Chelst . . . .61.61
- 3 Abby Heitner - Lou Reich . . . . .59.90
- 4 Fred King - Charleen Brand . . . . .58.30
- 5 Rich Regan - Lyle Poe Jr . . . . .57.90
- 6 Rae Dethlefsen - Diane Walker . . . .57.63

#### Stratum X, 12 Pairs

- 1 Elizabeth Nelson - Rammohan Sarangan .64.91
- 2 Randy Zeibert - Michael Chelst . . . .61.61
- 3 Rae Dethlefsen - Diane Walker . . . .57.63
- 4 Larry O'Maley - John Glynn . . . . .54.53

### B/C/D PAIRS



#### Stratum B, 18 Pairs

- 1 Mehmet Bayar - Michael Henderson .60.12
- 2 Hy Chansky - Kitty Gottfried . . . . .57.44
- 3 Jean Marx - Jerry Falconett . . . . .56.85
- 4 Robert Schwab - Anne Derbes . . . . .55.95
- 5 Satinder Gupta - Janet Coffin . . . . .55.65

#### Stratum C, 12 Pairs

- 1 Mehmet Bayar - Michael Henderson .60.12
- 2 Robert Schwab - Anne Derbes . . . . .55.95
- 3 Martin Reed - Howard Tash . . . . .54.76
- 4 William Pepelko - Barbara Pepelko . .52.38

#### Stratum D, 9 Pairs

- 1 Mehmet Bayar - Michael Henderson .60.12
- 2 Robert Schwab - Anne Derbes . . . . .55.95
- 3 Patricia Gipple - Angeline Wilson . . .50.00
- 4 Ellen Rosenthal - Neal Rosenthal . . .47.32

## SATURDAY MORNING

### OPEN PAIRS



#### Stratum A, 42 Pairs

- 1 Rusty Krauss - Barry Falgout . . . . .65.48

- 2 Charleen Brand - Leo LaSota . . . . .64.29
- 3 Audrey Marbach - Gloria Schulstad .63.10
- 4 Franz Delahan - Madeline Delahan . .60.12
- 5/6 Richard Allison - John Lowe III . . . .59.52
- 5/6 David Wakefield - Audrey Stern . . . .59.52

**Stratum B, 31 Pairs**

- 1 Franz Delahan - Madeline Delahan . .60.12
- 2/3 Richard Allison - John Lowe III . . . .59.52
- 2/3 David Wakefield - Audrey Stern . . . .59.52
- 4 Noble Shore - Michael Gill . . . . .57.70
- 5 Robert Schwab - Anne Derbes . . . . .57.62
- 6 Suzanne Abrams - Reese House . . . .55.70

**Stratum C, 18 Pairs**

- 1 Franz Delahan - Madeline Delahan . .60.12
- 2 Robert Schwab - Anne Derbes . . . . .57.62
- 3 Sol Barr - Lucile Arkin . . . . .54.17
- 4/5 Bruce Husted - Wanda Avila . . . . .53.27
- 4/5 Cynthia Helms - Charles King . . . . .53.27

**SATURDAY AFTERNOON**

**A/X PAIRS**



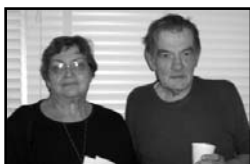
**Stratum A, 38 Pairs**

- 1 David Ruderman - Richard Wegman .64.46
- 2 Donna Rogall - Robert Gookin . . . . .61.98
- 3 Weizhong Bao - Hailong Ao . . . . .61.72
- 4/5 Audrey Marbach - Alice Miller . . . . .58.83
- 4/5 Daniel Jarboe - Lorraine Jarboe . . . .58.83
- 6 Helene Bauman - Jim Wakefield . . . .58.57

**Stratum X, 21 Pairs**

- 1 Weizhong Bao - Hailong Ao . . . . .61.72
- 2 Daniel Jarboe - Lorraine Jarboe . . . .58.83
- 3 Rich Regan - Michael Chelst . . . . .56.70
- 4 Frank Cardillo - Leo Cardillo . . . . .56.07
- 5 Noble Shore - Michael Gill . . . . .54.31
- 6 Jim Pestaner - Lucy Pestaner . . . . .54.20

**B/C/D PAIRS**



**Stratum B, 42 Pairs**

- 1 Audrey Stern - David Wakefield . . . .60.65
- 2 Bernard Trippett - Youssof Seraj . . . .59.95
- 3 Jih-Fu Lai - Cheng-Ming Huang . . . .57.87
- 4 Eric Branfman - Andrew Lipps . . . . .57.64
- 5 Alice Wegman - Seema Bhagwat . . . .56.48
- 6 Malcolm Stewart - Jonathan Siegel . .56.25

**Stratum C, 32 Pairs**

- 1 Jih-Fu Lai - Cheng-Ming Huang . . . .57.87
- 2 Malcolm Stewart - Jonathan Siegel . .56.25
- 3 Richard Rowen - Virginia Rowen . . .56.02
- 4 Franz Delahan - Madeline Delahan . .55.32
- 5 Bob Silverstein - Paul Stygar . . . . .55.09
- 6 David Aubel - Gail Zamboni . . . . .54.40

**Stratum D, 24 Pairs**

- 1 Jih-Fu Lai - Cheng-Ming Huang . . . .57.87
- 2 Malcolm Stewart - Jonathan Siegel . .56.25
- 3 Richard Rowen - Virginia Rowen . . .56.02
- 4 Franz Delahan - Madeline Delahan . .55.32
- 5 Bob Silverstein - Paul Stygar . . . . .55.09
- 6 Phyllis Sonen - Hilda Getz . . . . .53.24

**299ER PAIRS**

**Stratum A, 28 Pairs**



- 1 Elizabeth Rutz - Polly Fleming . . . . .65.72
- 2 Wanda Avila - Bruce Husted . . . . .63.64
- 3 Nancy Loomis - Carolyn Becraft . . . .60.80
- 4 Kathy Attan - Jean-Michel Attan . . . .59.47
- 5 Albert Leon - Millie Reizenstein . . . .58.52
- 6 Pamela Bacher - Christopher Mark . .58.14

**Stratum B, 23 Pairs**

- 1 Elizabeth Rutz - Polly Fleming . . . . .65.72
- 2 Nancy Loomis - Carolyn Becraft . . . .60.80
- 3 Kathy Attan - Jean-Michel Attan . . . .59.47
- 4 Albert Leon - Millie Reizenstein . . . .58.52
- 5 Pamela Bacher - Christopher Mark . .58.14
- 6 Winnie Yonkers - Tina Chisena . . . .57.39

**Stratum C, 8 Pairs**

- 1 Kathy Attan - Jean-Michel Attan . . . .59.47
- 2 Lester Welch - Janeth Welch . . . . .51.52
- 3 Jose Cortina - Adam Winsler . . . . .51.33

**SATURDAY EVENING**

**A/X PAIRS**



**Stratum A, 25 Pairs**

- 1 Weizhong Bao - Hailong Ao . . . . .63.45
- 2 Fred King - Alan Kleist . . . . .60.66
- 3 John Adams - Steve Robinson . . . . .58.90
- 4 Kenneth Davis - Dan Kasture . . . . .57.87
- 5 Noble Shore - Michael Gill . . . . .57.69
- 6 Earl Glickstein - Robert Bell . . . . .57.39

**Stratum X, 13 Pairs**

- 1 Weizhong Bao - Hailong Ao . . . . .63.45
- 2 Noble Shore - Michael Gill . . . . .57.69
- 3 Betty Taneri - Denis Taneri . . . . .53.32
- 4 Michael Chelst - Rich Regan . . . . .51.71
- 5 Richard Wieland - Jean Mayo . . . . .51.14

**B/C/D PAIRS**

**Stratum B, 20 Pairs**

- 1 Eugene Fisher - Adrienne Fisher . . .63.43
- 2 Kitty Gottfried - Kevin Barnes . . . .62.96
- 3 Dorothy Weinstein - Marvin Weinstein 57.64
- 4 Gail Zamboni - David Aubel . . . . .57.18
- 5 Jerry Nolte - Elizabeth Nolte . . . . .56.48
- 6 Michelle Cantave - Carole Banks . . .55.56

**Stratum C, 13 Pairs**

- 1 Jerry Nolte - Elizabeth Nolte . . . . .56.48
- 2 Michelle Cantave - Carole Banks . . .55.56
- 3 Steven Forsythe - Sandra Forsythe . .54.17
- 4 Thomas Din - Gloria Halstead . . . . .50.93
- 5 Susan Strauss - Richard Slater . . . .48.84

**Stratum D, 9 Pairs**

- 1 Jerry Nolte - Elizabeth Nolte . . . . .56.48
- 2 Thomas Din - Gloria Halstead . . . . .50.93
- 3 John Barker - Rebecca Shafer . . . . .45.83
- 4 Meosotis Curtis - Jeffrey Deschamps .43.98

**SUNDAY**

**A/X SWISS TEAMS**



**Stratum A, 19 Teams**

- 1 Leo LaSota - Gloria Silverman - Les Bart - David Hoffner . . . . .95.00
- 2 Martin Graf - Barry Falgout - Rusty Krauss - Joan Lewis - Robert Hopkins Jr . .94.00
- 3 Arnie Frankel - Ellen Klosson - Ellen Cherniavsky - Helene Bauman . . . .86.00
- 4 Thomas Musso - Barbara Ames - Ralph Hoffman - Diane Walker - Rae Dethlefsen - Michael Cheng . . . . .83.00
- 5 Alfred Steinberg - Andrew Gofreed - Alan Tenenbaum - Robert Klein - David Ruderman . . . . .81.00
- 6 Terry Feetham - Kenneth Davis - Dan Kasture - Leon Letwin . . . . .80.00

**Stratum X, 6 Teams**

- 1 Thomas Musso - Barbara Ames - Ralph Hoffman - Diane Walker - Rae Dethlefsen - Michael Cheng . . . . .83.00
- 2 Jason Meyer - James Geist - Michael Richey - Lloyd Rawley . . . . .77.00

**B/C/D SWISS TEAMS**



**Stratum B, 19 Teams**

- 1 Charles Young Jr - Bill Gainer - Lynn Boardman - Robert Stearns . . . . .97.00
- 2/3 Kathryn Kiley - Betty Bursey - Martha Chen - Marlys Moholt . . . . .95.00
- 2/3 Susan Strauss - Richard Slater - Jih-Fu Lai - Cheng-Ming Huang . . . . .95.00
- 4 Kevin Barnes - Jane Sturgis - John Christensen - Dan Moore . . . . .80.00
- 5 Marshall Kramer - Stephen Mac Arthur - Sally Rockey - Robert Lumbert . . . .77.00

**Stratum C, 14 Teams**

- 1 Susan Strauss - Richard Slater - Jih-Fu Lai - Cheng-Ming Huang . . . . .95.00
- 2 Kevin Barnes - Jane Sturgis - John Christensen - Dan Moore . . . . .80.00
- 3 Marshall Kramer - Stephen Mac Arthur - Sally Rockey - Robert Lumbert . . . .77.00
- 4 Kitty Gottfried - Eileen Houghton - Clayton Eisinger - Susie Eisinger . . . . .76.00

**Stratum D, 10 Teams**

- 1 Susan Strauss - Richard Slater - Jih-Fu Lai - Cheng-Ming Huang . . . . .95.00
- 2 Marshall Kramer - Stephen Mac Arthur - Sally Rockey - Robert Lumbert . . . .77.00
- 3 Melville Yudkin - Frank Cardillo - Leo Cardillo - Paul Krueger . . . . .73.00

**SUNDAY MORNING**

**299ER SWISS TEAMS**



**Stratum A, 7 Teams**

- 1 Daniel Weinberg - Walton Francis - Duke Wilson - William Prosser . . . . .59.00
- 2 Margaret Brown - Patrick Brown - Cordellia Scruggs - Elizabeth Parker . . . . .52.00
- 3 Naomi Fisch - Lee Tanen - Rama Kapur - Tsung Lee . . . . .42.00

**Stratum B, 3 Teams**

- 1 Margaret Brown - Patrick Brown - Cordellia Scruggs - Elizabeth Parker . . . . .52.00



# NLM MASTER POINTERS

by I/N Columnist, Vince Wilmot, [vwilmot@erols.com](mailto:vwilmot@erols.com)

In this issue, we will begin to explore transfers after a 1NT opener. Suppose you have the following hand:

♠ 32  
♥ 97543  
♦ 432  
♣ 963

Partner opens 1NT. You know that your hand is completely useless to partner in notrump. However, you may take several tricks with your hand if spades were trumps. In standard methods, you would bid 2♠ to play after 1NT. Using Jacoby Transfers, you can both bid spades, and get partner to play the hand. Here's how it works:

## After partner opens 1NT

### Your bid Meaning

- 2♣ Stayman. This asks for a four card major as outlined in my previous article.
- 2♦ This shows at least 5 hearts. Opener should respond 2♥.
- 2♥ This shows at least 5 spades. Opener should respond 2♠.

Note that the Jacoby Transfer is announceable. That is, when you bid 2♦ or 2♥ over opener's 1NT, opener should say "transfer."

Let do a few examples together to see how this works.

Opener	Responder
♠ AT8	♠ 32
♥ AQ42	♥ 97543
♦ QJT	♦ 432
♣ KJ2	♣ 963

### Bidding:

Opener	Responder
1NT	2♦
2♥	P

Responder transfers to hearts, and passes. Two hearts is a much better contract than 1NT would be.

♠ AT8            ♠ 97543  
♥ AQ42        ♥ 32  
♦ QJT            ♦ 432  
♣ KJ2            ♣ 963

### Bidding:

Opener	Responder
1NT	2♥
2♠	P

The convention works the same for spades. Responder bid 2♥ transferring partner to spades, and passes. Again, you are in the best possible contract.

Let's try a few more examples of responding to 1NT. I will be covering subsequent bidding in next issue's article.

A.	B.	C.
♠ AK643	♠ 876543	♠ AK54
♥ A32	♥ AK	♥ AT43
♦ Q75	♦ 432	♦ K32
♣ T98	♣ 75	♣ 43
D.	E.	F.
♠ 6543	♠ A32	♠ AKQ
♥ J75	♥ A6543	♥ 65432
♦ J876	♦ 54	♦ 654
♣ A2	♣ KQ4	♣ 32

Opener	Responder
1NT	?

### Answers:

**A.** This is a classic Jacoby transfer. You should bid 2♥. You will later give partner a

choice of games.

**B.** Again, your best bid is to transfer into your long suit. You should bid 2♥ to show your spade suit.

**C.** This time you don't have a five card major. Your best bid is 2♣ Stayman, to look for an eight card major suit fit.

**D.** You don't have enough points to try for game. You also don't have a five card or longer major. You should pass 1NT, and relax while partner show off her declarer skills.

**E.** Transfer to your five card major by bidding 2♦.

**F.** Don't be afraid to show your hearts, even though they are anemic. Hearts may well prove to be your best contract.

Next time, we will consider follow up auctions by responder after a Jacoby transfer.

## STEPPING UP TO NEW HEIGHTS

As of April 1, 2004

### Junior Masters (5 Masterpoints)

Eric S Beard        Connie Corvette  
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Robert H Wilbur

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Shlomit Rind

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Kathleen O'Toole    Claire Smith

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David S Raley       Ephraim Salins  
Anatoly Solyanyk

### NABC Masters (200 Masterpoints)

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Malvern J Sheffield, Jr

## 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](http://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, two people have volunteered to help players find partners in advance of the unit game or sectional events. For the unit game, Charleen Brand will assist players in Flights A/X (301-946-8483). Charity Sack will assist players in Flights B/C/D for the unit game, and all players for the sectionals ([emailsack@aol.com](mailto:emailsack@aol.com); 703-963-7027). 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](mailto:don.berman@verizon.net)). Include your name, when you need a ride (either a specific date or a general request, e.g., all unit gmes), 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.*



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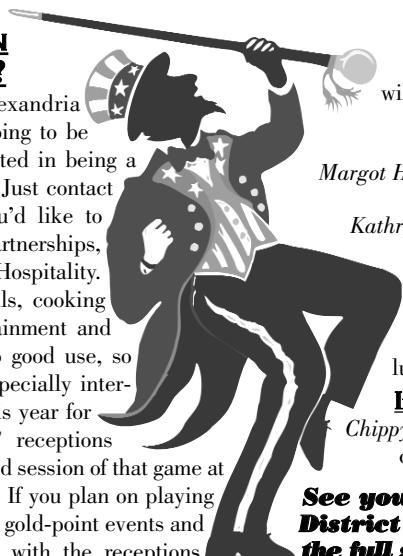
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### **JEFF MECKSTROTH AND ERIC RODWELL ARE COMING TO TOWN!**

Plan to come and play bridge and to socialize with your friends at the area's largest bridge party—the Alexandria Regional. You can play against and get bridge tips from “Meckwell,” considered by many to be America's top-rated pair. Eric is a frequent participant in the Alexandria tournament, but this is Jeff's first appearance here in over ten years. In addition to the reception they will be attending for the I/N crowd, Eric and Jeff will be hosting an **All-Star Panel Show** on Saturday, July 3, following the evening session in the main ballroom. There will be food and drink as well as bridge stories and advice. And this is only the highlight of what promises to be a fun-filled week with table gifts, receptions and/or hospitality for players of all ages and at all levels, every day! Grab a partner and make plans NOW to attend!

### **INTERESTED IN VOLUNTEERING?**

We expect the Alexandria Regional this year is going to be the BEST ever!! Interested in being a part of a success story? Just contact Margot Hennings if you'd like to volunteer to help with Partnerships, Prizes, Information, or Hospitality. We can put people skills, cooking skills, and local entertainment and restaurant knowledge to good use, so don't be shy! We are especially interested in finding help this year for the two “Early Game” receptions that will follow the second session of that game at approximately 6:30 p.m. If you plan on playing in these regionally-rated gold-point events and would like to help out with the receptions scheduled for Thursday, July 1 and/or Friday, July 2, please be sure and let Margot know! Look for sign-up sheets at your favorite club during the month of June.



### **QUESTIONS?**

Any Tournament Chair will be happy to help you...

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