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JULY 29 - AUGUST 1, 2004

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for "**Nibbles**" (by Nadine Wood)
& "**Bids**" (by Steve Robinson)

See page 3 for the full tournament schedule....

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PRESIDENT'S LETTER

by WBL President, Dick Wegman

All good things must come to an end, and this month will mark the end of Michael Carroad's service as Chief Director for our unit game. Michael first started running our unit game in 1975, as assistant director under Bernie Arret, and several years later he succeeded Bernie as Chief Director. He has run our unit game continuously for the past 29 years — a pretty amazing job tenure.

It's hard to believe how much has changed in 29 years. When Michael started running our unit game, Godfather II had just won the best picture Oscar, Brooks Robinson was the starting third baseman for the Orioles, and Steve Robinson had just won his first national championship. There were no cell phones, no PCs, not even a VCR. Things have changed a lot at the Washington Bridge League too, as I discovered when I returned to the bridge table in 1995, after nearly a 20 year hiatus. In 1975, there was no Law of Total Tricks. Other useful techniques, such as odd-even discards and upside down carding, were very rarely used. Both bidding and play have become a lot more precise. The way the game is run has changed as well. In 1975, there were no bidding boxes, no computerized scoring, no hand records. Now that we have these, our unit games and tournaments function much more smoothly. Players finish earlier and they can check their scores on line the next day from home.

When Michael started directing our unit game, we averaged 20 tables on Thursday evenings. Now, on a typical Thursday evening, 45 to 50 tables are in play. In 1975, we still permitted smoking at our games, and social interactions between competing players at the table was pretty limited. We now enjoy a completely smoke-free environment, and the playing atmosphere is friendly and courteous (although just as fiercely competitive). And thanks to our automatic dealing machine,

making up hands is a thing of the past.

Is it any surprise that the Washington Bridge League unit game is the best and the largest of any unit in the country? Thanks, Michael, for all you have done to build our game and to ensure that the game in our area adheres to the highest standards of good sportsmanship and ethical behavior. We are all very much in your debt.

Ted Ying has agreed to take over from Michael as Chief Director, starting this month. Many of us know Ted already from the WBC and Laurel Bridge Clubs. Some of us have also had a chance to see him perform on the musical stage. We're delighted to welcome Ted, and we look forward to Ted's many successful years as Chief Director.

This month also marks the start of the first Fidelity & Trust Mortgage, Inc. Washington Bridge League Round Robin. Michael Chelst arranged Fidelity & Trust's sponsorship of this event. The firm's financial contribution will enable us to expand our outreach and make playing and teaching opportunities more widely available throughout our area. Thanks very much, Michael, for your generous support of the Washington Bridge League.

Our next sectional tournament is scheduled for July 29th-August 1st, with events on Thursday evening and all day Friday at Christ the King Church, and on Saturday and Sunday at the Newport Mill Middle School. We are experimenting with a different schedule for the Saturday events, with one-session pair events beginning at 11:00 AM and 3:30 PM. This will give players an opportunity to play two sessions of bridge and leave Saturday evening free for other activities. We hope this new schedule meets your approval — please let us know how you like it.

Hope to see you soon at the bridge table.

—Dick Wegman

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 Spring7:30pm
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, majslf@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**.

74th Annual D.C. Championships

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

♣ Stratified Open Pairs (unlim/3000/1500/1000/500)10:30am
Washington Bridge Center, 1620 Elton Road, Silver Spring MD,
 (301) 445-0276



♦ StrataFlighted Open Pairs (A/X unlim/3000, B/C/D Separate 1500/1000/500)
 & Stratified 199er Pairs (both sites); 0-20 Pairs (Christ the King Church only)
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New Saturday Start Times **SATURDAY, OCTOBER 2**

♣ Intermediate/Novice Pairs (300/200/100/50/20) (single sessions)11:00am & 4:00pm
 ♦ **2nd Annual: Washington Bridge League Trophy Pairs**11:00am & 4:00pm
 (Two session Open Pairs, qualifying and final)
 ♥ Stratified B/C/D Pairs (1500/1000/500)11:00am
 ♠ StrataFlighted A/X (unlim/3000) and B/C/D Pairs (1500/1000/500)4:00pm
 ♣ Newcomer Pairs (0-5 MPs)11:00am & 4:00pm

New Sunday Start Times **SUNDAY, OCTOBER 3**

♦ A/X Swiss Teams, VPs (unlim /3000, 7 round playthru w/short break)11:00am & TBA
 ♥ B/C/D Swiss Teams, VPs (1500/1000/500, 7 round playthru w/short break)11:00am & TBA
 ♠ 300/200/100/50 Swiss Teams, VPs (single sessions)11:00am, 3:00pm

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BITS AND PIECES

NEW PHONE DIRECTORIES

The new WBL phone directories and errata sheets are out. You can find them at the Unit Game or at a club near you.

2003-2004 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, 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 final standings after eight of eight Sectionals. The asterisk* indicates that the player has met eligibility requirements.

Congratulations to the **Open Winner, Leo LaSota** and to the **NonLM Winner, Wanda Avila!** For the first time since these races have existed, the leading MP winner a category is not eligible because the eligibility requirements were not met. Noble Shore (the highest total), played in only two NVBA and two WBL sectionals. Michael Gill (the second highest total), played in all four WBL sectionals, but only two NVBA sectionals.

Player	Open Leaders	Points
1 Leo LaSota	145.88 *
2 Mark Shaw	130.02 *
3 Steve Robinson	113.88 *
4 Hailong Ao	92.29 *
5 Kenneth Davis	87.99 *
6 William Cole	82.83 *
7 Alfred Steinberg	71.84 *
8 Weizhong Bao	70.96 *
9 Barbara Shaw	70.55 *
10 Fred King	69.07 *
11 Richard Ferrin	68.56 *
12 Eugene Kales	68.43 *
13 John Adams	67.28 *
14 Helene Bauman	65.53 *
15 Donna Rogall	63.44 *
16 Yi Zhong	57.91 *
17 Frank King Jr	57.39 *
18 Robert Hopkins Jr	56.68	57.39 *
19 Robert Gookin	56.00 *
20 Mita Banerjee	54.16 *

Player	NonLM Leaders	Points
2 Noble Shore	37.06
3 Michael Gill	32.54
1 Wanda Avila	25.52 *
4 Christon Johnson	23.66
5 David Chechelashvili	21.31
6 Randy Zeibert	20.85
7 Marshall Kramer	19.81
8 Penny Stoever	19.48 *
9 Robert Boorman	17.73
10 Richard Allison	17.41
11 Herbert Behre III	17.36
12 Madeline Delahan	17.17 *
Franz Delahan	17.17 *
14 Stephen Mac Arthur	17.00
15 Samuel Bowlin	16.91
16 Susan Strauss	16.76
17 Anne Derbes	16.65 *
Robert Schwab	16.65 *
19 Jim Ashenden	16.59 *
20 Jon Ranhand	15.98
Donald Goldman	15.98

WELCOME TO THE WASHINGTON BRIDGE LEAGUE

The WBL welcomes the following new ACBL members: **Craig N Birmingham, Doru Brumeanu, Richard A Cissel, Grazyna G Gdula, Ms Karen A Grace, Deena L Kaplan, Paul M McLean, Esther Pinder, Mr Raghavendra Rajkumar, Lee Slingluff, Mr Robert F Stohman Jr, Dr Henry M Wise Jr, Mrs Beth E Wisinski, Mrs Brenda P Crockett, Robert H Dargel, Mrs Miriam Freed, Donald M Luery, Mr Richard B Majewski, David E Matzke, Ms Mary Ellen A McGovern, Mrs Patricia Primm, Ms Susan H Rao, Morman H Sweed, Ms Sharon H Tuchman, Mr Arnold Quint, Ms Hanita Schreiber, Mr William C Waller, Roberta T Williams, and Ms Margie A Wilson.**

In addition, we welcome the following transfers from other units: **Mr Jack Beatty, Ms Mary Beatty, Mr Leonard A Bosin, Ms Melda S Donohue, Mrs Doris E Klein, Mrs Charlotte D Krensky, Dr Angelike Magklara, Mr Albert Shayne, Mrs Florence Shayne, Mrs Charlotte Zaret, Ms Joan Blitman, Mr Leon Blitman, Mr Ronald A Burt, Mr David J Ellis, Mrs Ellinor H Hatton, Ms Melynda L Holmes, Ms Nancy S MacInnis, Mrs Elaine F Parks, Mr Amar Sinha, Mr Lawrence A Sternberg, Mrs Cynthia B**

Sutton, Mr Mike Sutton, Robert D Abbo, Mrs Sonny F Adelson, Mr C. William Black, Claudette Braswell, Mr Calvin H Cobb Jr, Ms Francie Cody, Mr James A Doles, and Ms Ann S Lindley.

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.

CLUB NEWS—

LAUREL BRIDGE CLUB

Van The Man Charity Bridge Game

Saturday, October 9, 2004

Saturday, October 9th is the date for this year's Van The Man Charity Bridge game, sponsored by the Laurel Bridge Club for the benefit of Midnight Basketball. We are accepting donations of items for our silent auction, and appreciate any suggestions or contributions. Contact Rose Berman or Mary Dresser for more information or to make a donation.

WASHINGTON BRIDGE CENTER

The Washington Bridge Center has released the North American Pairs Schedule for the summer as follows:

June	July	August
1 - 10:30	12 - 10:30	3 - 10:30
2 - 10:30	14 - 7:30	4 - 7:30
7 - 10:30	15 - 10:30	6 - 10:30
8 - 7:00	17 - 10:00	7 - 7:30
11 - 10:30	- 1:15	12 - 10:30
12 - 10:00	- 8:00	13 - 7:30
- 1:15	19 - 7:30	23 - 7:30
- 7:30	20 - 10:30	25 - 10:30
21 - 7:30	23 - 10:30	28 - 10:00
23 - 7:30	- 7:30	- 1:15
24 - 10:30	25 - 1:30	- 8:00
26 - 10:00	- 6:00	29 - 1:30
- 1:15	27 - 7:00	30 - 10:30
- 7:30	28 - 10:30	31 - 7:30
27 - 1:30		

As usual, check with the club (301-445-0276) for schedule changes.

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ELIZABETH ANN NELSON

February 12, 1952 to May 3, 2004

Elizabeth served on the WBL Board in 1997 until she took ill. She mostly conquered her health problems, continuing to play the game she loved and was scheduled to play in the GNTs on the weekend of her untimely passing at age 52. She was a caring, interested, and interesting friend to me and many others. — Donna Rogall

Elizabeth was one of the lucky women in this world. She was blessed with a keen intellect, sharp wit, and an amiable nature. Those traits combined to make her an extraordinary force in our bridge world. She made good use of her talents by challenging our thought processes, stimulating our conversation and cultivating a wealth of friends. She could throw a terrific dinner party with ease, or make friend and foe alike her victim at the bridge table. She loved life and that was one of her greatest talents.

Unfortunately, Elizabeth was also one of the unlucky women of the world. Her health problems — cancer, stroke, and battles with alcohol and tobacco took their toll. It was a tribute to her indomitable spirit that she was able to overcome all those ills. I had great admiration for her desire to triumph and survive. She was an incredible human being and all of us could learn a lesson from her model of living. — Ann Lindley

She was always 'Beb' to me, to her brother, to her parents when they were alive and "Aunt Beb" to her two nieces and one nephew who adored her. She brought gaiety, glamour, grace, humour and a whole host of other wonderful things to my life and for this I am truly grateful. I would not have exchanged the last eighteen years with her for ANYTHING.

— Ram Sarangan

WBL SOLVERS' CLUB

Moderated by Steve Robinson

robinswr@erols.com

Congratulations to Jim Creech and Razvan Spiridonos who tied for first with a score of 480. They win a free entry to the Unit Game and will be invited to be on a future panel. Tied for third were Charity Sack, Pete Whipple, Chuck Yaple, Jeff Pastaner, Curtis Bare and Don McCarthy with a score of 470. Tied for ninth were Yi Zhong, Dave Smith and Joe Lentz with a score of 460. Tied for twelfth were Walter Beckerman, Donna Rogall, Rick Eissenstat, Ellen Cherniavsky and Don Berman with a score of 450. Tied for seventeenth were Alan Kravetz, Brad Theurer, Barry Bragin, Rob Graves, Helen Solomon, Rich Uhrig, Enid Asherman and David Walker with a score of 440. Tied for twenty-fifth were Al Duncker, Nikola Tcholakov, Mike Zane, David Chechelashvili, Randy Thompson, Marvin Elster and Sonney Taragin with a score of 430. Tied for thirty-second were Tim Wright, Linda Gaylor, Monique Smith, Robert Cohen, Steven Ivins, Jean Franke, Barbara Israel, Barbara Summers, Leon Letwin, Lyle Poe and Jeff Kosnett with a score of 420. The average score of the 265 solvers was 353. The average score of the experts was 412.

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 that includes \$3.95 for priority mail.

1) Matchpoints None Vulnerable

♠A72♥8♦AK54♣A8732

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
1♣	1♠	1NT	Pass
?????			
Action	Score	Votes	Solvers
2♦	100	7	108
Pass	60	3	65
2♣	50	0	32
3♥	40	1	2
2NT	40	1	40
2♠	30	0	7
3NT	20	0	8
3♦	20	0	2
2♥	20	0	1

The opponents have at least nine hearts since partner did not make a negative double. If your partner bids 1NT in this situation when holding four hearts, it gives a distorted view of his hand. Give the 1NT bidder a normal eight-point hand such as ♠KJx♥Jxx♦Qxxx♣Jxx. 1NT makes only eight tricks for +120 if hearts are evenly divided 5-4 but diamonds will usually make ten tricks for +130. Change the jack of clubs to the queen and 5♦ will be on a finesse and on good breaks. Bids in competition do not have to be as strong as constructive bids since it's important to be able to compete. You have to be able to follow the Law which means that you shouldn't let the opponents play at a low level. Partner should take competitive free bids, even reverses, with a grain of salt. Also, partner can't do too much since his hand is limited to ten HCPs.

Six experts agree with me and show their second suit.

Woolsey: "2♦—We aren't playing in notrump with a stiff heart after partner doesn't make a negative double. I have great playing value for either minor if we have a good

fit, and partner will know whether or not we have a good fit when I describe my hand.”

Adams: “2♦—Unless partner has five spades, we have a minor suit fit. The opponents have hearts, and I have a good hand, so I must find a way to compete. With my extras, I might worry about what to do later, but this bid seems clear. I dislike 2♠. It shows values, but nothing about my hand.”

Stone: “2♦—I have a slight complaint about this problem insofar as an opening bid of 1? would seem far superior to 1?. Having opened 1?, however, I’m really locked into reversing with 2?, a slight overbid, but otherwise reasonably accurate. Partner should be able to make an intelligent response based on his holding, particularly in hearts, and should not play this reverse as necessarily game forcing. But we might be able to bid and make game in notrump opposite ?Qxx?KQx?Qxxxx?xx or in diamonds opposite ?Kxx?xxx?Qxxxx?Kx or in clubs opposite ?Kxx?xxx?QJx?Kxxx. 2? is an inferior bid insofar as it doesn’t get diamonds into play and eliminates notrump even when it’s right to play notrump. The only reasonable alternative, I think, is pass, but pass is an unnecessary crapshoot and is likely to lose in the play (I know that the opponents have at least a nine-card heart fit and that East will be leading one) and may lose in the bidding if the opponents compete in hearts.”

There is something to be said about opening 1♦ but if you think this hand is worth a reverse, you should open 1♣.

Parker: “2♦—Partner does not have four hearts so the opponents should lead them. I will bid out my shape and let partner decide on the best level and fit. My hand qualifies for a reverse with all the primes. If he bids 3♣, do I promise a rebid? I think not and will pass.”

Schwartz: “2♦—I guess this person thought the hand was worth a reverse, that’s why it was opened with 1♣. I would open 1♦, so I have to follow through. I hope to play in three-of-a-minor. Only if partner bids 3NT am I in trouble and maybe hearts are 6-3 with no entry then.”

Hopkins: “2♦—I am going to give partner a picture of my hand and hope we can work out a reasonable strain and level.

Partner could have anything from ♠KJx♥xxx♦Qxxxx♣Kx where 6♦ has a play to ♠Q10xx♥KQ10♦Jxx♣Jxx where even 2NT is in jeopardy.”

Three experts pass. They are dreaming if 1NT gets passed out. If West bids 2♥ and East raises, diamonds will never be brought into the picture.

Cappelletti: “Pass—Game is possible but unlikely, unless partner has great minor fit. Note that a 2♦ reverse would probably result in having three opponents at the table instead of two. And 1NT might well produce a better matchpoint score than playing in a minor, 120 to 110. But, in view of partner’s not making a negative double, I expect West to reopen, probably with 2♥, which if passed around to me, I would then bid 2NT which should give us best chance to get to the right spot. If opponents compete to 3♥, I must certainly double which might help partner’s heart holding.”

Roman: “Pass—When they bid 2♥, I’ll balance with 2NT, showing clubs and diamonds. I would’ve opened 1♦.”

Lerner: “Pass—2♣ is ugly especially if partner is 3352 and will get RHO to bid the six-card heart suit. 1NT making one or two seems the best place for a good matchpoint score.”

One expert shows a singleton heart I hope but it does show a game forcing hand. It also allows West to show his hearts by doubling.

Lublin: “3♥—Partner should get message and place final contract.”

The following bid could be a good save and will probably shut out the heart suit.

King: “2NT: “—I’m mostly concerned with making it as difficult as possible for West to introduce the heart suit where they seem to have at least a nine-card.

This hand has two points. It’s usually wrong to pass 1NT when holding a singleton. Bids in competition can be lighter than non-competitive sequences.

2) Matchpoints They’re Vulnerable

♠A1083♥8♦AKQJ6♣Q109

<u>SOUTH</u>	<u>WEST</u>	<u>NORTH</u>	<u>EAST</u>
1♦	1♠	3♦*weak	Pass
?????			

<u>Action</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Votes</u>	<u>Solvers</u>
5♦	100	5	53
4♣	60	3	15
3♠	50	1	14
Pass	40	2	132
3NT	30	0	5
4♦	30	1	44
3♥	20	0	1
5♣	20	0	1

Again the opponents have at least nine hearts and the question is how many hearts can they make. The best matchpoint strategy is to jump directly to 5♦. This will very likely shut out the heart suit since the opponents have to introduce them at the five-level. If 5♦ is going down, jumping directly to 5♦ could allow you to buy the contract undoubled. After all, neither West nor East will know whose hand it is.

Four experts agree with me and make the practical bid.

Adams: “5♦—Hard to imagine passing over 4♥, so must give opponents a guess. Might make also.”

Stone: “5♦—This problem bears a resemblance to the previous one in that the opponents apparently have an undisclosed nine+ card heart fit. But that is not a certainty here, since partner might have chosen to preempt at this vulnerability with something like ?x?Qxxxx?Jxxxx?xx. The problem is that I can’t play for that, and even if that were the case, I may have no defense against 4? if West has six spades. Whether 5? will make depends on what partner holds in clubs, so it might be tempting to temporize with 4?. But if partner has nothing in clubs, what confident defense do I have against my opponent’s game? And 4? would make it much easier for West to get in with double or 4?. No, it must be right to follow my (and probably everyone else’s) first instinct and blast to 5?.”

Roman: “5♦—This might not make, but I’ll bid it now instead of over 4♥.”

Lublin: “5♦—Two-way action. May make or they make 4♥.”

Four experts make game tries. The problem is that it allows West to introduce hearts at the four-level.

Cappelletti: “4♣—Game try.”

Parker: “4♣—We have ten diamonds and need to be at the four-level at least. Once again the opponents have nine or more hearts and have not yet bid them. No sense

in letting them in at the three-level. Partner may have ♠x♥xxx♦xxxx♣AJxx and we should make 5♦ which he will bid. If he has values in hearts we will settle in 4♦.”

Hopkins: “4♣—Partner needs as little as ♠x♥xxx♦10xxxx♣Kxxx to give me essentially a 50% shot at game. I mean 4♣ as a game try and will hope partner reads it and reacts accordingly.”

Schwartz: “3♠—Club king and stiff spade is enough for decent game, but more likely will get to 4♦ and should shut out hearts.”

King: “4♦—Again I want to make it more difficult for West to introduce hearts.”

Two experts pass. Just like the previous hand, you’re in a dream world if you think that hearts are not going to be bid.

Woolsey: “Pass—Weak means weak. The bad guys probably have a heart fit, but that doesn’t mean they will find it. I’ll bet we steal the pot right here.”

Lerner: “Pass—A stiff spade, club honor and five trumps is too much to expect. Take the plus.”

When you know the opponents have a good fit, make it difficult for them to find it. They will find it eight times out of ten if you put your head in the sand.

3) Matchpoints They’re Vulnerable

♠106♥AQ9♦98532♣KQ10

<u>SOUTH</u>	<u>WEST</u>	<u>NORTH</u>	<u>EAST</u>
1♦	2♣	Dbl	Pass
?????			

<u>Action</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Votes</u>	<u>Solvers</u>
2♦	100	5	69
2♥	80	5	86
2NT	60	2	81
Pass	50	0	25
2♠	20	0	1
3NT	20	0	1
3♣	20	0	1

There are complaints about this opening bid but like tennis, he who serves at tennis or opens at bridge has the advantage. So we’ve opened, and you have to live with opening, and partner has made a negative double. We have three choices. Rebid the nine-high diamond suit, bid a three-card major, bid notrump with a sub-minimum hand or pass for penalties. I preach strongly that one does not bid a three-card suit unless there is no other possibility. If I held ♠AJx♥AJx♦Qxxx♣xxx, I would rebid 2♥

but I wouldn't like it. A second choice is rebidding 2NT but unless partner has an opening bid, you don't want to play in notrump with minimal values. You don't want to encourage partner which is what bidding 2♥ or 2NT would do. Partner has an eleven-point hand and raises 2NT to three or raises 2♥ to four. Here there is a reasonable alternative action. Rebid your five-card diamond suit. Unless partner has an opening bid, he will pass 2♦, bid a long major or raise diamonds. Either way you will stay low.

Four experts agree with me and rebid their five-card diamond suit. Rebidding 2♦ also follows the - when in doubt make the cheapest call - theory. By bidding 2♦, you allow partner to show a five-card major at the two-level. By bidding 2♦ you make the bid that is least likely to excite partner.

Cappelletti: "2♦—Stay low. This is wrong hand for a 2♥ bid which might well turn on partner and get us too high."

Stone: "2♦—I have an objection to this problem insofar as my hand does not merit an opening bid. I know all about spot card values and the value of concentration of honors, but those are more than offset on this hand by a lack of any honor cards in my long suit. That said, I have a serious problem in how least to mislead, and ultimately disappoint partner, at this point in the auction. One possibility is to bid 2?. This might play as well as, and score better than 2?. The problem is that partner might raise with four hearts and will probably raise with five hearts. In addition, we might end up playing in a 3-3 heart fit rather than in our 5-3 or 5-4 card diamond fit with partner having ?Axxx?Kxx?Qxxx?xx.

A second possibility is to convert partner's double to penalties. After all, what values I have are primarily defensive in nature. If partner has extra values and/or East has a singleton club or can't be reached twice to lead clubs, then we might be able to collect 200 versus our part score or 500 versus our non-vulnerable game. The problem is that West may be cold for 8+ tricks in clubs, and even if 2? is theoretically beatable with best defense, partner may be giving away a trick or more by leading a diamond.

A third possibility is to bid 2?. The advantage of 2? is that diamonds is likely our longest suit; the disadvantage is that it may

not be our best contract because we could have four diamond losers opposite partner's possible ?Qx. What seems clear to me is that 2? is superior to 2NT. With 11-12 HCP, partner will likely raise 2NT to 3NT, while he may go low over my 2?. Furthermore, over my 2?, partner, with 8-11 HCP and a 5-card major, can introduce the major at the two-level rather than at the three-level which is necessary over my 2NT."

Roman: "2♦—This isn't the same as rebidding diamonds, since partner asked me to pick a suit. I'm not bidding notrump unless partner forces to game (if I bid 2NT and partner passed, it's likely to be a terrible contract), and 2♥ is for heroes. It's important that you and your partner agree to open this hand."

Parker: "2♦—Let's see, no four-card major, no opening bid so why would I ever bid a three-card major and get partner excited? If I wanted to get in a lead director I would have opened 1♣."

Five experts rebid 2♥. They deserve to find partner with ♠AKxx♥xxxx♦Axx♣xx and they will end up in 4♥ possibly doubled or ♠AKxx♥Jxx♦Jxx♣xxx and they will end up in 2♥.

Woolsey: "2♥—Not quite enough in clubs to justify passing. All bids (2♦, 2♥, and 2NT) risk getting to a lousy contract. 2♥ will be great if partner has five hearts, and quite likely best if he has four. Let's hope we aren't playing in our finest 3-3 fit."

Adams: "2♥—Maybe this will help the lead if they win the bidding. Maybe it will be right strain. 2NT has no tricks, 2♦ has really bad trumps, and Pass needs partner to produce a lot of tricks. Downside is partner could bid again."

Lerner: "2♥—Least lie. At least we'll be in a decent seven-card fit."

Unless partner has three hearts also.

Lublin: "2♥—Hope for the best. Too weak to pass."

Schwartz: "2♥—2NT shows values. 2♦ rebid shows only five but not these five. Prefer not opening eleven with bad suits. Bidding with three hearts safer than normal as the 2♣-bidder probably has values to compensate for the poor club suit."

Two experts try notrump.

Hopkins: "2NT—Well, I opened this hand and must therefore continue as if I had

an opening bid. 2NT best expresses the nature of the hand (balanced, Club stoppers, minimum) and also shuts out the Spade suit if partner doesn't have four."

King: "2NT—I guess if your system calls for opening hands this light, and I would never open it myself, then 2NT seems the call to show a minimum hand with a double stopper in the suit."

Sometimes you get too high when you open light but more often you steal the hand when the opponents don't know whose hand it is.

Bidding three-card suits can lead to disaster.

4) Matchpoints You're Vulnerable

♠-♥A106543♦AJ32♣Q32

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
			INT ¹
Dbl ²	2♠	Pass	Pass
????	¹ (15-17)	² one-suiter	
<u>Action</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Votes</u>	<u>Solvers</u>
Double	100	4	51
Pass	90	7	160
3♥	70	1	49
2NT	20	0	5

This is one of those hands at matchpoints or even IMPs where you have a chance to get a very good score with little risk. The opponents have bid a suit that is not splitting well. Partner could have five or even six spades and would be very happy to hear your reopening double. Partner couldn't double for three possible reasons. One is that his double could be asking you to bid your suit. The second reason he might not double is the fear that you don't have defense. Your one-suited double could be based on ♠-♥KQJxxx♦QJxx♣xxx which might not deliver any defensive tricks. The third reason is that he might be afraid that the opponents have a better spot. If you double and partner passes, you have two sure defensive tricks and two other cards that could also take tricks. You are sitting behind the notrump opener. If you double and partner does not have a spade stack, he can bid 2NT asking you to bid your suit or he could bid a five-card minor which would be OK with you. It's almost impossible for you not to have to have an eight-card fit somewhere. Doubling might drive the opponents to 3♠ and it's always better to defend 3♠ than 2♠.

Three experts agree with me and try for

the brass ring.

Woolsey: "Double—Even if there were initially some doubt as to whether this is takeout or penalties (I definitely think it should be takeout), partner will certainly be holding enough spades to know. If partner doesn't have a penalty pass and doesn't have a long suit of his own to bid, he can bid 2NT and now I can show my heart suit."

Stone: "Double—On the bidding, partner must have somewhere between five and fourteen HCP, and he is likely to have some useful values since he didn't double (e.g., with KQJ10x in spades). Therefore, it must be wrong for me to pass. The question is how should I reenter the auction. The choices are 3? and double. I think double describes my hand well and has four chances to win, versus only one for 3?. First partner may have an intermediate hand with good or long spades with which to convert my double to penalties. Partner couldn't immediately double with this type of hand, because my original double could have been made with no defense, e.g., ?-?KQJxxx?QJ10x?xxx. Second, double brings the possibility of a club or diamond contract into play. With five or more clubs or diamonds and shortness in hearts, partner should feel comfortable bidding his suit. Third, with no singletons or voids, partner should bid 2NT, so that I can identify my long suit; thus we will get to 3? when that is our best contract. Fourth, quite possibly, the end result will be that the opponents compete to 3? since, in the typical case, they will have nine+ spades between them, but we may be able to beat that contract and in some of those cases partner will be able to double after I have shown values by doubling 2?."

Roman: "Double—Partner's double of 2♠ would mean please bid your suit, so my first job is to protect him. If he doesn't pass, I'll bid 3♥, of course."

Only if partner bids 2NT. If partner bids a minor, you have great support opposite a five-card suit.

Seven experts put their heads in the sand. Not the way to play matchpoints or even IMPs. I would expect partner to pass 2♠ doubled about 80% of the time and most of those 80% you will get at least 300. Not bad odds.

Adams: "Pass—If Partner wanted to hear my suit, partner could double. Maybe the 6-0

spade break will be enough to get a plus score. If double were takeout, I might try it, but since we have thrown out our bidding system on this hand, I can't know what double is."

I would expect double of 2♠ is a takeout double.

Lerner: "Pass—Lousy spots, no reason to think partner has a fit."

Parker: "Pass—This could easily be a misfit so why get to the three-level vulnerable and go for the dreaded 200. They may go down with partner having a trump stack. This will not be the field spot so why gamble on getting to a better spot."

Schwartz: "Pass—Double is too likely to get passed out as partner will expect a better hand vulnerable against not. Also it might be difficult to get to our best spot if it's not hearts."

Hopkins: "Pass—Partner could have bid 2NT if he wanted me to show my suit so I am going to hope partner has trump cards and defend."

King: "Pass—I know it is wrong to sell out at the two-level when the opponents have at least an eight-card fit, but bidding seems too likely to lead to the deadly -200 or more."

If it's wrong to sell out when the opponent's have an eight-card fit, why do it?

One expert insists on playing in hearts. If partner wanted to play in your long suit, he would have done something over 2♠.

Lublin: "3♥—Can't let them play at the two-level and don't want to double and defend."

It's usually wrong to sell out when you are short in the opponent's suit when you're not sure that you have a fit. It is definitely wrong to sell out when you know that you have a fit.

5) Matchpoints You're Vulnerable

♠KQ62♥J♦AKJ5♣KQ42

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
????			1♣
Action	Score	Votes	Solvers
1♦	100	4	46
1NT	90	3	26
Pass	70	2	18
Double	70	3	156
1♠	30	0	13
3NT	20	0	3
2♦	20	0	1
3♥	20	0	1
2♣	20	0	1

The one thing I have learned is that if you pass with a very good hand, you will find it hard to catch up later. The five possibilities are to overcall a four-card diamond suit, overcall a four-card spade suit, overcall a heavy 1NT that includes a singleton. You could also make a takeout double holding a singleton in an unbid major and you know what I think of that. Or you can pass and hope to catch up later. All have flaws. If you overcall 1♦ or 1♠, it might go all pass. If you overcall 1NT or double, partner might insist on playing in hearts. And if you pass, you might end up defending 1♣ at 50 a trick when you are cold for game.

Two experts agree with me and overcall a heavy notrump. If partner transfers to hearts, maybe the Jack will help solidify the suit. The risk is when partner passes 1NT and he has four spades or four diamonds.

Lerner: "1NT—Extra jack compensates for missing heart."

Parker: "1NT—Lot's of slow tricks and no desire to double and hear partner compete in hearts. I will bid 2NT over a transfer to hearts by partner. Second choice is to pass and then double after they bid hearts. The notrump overcall may keep them out of their fit."

Four experts overcall 1♦. Hopefully someone will bid hearts so they can get the spade suit in.

Cappelletti: "1♦—Clear cut to keep bidding low and see if partner can respond. If partner bids 1♥, I will bid 2♠."

Adams: "1♦—Partner never believes I am this good when I pass, so I bid. If I bid spades next, I will not have to worry about partner expecting five. Double is out. 1NT is misdirected. 1♦ also leaves room for more bidding, which is to my advantage."

Hopkins: "1♦—I am going to leave as much room as possible for partner to enter the auction."

King: "1♦—I can introduce spades over hearts if the opponents bid and raise that suit."

Two experts pass. Suppose the auction goes well and the opponents bid and raise hearts. You double and partner bids 2♠. Now what? Are you going to jump to game, hanging poor partner who is possibly forced to bid a three-card suit. How are you going to tell partner that you have 19 HCPs? If you bid directly and partner passes, you will know to

tread lightly. If you bid directly and partner makes a free bid you can force to game. But suppose the auction goes by the opponents 1♣ - 1♠ - 1NT, you will be locked out of the auction. Since West can respond 1♠ holding ♠J109xx♥xxx♦xx♣xxx, you could be defending 1NT with 28 HCPs between you.

Woolsey: "Pass—Any other action is extremely distorted. Perhaps I'll be able to make a takeout double of hearts later, or even continue to pass if the opponents bid any more of my suits."

Roman: "Pass—Second choice, 1♦."

Three experts double. Unless partner insists on hearts, doubling could be right.

Stone: "Double—Pass is wrong because (1) we may end up defending 1? at 50 points an undertrick when we have a more profitable contract of our own; and (2) if the bidding continues, partner will never play me for this good a hand later in the auction, and ultimately I will have to guess the contract. For example, even if the auction goes well with 1?-P-1?-P-2?-D-P-2?-P-?, how many spades should I guess to bid? 1? and 1? are wrong because I will be misleading partner about the nature, strength, and flexibility of my hand. For example, we might play 1?, cold for 3NT, or 1?, cold for 4?.

The real choices are 1NT or double. Take away one of my queens, and I would bid 1NT. However, with the hand given, I think 1NT is wrong on values, and therefore I must double. I have a pure 19 HCP with concentrated honors everywhere (even the singleton jack

of hearts is potentially useful), and I am positioned favorably behind the opening bidder. A balanced 5-6 HCP could easily produce game, but partner would pass 1NT with that hand. Furthermore, if partner has a weak hand, double is more likely to get diamonds or spades into play as potential contracts. Both 1NT and double can handle partner's bidding hearts. If partner transfers to hearts after my 1NT, I will reject the transfer and rebid 2NT instead. If partner bids 1? after my double, I will rebid 1NT. In this case, doubling would allow me to show my values while getting out at a lower, safer contract."

Lublin: "Double—And bid notrump over 1♥."

Schwartz: "Double—Both double followed by 1NT and 1NT encounter the heart problem. After double, partner might not rebid a five-card heart suit as doubleton heart is not unlikely. Double also makes finding a 4-4 spade fit more likely. Nineteen HCPs are close enough to the range of either bid so that is not a major consideration. If they happen to bid and raise hearts I can double showing these values. Partner shouldn't treat double as penalties."

When you bid 1NT and then double, that double should be for takeout with usually a small doubleton. But if partner has four, he might pass your takeout double expecting you to have two hearts.

When they open on your right and you have a very good hand, it's best to act immediately even if you have to fudge on your bid.

SOLVERS' SCORES

John Adams	2♦	5♦	2♥	Pass	1♦	470
Mike Cappelletti	Pass	4♣	2♦	Pass	1♦	410
Robbie Hopkins	2♦	4♣	2NT	Pass	1♦	410
Fred King	2NT	4♦	2NT	Pass	1♦	320
Gerald Lerner	Pass	Pass	2♥	Pass	1NT	360
Glenn Lublin	3♥	5♦	2♥	3♥	Dbl	360
Steve Parker	2♦	4♣	2♦	Pass	1NT	440
Steve Robinson	2♦	5♦	2♦	Dbl	1NT	490
Jeff Roman	Pass	5♦	2♦	Dbl	Pass	430
Alan Schwartz	2♦	3♠	2♥	Pass	Dbl	390
Robert Stone	2♦	5♦	2♦	Dbl	Dbl	470
Kit Woolsey	2♦	Pass	2♥	Dbl	Pass	390

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1	87.27	Leo LaSota
2	72.30	Steve Robinson
3	56.92	David Ruderman
4	55.96	John Adams
5	51.10	Mark Shaw
6	49.08	Alfred Steinberg
7	42.34	Richard Wegman
8	41.75	Ellen Cherniavsky
9	39.31	Leon Letwin
10	38.01	Warren Kaufman
11	37.04	Robert Bell
12	36.18	Eugene Kales
13	35.93	Rossi Lindstrom
14	35.84	Alan Kleist
15	34.56	Richard Ferrin
16	34.51	Janet Dence
17	32.60	Jane Sturgis
18	32.32	Barbara Shaw
19	32.23	Arnie Frankel
20	31.47	Robert Ellis
21	31.43	Hailong Ao
22	30.85	Charity Sack
23	29.64	Fred King
24	29.27	Charleen Brand
25	29.20	Neal Rosenthal

Izzy Cohen

1	34.56	Richard Ferrin
2	34.51	Janet Dence
3	32.60	Jane Sturgis
4	31.47	Robert Ellis
5	31.43	Hailong Ao
6	30.85	Charity Sack
7	29.20	Neal Rosenthal
8	28.55	John Lowe III
9	28.55	Joel Miller
10	27.76	Ellen Rosenthal
11	24.85	Alice Wegman
12	24.23	William Hacker
13	23.41	Herbert Behre III
14	23.24	William Gill
15	22.17	Michael Chelst

Tubbs

1	29.20	Neal Rosenthal
2	27.76	Ellen Rosenthal
3	23.41	Herbert Behre III
4	23.24	William Gill
5	20.45	Randy Zeibert
6	18.69	Mirsad Mujezinovic
7	16.01	Behnaz Fardshisheh
8	15.98	Shlomit Rind
9	15.62	Eric Beard
10	14.37	Hadi Abushakra

Woolridge

1	15.98	Shlomit Rind
2	15.62	Eric Beard
3	7.10	Prem Garg
4	6.58	Richard Riseberg
5	6.58	Steven Nessler
6	6.37	John Graham
7	6.37	Susan Graham
8	3.80	Roma Chandra
9	3.35	Shirlee Starr
10	3.24	Richard Levin

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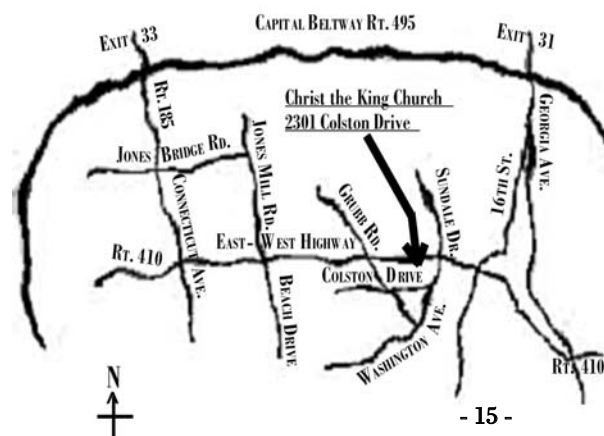
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COMITTEE ACTION XLV

Part III

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I will now conclude the discussion of the case from the Flight A Swiss Teams with a look at the East-West side of the affair.

Why would anyone criticize East's failure to double 2♦ and think it would jeopardize E/W's right to receive redress under these conditions? It is true that East should suspect from his own hand that North does not have diamonds and likely has hearts. But if that's the case, he also should suspect that N/S have a good heart fit (unless West has long hearts — which it turns out he does but East didn't know that at the time) which could be a problem for his side since he has almost no defense against a N/S heart contract, although he expects to beat 2♦ several tricks. With N/S vulnerable, if he can manage to defend 2♦ (even undoubled) he rates to collect at least 500, which is better than any score E/W are likely to achieve on their own (unless they have a slam—highly unlikely given South's INT overcall).

I don't know whether West would be forced to act if 2♦ was passed back around to him, but E/W would certainly be protected if West doubled and North then used the UI from South's non-Alert of 2♦ to bid 2♥ (with South still having a bid coming). North must continue to bid as though South knew 2♦ was a transfer, Announced it as such, and chose to pass anyhow. (After all, South could have a long diamond suit of his own as a source of tricks for his INT overcall or he could even have a “comic” notrump: a psychic INT overcall with long diamonds to run to if doubled.) Another question to ask of E/W's methods is whether by doubling 2♦ East would have shown more than just diamonds; perhaps a double would show convertible values: outside aces and/or kings that he does not have. After all, East's hand is pretty much diamonds, diamonds and more diamonds and figures to be of little

value defending or declaring elsewhere— unless West has spades, in which case N/S have LOTS AND LOTS of hearts.

So East's pass of 2♦ seems quite reasonable, even if it's not a bid everyone would make. It gives him an extra chance to defend 2♦—either undoubled or doubled—and could also be right for other reasons. Whatever it was, East's pass of 2♦ was certainly not the egregious error the Committee made it out to be. And consider what might have happened if East had doubled 2♦ and North then run to 2♥. The Committee might have allowed the 2♥ bid saying that the authorized information (AI) from East's double made it clear that he had long diamonds, thus making the 2♥ bid clear. But if East passes 2♦ it will not be clear that West's double in the balancing seat is anything other than a “points” double, so North would not have sufficiently strong AI to allow him to run.

I suspect the Committee issued the 3-imp PP as a substitute for a score adjustment, perhaps as a sort of compromise. They may have reasoned as follows: “South should have Alerted 2♦ but East's pass is so bad that we do not want to adjust E/W's score.” (Forgetting—or perhaps not even realizing—that the laws permit adjusting N/S's score while leaving E/W with the table result.) “We want to leave the table result stand, but if we do N/S will gain from their infraction. So we'll issue a PP to N/S for not Announcing the transfer and that will remove some, if not all, of N/S profit.” And while I understand the sentiment behind such thinking, I strongly disagree with it. PPs are disciplinary in nature and score adjustments are to redress damage: to restore equity to the non-offenders and remove illicit gain from the offenders. These two purposes should not be confused. A PP may be issued to punish an especially fla-

grant or egregious act so that it will not recur or to punish a pair (or player) for an especially careless action or for knowingly taking an illegal or unethical action (such as bidding on partner's hesitation). But they are not substitutes for adjusting a score. Score adjustments are to redress damage from the opponents' irregularity or infraction, even if it was done innocently.

For example, suppose your partner opens 1♣ and the auction continues: 1♣-1NT-2♥-3NT; P*-P-P. (*Huddle by partner). You are on lead with queen-jack fifth of hearts and a doubleton club (partner's suit). What does partner's huddle mean? Was he thinking of bidding 3♣, or 3♥, or maybe of doubling 3NT? If he doubled 3NT, would that have requested a lead of his suit or yours? Whatever you lead, if it's successful someone may claim that it should not be allowed because partner's huddle made it more attractive. So you lead a club which turns out to be the only lead to beat the hand. Even if a Committee later judges that the huddle suggested the club lead over a heart and disallows it, nothing you did was clearly wrong. After all, you had to lead something. They will adjust the score, but not as a disciplinary action against you—only to protect the opponents from possible damage. So a PP and a score adjustment are not interchangeable. The former indicates that you did something you should not have done and shouldn't do again; the latter is to remove any damage the opponents might have sustained and to make sure your side does not profit, but it does not imply any intentional wrong-doing on your part: your actions may well have been entirely innocent.

And there's something else the Committee should have thought about more carefully. Suppose East, suspecting that 2♦ was a transfer, had asked about it. What would South have told him? Wouldn't he have said that it was natural (since he obviously thought it was)? So that would really not have helped East would it? But then how did the Committee justify not protecting E/W

when even had they asked about the 2♦ bid they'd still have been in the same position? Were E/W each independently supposed to ignore the non-Alert of 2♦ and clairvoyantly treat it as a transfer? What exactly did the Committee believe E/W failed to do to protect themselves that was egregious enough to forfeit their right to protection?

Finally, there's an important lesson to be learned for those who serve on Appeals Committees. Sometimes the non-offenders will commit a bridge blunder after the opponents' infraction that turns out is the primary cause of their poor result, and forfeits their right to redress. But if the offenders' infraction set the wheels in motion by causing a problem that would not have occurred otherwise, they must not be allowed to keep their good result even if the non-offenders are stuck with their poor one. The laws say that there has been damage if the offenders achieve a better score after their infraction than they were likely to achieve without it. So damage is independent of the actions of the non-offenders. In other words, the offenders have still caused damage even if it was a subsequent bridge blunder by the non-offenders that was the chief cause of the damage—as long as the result was unlikely to have occurred without the infraction. So if the offenders' good result was (even indirectly) made possible by their infraction, their score should be adjusted to remove any profit they may have gained.

Bits & Pieces continued...

“Overheard At the Club”

“We had an insufficient number of good results.”

“A chicken crossing the road is poultry in motion.”

“Nothing puts you to sleep as well as a good bridge book.”

He said, “Your play was either thoughtless or brilliant.”

She said, “I was brilliant.”

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“THE SURVEY SAYS...”

The survey results that began with the Nov./Dec. 2003 issue conclude here with results from questions 14, 15 and 16. Again, there were 106 total respondents (A/X: 49, B/C: 48, D/N: 9). The tabulation continues here as described in our last four issues.

14. Events

a. How much of a mix of events would you like to see at the **Sectionals**?

77.4% of all respondents answered

	<u>EACH VOTE EQUAL</u>	<u>WEIGHTED</u>
a lot more:	8.5%	10.9%
more:	28.1%	27.7%
no change:	56.1%	50.5%
less:	7.3%	10.9%
a lot less.:	0.0%	0.0%
No Response:	22.6%	22.6%

b. How much of a mix of events would you like to see at the **Unit Game**?

86.8% of all respondents answered

	<u>EACH VOTE EQUAL</u>	<u>WEIGHTED</u>
a lot more:	6.3%	8.4%
more:	17.5%	14.7%
no change:	65.0%	67.1%
less:	11.2%	9.8%
a lot less.:	0.0%	0.0%
No Response:	13.2%	13.2%

c. Which events would you like to see **Included** and which would you like to see **Excluded** at the **Sectionals**?

91.5% of all respondents answered.

	<u>INCLUDE : EXCLUDE VOTE RATIO</u>	
	<u>EACH VOTE EQUAL</u>	<u>WEIGHTED</u>
	<u>I:E</u>	<u>I:E</u>
Board-A-Match Teams ...	.6:2:1	6:2:1
A/X	7.2:1	7.2:1
B/C	3.5:1	4.2:1
D/N .....	.6:0	9:0
Swiss Teams VPs	13.2:1	15.8:1
A/X	13.3:1	13.6:1
B/C	22:1	23.5:1
D/N	4:1	11:1
Swiss Teams Win/Loss	1:1.4	1:2
A/X	1:2.7	1:4
B/C	1.1:1	1:1.4
D/N	4:0	7:0

Knockout (KO) Teams	3:1	2.9:1
A/X	2.3:1	2.3:1
B/C	3.3:1	3:1
D/N	5:0	8:0
Compact KOs	10:1	2.6:1
A/X	2.5:1	1.7:1
B/C .....	.8:1	4.7:1
D/N	4:0	6:0
Individuals	2.3:1	1.7:1
A/X	1.8:1	1.5:1
B/C	4.7:1	2.8:1
D/N	1:1	1:3
Flighted	2.2:1	1.7:1
A/X	1.9:1	1.7:1
B/C	2:1	1.6:1
D/N	3:1	2:1
Stratified	6.2:1	7.4:1
A/X	3.9:1	4.5:1
B/C	21:1	24:1
D/N	4:0	7:0
StrataFlighted	10.2:1	10.7:1
A/X	7:1	7.3:1
B/C	19:1	18.5:1
D/N	4:0	8:0
Bracketed KOs no play-up ..	1:1	1:1.3
A/X	1:1.9	1:2.4
B/C	2:1	1.5:1
D/N	3:1	2:1
Bracketed KOs with play-up	2.4:1	2.5:1
A/X	1.8:1	1.8:1
B/C	4:1	3.8:1
D/N	3:0	8:0
Non-LifeMaster Tournament	3.3:1	4:1
A/X	2.4:1	3.1:1
B/C	5.5:1	5.8:1
D/N	2:0	3:0
LM/non-LM game	1.6:1	1.6:1
A/X	1.2:1	1.4:1
B/C	1.8:1	1.2:1
D/N	3:0	6:0
Senior	1.9:1	1.8:1
A/X	1.6:1	1.5:1
B/C	3.3:1	2.9:1
D/N	0:1	0:1
Mixed	1:1.6	1:2
A/X	1:2.3	1:3.3
B/C	1.1:1	1:1.1
D/N	1:2	1:2.5
Women's	1:8	1:12
A/X	1:22	1:46
B/C	1:2.7	1:4
D/N	0:2	0:3

Men's	1:7	1:10
A/X	1:21	1:46
B/C	1:2.5	1:3.3
D/N	1:2	1:3
1-session events	40:1	41.5:1
A/X	25:0	49:0
B/C	13:0	29:0
D/N	2:1	2.5:1
2-session events	45:1	41.5:1
A/X	33:0	60:0
B/C	8:1	5.7:1
D/N	4:0	7:0
3-session events	1:1	1:1.2
A/X	1:1.2	1:1.6
B/C	2:1	1.9:1
D/N	0:1	0:2
4+ session events	1:1	1:1.4
A/X	1:1.2	1:2.5
B/C	1.3:1	1.2:1
D/N	1:1	1.7:1
Continuous Pairs	1.4:1	1.3:1
A/X	1.1:1	1:1.1
B/C	1.8:1	1.6:1
D/N	3:0	7:0
Money Bridge...rubber style	1:3.7	1:1.2
A/X	1:2.1	1:3.5
B/C	0:12	0:29
D/N	0:4	0:8
Money Bridge...pair format	1:3.3	1:1.2
A/X	1:2.1	1:3.5
B/C	1:10	1:8
D/N	0:5	0:8
Money Bridge...Cavendish	1:2.4	1:8.2
A/X	1:1.4	1:2.3
B/C	0:9	0:21
D/N	0:4	0:8
Fast Pairs/5 min/board	4:1	5.1:1
A/X	3.4:1	4.1:1
B/C	5.5:1	11:1
D/N	2:0	3:0
Regular/7 min/board	7.8:1	7.6:1
A/X	8.3:1	7.1:1
B/C	5.5:1	7:1
D/N	3:0	6:0
Slow/8.5 min/board	1:6.2	1:1.2
A/X	1:7	1:1.6
B/C	1:8	1:20
D/N	1:2	1:3
20-22 boards/session	1:5.5	1:7
A/X	1:7.3	1:9.2
B/C	1:2.7	1:3.2
D/N	0:3	0:8
23-25 boards/session	4.2:1	3.4:1
A/X	6.3:1	4:1
B/C	2.2:1	2.1:7
D/N	2:0	2:0
26-27 boards/session	16:1	17.2:1
A/X	32:1	60:1
B/C	6:1	5:1
D/N	4:0	6:0

Relaxed Rules Bridge	1:6.6	1:13
A/X	1:4.6	1:5.6
B/C	0:7	0:15
D/N	0:3	0:6
Championship/Trophy games	10:1	6.7:1
A/X	13:1	25.5:1
B/C	3.5:1	1.3:1
D/N	0:0	0:0
Team of 2 Pairs (best ball)	1:1	1:1.4
A/X	1:1.1	1:1.8
B/C	3.5:1	2.7:1
D/N	1:3	1:2.5
Team of 2 Pairs (worst ball)	1:1.8	1:3
A/X	1:1.7	1:2.6
B/C	1:4	1:9
D/N	1:1	1:2
Par Contest	1:1.1	1:1.5
A/X	1:1.4	1:1.8
B/C	3.5:1	1.4:1
D/N	0:1	0:2
Barometer Pairs	4.9:1	3.9:1
A/X	5.8:1	4.9:1
B/C	3:1	2:1
D/N	1:0	3:0
Different, New or Unusual	2.8:1	2.3:1
A/X	2.5:1	2.7:1
B/C	3.5:1	1.8:1
D/N	0:0	0:0
Other games suggested: Sunday Pairs, Imp Pairs, Total Points, & Cheap Pairs		
c. Which events would you like to see included and which would you like to see Excluded at the Unit Game?		
72.3% of all respondents answered.		
<u>INCLUDE : EXCLUDE VOTE RATIO</u>		
	<u>EACH</u>	<u>WEIGHTED</u>
	<u>VOTE</u>	<u>ED</u>
	<u>EQUAL</u>	<u>I:E</u>
Board-A-Match Teams	4.9:1	4.8:1
A/X	4:1	4:1
B/C	5.5:1	4.8:1
D/N	3:0	7:0
Swiss Teams VPs	5.1:1	5.2:1
A/X	5.5:1	5.8:1
B/C	4.3:1	4.1:1
D/N	2:0	4:0
Swiss Teams Win/Loss	1:2.3	1:2.5
A/X	1:3.5	1:1.1
B/C	1.1:1	1:1.2
D/N	1:1	3:1
Individuals	1.2:1	1.4:1
A/X	1:2.1	1:1.8
B/C	5:1	5.3:1
D/N	0:0	0:0
Flighted	2.3:1	2.1:1
A/X	2:1	1.8:1
B/C	2.4:1	2.3:1
D/N	1:0	2:0

Stratified	7:1	9.7:1
A/X	5:1	9.8:1
B/C	11:1	9.6:1
D/N	0:0	0:0
StrataFlighted	7.6:1	7.7:1
A/X	10:1	14:1
B/C	5:1	4:1
D/N	3:0	7:0
LM/non-LM game	1.6:1	2.1:1
A/X	1:1.1	1:1.2
B/C	4:1	6:1
D/N	2:1	5:1
Senior	1:1.3	1:1.3
A/X	1:1.4	1:1.6
B/C	1.2:1	1.2:1
D/N	0:2	0:2
Mixed	1:2.6	1:2.8
A/X	1:4	1:4.4
B/C	1:1.8	1:1.8
D/N	1:0	1:0
Women's	1:9	1:8.3
A/X	1:9	1:8.3
B/C	1:8	1:8
D/N	0:1	0:1
Men's	1:7	1:8.8
A/X	1:8	1:13
B/C	1:8	1:8
D/N	1:1	1:1
Money Bridge...rubber style	1:2.2	1:6
A/X	1:2.7	1:3.9
B/C	1:5	1:14
D/N	0:1	0:2
Money Bridge...pair format	1:5.3	1:17
A/X	1:5.3	1:12
B/C	1:5	1:13
D/N	0:1	0:2
Money Bridge...Cavendish	1:4	1:6
A/X	1:2.6	1:3.8
B/C	0:9	0:23
D/N	0:1	0:2
Fast Pairs/5 min/board	1.9:1	2.6:1
A/X	1.6:1	2:1
B/C	2.8:1	4:1
D/N	0:0	0:0
Regular/7 min/board	13:1	15.8:1
A/X	12.5:1	11.8:1
B/C	13:1	31:1
D/N	1:0	1:0
Slow/8.5 min/board	1:4	1:6.8
A/X	1:8	1:21
B/C	1:1.6	1:2.9
D/N	0:1	0:3
20-22 boards/session	1:4.5	1:7.4
A/X	1:3.2	1:4.7
B/C	1:9	1:21
D/N	0:2	0:5
23-25 boards/session	6:1	4.4:1
A/X	5.5:1	4.1:1
B/C	6.5:1	4.5:6
D/N	1:0	2:0

26-27 boards/session	3.9:1	3.8:1
A/X	2.1:1	1.9:1
B/C	16:1	34:1
D/N	2:0	3:0
Relaxed Rules Bridge	1:2.7	1:2.5
A/X	1:3.8	1:4.3
B/C	1:1.4	1:1.3
D/N	0:2	0:4
Championship/Trophy games	3:1	3.8:1
A/X	1.7:1	1.9:1
B/C	10:1	19:1
D/N	1:0	2:0
Team of 2 Pairs (best ball)	1:1.1	1:1.1
A/X	1:1.2	1:1.2
B/C	1.2:1	1:1.1
D/N	2:0	2:0
Team of 2 Pairs (worst ball)	1:2.9	1:4.6
A/X	1:5.3	1:6.8
B/C	1:1.8	1:3.5
D/N	1:0	1:0
Par Contest	1:1	1:1.7
A/X	1:1.1	1:1.7
B/C	1:1	1:2
D/N	1:0	1:0
Barometer Pairs	1.6:1	1.5:1
A/X	1:1	1:1.3
B/C	5.5:1	5.8:4
D/N	0:1	0:2
Different, New or Unusual	1.9:1	1.8:1
A/X	1.4:1	1.3:1
B/C	2.5:1	3.3:1
D/N	1:0	2:0
Other games suggested: Imp Pairs, Goren, Bracketed BAM, Cheap Pairs, Win the Last Trick Bonus, Only StrataFlighted		

15. e-mail the WBL Bulletin

Would you be willing to receive your WBL Bulletin by e-mail in lieu of a printed copy?
86.7% of all respondents answered

	<u>EACH VOTE EQUAL</u>	
Yes:	49.5%	
No, but in addition is ok:	18.7%	
No, not at all:	31.8%	
No Response:	13.3%	

16. Type Size of the WBL Bulletin

How do you like the type size you are reading now?
88.6% of all respondents answered

	<u>EACH VOTE EQUAL</u>	<u>WEIGHTED</u>
s/b a lot bigger:	2.2%	3.7%
s/b a little bigger:	19.4%	20.2%
fine, no smaller:	74.2%	71.6%
could be smaller:	4.2%	4.5%
No Response:	11.4%	11.4%

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5	Kailua Kona, Hawaii	7:00 AM	6:00 PM
6	Hilo, Hawaii	7:00 AM	6:00 PM
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10	At Sea		
11	Ensenada, Mexico	8:00 AM	

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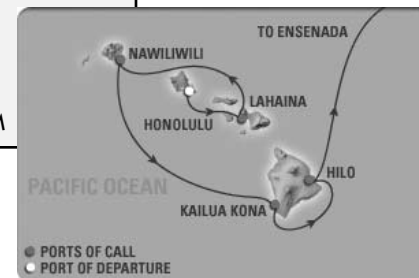
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2ND ANNUAL WBL NON-LIFE MASTER SECTIONAL

April 29 - May 2, 2004

Results

Top 10 Masterpoint Winners

Pos	MP Won	
1	7.27	.....Rama Kapur, Bethesda MD
2	6.58	..Herbert Behre III, Chevy Chase MD
3	4.59	..Robert Von Moss, Gaithersburg MD
4	4.32	.....Ann Lebherz, Frederick MD
5	4.19	..Behnaz Fardshishih, Potomac MD
6	4.19	..Thomas Reckford, Washington DC
7	4.11	..William Kingery Jr, Chevy Chase MD
8	4.11	.....Daniel Koch, Chevy Chase MD
9	4.10	.....James Andre, Germantown MD
10	4.07	.....Tsong Lee, Silver Spring MD

Thursday Evening Pairs, 34 Pairs

A B C		
1		Herbert Behre III - Steven Schatzow, ... 68.18
2 1 1		Roma Chandra - Fausto Calabria .67.80
3		Thomas Reckford - Behnaz Fardshishih 59.85
4		Hilda Prins - Mary Lafferty ....59.47
5 2		Ellen Rosenthal - Neal Rosenthal 58.52
6 3		William Isenstein - Jack Geltman 58.14
4/5		William Norlander - Chuck Zurawski .. 56.44
4/52		Azmat Ali - David Epstein .....56.44
6 3		Rex Settle - Jay Weinstein .....52.65
4		Shlomit Rind - Eric Beard .....50.57
5		Narda Ehrlich - Ken Marx .....50.19

Friday Morning Pairs, 6 Pairs

A B C		
1		Sandra Schwalb - Jean Morgan ...70.00
2/3		Peter Iannicelli - Andrea Levine .52.50
2/3		Bob Grudberg - Bill Hardgrave, ..52.50

Friday Afternoon Pairs, 26 Pairs

A B C		
1		Marlene Stone - Malvern Sheffield Jr .. 62.31
2		John Terauds - Edvin Tums, ....61.74
3 1		Thomas Reckford - Behnaz Fardshishih 61.36
4		Margaret Buda - Nancy Weil ...59.66
5		Edward Anania - Joan Anania ...57.39
6 2		Judy Glick - Joe Farruggio .....57.20
3		Helen Fillion - Betty Palmer ...52.65
4 1		Winnie Yonkers - Ann Sjoerdsma .52.46
5		Ron Gold - Ann Lebherz .....50.76
2		Madeleine Johnson - Edwin Johnson, .. 49.43
3		Karen Copp - Marie Sullivan ...47.35
4		Jane Smidinger - Henry Erno ...46.21

Fri. Eve NLM/200/100 Prs., 16 Pairs

A B C		
1		Rama Kapur - Robert Von Moss ..59.52
2 1 1		Anna Jubiz, ; Hernan Pflucker ..58.04
3		Betty Siefring - Eric Siefring ...56.55
4 2		E Grant - S Grant, .....54.17
5 3		Ron Gold - Ann Lebherz .....53.87
4		Richard Steiner - Suzanne Steiner 53.57
2		Winnie Yonkers - Ann Sjoerdsma .49.70

Saturday Morn. NLM/200/100, 18 Pairs

A B C		
1		James Andre - Martin Aronsohn .64.88
2 1		Rama Kapur - Tsung Lee .....64.48
3		Juan Pardo - Paul Stygar .....59.67
4 2		Sherrie Schrama - Marie Siefring .57.93
5		David Schultz - Cynthia Helms ..57.20
3		Ann Lebherz - Robert Munger .....56.05
4/51		David Epstein, ; Azmat Ali .....51.68
4/5		Donald Goldman - Steve Schlosser51.68
2		Michelle Zygielbaum - Joy Bloomfield . 45.69
3		Jane Smidinger - Henry Erno ...42.96

Robinson NLM Trophy Prs., 39 Pairs

A B C		
1		Carl Gutschick - Bruce Bromberg 67.32
2		Ned Griffith - Guy Brackett, ....65.77
3		Robert Munger - Ann Lebherz ..60.12
4 1 1		Anne Vaeth - Roberta Feldstein ..59.67
5		Steve Mac Arthur .....58.63
6 2 2		Daniel Fink - Tobie Fink .....57.45
3		Rama Kapur - Tsung Lee .....56.85
4		Thomas Reckford - Behnaz Fardshishih
5 3		Joan Fitzpatrick - Gail Morgenweck ... 55.51
6		Robert Lambert - Sally Rokey .54.46
4		Eric Beard - Shlomit Rind .....53.73
5		Michelle Zygielbaum - Joy Bloomfield . 52.08

Saturday Eve. NLM/200/100, 18 Pairs

A B C		
1		Betty Siefring - Eric Siefring ...61.90
2		Bruce Hustead - Wanda Avila ..58.33
3		Judy Braddy - Sandra Stringer ..58.04
4		Rama Kapur - Robert Von Moss ..57.14
5/61 1		Hernan Pflucker - Paul Stygar ..56.85
5/6		Gloria Halstead - Thomas Din ...56.85
2		Jeff Deschamps - Mgosotis Curtis, 55.36
3		James Andre - Terry Jones, ....53.87
4 2		Wendy Heller - Partha Maluadkar 52.98

Sun Morn. Swiss Teams, 15 Teams

A B C		
1 1		Richard Cassell - Stephen Goldstein - Gary Weinstein - Stanley Legum .63.00
2		John Mattioli - Herbert Behre III - Bill Kingery - Dan Koch .....54.00
3		Steve Mac Arthur - Bill Hardgrave - Janet Berman - Jerry Mulvenna ..53.00
4/62/3 1		Terry Carlton - Candace Carlton - Rama Kapur - Tsung Lee .....48.00
4/6		James Andre - Richard Allison - Juan Pardo - Paul Stygar .....48.00
4/62/3		Robert Kay - Lois Kay - Sally Hollman - Lawrence Hollman, .....48.00
4		David Loken - Gretchen Handwerker - Theodore Wilkinson - Hadi Abushakra . 46.00

NLM 2nd Sunday Swiss, 10 Teams

A B C		
1 1		Wanda Avila - Kim Ashendon - Neal McKinney - John Miles, .....66.00
2		John Mattioli - Bill Kingery - Herbert Behre III - Dan Koch .....49.00
3 2 1		Robert Von Moss - Howard Moss, ; Nancy Weil - Margaret Buda ...47.00
4		Richard Cassell - Stephen Goldstein, Burke VA; Gary Weinstein - Stanley Legum .....42.00

Bits & Pieces continued...

WBC Mixer Sectional 1st Place Winners

May 21 through May 23, 2004

THU FLIGHT A/X PAIRS

Fred King - Vincent Wilmot Jr65.84

THU FLIGHT B/C/D PAIRS

Janet Dence - Edwin Fuller Jr67.05

THU NON LIFE MASTER PAIRS

John Mattioli - Wanda Avila64.50

FRI MORN OPEN PAIRS

Harold Minus Sr - William Foster Jr63.45

FRI AFT OPEN PAIRS

Fred King - Frank King Jr64.83

FRI EVE OPEN PAIRS

Leo LaSota - Barbara Shaw70.54

SAT AM SENIOR PAIRS

1/2 Lorraine Morgan - M Cassandra Smith 64.96

1/2 Carl Nelson - Eric Branfman64.96

SAT AFT FLIGHT A/X PAIRS

Alice Miller - Marie Creisher68.75

SAT AFT FLIGHT B/C/D PRS

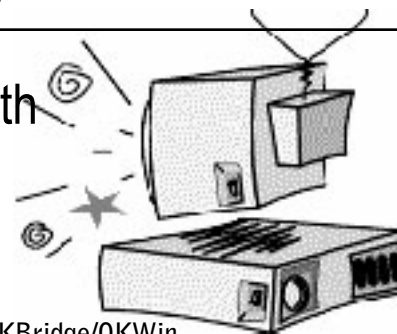
Glynn Stafford Jr - Bruce Bromberg63.75

SAT EVE FAST OPEN PAIRS

Leo LaSota - Barbara Shaw66.86

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NLM MASTERPOINTERS

by I/N Columnist, Vince Wilmot, vwilmot@erols.com

In this article, we will consider follow up auctions by responder after a Jacoby transfer.

Assume partner opens 1NT showing 15-17, and you transfer to a major using 2♦, or 2♥ as a Jacoby transfer. Here is the structure for responder's rebids after a Jacoby transfer and acceptance.

Opener	Responder
1NT	2♥
2♠	?

Your bid

bid	Meaning
Pass	Responder has less than 8 HCP and wants to play the hand in 2♠.
2NT	This is a game invitation. Opener can pass or bid 3♠ with a minimum. Opener can bid 3NT or 4♠ with a maximum.
3♠	This is a game invitation with 6+ spades. Opener should pass with a minimum or bid 4♠ with a maximum.
3NT	This forces the partnership to game. Opener should return to spades with three or more, or pass 3NT with a doubleton spade.
New suit	Shows at least 4 cards in the suit, plus five spades. Forcing.
4♠	A sign off in game (Note that if your partnership uses Texas transfers, this call would be slam invitational.).

How would you bid the following hands:

Opener	Responder
1NT	2♥
2♠	?

A	B	C
♠QJT43	♠AQJ63	♠AKJ98
♥643	♥43	♥Q64
♦872	♦J32	♦98
♣43	♣42	♣832
D	E	F
♠AK9843	♠AKJ974	♠AK963
♥J4	♥Q6	♥843
♦732	♦98	♦K976
♣96	♣832	♣3

Answers:

Pass. You don't have enough hand to bid more. Your hand will likely be worth several tricks at spades, while it will be useless at NT. Hope for a plus score.

2NT You have enough to invite game, but don't know whether your partnership has 8 or more spades. When in doubt, involve partner. Partner can pass, correct to 3♠, bid 3NT, or bid 4♠ depending on how many spades and points partner has.

3NT This time, we know we want to bid a game., but don't know whether 3NT or 4♠ is best. Opener will pass with two spades, and correct to 4♠ with three or more spades.

3♠ You know to play the hand in spades. Partner will bid 4♠ with a maximum 1NT opener, or pass with a minimum.

4♠ Sign off in the best possible contract.

3♦ This call is forcing. Partner can return to spades, bid 3NT, or even support diamonds with the right hand.

In summary, Jacoby transfers are a great tool to help you get to the best possible contract. To take advantage of the tool, you must understand not only the initial transfer bid, but also the possible follow up auctions.

STEPPING UP TO NEW HEIGHTS

As of July 1, 2004

Junior Masters (5 Masterpoints)

Martha Bley	Ross Bley
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Steven Nesseler	Richard Riseberg
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Club Masters (20 Masterpoints)

Namik Haverich	Eric S Beard
Alice Immler	Ms Carol Poland
Tillie Posin	Shirlee Starr
Stanley Buda	Frances Abramson
Roma Chandra	Linda Marshall
Raghavendra Rajkumar	

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, 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 (email-sack@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). 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! We look forward to seeing you on Thursday evenings & at the WBL sectionals.

Sectional Masters (50 Masterpoints)

Lorraine Davis	Candace Carlton
Terry Carlton	Rochelle Cohen
Tobie Fink	Lois Kay
Michelle Zygielbaum	

WBL SOLVERS' CLUB'S NEW PROBLEMS

July/August 2004

1) MPs, None Vulnerable

♠K102♥AKQ94♦KQ6♣84

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

2) IMPs, None Vulnerable

♠Q54♥K8765♦103♣KQ2

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

3) MPs, None Vulnerable

♠AK♥5432♦A5432♣32

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

4) MPs, None Vulnerable

♠K976♥KQJ1054♦K2♣2

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
1♥	2♦	Dbl*	1♦
?????	*Resp double		Pass

5) IMPs, You're Vulnerable

♠AQJ7♥95♦J72♣AQJ9

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

Return answers by August 16 to:

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Regional Masters (100 Masterpoints)

Fred Beisel	James Andre
Marlene Stone	Melany Levenson
Neal Rosenthal	Paul Siefring

NABC Masters (200 Masterpoints)

Vada L Gourley	Koko Soderberg
Sherrie Schrama	Robert Von Moss
Mr Thomas Din	Rama Kapur
Mr Herbert Behre III	



NVBA SEPTEMBER SENSATIONS SECTIONAL TOURNAMENT

Knights of Columbus Hall (KOCH)
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THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

Knights of Columbus Hall (KOCH), Arlington, VA (NVBA)
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STRATAFLIGHTED PAIRS (A/X=3000+/3000; B/C=2000/750)7:00 p.m.7:30 p.m.
 199ER PAIRS (200/100/50/20)7:00 p.m.7:30 p.m.

...REST OF TOURNAMENT AT KOCH...

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

STRATAFLIGHTED PAIRS (A/X=3000+/3000; B/C=2000/750) 2:00 p.m.
 199ER PAIRS (200/100 MPs)2:00 p.m.
 49ER PAIRS (50/20/5)2:00 p.m.
 STRATIFIED OPEN PAIRS (2000+/2000/750)7:30 p.m.
 199ER PAIRS (200/100/50/20)7:30 p.m.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

STRATIFIED OPEN PAIRS (2000+/2000/750)9:30 a.m.
 STRATIFIED SENIOR PAIRS (2000+/2000/750)9:30 a.m.
 199ER PAIRS (200/100 MPs)9:30 a.m.
 49ER PAIRS (50/20/5)9:30 a.m.
 FLIGHT A/X PAIRS (3000+/3000)2:00 & 7:30 p.m.

2-session Play-thru event

—Single session pairs accommodated during either session

STRATIFIED B/C PAIRS (2000/750; 2 Single sessions) .2:00 & 7:30 p.m.
 STRATIFIED SENIOR PAIRS (2000+/2000/750)2:00 p.m.
 199ER PAIRS (200/100 MPs)2:00 p.m.
 49ER PAIRS (50/20/5)2:00 p.m.
 199ER PAIRS (200/100 MPs)7:30 p.m.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

Novice/Intermediate Lecture (Jeff Roman)10:15 a.m.
 FLIGHTS A/X and B/C SWISS TEAMS11:00 a.m.

Flights A/X = 3000+/0-3000, Flights B/C = 2000/750

2-session events, one 30-minute break—box lunch available

199ER SWISS TEAMS (200/100; Single session)11:00 a.m.
 49ER SWISS TEAMS (50/20/5; Single session)11:00 a.m.
 199ER SWISS TEAMS (200/100/50/20; Single session)3:15 p.m.

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