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**74TH ANNUAL
D.C. CHAMPIONSHIPS**
SEPTEMBER 30 - OCTOBER 3, 2004



**New for Friday Nights: BAROMETER PAIRS
&
CHAMPAGNE PUNCH!**



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See page 3 for the full tournament schedule...

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PRESIDENT'S LETTER

by WBL President, Dick Wegman

My current issue of the ACBL Bulletin just arrived in the mail. The Bulletin contains the results of the recently-concluded Summer Nationals tournament in New York City, with photographs of the winners from the major national championships. As I browsed through the new issue of the Bulletin, I was struck by how many of the pictured players are from our local area. Indeed, these Nationals provided more evidence – as if any more was needed – that the Washington area produces some of the strongest and most competitive players in the country.

One of the most prestigious events at the tournament, the flight A Grand Nationals Teams (0-5000 points) was won by a Northern Virginia foursome. The team of Marshall Kushner, Sumner Steinfeldt, Hal Hindman, and Mark Chen fended off tough challenges during the first three days of the event, then won the finals convincingly on the fourth day (their opponents withdrew at the ¾ mark, trailing by nearly 100 IMPs). It's quite an honor to be recognized as the top under 5000 team in the country. Congratulations to Marshall, Sumner, Hal and Mark on a job very well done!

The team representing our district in the open flight (points unlimited) also performed exceptionally well. Mark Dahl, David Butler, Alan Schwartz and Ai-Tai Lo made it to final four of this event, and got knocked out by a powerhouse Florida team headed by Jeff Meekstroth and Eric Rodwell (no shame there). A few days after the GNT championships were decided, Peter Boyd and Steve Robinson came in second in the national IMP pairs event. Steve Robinson seemed to gain extra momentum from his IMP pairs showing. Two days later, Steve joined with Beth Palmer and Bill Pettis to win the final

event of the tournament in New York, the National Mixed Board-a Match Teams Championship.

There's no shortage of talent among our young players either. The team trials were held in New York City to select the two teams that will represent the United States in the World Junior Team Championship that will be held next year in Australia. The top pair was Tim Crank and Andrew Hurd. As

many of you know, in addition to playing at such a high level, Tim regularly helps direct our Thursday evening unit game. Second place in the Junior team trials went to Noble Shore and Charlie Garrod. Noble and Charlie attend graduate schools out of town, but they frequently play in our sectionals whenever they are in town.

All of this shows how fortunate we are to have such talent in our area, and what a great opportunity it provides to play against some of the best players in the country on a regular basis. Come out and play against them – it's always a challenge, and it's very rewarding when you can do well against players of this caliber.

One program note. At our mid-summer sectional, we tried a new schedule on Saturday, with two sessions (rather than 3), beginning at 11:00 and 3:30, with lunch provided between the sessions. The schedule permits players to finish by dinner time, and leaves Saturday evening free for other activities. Judging by those who were there, the new schedule seemed to be quite popular. We plan to use the same schedule at our October sectional (with a slightly later starting time for the second session).

Please give me a call or drop me a line, and let me know how you like the new schedule.

—Dick Wegman

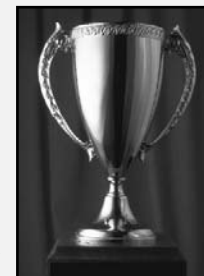
WBL Top 10 AT NYC NABC

1	265.52	Steve Robinson
2	199.23	Beth Palmer
3	171.23	Peter Boyd
4	149.39	William Pettis
5	71.26	Mark Shaw
6	60.21	Martin Graf
7	48.11	William Cole
8	46.29	Ellen Klosson
9	45.43	Rae Dethlefsen
10	43.41	Mike Cappelletti Sr

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)
Beth El Congregation, 3830 Seminary Rd, Alexandria7:00pm
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 held at Christ the King Church Only

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 1

- ♥ StrataFlighted A/X (unlim/3000) & B/C/D Pairs (1500/1000/500) (single sessions) .10:00am, 1:30pm
- ♠ **NEW! Barometer & Champagne Pairs:** StrataFlighted A/X (unlim/3000) & B/C/D (1500/1000/500) 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.

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. Single session pairs will be accommodated.)
- ♥ 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

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

I/N events: 0-5, 20, 50, 100, 200, 300; Stratification at Director's Discretion.



Washington hospitality includes snacks, drinks and lunch free of charge. **Friday, Saturday and Sunday lunch** provided between sessions. **Chair: Nadine Wood,** 301-565-9555, woodthere@comcast.net, **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

♣ Arlington, VA ♦ OCTOBER 21-24, 2004 ♥

NVBA FALL SECTIONAL TOURNAMENT

Knights of Columbus Hall (KOCH)
5115 Little Falls Road, Arlington, VA
703-536-9656

Note: All Virginia Events are at KOCH!

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 21

Knights of Columbus Hall (KOCH), Arlington, VA (NVBA)
Christ the King Church, one block south of East-West Highway on Colston between Washington and Grubb, Chevy Chase, MD (WBL)

	<u>NVBA (KOCH)</u>	<u>WBL</u>
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, OCTOBER 22

STRATAFLIGHTED PAIRS (A/X=3000+/3000; B/C=2000/750)	2:00 p.m.
199ER PAIRS (200/100 MP's)	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, OCTOBER 23

STRATIFIED OPEN PAIRS (2000+/2000/750)	9:30 a.m.
STRATIFIED SENIOR PAIRS (2000+/2000/750)	9:30 a.m.
199ER PAIRS (200/100 MP's)	9:30 a.m.
49ER PAIRS (50/20/5)	9:30 a.m.
FLIGHT A/X PAIRS (3000+/3000)	2:00 p.m.
FLIGHT B/C/D PAIRS (2000/750/300)	2:00 p.m.
STRATIFIED SENIOR PAIRS (2000+/2000/750)	2:00 p.m.
199ER PAIRS (200/100 MP's)	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 MP's)	7:30 p.m.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 24

Novice/Intermediate Lecture (Jeff Roman)	10:15 a.m.
FLIGHTS A/X and B/C SWISS TEAMS	11:00 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 (200/100/50; 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.

DIRECTIONS: From Rte. 495 (the Beltway) or points West of the Beltway, take Rte. 66 East to the Washington Boulevard/Lee Highway exit. At the light at the end of the exit ramp, turn left onto Lee Highway. Go approximately 1.5 miles and turn left onto Harrison Street. Go .5 miles and turn right onto Little Falls Road. The KOCH is on your left .2 of a mile down Little Falls. From D.C. or Arlington, take Rte. 66 West to the Sycamore Street exit. At the end of the exit ramp, turn right onto Sycamore. At the second light, turn right onto Lee Highway and go a little over 1 mile and turn left onto Harrison Street. Follow the above directions from that point. OR from D.C., go straight across Chain Bridge and then keep left to stay on Glebe Road. From the light at the end of Chain Bridge, proceed 1.8 miles and turn right onto Little Falls Road (the second right past the light at Williamsburg Blvd.). Cross Old Dominion (3 miles) at the stop sign and proceed on Little Falls another .3 miles to the KOCH on your right. From all directions, turn up the drive and circle past the stone lodge. Follow signs for visitor parking. The tournament will be held in the brick building marked "KOCH 2473" down the hill to your right.

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Leo Cardillo,
703-868-6868
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at www.nvba.org

**Next NVBA Sectional:
January 27-30,
2005**

WELCOME TO THE WASHINGTON BRIDGE LEAGUE

The WBL welcomes the following new ACBL members: **Ms. Sondra Baxt, Michael Berard, Ms. Elizabeth A Bozman, Lawrence A Hiemenz, Mr. Charles Morton, Ms. Eleanor S Quash, Mrs. Joy I Dale, Mr. William B Dale, Mr. David L Desjardins, and Marjorie T Lee.**

In addition, we welcome the following transfers from other units: **Robert D Abbo, Richard G Allison, Mrs. Carolyn D Compton, Mr. Owen Compton, Christina M Craig, Ms. Anne Derbes, Curtis A Hastings, Mr. Hubert L Hoffman, Joan F Jenson, Robert Mamar, Woodie McLean, Ms Elizabeth L Pollock, Ms Barbara H Putney, Mr. Robert M Schwab, Mr. Lyle J Barbato, Michael A Gill, Mrs. Sheila F Givan, Mr. Eric SeEVERS, and Corinne Zimmermann.**

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—

WASHINGTON BRIDGE CENTER & STEVE FORSYTHE'S ONE-DAY BRIDGE SEMINAR

Would you like to share the fun of duplicate bridge with your friends, neighbors, coworkers, children or grandchildren? Have they ever told you, "I'd like to learn to play bridge, if I could just find the time"? Did they play years ago and now want to get back into the game? Tell them to mark October 2 on their calendars!

Your friends can learn to play bridge in just one day at Steve Forsythe's **Instant Bridge Player** seminar, Saturday, October 2 from 11 a.m to 5 p.m. at the Washington Bridge Center. Whether they've never played at all, or they just need a refresher, we'll have them playing bridge before they leave!

The cost is just \$20 with a reservation or \$25 at the door. (Students \$10 with reservation; \$15 at the door.) A free booklet, pizza lunch, coffee and snacks are included. The Washington Bridge Center is at 1620 Elton

Road. Take I-495 to New Hampshire Ave North. Turn right at the first light and left into Hillendale Shopping Center. WBC is on the second floor, above the Chinese restaurant.

For more information or to make a reservation, call **Steve Forsythe** at 301/592-9177 or email majself@aol.com.

LAUREL BRIDGE CLUB

Van The Man Charity Bridge Game

Saturday, October 9, 2004

The Laurel Bridge Club's Van the Man charity bridge game to benefit Midnight Basketball will be held on Saturday, October 9th at the Deerfield Run Community Center located at 13000 Laurel-Bowie Road (Route 197). Doors will open at 6 PM for an all-you-care-to-eat dinner of lasagna (several different kinds, including vegetarian), salad and garlic bread. Many delicious home-made desserts will be for sale. All proceeds of the food sales, as well as all other proceeds, go directly to Midnight Basketball.

We will have a silent auction of many interesting items, and they will be available for bidding until about 8:30 PM. Raffle tickets will be sold for a Christmas basket, a wine basket, a spa basket of personal care items, and for an exciting personal electronic device. The drawings for the raffles will be held throughout the evening, and the winners need not be present.

At about 7:30 PM, we will begin the auction of several of the area's leading bridge players. This is always very exciting, and very competitive. The list of expert players is not yet complete, but in past years we have had many of our local bridge stars. The game will begin at about 8 PM.

Please join us for a fun evening to benefit a very worthy cause. Many of you will remember the late Van Standifer, who played bridge in local games. He decided to address the problems of youth crime by providing attractive outlets for the talents and energy of at-risk young people. His pilot program has become the model for many national programs. Our game benefits only local programs.

We always are looking for contributions of items for the silent auction, baked goods

to be sold, and any financial contributions, which are tax-deductible. This year we need help with setting up and breaking down the tables and chairs, so if you have a strong back please join us to help set up an exciting evening. To volunteer, or if you have any questions or suggestions, please contact Rose Berman at 301-776-3581 or Rose.Berman@verizon.net.

The Deerfield Run Center is located on Route 197, just south of Contee Road. From the Washington Beltway, go North on Route 95 to East on Route 198 toward Laurel. Follow 198 across Route 1 to the intersection with Route 197. Turn right onto 197 and proceed for about 1 mile. After you pass the Laurel Town Center shopping center on your right, go through the intersection of Contee Road, and the Deerfield Run center will be on your right.

From the Baltimore Washington Parkway, exit at Route 197 west toward Laurel. Proceed about 1 mile to the intersection with Contee Road. Make a U turn at Contee and then make the first right into the Deerfield Run parking lot.

SAD NEWS

Our condolences to Ellen Cherniavsky, whose father, Philip H. Abelson, Ph.D. passed away Sunday August 1, at age 91.

His work and contributions spanned more than 40 years with the American Association for the Advancement of Science. His positions of leadership and his service on many national advisory committees enabled him to shape national science and technology policy.

He and Edwin McMillan discovered the first transuranic element, neptunium. In 1941 he joined the Naval Research Laboratory (NRL) in Washington, D.C., where he developed a liquid thermal diffusion process, which was used as an initial step in enriching uranium for the first atomic bomb.

His wife, Neva, had an outstanding career as a doctor. She was one of the first women to graduate with a medical degree from Johns Hopkins University and is most noted as the co-developer of a crucial test for the Rh factor in blood. She died in 2000.

GENE KALES GOES OVER 10,000 MASTERPOINTS

Congratulations to WBL bridge professional, Eugene Kales for surpassing 10,000 masterpoints! There was a celebration with cake at the Thursday night Unit Game on Aug. 5.

2004 FIDELITY & TRUST ROUND ROBIN PLAYOFFS

Robinson Q1 Hopkins Q1
King Q2 Rogall Q2
Banerjee Q3 Sack Q3

Lasota Q1
Kuehneman Q2
Kruskal Q3

6-King vs 7-Sack
1-Robinson vs 12-Bye

5-Rogall vs 8-Kruskal
2-Lasota vs 11-Bye

4-Kuehneman vs 9-Banerjee
3-Hopkins vs 10-Bye

1 will play the winner of 6-7
2 will play the winner of 5-8
3 will play the winner of 4-9

The three winners will play each other to see which team comes in first, second, or third. In order to come in tied for fourth, a team has to win a match. In the playoffs (the bye match doesn't count)

In X 1-Kruskal will play 4-Klosson and 2-Banerjee will play 3-Sack.

2004 UNIT KO RESULTS

Flight A

First: Lyle Poe, Arnie Frankel, Dave Ruderman, Bob Klein (did not play in finals so gets credit for second)

Second: Steve Robinson, Peter Boyd, Ellen Cherniavsky, Ellen Klosson, Bill Cole

Third: Barry Falgout, Kent Goulding, Rusty Krauss, Bill Pettis, Robbie Hopkins, Joan Lewis

Fourth: Fred Steinberg, Andy Gofreed, Alan Tenenbaum, David Chechelashvili

Flight B

First: Ron Starr, Candy Greenway, Mike Gill, William Gill

Second: Steve Fox, Albert Lauber, Jon Siegel, Malcolm Stewart

Third: Steve Sacks, Mark Weiner, Neil Rosenthal, Ellen Rosenthal, Richard Levin

Fourth: Ken Kaufman, JJ Armour, Mike Henderson, Juanita Fernandez, Mehmet Bayar, John Mattioli

Flight C

First: Neal Rosenthal, Ellen Rosenthal, Steve Sacks, Marc Weiner, Richard Levin

Second: David Loken, Phyllis Jones, Barry Smith, Gretchen Handwenger

Tied for third/fourth: Shlomit Rind, Zvi Gur, Eric Beard, Reggie Beard

Tied for third/fourth: George Green, Donna Stoker, Bill Adams, Helen McMaster

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WBL SOLVERS' CLUB

Moderated by Steve Robinson

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Congratulations to Don Berman who came in first with a perfect score of 500. He wins a free entry to the Unit Game and will be invited to be on a future panel. I will play with him at a future Unit Game. Tied for second were Leo Lasota and Hailong Ao with a score of 460. Tied for fourth were Robert Cohen, Burt Hall and Ed Chow with a score of 440. Tied for seventh were Dave Smith, Bob Zorn, Steve Bunning and Margaret Williams with a score of 430. Tied for eleventh were Ken Harkness, Clyde Kruskal, Barbara Shaw, Mike Richey, Ed Molnar and Vatnak Vat-No with a score of 420. Tied for seventeenth were Lynda Flanger, Robert Stone, Randy Thompson, Peter Lo, Mark Laken, Jim Murphy, Kieran Dyke, Bruce Kretchmer and Nancy Thompson with a score of 410. Tied for twenty-sixth were Al Graham, and Michael Pearlman with a score of 400. Tied for twenty-eighth were Jeff Price, Richard Wimberley, Joan Benesch, Nikola Teholakov, Marlys Moholt, Al Duncker, Jon Farber, Jay Weinstein, Dario Filjar, Mark Shimshak, Brad Theurer, Enid Asherman and Jackie Sincoff with a score of 390. The average score of the 278 solvers was 321. The average score of the experts was 430.

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

♠K102♥AKQ94♦KQ6♣84

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
1♥	Pass	1♠	Pass
?????			
Action	Score	Votes	Solvers
3♠	100	5	29
2NT	80	3	79
2♦	50	2	88
3♦	40	0	37
1NT	30	0	8
2♠	30	0	17
3♥	30	0	14
2♥	20	0	3

Three calls got votes from the experts; the conservative 2♦, the four-card-showing-jump to 3♠ and the balanced jump showing 18-19 HCP with stoppers in the unbid suits. Each call has its flaws. 2♦ could end the auction when partner has enough to make game. What would partner bid holding ♠QJxxx♥x♦10xx♣Axxx over 2♦? I would pass and play the 3-3 when 4♣ has play.

If you jump to 3♠, partner would raise to 4♠ holding ♠xxxx♥x♦Jxx♣AKQJx where 4♠ could go down in the trump suit and 3NT is cold. If he has a very strong hand, he might overbid expecting you to have four spades. Holding ♠Axxxx♥x♦Ax♣AKQx he would get to 7♣ needing spades 2-2 or a lucky 3-1. He would expect you to have four spades and would not ask for the queen. For those players who respond 1♠ holding ♠Qxxx♥x♦AJxx♣AKQx, they would get to 6♠ needing spades 3-3 with the jack onside. Since 1♥ - pass - 1♠ leads to some awkward auctions, I avoid responding 1♠ with four spades. My rule is that I need three more spades than hearts to respond 1♠. I would respond 1♠ holding ♠QJxx♥x♦Qxxx♣Qxxx but bid 1NT holding ♠QJxx♥xx♦Qxx♣Qxxx. I never respond 1♠ with a game force holding

only four spades, I respond two-of-a-minor.

If you jump to 2NT, partner would raise to 3NT holding ♠QJxx♥x♦Axxxx♣xx and the opponents could take the first five club tricks but they would have to lead a club. Sometimes the opening leader is 3433 and has to guess which minor to lead. A jump to 2NT shows a balanced hand that is stronger than a 1NT opener. Since you would have opened 1NT if the king of spades were the queen, this hand falls into the balanced-hand-which-is-stronger-than-a-1NT opener. So what if we have two little clubs? Partner knows we have five hearts. If partner has five spades, he can check back. Since other calls have major flaws and 2NT comes close to describing this hand, 2NT is the least of evils choice.

Two experts agree with me and show the strong balanced hand.

Adams: "2NT—We are playing Flannery, so partner has five spades, or tolerance to be raised on three. However, it is still useful for partner to know when you have four spades, not three, when making jump raise. It's much easier to evaluate slam. Since 3♣ is Wolff, we will still find our 5-3 fit, even if partner is weak. We will avoid a 4-3 fit when partner passes 2NT with a weak 41xx hand."

Roman: "2NT—Part of the process in choosing what to open is deciding what to rebid over partner's various normal actions so you can bid in tempo. I obviously decided this hand weighed more than 15-17 balanced, therefore 2NT now."

Two experts bid a three-card suit. I try never to bid a three-card suit if there is any alternative.

Greech: "2♦—This is the auction that makes me regret not opening 1NT. Eliminating the options of 3♠ (only three spades) and 3♥ (only five hearts), that leaves 2NT and 2♦ as the most reasonable rebids. Although the hand may be worth an upgrade to 2NT, I like 2♦ a little better because it is a bit more flexible - if partner shows a preference to one of my suits or rebids spades, I can now raise spades to show three-card support. If partner bids 2NT, I can raise that as well."

Hopkins: "2♦—I hope to get a further chance to play catch-up and describe my hand."

Five experts jump in spades. Just like I don't like bidding three-card suits, I don't like jumping with only three cards when partner could have four. Constructive bidding works when you have what you promise.

Woolsey: "3♠—I'm assuming we are playing Flannery, so partner's 1♠-call is likely to be a five-bagger. If that is the case, spades will be a decent strain and 3♠ is on target as far as strength goes. If we aren't playing Flannery, I have no idea what I would do — probably would have opened 1NT in order to avoid this rebid problem. I definitely do not like rebidding 2♦."

The one thing you can't do is huddle and then bid 3♠. You don't want partner to know from your tempo that you have only three spades.

For game purposes, having three-card support might be OK, but for slam purposes, the lack of a fourth trump could make a big difference. The trouble is that partner assumes four and might not bid 3NT with weak spades.

Schwartz: "3♠—Expect partner does not respond 1♠ with four without a good reason, so this seems most descriptive without wrong siding the hand."

Parker: "3♠—Why didn't I open 1NT? Since I play Flannery partner has five spades so I have an easy bid. Even not playing Flannery partner should not bid a weak four-card spade suit. Those who bid 2♣ or 2♦ deserve to lay there."

Cappelletti: "3♠—Given that you didn't open a 1NT because of suited valued, then 3♠ describes your strength reasonably well."

King: "3♠—I would like to have a fourth Spade, but even with a 4-3 fit, spades could play a trick better than notrump. 2♦ could be right if partner doesn't pass."

Avoid making four-card showing bids when you only have three.

2) IMPs None Vulnerable

♠Q54♥K8765♦103♣KQ2

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
1♥	Pass	1♦	Pass
?????		2♣	Pass
Action	Score	Votes	Solvers
2♦	100	8	55
2NT	50	1	110
3♣	50	1	37
2♥	40	0	29
Pass	40	0	25
3NT	20	0	2
2♠	20	0	16
3♥	20	0	1

We have an in between hand. This hand is not strong enough to bid 2NT which shows 11 to 12 HCPs. On the expected spade lead, you might not even have a stopper. Even if partner comes down with spade help, the opponents could easily be able to take three or four heart tricks. However, it's too strong to pass since partner could have 17 HCPs. 3♣ is out since you shouldn't raise a second suit with only three. The best option is to give a false preference. Support 2♦ on a doubleton. A false preference is given when you have no clear call available and is used to allow partner to continue describing his hand. This keeps the auction open and allows partner to continue with extras. If partner has 17 HCPs and takes another bid, you can force to game. If, on the other hand, you are too weak to want partner to continue, you can slow the auction down by passing. Suppose you have the same hand without the king of hearts. Without the king of hearts, game is out of the question and even the three-level might be too high. Partner can't make a game try if you pass. You can't even tell which minor will play better. If partner has good diamonds such as ♠Kx♥xx♦AKQxx♣xxxx, diamonds will probably play better than clubs. However, if partner has ♠Kx♥xx♦Axxxx♣AJxx, clubs will probably play better. If partner is 5-5, clubs will definitely play better.

Seven experts agree with me and take a false preference.

Adams: "2♦—Too strong to pass, and too weak for 2NT. 2♦ is what's left. This is the hand that has long convinced me it is wrong to open 1♦ with xx45, and wrong to rebid 2♣ with xx44. This auction promises five diamonds, so 2♦ will go plus even if club fit better. What do I give up for such rigidity? I can rebid 1NT with a stiff in partner's suit or raise partner with three if side stiff. At matchpoints this would be a harder problem, because 2♣ could score better than 2♦."

Creech: "2♦—Every reasonable action looks wrong. Spades look to be wide open, so 2NT doesn't seem to be the right bid. Neither rebidding a king-empty suit, nor raising partner (first suit with 10x and second suit with KQx) seems to be particularly good choices. And fourth suit with only invitational values is clearly wrong. When everything looks wrong, I try to take the most flexible route. 2♦ allows partner to raise hearts with three,

bid spades looking for a partial stopper, bid notrump with a better spade stopper (e.g., KJ9), or possibly rebid clubs with five."

Woolsey: "2♦—I would like to pass, but I'm simply too strong — we could have a laydown game if partner has extras. On the other hand, I'm not good enough to venture 2NT. The 2♦-call gives partner another chance to show his extra strength, and even if 2♦ is a silly contract it will probably come home on sheer power."

Schwartz: "2♦—Aceless, poor stopper and no source of tricks. Can't make a more positive move, but want to keep the auction open in case partner has extras."

Hopkins: "2NT—I believe this shows 10-12 and is invitational. I will be overboard on those hands where Partner is really minimum and semi-balanced."

Parker: "2♦—My partners never have a good hand so we are high enough. 2NT with no fillers is silly so take a preference and hope partner bids again."

King: "2♦—And hope that partner has extras and can take another bid."

Roman: "2♦—Try not to hold this hand when you're playing with me, because this could well be a 4-2 fit, but I want to keep the bidding alive to give partner another chance, and not strong enough for 2NT."

This hand shows why one might not open 1♦ holding four diamonds and five clubs.

The following expert raises a second suit on three.

Cappelletti: "3♣—This non-vulnerable invite is more likely to go plus than 2NT."

When partner takes a preference to your first suit, don't assume he has strong support.

3) Matchpoints None Vulnerable

♠AK♥5432♦A5432♣32

<u>SOUTH</u>	<u>WEST</u>	<u>NORTH</u>	<u>EAST</u>
		Pass	Pass
1♦	Pass	1♠	Pass
?????			
<u>Action</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Votes</u>	<u>Solvers</u>
1NT	100	4	90
Pass	90	5	116
2♦	30	1	62
2♠	20	0	7

We opened the bidding in third seat with a hand that we would have opened in first seat.

Third seat openers or fourth seat openers don't promise a rebid. Passing partner's response is always an option when he's a passed hand. Taking a second bid after a third or fourth seat opener shows a real opener. You shouldn't open light if you can't pass all of partner's expected responses. When we pass partner's response, we should have at least three-card support. Partner is allowed to respond with a weak four-card suit and four-two fits don't play well. Promising at least three-card support is important if the opponents compete. If partner has five and a reasonable hand, he can compete to the two-level or even the three-level knowing that there is at least an eight-card fit. With that said, what should we do now? Bidding 1NT is normal when one has a doubleton in the response suit and a balanced hand. That is what you would rebid if you opened 1♦ in first seat. If you bid 1NT, you'll win the race to 1NT. If one side can make seven tricks or even eight tricks, you want to be the side playing the hand. If they make seven tricks, you are -50 playing the hand and if they played the hand you'd be -90. If you make seven tricks you are +90 when playing the hand and +50 when defending. If they can make eight tricks, -100 is better than -120.

Three experts agree with me and rebid 1NT.

Adams: "1NT—I'm not passing 1♠ with a doubleton and I'm not rebidding a five-card diamond suit. 1NT is well placed to let partner bid hearts, and both pass and 2♦ miss that opportunity. Partner can go back to diamonds with support or rebid a chunky five-card spade suit, risking the singleton I could have occasionally."

Hopkins: "1NT—I guess I am semi-balanced. I really hope partner bids hearts, rebids spades, or supports diamonds! I don't have many tricks (and possible blockages) in notrump."

Roman: "1NT—Because pass and 2♦ are silly, and "Surrender" isn't a legal call."

Five experts break the rule and pass holding two-card support. As Jeff said, passing is silly. It doesn't seem right to reward a rule-breaking bid with a score of hundred even if it does get more votes. If LHO overcalled 2♣ and partner bid 2♠, which shows five and he was a passed hand, then pass would be a legal bid.

Creech: "Pass—I went for the brass ring by opening; if partner had bid hearts, I might be making a game try. But since partner bid spades, I'll just hope to go plus. Partner might wish for more trumps from me, but not better quality. I won't rebid 1NT or 2♦ with such lousy spot cards."

If partner has ♠xxxx♥AKxx♦Kx♣xx, hearts will usually make one more trick than spades and on good days, you might make 4♥. Or if partner has ♠xxxx♥xxx♦KQJx♣Ax, diamonds scores 130. Notrump scores 120 and 1♠ might go minus.

Woolsey: "Pass—I do have three-card spade support, don't I? Bidding 1NT on this barren collection is ridiculous. Even if we are in a 4-2 fit, it wouldn't surprise me at all if this were our best spot."

Schwartz: "Pass—Don't want to encourage partner by keeping the auction open and can't suggest to partner that a different contract will be better."

Parker: "Pass—I opened to get my lead director in and succeeded. The opponents will surely balance and maybe play in a 4-3 heart fit. High enough."

If the opponents balance and partner has five spades, he will compete to the two-level and maybe the three-level. If partner has only four spades, the opponents are unlikely to balance.

King: "Pass—We may be in a six card fit, but bidding notrump with those spots is silly and this could be our last plus score."

One expert makes another silly bid. This time the rebid promises six and 2♦ would not play well opposite a 5413 eight-count.

Cappelletti: "2♦—Play suit contract with quick tricks and no residual soft values (even non-vulnerable 1NT can sometimes be wrong spot)."

You can't open light in third or fourth seat if you can't pass all of partner's possible responses. Passing a bid, which could be a four-card suit, promises at least three-card support.

4) IMPs Both Vulnerable

♠K976♥KQJ1054♦K2♣2

<u>SOUTH</u>	<u>WEST</u>	<u>NORTH</u>	<u>EAST</u>
			1♦
1♥	2♦	Dbl*	Pass
?????		*Resp double	

Action	Score	Votes	Solvers
3♥	100	3	40
4♥	80	2	44
2♥	70	2	25
3♠	40	1	65
2♠	40	1	75
4♠	40	1	18
3♦	40	0	7
4NT	20	0	1

Partner has shown spades and clubs with his responsive double. To make a responsive double, you would like to have at least 4-4 in the black suits but sometimes you must double to show points and are slightly off shape. The doubler might not have four spades. But, if you give the doubler only QJxx of spades and an ace, game should have play. But which game? KQJ10xx is trumps. A 4-1 heart split might not hurt hearts but a 4-1 spade split could easily cause you to have a spade loser. If partner's spades are Axxx, you have one sure spade loser playing in spades even if they split 3-2 and two losers if they split 4-1 but if you play in hearts, you might be able to pitch your losing spades on clubs. Give partner ♠Axxx♥x♦xxx♣KQJxx. Spades has four sure losers but playing in hearts you can pitch your spade losers on the clubs.

Five experts agree with me and say that this hand must play in hearts. KQJ10xx are trumps. KQJ10xx can weather a 4-1 break. In order to get tapped in hearts, the opponents must make you ruff three times and your Kx of diamonds will protect against that. As to level, if all you need to make game are two major aces, how can you not at least invite?

Parker: "3♥—Not spades with the possibility of getting tapped out and losing the heart suit. Partner needs two aces to make game so if he has them he can bid on."

Creech: "3♥—The chance for a vulnerable game at IMPs is too good to give up. The choices are to jump the bidding in either spades or hearts. If partner accepts the invite, I believe I can make game more often in hearts than spades, primarily due to the quality of the heart suit. I expect partner's values to be in the black suits. If those values are split or concentrated in the spade suit, it probably won't matter which major I'm in, but if the values are concentrated in clubs, I may be able to reduce my spade losers sufficiently, by pitching on the

clubs, to make the heart game. In hearts, the trump quality can withstand either opponent holding up to four trumps as long as there is not also an unlikely trump promotion."

Two experts bid the hand like they would if they had only one outside king. If partner has AJ10x of spades and out, you want to be in game.

Woolsey: "2♥—A basic card combination: What is KQJ10xx or AKQJxx called? It is called trumps. A 6-1 heart fit figures to play better than a 4-4 spade fit."

Cappelletti: "2♥—And then compete to 3♥ based on probable spade fit."

Two experts take a slight overbid. Partner needs at least one ace to make game so if you invite and partner declines are you really going to make game?

King: "4♥—If partner has as little as AQ of Spades we have a good chance to make this. I bid it in Hearts because the suit is so strong and is better situated to take club forces than the spades are."

Roman: "4♥—That 10 of hearts is a huge card, and I'll try to protect the King of diamonds."

Three experts play this hand in spades. While the responsive double shows four spades, you might decide to double holding ♠Axx♥Ax♦xxx♣Kxxxx.

Adams: "3♠—Partner should be able to evaluate prospects for game opposite this. Aces are good, spade Queen is good, side KQJs are bad. Prefer spade invite to heart invite, as it will help partner evaluate holdings, and sometimes the 4-4 will produce extra trick due to pitches. Very rarely partner could have tremendous clubs with the spade Ace, and 4♥ is better, but pay off to that."

Hopkins: "2♠—This seems sufficient for now. Spades are not strong and I have no Aces."

Give partner ♠Axxx♥xx♦xxx♣KQJx and 4♠ has at least four losers while 4♥ will make with normal splits.

Schwartz: "4♠—Since 2♠ can easily be bid with three, I have to take aggressive auction. It will be difficult for partner to evaluate his hand, so I might as well put it to them vulnerable at IMPs. I don't have the methods to investigate hearts VS spades as hearts could easily play better."

KQJ10xx and AKQJxx of a major are trumps. They can play opposite a void.

5) IMPs You're Vulnerable

♠AQJ7♥95♦J72♣AQJ9

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
?????	Pass	Pass	1♦
Action	Score	Votes	Solvers
1♠	100	9	144
1NT	60	0	54
Pass	50	1	34
2♣	20	0	11
Double	20	0	31
2♠	20	0	1

When you have 15 HCPs, you must get in right away. If you pass you might never be able to get in and it might be your hand. Give partner ♠Kxxxx♥xxx♦x♣xxxx and you are on a club finesse for 4♠. If you pass, it might go 1♥ by LHO, 4♥ by RHO. In order to get in the auction you might have to overcall in a four-card suit. When does one overcall a four-card suit? When you have a strong hand and no other action is warranted. You're short in an unbid major so you can't double or you're either too weak or don't have a stopper in the opening bid suit so you can't overcall 1NT. In this case you could overcall 1NT, since Jxx can easily be a stopper over a minor-opener. My two choices are 1♠ and 1NT. Since the spades are so good they might play reasonable even if partner does not have the hoped-for four-card support.

The experts are almost unanimous in overcalling a four-card suit.

Adams: "1♠—I rarely overcall four-card suits. This is the hand for it. Too good to pass and too few diamonds to trap pass. Notrump overcall wrong sided if partner has Ace-ten of diamonds for instance and is a bit weaker than I like. My strength will make up for lack of fifth spade usually."

Creech: "1♠—How do I misrepresent this

hand? Do I bid notrump with an inadequate diamond stopper? Do I make an offshape double and compound the problem with my rebid after partner bids hearts? Or do I stick in a little lead director and wait for further developments? I opt for door number three and pick spades to keep things at the one-level."

Woolsey: "1♠—Overcalling 1NT is possible, but with two weak suits playing in a suit contract is likely to be better. The 1♠-overcall will get us to our most likely game if we have one when partner has a good spade fit, and it is also a lot safer in case this isn't our hand."

If you make the hand ♠Kxxx♥Ax♦Jxx♣AQJx, I think the experts would be unanimous in overcalling 1NT.

Hopkins: "1♠—The hand has no great source of tricks so I am going quietly for now."

Schwartz: "1♠—Only other bid I can imagine is 1NT, but short a stopper, a point and a Heart problem."

Parker: "1♠—Seems easy, good suit, good hand, no diamond stopper for notrump and no heart support for a double."

Cappelletti: "1♠—Notrump game unlikely, let's try to go plus."

King: "1♠—Can't double with only two hearts and would rather overcall a good four-card suit than bid 1NT without a stopper."

One lone wolf. While overcalling four-card suits should be avoided, there are exceptions. Obviously the majority of the experts think this hand is an exception.

Roman: "Pass—I don't overcall four-card suits when vulnerable."

When you have 15 points or better, it's best to get in early. If you pass, you might not get another chance and it could cost you a game. Your partner will never play you for such a strong hand.

SOLVERS' SCORES

John Adams	2NT	2♦	1NT	3♠	1♠	420
Mike Cappelletti	3♠	3♣	2♦	2♥	1♠	350
Jim Creech	2♦	2♦	Pass	3♥	1♠	440
Robbie Hopkins	2♦	2NT	1NT	2♠	1♠	340
Fred King	3♠	2♦	Pass	4♥	1♠	470
Steve Parker	3♠	2♦	Pass	3♥	1♠	490
Steve Robinson	2NT	2♦	1NT	3♥	1♠	480
Jeff Roman	2NT	2♦	1NT	4♥	Pass	420
Alan Schwartz	3♠	2♦	Pass	4♠	1♠	430
Kit Woolsey	3♠	2♦	Pass	2♥	1♠	460

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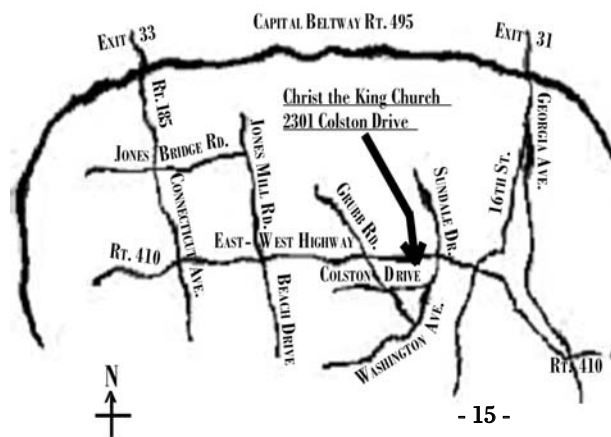
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COMITTEE ACTION XLVI

Part I

by Rich Colker, rcolker@worldnet.att.nat

An interesting and instructive situation arose earlier this year in the second final session of the Flight A North American Pairs at the 2004 Spring NABC in Reno. Here's what happened.

Bd: 15
Dir: South
Vul: N/S

North
♠ Q6
♥ A3
♦ AQ73
♣ A8532

<u>West</u>	<u>East</u>
♠ 98732	♠ AK54
♥ K10982	♥ Q5
♦ KJ2	♦ 105
♣ —	♣ KQ964

North
♠ J10
♥ J764
♦ 9864
♣ J107

<u>South</u>	<u>West</u>	<u>North</u>	<u>East</u>
Pass	2♥ ⁽¹⁾	3♣	Pass ⁽²⁾
Pass	Dbl	All Pass	

- (1) ♥+another suit (5-5), weak two-bid strength
- (2) Break in tempo, 5-8 seconds

3♣ doubled went down four, -1100 for N/S. Two rounds after the hand was played N/S called the Director. They explained that East broke tempo over 3♣, making West's balancing double attractive. The Director also determined that West did not use the Stop Card before bidding 2♥, that North did not pause before bidding 3♣ over 2♥, that East paused 5-8 seconds before passing, and that West doubled quickly. The Director ruled that East's hesitation demonstrably suggested West's double and that passing 3♣ was a logical alternative for West. The result was changed to 3♣ down four, -400 for N/S.

E/W appealed. They told the Committee that although the Stop Card was not used, E/W's agreement about the 2♥ opening had been pre-Alerted prior to the start of the round. They also said that North took 4 seconds to bid 3♣ and South passed quickly (suggesting weakness). West said that she was systemically obligated to reopen with shortage in LHO's suit since in her methods a double by East would have been negative. N/S estimated that East took 5-8 seconds before passing 3♣. As for the delay in calling the Director, N/S said it was only after the round that they worked out that -400 would have been a good matchpoint score and they called the Director as soon as they discovered this.

The Committee determined that at this vulnerability the 2♥ agreement had a range of 4-10 HCPs. They further decided that: (1) North's fast pass passed some responsibility to East not to bid too quickly; (2) in the context of a competitive auction 5-7 seconds is the recommended tempo; (3) the reopening double was systemically obligated in the context of South's fast pass, even if East clearly broke tempo. They also believed that the fact that the Director was called two rounds after play was completed did not terminally damage N/S's case, though it did weaken their contention that there had been an obvious BIT. The Committee restored table result for both sides to 3♣ doubled down four, -1100 for N/S.

So, what do you think of the Director's ruling and the Committee's decision? Did West's failure to use the Stop Card free North to bid immediately (or after only 4 seconds)? Did North's immediate 3♣ bid pass some responsibility to East not to call too quickly? Did the 5-8 seconds East took to pass 3♣ constitute a BIT? Did N/S's delay before calling the Director damage their case in any way? Think about these and any other issues you find important and next time I'll share my thoughts on this case.

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WBL RECORDER

By Don Berman

This is the first in a series of articles to bring to the attention of the membership exactly what is the function and duties of a Recorder and why you should be aware of and interact with the office holder.

Let me begin by introducing myself, your WBL recorder. My name is Don Berman. I have been your recorder since late 1997 and a member of the WBL Board of Directors for about 7 years. I am available to discuss any matter you might consider appropriate.

Next let me tell you what the Recorder is not. The Recorder is not a policeman. The Recorder has no disciplinary authority at all. The Recorder can, however, recommend actions to the Conduct and Ethics committee should such actions be deemed warranted. In the next installment I will outline what I believe the Recorder's purpose and obligations are.

The ACBL recently published an approved Recorder Regulations and Procedures document which defines the aim of the recorder system:

The aim of the recorder system is to establish a method of dealing with complaints that: 1) by themselves do not warrant the filing of formal charges; 2) are very serious but there is only the implication of wrongdoing without substantial evidence necessary to bring formal charges or 3) are a request to have the subject's behavior modified by counseling and/or education.

The full text of the document has been published on the WBL Web site. Navigate to the Recorder page from the WBL main page, www.WashingtonBridgeLeague.org (click on Recorder Page at the lower right), then click on ACBL Recorder Regulations. I highly recommend reading and becoming familiar with this document. Keep in mind that your Recorder is subject to these regulations and procedures.

Finally, I believe that the Recorder provides a useful function which, if used properly by the membership, will enhance the experience of all players at our events. As a starter, you can help by always acting in an ethical and polite manner to your fellow players.

2004-5 DISTRICT 6 FINALS NORTH AMERICAN PAIRS

All flights: **November 13-14, 2004**

You must be a member of a Unit in District 6 and have qualified for the event at

the club level to play in the District 6 Final.

The Open Flight will be held at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 5115 Little Falls Road, Arlington VA. Game times will be 1:00 PM and TBA on Saturday, Nov. 13, and 11:00 AM and TBA on Sunday, Nov. 14.

The NLM and 0-2000 flights will be played at two sites, the KOCH in Arlington and in conjunction with the Sectional at the Williamsburg Marriott, 50 Kingsmill Road, Williamsburg, VA, starting on Nov. 13 at 1:00 PM, and for those who continue on Sunday, Nov. 14 at 11:00 AM. Players may play at the site of their choice.

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

NEW ABTA MASTER TEACHER — JANE FRIEND

L-R: Sanda Enciu (Israel); Jane Friend (Washington, D.C.); Amy Nellissen (New Jersey) with Master Teacher Acting



Chairman Pat Harrington (Florida).

One of our own WBLers was honored at American Bridge Teachers Association's recent New York City convention this past July. She has earned the supreme title of ABTA Master Teacher. She was awarded her Master Teacher badge amidst significant applause and cheers at the convention banquet.

JANE FRIEND of Washington, D.C., is a Bronze Life Master who thrives on bridge. However, she feels rubber bridge meets her students needs best. "I emphasize thinking and reasoning, relying on rote memory only when absolutely necessary. My students 'crown jewels' are their mistakes, because that is where the most useful lessons are learned." Jane uses a "hands-on" approach where students have cards in hand at all times. She holds a master's degree in learning disabilities and remedial reading, traits which no doubt serve her well in her current bridge teacher role.

Anyone interested in teaching bridge and joining the American Bridge Teacher's Association can contact Leslie Shafer at slamhand@verizon.net for more information. The ABTA's motto: "To help those who teach bridge to do it better - more effectively - more knowledgeably - more professionally."

MICHAEL CARROAD RETIRES FROM UNIT GAME

Michael Carroad is retiring as our long standing Club Manager or Unit Game Chief Director. His expertise is appreciated every time he is unable to be with us while he directs at tournaments. As the new Chief of the Finance Office for the ACBL at National Tournaments, he will be away even more. We will miss him.

Michael was a Life Master when Peter Boyd was a novice. He is an excellent bridge player having participated in World and National events. He is known for being able to develop new partnerships and served in many areas of bridge as a volunteer.

Michael graduated from New York University in chemical Engineering after almost flunking out because of the classes he cut to play bridge. His partners included Dick Budd and Hall of Famer, Peter Weichsel.

Michael served with the United States Army and was the Director for Bridge at the Officer's Club in Ft Sill, Oklahoma. The Senior Colonel, a so-so bridge player was his partner or rather, the Senior Colonial for Field Artillery, chose Michael. If anyone argued with Michaels decisions, they had to deal with the top dog. Michael went on to be a senior official with U.S. Army Intelligence.

Michael served on the WBL Board from 1975 to 1993. He was Vice President for

three years and President for four years. He was also President of the Mid-Atlantic during Jerry Machlin's reign. He is an ACBL Senior Tournament Director.

In 1993, when the ACBL passed the law that ACBL Directors could not serve on



Top: Michael directing the Unit Game with Ted Ying, Don Berman & Millard Nachtwey look on. Left: WBL President, Dick Wegman consults with Michael as Director, Tim Crank looks on. Center, right: Michael accepts a thank you gift from the unit for his years of service.

Boards, Michael resigned from the WBL Board. He was allowed to continue as a volunteer with the Mid-Atlantic Bridge Conference, the long time oversight group for the District 6 and 7 tournaments.

Since the ACBL does not recognize Conferences, Michael has remained as Chairman of the Finance Committee. This important job was entrusted to an expert. Together with Pat Seiler, Dist. 7, the long serving Treasurer, the committee has built one of the best financial structures for tournament operations in the World.

29 YEARS AS WBL CHIEF DIRECTOR

Listen all players and you shall hear Of Michaels remarkable career. In year of nineteen seventy five Some of this board are not alive, Michael was elected, a very good year!

He said to his friends, New York was true, Born in the Bronx, who knew? A board member longer than anyone, A dedicated leader, sharp as the pun, Often wondering, "Who has a clue?"

Michael credits those with great intents; Okkie Colonial, ask how he was sent; Edith McMullin, recruiter, teacher, Jerry Machlin, master leader. And his Mother who taught with eloquence.

In the Bronx, taught by his Mother Michael learned home bridge and another. One NO trump meant about fifteen. One no TRUMP was closer to nineteen. But bridge changed and tempo became a bother.

An ACBL Director, excellent, He taught appeals asked us to repent. He brought wisdom to Donna's processes A dream of order, some colossuses. No better adjudicator could be sent.

Able he served with time well spent, And twice was elected President. Eighty two, three and four, again in six The election was certainly quite a fix. Our Grover Cleveland, the voters sent.

He proprietyed the Laurel Bridge Club Sent many players to the pub; But most of all, he was chosen to lead The Unit game and so in deed, Twenty nine years with no adequate sub.

Michael served all work and no fun, As Mid-Atlantic President, an elected gun, But most of all, for these tournaments, He chaired their Finance firmaments.

Truly said, Michael loves money, well won.

MICHAEL'S RIDE

By Jim Allen

So naturally, the ACBL bosses

Chose Michael to monitor profit and losses. With lots of work and zero pompous, He's appointed Chief of the Finance Office. Two weeks per National, he'll gather no mosses.

Our Michael went to our Government Holding a job with determinant. He retired to propel his intents After serving in Army Intelligence. Since sixty five, lots of effort spent.

As Unit Manager he chose the fate, Of Tim and Ron to name two greats. He taught be clam-like, true crustation, Handle inevitable frustration. And so he built the greatest club gate.

Unit Manager, guess how long Twenty-nine years and still not gone. He will still be here when not at a National Or anywhere else he goes when casual, Or whenever we need him to tell us we're wrong.

Michael credits the WBL with some of the best bridge in the country. He travels to other units and sectionals and knows the caliber of the average bridge player. He says, "Our 'B' strata are better than most other units 'A' strata." The Washington Bridge League Thursday night game is famous all over North America. Many players traveling to the DC area come to this game because of its reputation for being large and extremely well run. He will still be around when we need him.

59TH ANNUAL WBL POTOMAC VALLEY TOURNAMENT

July 29-August 1, 2004

Results



For his achievement of the rank of Grand Life Master (10,000 masterpoints and at least 1 national championship), **Mark**

Shaw was roasted and toasted Friday evening of the tournament with beer and cake for all.



THURSDAY MORNING OPEN PAIRS



Stratum A, 28 Pairs

- 1 Leo Lasota - Barbara Shaw65.92
- 2 Martha Chen - Marshall Kramer . . .64.38
- 3 Noble Shore - Michael Gill59.83
- 4 Karen Copp - Fanny Johnson57.56
- 5 Frank King Jr - Robert Gookin57.17
- 6 Morris Tepper - Allen Lord56.71

Stratum B, 17 Pairs

- 1 Martha Chen - Marshall Kramer . . .64.38
- 2 Noble Shore - Michael Gill59.83
- 3 Karen Copp - Fanny Johnson57.56
- 4 Doris Konecke - Jeanne Clayman . . .55.66
- 5 George Clark III - David Wakefield . .52.27

Stratum C, 8 Pairs

- 1 Karen Copp - Fanny Johnson57.56
- 2 Janey Duke - Malvern Sheffield Jr . .52.24
- 3 Sherrie Schrama - Sandra Schwalb . .50.67

THURSDAY EVE FLIGHT A/X PAIRS



Stratum A, 83 Pairs

- 1 Clyde Kruskal - Rossi Lindstrom . . .63.83
- 2 Janet Gookin - Robert Gookin63.62
- 3 Kenneth Davis - Donald Geerhart . .63.14
- 4 Larry Kahn - H John Edmonds62.45
- 5 Margot Hennings - David Milton . . .61.06
- 6 Ann Schwartz - Alan Schwartz60.90
- 7 Mark Laken - Robert Bell60.61
- 8 John Adams - Steve Robinson60.00

Stratum X, 53 Pairs

- 1 Larry Kahn - H John Edmonds62.45
- 2 Betty Taneri - Denis Taneri58.47
- 3 Edward Schwartz - Richard Zerilli . .57.69
- 4 Mita Banerjee - John Lawrence57.01
- 5 Ralph Turner - Rammohan Sarangan .56.58
- 6 Scott Merritt - Stuart Fleischmann . .55.45

THURSDAY EVEN FLT B/C/D PAIRS



Stratum B, 52 Pairs

- 1/2 Jay Weinstein - Rex Settle (pictured) .66.67
- 1/2 Evelyn Knapp - Agnes Gavin66.67
- 3 Reese House - Suzanne Abrams . . .64.29
- 4 Barry James - John Mattioli61.01
- 5 Namik Haverich - Mirsad Mujezinovic .59.82
- 6 Jim Dick - Linda Dick59.58

Stratum C, 45 Pairs

- 1/2 Rex Settle - Jay Weinstein66.67
- 1/2 Evelyn Knapp - Agnes Gavin66.67
- 3 Reese House - Suzanne Abrams . . .64.29
- 4 Barry James - John Mattioli61.01
- 5 Namik Haverich - Mirsad Mujezinovic .59.82
- 6 Jim Dick - Linda Dick59.58

Stratum D, 30 Pairs

- 1/2 Rex Settle - Jay Weinstein66.67
- 1/2 Evelyn Knapp - Agnes Gavin66.67
- 3 Namik Haverich - Mirsad Mujezinovic .59.82
- 4 Philip Kopala - Bob Silverstein . . .59.17
- 5 Ellen Rosenthal - Neal Rosenthal . .57.14
- 6 Frank Cardillo - Paul Krueger56.25

THURSDAY EVE NON-LM PAIRS AT SILVER SPRING



Stratum A, 12 Pairs

- 1 Thomas Din - Rama Kapur68.33
- 2 Margaret Buda - Stanley Buda56.67
- 3 Stephen Weiner - Katherine Rabenstein56.25
- 4 Richard Campbell - Deanna Campbell .52.08

Stratum B, 8 Pairs

- 1 Stephen Weiner - Katherine Rabenstein56.25
- 2 Richard Riseberg - Mark Stephens .50.83
- 3 Betty Palmer - Helen Fillion49.17

Stratum C, 5 Pairs

- 1 Stephen Weiner - Katherine Rabenstein56.25
- 2 Richard Riseberg - Mark Stephens .50.83

FRIDAY MORN FLT A/X PAIRS



Stratum A, 10 Pairs

- 1 Alice Miller - Rosemary Marks63.54
- 2 M Cassandra Smith - John Glynn . . .57.81
- 3 Leo LaSota - Alfred Steinberg56.25
- 4 Kenneth Davis - Robert Hartmann . .53.13

Stratum X, 5 Pairs

- 1 M Cassandra Smith - John Glynn . . .57.81
- 2 Sandra Schwalb - Clyde Kruskal . . .50.52

FRIDAY MORN FLT B/C/D PAIRS



Stratum B, 23 Pairs

- 1 David Lipke (pic.) - Morris Edmundson 64.09
- 2 Audrey Stern - George Clark III . . .62.95
- 3 Helene Oliver - Wallace Oliver60.63
- 4 Robert Schwab - Anne Derbes57.29
- 5 Fannie Johnson - Karen Copp56.36
- 6 Frances Burke - M A Rahman54.58

Stratum C, 21 Pairs

- 1 David Lipke - Morris Edmundson . . .64.09
- 2 Robert Schwab - Anne Derbes57.29
- 3 Fannie Johnson - Karen Copp56.36
- 4 Frances Burke - M A Rahman54.58
- 5 Jean Morgan - John Laurim53.41
- 6 Margaret Hurley - Marie Nylen51.67

Stratum D, 12 Pairs

- 1 Robert Schwab - Anne Derbes57.29
- 2 Fannie Johnson - Karen Copp56.36
- 3 Margaret Hurley - Marie Nylen51.67
- 4/5 David Epstein - Azmat Ali50.00
- 4/5 James Scott - Ernest Culman50.00

FRIDAY MORN NON-LM PAIRS



Stratum A, 8 Pairs

- 1 Elizabeth Blondel - Victoria Miller . .60.32
- 2 Roma Chandra - Gwen Kelly58.73
- 3/4 Helen Fillion - Betty Palmer57.14
- 3/4 Rama Kapur - Tsung Lee57.14

Stratum B, 5 Pairs

- 1 Victoria Miller - Elizabeth Blondel . .60.32
- 2 Roma Chandra - Gwen Kelly58.73

FRIDAY AFT FLT A/X PAIRS



Stratum A, 26 Pairs

- 1 Steve Robinson - Alfred Steinberg . .62.18
- 2 Noble Shore - Michael Gill59.46
- 3 Rossi Lindstrom - Jack Armstrong . .58.33
- 4 Glenn Lublin - Jim Allen Jr57.53
- 5 Robert Hartmann - Kenneth Davis . .57.05
- 6/7 Ellie Ostrinsky - Audrey Marbach . .55.77
- 6/7 David Chechelashvili - Danijel Zenko . .55.77

Stratum X, 12 Pairs

- 1 Noble Shore - Michael Gill59.46
- 2 David Chechelashvili - Danijel Zenko .55.77
- 3 Jack Goodykoontz - Vicki Goodykoontz .54.81
- 4 Terry Feetham - Leon Letwin54.01

FRIDAY AFT FLT B/C/D PAIRS



Stratum B, 28 Pairs

- 1 Gary Wold - Marie Sullivan64.26
- 2 Alan Dockterman - Richard Cassell .62.82
- 3 David Vendittis - Bill Gainer59.94
- 4 Audrey Stern - George Clark III . . .59.29
- 5 Robert Padgett - Linda Padgett . . .59.13
- 6 Janet Duke - Malvern Sheffield Jr . .58.81

Stratum C, 22 Pairs

- 1 Gary Wold - Marie Sullivan64.26
- 2 Alan Dockterman - Richard Cassell .62.82
- 3 Robert Padgett - Linda Padgett . . .59.13
- 4 Janet Duke - Malvern Sheffield Jr . .58.81
- 5 John Lowe III - Thomas Gallagher . .58.33
- 6 James Scott - Ernest Culman57.37

Stratum D, 15 Pairs

- 1 Gary Wold - Marie Sullivan64.26
- 2 Alan Dockterman - Richard Cassell .62.82
- 3 Janet Duke - Malvern Sheffield Jr . .58.81
- 4 James Scott - Ernest Culman57.37
- 5 Roma Chandra - Fausto Calabria . . .55.13

FRIDAY AFT NON-LM PAIRS



Stratum A, 14 Pairs

- 1 Bill Watkins - Aileen Watkins61.58
- 2 Gloria Bernstein - Cynthia Sutton . .59.42
- 3 Dede Flieder - Barry Flieder55.42
- 4 Florence Drake - Robert Drake52.75
- 5 Jack Beatty - Mary Beatty52.08

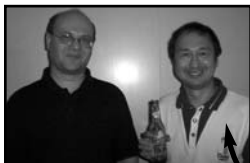
Stratum B, 9 Pairs

- 1 Gloria Bernstein - Cynthia Sutton . .59.42
- 2 Dede Flieder - Barry Flieder55.42
- 3 Florence Drake - Robert Drake52.75
- 4 Jack Beatty - Mary Beatty52.08

Stratum C, 7 Pairs

- 1 Gloria Bernstein - Cynthia Sutton . .59.42
- 2 Florence Drake - Robert Drake52.75
- 3 Jack Beatty - Mary Beatty52.08

FRIDAY EVE FLT A/X PAIRS



New GLM on the night he got toasted!

Stratum A, 32 Pairs

- 1 David Chechelashvili-Mark Shaw . .66.67
- 2 Earl Glickstein - Linda Maloney . . .64.17
- 3 John Adams - Steve Robinson62.64
- 4 Benjamin Brill - Barbara Shaw60.00
- 5 Charity Sack - Donald Berman59.58
- 6 Sandra Stern - Roger Stern58.89

Stratum X, 14 Pairs

- 1 Charity Sack - Donald Berman59.58
- 2 Sandra Stern - Roger Stern58.89
- 3 Jim Dick - Bruce Culmer58.33
- 4 Richard Ferrin - Steven Reed55.97
- 5 Jack Goodykoontz - Vicki Goodykoontz 53.89

FRIDAY EVE FLT B/C/D PAIRS



Stratum B, 24 Pairs

- 1 Deanna Campbell - Richard Campbell .60.02
- 2 David Vendittis - Bill Gainer59.61
- 3 Joan Benesch - William Benesch . . .59.26
- 4 Katherine Rabenstein - Albert Phillips .58.61
- 5 Lois Geer - Bryan Geer56.42
- 6 Barry Lieberman - Thomas Din55.32

Congratulations, Ric! He made LM with this win.

Stratum C, 18 Pairs

- 1 Richard Campbell - Deanna Campbell .60.02
- 2 Katherine Rabenstein - Albert Phillips .58.61
- 3 Lois Geer - Bryan Geer56.42
- 4 Barry Lieberman - Thomas Din55.32
- 5 Agnes Gavin - Reni Malloy53.32

Stratum D, 12 Pairs

- 1 Richard Campbell - Deanna Campbell .60.02
- 2 Katherine Rabenstein - Albert Phillips .58.61
- 3 Lois Geer - Bryan Geer56.42
- 4 Barry Lieberman - Thomas Din55.32

SATURDAY MORN FLT A/X PAIRS



Stratum A, 40 Pairs

- 1 David Ruderman - Richard Wegman .67.97
- 2 John Adams - Steve Robinson65.97
- 3 Charleen Brand - Eileen Theimer . .58.68
- 4 Noble Shore - Michael Gill56.23
- 5 Mark Shaw - Leo LaSota55.72
- 6 Helene Bauman - Jim Wakefield . . .55.71
- 7 Paul Benedict - Lynn Jones55.45

Stratum X, 25 Pairs

- 1 Noble Shore - Michael Gill56.23
- 2 Robert Ellis - Kenneth Berg54.95
- 3 Terry Feetham - Leon Letwin54.30
- 4 Ellie Ostrinsky - Maurice Greenman .53.43
- 5 Charlotte Miller - Amal Dasgupta . .51.97
- 6 Sandra Schwalb - Clyde Kruskal . . .51.87

SATURDAY MORN FLT B/C/D PAIRS



Stratum B, 42 Pairs

- 1 Ted Guthrie - Suzanne Abrams64.81
- 2 Jean Marx - Nancy Hoye64.12
- 3 David Wakefield - Karen Fireman . .58.10
- 4/5 Bob Silverstein - Paul Stygar57.18
- 4/5 Ann Lebherz - Robert Munger57.18
- 6 Candace Carlton - Terry Carlton . .56.94

Stratum C, 34 Pairs

- 1 Ted Guthrie - Suzanne Abrams64.81
- 2 Jean Marx - Nancy Hoye64.12
- 3/4 Bob Silverstein - Paul Stygar57.18
- 3/4 Ann Lebherz - Robert Munger57.18
- 5 Candace Carlton - Terry Carlton . .56.94
- 6 Robert Gunnell Jr - Cecilia Valdivieso .56.71

Stratum D, 19 Pairs

- 1/2 Bob Silverstein - Paul Stygar57.18
- 1/2 Ann Lebherz - Robert Munger57.18
- 3 Candace Carlton - Terry Carlton . .56.94
- 4/5 Azmat Ali - David Epstein55.79
- 4/5 Robert Schwab - Anne Derbes55.79
- 6 Ellen Rosenthal - Neal Rosenthal . .54.40

SATURDAY MORNING NON-LM PAIRS

Stratum A, 34 Pairs

- 1 Carl Noller - Donald Brown65.53
- 2 Elizabeth Nolte - Jerry Nolte63.07
- 3 Rama Kapur - Tsung Lee62.50
- 4 Thomas Din - Kathrine Loh60.80
- 5 Margaret Buda - Robert Von Moss . .59.66
- 6 Philip Meredith - Beverly Meredith .58.71

Stratum B, 22 Pairs

- 1 Carl Noller - Donald Brown65.53
- 2 Elizabeth Nolte - Jerry Nolte63.07
- 3 Cordellia Scruggs - Elizabeth Parker .56.44
- 4 Ruby Brooks - Darlene Thom55.30
- 5 Marie Wilhere - Kay Miller53.79
- 6 Winnie Yonkers - Gloria Bernstein .52.46

Stratum C, 15 Pairs

- 1 Carl Noller - Donald Brown65.53
- 2 Elizabeth Nolte - Jerry Nolte63.07
- 3 Cordellia Scruggs - Elizabeth Parker .56.44
- 4 Ruby Brooks - Darlene Thom55.30
- 5 Marie Wilhere - Kay Miller53.79

SATURDAY MORNING 0-5 PAIRS

5 Pairs

- 1 John Oosterhout - Amy Light0.00
- 2 David Fitzwilliam - Ralph Freeman . .0.00

SATURDAY AFT FLT A/X PAIRS



Stratum A, 44 Pairs

- 1 Leo LaSota - Mark Shaw65.58
- 2 Robert Bell - Earl Glickstein64.38
- 3 Lowell Sawyer - Don Probst64.27
- 4 David Fleischer - Lucy McCoy61.16
- 5 Mark Rosen - Steven Forsythe59.41
- 6 John Adams - Steve Robinson58.94

Stratum X, 29 Pairs

- 1 David Fleischer - Lucy McCoy61.16
- 2 Mark Rosen - Steven Forsythe59.41
- 3 Terry Feetham - Leon Letwin57.24
- 4 Sam You - Hooming Guo52.69
- 5 Ron Geagley - Carole Geagley52.41
- 6 Joe Wallen - Ellen Cherniavsky51.94

SATURDAY AFT FLT B/C/D PAIRS



Stratum B, 30 Pairs

- 1 Michael Henderson - John Lowe III .63.30
- 2 Emerita Hayward - Paul Stygar .60.58
- 3 Robert Schwab - Anne Derbes .57.69
- 4 Frances Burke - Edward Burke .57.37
- 5 Franz Delahan - Madeline Delahan .56.41
- 6 Audrey Stern - David Wakefield .56.09

Stratum C, 25 Pairs

- 1 Michael Henderson - John Lowe III .63.30
- 2 Emerita Hayward - Paul Stygar .60.58
- 3 Robert Schwab - Anne Derbes .57.69
- 4 Frances Burke - Edward Burke .57.37
- 5 Franz Delahan - Madeline Delahan .56.41
- 6 Elliot Itkin - Steven Fox .55.77

Stratum D, 15 Pairs

- 1 Robert Schwab - Anne Derbes .57.69
- 2 Franz Delahan - Madeline Delahan .56.41
- 3 Elliot Itkin - Steven Fox .55.77
- 4 Juanita Fernandez - John Mattioli .51.92
- 5 Candace Carlton - Terry Carlton .51.28

SATURDAY AFT NON-LM PAIRS



Stratum A, 21 Pairs

- 1 Lois Geer - Bryan Geer .63.78
- 2 Thomas Din - Kathrine Loh .63.73
- 3 Carl Gutschick - Anita Gutschick .60.11
- 4 Dee Lancaster - Sandra Torano .55.48
- 5 Shirlee Starr - Ron Starr .54.59
- 6 Betty Siefing - Marie Siefing .54.48

Stratum B, 12 Pairs

- 1 Lois Geer - Bryan Geer .63.78
- 2 Carl Gutschick - Anita Gutschick .60.11
- 3 Shirlee Starr - Ron Starr .54.59
- 4 Kathleen O'Toole - David Mead .54.33

Stratum C, 9 Pairs

- 1 Shirlee Starr - Ron Starr .54.59
- 2 Kathleen O'Toole - David Mead .54.33
- 3 Lee Tanen - Naomi Fisch .53.02
- 4 Linda Marshall - David Marshall .50.55

SATURDAY AFT 49ER PAIRS



Stratum A, 10 Pairs

- 1 Katherine Rabenstein - Ednamae Trevey 64.00
- 2 Ruth Woods - Marvin Raines .60.50
- 3 Martha Bley - Ross Bley .55.13
- 4 Porter Kier - Carolyn Kier .53.00

Stratum B, 9 Pairs

- 1 Katherine Rabenstein - Ednamae Trevey 64.00
- 2 Martha Bley - Ross Bley .55.13
- 3 Porter Kier - Carolyn Kier .53.00
- 4 Ruby Brooks - Darlene Thom .50.38

Stratum C, 6 Pairs

- 1 Porter Kier - Carolyn Kier .53.00
- 2 Ruby Brooks - Darlene Thom .50.38

SUNDAY FLT A/X SWISS



Stratum A, 14 Teams

- 1 David Ruderman - Andrew Gofreed - Barbara Shaw - Alfred Steinberg - Leo LaSota .95.00
- 2 Ronald Kral - Jane Sturgis - Jack Goodykoontz - Vicki Goodykoontz .91.00
- 3 Steve Robinson - Peter Boyd - Mark Shaw - William Cole .85.00
- 4 Richard Wegman - Earl Glickstein - Robert Bell - Fred King .78.00
- 5 Jason Meyer - Lloyd Rawley - Mita Banerjee - John Lawrence .76.00

Stratum X, 5 Teams

- 1 Ronald Kral - Jane Sturgis - Jack Goodykoontz - Vicki Goodykoontz .91.00
- 2 Jason Meyer - Lloyd Rawley - Mita Banerjee - John Lawrence .76.00

SUNDAY FLT B/C/D SWISS



Stratum B, 18 Teams

- 1 Christon Johnson - Marsha Brown - Frank Cardillo - Paul Krueger .106.00
- 2 Carl Weisman - Judy Weisman - Raymond Kahn - Paula Kahaner .93.00
- 3 Michael Polumin - John Mason Jr - Glenn Young - Stuart Fleischmann .87.00

- 4 Jerry Miller - Walter Kerns - Margie Coccodrilli - Daniel Feldman .86.00
- 5 Chuck May - Karen Sprague - Joan Dent - Lucille Allor .83.00

Stratum C, 13 Teams

- 1 Jerry Miller - Walter Kerns - Margie Coccodrilli - Daniel Feldman .86.00
- 2 Chuck May - Karen Sprague - Joan Dent - Lucille Allor .83.00
- 3 Christopher Miller - Kevin Barnes - Arthur Weiss - Mark Rosen .80.00
- 4 Robert Padgett - Linda Padgett - Elaine Jacobson - Sharon Hurd .76.00
- 5 Hongmo Wang - John Christensen - Martha Chen - Yi-Der Chen .75.00

Stratum D, 6 Teams

- 1 Chuck May - Karen Sprague - Joan Dent - Lucille Allor .83.00
- 2 Neal McKinney - Kim Ashenden - John Miles - Gerry Higgins .64.00

SUNDAY MORN NON-LM SWISS



Stratum A, 11 Teams

- 1 Thomas Din - Barry Lieberman - Robert Von Moss - Rama Kapur .68.00

- 2 Jeff Youngen - Mary O'Shea - Candace Carlton - Terry Carlton .58.00
- 3 Margaret Buda - Steven Nesseler - Juan Pardo - Paul Stygar .54.00
- 4 Philip Meredith - Beverly Meredith - Carl Gutschick - Anita Gutschick .42.00

Stratum B, 5 Teams

- 1 Jeff Youngen - Mary O'Shea - Candace Carlton - Terry Carlton .58.00
- 2 Albert Phillips - Mary Smith - Naomi Fisch - Lee Tanen .37.00

Stratum C, 3 Teams

- 1 Jerry Nolte - Elizabeth Nolte - Edwin Harvey - Meredith Harvey .31.00

SUNDAY AFT NON-LM SWISS



4 Teams

- 1 Mary Smith - Albert Phillips - Shlomit Rind - Ron Starr .41.00

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NLM MASTER POINTERS

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In the last few articles, we discussed INT openers, and follow-up actions. The beauty of the INT opener, is that your opener's hand is immediately limited. This allows responder to place the final contract with some degree of assuredness. In this article, we discuss inferences that can be gained when opener or responder's hand is limited.

Let me share with you two recent bidding situations I encountered.

1. With both sides vulnerable, West picked up an eighteen-point beauty. We had the following auction:

West

- ♠ AQT65
- ♥ T9
- ♦ AKQ
- ♣ K75

<u>West</u>	<u>North</u>	<u>East</u>	<u>South</u>
1♠	P	P	2♣
2NT	X	3♠	P
P	X	P	P
P			

When the smoke cleared, West went down three tricks for -800. What happened? West did not take into account that his partner had limited her hand to at most 5 points, and could have nothing at all. Bidding 2NT could hardly gain, as East has already told West that it is the opponent's hand.

2. With North/South vulnerable, West picked up:

West

- ♠ AQJT643
- ♥ 5
- ♦ 8765
- ♣ 2

<u>West</u>	<u>North</u>	<u>East</u>	<u>South</u>
3♠	X	P	4♥
4♠	P	P	P

The East hand turned out to be:

East

- ♠ 2
- ♥ KQJ98
- ♦ 32
- ♣ AQJT9

If West passes, East has an easy penalty double, and your side can beat 4♥ at least +800 (and maybe as much as +1400). Instead, East/West struggle to make 4♠ to get +420 at most.

What do these two stories have in common? In both cases, there was an inference limiting one of the hands that West missed. On the first hand, partner's hand is limited, so you shouldn't bid again. On the second hand, you have already limited your hand, and partner has not, so partner should make the final decision on this hand. The lesson to be taken from this column is to be careful about bidding further once you have limited your hand.

STEPPING UP TO NEW HEIGHTS

As of August 1, 2004

Junior Masters (5 Masterpoints)

- Mark Cohn Stanley Gerendasy
- Joanne Inglisa Peter Schiff
- Lee Slingluff Barry Tash
- Mary Frances Weil

Club Masters (20 Masterpoints)

- Daniel Kelleher Lorraine Tyler

Sectional Masters (50 Masterpoints)

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- Larry Moran Shlomit Rind
- Stanley Segal Dr Ron Starr

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- Patrice Gordon S Jeffery Koch
- Geoff Lewis Barry Lieberman

National Masters (200 Masterpoints)

- Bruce Bromberg Sandra Schwall

AREA BRIDGE CLASS OFFERINGS

LESLIE SHAFER'S CLASSES

Beginner's Bridge (Part 1) at *Potomac CC*; Tues 7:30 p - 9:30 pm. Starts Sept. 21st. Description: For absolute beginners. This course is the new and fun way to learn bridge. The focus is on playing as soon as possible. The more hands you play, the faster you will learn. Come prepared to have lots of fun! \$15 material fee. Beg. Only.

Basic Conventions at *Leland CC* (Bethesda); Wed 7:30-9:30. Starts Sept. 22nd. Description: If you have a basic knowledge of bidding and play techniques, then it's time for you to begin learning the basic conventions: Stayman, Jacoby Transfers, Weak 2's, Blackwood and the Strong Two Club Opener. This course also being taught at *Kenwood Country Club* (open to non-members!) On Wednesdays from 1-3 starts Sept. 22nd. Adv'd Beg - Intern.

Avoiding Common Bridge Mistakes NEW NEW!!! at *Potomac CC*; Monday 10AM - Noon; Description: How much anxiety do you feel during the bidding and play of a hand? This class is designed to point out some of the most common mistakes made at the bridge table and show you how to avoid them. For intermediate to advanced players. \$15 material fee. Intern.-Adv'd.

Basic "Play of the Hand" Course at *Washington Hebrew Congregation* (Bindeman Center). Starts Sept. 28th. You must be a member (or know a member) to register for this course. Basic play techniques on how to establish tricks through promotion, length, finessing. Course also covers distribution of missing cards. Adv'd Beg.

Brush Up Bridge at *OASIS* (Friendship Hts. Area). Good for students who have not played in a while or feel rusty in their bridge knowledge. Basic bidding and play reviews. Fridays 10:30 - noon, Starts Sept. 24th. Adv'd Beg.

Advanced Conventions at *Washington Hebrew Congregation* (Bindeman Center). Wednesdays, starts Oct. 6th 10 am - noon. INT Forcing, Jacoby Transfers, Negative doubles, and Balancing. You must be a member of this congregation or know someone who is a member in order to register for this class. Adv'd.

Tuition fees for the above classes range

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. Charleen Brand will assist players for the unit game (301-946-8483). Charity Sack will assist players for the sectionals (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). 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.

from \$100 to \$150 depending on location. The starting times are subject to change. It is best to confirm your intention of joining a class with Leslie so that she may keep you informed of any changes that occur. Contact Leslie Shafer for more information. Her email is slamhand@verizon.net.

WBL SOLVERS' CLUB'S NEW PROBLEMS

September/October 2004

1) IMPs You're Vulnerable

♠AQJ8743♥J♦A6♣A93

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
_____	_____	INT	4♦
?????			

2) IMPs You're Vulnerable

♠-♥65♦AJ654♣A95432

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
_____	_____	_____	Pass
Pass	2♠	3♥	3♠
?????			

3) IMPs You're Vulnerable

♠KQJ765♥J109654♦-♣5

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
_____	1♠	Double	Pass
?????			

4) IMPs You're Vulnerable

♠AKJ95♥Q3♦KQ3♣KJ2

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
_____	1♥	Pass	Pass
Double	3♥	4♣	Pass
?????			

5) Matchpoints None Vulnerable

♠J102♥AK9854♦10♣A54

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
1♥	1♠	2♦	2♠
3♥	Pass	4♣	Pass
?????			

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