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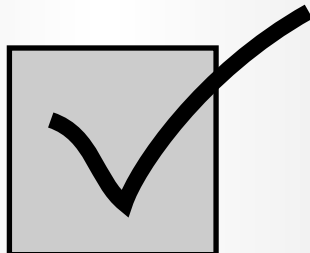
*Thursday, May 12th*

*at*

*Christ the King Church*

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

*This year, the Charity Game will support the  
Margaret Schweinhaut Senior Center*



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

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## PRESIDENT'S LETTER

by WBL President, Dick Wegman

I'd like to use my column this month to commend three WBL members who are working hard to ensure that bridge will be played and enjoyed in the Washington area for many, many years to come.

The first is **Steve Forsythe**. About two years ago, Steve approached the WBL Board and asked to start a teaching program on Thursday evenings for new players. **Steve and his wife Sandy** developed an innovative program, called the "Instant Bridge Player Program," which enables new players to start playing bridge at their very first lesson. Every effort is made to keep things simple and straightforward: all the essentials of bidding that a new player needs are outlined on a single sheet of paper. Over the past eighteen months or so, Steve and Sandy have built the program so that now we usually have seven or eight tables of new players attending the class on Thursday evenings and playing duplicate bridge in a supervised format. Many players have graduated from Steve and Sandy's classes and are now playing regularly in the unit game or in other club games in the area.

Steve has also designed a version of the Instant Bridge Program that introduces new players to the game in a single six hour session. Steve taught the program on a Saturday during the most recent WBL sectional in early March. **The session attracted 74 players!** At the rate Steve and Sandy are going, we may have to rent a bigger hall the next time they run their program.

Second, I want to commend the work of **Ron Starr**. About a year and a half ago, I spoke with Ron about developing bridge programs in local area high schools. **Leo Cardillo** in Northern Virginia had developed a strong program at Thomas Jefferson High School in McLean, and we saw no reason why we couldn't duplicate his success in our unit. Ron agreed to start programs in several

Montgomery County high schools, and at last count he has started four separate programs, at Bethesda-Chevy Chase, Richard Montgomery, St. Andrews and Walter Johnson high schools. The classes are relatively small, but the students are very enthusiastic, and they appear to be picking up the game quickly. During our sectional in January, four tables of Ron's students played in the Saturday morning pairs game, outfitted with ACBL t-shirts. Ron has plans to run a similar program during our upcoming sectional at the end of this month. In addition, he is organizing a two-week intensive program as a senior project at Maret High School in May, with three to four tables of students.

**Mark Rosen** is producing the youngest crop of new bridge players. Mark started a teaching program this past fall at the Tilden Middle School. He has 15 enthusiastic students, and he uses a curriculum that enables students to play bridge on the very first day (the bidding is taught later). Ten of Mark's students participated in our March sectional, and they will also play in the ACBL nationwide instant matchpoint tournament on April 22nd. For more detail on Mark's program, please see his article on pg. 21 of this issue.

Please let me know if you would like to help with any of these activities or if you know anyone who would like to participate. Steve, Ron and Mark are doing an outstanding job, but they could really use more help. The future of our game is in their hands, and we're very grateful for their efforts.

A reminder: our April-May Potomac Valley Sectional starts at Christ the King Church on Thursday, April 28th, with events continuing at the Church on Friday, April 29th, and at Newport Mill Middle School on Saturday, April 30th and Sunday, May 1st. I hope to see you there.

Dick Wegman

## WASHINGTON BRIDGE LEAGUE SECTIONAL

### 60th Annual Potomac Valley Tournament

**THURSDAY, APRIL 28**

- ♣ 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) (both sites); Stratified NLM Pairs (NLM/100/50) & 0-20 Pairs (Christ the King Church only); Stratified 199er Pairs (Beth El only)  
**Beth El Congregation, 3830 Seminary Rd, Alexandria** ..... 7:00pm  
**Christ the King Church, 2301 Colston Drive, Silver Spring** ..... 7:30pm  
Capital Beltway to Connecticut Ave. South. Left on East-West Hwy. Right on Grubb Rd. 1st left on Colston. The church is one block on the left.



#### Friday held at Christ the King Church Only

**FRIDAY, APRIL 29**

- ♥ StrataFlighted A/X Pairs (unlim/3000) & B/C/D Pairs (1500/1000/500) ..... 10:00am, 2:00pm
- ♠ **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, 2:00pm, 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.

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follow your  
partner's  
lead!

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can't ruff up  
against  
notrump!



May is here! Enjoy MEXICAN FIESTA HOSPITALITY & a SATURDAY PANEL SHOW!

**SATURDAY, APRIL 30**

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

**SUNDAY, MAY 1**

- ♠ A/X Swiss Teams, VPs (unlim /3000, 7 round playthru w/short break) ..... 11:00am & TBA
- ♣ B/C/D Swiss Teams, VPs (2000/1000/500, 7 round playthru w/short break) ..... 11:00am & TBA
- ♦ 300/100/50 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.



Famous 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](mailto:woodthere@comcast.net), **Co-Chair: Ann Lindley,** 301-438-1335. **Volunteer Coordinator: Barbara Summers,** 301-598-5838, [majslf@aol.com](mailto:majslf@aol.com) **Hospitality: Kitty Gottfried,** 301-587-3981, [kgottfried@hotmail.com](mailto:kgottfried@hotmail.com) **Partnerships: Barbara Ames,** 301-654-2337, [BarbAmes@aol.com](mailto:BarbAmes@aol.com) or try the easy **On-line Partnership Desk:** [www.WashingtonBridgeLeague.org](http://www.WashingtonBridgeLeague.org).

## BITS AND PIECES

### 2005-2006 NORTH AMERICAN PAIRS

It's time to make plans for the North American Pairs. Come out and play against your peers for a chance to win a trip to the Spring North American Championship! Check your local club for NAP qualifying games during June, July, and August of 2005. There are three Flights, Open, 0-2000 and Non Life Master (with fewer than 500 points). All players who play in the District Final (Oct. 8 & 9 at the Knights of Columbus

Hall in Arlington, VA) must have qualified at the club level. For more information, see your June/July TableTALK, visit the District 6 web site or contact Barbara Doran at (301) 608-0347 or [barbd@starpower.net](mailto:barbd@starpower.net).

### 2004-2005 WBL/NVBA PLAYER OF THE YEAR

**Eligibility:** Players must attend at least three WBL and three NVBA sectionals during the contest period (August, 2004 through May, 2005). Points won on Tournament Thursday evenings are included in the totals, but do

## 2005 FIDELITY & TRUST ROUND ROBIN DEADLINE MAY 3

It's time to get a round robin team together. Round Robin Coordinator, Steve Robinson will gladly help you to form or join a team of four to six players to play in the flight of your choice. League play runs from May 3<sup>rd</sup> through the summer to determine qualifiers for the knockout portion of the event. This fun event can be played in a relaxed home setting or at a club. Sign up with Steve Robinson by phone: (703) 379-4371, by email: [robinswr@erols.com](mailto:robinswr@erols.com), or use the entry form below to sign up by mail or in person.

### 2005 FIDELITY & TRUST ROUND ROBIN ENTRY FORM

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

Return entry and entry fee by May 3 to

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

Open (A/X) Flight      Flight B/C/D

Name	ACBL #	E-Mail Address
_____, <i>captain</i>	_____	_____
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not count towards eligibility.

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

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

Player	Open Leaders	Points
1 Leo LaSota	.....	176.65*
2 Mark Shaw	.....	140.29*
3 Steve Robinson	.....	128.93*
4 Alfred Steinberg	.....	104.18*
5 Fred King	.....	85.52*
6 John Adams	.....	81.69
7 William Cole	.....	79.64*
8 Robert Bell	.....	71.58*
9 Hailong Ao	.....	68.89
10 David Ruderman	.....	68.16
11 Michael Gill	.....	66.53*
12 Earl Glickstein	.....	65.51*
13 Kenneth Davis	.....	61.79*
14 Yi Zhong	.....	61.14
15 Weizhong Bao	.....	60.24*
16 Barbara Shaw	.....	52.77
17 Noble Shore	.....	52.49
18 Donald Berman	.....	51.01
19 Rusty Krauss	.....	50.56
20 Richard Wegman	.....	49.51*

Player	NonLM Leaders	Points
1 Michael Gill	.....	66.53*
2 Jason Rosenfeld	.....	37.55
3 David Banh	.....	36.38
4 David Chechelashvili	...	27.16
5 John Mason Jr	.....	21.55
6 Thomas Din	.....	20.90
7 Rama Kapur	.....	20.23
8 Christon Johnson	.....	19.84
9 Angeliki Magklara	.....	19.50
10 Behnaz Fardshisheh	....	19.04*
11 Gloria Halstead	.....	17.71
12 Steven Schatzow	.....	17.56
13 Anita Gutschick	.....	17.29
14 Donald Goldman	.....	16.62
15 Carl Gutschick	.....	16.47
16 Cynthia Helms	.....	16.46*
17 Jian-Jian Wang	.....	16.00
18 Shlomit Rind	.....	15.64
19 Paul Stygar	.....	15.42
20 Katherine Rabenstein	..	14.84

*Please note that there were some incorrect coding in the database at the time the 6 of 9 list was published. This error meant that sever-*

*al players were listed as having met eligibility requirements when, in fact, they had not done so. The error has been corrected in this list.*

### INSTANT BRIDGE PLAYER LESSON AN INSTANT SUCCESS!

And we have you to thank for it! *An amazing 74 people attended the one-day Instant Bridge Player Lesson:* more than



double our previous class in October, and many of them told us they heard about the class from someone they know. If you told a friend, family member or acquaintance about the lesson, we thank you!

Enthusiasm, students, and at lunchtime, pizza filled both rooms of the Washington Bridge Center on Saturday, March 5th. In one room, **Mary Jane Von Moss** taught abso-



lute beginners the basics of the game, starting with counting high card points and fol-



lowing suit. In the other room, **Steve Forsythe** reviewed basic bidding and play and taught some

slightly more advanced conventions to students who were getting back into the game or who had been playing for a little while. Both classes worked from booklets written by Steve. By offering two different classes at once, we were able to broaden the appeal and meet the needs of all the students.

Thanks are due to our wonderful teachers, **Steve** and **Mary Jane**, and to **Jim Allen** for letting us use the Washington Bridge Center. Thanks also to our helpers: **Mike Henderson**, **John Mattioli**, **Aaron Navarro**, **Arthur David Olson** and **Sandy Forsythe**. The helpers filled in, answered questions, served pizza, and gen-

erally kept the students and the teachers happy.

Some of these new players have already come to our Thursday night 0-20 game (a separate section in the Unit Game), and they'll probably be popping up at other games soon. Please welcome them if they come to your table! We expect to hold our next Instant Bridge Player lesson during the October WBL sectional, and we also welcome begin-



ners any Thursday night. So keep telling your friends! One day we'll have the whole world playing our great game of bridge.

**WELCOME TO THE WASHINGTON BRIDGE LEAGUE**

The WBL welcomes the following new ACBL members: **Elan G Becker, Ross E Becker, Mr Alfred W Caponiti, Terry A Coates, Mr Paul D Davidson, Jacqueline Doherty, Christopher J Heywood, Mr Bret Hollander,**

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**THE BRIDGE HIGHLIGHT OF THE YEAR IS HERE!**

**JUNE 28 - JULY 4, 2005**

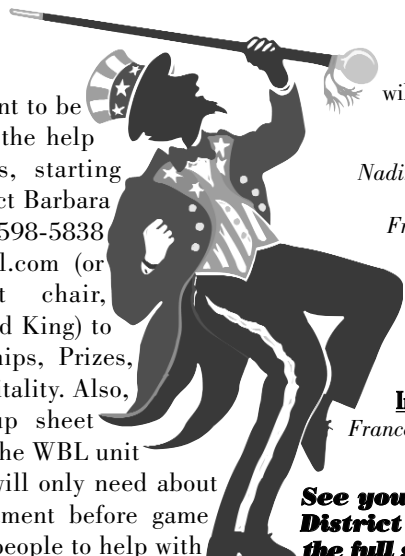
*at the Hilton Hotel at Mark Center*

5000 Seminary Road, Alexandria, VA, (703) 845-1010

**We're Havin' a Party!** Yes, once again it is time for our annual **4TH OF JULY REGIONAL**. Come and play at the Alexandria Regional with all your friends and some of the best players in the country. The world famous WBL hospitality will be on display with fine food and drink available every day! Bridge games from morning to night for players of all levels of experience. Pair games and Knock Outs will be available at times convenient for all. There will be table gifts, receptions and/or hospitality every day! Plan on attending now with your favorite partner or come alone and we will pair you up with someone of your ability.

**VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED...**

For the tournament to be a success, we need the help of many volunteers, starting with you! Just contact Barbara Summers at (301) 598-5838 or jimbarb1184@aol.com (or either tournament chair, Nadine Wood or Fred King) to help with Partnerships, Prizes, Information or Hospitality. Also, a volunteer sign up sheet will be available at the WBL unit game. These tasks will only need about a half hour commitment before game time. We also need people to help with hospitality, which varies from helping with food preparation ahead of time to bar tending and setup after the evening bridge sessions.



**QUESTIONS?**

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

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**See your April/May 2005 District 6 TableTALK for the full schedule of events**



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2	At Sea		
3	At Sea		
4	Oranjestad, Aruba	7:00 AM	
5	Oranjestad, Aruba	1:00 AM	
6	Panama Canal (Cruising)	7:00 AM	3:00 PM
6	Cristobal Pier, Panama	3:00 PM	7:00 PM
7	Puerto Limon, Costa Rica	7:00 AM	7:00 PM
8	At Sea		
9	George Town, Grand Cayman	7:00 AM	6:00 PM
10	At Sea		
11	Miami, Florida	8:30 AM	

to play in these sessions. ACBL points will be awarded, but you need not be a bridge player to join us on this cruise. Once again, there will be lots of opportunities for bridge as well as visiting fascinating ports of call.



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See Robinson's travel log about last year's bridge cruise to Hawaii on page 13 of this issue.

# WBL SOLVERS' CLUB

Moderated by Steve Robinson

robinswr@erols.com

Congratulations to **Chip King** and **Patti Wingfield** 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 **Charles Sadowski, Zbych Bednarek, Barry Bragin, Kieran Dyke, Joe Trunk, Ron Geagley, Dan Kach, Rick Bingham, Stephen MacArthur, Seymour Baden** and **Linda Gaylor** with a score of 470. Tied for fourteenth were **Mitch Edelman, Razvan Spiridonescu, Dave Smith, Leo Lasota, Robert Boorman, Ken Harkness, Walter Taschek, Stephen Weiner, David Funk, Walter Taschek, JJ Wang, Mathew Haag** and **Mark Chen** with a score of 460. Tied for twenty-seventh were **Walter Kerns, Kent Massie, Randy Thompson, Bob Levey, Manuel Paulo, Jackie Sincoff, Rick McDaniel, Sonney Taragin, Tim Crank, Tom Musso, Sam Phillips, Fred Wagner, Reese House, Barbara Summers, Walter Beckerman, Jay Weinstein, Denis Faber, Bill Wilson, Randy Beckham, Hy Chansky, Joe Lentz, Michael Mayer, Nancy Bauer** and **Gerry Higgins** with a score of 450. The average score of the 302 solvers was 406. The average score of the experts was 444.

All readers are encouraged to send answers and/or new problems to Steve Robinson, 2891 S. Abingdon St. #A2 Arlington, VA, 22206. In addition to the winner receiving a free play at the WBL Unit Game, Steve will play with anyone who gets a perfect score or who exactly matches all five of his answers. If you send a self-addressed stamped envelope to the above address along with your answers, Steve will send you a copy of the new problems to ensure that you can meet his next deadline. You can pick up a copy of the problems at the WBL Unit Game in Maryland, and can send answers or requests for problems to [robinswr@erols.com](mailto:robinswr@erols.com). WBL Solvers Club uses *Washington Standard* as published July 1996.

The book *Washington Standard* second edition is out. If you are a serious bridge player, this book is a must. You can purchase a copy from Steve for \$25.00 at the Unit Game and at tournaments or can send

him a check for \$28.95 that includes \$3.95 for priority mail.

## 1) Matchpoints Both Vulnerable

♠-♥A9754♦AKQ87653♣-

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
?????			1♣
Action	Score	Votes	Solvers
1♦	100	3	71
5♦	90	1	24
6♦	80	1	30
2NT	70	4	67
2♦	50	0	4
4♦	40	0	10
3♦	40	0	2
Pass	40	0	3
1♥	20	0	15
2♣	20	0	6
Double	20	0	68
4NT	20	0	2

Do you try to have a constructive auction where you attempt to find out what partner has in hearts or do you leap in diamonds? It's true that if you find partner with the KQ of hearts, you can make 7♦ but I don't know of any methods that would set diamonds as trumps and ask about hearts. One problem with trying to have a constructive auction is that the opponents could have a large black-suit fit.

Four experts agree with me and bid some number of diamonds. The question is the level. One of the choices is overcalling 1♦. Overcalling 1♦ guarantees that if the opponents have a fit, they will find it. You could 'walk the dog'. 'Walking the dog' is bidding the cheapest number of diamonds every time it's your turn hoping to get doubled. But, you can't look or act agonized every time you bid.

**Woolsey:** "1♦—I know we play five-card major openings, but does that mean we play five-card major overcalls and have to overcall 1♥ on this hand? I hope not. I think it is best to go quietly and find out as much about the hand as I can before making the final decision."

While I would open this hand 1♥, I do not play five-card overcalls. I could have a five-

card major if I overcall or respond in a minor.

**Hopkins:** "1♦—If I get clever and bid Hearts now, I might find partner taking an unwanted preference later on probably at a high level. My intention is to show Hearts later and follow with a high Diamond bid."

The last thing you want is a heart preference.

**Schwartz:** "1♦—Walking the dog, will bid hearts later showing four but I don't care. Do I really have to be afraid they will outbid me in spades with two aces?"

If you can make 5♦, you don't want the opponents to bid 5♠ or 6♣.

At the high end, 6♦ figures to buy the pot.

**Roman:** "6♦—I'm going to have to guess what to do with this hand, so I might as well have the opponents do some guessing too. If I start with 2NT, I'll certainly next bid diamonds and the knowledge of my hand type is more likely to help the opponents than my partner."

I'm a 5♦-bidder. Make the opponent's guess if it's their hand.

Then there's 2NT. Overcalling 2NT, showing the red-suits, is more preemptive than overcalling 1♦ but with the use of the Unusual over Unusual convention, the opponents can usually find a black-suit fit if it exists. The problem with 2NT is that partner will bid hearts with longer or equal hearts. So partner has ♠KQxxxxx♥xx♦-♣Jxx. If the opponents bid 5♣, might partner correct your 5♦ bid to 5♥ after your 2NT-jump? Another problem is that if West has heart strength, he might find a trump lead.

I think 2NT is a silly bid. Let's hear from the four experts who made the silly 2NT bid.

**Adams:** "2NT—I can show five Hearts, so I do. Diamonds can come later. Imagine our good fortune if partner bids a lot of hearts. Can't tell level if I bid Diamonds."

It would be OK if partner freely bid hearts but suppose he corrects diamonds to hearts.

**Parker:** "2NT—Show my minor and major, then if partner somehow bids hearts I can bid 5NT, if he bids Spades I can bid 5♦ and he can look at his Hearts and decide if they help or not. My concern is that the opponents are surely going to bid, so I need to get my suits in quickly. I might even talk them out of spades."

So if partner has two little hearts and is forced to bid hearts, you will play this hand in hearts?

**King:** "2NT—And then bid Diamonds."

I don't think bidding diamonds shows eight.

**Wilkinson:** "2NT—There is very likely a slam here, but opponents may also have one in the black suits. Partner needs to be mobilized. 2NT is forcing and gives him more info than any other bid (i.e., everything but how powerful the hand is). If opponents interfere with unusual over unusual and partner passes, you can bring him back into action with a double."

When you have a freak hand like this you don't want the opponents outbidding you. Don't give the opponents room to find a fit.

## 2) Matchpoints Both Vulnerable

♠KQ73♥76♦AK932♣85

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
		1♦	Pass
1♠	Double	Redouble*	2♣
?????	*3-card spade support		
Action	Score	Votes	Solvers
4♠	100	3	2
3♦	90	3	191
3♣	80	3	47
2♦	50	0	27
4♦	20	0	12
5♦	20	0	10
Pass	20	0	7
Double	20	0	3
2♠	20	0	2
3♥	20	0	1

I put this hand in for a reason. What is the trump suit? Suppose you had a slam try with five or more spades. How do you set spades as trumps? On the other hand, how do you tell partner that you only have four spades? I suggest that 2♥ set spades as trumps. 2♥ has to show five spades since if you had four hearts, you would also have five spades. 3♣, the other cuebid would deny holding five spades and would look for other strains. Since nobody bid 2♥, this was not a problem. Holding ♠AKQ73♥76♦AK93♣85, the correct bid over 2♣ is 2♥.

Back to this hand. You have an opening bid opposite an opening bid. A problem is that you have only a seven-card spade fit. Of course the 4-3 spade fit could play well. Give partner ♠AJx♥KJxx♦QJxx♣xx and 4♠ will usually make. If you want to play game in diamonds, you need more strength than you would need for a four-of-a-major-suit game. To make 5♦, you need partner to have a perfect minimum such as ♠Axx♥AQxx♦QJxx♣xx or extra values. Give partner ♠AJx♥KQJx♦QJ10x♣xx and

5♦ goes down.

Three experts jump in diamonds. They fail to see that 4♣, in the 4-3, will have play.

**Adams:** “3♦—Not quite a game force in a minor, especially opposite Washington Standards openers. A slight underbid, but I’ve a strong preference for diamonds, and the alternative 3♣ bid does not get that message across.”

**Roman:** “3♦—Natural and invitational, therefore perfect.”

**Wilkinson:** “3♦—Partner needs to be invited to 3NT. Partner can now see four or five diamond tricks, and two or three spade tricks. Since he’s sitting over the doubler, honors in clubs and hearts may hold up as stoppers.”

Three experts cuebid. There’s only one way to set diamonds trumps and force to game. You must cuebid and then support diamonds. Therefore 3♣ is game-forcing. You can’t play a diamond partial once you cuebid. 4♦ is only non-forcing if diamonds had already been set as trumps. If 4♦ is the bid that sets diamonds as trumps, then 4♦ is forcing. You have to be able to set trumps in order to explore for slam. Make the hand a little stronger such as ♠AKQ3♥7♦AK932♣852. 7♦ is cold opposite ♠xxx♥Axxx♦QJxxx♣A.

**Parker:** “3♣—I am not sure if 3♦ is forcing here and not sure what 4♦ would show, so I will force and bid 4♦ over 3♣. If he bids 4♠ we will play there. If he bids 3NT that will be fine too.”

If partner bids 3NT, will it make opposite one club stopper? ♠J10x♥AJ10x♦QJxx♣Kx for example.

**King:** “3♣—Let’s establish a force and see where we belong. In spades, I might be forced to ruff in the hand with long trumps, but making ten tricks in spades beats taking eleven in diamonds”.

**Schwartz:** “3♣—To start a force. We could belong in 3NT, 4♠, or a diamond partial. I’m not forcing to 5♦.”

Two experts agree with me and make a bid which figures to work. The opponents will not know that you’re in a 4-3 fit and might not defend perfectly.

**Woolsey:** “4♠—East’s 2♣ call virtually marks partner with four hearts, so his distribution figures to be 3-4-4-2. That means that clubs will be a soft spot for notrump, and also that I don’t have to worry about being tapped in clubs. 3NT could be right, but if I bid 3♣ partner will bid 3NT on any

club stopper and I still won’t know, so I’ll bid what I think is the percentage contract.”

**Hopkins:** “4♠—I feel trapped and don’t see I have much choice. Launching into a series of forcing cuebids will only obfuscate the issue and confuse partner. Who knows, but that 4♠ might be our best game? I clearly expect to make it if partner’s spades are Axx, good chances opposite Jxx, and some play opposite xxx.”

Sometimes you have to make a practical bid.

### 3) IMPs Both Vulnerable

♠K♥K♦A5♣AJ9865432

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
-----	1♥	Pass	1♠
?????			
Action	Score	Votes	Solvers
5♣	100	5	170
Pass	90	1	5
2♣	80	1	42
4♣	70	2	54
3NT	50	0	4
3♣	30	0	17
6♣	30	0	4
4NT	20	0	2
Double	20	0	4

You have 15 HCPs and if partner has anything, the opponents will not have enough high-card strength to get to game. I know that both opponents figure to be short in clubs and that would increase the hand value, but the singleton is very likely to be an honor and that would decrease the hand value. If we pass, the opponent’s will probably end up in a partscore. If you pass, I would expect the auction to go 1♥ — 1♠ — 2♦ — 2♥, 1♥ — 1♠ — 2♥ — pass, 1♥ — 1♠ — 2♠ or 1♥ — 1♠ — 2-red — 2♠. Why not wait and see what the opponents have? After East’s rebid, you can then decide what to do based upon the auction. After the non-fit auctions where East preferences hearts, you can jump to 3NT and expect to have good play. If West rebids 1NT, then you know that you probably have a club loser and can go conservative.

I’m the lone passer. Let the opponent’s auction tell me what to do.

The other eight experts bid some number of clubs ranging from two to five. One expert bids 2♣. Bidding 2♣ gives the opponent’s room to describe their hands. 2♣ is safe since

there is no way it can possibly go all pass.

**Roman:** “2♣—What in the world else?”

There are lots of else’s. Five experts jump to 5♣. Wouldn’t it be a shame if dummy is ♠QJ10♥QJ10x♦J10xx♣xx where 3NT is cold, the opponent’s can’t make anything, yet 5♣ goes down. If my two stiff kings were small, then I would jump to 5♣ also.

**Adams:** “5♣—I would bid 3NT, but doubt I would get to play it there. Why leave the opponents the four-level to describe hands?”

**Parker:** “5♣—This is what the field would bid so why do something anti-field? I once had almost this hand with two singleton Kings and opened 1NT, it worked great, but I don’t think it will be the right contract here.”

**Woolsey:** “5♣—Either 5♣ by us or four-of-a-major by them could easily be making, and I know I would never be happy selling out to four-of-a-major. So I’ll bid to the limit immediately and hope the bad guys get it wrong whatever wrong is.”

How bad can it be to bid 5♣ later assuming the opponents get to game? Unless they’re both void in clubs, they can’t have enough strength to bid five-of-a-major.

**King:** “5♣—Maybe I will go for 500 and they don’t have a game, but I want them to make the last guess.”

After you bid 5♣, it probably will go all pass, unless West has two aces and the guarded king of clubs.

**Wilkinson:** “5♣—South has a maximum of four losers, a good sacrifice against a likely E-W vulnerable game in majors. With a club honor north can raise to six, making life very complicated for E-W.”

Two experts preempt when it could be their hand. 4♣ will probably end the auction.

**Hopkins:** “4♣—I want a raise if partner has Clubs, otherwise I’ll defend. I think this is about right for my playing strength. I could make game if partner has the Diamond King and three Clubs.”

**Schwartz:** “4♣—Its true we rate to have a good sack but making 5♣ is unlikely unless partner bids it and they might not make game if partner has junk in the majors. I am much more likely to score my kings this way in defense.”

Would partner raise to 5♣ holding ♠Qxxx♥Qxxxx♦QJ♣xx?

You don’t have to preempt when it might not be the opponent’s hand.

### 4) Matchpoints You’re Vulnerable

♠KJ1053♥9♦AK765♣95

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
-----	-----	1♣	1♥
1♠	4♥	4♠	5♣
?????			
Action	Score	Votes	Solvers
Double	100	2	44
5♦	90	5	164
Pass	80	2	25
5♥	50	0	7
5♠	50	0	54
6♠	20	0	7
6♦	20	0	1

The key to the hand is the 5♣-call. If East is void in clubs, then 5♠ will go down, losing two club ruffs and a heart. If East has the AQ or AK of clubs then we could lose two clubs and a heart. Either way, bidding 5♠ will lead to a minus score?

One expert agrees with me and doubles 5♣. This creates a forcing pass situation. The opponents can’t play any contract undoubled. When East corrects to 5♥, partner will double with soft values and you can at least get a plus score. If East had bid 5♥, you would have had to make the decision by yourself.

**King:** “Double—It sounds like East has a club void and 5♠ is likely to be beaten with two club ruffs and a Heart. I think we can beat 5♥ with a couple of Diamonds and a Spade.”

Two experts pass. This is not a forcing situation and you won’t learn anything from partner’s pass of 5♥. He will assume that it’s their hand and pass 5♥ holding something like ♠AQxx♥xxx♦x♣KJ10xx.

**Woolsey:** “Pass—North’s 4♠ call doesn’t create a force in my book, but the opponents aren’t going to play in 5♣ so this is safe for now. If partner doubles 5♥ I’ll sit, otherwise I guess I’ll bid 5♠.”

You must be dreaming to think that partner is going to double 5♥.

**Hopkins:** “Pass—I’ll give my partner a shot first. If 5♥ comes around to me undoubled, I’ll have to decide whether they have the distribution (Club ruff, Heart to the Ace, and Club ruff) or Club tenace (AQ?) behind partner to defeat 5♠. I will be on lead with the AK of Diamonds.”

Five experts bid five over five. If you never bid five over five for the rest of your bridge life you’ll be far ahead. You need a good excuse to bid five over five. A void in the opponent’s suit would be a reasonable

excuse and I don't see a heart void.

**Adams:** "5♦—Partner can have a real hand for 4♠. It's worth one try on the way to 5♠. Defending 5♥ is likely to be sub-par Matchpoints."

**Parker:** "5♦—If they can bid at the five-level so can we. All partner needs is ♠AQxx♥xx♦xx♣AKxxx and we are cold for a slam. Who knows what 5♣ is supposed to show? Opponents are not there to make life easy."

**Roman:** "5♦—This isn't the time to be thinking that I shouldn't bid five over five, since I was going to bid 5♦ if RHO had passed, so I bid it now. If I was sure pass was forcing I'd do that, but in my regular partnerships it wouldn't be."

Pass is not forcing but double does create a force.

**Wilkinson:** "5♦—Partner does not yet know South's strength. 5♥ would be telling partner what he probably already knows. 5♦ conveys both first round control and sufficient values for slam, which may be available even if East has a club trick. 5♠ is still available even if opponents bid 5♥ and partner passes."

**Schwartz:** "5♦—The 5♣ bid is worrisome but we still can have a slam as partner can have a wide range of hands. They should have a good sack so even if 5♠ goes down I am probably headed for a bad score anyway."

This is a partnership game. If you give partner a chance, maybe he will know if it's right to bid over 5♥.

### 5) IMPS They're Vulnerable

♠-♥AKJ10876♦A5♣J654

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
—	2♠	Pass	4♠
5♥	5♠	Pass	Pass
?????			
Action	Score	Votes	Solvers
6♥	100	3	26
Pass	90	5	195
Double	50	1	75
6♠	20	0	1
6♦	20	0	2
5NT	20	0	2
6♣	20	0	1

A key to this hand is partner's pass of 5♠. He does not have a spade stack and does not expect to beat 5♠. Another key is that West bid 5♠. He obviously has an unusual hand to bid 5♠ and some of his unusualness should be a void in hearts. We have one defensive

trick outside of hearts and if partner had two sure tricks he would have doubled. If you were in direct seat you would have an automatic pass but in passout seat, you've learned something from partner's silence.

Two experts agree with me and keep bidding hearts. How bad can 6♥ be? Since West figures to be void in hearts, you should be able to pick up the heart Queen if it can be picked up.

**Woolsey:** "6♥—The only real information I have is that partner didn't double 5♠, so he doesn't have much stuff there. I have no idea whether or not 5♠ will make, nor do I have any idea how many tricks I will score in 6♥. If I double, partner is almost certain to pass whatever his hand is. Usually it is right to defend and hope we beat them rather than take a sure minus score. Here, however, it is just possible that 6♥ could make. Why couldn't partner have ♠xxx♥xxx♦Kxxx♣KQx? That possibility, even if unlikely, tips the scales in favor of bidding."

Actually, if partner has ♠xxx♥xxx♦xx♣AQ10xx, ♠xxx♥xxx♦xx♣KQ10xx or even ♠xxx♥xxx♦QJx♣K109x both 5♠ and 6♥ could make.

**Parker:** "6♥—No double from partner, so he does not have a spade trick. I know the five-level is for the opponents, but I just played four hands where someone had at least an eight-card suit, so I should protect against that. I can't imagine that I will go down more than their game, if they make one."

Five experts pass. Usually getting the opponents to the five-level is a job well done.

**Adams:** "Pass—Does not seem like a problem."

**Roman:** "Pass—Bridge is often about making the next-to-last guess, and that is what I've done."

**King:** "Pass—I made them guess at the five-level, I don't think I should bid on or double."

**Hopkins:** "Pass—Hope for a one trick set. I have shown my values and have a partner."

**Schwartz:** "Pass—Not a hand for a sack six over five (don't even remember the last time I did that) as I don't play this as a forcing pass situation. West has made an impossible bid and don't want him pushing me around."

One expert doubles.

**Wilkinson:** "Double—Partner's pass implies no heart support and some defensive strength. Chances are good for three defensive tricks."

Bid one more when there could be a possible two-way swing.

## SOLVERS' SCORES

John Adams	2NT	3♦	5♣	5♦	Pass	440
Robbie Hopkins	1♦	4♠	4♣	Pass	Pass	440
Fred King	2NT	3♣	5♣	Dbl	Pass	440
Steve Parker	2NT	3♣	5♣	5♦	6♥	440
Steve Robinson	5♦	4♠	Pass	Dbl	6♥	480
Jeff Roman	6♦	3♦	2♣	5♦	Pass	450
Alan Schwartz	1♦	3♣	4♣	5♦	Pass	430
Ted Wilkinson	2NT	3♦	5♣	5♦	Dbl	400
Kit Woolsey	1♦	4♠	5♣	Pass	6♥	480

## MY FIRST BRIDGE CRUISE

by Steve Robinson

About 36 District Six bridge players and a few non-players joined me, and my wife Linda, on the First Annual Washington Area Bridge Cruise. Most of us left early on Dec 2, flying from Baltimore to Atlanta and then ten hours to **Honolulu**. Some participants paid a little extra to arrive a few days earlier so they could visit Pearl Harbor and see other Oahu sights. The ship, Royal Caribbean Line's "Legend of the Seas" sailed that evening.

We spent daylight hours on December 3rd on the island of **Kauai** and one day each in **Kona** and in **Hilo**, both on the island of **Hawaii**. During various Island visits, we had the choice of sharing in a commercial van, taking the excursions offered by the ship, or sharing a rental car with members of our bridge group or other passengers. Our schedule was supposed to include a 36-hour visit to Maui, but strong winds precluded this visit, so we got to spend a full day in Honolulu and an extra day at sea.

During the first five days, we played 20-24 boards each night after dinner in the card room, which was reserved for our group. During the four-day transit from the islands to **Ensenada, Mexico**, we played one session every morning and a second session every afternoon. One evening after dinner, I gave a lecture on the Law of Total Tricks. Two of the morning sessions were full 20-24 board sessions and the other two were abbreviated so that I could give lectures, on different types of "doubles" and on Roman Key Card. The afternoon sessions were each 20-24 hands. During the sessions, I occasionally would observe the play and make suggestions to the players after the play of the hand was completed.

In the evenings, after dinner, many of us went to shows, bars, and the casino. One unnamed member of the group even won a

\$625 jackpot. Fred Wagner and Shlomit Rind chartered a boat and went deep-sea fishing while we were in Kona. They each caught a nearly 40 pound mahi-mahi. Some of the non-bridge players played trivia and other games. There were ping-pong tournaments, miniature golf, the spa, exercise equipment, movies, shows, and a rock-climbing wall.

By taking advantage of one of several non-group couples and David Epstein, who was the permanent floater, there were always between five and eight full tables at each of the 13 sessions. With the exception of the occasional couple invited to round out a table, all of the bridge sessions were limited to members of our group. Several members even joined ACBL during the cruise so that they could get credit for their very first masterpoints. The skill level of the players varied from beginners to very good life masters. They co-existed and there was not one contentious situation.

Food was plentiful, varied, and tasty, and we always had the choice of whether to eat in the full-service restaurant, buffet, grill, theme meals out on deck, etc.

Linda and I are looking forward to joining many of you on the Second Annual Washington Area Bridge Cruise. I hope to spend a little more time teaching and a little less time supervising duplicate play. However, the group's wishes will be taken into account.

The cruise will depart from Miami on December 2, 2005 with the sailing of Royal Caribbean Lines' **Radiance of the Seas** round-trip from Miami to the **Panama Canal** with port calls in **Aruba, Costa Rica, Grand Cayman, and Panama**. "Radiance" is one of the newest and largest cruise ships in the world and has even more choices in restaurants and activities. See page 7 in this issue for contact information and other details.



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Updated by our Webmaster, Don Berman

The Lovenberg Race is open to all WBL members; the Izzy Cohen Race is open to all WBL members who started the calendar year with fewer than 1500 masterpoints; the Tubbs Race is open to all WBL members who started the calendar year as a Non-Life Master; the Woolridge Race is open to all WBL members who started the calendar year with fewer than 20 masterpoints; the Machlin Race has been canceled due to lack of sufficient interest in senior events.

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

This list is up to date through March 17, 2005. All points are subject to audit by the WBL Director.

**Lovenberg**

- 1 71.28 Leo LaSota
- 2 68.90 Steve Robinson
- 3 65.13 Alfred Steinberg
- 4 52.08 Mark Shaw
- 5 39.18 David Ruderman
- 6 37.99 John Adams
- 7 34.44 Hailong Ao
- 8 33.77 James Geist
- 9 33.53 Weizhong Bao
- 10 29.56 Jason Rosenfeld
- 11 29.12 Barry Falgout
- 12 28.03 Ellen Cherniavsky
- 13 27.35 Peter Boyd
- 14 26.31 Ellen Klosson
- 15 26.15 Donna Rogall
- 16 25.65 Barry Bragin
- 17 25.22 Leon Letwin
- 18 24.61 Earl Glickstein
- 19 24.10 John Glynn
- 20 22.99 Barbara Shaw
- 21 22.73 Kitty Gottfried
- 22 22.68 Mark Rosen
- 23 22.44 Yi Zhong
- 24 22.01 Alan Tenenbaum
- 25 21.52 Dalia Kende

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- 1 34.44 Hailong Ao
- 2 33.77 James Geist
- 3 29.56 Jason Rosenfeld
- 4 25.65 Barry Bragin
- 5 24.10 John Glynn
- 6 22.73 Kitty Gottfried
- 7 22.68 Mark Rosen
- 8 21.02 Eugene Fisher
- 9 19.91 Michael Gill
- 10 18.96 Steven Forsythe
- 11 18.27 Janet Dence
- 12 17.59 Bill Gainer
- 13 17.21 William Hacker
- 14 16.53 Edwin Fuller Jr
- 15 16.10 Lloyd Rawley

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- 1 29.56 Jason Rosenfeld
- 2 16.00 Jian-Jian Wang
- 3 13.79 Neal Rosenthal
- 4 13.50 Behnaz Fardshisheh
- 5 12.15 Cynthia Helms
- 6 11.15 Shlomit Rind
- 7 10.92 Theodore Wilkinson
- 8 10.78 Donald Goldman
- 9 10.61 William Kingery Jr
- 10 10.51 Shyam Giridharadas

**Woolridge**

- 1 4.37 Noble Shore
- 2 4.01 Joav Steinbach
- 3 3.24 William Goldman
- 4 3.24 Stanley Fineman
- 5 2.98 Ronnie Sweed
- 6 2.53 Christopher Miller
- 7 2.34 Brian Julius
- 8 0.96 Don Probst
- 9 0.68 Roger Williamson
- 10 0.67 Judy Bernstein

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- 05/26/2005 .....StrataFlighted Club Championship
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- 06/23/2005 .....StrataFlighted Unit Championship
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- 07/14/2005 .....StrataFlighted Unit Championship
- 07/21/2005 .....StrataFlighted Unit Championship
- 07/28/2005 .....StrataFlighted Unit Championship
- 08/04/2005 .....Stratified North American Pairs
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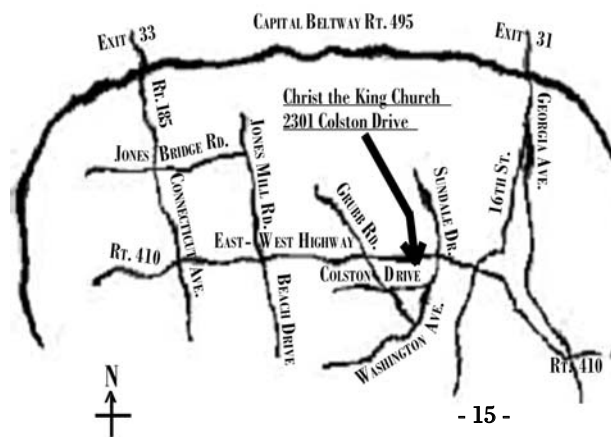
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**COMITTEE ACTION XLVIII**

by Rich Colker, rcolker@worldnet.att.nat

*Part II*

*This article continues our discussion on issues arising when a player removes a card from his hand and then returns it and plays another card. First up was declarer's played card...*

On another note, I've seen more than one player try the following. Declarer detaches a card from his hand and begins lowering it hesitatingly toward the table. The defender on his left sees the card and realizes it is a losing play for declarer—a windfall for the defense. So, to try to keep declarer from changing his mind, he quickly pulls a card from his own hand and plays it to “establish” declarer's card as played. Sorry, Charlie. As long as declarer's card has not reached the vicinity of the table it is not a played card—even though the next player has followed to the trick. What this may accomplish is to create a penalty card for the defenders or to transmit UI to the other defender (if declarer ends up playing a different card causing the next player to need to change his card).

And what's that last part of Law 45C2—the part that says “...or maintained in such a position as to indicate that it has been played”—all about? That little bit of fancy footwork deals with players—and we've all run across them—who pull a card from their hand and hold it clearly well above the table, expose it or even tilt it towards the other players, and gesture to indicate that it is played; the card never gets near the table's surface until it is turned face down at the end of the trick. Any player who does this, facing his card in such a way as to indicate that it is played while holding it well above the table top, has played his card by simply maintaining it there (it must be held for a few moments) “...in such a position as to indicate that it has been played.”

**A Defender's Played Card:**

Law 45C1 says “A defender's card held so that it is possible for his partner to see its face must be played to the current trick (if the defender has already made a legal play to the current trick, see Law 45E).” (Note: Law 45E says that a fifth card played to a trick by a defender is either a penalty card—if it was exposed but not led—or a lead out of turn—if it is deemed to have been led.)

Since a detached card by a defender trans-

mits UI to a partner who could have seen the card's face, there is a different—and simpler—standard for when a defender's card is played. A defender's card is considered played if it is possible for his partner to have seen its face. You should note, it does not matter whether the partner actually did see the card's face. (Indeed, it is a waste of time to discuss whether or not the card's face was actually seen.) The only thing that matters is whether he could have seen it. Period. So if the partner was looking down at his own hand while the card was tilted toward him, or if his head was turned and he was looking at some other part of the room, the card is still considered played (he could have seen the card's face through the corner of his eye). But if he was out of the room (say in the rest room) while the card was faced, he could not have seen its face and (in all probably) a Director would not consider it a played card.

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This year's Annual Meeting and Elections will be held on Thursday, May 12, at Christ the King Church, the site of our Unit Game, prior to play. As usual, there will be a complimentary dinner buffet at 6:00 p.m. The meeting and elections will take place at approximately 7:00 p.m. The church will be open at 3:00 p.m. for ballot casting to those players who will be unable to attend the elections. Copies of the WBL Policies and Treasurer's Report will also be available. A charity game will begin when the meeting concludes.

**2003 MASTERPOINT RACES**

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

**ELECTIONS**

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

*Candidate for President*



**Dick Wegman** has served the WBL as President for the past two years, and is running for re-election for another one year term as President. During the past two years, the WBL

has built attendance at its sectionals to more than 375 tables, has greatly improved its hospitality at sectionals and unit games, and continues to enjoy strong attendance at the Thursday evening unit game. In addition, the WBL has arranged to hold all future weekend sectional tour-

naments (beginning in October) at the Schweinhaut Senior Center in Silver Spring, a location that is convenient for the majority of WBL players, with plenty of parking and excellent lighting.

If he is re-elected, Dick plans to continue working on building attendance at unit games and sectionals. He is also strongly committed to ensuring that the playing atmosphere at WBL events is friendly and welcoming to new players, helping players find suitable partners for Thursday night games and sectional events, and sponsoring an interscholastic bridge championship to introduce local high school and college students to the exciting world of tournament bridge. Dick is a lawyer with a Washington D.C. law firm. Dick and his wife Alice, who plays regularly in WBL events, live in Bethesda

*Candidate for Vice-President*



**Fred King** has been a member of the WBL for 32 years, ever since he moved to Washington in 1973. He retired four years ago after working at the World Bank for almost 28 years. He has

been on the WBL board since 2001 and vice president since 2003. Among other activities, he chairs the unit growth committee and is co-chairman for the 2005 Regional. He has also been the WBL caddy master for over 11 years and was the local caddy coordinator for each of the last two Washington nationals. All three of his children have caddied both for the unit at the national level. He also represents District 6 on the MABC board. He enjoys bridge greatly, especially bidding contests, and would like to see our unit attract more new members and do a better job of retaining current members.

*Candidate for Secretary*



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

If re-elected to the board, Richard would like to focus on strategies for retention and development of intermediate-level players. The WBL has developed a good outreach program for encouraging new players, but more needs to be done to encourage players to transition from the novice game to the open or B/C game, and from the B/C game to the open game. It is important for developing players to feel welcome and not intimidated, so that they keep coming back.

*Candidate for Treasurer*



**Steve Robinson** has served as treasurer for 16 years, and board member for 12 more years. He is retired having worked as a computer specialist for the Dept of the Army. He hopes that every player will use his book "Washington Standard" to become proficient bidders.

*Candidate for the Board*



**Don Berman** has been a member of the WBL Board of Directors for 8 years and thanks the membership for its support. He once again asks for your support for an additional 2 years.

He is the WebMaster for both the WBL and District 6. He is the Recorder for the WBL. He has been a bridge player (sort of, he says) for over 40 years.

*Candidate for the Board*



**Clyde Kruskal** is an Associate Professor in Computer Science at the University of MD. He doesn't remember learning how to play bridge, but it was sometime as a child. He has one step child, Eric Foskett, who used to play and direct. His three younger children (triplets), Justin, Rebecca and Alexander, are now learning to play and caddy. Once in a while, Clyde can even drag them out to a game. Now that they are entering high school, he hopes to devote more time to bridge administration.

*Candidate for the Board*



**Jane Sturgis** is a retired Contracting Officer from the Food and Drug Administration. She was employed by the Federal government for 30 years working in contacts for NIH, USDA, SSA, and FDA. She was selected for an Internship at NIH in Administration and was granted a full scholarship to American University where she majored in Business Administration.

In addition to bridge, she enjoys golf, and her family which includes three children, Mark, Donna, and Christopher and eight grandchildren. Jane is interested in returning to the Board because she really enjoyed working the people and thinks the Board is doing a great job. She would like to contribute to the organization.

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**MIDDLE &  
HIGH SCHOOL**

**STUDENTS** competed in the sectional. *Dr. Mark Rosen describes here his experiences teaching bridge to Tilden Middle School students...*

“Can I double my partner’s bid?” “Dr. Rosen, if I bid 1NT, the opponents will know exactly what I have.” “I know I did not have many high card points, but I had 5 spades so I bid 1 spade.”

I have been teaching bridge to 15 eager students at Tilden Middle School since October. Their enthusiasm carries them

through any gaps in their skills. We held our first tournament in January, an Individual Matchpoint event, to cap their first semester. You can see a picture of the winner, **Anh Le**.

We attended the student section at the WBL City of Washington Sectional tournament in March. And we will participate in the ACBL instant Matchpoint tournament, scored nationwide, on April 22.

Ten of my students, and five high school students played in the March 5th sectional. We were in a room with an adult section, and I worried about the students talking too loud and too much. But my fears were groundless. They came to play bridge, and that’s what they did. I plan to bring them to all the sectionals in the future.

The aging bridge population has troubled me. I learned the game when I was about 10 years old. Played in college. There was a rubber game after dinner every night in the frat house. And there was a Wednesday night duplicate game. This should be happening again. I decided to do my part in keeping the game alive by infecting kids with the bridge “bug”.

The ACBL sponsors school bridge programs, providing teaching materials, T-shirts, trophies, etc. They also provide a small stipend for whoever is running the program, as long as the school is not paying them. The Tilden program is an after school bridge club, lasting 70 minutes. It ends at 4:00, when the

**TOP TEN CUMULATIVE  
POINT WINNERS**

**All Players**

1	29.40	.....	Steve Robinson
2	29.12	.....	Mark Shaw
3	26.31	.....	Peter Boyd
4	20.24	.....	Donna Rogall
5	18.38	.....	Barry Bragin
6	17.71	.....	Leo LaSota
7	16.32	.....	Benjamin Brill
8	15.98	.....	Donald Berman
9	15.85	.....	William Hacker
10	15.77	.....	Alfred Steinberg

**Players with fewer than 1500 masterpoints**

1	18.38	.....	Barry Bragin
2	15.85	.....	William Hacker
3	14.19	.....	Jane Sturgis
4	13.09	.....	Hailong Ao
5	12.48	.....	John Glynn
6	12.16	.....	Dan Moore
	12.16	.....	Joseph Trunk
8	12.09	.....	James Geist
9	11.63	.....	Joe Wallen
10	10.39	.....	Richard Ferrin

**Players with fewer than 500 masterpoints**

1	8.94	.....	Charles King
	8.94	.....	Cynthia Helms
3	7.80	.....	John Mason Jr
4	7.64	.....	Jason Rosenfeld
5	7.47	.....	Candy Greenway
6	7.12	.....	Mitchell Weisberg
7	6.00	.....	Donald Goldman
8	5.94	.....	Mark Rosen
9	5.41	.....	Rochelle Cohen
	5.41	.....	Jon Ranhand
	5.41	.....	Mark Cohen

activity buses arrive to take the kids home.

I created a flier to distribute to the kids in September, then I came to the extracurricular activity assembly to talk for a few minutes. I got about 6 fliers returned, and hoped to get about 10 students for the class. Twenty-five showed up for the first class!!! And 5 more the next week. I was overwhelmed. But it worked out fine. At that point, individual instruction was not needed, so the large group was not a hindrance.

I used a curriculum created by Kitty Cooper, which is available on her Web site free. Basically, we start playing without bidding from the first day. After a few weeks, we discussed high card points, and the students announce their points in lieu of bidding. The player with the most points is declarer, dummy comes down, and declarer then picks the strain.

They learned how to set up long suits, draw trumps, take finesses, etc, all without bidding. Finally, in the third month, we started to learn bidding.

The school is overjoyed to have me run this club. They have provided a teacher to help me. She is not a bridge player...well, at least she wasn't when we started...but has been an invaluable asset to me.

I hope this article will stimulate others to start other school bridge clubs. Middle school is the ideal setting...as a high school student may have too much else on his plate.

It would be great to have a league of school bridge clubs. We could have interschool competition.

If any of you are interested in starting a program in a school near you, I will be glad to give you advice. You can call me at (301) 762-7190.



### THURSDAY MORNING OPEN PAIRS

#### Stratum A, 21 Pairs

- 1 Alfred Steinberg - Andrew Gofreed .64.02
- 2 Shou-Ling Wang - Warren Kaufman .61.16
- 3 John Lowe III - James Geist .61.15
- 4 Sylvia Levy - Marcia Stein .59.78
- 5 Suellen Poland - John Barnicle .56.27
- 6 Rossi Lindstrom - Dara Khambata .54.25

#### Stratum B, 12 Pairs

- 1 John Lowe III - James Geist .61.15
- 2 Harold Minus, Sr - Winston Edwards .51.70
- 3 Joan Anania - Edward Anania .50.23
- 4 Judith Katz - Ellen Morstein .49.81

### Stratum C, 7 Pairs

- 1 Joan Anania - Edward Anania .50.23
- 2 Judith Katz - Ellen Morstein .49.81
- 3 Richard Steiner - Suzanne Steiner .49.71

### THURSDAY EVE A/X PAIRS

#### Stratum A, 79 Pairs



- 1 Jane Sturgis - Rose Berman .66.81
- 2 Barry Bragin - Charleen Brand .63.54
- 3 Weizhong Bao - Hailong Ao .62.88
- 4 Richard Wegman - Fred King .62.18
- 5 Abby Heitner - Lou Reich .62.15
- 6 Mark Brownstein - Eugene Schuyler .61.35
- 7 Lloyd Rawley - Clyde Kruskal .61.20
- 8 Ed Lewis - Charles Yaple .60.20
- 9 David Ruderman - Craig Birmingham 60.06

#### Stratum X, 47 Pairs

- 1 Jane Sturgis - Rose Berman .66.81
- 2 Barry Bragin - Charleen Brand .63.54
- 3 Weizhong Bao - Hailong Ao .62.88
- 4 Mark Brownstein - Eugene Schuyler .61.35
- 5 Lloyd Rawley - Clyde Kruskal .61.20
- 6 Sven Pride - David Genne .59.09

### THURSDAY EVE B/C/D PAIRS

#### Stratum B, 50 Pairs



- 1 Philip Mittleman - Danut Gliga .65.77
- 2 James Adams - Hadi Abushakra .64.11
- 3 Leslie Shafer - Ralph Williams Jr .63.39
- 4 Judy Glick - Gloria Halstead .60.25
- 5 Namik Haverich - Mirsad Mujezinovic 59.78
- 6/7 Barry James - Diane Jaworiwsky .58.93
- 6/7 Jerry Miller - Margie Coccodrilli .58.93

#### Stratum C, 43 Pairs

- 1 Philip Mittleman - Danut Gliga .65.77
- 2 James Adams - Hadi Abushakra .64.11
- 3 Judy Glick - Gloria Halstead .60.25
- 4 Namik Haverich - Mirsad Mujezinovic .59.78
- 5 Jerry Miller - Margie Coccodrilli .58.93
- 6 Carl Noller - Bryan Macpherson .56.50

#### Stratum D, 32 Pairs

- 1 Judy Glick - Gloria Halstead .60.25

- 2 Namik Haverich - Mirsad Mujezinovic .59.78
- 3 Carl Noller - Bryan Macpherson .56.50
- 4 Andrew Thomas - Josh Remington .55.50
- 5 Theodore Wilkinson - Behnaz Fardshisheh 55.23
- 6 Kim Ashenden - John Miles .54.50

### THURSDAY EVE NLM PAIRS AT SILVER SPRING

#### Stratum A, 8 Pairs



- 1 Joav Steinbach - Zvi Gur .65.97
- 2 Katherine Rabenstein - Albert Phillips 62.50
- 3 Brian Julius - Steve Grant .52.08

#### Stratum B, 5 Pairs

- 1 Joav Steinbach - Zvi Gur .65.97
- 2 Brian Julius - Steve Grant .52.08

### THURSDAY EVE 0-200 PAIRS AT ALEXANDRIA

#### Stratum A, 28 Pairs

- 1 Margaret Brown - Elizabeth Parker .60.98
- 2 Mary Edge - Peggy Errington .58.90
- 3 Deborah Branch - Cathy Stryker .58.14
- 4 Lois Gregg - Cordellia Scruggs .57.20
- 5 Neil Friedman - Barbara Hodges .56.82
- 6 Maribel Newby - Paula Cloyd .55.68

#### Stratum B, 16 Pairs

- 1 Mary Edge - Peggy Errington .58.90
- 2 Lois Gregg - Cordellia Scruggs .57.20
- 3 Neil Friedman - Barbara Hodges .56.82
- 4 Martha Bley - Ross Bley .53.22
- 5 Blair Curry - Judith Curry .53.03

#### Stratum C, 8 Pairs

- 1 Mary Edge - Peggy Errington .58.90
- 2 Neil Friedman - Barbara Hodges .56.82
- 3 Blair Curry - Judith Curry .53.03

### FRIDAY MORN A/X PAIRS

#### Stratum A, 12 Pairs



- 1 Rossi Lindstrom (pic.) - Dara Khambata 62.08
- 2 Jeffrey Kosnett - John Glynn .61.25
- 3 Ronald Spath - Shou-Ling Wang .58.33
- 4 Wonjoo Goldstein - James Geist .55.42

#### Stratum X, 7 Pairs

- 1 Jeffrey Kosnett - John Glynn .61.25
- 2 Wonjoo Goldstein - James Geist .55.42
- 3 Mark Rosen - Eugene Fisher .51.25

### FRIDAY MORN B/C/D PAIRS

#### Stratum B, 26 Pairs



- 1 Samuel Keiter - Richard Robinson .68.11
- 2 Marshall Kramer - Nelu Schwartz .62.60
- 3 James Beller - Lawrence Heinen .62.25
- 4 Hilary Edmondson - David Cooper .58.71
- 5 Larry Moran - S Jeffery Koch .58.39
- 6 Charles King - Cynthia Helms .57.90

#### Stratum C, 24 Pairs

- 1 Samuel Keiter - Richard Robinson .68.11
- 2 Marshall Kramer - Nelu Schwartz .62.60
- 3 James Beller - Lawrence Heinen .62.25
- 4 Hilary Edmondson - David Cooper .58.71
- 5 Larry Moran - S Jeffery Koch .58.39
- 6 Charles King - Cynthia Helms .57.90

#### Stratum D, 13 Pairs

- 1 James Beller - Lawrence Heinen .62.25
- 2 Larry Moran - S Jeffery Koch .58.39
- 3 Charles King - Cynthia Helms .57.90
- 4 Robert Von Moss - Candy Greenway .57.75
- 5 Silas Wasserstrom - Jason Rosenfeld .56.39

### FRIDAY MORN NLM PAIRS

#### Stratum A, 12 Pairs



- 1 Nancy Loomis - Carolyn Becraft .59.29
- 2 Marvin Raines - Ruth Woods .58.46
- 3 Joyce Bladen - Janice Shafer .57.58
- 4 Robert Edwards - Anita Gutschick .50.79

#### Stratum B, 7 Pairs

- 1 Marvin Raines - Ruth Woods .58.46
- 2 Joyce Bladen - Janice Shafer .57.58
- 3 Judy Bloom - Barbara Pohl .48.29

#### Stratum C, 6 Pairs

- 1 Marvin Raines - Ruth Woods .58.46
- 2 Joyce Bladen - Janice Shafer .57.58

### FRIDAY AFT A/X PAIRS

#### Stratum A, 28 Pairs



- 1 Earl Glickstein - Barry Bragin .63.45

- David Ruderman - Alfred Steinberg .62.88
- Eugene Fisher - Mark Rosen .60.80
- Donna Rogall - William Cole .58.71
- Steve Robinson - Mark Shaw .58.33
- Steven Forsythe - Stuart Fogel .57.58

**Stratum X, 12 Pairs**

- Eugene Fisher - Mark Rosen .60.80
- Steven Forsythe - Stuart Fogel .57.58
- Terry Feetham - Leon Letwin .54.17
- Benjamin Stauss - Bill Gainer .50.76

**FRIDAY AFT B/C/D PAIRS**

**Stratum B, 26 Pairs**

- Robert Lawrence - Frances Lawrence 60.89
- Candy Greenway - R Osburn Jr .60.51
- Silas Wasserstrom - Kitty Gottfried .60.42
- Gary Wold - Marie Sullivan .57.29
- Steven Schatzow - John Lowe III .56.91
- Cynthia Helms - Charles King .56.34

**Stratum C, 20 Pairs**

- Robert Lawrence - Frances Lawrence 60.89
- Candy Greenway - R Osburn Jr .60.51
- Gary Wold - Marie Sullivan .57.29
- Cynthia Helms - Charles King .56.34
- Barry Anderson - Bill Barlow .54.45
- Robert Gemmer - Peter Salmon-Cox .53.50

**Stratum D, 14 Pairs**

- Robert Lawrence - Frances Lawrence 60.89
- Candy Greenway - R Osburn Jr .60.51
- Cynthia Helms - Charles King .56.34
- Barry Anderson - Bill Barlow .54.45
- Robert Gemmer - Peter Salmon-Cox .53.50

**FRIDAY AFT NLM PAIRS**

**Stratum A, 14 Pairs**

- Robert Edwards - Anita Gutschick .61.67
- Zvi Gur - Shlomit Rind .59.58
- Betty Simpson - Robert Weeks .57.92
- Tsung Lee - Bor Hsu .57.50
- Agnes Gavin - Millie Reizenstein .52.92

**Stratum B, 10 Pairs**

- Zvi Gur - Shlomit Rind .59.58
- Betty Simpson - Robert Weeks .57.92
- 3/5 Robert Drake - Florence Drake .50.00
- 3/5 Marie Berard - Michael Berard .50.00
- 3/5 Helene Ramo - Barry Smith .50.00

**Stratum C, 7 Pairs**

- Betty Simpson - Robert Weeks .57.92
- 2/3 Robert Drake - Florence Drake .50.00
- 2/3 Marie Berard - Michael Berard .50.00

**FRIDAY EVE A/X BAROMETER PAIRS**

**Stratum A, 28 Pairs**



- Martin Graf - Mark Shaw .63.94

- Charleen Brand - Fred King .61.06
- Gloria Silverman Bart - Les Bart .58.81
- 4/5 Clyde Kruskal - Donna Rogall .57.37
- 4/5 Steve Carton - Arnie Frankel .57.37
- Barbara Shaw - Leo LaSota .57.05

**Stratum X, 13 Pairs**

- Noble Shore - Michael Gill .55.93
- James Geist - Angeliki Magklara .52.88
- Robert Levey - Jimmy Ritzenberg .52.08
- Roy Tibery - Richard Allison .50.00
- Hailong Ao - Weizhong Bao .47.60

**FRIDAY EVE B/C/D BAROMETER PAIRS**

**Stratum B, 22 Pairs**



- Jeffrey Kosnett - John Glynn .65.68
- Paul Leopold - Arlene Matusow .63.18
- 3/4 George Green - Edna Mae Trevey .57.27
- 3/4 Ray Dodson - Rodger Kamuf .57.27
- Zvi Gur - Shlomit Rind .53.86
- Michelle Cantave - John Lowe III .53.41

**Stratum C, 16 Pairs**

- 1/2 George Green - Edna Mae Trevey .57.27
- 1/2 Ray Dodson - Rodger Kamuf .57.27
- Zvi Gur - Shlomit Rind .53.86
- Bernard Free - Joseph Stockel .52.95
- Theodore Wilkinson - Behnaz Fardshisheh .52.50

**Stratum D, 7 Pairs**

- George Green - Edna Mae Trevey .57.27
- Zvi Gur - Shlomit Rind .53.86
- Carl Gutschick - Anita Gutschick .51.36

**SATURDAY MORN A/X PAIRS**

**Stratum A, 40 Pairs**



- Steve Robinson - Peter Boyd .61.29
- Barry Falgout - Eugene Davidson .61.18
- Mitchell Weisberg - Arthur Hayes .60.64
- Julian Boyce - Pamela Bowman .59.87
- Terry Feetham - Leon Letwin .59.43
- Joe Wallen - Ellen Cherniavsky .58.88

**Stratum X, 22 Pairs**

- Mitchell Weisberg - Arthur Hayes .60.64
- Terry Feetham - Leon Letwin .59.43
- Joe Wallen - Ellen Cherniavsky .58.88
- Jim Pestaner - Lucy Pestaner .54.93
- Noble Shore - Michael Gill .52.52
- Charles Young Jr - Lynn Boardman .52.30

**SATURDAY MORN B/C/D PAIRS**

**Stratum B, 43 Pairs**



- Joseph Trunk - Dan Moore .66.07
- William Goldman - Stanley Fineman .61.46
- Michael Goldman - William Mendez Jr 59.98
- R Osburn Jr - Candy Greenway .58.03
- William Kingery Jr - Edwin Fuller Jr 56.84
- Sherry Ann Kavaler - Leslie Powell .55.66

**Stratum C, 32 Pairs**

- William Goldman - Stanley Fineman .61.46
- Michael Goldman - William Mendez Jr 59.98
- R Osburn Jr - Candy Greenway .58.03
- William Kingery Jr - Edwin Fuller Jr 56.84
- Barry Anderson - Suzanne Abrams .55.05
- Abdul Masood - Sally Garfinkel .54.72

**Stratum D, 20 Pairs**

- William Goldman - Stanley Fineman .61.46
- Michael Goldman - William Mendez Jr 59.98
- R Osburn Jr - Candy Greenway .58.03
- Barry Anderson - Suzanne Abrams .55.05
- John Hawks - Anthony Hawks .54.17
- Paul Black - Leonid Fastovsky .53.87

**SATURDAY MORN NLM PAIRS**

**Stratum A, 18 Pairs**

- Anne Vaeth - Sharon Stewart .57.44
- Sol Barr - Meir Kende .56.85
- Norman Sweed - Ronnie Sweed .55.06
- Nancy Detweiler - Lois Gregg .53.87
- Robert Edwards - Steven Dunn .53.82

**Stratum B, 14 Pairs**

- Anne Vaeth - Sharon Stewart .57.44
- Norman Sweed - Ronnie Sweed .55.06
- Nancy Detweiler - Lois Gregg .53.87
- Robert Edwards - Steven Dunn .53.82
- Linda Epstein - Patricia Primm .53.62

**Stratum C, 9 Pairs**

- Anne Vaeth - Sharon Stewart .57.44
- Norman Sweed - Ronnie Sweed .55.06
- Nancy Detweiler - Lois Gregg .53.87
- Linda Epstein - Patricia Primm .53.62

**TILDEN MIDDLE SCHOOL CHAMPIONSHIP PAIRS**

**8 Pairs**



- Jake Schnessler - Chris Heywood .68.15

- Michael Zhang - Chen Yarar .64.94
- Ben Mangold - Ethan Feinstein .52.77

**SATURDAY AFT A/X PAIRS**

**Stratum A, 44 Pairs**



- Leo LaSota - Mark Shaw .65.18
- David Hoffner - Mike Cappelletti Sr .62.00
- Peter Boyd - Steve Robinson .60.71
- Brad Theurer - James Geist .60.42
- Earl Glickstein - Robert Bell .58.43
- Joseph Trunk - Dan Moore .57.04

**Stratum X, 25 Pairs**

- Brad Theurer - James Geist .60.42
- Joseph Trunk - Dan Moore .57.04
- Jason Rosenfeld - Jeffrey Kosnett .54.76
- Christopher Miller - Carole Banks .54.17
- Robert Stearns - Charles Young Jr .53.67
- Arthur Hayes - Mitchell Weisberg .53.57

**SATURDAY AFT B/C/D PAIRS**

**Stratum B, 42 Pairs**

- Marty Zupan - Dick Pellerin .62.20
- Sherry Ann Kavaler - Leslie Powell .60.42
- Charles King - Cynthia Helms .59.82
- Nelson Waks - Willa Garner .57.74
- Samuel Bowlin - William Adams .56.55
- Sally Garfinkel - Abdul Masood .55.36

**Stratum C, 32 Pairs**

- Charles King - Cynthia Helms .59.82
- Samuel Bowlin - William Adams .56.55
- Sally Garfinkel - Abdul Masood .55.36
- 4/5 Leo Cardillo - Tony Cincotta .54.76
- 4/5 Leonid Fastovsky - Paul Black .54.76
- Anthony Hawks - John Hawks .54.46

**Stratum D, 21 Pairs**

- Charles King - Cynthia Helms .59.82
- Leonid Fastovsky - Paul Black .54.76
- Anthony Hawks - John Hawks .54.46
- Jeffrey Deschamps - Meosotis Curtis .53.57
- Jay Cherlow - Richard Atwood .52.98
- James Andre - Lily Andre .51.79

**SATURDAY AFT NLM PAIRS**

**Stratum A, 14 Pairs**

- Robert Edwards - Steven Dunn .62.50
- Nancy Detweiler - Lois Gregg .58.75
- Paul Lubell - Ann Sjoerdsma .57.08
- Nancy Loomis - Cathy Stryker .56.25
- Edward Molnar - Kathrine Loh .54.17

**Stratum B, 9 Pairs**

- Robert Edwards - Steven Dunn .62.50
- Nancy Detweiler - Lois Gregg .58.75
- Paul Lubell - Ann Sjoerdsma .57.08
- Larry Gebbie - Murat Berk .50.00

**SUNDAY A/X SWISS TEAMS**

**Stratum A, 17 Teams**



- 1 Benjamin Brill - Donald Berman - Donna Rogall - William Hacker .....112.00
- 2/3 Steve Robinson - Peter Boyd - William Cole - Mark Shaw .....89.00
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- 4 Leo LaSota - Alfred Steinberg - John Adams - David Ruderman - Alan Tenenbaum .....86.00
- 5 Richard Wegman - David Abelow - Weizhong Bao - Hailong Ao .....85.00

**Stratum X, 7 Teams**

- 1 Thomas Musso - Katherine Paramore - Ellen Cherniavsky - Joe Wallen .....79.00
- 2 Robert Stearns - Bill Gainer - Charles Young Jr - Lynn Boardman .....63.00
- 3 Joseph Trunk - Jason Rosenfeld - Bala Chandran - Dan Moore .....62.00

**SUNDAY B/C/D SWISS TEAMS**

**Stratum B, 27 Teams**



- 1 Michael Polunin (pic.) - John Mason Jr (pic.) - Robert Padgett - Linda Padgett ...102.00
- 2 Carl Weisman - Judy Weisman - Paula Kahaner - Raymond Kahn .....95.00
- 3 Donald Goldman - Jon Ranhand - Mark Cohen - Rochelle Cohen .....92.00
- 4 John Glynn - Janet Dence - Edwin Fuller Jr - Alice Wegman .....90.00
- 5 David Grabiner - Alfred Graham - Charles Pollack - Carol Davis .....85.00
- 6 Samuel Bowlin - Charles King - Theodore Wilkinson - Cynthia Helms .....84.00

**Stratum C, 19 Teams**

- 1 Donald Goldman - Jon Ranhand - Mark Cohen - Rochelle Cohen .....92.00
- 2 David Grabiner - Alfred Graham - Charles Pollack - Carol Davis .....85.00
- 3 Samuel Bowlin - Charles King - Theodore Wilkinson - Cynthia Helms .....84.00
- 4/5 Neal Rosenthal - Ellen Rosenthal - Eugene Fisher - Adrienne Fisher .....77.00

- 4/5 Ron Starr - Candy Greenway - James Andre - Lily Andre .....77.00
- 6/7 Craig Caplan - Teresa Caplan - Carl Gutschick - Anita Gutschick .....75.00
- 6/7 Frederick Mueller - Barbara Israel - Atal Eralp - Jean Buchsbaum .....75.00

**Stratum D, 11 Teams**

- 1 Donald Goldman - Jon Ranhand - Mark Cohen - Rochelle Cohen .....92.00
- 2 Ron Starr - Candy Greenway - James Andre - Lily Andre .....77.00
- 3 Craig Caplan - Teresa Caplan - Carl Gutschick - Anita Gutschick .....75.00
- 4 Thomas Comstock - Diane Keiper - Bob Grudberg - Ephraim Salins .....72.00

**SUNDAY MORN NLM SWISS TEAMS**

**Stratum A, 6 Teams**

- 1 David Mead - Kathleen O'Toole - Susan Graham - John Graham .....52.00
- 2 Robert Lawrence - Frances Lawrence - Florence Drake - Robert Drake ....51.00

**SUNDAY MORN NLM SWISS TEAMS**

**Stratum B, 3 Teams**

- 1 Elizabeth Parker - Nancy Detweiler - Vicki Dailey - James Dailey .....44.00

**SUNDAY AFT NLM SWISS TEAMS**

**3 Teams**



- 1 Nancy Detweiler (pic.) - Elizabeth Parker (pic.) - Virginia Morgan - Ray Morgan ...49.00

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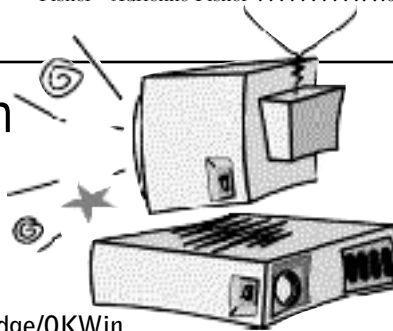
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# NLM MASTER POINTERS

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

## MORE FUN WITH FINESSES & THE ABSOLUTE BEST FINESSE

How do you take two tricks with the following holdings?

	<u>Your hand</u>	<u>Dummy</u>
1.	AJT	432
2.	KQT	432

In the first example, you lead a low card from dummy. If your right hand opponent ducks, you put in the ten. If this loses to the king or queen, you return to dummy and try another low card to the jack. Whenever your right hand opponent has either the king or the queen, you will win two tricks.

It is even possible to finesse against an ace! In the second example, you lead low planning to play the king from your hand. If you win the trick, you can return to dummy, and lead low again toward the queen. If your right hand opponent has the ace, you have won two tricks. But what if your left hand opponent had the ace? When you lose to the ace, you will subsequently return to the dummy, and lead a low card to your ten. If your right hand opponent has the jack, your finesse will earn you a second trick in the suit.

In the last column, we looked at the following combination:

<u>Your hand</u>	<u>Dummy</u>
AJT	K32

This time you can lead a low card from dummy playing the ten from your hand. If RHO has the queen, you now have your three tricks. Optionally, you could lead the jack from your hand, and play low from the dummy. So which one is right? Let's look at this situation in a full hand.

- ♠ AQJ98
- ♥ AK
- ♦ K62
- ♣ 432

- ♠ KT652
- ♥ 32
- ♦ AJT
- ♣ AK5

You and your favorite partner bid all the way up to six spades. Your opponent leads the queen of hearts. How do you play the hand?

Do you see the finesse situation in the diamond suit? You can play either opponent for the queen of diamonds. So what should you do?

The best way to play this hand is to draw trumps, and cash your heart and club winners. Finally, you exit with the five of clubs. Here are the remaining cards:

- ♠ J98
- ♥ —
- ♦ K62
- ♣ —

- ♠ KT6
- ♥ —
- ♦ AJT
- ♣ —

One of your opponents has just won a club trick, and we don't even care which one. If they lead a diamond for you, you can win three tricks in diamonds without a sweat. Say your left hand opponent leads diamonds. Play low from dummy, and win the trick in your hand with either the jack (if third hand plays low), or the ace if the queen is played. The same thing will occur if the right hand opponent was to play a diamond. Play the jack from hand, and you will always get three tricks.

Finally, if they play any other suit, you can discard a diamond from dummy, and ruff in your hand. Then you can ruff your diamond loser from your hand in the dummy after cashing the king and ace.

In conclusion, the best kind of finesse to take is one that is taken for you. That is, you did not have to guess where the queen of diamonds was. The opponents did it for you.

*This was Vince's last article for us. Thanks, Vince for your contributions! Vince can still be read in his InVINCEable IMP's column in your District 6 TableTALK magazine. Who's next? Many of you already know Sandy Forsythe who with her husband Steve run the Thursday night 0-20 game and the Suit Yourself Bridge Club. Sandy also is a professional writer and we are very lucky to be able to welcome her to this column. —Ed.*



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

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*May/June 2005*

### 1) IMP's None Vulnerable

♠ KQ108765♥A107♦-♣765

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
—	1♦	1♥	2♥
?????			

### 2) Matchpoints None Vulnerable

♠ A2♥7654♦KJ♣JJ10765

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
—	Pass	1♦	Pass
1♥	Pass	1♠	Pass
INT	Pass	2♣	Pass
?????			

### 3) IMP's None Vulnerable

♠ Q876♥76♦-♣A1097654

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
—	1♦	Dbl	2♥*
?????		*Fit 5ht&4dia+	10+HCPs

### 4) IMP's You're Vulnerable

♠ AKQ8765♥A6♦-♣A876

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
—	—	—	3♥
?????			

### 5) Matchpoints None Vulnerable

♠ 108743♥43♦AK64♣84

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
—	2♠	Double	Pass
?????*		*not playing	Lebensohl

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