



Come on out to the  
**60th Annual  
City of Washington Tournament**  
**MARCH 2-5, 2006**

The WBL March Sectional is **jammin' with special events** and **great hospitality** along with a **packed schedule of games** to choose from. *(See page 3 for a complete listing of the games.)*

I/N players, check it out! There's a full schedule of **Intermediate & Novice events** and an **Instant Bridge Player Seminar** on Sunday.

Friday night it's a **Pro-AM event with 2 chances to win!** Friday nights are your chance to try a different form of the game. This tournament will introduce **Bracketed Pairs and computer assigned Board-A-Match Teams**. You and your partner will play in a pair game. The computer will assign you teammates to compare your scores on each board with them (after the whole pair game) as a win (1 point), loss (no points), or tie (half a point). Add up your points to see if your team placed in the team event for extra masterpoints.

Between sessions on Saturday attend the free **Workshop**. At 11:00am and 3:30pm, check out the **3rd Annual Washington Bridge League Trophy Pairs**. Sunday, between sessions, WBL President, Dick Wegman will present this traveling trophy to the winners.

Individual trophies in 3 flights will also go to the **WBL Sectional Cumulative Point Winners** from the **44th Annual Presidential Tournament**.



*(Winners from this tournament will receive their trophies at the next.)*

Did we mention hospitality? Check out the **special March Luau Hospitality** throughout the tournament.

Be on the lookout for **pineapples!**

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Time to Renew**

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**SUGGESTION BOX**

Do you have a suggestion that might help to increase membership or otherwise improve the Washington Bridge League? Give any and all ideas to Don Berman, 301-776-3581, don.berman@verizon.net, 13707 Engleman Dr., Laurel, MD 20708, or www.WashingtonBridgeLeague.org.

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# PRESIDENT'S LETTER

by WBL President, Dick Wegman

At our 75th Anniversary D.C. Championships tournament, which will be held this fall, the Washington Bridge League will recognize one of our members for outstanding sportsmanship. The sportsmanship prize will be named in honor of **Jerry Machlin**, whom many of you will remember as one of the greatest directors the game has ever known. Jerry served as Chief Director for games in the Washington area during the 1950's, 1960's and 1970's, and probably contributed more to the growth of tournament bridge in our area during the three decades following World War II than any other single individual. Jerry also founded the Mid-Atlantic Bridge Conference (the organization that hosts all of the regionals in our area), and he organized and staged matches in which members of Congress competed against corporate

## DUES ARE DUE

If you are a non-member who subscribes to the *WBL Bulletin*, your dues are due. Unless you renew by **March 1, 2006, THIS ISSUE WILL BE YOUR LAST.** Renewals are \$21 for 3 years. Send this form with your check for \$21, made out to **The Washington Bridge League** to:

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901 Cliftonbrook Ln.  
Silver Spring, MD 20905-3711

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leaders and members of the British Parliament. These matches helped to promote the game among the country's political and corporate leadership, and demonstrated the wide appeal of tournament bridge.

The WBL Board has established criteria for the **Machlin Sportsmanship Award**. To be considered, a candidate will need to meet most, if not all, of the following criteria: (1) strong ethical standards and a commitment to active ethics, (2) gracious behavior at the table after good results or bad results, (3) exemplary behavior at all times toward partner and opponents, (4) an ability to get along with multiple partners, and (5) a willingness to help mentor other players in the game.

The selection committee for the Machlin Award will be chaired by Fred King. Other committee members are Winston Edwards, Diane Jaworivsky, Millard Nachtwey, and Barbara Summers. The committee will be issuing a call for nominations later this spring, so please start thinking about players you would like to nominate for the award.

A reminder: our spring sectional will take place March 2nd to March 5th, with Thursday and Friday games as usual at Christ-the-King Church, and Saturday and Sunday events at the Margaret Schweinhaut Center in Silver Spring. The highlight of the tournament will be the 3rd annual running of the **Washington Bridge League Trophy Pairs**. Two years ago, this two-session pairs event was won by **Steve Robinson** and **John Adams**; last year, the winners were **Don** and **Rose Berman**. Please come out and play – it promises to be a great tournament.

Hope to see you soon at the bridge table.  
Dick Wegman



SILVER SPRING, MD: MARCH 2-5, 2006

## 60th Annual City of Washington Tournament

THURSDAY, MARCH 2

- ♣ 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. 1<sup>st</sup> left on Colston. Church is on the left before the next intersection.



WASHINGTON BRIDGE LEAGUE SECTIONAL

Friday—  
at Christ the King Church Only

FRIDAY, MARCH 3

- ♦ StrataFlighted A/X Pairs (unlim/3000) & B/C/D Pairs (1500/1000/500) (single sess.) . . . 10:00am, 2:00pm
- ♥ Bracketed Pairs and computer assigned Board-A-Match Teams . . . . . 7:30pm
- NEW! Pro-AM event: 2 chances to win!** Friday nights are your chance to try a different form of the game. This tournament will introduce Bracketed Pairs and computer assigned Board-A-Match Teams. You and your partner will play in a pair game. The computer will assign you teammates to compare your scores on each board with them (after the whole pair game) as a win (1 point), loss (no points), or tie (half a point). Add up your points to see if your team placed in the team event for extra masterpoints.
- ♠ Intermediate/Novice Pairs (300/200/100/50/20) (single sessions) . . . . . 10:00am, 2:00pm, 7:30pm

♦ **SAT. & SUN. ONLY** at the **Margaret Schweinhaut Senior Center** ♥

1000 Forest Glen Road, Silver Spring, MD: From Beltway exit Georgia Avenue north (toward Wheaton). Turn right at first traffic light onto Forest Glen Rd. The Senior Center is .7 mile on your right.

It's a  
March  
Luau...



Get ready for Spring...

Enjoy Luau Hospitality & the 2:30pm Saturday Workshop!

SATURDAY, MARCH 4

- ♣ **3<sup>rd</sup> Annual: Washington Bridge League Trophy Pairs** . . . . . 11:00am, 3:30pm  
(Two session Open Pairs, qualifying and final. Single session entries available.)
- ♦ StrataFlighted B/C/D Pairs (1500/1000/500) (single sessions) . . . . . 11:00am, 3:30pm
- ♥ StrataFlighted A/X (unlim/3000) . . . . . 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, MARCH 5

- ♠ A/X Swiss Teams, (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 **Friday, Saturday and Sunday** lunch free of charge. Chair: **Nadine Wood**, 301-565-9555, woodthere@comcast.net. Volunteer Coordinator: **Barbara Summers**, 301-598-5838, jimbarb1184@aol.com Hospitality: **Kitty Gottfried**, 301-587-3981, kgottfried@hotmail.com Partnerships: **Barbara Summers**, 301-598-5838, Sectional Partner@DistrictSix.org try the easy **Online Partnership Bulletin Board**: [www.WashingtonBridgeLeague.org](http://www.WashingtonBridgeLeague.org)



NORTHERN VIRGINIA BRIDGE ASSOCIATION  
**SPRING SECTIONAL TOURNAMENT**

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

**THURSDAY, APRIL 27**

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)

**Novice/Intermediate Lecture	6:30 p.m.**
STRATAFLIGHTED PAIRS (A/X=3000+/3000; B/C=2000/750)	7:00 p.m. . . . .7:30 p.m.
NVBA 199ER PAIRS (200/100/50/20); WBL NLM PAIRS (NLM/100/50)	7:00 p.m. . . . .7:30 p.m.
0-5 PAIRS <u>FREE</u>	7:00 p.m.

**...REST OF TOURNAMENT AT KOCH...**

**FRIDAY, APRIL 28**

STRATAFLIGHTED PAIRS (A/X=3000+/3000; B/C=2000/750)	.2 p.m.
299ER PAIRS (300/200/100) and 49ER PAIRS (50/20/5)	. . . . .2 p.m.
STRATIFIED OPEN PAIRS (2000+/2000/750)	. . . . .7:30 p.m.
299ER PAIRS (300/200/100)	. . . . .7:30 p.m.

**SATURDAY, APRIL 29**

STRATIFIED OPEN PAIRS (2000+/2000/750)	. . . . .9:30 a.m.
STRATIFIED SENIOR PAIRS (2000+/2000/750)	. . . . .9:30 a.m.
299ER PAIRS (300/200/100) and 49ER PAIRS (50/20)	. . . . .9:30 a.m.
0-5 PAIRS	. . . . .9:30 a.m.
STRATA-FLIGHTED PAIRS: Flights A/X (3000+/3000)	. . . . .2 p.m.
Flights B/C (2000/750)	. . . . .2 p.m.
299ER PAIRS (300/200/100) and 49ER PAIRS (50/20/5)	. . . . .2 p.m.
STRATIFIED OPEN PAIRS (2000+/2000/750)	. . . . .7:30 p.m.
299ER PAIRS (300/200/100)	. . . . .7:30 p.m.

**SUNDAY, APRIL 30**

**Novice/Intermediate Lecture (Jeff Roman)	. . . . .10:15 a.m.**
FLIGHTS A/X (3000+/3000) & B/C (2000/750) SWISS TEAMS	. . . . .11:00 a.m.
<i>Both flights are 2-session events, with one 30-minute break—box lunch available</i>	
299ER SWISS TEAMS (300/200/100) (Single session)	. . . . .11:00 a.m.
49ER SWISS TEAMS (50/20/5) (Single session)	. . . . .11:00 a.m.
299ER SWISS TEAMS (300/200/100) (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.

**NOTE: ALL VIRGINIA EVENTS ARE AT KOCH**

<b>NVBA (KOCH)</b>	<b>WBL</b>
6:30 p.m.**	
7:00 p.m.	7:30 p.m.
7:00 p.m.	7:30 p.m.
7:00 p.m.	

*Kibbitz the best teams in District 6 in the Semis & Finals of the Championship Flight GNTs between sessions on Sat. & Sun.*

**Mid-Chart Conventions permitted in all Flt A, B, & Open Stratified Events**

*Special Spring treats... including lemon drop candies and cookies, lemon meringue pie, lemonade and pretzels, and lemon danish*

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On-line Partnership "Desk"  
at [www.nvba.org](http://www.nvba.org)

**Next NVBA Sectional:  
September 7-10,  
2006**

**WELCOME TO THE WASHINGTON BRIDGE LEAGUE**

The WBL welcomes the following new ACBL members: **Dr Evelyn M Armstrong, Mrs Marcea C Austin, Kevin M Berard, Darrell N Braman, William H Carpentier, Ms Edna A Clary, Mr David J East, Ms Francoise M Monceaux, Mr Arthur N Pileggi, Ms Marie P Saeger, and Mrs Namiko Suzuki.**

In addition, we welcome the following transfers from other units: **Ann H Alexander, Mrs Phyllis L Berg, Mr Spencer B Berg, Mrs Gloria T Brown, Mr Bill Bryant, Mr Thomas W Conley, Mr Thomas W Howard, Mrs Diane M Jaworivsky, Ms Ruth Newman, Ms Betty P Stotler, and Mrs Lorraine N Tyler.**

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

**CONGRATULATIONS, 2005 FIDELITY AND TRUST ROUND ROBIN WINNERS!**

**Flight A**

- 1 **Fred Steinberg, Alan Tenenbaum, Andy Gofreed, Dave Ruderman, Lyle Poe, Arnie Frankel**
- 2 Bill Cole, Steve Robinson, Peter Boyd, Mark Shaw, Beth Palmer
- 3/4 Millard Nachtwey, Michael Carrood, Tim Crank, Tom Lavender, Terry Lavender
- 3/4 Barry Bragin, Steve Parker, Earl Glickstein, Bob Bell, Linda Maloney
- 5/6 Shuba Dey, Atul Jain, Rajkumar Rajeswaran, Prahalad Rajkumar, Raghavendra Rajkumar
- 5/6 Fred King, Bryan Coleman, Dave Abelow, Dick Wegman Hailong Ao, Weizhong Bao

**Flight X**

- 1 **Mike Richey, Ron Zucker, Larry Kahn, John Edmonds**
- 2 Carole Banks, Michelle Cantave, Jim Geist, Angeliki Magklara, Jason

Rosenfeld, Shlomit Rind

- 3/4 Michael Chelst, Ellen Klosson, Ellen Cherniavsky, Tom Musso, Brad Theurer
- 3/4 Shuba Dey, Atul Jain, Rajkumar Rajeswaran, Prahalad Rajkumar, Raghavendra Rajkumar

**Flight B**

- 1 **Dan Koch, Bill Kingery, Prem Garg, Shyam Giridhardas, Steven Schatzow**
- 2 Carole Banks, Michelle Cantave, Jim Geist, Angeliki Magklara, Jason Rosenfeld, Shlomit Rind
- 3 Jonathan Siegel, Malcolm Stewart, Albert Lauber, Steven Fox

**Flight C**

- 1 **Dan Koch, Bill Kingery, Prem Garg, Shyam Giridhardas, Steven Schatzow**
- 2 Neal Rosenthal, Ellen Rosenthal, John Mattioli, Richard Levin, Kathy Litvak, Marc Weiner
- 3 Jonathan Siegel, Malcolm Stewart, Albert Lauber, Steven Fox

**OUR CONDOLENCES**

Our regrets go to Richard Ferrin for the loss of his mother after a long illness. Richard serves as Secretary of the WBL.

**SAD NEWS**

We are sad to say that Charles Pan, long time WBL member, passed away at the age of 91 on Sunday, January 22, 2006.

**MORE SAD NEWS**

We regret to say that on Thursday, November 10, 2005, Madeleine (Madge) M. Gallant, long time WBL member, passed away. She most recently was partnership chairman at the unit game. Besides her love of bridge, Madge loved dogs, particularly labs and golden retrievers, classical piano music, and being a wife, mother, and grandmother. She was a devout Catholic and went to early Mass to be free to help with tournaments during the day.

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Just Announced!

The third annual District 6 Bridge Cruise lead by  
Steve Robinson

10 days aboard Holland America's  
ms Ryndam

Departs San Diego, California on  
February 21, 2007 - returns on March 2, 2007

Itinerary includes: Puerto Vallarta, Mazatlan, Topolobampo (for Copper Canyon), Loreto, LaPaz, and Cabo San Lucas.

Prices start at just \$1196 per person, double occupancy, inside cabin, and \$ 1456 per person, double occupancy, ocean view, including all taxes & fees.\*

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## WBL SOLVERS' CLUB

Moderated by Steve Robinson  
robinswr@erols.com

Congratulations to **Mike Deverin** and **Brad Theurer** who tied for first with a score of 490. They win a free entry to the Unit Game and will be invited to be on a future panel. Tied for third were **Fred Wagner** and **Kathy Rabenstein** with a score of 480. Tied for fifth were **Wes Goldberg**, **Joana Silva**, **Dolores Daringer**, **John Sommer**, **Jerry Joyce**, **Atam Lalchandani**, **JW McCarty** and **Don Berman** with a score of 470. Tied for thirteenth were **Marshall Kramer**, **Bill Fountain**, **Mark Shimshak**, **Kieran Dyke**, **Ellen Cherniavsky**, **Jay Weinstein**, **Leo Cardillo**, **Bridge Baron**, **Neal McKinney** and **Mohamed Abdullah** with a score of 460. Tied for twenty-third were **Marvin Elster**, **Mark Shaw**, **Rick McDaniel**, **Victor Cohen**, **Neal Walters**, **Robert Stone**, **Donia Steele**, **Zoran Santek** and **Ken Kaufman** with a score of 450. Tied for thirty-second were **Hal Hindman**, **Richard Ferrin**, **Gloria Halstead**, **Mark McEearney**, **Lee Bauer**, **Nancy Bauer**, **Donna Rogall**, **Michael Pearlman**, **Alice Miller**, **Mark Chen**, **Art Hayes** and **Ted Wilkinson** with a score of 440. The average score of the 222 solvers was 386. The average score of the experts was 416.

All readers are encouraged to send answers and/or new problems to Steve Robinson, 2891 S. Abingdon St. #A2 Arlington, VA, 22206-1329. 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, I 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). You can also see and answer the problems at the WBL web site. WBL Solvers Club uses *Washington Standard* as published July 1996.

I personally score all the problems. If a majority of the solvers vote for an answer, and the answer is reasonable I will give that answer 100 points. I will not give 100 points to an answer that I consider bad no matter how many experts vote for it. There are times when I want to make a point. I will give that answer 100 points and will therefore give the majority

answer 90 points. For the other answers I consider how good the answer is and how many experts vote for it for its score. If you submitted an answer that got 20 points, that bid would get a bad score at the table. A good exercise would be to figure out why I gave your answer 20 points. You might have misread the problem.

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, at tournaments or can send him a check for \$29.05 that includes \$4.05 for priority mail.

### 1) IMPs None Vulnerable

♠ AQJ6♥ A3♦ J86♣ AQ54

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
1♣	4♦	DBL*	PASS
????		*NEGATIVE	PASS

Action	Score	Votes	Solvers
4♠	100	3	91
Pass	80	2	14
5♠ #	70	1	69
5NT	50	1	1
5♠ *	50	7	0
5♦	40	0	17
4NT	40	0	6
6♠	20	0	19
4♥	20	0	1
5♣	20	0	1
6NT	20	0	1

#invitational

\*asking for second round diamond control

This problem brings up two points. First point. What does the double of 4♦ show? I said negative so you wouldn't think it was a penalty double. Partner opens 1♣, RHO bids 4♦ and you have ♠ Kxx♥ KQxx♦ Kx♣ xxxx, ♠ Kx♥ Qxxxx♦ Kx♣ KJxx, ♠ AQxx♥ Kxxx♦ x♣ Jxxx or ♠ AQx♥ KQxx♦ xxx♣ KJx. In other words, a balanced opening bid. If you pass it could go all pass. What choice do you have? You must double. High-level doubles show strength and don't promise any specific distribution. If you have a balanced opening bid, your only choice is to double. Second point. What do various bids by opener mean after the double of 4♦? If you have a four-card major with 11 - 15 HCPs you bid

four-of-your major. Suppose you have a better hand for instance ♠AJxx♥Axx♦x♣AQJxx. You open 1♠, LHO jumps to 4♦ and partner says "I double and I have four spades with at least ten HCPs" (Obviously this table-talk could never happen). Since you have a fit, a jump to 5♠ shows more than 15 points. You jump to 5♠ asking partner to bid a slam if he has extra values. Some players think that 5♠ asks for a diamond control. There are very few hands that you could hold where the only possibly thing you need for slam is a diamond control? In order for the five-spade bidder to know that slam would be safe opposite a diamond control, he would have to have ♠AKQx♥AK♦xx♣AKQxx. On the problem hand, you can't guarantee that you can make 5♠ opposite a minimum card-showing double such as ♠Kxxx♥AQx♦Kx♣Jxxx.

Plus score is the name of the game at IMPs. If I get +300 against 4♦ doubled with no one vulnerable, I am a happy bridge player. One expert agrees with me and takes a plus score. While Jxx of diamonds is not a trump stack, you have three diamonds that the opponents don't have.

**Landen:** "Pass—And hope we're not cold for slam in spades. I don't fancy making a slam try and stopping at the five level when partner can't cooperate. 4♦ doubled should yield about the same as game making. If I bid 5♠ asking for diamond control and partner accepted with ♠K9xx♥KJxxx♦x♣Kxx I wouldn't be all that happy in 6♠ and partner would have a nice dummy from his point of view."

Three experts attempt to take a plus score in spades. When LHO has seven or eight diamonds, the black suits are not going to split well. The Jxx of diamonds is a yellow flag saying caution. It pays to be conservative since partner does not promise four spades.

**Hopkins:** "4♠ —I am going to go quietly. Any time partner has a minimum ♠Kxxx♥KQJx♦x♣Jxxx, I want to settle for game. Even with a slightly better hand say ♠Kxxx♥KQJx♦x♣Kxxx, slam is not assured since I will have to guess what to do on a diamond lead and continuation and will probably need spades to split 3-2. I need to be able to ask two questions: Do you have extras with spades as trumps? By the way, are we off the first two diamond tricks? This is hard to do. Vulnerable (i.e., more reward for my risk), I might consider a 5♦ -cuebid followed by a conversion to 5♠ and hope partner gets the right message."

**Wooldridge:** "4♠ —Unless a catch a

void in diamonds or a stiff diamond with five clubs and a spade fit, 6♠ is likely to prove difficult due to uppercutting possibilities on two rounds of diamonds, and likely bad breaks in the blacks. I might need as much as ♠KTxx♥KQ—♦x♣KJ—. If partner corrects to 5♣ over 4♠, I can think about bidding 6♣, since the nine-card club fit makes slam prospects much greater."

**Adams:** "4♠ —I usually play this double as card showing rather than negative, but I still bet partner has four spades. We probably have the cards for slam, but bad splits could be a real problem...harder to get ruffs when you have to pull four rounds of trump and dummy can be overruffed (partner and LHO both short in diamonds). Pass is my second choice, again preferring the sure plus to some slam adventure based on perfect cards."

One expert bids 5♠ asking partner to bid a slam with extras. Why does partner have to have four spades?

**Woolsey:** "5♠ —If I bid 4♠, there is a danger of missing a laydown slam when partner has a good hand but not good enough to make a move on his own. If I bid 5♠, there is a danger of being to high if partner has a minimal negative double and we get some bad splits. The cost of each of these is the same. I believe that the danger of missing a good slam is greater than the danger of being too high at the five-level. There are no special inferences involved with this 5♠ -call — it simply asks partner to bid a slam if he thinks we can make it."

One expert forces to slam. Gambling that the opponents can't take the first two diamond tricks.

**Roman:** "5NT—If there was a way for me to command partner to bid a slam with a diamond control I'd choose that. Since there isn't, (5♠, for example, just shows extra values...more than a 4♠ bid) and looking at three aces means I can't expect partner to cooperate with me if I just invite, I make my best guess, which is that we have a slam, and ask partner to pick one. I will pass 6♣ and bid 6♠ over 6♦ or 6♥."

Seven experts bid 5♠ asking for second round diamond control. There are some five-level bids, which ask for second-round control. This is not one of them. Direct jumps to five-of-a-major show extra strength. Bidding 5♠ asking for a diamond control deserves only 50 points.

**Cappelletti:** "5♠ —Yes I know - you only put this in as a test to see if you could attain

unanimity on any bidding problem. And this is clearly a textbook example."

**Miller:** "5♠ —What else? You have to try for slam. Sure, partner may have been under pressure and doubled with ♠K♥KQxxx♦xx♣KJxxx, or he may have ten fourth of spades with diamonds 8311 around the table and the second round will be overruffed. But the vast majority of hands he will hold will produce a slam. This try does three things: 1) keeps us out opposite two small diamonds, 2) allows us to get to clubs when that is right, 3) allows partner to cue 6? with a void and full double, getting us to an easy grand."

**King:** "5♠ —Partner must have at least three Kings to double at this level. The only question is if we have at least second round control of Diamonds."

**Schwartz:** "5♠ —Too good for 4♠ as slam is likely opposite an opening bid and a stiff diamond. Second choice is pass."

**Steele:** "5♠ —I considered Pass, but for what? Plus 100? Plus 300? If partner doesn't have two quick losers in diamonds, does have some shape or extras, and shares my optimism, 6 or more spades should be a fine spot."

**Parker:** "5♠ —I know that things may break badly and the five-level belongs to the opponents, but in today's preemptive world you can't be let them steal. 5♠ asks for second round diamond control. We should make a slam opposite three Kings, ♠Kxxx♥Kxxx♦x♣Kxxx. Any spare Queens will make it laydown. 6NT may be the best spot if he has a Diamond Ace or King and a good hand."

**Lublin:** "5♠ —Asks for a diamond control." Jumping to five-of-a-major is quantitative unless you've had a chance to cuebid. Be conservative in preemptive auctions.

## 2) IMPs None Vulnerable

♠ KQ2♥ 43♦ AK3♣ 65432

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
????*	*2club GF	1♦	Pass
Action	Score	Votes	Solvers
2♦	100	5	22
2♣	90	7	97
1♠	50	1	21
2NT	50	1	51
1NT	30	0	12
3NT	30	0	9
3♦	20	0	3
5♦	20	0	1
Pass	20	0	2
3♣	20	0	2

You have been dealt a hand that you

would open. But is it strong enough to insist on game opposite partner's opening bid? If partner does not have strong hearts, you will need extra values to make game. Give partner ♠AJx♥Jx♦QJxxx♣KJx, you can't make 2NT and on bad days could go down in three-of-either-minor. The crux of this hand is — do you want to force to game. If yes, then respond 2♣. If no, then don't force to game.

Half of the experts do not force to game. Five experts bid 2♦, which is forcing to only 3♦. Give opener ♠Axx♥Axx♦QJxx♣QJx, which is a 14-count and 3♦ or 2NT is the limit of the hand.

**Woolsey:** "2♦ —Only short one diamond, and that isn't likely to matter. If partner bids 2♠ we could still get to a 4-3 spade fit, and I want the notrump played from his side. This is the only sensible way I have to construct an invitational sequence."

**Miller:** "2♦ —I do not want to force to game, nor do I want to be declarer at 3NT. I wouldn't bid 2♣ with a four-card suit, so why should I with this one? If partner rebids 3♦ I will pass; this could be the kind of hand where we have nine tricks in notrump after the opponents take the first five or six. If we were vulnerable I would have a tougher decision."

**Schwartz:** "2♦ —Partner will never be able to evaluate if I bid 2♣."

**Wooldridge:** "2♦ —2♣ game forcing isn't much of a stretch, and isn't a bad choice. I'm choosing 2♦ instead despite no assurance of a diamond fit so that it'll be easier to stop in a partscore if partner can't stop hearts. This hand is a good fitter, but not a hand that wants to play in five-of-a-minor if 3NT proves unbidable. Also, my clubs are headed to the six which will be difficult for partner to envision if I start with 2♣."

Seven experts force to game. Lowest they can stop is four-of-a-minor.

**Cappelletti:** "2♣ —My honors are grouped together - a plus. Might even make a game opposite the right eleven."

You will make game if partner has eleven with club shortness. He won't know that club shortness is good opposite a club two-of-one.

**Landen:** "2♣ —A slight overbid (what's new) justified because it facilitates bidding the right game contract."

**Steele:** "2♣ —My club suit is too cruddy, but my bid lets the auction develop in all kinds of constructive ways: I'm prepared to rebid opposite partner's 2♦ (3♦), 2♥ (2♠), 2♠ (3♦). We're most likely heading for 3NT, which should play from his side, to protect his round suits. Or we could be heading for a minor suit

slam. Let's hear another call from partner and hope he hasn't opened really light."

**Parker:** "2♣—With such a good Diamond fit I am willing to force to game. Partner should be the first to bid notrump with a heart stopper. If he bids 2♥ I will bid 2♠ to have him bid notrump first."

**Lublin:** "2♣—I bid 2♣ and get partner to bid notrump first to protect the hearts."

**King:** "2♣—2NT would wrong side the contract."

**Adams:** "2♣—A mild overbid playing with Robinson (who only needs 11 HCP to open), but I would rather be dummy in a notrump contract. 2♦ promises four, and I would rather lie about one point than about a trump for partner. Note that 2♥ showing a three-way bid might work if you play it (see Robinson's chapter on advanced bidding in the "Blue" version of his book). I dislike 2♥ this time as they might get in a lead director, or if not, I might still end up as declarer if partner relays."

One expert shows his point count but probably gets notrump played from the wrong side.

**Hopkins:** "2NT—I am balanced with fitting cards in my partner's opening suit. With an unbalanced hand, partner should now feel free to show another suit(s) to suggest alternative games."

One expert makes an interesting bid. If partner has four spades, 4♠ will probably be a good contract. Its will be very difficult to defend 4♠ when they don't know that you have only three spades.

**Roman:** "1♠—I don't bid many three-card suits, but this sure looks like the time for one. I'll raise 1NT to 2NT, bid 3♣ over 2♦, 3♦ over 2♠, and 2♥ (4th suit) over 2♣."

If your longest suit is very weak, you should devalue some of your strength.

### 3) IMPs None Vulnerable

♠ KT6♥ 52♦ AKJ7♣ AKT4

<u>SOUTH</u>	<u>WEST</u>	<u>NORTH</u>	<u>EAST</u>
1♦	Pass	1♠	Pass
?????			
<u>Action</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Votes</u>	<u>Solvers</u>
2NT	100	7	47
3♣	80	4	97
2♣	70	1	55
3♠	60	2	10
2♥	40	0	2
2♠	30	0	3
4♠	30	0	5
3NT	20	0	1

How do you show a balanced hand with 18-19 HCPs? You open one-of-a-suit and jump to 2NT. If you made your diamonds AK107, giving you 17 HCPs, you would open 1NT. If you made the spades KQ6 giving you 20 HCPs, you would open 2NT. Two little hearts would not stop you from opening either 1NT or 2NT. The only way to show this hand is to jump to 2NT. Heart stopper? Not as if hearts have to be led. Sometimes it's RHO who has the hearts. Sometimes hearts are 4-4.

Six experts agree with me and show the balanced 18-19.

**Roman:** "2NT—It was wise of us that during system design we set aside a bid for opener to show 18-19 balanced with fewer than four of responder's major. Very shrewd indeed."

**Landen:** "2NT—I wish I had a heart stopper but any other bid opens up a can of worms. At least 2NT conveys a good description of my hand: balanced 18-19."

**Steele:** "2NT—Too strong for 2♠, and I can't bid 3♠ with only three pieces, even nice ones. 2NT is right on values; the heart holding is worrisome, but I've got to bid something. Bidding 2♣ is tempting, but the hand is too balanced. 2♣ should suggest 5-4 in the minors, and even if the bid let partner protect a heart holding, why shout at the opponents to lead a heart?"

**Hopkins:** "2NT—18/19 balanced and hope partner uses whatever mechanism to show a five-card Spade suit otherwise our Heart stopper is at most partner's honors in a three-card suit."

**King:** "2NT—The most descriptive bid for this hand, even if it might wrong side the contract."

**Adams:** "2NT—I would psych 2♥ if partner were a passed hand, as that rates to improve game chances. Unfortunately, slam is possible still, so I need to describe hand accurately. It is tempting to distort shape to play 4-3 spade fit, but partner will be playing it."

Seven experts show an unbalanced hand. One expert bids a non-forcing 2♣. When you open 1♦ and rebid 2♣, you show at least nine cards in the minors. You could have four diamonds and five clubs.

**Woolsey:** "2♣—Wish it were Cole, but I have to make do with what I am playing. I don't like bidding 2NT with a worthless doubleton heart, since if partner has four spades that means he has fewer than four hearts. If partner passes 2♣ maybe we don't have a

game, and if he bids anything I can then support spades showing extras since I didn't raise immediately."

Four experts jump to 3♣. Not only is it important for you to tell partner your point count, you have to describe your distribution. Opening 1♦ and jumping to 3♣ shows at least nine cards in the minors. This bidding sequence guarantees at least five diamonds. If partner has an opening bid with three-card diamond support, he will head towards 6♦. Similar, opening 1♠ and then reversing into 2♦ shows at least five clubs, at least 15 HCPs and says that your clubs are longer than your diamonds. You can't open 1♣ and bid 2♦ with 4-4 in the minors.

Playing Cole you can show a three-card strong raise.

**Cappelletti:** "3♣—Then support spades. Too good for a mere 3♠-jump."

**Parker:** "3♣—Too risky to bid 2♣ with so many primes and hear it go all pass. If he bids 3NT I pass, if he bids 3♦ I have an easy 3♠ bid. I would open 1♣ so I can reverse with this hand and still be at the two level, then there are no rebidding problems."

**Lublin:** "3♣—Bid 3♣ and support spades unless partner bids 3NT."

**Miller:** "3♣—As in problem two, I would rather not be declarer at 3NT, and when I follow up with 3♠ over 3♦ (or 4♠ over 4♣), partner should have enough information to know what to do. I'm not particularly concerned about telegraphing the defense; LHO always finds a heart lead against 3NT when I rebid 2NT initially, and on this choice I will be the dummy 90% of the time. Edgar Kaplan would be smiling as he bids 2♣ forcing."

Two experts jump in spades. Jumping to 3♠ shows four spades. Partner will not look for another strain when you bid 3♠. Give partner ♠ xxx♥ AKx♦ xx♣ Qxxx and you will be playing in 4♠. Give him more and you'll be in five or six spades in a 4-3 fit.

**Schwartz:** "3♠—If partner doesn't have five spades then he doesn't have four hearts and a heart lead might make notrump uncomfortable. Just too good for 2♣."

Just because partner has fewer than four hearts doesn't mean he doesn't have a heart stopper.

**Worldridge:** "3♠—I hate jump raising on three cards, but it looks like the best option here. 2♣ has a huge downside if partner passes with a 5413 pattern. 3♣ is an

overbid, since I'm not assured of game yet, but is probably my second choice since it may be the right strain for slam (and could be unfindable after a 3♠ jump). I'm not too worried about confusing partner about spades versus notrump, since I have two small hearts, and he has at most three if he doesn't fit spades."

It's important to show your distribution as well as your point count.

### 4) Matchpoints None Vulnerable

♠ A2♥ Q7652♦ Q2♣ A654

<u>SOUTH</u>	<u>WEST</u>	<u>NORTH</u>	<u>EAST</u>
1♥	3♣	Dbl	Pass
?????			
<u>Action</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Votes</u>	<u>Solvers</u>
Pass	100	11	136
3NT	50	2	59
3♦	30	1	4
3♥	30	0	17
4♣	20	0	2
4♥	20	0	1
3♠	20	0	1

A problem with an easy answer. Partner has made a negative double and you have no clear bid. Why not pass and hope 3♣ doubled is your best spot? On bad days they could make overtricks, with partner having ♠ QJxxx♥ xx♦ KJ10xxx♣ -. On good days they could go for a large number with partner having ♠ KQJx♥ AJ♦ KJ10xx♣ Qx.

Ten experts agree with me and reluctantly pass the double. Unless partner has a good hand, this will probably make.

**Landen:** "Pass—I can't imagine another call with this hand."

I can imagine 3NT. If partner has a long diamond suit, both 3NT and 3♣ could be making.

**Woolsey:** "Pass—What else can I do? Maybe West has one of my preempts. If they make it, too bad."

Good philosophy. Go on to the next hand when they make a doubled contract.

This is matchpoints and if they don't make doubled contracts once in a while, you're not doubling enough.

**Steele:** "Pass—Its matchpoints. 3NT could be right. I'm guessing."

**Parker:** "Pass—Sometimes I get punished for opening such trash, this may be one of them. We should be able to get five tricks on defense and maybe that many on offense. Partner should be short in hearts and my fillers in spades and diamonds will help produce defensive tricks."

The bad news is that partner is going to lead a heart. Partner's heart lead is not going to help the defense.

**Lublin:** "Pass—And play for the one trick set."

**King:** "Pass—I don't think I have enough to bid 3NT, so let's try for our best plus score here."

**Miller:** "Pass—If ever there was a hand to tempt you to ignore the Law, this is it — poor club spots, and partner's probable heart lead perhaps costing a trick. Resist! Partner's most likely distribution is 4252 and nobody has an eight-card fit. Even in the extreme case where he is 4261, both sides have only eight-card fits, and you can't sensibly bid 3♦. It's far more likely than not that whoever plays this hand will go down. If partner is doubling with a club void and eleven pointed cards you need to have a talk."

I don't have a problem with partner doubling with a void in clubs.

**Schwartz:** "Pass—Easy Law bid."

**Roman:** "Pass—I like my chances of taking five+ tricks on defense more than my chances of surviving any bid I might make."

**Wooldridge:** "Pass—Unless partner has six diamonds, I think we're going to be hard pressed to find tricks in 3NT. My hand is awful for offense, but not bad for defense. This could easily be -100 for bidding and +300 for defending."

Three experts pull. Maybe 3NT going down will do better than 3♣-doubled making. Luckily, since 3♣ is random, East might not be able to double.

**Hopkins:** "3NT—I expect partner to be something like 4-2-6-1 so I am going to try for nine tricks using his suits and my Club and Heart (?) stoppers."

**Adams:** "3NT—Maybe I will not get doubled, maybe partner has enough for this to make. If we can't make 3NT, hard to see how we are beating 3♣. If partner has a lot of distribution, I have a partial fit."

One expert bids 3♦. There is no reason why partner can't be 5242.

**Cappelletti:** "3♦—Clearly no good bid - this is probably least of evils."

Passing a negative double might be least of all evils.

### 5) IMPs None Vulnerable

♠ 52♥ -♦ AK10876♣ Q9654

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
		1♣	Pass

?????\*

\*Strong jump shifts, inverted minors

Action	Score	Votes	Solvers
2♣	100	5	50
1♦	90	6	104
3♥	70	2	19
2♦	50	1	35
5♣	40	0	5
4NT	30	0	1
2♥	20	0	2
3♦	20	0	2
3♣	20	0	1
4♣	20	0	1

It's important in constructive auctions to set trumps as soon as possible. 2♣, the Inverted Minor sets clubs as trumps. After 2♣ you will end up playing in either clubs or notrump. Rarely, you could end up playing in a 4-3 major-suit fit. Four experts agree with me and show direct club support.

**Cappelletti:** "2♣—Get off to a good start by announcing good club fit. You need partner to show you some good cards before you can get too excited about this hand."

**Steele:** "2♣—I'm light, but it's too good a playing hand to bid 3♣. A heart splinter could work, but I don't like my spade doubleton, and I don't like taking up so much bidding room when I've got so much hand to finish describing. A splinter works only if partner has good clubs, has the spades covered, and has something in diamonds; that's too much to ask. I suppose 1♦ could work, but for what? Do I really want to be trying to get to 3NT?"

**Parker:** "2♣—Set trump and then bid Exclusion Blackwood with hearts. If we don't play that then I should be able to manipulate an auction that ends up asking for spade control. All he needs is Ace of spades and AK clubs for a grand."

**Lublin:** "2♣—I make an inverted minor raise, cuebid diamonds and hearts and make a slam try."

Two experts bid 3♥, which is a splinter. Shows club support, game-forcing values and shortness in hearts. Splinter has two flaws. Having a void is one flaw and having no strength in one of the unbid suits is another flaw. I used to play 3♥ as a splinter but am now playing it as preemptive. But the splinter sets clubs as trumps, which is what seven out of the fourteen experts did.

**Wooldridge:** "3♥—If I knew it was just me and my partner bidding, I'd start with 1♦, but I'm afraid that if I do that the opponents will bid up to four-of-a-major before I get to bid again and before I know enough about partner's hand to judge level. I'm

going to gamble that clubs is a good enough strain to play equally to diamonds by raising directly with a splinter. The advantage to this approach is that I get three very important messages across in one-bid—short hearts, club fit, slam interest."

**Woolsey:** "3♥—This is as good a description as anything else. Partner will like cards outside of hearts, which is what I want. Also, this makes it more difficult for the opponents to get into the auction."

Six experts respond 1♦. Steve Landen says what could be simpler. I say what can end up more complex. If the opponents don't interfere it could go 1♣ - 1♦ - 1NT. The only forcing bids over 1NT are two-of-either-major: I can just see the auction go 1♣ - 1♦ - 1NT - 2♥ (create a force) - 3♥. Now you have to support clubs at the four-level. Suppose the auction goes 1♣ - 1♦ - 1♠. Now you have to bid 2♥ to force. This doesn't take into account major-suit bids from the opponents. Supposed it goes 1♣ - Pass - 1♦ - 4♥ and partner doubles. Is he doubling with ♠ Ax♥ AJxx♦ x♣ AKxxx or ♠ AQxx♥ KJxx♦ xx♣ Kxx. If we bid 2♣, then we could respect partner's double of 4♥, since he wouldn't double with the first example. Or what do you bid after 1♣ - 1♦ - 1♥ - Pass - 3♥? After that the auction will get very complex.

**Landen:** "1♦—What could be simpler? Surely even a small person would bid diamonds before raising clubs, wouldn't he?"

**Hopkins:** "1♦—I am going to go slowly and try to determine my partner's type of hand, particularly if there is Diamond support or a real Club suit over there."

If you bid 2♣ and then 3♦ you will find out what partner has. If he bids 2NT and then 3NT, he probably has the majors well stopped.

**Miller:** "1♦—First of all, I rule out a strong jump shift on the grounds I cannot guarantee partner that they cannot make a slam. That said, why should I preempt? This could very well be our hand, and I do not know what our best strain is. By bidding 1♦ now and rebidding 5♣ when the likely four-of-a-major bid comes back around to me, I will have described my hand well and partner should have a good basis to make an intelligent decision."

**Schwartz:** "1♦—Partner will have a much better idea what to do than just bashing."

**Roman:** "1♦—This hand isn't a strong jump shift, despite it's powerful trick-taking potential. Also, 2♦ isn't the tactical weapon it appears to be. If I was to start with 2♦ and it went (for example) 4♥ - x - pass back to me, my 5♣ bid would be forcing. 2♣ is out, as partner will never get a picture of my hand."

**Adams:** "1♦—Not quite good enough for a 2♦-Soloway jump shift. Two suiter and can be weaker than normal, but nine HCPs, five losers is too weak. Diamonds too much better than clubs to bid inverted."

One expert tries a strong jump shift. When you make a strong jump shift, you should at least be able to beat a slam.

**King:** "2♦—I only have five losers, so without a lot of high card points I should jump shift."

Set trumps ASAP.

### SOLVERS' SCORES

John Adams	4♣	2♣	2NT	3NT	1♦	430
Mike Cappelletti	5♣	2♣	3♣	3♦	2♣	350
Robbie Hopkins	4♣	2NT	2NT	3NT	1♦	390
Steve Landen	Pass	2♣	2NT	Pass	1♦	460
Glenn Lublin	5♣	2♣	3♣	Pass	2♣	420
Fred King	5♣	2♣	2NT	Pass	2♦	390
John Miller	5♣	2♦	3♣	Pass	1♦	420
Steve Parker	5♣	2♣	3♣	Pass	2♣	420
Steve Robinson	Pass	2♦	2NT	Pass	2♣	480
Jeff Roman	5NT	1♠	2NT	Pass	1♦	390
Alan Schwartz	5♣	2♦	3♣	Pass	1♦	400
Mark Steele	5♣	2♣	2NT	Pass	2♣	440
Joel Wooldridge	4♣	2♦	3♣	Pass	3♥	430
Kit Woolsey	5♣	2♦	2♣	Pass	3♥	410



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

This list is final for 2005. All points are subject to audit by the WBL Director. **Congratulations to the 2005 Winners!** (Their pictures appear on p. 23.)

**Lovenberg**

- 1 196.75 Steve Robinson
- 2 168.56 David Ruderman
- 3 160.39 William Cole
- 4 159.12 Alfred Steinberg
- 5 150.27 John Adams
- 6 135.99 Mark Shaw
- 7 119.05 James Geist
- 8 99.98 Robert Bell
- 9 98.01 Peter Boyd
- 10 95.74 Benjamin Brill
- 11 88.27 Earl Glickstein
- 12 88.21 William Hacker
- 13 88.20 Diane Walker
- 14 87.63 Michael Gill
- 15 84.46 Ellen Cherniavsky
- 16 80.35 Lloyd Rawley
- 17 80.17 Noble Shore
- 18 75.34 Richard Wegman
- 19 74.40 Arnie Frankel
- 20 69.70 Ellen Klosson
- 21 66.88 Mark Rosen
- 22 65.93 Clyde Kruskal
- 23 65.04 Hailong Ao
- 24 63.39 Leon Letwin
- 25 62.78 Eugene Fisher

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- 1 119.05 James Geist
- 2 88.21 William Hacker
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- 8 62.78 Eugene Fisher
- 9 62.13 Jason Rosenfeld
- 10 60.21 Robert Ellis
- 11 58.18 Ronald Zucker
- 12 57.56 Charity Sack
- 13 50.88 Barry Bragin
- 14 43.10 Bill Gainer
- 15 40.72 Jason Meyer

**Tubbs**

- 1 62.13 Jason Rosenfeld
- 2 40.28 Mirsad Mujezinovic
- 3 38.76 Ellen Rosenthal
- 4 36.17 Neal Rosenthal
- 5 35.93 Steven Schatzow
- 6 34.17 Katherine Rabenstein
- 7 33.98 William Kingery Jr
- 8 31.37 Herbert Behre III
- 9 30.14 Prem Garg
- 10 30.10 Hadi Abushakra

**Woolridge**

- 1 19.03 Joan Steinbach
- 2 15.93 Brian Julius
- 3 7.57 Ronnie Sweed
- 4 7.57 Norman Sweed
- 5 5.15 Michael Watts
- 6 5.09 William Goldman
- 7 4.87 Susan Rosenau
- 8 4.31 Christopher Miller
- 9 3.85 Roger Williamson
- 10 3.70 Ruby Brooks

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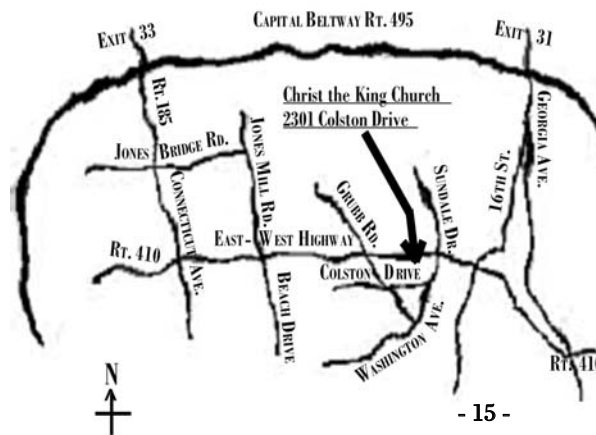
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- 03/02/2006 .....WBL Sectional
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- 03/23/2006 .....StrataFlighted Upgraded Club Championship
- 03/30/2006 .....Stratiflighted Junior fund
- 04/06/2006 .....StrataFlighted Unit Championship
- 04/13/2006 .....CLOSED
- 04/20/2006 .....StrataFlighted Club Championship
- 04/27/2006 .....NVBA Sectional
- 05/04/2006 .....StrataFlighted Unit Championship
- 05/11/2006 .....StrataFlighted Charity Annual Meeting
- 05/18/2006 .....StrataFlighted Membership
- 05/25/2006 .....StrataFlighted Unit Championship
- 06/01/2006 .....Stratified NAP
- 06/08/2006 .....StrataFlighted Unit Championship
- 06/15/2006 .....STAC StrataFlighted Swiss Teams

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The Washington Bridge League could use a little of either! In order to keep events exciting and entry fees low, the WBL relies on the goodness of our members to volunteer for small jobs at the Unit Game and Sectional Tournaments. Some jobs require brains while others require muscle. We'll be happy to employ either.

From setting up and breaking down tables, to publicity and events development, a little effort from you will make our bridge community even better. Busy schedule? No worries. Most volunteer assignments take only 15 minutes to 1 hour a month.

**Here's how to help:**

1. Reply by email, phone or in person if you are willing to help in any way.
2. Please indicate if you can offer any special skills (such as marketing or a strong back).
3. Someone will contact you shortly with a choice of assignments you can pick from.

**BONUS** – You will be invited to the summer Volunteer Gathering and BBQ Party.

Thank you in advance for any assistance you can provide.

**Barbara Summers**, Volunteer Coordinator, 301-598-5838, [jimbarb1184@aol.com](mailto:jimbarb1184@aol.com),

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**COMITTEE ACTION #51**

by *Rich Colker*, rcolker@worldnet.att.net

The following situation came up in the Transnational Open Teams at the World Championships last November in Estoril, Portugal. It illustrates an important point about Unauthorized Information and how a player who possesses such information from his partner should behave in those situations.

You are South and pick up ♠ — ♥9632 ♦9632 ♣AKQ54. You pass as dealer and LHO, your screenmate (all World Bridge Federation events are played behind screens), opens 4♠. The tray disappears under the screen and returns shortly with two passes. It's up to you. What you would do?

The player who held this hand thought a double was "automatic," but it took a minute or so for the tray to return from the other side of the screen (North and East were screenmates). He attributed the hesitation to his partner and passed, reasoning that partner's hesitation indicated either values with nothing convenient to bid or a hand that was close to a penalty double of 4♠; in either case making a double with his hand more attractive, less likely to lose.

The full deal turned out to be:

Dlr: South  
Vul: N/S

♠ A10	♠ K7
♥ Q1085	♥ AKJ4
♦ KQ75	♦ AJ10
♣ J62	♣ 10873
♠ QJ9865432	♠ —
♥ 7	♥ 9632
♦ 84	♦ 9632
♣ 9	♣ AKQ54

Can you figure out which player, North or East, was responsible for the delay? The North hand may justify a double of 1♠ (some might even double 2♠!), but it's clearly not good enough to double 4♠. On

the other hand, East might easily have been tempted to act over 4♠ with his hand. After all, if West has as little as ♠AQxxxxx ♥Qx ♦xx ♣x for his 4♠ bid, 6♣ is cold. In fact, even if you reverse the two red-suit holdings slam only requires guessing which red-suit finesse works.

As it turns out, North passed 4♠ in tempo while East thought for a while before passing his partner's 4♠. Had South balanced with his "automatic" double the final contract would have been 4♠ doubled or redoubled making five (-990 and -1480, respectively), or five of a minor doubled by N/S (-1100). So South's pass worked out well when his side ended up minus only 650.

South later decided to see what other top experts would have done when 4♠ was passed back around to them. One thought it was automatic to double. Another thought a double looked sensible but far from automatic. A third thought a double was about a 60% action. Given this diversity of opinion about balancing over 4♠, had South been correct about North being the one responsible for the hesitation, a Director or Appeals Committee would likely have adjusted the score had South doubled and had it worked out well for his side. (In that case South would have been right to pass since a hesitation by North clearly makes doubling a more attractive action.)

But was it really so clear that North was the one who hesitated? I think not. To see why, consider a similar case where South is not the dealer but is in second seat. On the other side of the screen East, the dealer, passes and the tray comes through to the S-W side of the screen. South passes, West opens 4♠, and the tray disappears back under the screen and returns a minute later with two passes on it. Now it is very likely that North, an unpassed hand, was responsible for the delay. In fact, on this auction he is marked with at least opening bid strength

and likely more (South has 9 HCP, East, a passed hand, will probably hold on average about 4-6 HCP, and West may have about 8-10 HCP for his 4♠ opening, leaving North with a hand in the strong notrump range).

Now it makes sense for South to pass, as our actual South did, since now it is overwhelmingly likely that it was North who hesitated and any further action by South comes with serious ethical jeopardy.

But in the actual auction it is not so clear who was responsible for the delay on the N-E side of the screen. If it was East who was thinking then South had better not act, since anything he does is likely to be met with a double by East and sustain a sizeable penalty. If it was North who was thinking and South's double works out well N/S will have their score adjusted by a Director (or Appeal Committee) who won't have much sympathy for the belief that a reopening double is "automatic."

So what can we learn from this situation? First, South was right, given his belief that it was his partner who had hesitated, to avoid taking any action (i.e. double) that was made more attractive by the Unauthorized Information. (We should applaud South's ethics even if we disagree with his judgment about who hesitated on the other side of the screen.) Second, even if a player has Unauthorized Information from his partner, as from a hesitation, he is still entitled to take an action that is clear-cut from the Authorized Information that is present, such as his own hand and the previous auction (note: the balancing double was not this clear-cut here); and he may do so even if his planned action was made more attractive by the Unauthorized Information. (In other words, contrary to popular belief, just because partner hesitates you are not automatically barred from the auction.) And third, make sure you are certain you are responsible for the Unauthorized Information and what actions that information makes more attractive. (For example, if partner's hesitation clearly indicates he wants to penalty double the suit just bid on his right, you might be permitted to rebid your own suit even though you would be barred from making a balancing double.)



## NEW LIFE MASTERS.....2005.....NEW LIFE MASTERS..

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**Congratulations to the 2005  
new WBL life Masters! .....**

*James Andre, Herbert Behre, III, Thomas Cornstock, Thomas Din, Behnaz Fardshisheh, Adrian Fischer, Bernard Free, Michael Gill, John Hartwell, Frances Lawrence, Robert Lawrence, Stephen Mac Arthur, Jason Rosenfeld, Ellen Rosenthal, Sandra Schwalb, Carol Schuman, V.S. Sharma, Malvern Sheffield, Jr., Frank Shull, Robert Von Moss, Randy Ziebert*



**James Andre** is married to bridge player Lily Andre. James has achieved BSEE, MSEE and MBA degrees from the University of Minnesota. He is currently employed as an Applications Engineer by DRS Technologies. James' parents played bridge and taught him to play during family vacations. During the most recent nationals in Washington, DC, James joined the ACBL. He prefers to play 2/1 game forcing and James' favorite bridge book is Steve Robinson's, *Washington Standard*.



**Thomas Din** has two daughters, Cynthia (19) and Susan (18). He received his B.S. in Electrical Engineering from Va. Tech in 1974 and is now an Electronic Engineer for the Naval Sea Systems Command. In addition to bridge, Thomas also enjoys skiing.

At age 16, his aunt and uncle taught him bridge, but Thomas didn't play duplicate until 2002. His favorite authors include Max Hardy, Mike Lawrence, Jerry Helm and Steve Robinson. His most exciting moment so far came when Thomas and his team won the Bracket #4 Knockout at the Virginia Beach regional to win 20 gold points.



**Behnaz Fardshisheh** is a homemaker and artist — she has been a printed textile designer. Behnaz and her husband, Faramarz, have a son, Ali, and a daughter, Lily. She received a

Bachelor in Art specializing in Textile Design from the University of Surrey in London. Her other interests include running marathons, playing tennis (Behnaz is a ranked player in the Mid-Atlantic), swimming and dancing.

Both of Behnaz's parents played bridge, but Barbara Summers is the one who introduced her to the game at Cabin John Regional Park in 1995. Her favorite bridge book is Ron Klinger's, *100 Winning Bridge Tips*. Behnaz says that making a doubled contract still gives her a thrill and she certainly would enjoy winning a big title.



**Michael Gill**, age 23 and single, resides in College Park where he is a grad student in Astronomy at the University of MD, where he also received his bachelor's in math and physics. His hometown is Boring, MD.

Michael has been playing bridge for about 3 or 4 years. He learned with a few friends at college who were playing socially. They even went the WBL unit game for a while. He started playing with them, and read a bunch of books on how to play that his dad owns (notably Sheinwold's, *5 Weeks to Winning Bridge*, and Watson's, *The Play of the Hand at Bridge*). His friends stopped playing, but Michael continued on with his dad, who had played seriously 25 years earlier, but had stopped before he was born.

Michael enjoys the competition, mental challenge, and fun atmosphere (most people are nice, he says) of bridge. Other games he likes include Barbu, poker, strategy board games, and Boggle. His favorite bridge moment was making USA II (the junior team) this fall.

**Stephen Mac Arthur's** family includes his wife, Judy, daughter, Kim Garnett and son, Mike Mac Arthur. Stephen is a retired lobbyist. He earned his BA and JD from the University of Michigan. One of his interests is collecting Victorian Art Glass.

Stephen's parents originally introduced him to bridge in the 1950s because of his competitiveness. However, he only joined the ACBL and started playing in tournaments 5 years ago. Three achievements have been exciting: achieving Life Master, making 5 clubs doubled against Steve Robinson, and tying for 3rd among 312 entrants in Robinson's Solvers' Club bidding contest. His favorite bridge book is *Opening Leads*, by Mike Lawrence.



**Jason Rosenfeld** is the 2005 winner of the Tubbs trophy race. Jason, age 25 and single, has one brother. He recently moved back to his hometown of Boston.

Jason learned the game from his mother, but didn't really "learn" it until he got to college where he started playing all day every day (around 100 hours a week). He was blessed to have Mrs. Harriette Buckman, the current President of the ACBL, and her husband, Mr. Fred Buckman as mentors while attending Northwestern. Since graduating, Jason has been working as a computer programmer/software engineer for Great Game Products, maker of the computer game *Bridge Baron*. He feels very lucky to have the unique opportunity to earn his living from bridge. He has even gotten to attend the European Open Championships in 2003 in Menton, France and the Bermuda Bowl Championships in 2005 in Estoril, Portugal

as a "coach" for *Bridge Baron* in the World Computer Bridge Championships.

Jason has twice played for the United States in International Junior Competitions, playing in Nymburk, Czech Republic in 1999 and in Tata, Hungary in 2003, and has also attended several Junior Bridge Camps both in the US and abroad.

Jason would particularly like to thank Angeliki Magklara for motivating him to start playing bridge seriously again, helping him to improve his game, and most importantly for being a great bridge partner. He says he would definitely not have made Life Master this year without her as his partner.



**Ellen Rosenthal** hails from Boston and started playing many card games including hearts and whist in her teens before going onto bridge. She has been competing in the DC area since 1969 with her husband, Neal, when they won an under-20 masterpoint tournament. While raising their 2 daughters, and working full time as a marketing researcher, duplicate bridge was placed on the back burner for several years. Now, retired from her most recent career in the advertising department of *The Washington Jewish Week* newspaper, she looks forward to all opportunities to advance her bridge playing skills. Ellen says, "It was very exciting for me to become a Life Master. In giving something back to this wonderful game, I have just started helping students at Richard Montgomery High School become interested in the game and have introduced point count to our 7-year old grandson, Matthew." Other interests of Ellen's include competitive tennis and taking courses.

**Malvern J. Sheffield, Jr.** is a retired Attorney and Partner from ARENT FOX where he was in charge of the estates and trusts department. During his retirement, Malvern's wife of 45 years (until her passing in 2002) suggested he return to the game he had originally learned in college. In 1998, at

the age of 69, he not only took up bridge again, Malvern won the WBL Rookie of the Year trophy! He says, where, except bridge can you be "Rookie of the Year" at age 69?

In June of 2005, at the age of 75, Malvern reached the 300 points he needed to make Life Master. He earned all of his points within a 12 mile radius of his home in Washington, DC. Kenneth Katzner (who died in 2003), a great student of bridge, helped to teach him the game. Malvern also learned from H.J. Simon's, "Why You Lose at Bridge."

Outside of bridge, he enjoys opera, has been a captain, JAGC (USAR) from 1954-57 and has served at the Pentagon. Malvern has a daughter, Linda B. Sheffield, who is married and has one son.



**Robert Von Moss** is a retired computer analyst from IBM and Lockheed Martin. He has two sons, Robert and Lawrence. Robert says that if he wanted to see much of his wife, Mary Jane - bridge teacher and director, it seemed that he would have to learn bridge (replacing tennis) after retirement.

At the July 4th, 2000 regional in Alexandria, Robert played with a director (since no one would play with someone without any masterpoints) and he won his first masterpoints! Since then, he has traveled up and down the east coast and to Toronto for bridge. In Wilmington, Robert's team won the first round of a knockout, only to have to sit down to see Ken Gee as his next opponent. Robert says that he was a real gentleman. (...apparently not enough of one to lose, though.) In Hunt Valley, he loved listening to Eric Rodwell play the piano. And, it was in Harrisburg, that he and partner Frank Schull, III won the section top that gave Robert the 2<sup>+</sup> gold points he had been needing to make Life Master. That was all he needed to let the river flow, because later that week, he won 13 more gold!

Robert wishes to express his thanks to his partners, including Mary Jane Von Moss, Margaret Buda, Graham Hartwell, Rama Kapur, Don Jacobs, and Frank Schull, III.

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### -CLUB NEWS-

#### LAUREL BRIDGE CLUB

The Laurel Bridge Club has finally gotten a new phone number, **301.395.6810**. We are sorry for being out of touch for a while, our phone line was cut during construction on the adjoining unit.

The 2005 winner of the most points at the club is **David Idleman**, for the third year in a row. Runners up were **Linda Smith** and **Jerry Keller**. *Congratulations!*

#### SUIT YOURSELF BRIDGE CLUB

The Suit Yourself Bridge Club announces a new pre-game lesson series based on the book "25 Bridge Myths Exposed" by David Bird. For just \$30, you'll get the lesson by Steve Forsythe from 4 to 6, dinner at 6 and 0-1000 masterpoint Junior Fund game at 7. (Or bring a dish for the potluck dinner and pay just \$25 for the lesson and game.) The individual prices are \$20 for the lesson, \$8 for dinner (or bring a dish), and \$7 for the game. Copies of the book will be available for purchase at the club.

#### Lesson & game schedule:

11 Feb . . . Draw trumps straight away  
Saturdays  
18 Mar . . . Hold up an ace  
1 Apr . . . Win as cheaply as possible  
6 May . . . Play low in second seat  
10 June . . . Eight ever, nine never

The Suit Yourself Bridge Club is at 742 Sonata Way in Silver Spring. Email [majslf@aol.com](mailto:majslf@aol.com) or call Steve or Sandy at 301-592-9177 for more information.

#### INSTANT BRIDGE PLAYER SEMINAR - MARCH 5

Would your friend/spouse/neighbor/co-worker/grandchild like to learn our great game of bridge? Do you need a refresher to get back into the game? Our one-day class could be just what you're looking for! Mark your calendar now for **Steve Forsythe's Instant Bridge Player Seminar**, Sunday 5 March from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., at the Margaret Schweinhaut Center in Silver Spring. It's two classes in one: we'll have one room for people who have never played, and one room for those who need a refresher or want to review Steve's *One Page Bidding System* in detail.

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. For more information or to make a reservation, email [majslf@aol.com](mailto:majslf@aol.com) or call Steve or Sandy Forsythe at 301/592-9177. Advance payment is not required.

#### BERNIE ARRET, FORMER CHIEF DIRECTOR OF THE WBL UNIT GAME

Bernard Arret passed away on November 10, 2005 in Coconut Creek, Florida. Beloved husband for 63 years of Jean Arret, father of Linda Arret of Chevy Chase, MD., Marcia Van Horn of Beltsville, MD. and the late Bruce Arret. Following a full life as a Navy veteran FDA Deputy Director, Civic Leader, Latin dance instructor, Bridge Life Master and Director.

He was a retired microbiologist with the Food and Drug Administration and former civic leader Adelphi, MD. He was born in the Bronx, N.Y. and graduated from City College of New York at 19 with a degree in chemistry. A year later, in 1939, he moved to Washington to work for the Panama Canal Commission. He married in late 1941, shortly after the attack on Pearl Harbor and just before he enlisted in the Navy. He spend the early part of his military service at the Naval Medical School in Bethesda. Later in the war he was assigned to San Francisco, Panama and the Pacific, where he took part in the Palau Islands invasion and then did research in tropical medicine. After the war, he worked for Squibb Pharmaceuticals as a specialist antibiotics, and in 1949, he began working for the FDA in its burgeoning antibiotics division. He conducted research and wrote scientific articles. In 1955, he received a Master's Degree in Epidemiology from George Washington University. Mr Arret retired in 1978 as Deputy Director of the FDA's antibiotics division. Mr Arret helped establish and become the first President of the Adelphi Civic Assoc. and was a founding member and first President of the Adelphi Swimming Pool. He and his wife, Jean, enjoyed Latin dancing and taught twice-weekly dance lessons in their home and at churches the 1960's. Later they developed their skills as bridge players, both becoming Duplicate Bridge Life Masters. Mr. Arret became Chief Director of the WBL and directed bridge tournaments along the East Coast throughout his retirement here and in Florida. He will be missed.

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**2005 TROPHY RACE WINNERS**



The 2005 WBL Trophy Race Winners received their trophies on Sunday. From l to r: Jason Rosenfeld (Tabbs, 0-Non-LM);

Jim Geist (Izzy Cohen, 0-1500), Steve Robinson (Lovenberg, open), Joav Steinbach (Woolridge, 0-20)

**TOP TEN CUMULATIVE  
POINT WINNERS**

In honor of the WBL's 75th Anniversary, trophies will be presented to the top point winners in 3 categories at each of our tournaments this year. Congratulations to the Presidential Tournament winners:

**All Players**

1	22.84	Steve Robinson
2	21.93	Mark Rosen
3	21.68	Fred King
4	21.13	William Pettis
5	20.58	William Cole
6	19.03	Alfred Steinberg
7	18.70	Mark Shaw
8	18.07	John Adams
9	17.30	Jason Rosenfeld
10	16.78	Alan Schwartz
	16.78	Ai-Tai Lo

**Players with fewer than 1500 masterpoints**

1	21.93	Mark Rosen
2	17.30	Jason Rosenfeld
3	15.22	Janet Dence
4	14.83	Edwin Fuller Jr
5	14.71	Prahalad Rajkumar
6	13.11	Hailong Ao
7	11.57	John Glynn
8	10.82	Robert Ellis
9	10.18	Candyce Clanton
10	10.04	Larry Kahn

**Players with fewer than 500 masterpoints**

1	9.13	Shawn Stringer
2	9.01	William Kingery Jr
3	8.94	Kevin Barnes
4	8.82	Nancy Detweiler
	8.82	Marshall Fite
6	8.25	Katherine Rabenstein
7	7.45	Thomas Reckford
8	7.17	Daniel Koch
9	7.13	Rama Kapur
10	7.07	Raymond Hays

**THURSDAY EVE A/X PAIRS**

**Stratum A, 40.5 Tables / Based on 91**



1	Bryan Coleman - Fred King	.66.11
2	Thomas Lavender - Candyce Clanton	63.19
3	Jason Rosenfeld - Prahalad Rajkumar	62.55
4	Earl Glickstein - Linda Maloney	.60.90
5	Martin Graf - Charity Sack	.60.88
6	Ellen Klosson - Arnie Frankel	.60.84
7	Clyde Kruskal - Lloyd Rawley	.60.78
8	David Milton - Stan Schenker	.60.76
9	Alfred Steinberg - Steve Robinson	.60.64
10	Jane Sturgis - Mark Shaw	.60.57

**Stratum X, 24.0 Tables**

1	Thomas Lavender - Candyce Clanton	63.19
2	Jason Rosenfeld - Prahalad Rajkumar	62.55
3	Martin Graf - Charity Sack	.60.88
4	Clyde Kruskal - Lloyd Rawley	.60.78
5	William Hacker - Benjamin Brill	.58.37
6	H John Edmonds - Larry Kahn	.58.29

**THURSDAY EVE B/C/D PAIRS**

**Stratum B, 33.0 Tables**



1	Clayton Eisinger - Susie Eisinger	.67.23
2	William Kingery Jr - Daniel Koch	.63.45
3	Thomas Reckford - Behnaz Fardshisheh	59.28
4/6	Madison Schepps - Elizabeth Schepps	59.23
4/6	Craig Olson - Michael Lawrence	.59.23
4/6	Jenny Rose - Steven Ivins	.59.23

**Stratum C, 27.5 Tables**

1	William Kingery Jr - Daniel Koch	.63.45
2	Thomas Reckford - Behnaz Fardshisheh	59.28
3/4	Madison Schepps - Elizabeth Schepps	59.23
3/4	Craig Olson - Michael Lawrence	.59.23
5	Alan Dockterman - Bob Silverstein	.58.63
6	James Adams - Hadi Abushakra	.57.20

**Stratum D, 20.5 Tables**

1	William Kingery Jr - Daniel Koch	.63.45
2	Thomas Reckford - Behnaz Fardshisheh	59.28
3	Madison Schepps - Elizabeth Schepps	59.23
4	Alan Dockterman - Bob Silverstein	.58.63
5	Sen. Robert Packwood - Kathy Atlan	56.82
6	Shlomit Rind - Steven Schatzow	.56.63

**THURSDAY WBL 0-300 PAIRS**



**Stratum A, 7.5 Tables**

- 1 Maida Crocicchia - Marilyn Udell . . .65.28
- 2 Marie Saeger - Jose Porres . . . . .63.10
- 3 Judy Glick - Eric Beard . . . . .58.33
- 4/5 Joav Steinbach - Roger Laumark . . .55.90
- 4/5 Timothy Stewart - Reni Malloy . . .55.90

**Stratum B, 6.0 Tables**

- 1 Marie Saeger - Jose Porres . . . . .63.10
- 2 Joav Steinbach - Roger Laumark . . .55.90
- 3 Michael Berard - Kevin Berard . . . .50.69
- 4 Michelle Zyguelbaum - Joy Bloomfield 50.00

**Stratum C, 3.5 Tables**

- 1 Marie Saeger - Jose Porres . . . . .63.10
- 2 Joav Steinbach - Roger Laumark . . .55.90
- 3 Amy Bloom - Carol Elfant . . . . .47.92

**THURSDAY NVBA 0-200 PAIRS**

**Stratum A, 9.5 Tables / Based on 10**

- 1 Larry Gebbie - Murat Berk . . . . .68.25
- 2 Stella Perry - David Dove . . . . .63.22
- 3 Donald Brown - James Biss . . . . .57.40
- 4 Mary Ann Kral - Elizabeth Huffman .57.22
- 5 Linda Szyszka - Donald Szyszka . . .56.49
- 6 Ellie Clark - Ednamae Trevey . . . .54.61

**Stratum B, 5.5 Tables / Based on 6**

- 1 Larry Gebbie - Murat Berk . . . . .68.25
- 2 Linda Szyszka - Donald Szyszka . . .56.49
- 3 Ellie Clark - Ednamae Trevey . . . .54.61
- 4 Peggy Errington - Mary Edge . . . . .53.97

**Stratum C, 3.5 Tables / Based on 4**

- 1 Linda Szyszka - Donald Szyszka . . .56.49
- 2 Peggy Errington - Mary Edge . . . . .53.97
- 3 John Haberlin - Sandy Haberlin . . .51.32

**FRIDAY AM A/X PAIRS**

**Stratum A, 7.0 Tables / Based on 22**



- 1 Kevin Barnes - Robert Henry . . . . .58.92
- 2 Winston Edwards - Regena Edwards .56.37
- 3 Eugene Fisher - Mark Rosen . . . . .55.08
- 4 Jason Rosenfeld - Ellen Klosson . . .54.83
- 5 Alice Miller - Rosalind Dixon . . . .54.58

**Stratum X, 4.5 Tables / Based on 5**

- 1 Kevin Barnes - Robert Henry . . . . .58.92
- 2 Eugene Fisher - Mark Rosen . . . . .55.08
- 3 Jason Rosenfeld - Ellen Klosson . . .54.83
- 4 Charles Carrington - Robert Wilbur .52.92

**FRIDAY AM B/C/D PAIRS**

**Stratum B, 10.0 Tables**



- 1 Shirley Coll - Janet Berman . . . . .61.01
- 2 Silas Wasserstrom - Michael Gottesman 60.12
- 3 Janet Dence - Edwin Fuller Jr . . . .57.74
- 4 Douglas Fox - Larry Moran . . . . .55.65
- 5 Helen Solomon - Rae Newman . . . .55.36
- 6 Saul Penn - Leonid Fastovsky . . . .54.17

**Stratum C, 8.5 Tables**

- 1 Janet Berman - Shirley Coll . . . . .61.01
- 2 Silas Wasserstrom - Michael Gottesman 60.12
- 3 Douglas Fox - Larry Moran . . . . .55.65
- 4 Helen Solomon - Rae Newman . . . .55.36
- 5 Saul Penn - Leonid Fastovsky . . . .54.17

**Stratum D, 5.5 Tables**

- 1 Janet Berman - Shirley Coll . . . . .61.01
- 2 Silas Wasserstrom - Michael Gottesman 60.12
- 3 Douglas Fox - Larry Moran . . . . .55.65
- 4 Helen Solomon - Rae Newman . . . .55.36

**FRIDAY AM 0-300 PAIRS**

**Stratum A, 5.0 Tables**



- 1 Mike Frosch - Juan Pardo . . . . .63.63
- 2 Craig Caplan - Teresa Caplan . . . .61.75
- 3 Linda Barton - Karen Columbo . . . .57.38
- 4 Amy Bloom - Joav Steinbach . . . . .54.17

**Stratum B, 3.5 Tables**

- 1 Linda Barton - Karen Columbo . . . .57.38
- 2 Amy Bloom - Joav Steinbach . . . . .54.17
- 3 Paul Chassy - Reina Chassy . . . . .51.25

**Stratum C, 2.5 Tables**

- 1 Linda Barton - Karen Columbo . . . .57.38
- 2 Amy Bloom - Joav Steinbach . . . . .54.17

**FRIDAY AFT A/X PAIRS**

**Stratum A, 14.0 Tables / Based on 34**



- 1 Dalia Kende (pic.) - Audrey Marbach 62.18
- 2 Mark Rosen - Eugene Fisher . . . . .58.49
- 3/4 William Pettis - William Cole . . . .57.53
- 3/4 Kevin Barnes - Robert Henry . . . .57.53

- 5 Carole Geagley - Nadine Wood . . . .55.45
- 6 Clyde Kruskal - Donna Rogall . . . .54.65

**Stratum X, 7.0 Tables**

- 1 Mark Rosen - Eugene Fisher . . . . .58.49
- 2 Kevin Barnes - Robert Henry . . . . .57.53
- 3 Leila Whiting - Lorraine Morgan . . .54.49
- 4 Ronald Kral - Jane Sturgis . . . . .54.17
- 5 Charles Carrington - Robert Wilbur .52.24

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

**Stratum B, 9.0 Tables**



- 1 Katherine Rabenstein - Beta Nahapetian 64.58
- 2 James Doles - Lewis Gold . . . . .63.10
- 3 Janet Dence - Edwin Fuller Jr . . . .55.95
- 4 Raymond Hays - Shawn Stringer . . .54.76
- 5 Leonid Fastovsky - Saul Penn . . . .53.87

**Stratum C, 7.0 Tables**

- 1 James Doles - Lewis Gold . . . . .63.10
- 2 Raymond Hays - Shawn Stringer . . .54.76
- 3 Leonid Fastovsky - Saul Penn . . . .53.87
- 4 Marlene Stone - Malvern Sheffield Jr 52.68
- 5 Mary Rogers - Alex Goldenberg . . .49.40

**Stratum D, 3.5 Tables**

- 1 Raymond Hays - Shawn Stringer . . .54.76
- 2 Marlene Stone - Malvern Sheffield Jr 52.68
- 3 Thomas Din - Rama Kapur . . . . .48.21

**FRIDAY AFT 0-300 PAIRS**

**Stratum A, 11.0 Tables**



- 1 William Gurley - Cathy Stryker . . . .60.71
- 2 Nancy Detweiler - Marshall Fite . . .60.42
- 3 Kathleen Ann Collie - Jean Tudder . .57.14
- 4 Edward Anania - Joan Anania . . . .56.85
- 5 Mike Frosch - Juan Pardo . . . . .55.65
- 6 Jayne Eckert - Carolyn Becraft . . . .55.06

**Stratum B, 4.5 Tables**

- 1 Betty Simpson - Robert Weeks . . . .54.76
- 2 Amy Bloom - Carol Elfant . . . . .49.40
- 3 Richard Majewski - Jingping Yang . .49.11
- 4 Pat Mascari - Carol Poland . . . . .46.73

**Stratum C, 2.5 Tables**

- 1 Amy Bloom - Carol Elfant . . . . .49.40
- 2 Richard Majewski - Jingping Yang . .49.11

**FRIDAY EVE A/X SWISS**

**Stratum A, 13 Tables / Based on 29**

- 1 Steve Robinson - John Adams - Alfred

- Steinberg - William Pettis . . . . .83.00
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- 3 David Fleischer - Robert Hopkins Jr - Barbara Shaw - Barbara Doran . . . .55.00
- 4 Abby Heitner - Lou Reich - Sandra Stern - Roger Stern . . . . .53.00
- 5 Stephen Czecha - Shawn Stringer - Craig Olson - Michael Lawrence . . . . .52.00

**Stratum X, 4 Tables**

- 1 James Geist - Ann Lindley - Thomas Musso - Jason Meyer . . . . .50.00

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**Stratum B, 7 Tables**



- 1 Janet Dence - Edwin Fuller Jr - Beta Nahapetian - Diane Jaworowsky . . . .51.00
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- 3 Thomas Reckford - Mohsen Esfandiary - Behnaz Fardshisheh - Pari Khoshkish49.00

**Stratum C, 5 Tables**

- 1 Thomas Din - Gloria Halstead - Ray Dodson - Rodger Kamuf . . . . .50.00
- 2 Thomas Reckford - Mohsen Esfandiary - Behnaz Fardshisheh - Pari Khoshkish49.00

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**Stratum A, 9.0 Tables**



- 1 Murat Berk - Larry Gebbie . . . . .62.80
- 2 Marshall Fite - Nancy Detweiler . . .62.50
- 3 Mary Ann Kral - Elizabeth Huffman .58.33
- 4 Mike Frosch - Juan Pardo . . . . .58.04
- 5 Bettye Whitney - Robert Moss . . . .57.44

**Stratum B, 7.5 Tables / Based on 8**

- 1 Murat Berk - Larry Gebbie . . . . .62.80
- 2 Marshall Fite - Nancy Detweiler . . .62.50
- 3 Mary Ann Kral - Elizabeth Huffman .58.33
- 4 Amy Bloom - Carol Elfant . . . . .56.55
- 5 Alfred Caponiti - John Ryan . . . . .55.95

**Stratum C, 4.0 Tables**

- 1 Murat Berk - Larry Gebbie . . . . .62.80
- 2 Amy Bloom - Carol Elfant . . . . .56.55
- 3 Alfred Caponiti - John Ryan . . . . .55.95

**SAT AM A/X PAIRS**

**Stratum A, 20.0 Tables / Based on 64**

- 1 Hal Hindman - Mark Chen . . . . .69.40

- 2 Barry Falgout - Eugene Davidson . . .69.39
- 3 Fred King - Linda Maloney . . . . .61.73
- 4 Don Probst - Lowell Sawyer . . . . .61.30
- 5 Peter Boyd - Steve Robinson . . . . .60.23
- 6 David Abelow - David Ruderman . . .57.88
- 7 Donald Berman - Leon Letwin . . . . .57.61

**Stratum X, 10.0 Tables**

- 1 Hal Hindman - Mark Chen . . . . .69.40
- 2 Betty Bursey - M Cassandra Smith .55.88
- 3 Hailong Ao - Weizhong Bao . . . . .54.74
- 4 Brad Theurer - Ellen Klosson . . . . .53.48
- 5 Michael Richey - Larry Kahn . . . . .52.91
- 6 William Hacker - Benjamin Brill . . .52.62

**SAT AM B/C/D PAIRS**

**Stratum B, 29.0 Tables**



- 1 Rama Kapur (pic.) - Joe Lentz . . . . .68.94
- 2 Jeffrey Kosnett - John Glynn . . . . .61.74
- 3 Michael Goldman - William Mendez Jr 60.61
- 4 Katherine Rabenstein - Milton Flanagan 60.23
- 5 Audrey Warren - Mildred Lieder . . .59.09
- 6 Robert Padgett - Linda Padgett . . . .58.33

**Stratum C, 24.5 Tables**

- 1 Rama Kapur - Joe Lentz . . . . .68.94
- 2 Michael Goldman - William Mendez Jr 60.61
- 3 Katherine Rabenstein - Milton Flanagan 60.23
- 4 Steven Schatzow - William Kingery Jr 57.58
- 5 Thomas Din - Gloria Halstead . . . . .57.20
- 6/7 Martha Bley - Ross Bley . . . . .56.63
- 6/7 David Olson - Mark Shimshak . . . . .56.63

**Stratum D, 16.0 Tables**

- 1 Rama Kapur - Joe Lentz . . . . .68.94
- 2 Michael Goldman - William Mendez Jr 60.61
- 3 Katherine Rabenstein - Milton Flanagan 60.23
- 4 Steven Schatzow - William Kingery Jr 57.58
- 5 Thomas Din - Gloria Halstead . . . . .57.20
- 6/7 Martha Bley - Ross Bley . . . . .56.63
- 6/7 David Olson - Mark Shimshak . . . . .56.63

**SAT AM 0-300 PAIRS**

**Stratum A, 13.0 Tables**



- 1 Kathleen Ann Collie - Jean Tudder . .65.19
- 2 Leslie Jessell - Jennifer Elliott . . . .63.96
- 3 Veronica Flynn - H Phillip Davis . . .56.22
- 4 Marilyn Smebakken - Cherie Charles 55.51
- 5 Anne Vaeth - Sharon Stewart . . . . .55.32
- 6 Ellie Clark - Peg Neustadt . . . . .54.53

**Stratum B, 11.5 Tables**

- 1 Kathleen Ann Collie - Jean Tudder . .65.19
- 2 Leslie Jessell - Jennifer Elliott . . . .63.96
- 3 Veronica Flynn - H Phillip Davis . . .56.22
- 4 Anne Vaeth - Sharon Stewart . . . . .55.32
- 5 Ellie Clark - Peg Neustadt . . . . .54.53
- 6 John Graham - Susan Graham . . . . .53.48

**Stratum C, 7.0 Tables**

- 1 Leslie Jessell - Jennifer Elliott . . . .63.96
- 2 Veronica Flynn - H Phillip Davis . . .56.22
- 3 Anne Vaeth - Sharon Stewart . . . . .55.32
- 4 Ellie Clark - Peg Neustadt . . . . .54.53
- 5 Ralph Freeman - Richard Wessman .52.27

**SAT AM 0-5 SWISS PAIRS**

**2.0 Tables**

- 1 Alex Lee - Ku Jung . . . . .37.00

**SAT AFT A/X PAIRS**

- Stratum A, 18.0 Tables / Based on 48**
- 1 Weizhong Bao - Hailong Ao . . . . .60.05
- 2/4 Helene Bauman - Jim Wakefield . . .59.80
- 2/4 Kenton Schoen - Diane Walker . . . .59.80
- 2/4 Arnie Frankel - Donald Berman . . .59.80
- 5/6 Mark Rosen - Wonjoo Goldstein . . .59.31
- 5/6 Kenneth Davis - Bruce Houston . . .59.31

**Stratum X, 8.5 Tables / Based on 9**

- 1 Weizhong Bao - Hailong Ao . . . . .60.05
- 2 Mark Rosen - Wonjoo Goldstein . . .59.31
- 3 David Grabiner - Alfred Graham . . .57.84
- 4 Betty Bursey - M Cassandra Smith . .56.99
- 5 Ellen Cherniavsky - Barbara Ames . .56.86

**SAT AFT B/C/D PAIRS**

**Stratum B, 18.0 Tables**



- 1 Martha Bley - Ross Bley . . . . .62.55
- 2 Edwin Fuller Jr - Janet Dence . . . . .61.71
- 3 Katherine Rabenstein - Milton Flanagan 60.80
- 4 David Olson - Mark Shimshak . . . . .58.38
- 5 Robert Schwab - Anne Derbes . . . . .57.94
- 6 Roma Chandra - Ajaz Rahman . . . . .57.27

**Stratum C, 13.5 Tables**

- 1 Martha Bley - Ross Bley . . . . .62.55
- 2 Katherine Rabenstein - Milton Flanagan 60.80
- 3 David Olson - Mark Shimshak . . . . .58.38
- 4 Robert Schwab - Anne Derbes . . . . .57.94
- 5 Roma Chandra - Ajaz Rahman . . . . .57.27
- 6 Aaron Navarro - Howard Bender . . .56.51

**Stratum D, 10.0 Tables**

- 1 Martha Bley - Ross Bley . . . . .62.55
- 2 Katherine Rabenstein - Milton Flanagan 60.80
- 3 David Olson - Mark Shimshak . . . . .58.38
- 4 Robert Schwab - Anne Derbes . . . . .57.94
- 5 Roma Chandra - Ajaz Rahman . . . . .57.27
- 6 James Andre - Lily Andre . . . . .56.13

**SAT AFT 0-300 PAIRS**

**Stratum A, 11.5 Tables / Based on 12**



- 1 Shawn Stringer - Raymond Hays . . .68.64
- 2 Lois Gregg - George Green . . . . .63.75
- 3 Marilyn Smebakken - Elizabeth Traylor 60.42
- 4 Kathleen Ann Collie - Jean Tudder . .57.73
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- 6/7 William Gurley - Eric Poskanzer . . .52.71
- 6/7 Louis Coccodrilli - Stephen Weiner . .52.71

**Stratum B, 9.0 Tables**

- 1 Lois Gregg - George Green . . . . .63.75
- 2 Kathleen Ann Collie - Jean Tudder . .57.73
- 3 David Slater - Bob Blodgett . . . . .57.05
- 4/5 William Gurley - Eric Poskanzer . . .52.71
- 4/5 Louis Coccodrilli - Stephen Weiner . .52.71

**Stratum C, 4.5 Tables / Based on 5**

- 1 David Slater - Bob Blodgett . . . . .57.05
- 2 Louis Coccodrilli - Stephen Weiner . .52.71
- 3 Peg Neustadt - Ellie Clark . . . . .49.38
- 4 Grazyna Gdula - Jose Porres . . . . .46.82

**FLIGHT A/X BAM**

**Stratum A, 18 Tables / Based on 51**



- 1 Ai-Tai Lo - William Cole - Alan Schwartz - Mark Shaw (not pic.) . . . . .38.00
- 2/3 Steve Robinson - William Pettis - Stephen Landen - Peter Boyd . . . . .32.50
- 2/3 Alfred Steinberg - John Adams - Eugene Kales - David Ruderman . . . . .32.50
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**Stratum X, 8 Tables**

- 1 Mark Rosen - Wonjoo Goldstein - Kenneth Berg - Robert Ellis . . . . .26.75
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**SUNDAY B/C/D SWISS**

**Stratum B, 35 Tables / Based on 33**

- 1 Jay Kelkar - Aquil Ahmed - Dharendra Ghosh - Shuba Dey . . . . .106.00
- 2 Edwin Fuller Jr - John Glynn - Janet Dence - Ronald Susi . . . . .97.00
- 3 Margaret Brown - Elizabeth Parker -

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- 5 Daniel Weinberg - Walton Francis - Duke Wilson - William Prosser . . . . .88.00
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**Stratum C, 21 Tables**

- 1 Margaret Brown - Elizabeth Parker - Marshall Fite - Nancy Detweiler . . .94.00
- 2 Daniel Weinberg - Walton Francis - Duke Wilson - William Prosser . . . . .88.00
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**Stratum D, 16 Tables**

- 1 Margaret Brown - Elizabeth Parker - Marshall Fite - Nancy Detweiler . . .94.00
- 2 Daniel Weinberg - Walton Francis - Duke Wilson - William Prosser . . . . .88.00
- 3 Steven Schatzow - Shlomit Rind - William Kingery Jr - Daniel Koch . . . . .83.00
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# NLM MASTER POINTERS

by I/N Columnist, Sandy Forsythe, [majslf@aol.com](mailto:majslf@aol.com)

## ASBAF!

Some players just keep on bidding when they ought to pass...they just won't shut up! Newer players, on the other hand, are more likely to pass when they should be bidding. Here's a tool to add to your arsenal: ASBAF, or, All Strange Bids Are Forcing! (Now, don't say, "All my partner's bids are strange!") If you and partner have no other agreements, you should agree on this one.

How does ASBAF work? It means that if partner makes a bid you don't understand, don't panic, crawl under the table and pass! Take a deep breath, make your best guess as to what she might be trying to tell you, then pick a bid. (Unless you're already in game, in which case it might be right to pass.) Maybe she has extras; maybe she's looking for game or slam. She won't be happy if you leave her in three of a minor when you've already found a fit elsewhere.

Let's try some examples:

<u>Pard</u>	<u>You</u>
1S	2S
<b>3D</b>	?

What the heck does that mean? Does partner want to play in diamonds after we've found a spade fit? Never! Pard's 3D bid could be a second suit, or maybe it's a "Help Suit Game Try," asking you to bid 4S if you have "help" in diamonds. It could even be a cue-bid, showing an ace. But you and pard have never discussed any of these bids! Should you just throw up your hands and pass? NO!

Instead, let's think...clearly partner needs some information from you. If he knew what the contract should be, he'd just bid it. You've already found a fit, so he must want to know about your strength. Without any specific agreement about what the 3D bid means, you could bid 3S with a minimum hand, and 4S if you have extras. Just don't pass! 3D = ASBAF.

<u>LHO</u>	<u>Pard</u>	<u>RHO</u>	<u>You</u>
1H	<b>2H</b>	P	?

Has partner gone crazy? Does she want to play in opener's suit? No! She might be bidding the Michaels convention, which in this case would show five spades and a five-card minor, and probably 5-10 HCP. Or she might just mean her 2H bid to be a strong takeout, asking you to bid your best suit. Which one is it? If you've never played with her before, who knows? Take your best guess, but bid something! At least she'll get a second chance to try to improve the contract. If you leave her in 2H, it's likely to be the last time you play with her!

<u>Pard</u>	<u>You</u>
1D	1N
<b>2S</b>	?

Now what? Doesn't partner know you would have bid spades if you had four of them? Wouldn't he have opened 1S if he had five? What's he doing?

His bid may be a reverse, showing a hand worth 17-19 points that's too distributional to play in notrump. Maybe he has six diamonds and five spades, or maybe he's 4-4-5-0. If you pass holding only two spades and partner has just four, he won't be pleased, no matter what his strength is. So find a bid! If it doesn't work out, you can tell him his bid was forcing, so it's not your fault.

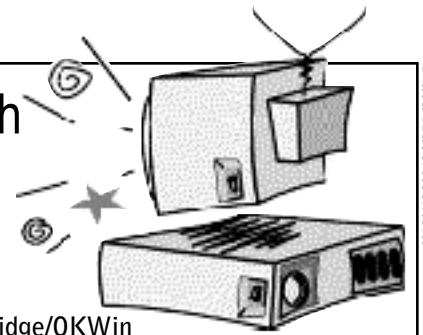
When is ASBAF not in effect? Only when there's an intervening bid. If RHO bids something over partner's strange bid, or any forcing bid, you can safely pass with a minimum since partner will have the chance to bid again...and that's what the forcing bid is all about. But if you have more than a minimum, or something else to say about your hand, you should bid if you can.

It's okay to make a bid that might not be the "right" one: this is bridge, it's not rocket science! When in doubt, it's often best to bid and give pard a chance to tell you more. You may even figure out she's trying to say!

Look for Sandy's, "When to Stop Bidding", article in your next WBL Bulletin.

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### STEPPING UP TO NEW HEIGHTS

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# WBL SOLVERS' CLUB'S NEW PROBLEMS

*January/February 2006*

### 1) IMP's None Vulnerable

♠ AKQJ54♥ KQ103♦ A♣54

<b>SOUTH</b>	<b>WEST</b>	<b>NORTH</b>	<b>EAST</b>
---	1♦	Pass	1♠

?????\*

\*2♠ natural

### 2) IMP's None Vulnerable

♠ 3♥ 6543♦ K54♣ AKJ103

<b>SOUTH</b>	<b>WEST</b>	<b>NORTH</b>	<b>EAST</b>
---	2♦	Dbl	Pass

?????

### 3) IMP's They're Vulnerable

♠ K10874♥ 65♦ A13♣ K43

<b>SOUTH</b>	<b>WEST</b>	<b>NORTH</b>	<b>EAST</b>
1♠	2♠*	Dbl	2NT**
Pass	3♣	Pass	Pass

?????

\*Michaels; \*\* (asks for minor)

### 4) Matchpoints None Vulnerable

♠ KQJ5♥ A43♦ 5♣ 65432

<b>SOUTH</b>	<b>WEST</b>	<b>NORTH</b>	<b>EAST</b>
---	---	1♦	2♠
1♠	Pass	Pass	Pass

?????

### 5) IMP's Both Vulnerable

♠ -♥ AQJ10972♦ 3♣ AK862

<b>SOUTH</b>	<b>WEST</b>	<b>NORTH</b>	<b>EAST</b>
---	3♠	Pass	Pass

?????

*Return answers by March 16 to:*

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