



**ANNUAL MEETING**  
**ELECTIONS**  
**AND**  
**CHARITY GAME**

*Thursday, May 11th*  
*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.



**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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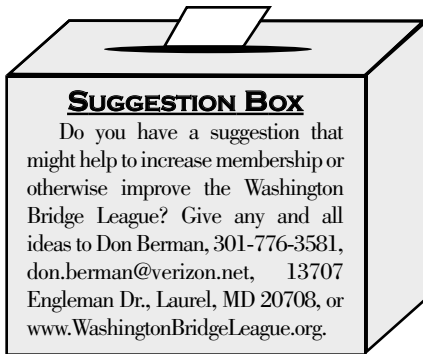
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## PRESIDENT'S LETTER

by WBL President, Dick Wegman

This is my last column as WBL President. When I became President three years ago, the WBL was in good financial condition, and unit game attendance was strong. However, with the work of an outstanding, dedicated Board, and with your help and enthusiasm, its even better now. Among my major goals for improving the WBL were the following: (i) providing a long-term, stable location for our sectional tournaments; (2) ensuring that first rate competition would occur at the unit game and sectionals within a friendly and welcoming environment; (3) assisting clubs in growing their attendance; (4) bringing more new players into the game at all levels; (5) starting programs in local high schools and junior high schools; and (6) expanding teaching opportunities throughout the WBL.

Here's an update on our progress over the past three years:

Attendance at the unit game continues to grow. We now have more than 50 tables in play on a regular basis, and we often have more than 60 tables. Our Thursday evening game for new players, run by **Steve and Sandy Forsythe**, is a big hit. Our guaranteed partnership program, which we started a year ago, ensures that anyone can come alone to the game – right up until a few minutes before game time – and be assured of playing.

Our finances are sound. We are able to support outreach efforts and to provide subsidies that enable students or other new players to attend our games. As a result of our sound fiscal situation, there should be no need to increase unit game or tournament entry fees any time soon.

We have experienced a 20% increase in overall attendance at our sectionals since 2003. Our hospitality, provided by **Nadine Wood and Kitty Gottfried**, is outstanding. And we have found a long-term, stable home for our Saturday/Sunday events at the Schweinhaut Center in Silver Spring, a central location with plenty of convenient parking and great playing space.

We are strongly committed to making our games friendly and inviting. Our Board has established a clear policy that rude, argumentative, and offensive behavior will not be tolerated at the bridge table, and our directors have been instructed to take prompt action whenever such behavior does occur. Fortunately, this type of behavior is rare, but we are determined to deal with any such instances promptly if and when they do occur. (For more on this, please see the box on page 21.)

We have started bridge clubs in five public schools and one private school in Montgomery County. The public school programs are led by **Ron Starr, Mark Rosen and Ralph Turner**, and the program at St. Andrews is run by **David Brown**. Within the next year – possibly even later this year – we plan to sponsor an inter-scholastic tournament, with awards for the winning school. We are trying to arrange for our students to participate in a national bridge-in-the-schools program that has just been started by **Bill Gates and Warren Buffett**.

Our outreach to the larger Washington community is paying off. More than 100 new players attended a series of classes at the Smithsonian that ended last month, and another 74 players attended an all-day class for new players that we held during our March sectional. This spring we plan to start a new Saturday afternoon game designed specifically for players who are relatively new to the game. And we continue to welcome about a dozen new members to the WBL in each issue of our bi-monthly **WBL Bulletin**.

None of this could have been accomplished without the hard work of a lot of people. I feel very fortunate to have had such an outstanding board to work with. While I wish I had space to recognize each and every one of them, I do want to particularly thank our Vice President (and likely next President) **Fred King** for all his hard work and support, **Barbara Summers**, for the wonderful job she does in overseeing our many volunteers, **Don Berman**, who puts in so many

## THE BRIDGE HIGHLIGHT OF THE YEAR IS HERE!

JUNE 28 - JULY 4, 2006

at the **Hilton Hotel at Mark Center**

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

**Come Party With Us Again!** 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. With the NVBA in charge this year, terrific hospitality will once again highlight the festivities—there will be table gifts, receptions, and/or other hospitality every session! Featuring regionally rated events with morning/afternoon sessions, afternoon/evening sessions, and evening/evening sessions, there is something for everyone. Players of all levels of experience can play in Pair games or Knock Outs. Steve Forsythe and Ron Kral will be offering newcomer classes on Wednesday and Saturday mornings, together with a special AARP/ACBL social bridge game also on Saturday morning. Plan on attending now with your favorite partner or come alone and we will pair you up with someone of your ability—guaranteed!

### **VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED...**

For the tournament to be a success, we need the help of many volunteers, starting with you! Just contact Tournament Chairs Margot Hennings or Kathryn Kiley to help with Partnerships, Prizes, Information, or Hospitality.

### **QUESTIONS?**

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

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**See the April/May/June NVBA Newsletter for a complete schedule of newcomer, novice, and intermediate events.**

**Schedules are also in the April/May and June/July District 6 TableTALK publication and on the web at [www.mabcbridge.org](http://www.mabcbridge.org).**



hours managing the WBL website, and **Steve Robinson**, who somehow always finds time to do whatever is needed to help the WBL. I'm especially grateful to **Nadine Wood and Kitty Gottfried**, whose tremendous efforts on behalf of the WBL make our unit so special. And I also want to recognize the first rate directors who run our sectionals and unit game events — we are very fortunate to have **Millard Nachtwey, Mike Carroad, Ted Ying and Tim Crank** working for us.

Finally, I'd like to thank my very patient wife **Alice** for all her support and help over

the past three years. She has been a constant help to me on virtually every major issue that has come before the Board. She has also been a great asset to the WBL in her own right — she initiated, wrote, and arranged for printing the **"Enjoy Playing Bridge in Washington"** brochure, which is now in circulation in scores of libraries, offices, and schools throughout the Washington area.

*Good luck to all, and I look forward to seeing you at the bridge table in the near future.*

—Dick Wegman



**SILVER SPRING, MD: AUGUST 3-6, 2006**

**61st Annual Potomac Valley Tournament**

**THURSDAY, AUGUST 3**

- ♣ 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.

*Have a  
**COOL**  
time at  
a **HOT**  
Sectional!*



**Friday—  
at Christ the King Church Only FRIDAY, AUGUST 4**

- ♦ Stratified Pairs (2000+/1000/500) . . . . .10:00am
  - ♥ StrataFlighted A/X (unlim/3000) & B/C/D Pairs (1500/1000/500) . . . . .2:00pm
  - ♠ Barometer Pairs StrataFlighted A/X (unlim/3000) & B/C/D Pairs (1500/1000/500) . . . . .7:30pm
- Check your scores every round!** Friday nights are your chance to try a different form of the game. This one-session Barometer Pairs has no qualification necessary. Everyone plays the same boards at the same time and you can see how you're doing after every round.
- ♣ Intermediate/Novice Pairs (300/200/100/50/20) (single sessions) . . . . .10:00am, 2:00pm, 7:30pm

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

**It's Summer  
Bridge and  
Barbecue**

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.

*Don't miss the  
2:30pm Saturday Panel Show!*  
**SATURDAY, AUGUST 5**

- ♦ StrataFlighted A/X Pairs (unlim/3000) (single sessions) . . . . .11:00am, 3:30pm
- ♥ StrataFlighted B/C/D Pairs (1500/1000/500) (single sessions) . . . . .11:00am, 3:30pm
- ♠ Intermediate/Novice Pairs (300/200/100) (single sessions) . . . . .11:00am, 3:30pm
- ♣ Newcomer Pairs (50/20/5) (single sessions) . . . . .11:00am, 3:30pm
- ♦ Panel Show between sessions . . . . .2:30pm

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 6**

- ♥ 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
- ♣ 300/200/100/50 Swiss Teams, VPs (single sessions) . . . . .11:00am, 3:00pm

♣ **Full Schedule of Intermediate and Novice Events** ♥  
I/N events: 0-5, 20, 50, 100, 200, 300; Stratification at Director's Discretion.

**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 Doran**, 301-608-0347, **Sectional Partner@DistrictSix.org** or try the easy **Online Partnership Bulletin Board: www.WashingtonBridgeLeague.org**

**BITS AND PIECES**

**WELCOME TO THE WASHINGTON BRIDGE LEAGUE**

The WBL welcomes the following new ACBL members: **Mr Ben F Brundred, Charline K Coakley, Steve J Graves, Mr A L Howard, Mr Andrew Jacknain, Ms Lynn Johns, Kyungsoo Kim, Mr Minako Komura, Ms Louise Rosen, Mr Herbert Rubinstein, Jingping Yang, Marcia K Blumer, Mrs Karen P Columbo, Ms Joan E Countryman, Dr Barry E Feldman, Mr Frank Hatten, Mr Joseph R Pregosin, Mrs Marilou Simpson, Marian L Thompson, Mr Marc Weiner, Ms M Susan Absher, Ms Rebecca Cardozo, Ms Lora L Daniels, Guillaume Dedecker, Mr Alan J Ferraro, Mrs Jeanne E Ferraro, Mrs Kathleen F Hooley, Mr John R Horner, Ms Suzanne K Kilczewski, Ms Katherine G Krauss, Fernando Lecaros, Ms Helen E Long, Ms Patricia A McAdams, Cynthia B Perrin, Jay A Resnick, Mrs Binny Saker, Mrs Alflorence W Wadkins, and Elizabeth L Wheeler.**

In addition, we welcome the following transfers from other units: **Mr Paul J Benedict, Mr Milton N Flanagan, Ms Pat Henahan, Mr Randall J Rubinstein, Mrs Jean Arret, Mrs Martha G Bigio, Robert G Claypool, Mr Harold R Coen, Mr Lei Gu, Jacqueline Heckman, Mr Paul A Hwang, Mrs Rhona P Prenskey, Ms Corrine M Robinson, Mr Jason Rosenfeld, Mrs Corinne D Schrier, Fredi A Fries, Dr Wilmont F Howard Jr, Mr Mel Schloss, Mr Edward Schrier, Mr Albert Shayne, Mrs Florence Shayne, and Mrs Charlotte Zaret.**

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).

**ROSEMARY O'LEARY: BRIDGE PLAYER, VOLUNTEER**

Rosemary O'Leary, 80, a silver life master and a volunteer, died Feb. 7 at Walter Reed Army Medical Center of a stroke as a complication of surgery. She lived in Washington. Mrs. O'Leary began playing bridge as a college student and played in international tournaments for many years. She continued to play three to four times a week until her death.

Mrs. O'Leary served as a Girl Scout leader, PTA officer and Red Cross volunteer. She graduated from the University of Alabama in

1945 and graduated with honors from the Cordon Bleu cooking school in Paris in 1957.

A son, Michael O'Leary, died in 1997. Survivors include her husband of 60 years, retired Army Col. Joseph E. O'Leary II of Washington; three children, Joseph E. O'Leary III of San Antonio, Terry Dittman of Anchorage, Alaska, and Kathleen O'Leary of Washington; a sister; 10 grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

**2005-2006 WBL/NVBA PLAYER OF THE YEAR**

**To be eligible**, a player: (1) Must be a member (or pending member) of either the NVBA or the WBL; (2) Must attend at least three NVBA and three WBL sectionals during the contest period (August, 2005 through May, 2006). Points won on Tournament Thursday evenings are included in the totals, but do not count towards eligibility; (3) Must be a member in good standing of the ACBL and a local affiliate throughout the contest period and remain so through the award presentation.

**Awards:** Two trophies will be awarded.  
**Standings:** Here are the standings after six of seven Sectionals. The asterisk\* indicates that the player has met eligibility requirements.

Player	Open Leaders	Points
1 Steve Robinson		124.41*
2 William Cole		113.37*
3 Peter Boyd		100.67*
4 Mark Shaw		90.78*
5 Fred King		78.66*
6 Michael Gill		70.83*
7 Noble Shore		70.83*
8 Earl Glickstein		68.03*
9 John Adams		68.01
10 Janet Gookin		64.58
11 Robert Bell		61.87*
12 Robert Gookin		57.30
13 Kenneth Davis		56.12*
14 James Geist		53.49
15 Donna Rogall		52.81
16 Ai-Tai Lo		51.56
17 Helene Bauman		50.88*
18 Shuba Dey		47.71*
19 Diane Walker		47.65*
20 Kenton Schoen		46.81*

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WASHINGTON AREA BRIDGE PLAYERS  
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**ITINERARY**

**10-day Mexican Riviera & Sea of Cortez Cruise**

Roundtrip San Diego...February 21 - March 3, 2007

On board **ms Ryndam**

Day	Ports of Call	Arrive	Depart
0	SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA		5:00 PM
1	At Sea		
2	At Sea		
3	Puerto Vallarta, Mexico	7:00 AM	9:00PM
4	Mazatlan, Mexico	8:00 AM	5:00 PM
5	Topolobampo, Mexico (Copper Canyon shore excursion)	5:30 AM	11:00 PM
6	Loreto, Mexico Scenic cruising Sierra de la Giganta	8:00 AM	6:00 PM
7	Pichilingue (La Paz), Mexico	7:00 AM	4:00 PM
8	Cabo San Lucas, Mexico	7:00 AM	4:00 PM
9	At Sea		
10	SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA	7:00 AM	

**Please join us for the Third Annual District 6 Bridge Cruise...**

**STEVE ROBINSON** will direct and teach several sessions of bridge both during the days at sea and in the evenings. You must be a part of this group 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 the Panama Canal on page 13 of this issue.

**WBL SOLVERS' CLUB**

Moderated by Steve Robinson  
 robinswr@erols.com

Congratulations to **Elen Cherniavsky** who came in first with a score of 490. She wins a free entry to the Unit Game and will be invited to be on a future panel. Second was **Larry Kahn** with a score of 460 Tied for third were **Yi Zhong, Mark Chen, Joe Lentz, Bob Boorman** and **John Lawrence** with a score of 440. Eighth was **David Chechelashvili** with a score of 430. Ninth was **Michael Pearlman** with a score of 420. Tied for tenth were **David Rodney, Terry Carpenter, Noble Shore, Jim Wakefield** and **Josh Donn** with a score of 410. Tied for fifteenth were **Linda Gaylor, Barbara Israel, Elliot Grant, Sam Keiter, Craig Olson, Robert Stone** and **Dave Abelow** with a score of 400. The average score of the 165 solvers was 326. The average score of the experts was 390.

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**

♠ AKQJ54♥ KQ103♦ A♣ 54

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
—	1♦	Pass	1♠
?????*	2♠ natural		
Action	Score	Votes	Solvers
4♠	100	7	31
Pass	80	2	29
2♠	60	1	23
Double	40	3	72
3♠	20	0	4
2♥	20	0	3
1NT	20	0	1
3♥	20	0	1
4♥	20	0	1

If partner has the Jack of hearts and spades break, you can take six spades, three hearts and a diamond. That's making 4♠. There are two sure ways to get to 4♠. You could jump directly to 4♠. A direct 4♠ has the advantage of being natural and preemptive. The second way is to pass and then bid 4♠. Passing allows you to change your mind if East rebids his spades. If West rebids 1NT, you might get a chance to play 1NT doubled. If East was kidding about his spade bid, West might actually have enough points to jump to 2NT. You'll get information as to the opponent's distribution. On the other hand, if the opponents have a minor-suit fit, passing gives them room to find it. Seven experts bid 4♠ directly.

**Parker:** "4♠—If 2♠ is natural so is this. Any other bid such as double will just get things complicated later on. I think I can make 4♠ so I bid it. Simple game."

**Woolsey:** "4♠—Riddle: What is AKQJxx called? Answer: It is called trumps. A takeout double will be right only if North has hearts and East has five spades. Against that, the 4♠-call could put West under a lot of pressure if he has a long diamond suit or a minor 2-suiter, either of which is quite likely. In addition, if I

double and partner bids clubs, will he then take my spade bids as natural? I don't want to take the chance that he will think otherwise."

**Deverin:** "4♠—Why not? West may have only four spades, and partner needs only to have Jxx in hearts to give us a good shot. Also, it's pre-emptive."

You figure to make 4♠ unless West has more than four spades.

**Theurer:** "4♠—I'm not sure if I can make this, but it also gives the opponents a guess. They may have a big fit in one/both minors and a good save or make there, but it also could be partner with the minors. Tough to double to try to find hearts, since after the expected club response, spade bids by me will sound like cue-bids. Just the heart Jack in partner's hand gives me a play if RHO doesn't have five spades."

If the opponents have a good save, they will usually find it. With neither vulnerable, +300 would be a good IMP score.

**Lublin:** "4♠—It has to be natural and all I need is the heart Jack to make it and not a 5-1 break in trump."

Or a 7-0 break!

**Landen:** "4♠—I bid what I think (hope?) I can make. At least this bid shouldn't confuse partner. Doubling and then later bidding spades, at whatever level, will muddy the waters unnecessarily."

**Adams:** "4♠—I really want to double on this hand, but I do not know any follow-up over partners club bids where spades are natural. This is probably the only way to bid naturally. 2♠, hoping for a second bid is overly hopeful. If I thought double followed by 4♠ showed Spades, I would double. If they save in 5♦, I have to guess."

Three experts make a takeout double. I don't think they thought about the follow-ups. One fatal scenario is partner bidding clubs. All spade bids by you might be interpreted as cuebids or splinters. If partner does bid hearts how can you be sure he's not 3352?

**Cappelletti:** "Double—Here the double is even more clear since partner might bid hearts. I have seen a similar problem solved by Schenken's rule that a second major suit "cuebid" where you have other cuebids available is to play."

**King:** "Double—2♠ may be natural, but it is non-forcing. If partner has Jxxxx of Hearts and out, game is almost cold and even with less, there is a play."

**Roman:** "Double—It's true that 2♠ here is natural, but it would be a serious underbid,

since we obviously want to play in game. 4♥ if partner bids them, 4♠ spades if he doesn't."

One expert agrees with me and passes. If I was vulnerable and they were not, I would be more worried about the opponents finding a cheap save.

**Hopkins:** "Pass—My hope is that 1NT will come back to me so I can double for penalties. Also, I should be able to double Diamond (or Club) contracts for take-out later, if necessary."

One expert voted for Reagan (conservative). With 19 HCPs, why do you think there's going to be further bidding? 2♠ is mostly played as natural with opener's minor or 1NT played as Michaels. I like 1NT to be an opening 1NT, 2♠ natural and 2♦ Michaels. A lot of players respond on nothing so you have to be able to show a strong balanced hand.

**Schwartz:** "2♠—Only reasonable way to get to spades is to bid them now. Might be able to get hearts in later."

Don't create unusual bidding sequences because partner might not be able to field them.

## 2) IMPs None Vulnerable

♠ 3♥ 6543♦ K54♣ AKJ103

<u>SOUTH</u>	<u>WEST</u>	<u>NORTH</u>	<u>EAST</u>
—	2♦	Dbl	Pass
????			
<u>Action</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Votes</u>	<u>Solvers</u>
3♦	100	4	30
2NT	90	3	10
3NT	70	3	28
3♣	60	1	28
3♥	50	2	43
4♥	40	0	9
4♣	30	0	7
2♥	20	0	9
Pass	20	0	1

Partner has made a takeout double. You have a four-card heart suit, a diamond stopper, a five-card club suit and a game-almost-force, four pieces of information that you want to tell partner.

And it would be nice to play the final contract from your side. There's no system that would tell partner everything. Which pieces of information are you going to show? It's usually right to play in an eight-card major suit fit, hearts assuming partner has four of them. However, your hearts are the 6543. Give partner a typical takeout double ♠ AJxx♥ AJxx♦ x♣ Qxxx, 3NT has very little play and 4♥ just needs a hearts to break 3-2. You could just as easily give partner ♠ AKQx♥ Jxxx♦ Q♣ Qxxx and 4♥ has no play. I try to be consistent. When partner makes a takeout double, I

try to bid a four-card or longer major if that is possible. If partner does not have four hearts, you probably belong in 3NT. If you want partner to choose between hearts and notrump and you're playing Lebensohl, you bid 2NT which forces partner to bid 3♣. You then bid 3♦, which is game-forcing Stayman with a stopper. 2NT followed by 3NT shows a hand with a doubtful stopper such as Qxx or Jxxx. The type of stopper, that you want partner to run with a singleton or void. This is just the opposite of Lebensohl over 1NT. The logic is who is more likely to have the stopper. After a takeout doubler it's the responder, after the 1NT-opener is the opener.

Two experts agree with me and bid 2NT.

**Woolsey:** "2NT—I assume we are playing Lebensohl. I will follow with 3NT. This shows doubt about notrump. Partner will run with a stiff small diamond, and then we can get to 4♥ or 5♣. That is better than insisting on hearts and finding partner with only three-card support."

Woolsey is not even going to show his four-card heart suit.

**Schwartz:** "2NT—Followed by 3♦, Stayman with a stopper. If my diamond King is not worth anything this is an overbid but at least I get to 4♥ when it's right."

Stayman with a stopper! If partner is flat, he might not show his four-card major knowing that you are suggesting notrump.

Four experts cuebid. Usually when you cuebid in this type of auctions you have two places to play. The cuebid will make sure that you don't play in a 4-3 heart fit. You promise another bid when you cuebid so partner should not jump to 4♠ with extras. The worst scenario is doubler, who happens to be 3325, bids 4♠. 3♦ followed by 3NT over 3♠ shows four hearts and a diamond stopper.

**Adams:** "3♦—Followed by 4♥ or 5♣ if partner jumps in Spades. Shows hearts that will not play well opposite three-card suit."

**Hopkins:** "3♦—I am going to raise 3♥ to 4♥ and bid 3NT over 3♠. The only worry I have if we end up in 4♥ is that I might have wrong-sided the contract."

I'd be more worried my king of diamonds being worthless.

**King:** "3♦—Either 3NT or 4♥ could be the best game. I want to start with a game force and see what partner bids."

**Landen:** "3♦—I need the added flexibility that the cuebid affords to maximize the probability of reaching the correct strain. If partner doesn't bid hearts I will bid 3NT."

Three experts bid 3NT. Can't partner

have ♠ Axxx♥ KQJx♦ -♣ Qxxxx. 4♥ easily makes and 3NT is down. If you had to make the final decision, 3NT would be a reasonable shot but Lebensohl allows you to show doubt about notrump. Woolsey ignores the heart suit also but at least plays in a suit contract when doubler is short in diamonds.

**Cappelletti:** "3NT—Nine tricks in notrump probably more likely than three or fewer losers in hearts."

**Parker:** "3NT—Too many times partner puts down a dummy of 8762 of hearts and we can make 3NT but go down in 4♥ because of a bad trump split. I should have six tricks in my hand and hope partner has three. I might get tapped out of trump in both hands and never score my clubs in hearts. If I bid 3♦ I am forced to bid 4♥ over 3♥, since 3NT bid shows four spades if I don't raise hearts."

**Roman:** "3NT—If my hearts were a four-card suit (say J10xx or better) I would bid 2NT (Lebensohl) and then 3NT, telling partner I had two places to play, but not here."

Two experts follow my rule. Opposite a takeout double, bid a major whenever possible. The problem with 3♥ is that it is not flexible. You will play in hearts, even opposite Jxx.

**Deverin:** "3♥—Jump to show a little extra opposite partner's double. With bad hearts, he may bid 3NT to play or 3♠ at which point you will bid 4♣."

Over 3♥, partner will not look for a different strain. His only two options are to pass or bid 4♥.

**Lublin:** "3♥—Invitational because of bad suit and diamond King."

One expert bids his strong club suit. Over 3♣, partner will think about 3NT and 5♣ as possible game contracts, not 4♥. With no club help, he might pass 3♣ with a fourteen count.

**Theurer:** "3♣—Tough problem - difficult to find both correct level and strain. My hearts are so bad I'm not sure I want to play in that suit even opposite some decent four-card holdings, and he could have only three of them. I'm tempted use Hamman's rule and bid 3NT, but I'd need the clubs to run plus three fast major suit winners from partner. Besides, being non-vulnerable I don't think I need to be quite so pushy. Partner might find another call and we can still get to game, but if he has a minimum, 3♣ could be our only making spot (example hand for partner: ♠ KQxx♥ AQx♦ xx♣ Qxxx - RHO didn't raise diamonds, increasing the chance partner doesn't have a stiff diamond)."

When in doubt make the most flexible bid.

### 3) IMPs they're Vulnerable

♠ K10874♥ 65♣ AJ3♣ K43

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
1♠	2♠ <sup>1</sup>	Dbl	2NT <sup>2</sup>
(asks for minor)			
Pass	3♣	Pass	Pass
?????	<sup>1</sup> Michaels	<sup>2</sup> (asks for minor)	
Action	Score	Votes	Solvers
Double	100	4	45
3♦	50	2	14
3NT	50	2	3
3♠	50	0	12
3♥	50	0	3
Pass	40	5	87

You're dealt ♠ Ax♥ AQJ10♣ K10987♣ A2. Partner opens 1♠ and you are thinking about how you are going to get to slam when RHO bids Michaels and he's vulnerable. Double you say, hoping they will end up in hearts. Double says that you have at least 10 HCPs and can double at least one of their suits. Double is like a redouble of a takeout double. When you redouble a takeout double you want to double the opponents if they land in one of your suits. You want partner to double if they land in one of his suits. LHO bids 2NT asking for overcaller's minor and sadly the Michaels bidder bids 3♣. He has clubs and hearts. You pass hoping that partner can double. Maybe you should double but what if partner has a singleton club. You have your lead ready, the ace of clubs, when —

**Cappelletti:** "Pass—Your partner merely has ten points (or more) and fewer than three spades. Simply defend and try to go plus."

Partner's double is forcing. Forcing means that YOU CAN'T PASS. Since the opponents are not playing in hearts, partner has a penalty double of hearts. Where are their tricks coming from? They are in at best an eight-card club fit, have less than half the points and partner's hearts are behind the Michaels bidder. This should be bloody.

**Landen:** "Pass—Partner probably intends his pass as forcing, but what can I bid? 3NT with no tricks? Double with little defense? If we can make game then they should go down a couple of tricks here (the four of clubs is on the table before I pick up my pass card) so we'll only lose five IMPs more or less."

A lead out of turn would be bad for the defense since declarer can now bar a trump lead.

**Roman:** "Pass—I guess I'm being asked if partner's pass is forcing. No, it's not."

I probably should have given the pass zero points but I was feeling generous.

Two experts have a different interpretation of partner's double of 2♠.

**Deverin:** "Pass—I assume partner's double shows a small spade raise. (I didn't buy your book.) He doesn't have much and you don't either, so quit now before they find a game they can make."

**Hopkins:** "Pass—This depends strictly on your agreements and I'm not sure if there is a standard. If partner's double just showed a raise to 2♠ (my agreement with all partners), then you have nothing further to say. If partner shows a penalty oriented hand (in analogy to standard practice when they Michaels over our one-of-a-minor opening, then you should double."

Three experts agree with me and make the correct bridge bid. The opponents have given you a chance for a jackpot and only three experts join me and cash in.

**Parker:** "Double—Pass by partner is forcing so I must bid. I have three clubs and no long suit so a double is mandatory. Pass by him just denies three clubs and three spades."

**Woolsey:** "Double—Partner has announced that we have the balance of strength. He doesn't have a spade fit, and he figures to have a doubleton club or he wouldn't want to defend. He also figures to have hearts under control. Where will the opponents take any tricks? The play figures to go: Trump lead, and declarer plays on hearts. I overruff dummy on the third round of hearts and if the second round of trumps hasn't been played I play it, removing dummy's last trump. End of the line for declarer. I think +800 is a lot more likely than -670, with +500 the most likely estimate."

Notice the trump lead. Lead trumps when you have the balance of the HCPs to stop possible ruffs.

**King:** "Double—I think partner's pass is forcing. With a better hand I would have doubled 2NT, so partner should not expect much more than this."

Four experts fail to cash their lottery ticket.

**Theurer:** "3♦ —Partner's pass is forcing and he clearly has the red suits and is hoping I can double clubs. My holding there isn't good enough, and besides, my hand is dead minimum overall. At matchpoints I might chance a double trying to get +200, but at IMPs I can't take that chance - better to bid something and hope to find our best contract. Partner may only have the same strength I have so can't bid 3NT unless he shows extras."

**Lublin:** "3♦ —Partner is likely to have hearts and diamonds and if he bids 3♥ I bid 3NT."

**Schwartz:** "3NT—I am going to assume the opponents are sane and 2NT shows real minor preference as they have pass and

redouble to make partner pick a suit. At matchpoints I would chance double but IMPs its too big a risk and they probably won't be able to double 3NT. Partner must have a heart stopper on this auction so don't want to fool around with 3♦. This auction is forcing or I would pass."

The opponents could be sane, West holding ♠ x♥ KJ9xx♦ xx♣ AQ10xx for instance, and with trump leads +800 is easy.

**Adams:** "3NT—Partner has hearts stopped, I have clubs stopped, and partner expects me to bid again. Maybe down two will be a push VS 3♣ making, maybe partner will have the real deal and we go plus."

It's important in partnerships to know which bids are forcing and which bids can be passed.

### 4) Matchpoints None Vulnerable

♠ KQJ5♥ A43♦ 5♣ 65432

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
1♠	Pass	1♦	Pass
?????		2♠	Pass
Action	Score	Votes	Solvers
Pass	100	8	51
4♠	80	2	26
3♣	60	2	50
3♥	60	1	12
2NT	50	0	4
3♠	50	0	20

There are two good answers to this problem. You can pass and go plus or you can bid 4♠, a game try. When you bid 4♠, you will try to make game! Any other bid just complicates the situation. Plus scores are good at matchpoints. Usually when you make a game try, you want partner to evaluate his holding in that suit. Opposite five little clubs, only shortness, the ace, or solid clubs are good. All other holdings such as KJx might look good but won't make 4♠ a good contract. It doesn't make sense to make a game try in a suit where partner can't evaluate his holding. This is the main reason why the experts pass 2♠.

**Parker:** "Pass—Non vulnerable at match points you do not want to go minus. Play the contract better and get more match points that way. A 3♣-game try would not be pretty opposite Qxx of clubs."

**Woolsey:** "Pass—If I knew the raise promised four, I would invite. If I had a short-suit game try available, I would make one. Without either of these, I believe that at matchpoints passing is the percentage action."

**Cappelletti:** "Pass—Now that you have maneuvered into a favorable situation, why would you bid and try to go for a large penalty?"

**Deverin:** "Pass—Take the plus score. It's OK to have a few extra points. Your holding in partner's diamond suit is poor."

**Theurer:** "Pass—With only four trumps and a singleton in partner's suit, this is a marginal game try hand at best - at IMPs I'd be more inclined to make a try, but at matchpoints it doesn't pay to stretch to thin games very often - go plus on this one. Maybe the opponents will balance and we can get a chance to double them especially if partner has only three trumps and a sound defensive hand."

**King:** "Pass—At IMPs I might make a game try, but at Matchpoints I want to preserve my plus score."

**Landen:** "Pass—Pass fast and hope they balance. If so, lower the boom. Game might have a decent play, but I doubt it's cold and at matchpoints I won't stretch. I assume in Washington Standard you're not allowed to raise on three (I disagree), but a 4-3 fit will play well with this hand."

Raising on three is a partnership understanding. I try not to raise on three but sometimes there is no alternative.

Three experts make a game try. The problem with making a game try in clubs is how is partner supposed to know that his Qxx of clubs is not what you need.

**Adams:** "3♣ —Pass is tempting. Could not have made my spots any less appealing, and I might listen to my opponents tempo at the table and pass. I have a pretty textbook invite however, so am resisting urge to mastermind."

**Hopkins:** "3♣ —Even at matchpoints where it is best to be conservative and ensure a plus score, this hand is worth a game try. A few Aces and Club shortness, for example, would lead to a likely ten tricks on cross-ruff lines. I wonder if 3♥ would be a counter-counter game try if partner counters with 3♦?"

**Lublin:** "3♥ —I make a game try with 3♥. Partner will accept with stiff in either hearts or clubs."

Two experts make my type of game try. They will try to make game. When you make you make game tries you give opponents information and they might be able to defend better. If they see that suits are splitting badly they could double if they know you're stretching.

**Schwartz:** "4♠ —Can try to stop on a dime by showing clubs or a stiff diamond but all that will do is help the opponents."

**Roman:** "4♠ —If 2NT is an artificial ask which will tell me if partner has three or four spades I would bid that...this isn't the time for a 4-3 fit."

Try to avoid making game tries.

### 5) IMPs Both Vulnerable

♠ -♥ AQJ10972♦ 3♣ AK862

WEST	NORTH	EAST	
3♠	Pass	Pass	
?????			
Action	Score	Votes	Solvers
4♠	100	5	43
5♥	90	2	22
6♥	80	2	14
4♥	60	3	63
Double	30	1	18
4NT	20	0	3
5♠	20	0	1
4♣	0	0	1

How do you show a hand that's too good to bid 4♥? Easy! You jump to 5♥. When you overcall 4♥ you think you can probably make at least 2♥. Holding ♠x♥AQJxxx♦KQx♣Qxx, you have to close your eyes and bid 4♥. This is a bidder's game. On bad days you go for a large number. More often partner has a few honors and you make 4♥. 5♥ shows a stronger hand, a hand where you know you can make 4♥, and probably make at least 5♥. Opposite the problem hand there are three honors out there that can help you, Ace of diamonds, King of hearts, Queen of clubs. The odds say that partner will have at least one of these honors. The fact that East passed 3♠ makes it more likely that partner has strength and has your missing honors. If you jump to 5♥, you give partner a chance to use his judgment.

One expert agrees with me and invites slam.

**Adams:** "5♥—Just a guess. Partner will not know which minor suit Qxx helps me, but will know that Diamond Ace and Heart King are good cards."

Two experts bid slam. Since partner will not know what he needs, bidding a slam is a good shot. Good shot with East passing 3♠.

**Hopkins:** "6♥—I am going to be straightforward. I could make if partner has as little as the Club Queen and 8x of Hearts. Double is too risky. Here everybody guesses."

**Roman:** "6♥—I went to the attic, found my old Magic eight-Ball, shook it up and asked if I would make 6♥... "It Is Decidedly So". Seriously, I'm bidding what I hope I can make."

Five experts bid 4♠. 4♠ is Michaels showing hearts and a minor at least five-five. I don't know what that will accomplish. Partner will probably have minor-suit length and will want to know which minor you have. He won't know that you can play in hearts opposite a void. Since you are planning to bid hearts, partner won't know which minor you have. Since this is not a discussed auction, he probably won't have any idea about what

you have other than wanting to play in hearts.

**Parker:** "4♠—And then 6♥ over any bid. This should allow partner to evaluate the diamond ace and heart king if he has them. A direct jump to 6♥ basically shuts him out."

**Woolsey:** "4♠—Presumably this is Michaels. Likely partner will bid 4NT, asking for my minor. When I then bid 5♥, I'm clearly showing slam interest. He will have to guess, of course, but at least he can make some kind of educated guess from this information."

**Cappelletti:** "4♠—Since there is no better way to describe your hand, showing a two-suiter with hearts might lead to the right spot (like if partner has three or more clubs and a stiff or void heart. If this hand had Queen of clubs also, then I would try gambling 6♥, hoping to get a favorable lead. As it is - even with favorable lead, 6♥ might go down."

**Deverin:** "4♠—Shows two unspecified suits. If (when) partner bids 5♦, you will bid 5♥. It's then partner's choice to pass, or bid 6♣ or 6♥."

**King:** "4♠—I might end up going minus with this bid, but my hand is too good to just bid 4♥ and I would not be happy if I doubled and partner passed."

Three experts voted conservative. In direct seat it would make some sense to be conservative but in passout seat where partner has to have values, bidding only 4♥ is wimpy.

**Theurer:** "4♥—This looks like an underbid, but there's no guarantee partner has either (working) cards or a fit, something like 4153 shape is quite possible. The hand is too freakish to double. If the opponents compete to 4♠ I can try 5♣."

**Lublin:** "4♥—Don't want to double and defend but will sit double of 4♠."

**Schwartz:** "4♥—If the opponents had raised, my hand would have been much better but East's pass is worrisome with heart length more likely. Thus I will go for a plus score."

Double is scary since it could very easily be left in, even though it's responsive. Wouldn't you pass 3♠ - doubled holding ♠Q10xx♥Kx♦xxx♣QJxx? Might not even beat it.

**Landen:** "Double—Then settle for 4♥ over four-of-a-minor. I may well miss a slam, but I'm not in the mood to take a wild shot and I have no five-level safety after a minimum response from partner. Over partner's 3NT, I'll jump to 5♥ and hope partner interprets this as strength showing and not asking for any particular feature. Hands like this are why we all love to preempt."

Partner is never supposed to be broke in this type of auction. If he is get a new partner.

### SOLVERS' SCORES

John Adams	4♠	3♦	3NT	3♣	5♥	400
Mike Cappelletti	Dbl	3NT	Pass	Pass	4♠	350
Mike Deverin	4♠	3♥	Pass	Pass	4♠	390
Robbie Hopkins	Pass	3♦	Pass	3♣	6♥	360
Steve Landen	4♠	3♦	Pass	Pass	Dbl	370
Glenn Lublin	4♠	3♥	3♦	3♥	4♥	320
Fred King	Dbl	3♦	Dbl	Pass	4♠	440
Steve Parker	4♠	3NT	Dbl	Pass	4♠	470
Steve Robinson	Pass	2NT	Dbl	Pass	5♥	460
Jeff Roman	Dbl	3NT	Pass	4♠	6♥	310
Alan Schwartz	2♠	2NT	3NT	4♠	4♥	340
Brad Theurer	4♠	3♣	3♦	Pass	4♥	370
Kit Woolsey	4♠	2NT	Dbl	Pass	4♠	490

## 2ND ANNUAL BRIDGE PLAYERS' CRUISE

by Steve Robinson

About 30 District Six bridge players and three non-players joined me on the 2nd Annual Washington Area Bridge Cruise. Most of us flew from the Washington area to Miami (several adventurers drove down, carting a case of delicious wine for our table to sample). Most of us left early on the morning of December 2nd, but some participants paid a little extra to arrive a few days earlier so they could take in the sights of South Florida. We sailed later that afternoon, headed for the Panama Canal.

The Panama Canal was fascinating as it operates without pumps. Small electric trains, about the size of a car kept our huge cruise ship centered in the lock. The Royal Caribbean ship *Brilliance of the Seas* was only about two feet narrower than the locks. They showed an interesting documentary movie of the canal's history and a guide kept us informed through the ship's communication system.

Over the course of the cruise, we had four great port visits: Aruba, Panama, Costa Rica and Grand Cayman. (The Grand Canyon wasn't there). On three of those days, we had an evening bridge session and the other day, they gave me a day off. Some of the group and I took excursions at the four ports, but others just wandered to the beaches, especially on the two islands.

We also had six days at sea, so there was plenty of time for bridge. We played two sessions a day, each with between 18 and 24 hands during the afternoon and evening. Some of the ship's evening entertainment was sufficiently enticing that we finished dinner in an hour and a quarter, went to the show, and then played bridge. One time we went to the late show, playing 18 hands between dinner and the show.

**David**, husband of the travel agent **Wendy Epstein**, recruited two couples from outside the group and he was the permanent floater, partnering with anyone needing a partner, so we never had a

sit-out round. The non-group couples played only when they were needed. We had five to eight tables for each session, and the experience level ranged from a few intermediate players with just a few master points to a few experienced players with about 3,000 points. We played 13 sessions and except in one case, I passed out hand records and answered questions about the hands we had just played.

In case people did not have enough bridge in the afternoon and evening, I taught five classes during mornings at sea. The lessons were "two over one," "forcing no trump" "Roman Key Card," "carding" and "Jacoby Two No Trump." The lessons were in the conference center, which was nice and quiet. There were also plenty of distractions besides bridge, including "rock climbing," trivia contests, cooking demonstrations, spa treatments, miniature golf, making contributions to the "one-armed bandit," etc.

Food was plentiful, varied, and tasty, and we always had the choice of whether to eat in the full-service restaurant, from the buffet, or from other places, such as the grill, appetizers being passed around, theme meals out on deck, etc. Those of us who had sailed on Royal Caribbean before were invited to the Captain's cocktail party, too. Many of us also paid an extra \$20 to dine like kings in one of the two specialty restaurants, each of which only seated about 25 people.

Linda and I are looking forward to joining many of you on the 3rd Annual Washington Area Bridge Cruise on a Holland America ship *Ryndam* on an itinerary named "Sea of Cortez" with ports of call in six ports on the west coast of Mexico: Puerto Vallarta, Mazatlan, Topolobampo, Loreto, LaPay, and Cabo San Lucas. I hope to spend a little more time teaching and a little less time supervising tournament play. However, the group wishes will be taken into account. *More details can be found on page 6.*



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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.

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 9, 2006 including the Unit KO, but not the Fidelity & Trust Round Robin. All points are subject to audit by the WBL Director.

**Lovenberg**

- 1 66.95 Steve Robinson
- 2 61.20 David Ruderman
- 3 55.45 Arnie Frankel
- 4 54.28 Alfred Steinberg
- 5 44.92 Ellen Klosson
- 6 43.92 Mark Shaw
- 7 43.84 Fred King
- 8 40.07 Donald Berman
- 9 36.67 John Adams
- 10 36.52 Mark Rosen
- 11 36.25 Michael Gill
- 12 34.48 William Cole
- 13 34.46 Peter Boyd
- 14 34.26 Noble Shore
- 15 33.64 Donna Rogall
- 16 33.16 Clyde Kruskal
- 17 31.40 Larry Kahn
- 18 31.06 Eugene Kales
- 19 30.51 Leon Letwin
- 20 29.67 H John Edmonds
- 21 29.04 Benjamin Brill
- 22 28.74 Eugene Fisher
- 23 27.96 Ellen Cherniavsky
- 24 26.60 Jason Rosenfeld
- 25 24.81 Barry Falgout

**Izzy Cohen**

- 1 36.52 Mark Rosen
- 2 36.25 Michael Gill
- 3 29.67 H John Edmonds
- 4 28.74 Eugene Fisher
- 5 26.60 Jason Rosenfeld
- 6 24.30 Janet Dence
- 7 24.16 William Hacker
- 8 23.37 Joel Miller
- 9 22.96 David Genne
- 10 22.20 Hailong Ao
- 11 21.57 Lloyd Rawley
- 12 20.72 Steven Schatzow
- 13 19.23 Richard Ferrin
- 14 19.20 John Glynn
- 15 19.05 William Kingery Jr

**Tubbs**

- 1 19.05 William Kingery Jr
- 2 15.21 Daniel Koch
- 3 15.17 Katherine Rabenstein
- 4 13.34 Shawn Stringer
- 5 12.85 Prem Garg
- 6 12.85 Shyam Giridharadas
- 7 12.57 Amy Bloom
- 8 11.57 Carol Elfant
- 9 10.88 Judy Glick
- 10 10.52 Roma Chandra

**Woolridge**

- 1 12.57 Amy Bloom
- 2 8.21 Marie Saeger
- 3 6.69 Andrew Jacknain
- 4 5.39 Jose Porres
- 5 5.01 Grazyna Gdula
- 6 4.25 Christopher Miller
- 7 4.19 Paul Chassy
- 8 4.19 Reina Chassy
- 9 4.10 Allan Cohen
- 10 3.80 Kay Miller

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**UNIT GAME PARTNERS GUARANTEED**

To find a partner 1 day or more before the game, contact Barbara Doran [UnitGamePartner@DistrictSix.org](mailto:UnitGamePartner@DistrictSix.org) (301-608-0347), or log on to the **Online Partnership Bulletin Board** at: [www.WashingtonBridgeLeague.org](http://www.WashingtonBridgeLeague.org).

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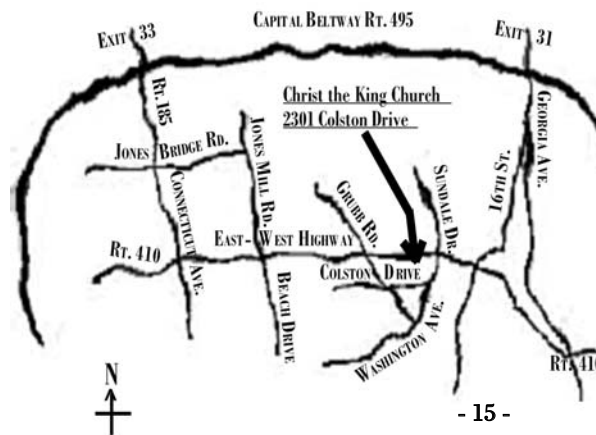
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**(301) 395-2760**

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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.

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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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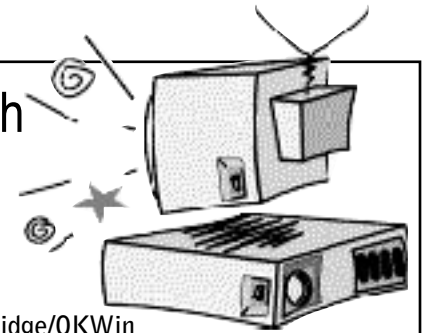


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**COMITTEE ACTION #52, PART 1**

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

The following case, heard by an Appeal Committee in Atlanta last summer, points out the difference between misinformation (MI) and damage resulting from MI. It arose in the first session of the Grand National Teams.

**Bd:** 14; **Vul:** None; **Dlr:** East

<b>North</b>		
♠	Q	
♥	K10652	
♦	KQ853	
♣	K9	
<b>West</b>		
♠	J982	
♥	8	
♦	976	
♣	86532	
<b>East</b>		
♠	106543	
♥	A97	
♦	104	
♣	A107	

<b>South</b>			
	♠	AK7	
	♥	QJ43	
	♦	AJ2	
	♣	QJ4	
<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
Pass	1♥	Pass	1♣
Pass	4♣	Pass	3♥
Pass	4NT	Pass	4♦
Pass	6♥	All Pass	5♠

Six hearts made six (+980 for N/S) when East led a spade. At the end of the auction South explained that 4NT was a spade cue bid by agreement (4♠ would have been ace asking: kickback). At the end of the round N/S also provided the Director with a set of their system notes documenting their ace-asking agreements (the Director had not requested it). Nevertheless, the Director ruled that N/S did not have the agreement as stated, ruled there had been MI, and adjusted the result to 6♥ down one, +50 for E/W. N/S appealed.

At the hearing, North explained that he forgot that 4NT was a spade cue bid in this auction but did not correct South's explanation since it correctly described his partnership's agreement.

The Committee could not agree on whether there had been MI. They did determine that even if East had been misinformed about what N/S's bids meant, he was not damaged by it. It should have been clear to East, looking at two aces, that N/S were in an inferior contract. Consequently, E/W's poor result was due to East's failure to lead one of his aces. Accordingly, the Committee allowed the table result (+980 for N/S) to stand.

*Comments on several important aspects of this case will appear in our next issue.—Ed.*

This year's Annual Meeting and Elections will be held on Thursday, May 11, 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.

**2005 MASTERPOINT RACES**

During the evening, we will recognize our 2005 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 five Unit Director positions consist of three two-year terms and two one-year terms.

*Candidate for President*



**Fred King** has been a member of the league since moving to Washington, D.C. in 1973. He worked for the World Bank until his retirement in 2001. He has been on the Board the past five years, serving as vice-president the last three years. In addition he has been caddy master for over 15 years.

He says, "If elected I would like to build upon the strong base and good momentum that has built up in recent years. I would work to help our games grow, strengthen our volunteer base, and maintain our strong financial position. I would encourage increased feedback from the membership as a key way of guiding the board."

*Candidate for Vice-President*

**Don Berman** has been a member of the WBL



Board of Directors for 9 years and thanks the membership for its support. He asks for your support toward fulfilling the new challenges of Vice President. 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 Secretary*

**Richard Ferrin** has been a WBL member since 1993. He has participated regularly in the Unit Game and other WBL events for the past six and a half years, and is a silver life master. For the past two years, he has served as WBL Secretary. He says, "I would be honored to continue serving the WBL in that capacity. The WBL is growing and participation in the Unit Game and WBL sectionals grew significantly in the last year. We have an opportunity to grow further in the coming years, particularly with demographic changes (i.e., retirement of baby boomers), and with outreach efforts (i.e., building on programs in schools). I hope to provide ideas and any other assistance to the bridge community in those efforts. I also hope to work with other WBL members on making all of our bridge events a more enjoyable experience for everyone, of all levels of experience and expertise."



*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.

*Candidates for the 5 Unit Director Positions*

**Barbara Ames** is a CPA with a busy tax practice in Rockville. She was Vice-President of the



WBL from 1995 to 1997. During that time she was actively involved with WBL activities, including membership surveys, and chaired a "Bridge in the Mall" event to promote local bridge and raise money for Children's Hospital. For the past two years, Barbara has worked on the WBL board as a Unit Director with the idea of increasing the quality and attendance of our local sectional tournaments.

**Ellen Cherniavsky**, who holds a Ph.D. in Operations Research, retired a year ago but still works part time for the MITRE Corporation in support of the Federal Aviation Administration, which she has been doing for the last 22 years. She learned bridge from her parents, played it in college, then quit to pursue graduate studies and have a family. Ten years ago she returned to the duplicate scene. If elected, she would like to help promote programs for new and returning players, drawing on her own experiences as a returning player and as a mom trying to get her kids involved in bridge.



**Bob Levey** has been a WBL member for more than 35 years. He has taken part in several marketing summits to increase membership and publicity. He has also served on steering and planning committees for two NABCs. He edited the *Washington Post* bridge column for 36 years, and has written widely on bridge for several publications, including a regular column for the *ACBL Bulletin* in the 1990s. He hopes to revamp and improve publicity for WBL.

**Shlomit Rind** is a doctor of Physical Therapy. She was the director of Rehabilitation Services at the Hebrew Home of Greater Washington until March 2005, when she established a private contract therapy company: Prime Therapy Enterprises,



LLC. She is the mother of three children (all in college), Libi, Aviv and Gil, who decided to take bridge lessons at Steve and Sandy Forsythe's 0-20 unit game, over three years ago. She was hooked on the game from the first board she played, and is hoping to reach Life Master this year.

Shlomit feels that bridge has changed her life in providing mental stimulation, friendships and travel opportunities. As a board member, she would like to help attract new players to the game, promote a friendly environment, and expand the novice/intermediate games.

**Barbara Summers** says, "IT TAKES A VILLAGE TO RUN A BRIDGE LEAGUE: Behind the scene volunteers are helping keep this game we love alive and thriving. My aim serving again on the



Board is to get more players helping so that all realize what efforts go into our organization...to mention a few: Winston Edwards got a coupon book for free plays printed to give the new Instant Bridge Player (IBP) group and those that learned when Ron Kral led a class of 100 students at the Smithsonian. Dick Wegman has contacted Bill Gate's coordinator to secure a grant to help fund our Bridge in Schools program. We are planning a tournament for high schoolers at the 4th of July Regional and Steve and Sandy Forsythe will do two Instant Bridge Player programs. If you are not familiar with the Forsythe's program to learn bridge in a day ask to see the hand outs and tell your friends, neighbors, co-workers, children and grandchildren who would enjoy the sociability and mental excitement of learning bridge. The entire Board handles thorny problems: prizes or food? how to grow a building fund? player misconduct, zero tolerance plus scheduling where and when to hold tournaments. So what does Barbara do? I arrange volunteers and handle club relations.

This is just a short and incomplete list of our VILLAGERS. Please let me add your name next month."

Player	NonLM Leaders	Points
1 Martha Bley		38.46*
2 Ross Bley		36.44*
3 Katherine Rabenstein		32.31
4 Lily Andre		25.78*
5 William Kingery Jr		25.54
6 Elizabeth Parker		22.42*
7 Shawn Stringer		20.93
8 Roma Chandra		20.89
9 Larry Gebbie		19.00*
10 Thomas Reckford		18.85
11 Murat Berk		18.68
12 William Gurley		18.24
13 Margaret Brown		17.37
14 Marshall Fite		17.23
15 Daniel Koch		16.14
16 Marilyn Smebakken		15.67*
17 Eric Poskanzer		14.25
18 Shlomit Rind		14.07
19 Helene Cooper		14.05*
20 Mike Frosch		13.85*

**OUR CONDOLENCES**

Our regrets go to Dr. Steven Forsythe for the loss of his father. Steve and wife Sandy run many Intermediate/Novice programs, lessons, and games for the WBL.

**MONTGOMERY COUNTY SCHOOL BRIDGE PROGRAM**

by Ron Starr, r4starr@aol.com

Three years ago, we started our first bridge program in the area high schools.

We have achieved some successes in these three seasons in the high school program, all in those schools that have a single lunch period. Since most of these students are so busy and active after school, those high schools that have multiple lunch periods, bridge clubs are more difficult to arrange.

Currently there are three lunch period programs with WBL volunteer teachers at each school. Since the lunch periods are only forty minutes long, we can only accomplish a limited teaching and (importantly) playing time. The one school that has an extended teaching time is St. Andrews in Potomac with **David Brown** (math teacher and assistant head of the upper school) as the bridge instructor. His students have consistently shown up and done well at the two sectionals each year.

At the middle school level, **Mark Rosen** has started a bridge club at Tilden Middle School which does exist in an after school program. Hopefully we can extend these middle school clubs to other schools next year. And possibly pick up some more high schools that have a single lunch period.

WBL members who have donated and given up their time for the teaching programs are **Ellen Rosenthal, Hall Sisson, Barbara Summers, Erma Lordeman and me**. We greatly appreciate the efforts of these selfless volunteers.

We would love to expand the bridge program to a school in your area, so let us know if you can help introduce kids to this great game we love. We are always looking for new volunteers to help in this program, even if it is only on a part time basis.

**ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL ONE-DAY BRIDGE LESSON!**

by Steve and Sandy Forsythe, majslf@aol.com

You know you're doing something right when the biggest complaint about your program is that you should hold it more often enough! That's what many of the students said at our most recent Instant Bridge Player one-day bridge lesson, held on Sunday, March 4th during the sectional at the Margaret Schweinhaut Center. A very enthusiastic thank you is due to our excellent teachers, **Ron Zucker** and **Garry Grossman**, and their very able volunteer helpers: **Eric Beard, Mike Berard, Jeanette Cartron, John Mattioli, Aaron Navarro, Ron Starr** and **Barbara Summers**.

Seventy-nine students attended the class: our biggest turnout yet! The students were divided into two groups: absolute beginners were on the stage, while those who already knew a few basics met in a classroom around the corner. The classes were taught from Steve Forsythe's Instant Bridge Player and Advanced Instant Bridge Player booklets. By offering two different classes at once, we were better able to accommodate players of different skill levels. The use of one-page bidding sheets had everyone bidding Standard American in no time.

In both classes, the students enjoyed the basic level of instruction and the chance to play and ask questions. They loved the

excellent food provided by **Nadine Wood** and her crew. About half the students said that they attended because a friend told them about the event. Be sure to keep helping us spread the word! More bridge players means bigger games, more masterpoints, and most importantly, new friends.

We expect to hold our next Instant Bridge Player lesson during the July Regional on Wednesday and again on Saturday. We also welcome beginners and social bridge players any Thursday night at our 0-20 lesson and game (a separate section of the Unit Game), whether they just need a refresher or they've never played bridge before. So keep telling your friends! All 0-5 masterpoint players who attend Thursday night will receive a coupon book with free plays for bridge games in Maryland and Virginia.

**BRIDGE & BOWLING '06**

The WBL sponsored the annual "Bridge and Bowling" day on February 4. Thirty-five bowlers participated, with about half of them being first-timers and half being veterans. The winning team was **Monique Smith, Bill Pettis, Don Berman** and **Roma Chandra**. Notable individual performances were turned in by **Tom Luther** for the men (high game of 208 and three game series of 515) and **Barbara Shaw** for the women (166-486), but fun was had by all, including the 13 bowlers who averaged less than 100 per game!

After dinner at Ruby Tuesdays, there was a GNT qualification team game at the Laurel Bridge Club. Thirty-four players took part and they were assigned to what were hoped to be teams of about equal strength. In the spirit of the event, players were encouraged to play with each of their teammates during the evening. The winning team was **Steve**

**Robinson, Steve Forsythe, Richard Ferrin** and **Art Milholland**. Mark your calendar for next year's event which is planned for the day before the Super Bowl.

**2006-2007 NORTH AMERICAN PAIRS**

It's time to start thinking about the North American Pairs! Club qualifying for the 2006-2007 event will be held during June, July, and August of 2006. There are three Flights, Open, 0-2000 and Non Life Master (with fewer than 500 points). Qualification in a flight qualifies you for all lower flights for which you are eligible.

Qualification is by individual (not pairs) - including flight eligibility - from any club qualifier in the ACBL directly to the District 6 Final. Flight eligibility is determined by your master point holding on June 1, 2006. All players who play in the District Final must have qualified at the club level and be bona fide members of District 6. There will be no exceptions. Three pairs in each flight will qualify for the National Finals, to be held at the Spring 2007 NABC in St. Louis, MO. For more information, see your April/May & June/July

**POLICY ON BEHAVIOR AT THE BRIDGE TABLE**

The WBL Board wishes to remind players that rude or argumentative behavior will not be tolerated at the bridge table. ACBL policy implementing Laws 74 and 91 of the Laws of Duplicate Bridge identifies the following types of behavior as unacceptable: (1) badgering, rudeness, insinuations, intimidation, profanity, threats, or violence; (2) negative comments concerning opponents' or partner's play or bidding; (3) constant and gratuitous lessons and analyses at the table; and (4) loud and disruptive arguing with a director's ruling. If a player behaves in an unacceptable manner, the director should be called immediately.

The WBL Board has authorized directors to take prompt and appropriate action when this policy is violated.

visit the District 6 web site ([www.districtsix.org](http://www.districtsix.org)) or contact **Barbara Doran** at (301) 608-0347 or [barbd@starpower.net](mailto:barbd@starpower.net).

**UPCOMING SECTIONALS**

- August 3-6 . . . . . Silver Spring, MD
- September 7-10 . . . . . Arlington, VA
- October 19-22 . . . . . Silver Spring, MD
- November 9-12 . . . . . Arlington, VA
- January 4-7, 2007 . . . . . Silver Spring, MD
- February 8-11, 2007 . . . . . Arlington, VA

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**TOP TEN CUMULATIVE  
POINT WINNERS**

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

**All Players**

- 1 27.07 . . . . . Steve Robinson, Arlington VA
- 2 21.81 . . . . . S James Elliott, Portland OR
- 3 19.94 . . . . . Donna Rogall, Silver Spring MD
- 4 19.63 . . . . . Peter Boyd, Silver Spring MD
- 5 16.62 . . . . . Charleen Brand, Silver Spring MD
- 6 16.62 . . . . . Eileen Theimer, Olney MD
- 7 15.17 . . . . . Robert Bell, Washington DC
- 8 15.11 . . . . . Fred King, Falls Church VA
- 9 14.68 . . . . . Clyde Kruskal, Hyattsville MD
- 10 14.25 . . . . . ShouLing Wang, Bethesda MD
- 11 14.25 . . . . . Warren Kaufman, Bowie MD

**Players with fewer than 1500 masterpoints**

- 1 10.22 . . . . . Joel Miller, Potomac MD
- 2 10.10 . . . . . Michael Richey, Springfield VA
- 3 10.10 . . . . . Ronald Zucker, Washington DC
- 4 9.33 . . . . . Robert Gunnell Jr, Reston VA
- 5 9.17 . . . . . Ross Bley, Fort Washington MD
- 6 9.17 . . . . . Martha Bley, Fort Washington MD
- 7 8.96 . . . . . Eric Poskanzer, Alexandria VA
- 8 8.82 . . . . . Jeffrey Kosnett, Gaithersburg MD
- 9 8.50 . . . . . James Andre, Rockville MD
- 10 8.45 . . . . . William Gurley, Reston VA

**Players with fewer than 500 masterpoints**

- 1 9.17 . . . . . Martha Bley, Fort Washington MD
- 2 9.17 . . . . . Ross Bley, Fort Washington MD
- 3 8.96 . . . . . Eric Poskanzer, Alexandria VA
- 4 8.50 . . . . . James Andre, Rockville MD
- 5 8.45 . . . . . William Gurley, Reston VA
- 6 8.19 . . . . . Geoff Turley, Kensington MD
- 7 7.88 . . . . . Lily Andre, Rockville MD
- 8 6.97 . . . . . Steven Schatzow, Washington DC
- 9 5.97 . . . . . Roma Chandra, Silver Spring MD
- 10 5.49 . . . . . Danut Gliga, Ft Washington MD

**Players with fewer than 100 masterpoints**

- 1 8.19 . . . . . Geoff Turkey
- 2 4.69 . . . . . Murat Berk
- 3 4.69 . . . . . Larry Gebbie
- 4 2.96 . . . . . Alfred Liepold
- 5 2.60 . . . . . Reina Chassy
- 6 2.60 . . . . . Paul Chassy
- 7 2.59 . . . . . Ellie Clark
- 8 2.59 . . . . . Ednamae Trevey
- 9 2.57 . . . . . Eric Poskinzer
- 10 2.50 . . . . . Michael Berard

**TROPHY WINNERS**



WBL President Dick Wegman (left) presents **Peter Boyd & Steve Robinson** with the traveling trophy for winning Saturday's 2-seeson premier event — the **3rd Annual Washington Bridge League Trophy Pairs**.  
The **January 2006 Presidential Tournament Cumulative Point Winners** received their trophies on Sunday. From l to r: **Steve Robinson** (most points won in all events); **Shawn Stringer** (most points won in under 500 events); **Janet Dence** (most points won in under 1500 events).

**THURS EVE FLIGHT A/X**

**Stratum A, 41.0 Tables / Based on 92 Tables**



- 1 S James Elliott - M Laskowski . . . . .64.70
- 2 Joel Miller - Leon Letwin . . . . .63.17
- 3 Edward Schwartz - David Fleischer . .61.54
- 4 Fred King - Richard Wegman . . . . .59.71
- 5 Ed Lewis - Charles Yaple . . . . .59.46
- 6 Donald Hennings - Margot Hennings 59.14
- 7 Carolyn Gibson - Zeke Letellier . . .58.97
- 8 Alfred Steinberg - Steve Robinson . .57.76
- 9 Marie Creisher - Hanna Schepps . . .57.73
- 10 Jason Rosenfeld - Prahalad Rajkumar 57.65

**Stratum X, 24.5 Tables**

- 1 Joel Miller - Leon Letwin . . . . .63.17
- 2 Jason Rosenfeld - Prahalad Rajkumar57.65
- 3 Thomas Schmitz - Frank Okasaki Jr .56.41
- 4 Steve Bunning - Kris Miller . . . . .56.09
- 5 Thomas Musso - Marsha Brown . . . .55.61
- 6 Barbara Doran - Mark Lavine . . . . .55.09

**THURS EVE FLIGHT B/C/D  
Stratum B, 31.0 Tables**



- 1 Philip Mittleman - Danut Gliga . . . .66.10
- 2 Steven Schatzow - Sarah Goodstein . .65.91

- 3 William Kingery Jr - Daniel Koch . . .63.83
- 4 Joan Fitzpatrick - Gail Morgenweck .61.93
- 5 Steve Schlosser - Donald Goldman .60.42
- 6/7 Aaron Navarro - John Laurim . . .59.47
- 6/7 Satinder Gupta - Janet Coffin . . .59.47

**Stratum C, 25.0 Tables**

- 1 Philip Mittleman - Danut Gliga . . .66.10
- 2 William Kingery Jr - Daniel Koch . . .63.83
- 3 Joan Fitzpatrick - Gail Morgenweck .61.93
- 4 Steve Schlosser - Donald Goldman .60.42
- 5/6 Aaron Navarro - John Laurim . . .59.47
- 5/6 Satinder Gupta - Janet Coffin . . .59.47

**Stratum D, 17.0 Tables**

- 1 William Kingery Jr - Daniel Koch . . .63.83
- 2 Joan Fitzpatrick - Gail Morgenweck .61.93
- 3 Steve Schlosser - Donald Goldman .60.42
- 4 Richard Cassell - Alan Dockterman .57.50
- 5 Herbert Behre III - Richard Allison .56.44
- 6 Prem Garg - Shyam Giridharadas .55.87

**THURS EVE WBL 0-300 PRS  
Stratum A, 12.0 Tables**



- 1 Ellinor Legg - Louis Coccodrilli . . .62.73
- 2 Andrew Jacknain - Marie Saeger . . .62.50
- 3 Maida Crocicchia - Marilyn Udell . .62.27
- 4/5 Roma Chandra - Minal Shah . . .55.91
- 4/5 Michael Watts - Sheila Kaplan . . .55.91
- 6 Michael Berard - Marie Berard . . .55.45

**Stratum B, 8.5 Tables**

- 1 Louis Coccodrilli - Ellinor Legg . . .62.73
- 2 Andrew Jacknain - Marie Saeger . . .62.50
- 3 Michael Watts - Sheila Kaplan . . .55.91
- 4 Michael Berard - Marie Berard . . .55.45
- 5 Paul Chassy - Reina Chassy . . .54.55

**Stratum C, 3.5 Tables**

- 1 Andrew Jacknain - Marie Saeger . . .62.50
- 2 Michael Watts - Sheila Kaplan . . .55.91
- 3 Paul Chassy - Reina Chassy . . .54.55

**THUR 0-200 PAIRS - NVBA**

**Stratum A, 8.0 Tables**

- 1 Nancy Odend'Hal - David Garrett . .60.42
- 2/3 Blair Curry - Judith Curry . . .58.33
- 2/3 William Gurley - Eric Poskanzer . .58.33
- 4 Hannelore Suffridge - Paula Cloyd .56.25
- 5 Larry Gebbie - Murat Berk . . .55.42

**Stratum B, 3.5 Tables**

- 1 Blair Curry - Judith Curry . . .58.33
- 2 Kay Mc Kinney - Rita Apter . . .50.42
- 3 Juliana Madan - Jenny Shaefer . . .47.50

**FRIDAY AM A/X PAIRS**

**Stratum A, 5.0 Tables / Based on 24 Tables**



- 1 Kenneth Davis - Peter Hughes . . .61.33

- 2 Geoff Turley - S James Elliott . . .57.69
- 3 Jim Gaarder - Jimmy Ritzenberg . . .54.58
- 4 Mita Banerjee - Dalia Kende . . .51.70

**Stratum X, 2.5 Tables**

- 1 Jim Gaarder - Jimmy Ritzenberg . . .54.58
- 2 Mark Rosen - Eugene Fisher . . .51.08

**FRIDAY AM B/C/D PAIRS  
Stratum B, 14.0 Tables**



- 1 Janet Dence - Edwin Fuller Jr . . .66.46
- 2 Samuel Keiter - Richard Robinson .59.16
- 3 Karen Copp - Fannie Johnson . . .58.31
- 4 Marlene Stone - Malvern Sheffield Jr 57.50
- 5 Sheldon Zimble - Candy Greenway .56.82
- 6 William Prosser - Duke Wilson . . .56.62

**Stratum C, 12.5 Tables**

- 1 Samuel Keiter - Richard Robinson .59.16
- 2 Karen Copp - Fannie Johnson . . .58.31
- 3 Marlene Stone - Malvern Sheffield Jr 57.50
- 4 Sheldon Zimble - Candy Greenway .56.82
- 5 William Prosser - Duke Wilson . . .56.62
- 6 Diane Lucci - Patricia Drummond .55.99

**Stratum D, 8.0 Tables**

- 1 Karen Copp - Fannie Johnson . . .58.31
- 2 Marlene Stone - Malvern Sheffield Jr 57.50
- 3 Sheldon Zimble - Candy Greenway .56.82
- 4 William Prosser - Duke Wilson . . .56.62
- 5 Diane Lucci - Patricia Drummond .55.99

**FRIDAY AM 0-300 PAIRS**

**Stratum A, 5.0 Tables**

- 1 Sybil Cantor - Elizabeth Colton . . .58.33
- 2 Michael Berard - Marie Berard . . .56.13
- 3 Helen Long - Alfred Liepold . . .53.38
- 4/5 Nancy Terry - Robert Claypool . .53.13
- 4/5 Minal Shah - Roma Chandra . . .53.13

**Stratum B, 4.0 Tables**

- 1 Sybil Cantor - Elizabeth Colton . . .58.33
- 2 Michael Berard - Marie Berard . . .56.13
- 3 Helen Long - Alfred Liepold . . .53.38

**Stratum C, 2.5 Tables**

- 1 Sybil Cantor - Elizabeth Colton . . .58.33
- 2 Helen Long - Alfred Liepold . . .53.38

**FRIDAY AFT A/X PAIRS**

**Stratum A, 13.5 Tables / Based on 35 Tables**



- 1 William Cole - Robert Bell . . .64.33
- 2 Lyle Poe Jr - Mark Shaw . . .61.83
- 3 Ellen Cherniavsky - Donna Rogall .58.38
- 4 Geoff Turley - S James Elliott . . .58.20
- 5 Charleen Brand - Eileen Theimer .57.46
- 6 Arnie Frankel - David Ruderman .56.90

**Stratum X, 5.0 Tables**

- 1 Audrey Stern - Gloria Schulstad . .56.67

- 2 Mark Rosen - Eugene Fisher . . .52.06
- 3 Debnarayan Dhar - Dharendra Ghosh 48.97
- 4 Betty Bursey - M Cassandra Smith .48.78

**FRIDAY AFT B/C/D PAIRS  
Stratum B, 10.0 Tables**



- 1 Silas Wasserstrom - Michael Gottesman 64.81
- 2 Jeffrey Kosnett - John Glynn . . .63.89
- 3 Martha Bley - Ross Bley . . .60.42
- 4 Aaron Navarro - Katherine Rabenstein 57.41
- 5 James Andre - Gloria Halstead . . .55.09
- 6 Herbert Behre III - Richard Allison .54.86

**Stratum C, 7.5 Tables**

- 1 Michael Gottesman - Silas Wasserstrom 64.81
- 2 Martha Bley - Ross Bley . . .60.42
- 3 Aaron Navarro - Katherine Rabenstein .57.41
- 4 James Andre - Gloria Halstead . . .55.09
- 5 Herbert Behre III - Richard Allison .54.86

**Stratum D, 5.0 Tables**

- 1 Martha Bley - Ross Bley . . .60.42
- 2 James Andre - Gloria Halstead . . .55.09
- 3 Herbert Behre III - Richard Allison .54.86
- 4 Carolyn Becraft - Jayne Eckert . . .50.69

**FRIDAY AFT 0-300 PAIRS**

**Stratum A, 10.5 Tables**



- 1 Morris Fidelman - Ruth Fidelman . .73.33
- 2 Alfred Caponiti - John Ryan . . .60.86
- 3 Marilyn Mueller - Edwin Rosenberg .60.83
- 4 Edward Anania - Joan Anania . . .58.59
- 5 Roma Chandra - Judy Glick . . .55.81
- 6 Florence Drake - Robert Drake . . .54.44

**Stratum B, 6.0 Tables**

- 1 Alfred Caponiti - John Ryan . . .60.86
- 2 Marilyn Mueller - Edwin Rosenberg .60.83
- 3 Alfred Liepold - Helen Long . . .51.52
- 4 Roger Laumark - Joav Steinbach . .51.11

**Stratum C, 2.5 Tables**

- 1 Alfred Liepold - Helen Long . . .51.52
- 2 Roger Laumark - Joav Steinbach . .51.11

**FRI EVE BAM TEAMS, 30 Tables**



- 1 Eric Poskanzer - William Gurley - Ann Lindley - Alfred Duncker . . .18.00
- 2/3 Rosemary Shaw - Jane Sturgis - Elliot

- Grant - James Davenport Jr . . .17.50
- 2/3 Melville Yudkin - Christon Johnson - John Glynn - Jeffrey Kosnett . . .17.50
- 4 Martha Bley - Ross Bley - Eric Branfman - Carl Nelson . . .17.00
- 5 John Adams - Steve Robinson - Michael Watts - Sheila Kaplan . . .16.50
- 6 Betty Bursey - M Cassandra Smith - Roma Chandra - Judy Glick . . .15.00

**FRI EVE FLIGHT A PAIRS**

**10.0 Tables / Based on 30 Tables**

- 1 Andrew Gofreed - Alfred Steinberg . .62.27
- 2 John Adams - Steve Robinson . . .58.80
- 3 Eric Branfman - Carl Nelson . . .57.87
- 4 Ann Lindley - Alfred Duncker . . .56.94
- 5 Audrey Marbach - Alice Miller . . .54.86
- 6 Helene Bauman - Arnie Frankel . . .54.63

**FRI EVE FLIGHT B PAIRS**

**10.0 Tables / Based on 20 Tables**



- 1 Melville Yudkin - Christon Johnson (pic)66.37
- 2 John Mattioli - Beta Nahapetian . . .60.42
- 3 Bruce Roberts - Robert Gunnell Jr .56.85
- 4 John Glynn - Jeffrey Kosnett . . .56.55
- 5 Jason Rosenfeld - Angeliki Magklara 55.65
- 6 Tsung Lee - John Lowe III . . .55.36

**FRI EVE 0-300 PAIRS**

**10.0 Tables**



- 1 Eric Poskanzer - William Gurley . . .67.26
- 2 Martha Bley - Ross Bley . . .64.58
- 3 Murat Berk - Larry Gebbie . . .58.63
- 4/5 Mike Froesch - Kevin O'Brien . . .57.74
- 4/5 Elliot Grant - James Davenport Jr .57.74
- 6 Katherine Marshall - Ken Crump . .54.76

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

**Stratum B, 23.0 Tables**



- 1 Barbara Israel - Frederick Mueller . .61.90
- 2 Franz Delahan - Madeline Delahan .59.82
- 3 Jay Cherlow - Abigail Nichols . . .59.23
- 4 Ruth Schrider - Patrice Gordon . .58.93
- 5 Ronald Conlon - Renate Conlon . . .58.33
- 6 Walter Smith Jr - Robert Levey . . .57.74

**Stratum C, 20.0 Tables**

- 1 Barbara Israel - Frederick Mueller . .61.90

- 2 Franz Delahan - Madeline Delahan . . .59.82
- 3 Jay Cherlow - Abigail Nichols . . . . .59.23
- 4 Ruth Schrider - Patrice Gordon . . . . .58.93
- 5 Walter Smith Jr - Robert Levey . . . . .57.74
- 6 Martha Bley - Ross Bley . . . . .57.14

**Stratum D, 11.5 Tables**

- 1 Franz Delahan - Madeline Delahan . . .59.82
- 2 Martha Bley - Ross Bley . . . . .57.14
- 3 Robert Schwab - Anne Derbes . . . . .56.85
- 4 Elizabeth Parker - Elizabeth Huffman . . .54.76
- 5 Judy Braddy - Barry Anderson . . . . .53.87
- 6/7 Helene Cooper - Holly Wills . . . . .53.27
- 6/7 Shawn Stringer - Stephen Mac Arthur .53.27

**SAT AM 0-300 PAIRS**

**Stratum A, 10.0 Tables**

- 1 Dale Collinson - Susan Collinson . . .65.65
- 2 Allan Gray - William Backof . . . . .57.57
- 3 Willis Paley Hume - Arthur Keefe III .57.45
- 4 Judy Glick - Roma Chandra . . . . .56.72
- 5 Anne Vaeth - Ed Krest . . . . .55.23
- 6 Murat Berk - Larry Gebbie . . . . .54.13

**Stratum B, 6.5 Tables**

- 1 Dale Collinson - Susan Collinson . . .65.65
- 2 Willis Paley Hume - Arthur Keefe III .57.45
- 3 Anne Vaeth - Ed Krest . . . . .55.23
- 4 Murat Berk - Larry Gebbie . . . . .54.13
- 5 Ellie Clark - Ednae Trevey . . . . .53.99

**Stratum C, 3.0 Tables**

- 1 Anne Vaeth - Ed Krest . . . . .55.23
- 2 William C. Timperley - Ted Barila . . .52.17

**SAT AM 0-50 PAIRS**

**Stratum A, 5.0 Tables**

- 1 Helen Long - Alfred Liepold . . . . .72.04
- 2 Amy Bloom - Carol Elfant . . . . .62.35
- 3 Suzanne Floyd - Robert Claypool . . .52.98
- 4 Alex Lee - Nathaniel Nash VI . . . . .50.48

**Stratum B, 3.5 Tables**

- 1 Helen Long - Alfred Liepold . . . . .72.04
- 2 Suzanne Floyd - Robert Claypool . . .52.98
- 3 Alex Lee - Nathaniel Nash VI . . . . .50.48

**WBL TROPHY PAIRS**

12.0 Tables / Based on 63 Tables



- 1 Peter Boyd - Steve Robinson . . . . .65.00
- 2 Donna Rogall - Clyde Kruskal . . . . .62.34
- 3 Michael Richey - Ronald Zucker . . .61.29
- 4/5 Jay Kelkar - Shuba Dey . . . . .60.79
- 4/5 Earl Glickstein - Robert Bell . . . . .60.79
- 6 Ruth Potter - Jeff Roman . . . . .59.85
- 7 William Hacker - Benjamin Brill . . .59.43
- 8 Arnie Frankel - Alan Kleist . . . . .58.37
- 9 Barry Bragin - Linda Maloney . . . . .57.36

**SAT AFT A/X PAIRS**

**Stratum A, 13.0 Tables**



- 1 Alan Tenenbaum - Alfred Steinberg .66.86

- 2 Benjamin Stauss - Hy Chansky . . . . .61.46
- 3 Robert Krueger - Julian Boyce . . . . .61.17
- 4 Richard Ferrin - Eugene Kales . . . . .57.39
- 5 Carl Gutschick - Ray Wilhide . . . . .57.01
- 6 Rose Berman - Donald Berman . . . . .56.44

**Stratum X, 7.5 Tables**

- 1 Benjamin Stauss - Hy Chansky . . . . .61.46
- 2 Carl Gutschick - Ray Wilhide . . . . .57.01
- 3 Steve Bunning - Kris Miller . . . . .56.25
- 4 Juline Glaz - Daniel Shankle Jr . . . . .55.49
- 5 Rodney Severson - Stuart Fleischmann .52.27

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

**Stratum B, 17.0 Tables**



- 1 "Aaron Navarro" - Howard Bender . . .64.96
- 2 Raymond Gallucci - Sym Gallucci . . .63.07
- 3 Michael Lawrence - Craig Olson . . .60.23
- 4 Mary Jane Von Moss - Robert Von Moss .58.71
- 5 Martha Bley - Ross Bley . . . . .58.14
- 6 Robert Schwab - Anne Derbes . . . . .57.39

**Stratum C, 14.5 Tables**

- 1 Aaron Navarro - Howard Bender . . .64.96
- 2 Raymond Gallucci - Sym Gallucci . . .63.07
- 3 Michael Lawrence - Craig Olson . . .60.23
- 4 Martha Bley - Ross Bley . . . . .58.14
- 5 Robert Schwab - Anne Derbes . . . . .57.39
- 6 Katherine Rabenstein - Robert Gummell Jr.57.20

**Stratum D, 8.0 Tables**

- 1 Martha Bley - Ross Bley . . . . .58.14
- 2 Robert Schwab - Anne Derbes . . . . .57.39
- 3 David Olson - Mark Shimshak . . . . .54.92
- 4 Candace Carlton - Terry Carlton . . .53.41
- 5 David Epstein - Azmat Ali . . . . .50.57

**SAT AFT 0-300 PAIRS**

**Stratum A, 9.5 Tables**

- 1 Carol Poland - Lois Redmond . . . . .62.13
- 2 Ednae Trevey - Ellie Clark . . . . .60.04
- 3 Amy Bloom - Carol Elfant . . . . .55.00
- 4 Edward Anania - Joan Anania . . . . .54.93
- 5 Reni Malloy - Maida Crocicchia . . .53.94
- 6 Anne Vaeth - Ed Krest . . . . .52.43

**Stratum B, 6.5 Tables**

- 1 Carol Poland - Lois Redmond . . . . .62.13
- 2 Ednae Trevey - Ellie Clark . . . . .60.04
- 3 Amy Bloom - Carol Elfant . . . . .55.00
- 4 Anne Vaeth - Ed Krest . . . . .52.43
- 5 Kevin O'Brien - Eric Poskanzer . . .52.38

**Stratum C, 2.5 Tables**

- 1 Amy Bloom - Carol Elfant . . . . .55.00
- 2 Paul Chassy - Reina Chassy . . . . .47.55

**SUNDAY FLIGHT A/X SWISS**

**Stratum A, 20 Tables / Based on 47 Tables**

- 1 Shou-Ling Wang - Warren Kaufman - Eileen Theimer - Charleen Brand .115.00
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- 1 Ellen Klosson - Brad Theurer - Michael Gill - Noble Shore . . . . .82.00
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**SUNDAY FLIGHT B/C/D SWISS**

**Stratum B, 20 Tables**



- 1 Lily Andre - James Andre - Robert Gunnell Jr - Thomas Din . . . . .102.00
- 2 Robert Lawrence - Frances Lawrence - Betty Palmer - Agnes Gavin . . . . .100.00
- 3 Carl Noller - Terry Jones - Karen Fireman - Byron Siegel . . . . .86.00
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**Stratum C, 14 Tables**

- 1 Lily Andre - James Andre - Robert Gunnell Jr - Thomas Din . . . . .102.00
- 2 Robert Lawrence - Frances Lawrence - Betty Palmer - Agnes Gavin . . . . .100.00
- 3 Carl Noller - Terry Jones - Karen Fireman - Byron Siegel . . . . .86.00
- 4 Dennis Schwanz - Duke Wilson - Susan Miskura - Walton Francis - William Prosser . .85.00
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**Stratum D, 8 Tables**

- 1 Robert Lawrence - Frances Lawrence - Betty Palmer - Agnes Gavin . . . . .100.00
- 2 Carl Noller - Terry Jones - Karen Fireman - Byron Siegel . . . . .86.00
- 3 Dennis Schwanz - Duke Wilson - Susan Miskura - Walton Francis - William Prosser . . .85.00

**SUNDAY MORN 299ER SWISS**

**Stratum A, 7 Tables**



- 1 David Mead - Kathleen O'Toole - Murat Berk - Larry Gebbie . . . . .59.00

- 2 Paul Chassy - Reina Chassy - William Rogers - Stephen Salitrik . . . . .52.00
- 3 Sally Garfinkel - Ruth Freedman - Millie Reizenstein - Lorraine Davis . . . . .48.00

**Stratum B, 6 Tables**

- 1 David Mead - Kathleen O'Toole - Larry Gebbie - Murat Berk . . . . .59.00
- 2 Paul Chassy - Reina Chassy - William Rogers - Stephen Salitrik . . . . .52.00

**Stratum A, 5 Tables**

- 1 Robert Blatt - Mary Smith - Elise Hancock - William Dillon . . . . .53.00
- 2 David Mead - Larry Gebbie - Kathleen O'Toole - Murat Berk . . . . .44.00

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**Stratum B, 4 Tables**



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# NLM MASTER POINTERS

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## WHEN YOU'VE SAID IT ALL, STOP BIDDING!

When is it right to bid, and when is it better to pass? As I said in my previous column, it's almost never right to pass just because you don't know what partner's bid meant. (ASBAF = All Strange Bids Are Forcing!) But it is right to pass when you've already described your hand, or when bidding again isn't likely to improve the contract.

**You've already described your hand.** Think of the auction as a conversation between you and partner (and the opponents, when they're rude enough to butt in!). Don't become a dull conversationalist by telling pard what you've already told him. Every bid you make says something more about your hand: you have extra length, extra strength or another suit. *Don't bid the same cards twice.*

A perfect example of when not to bid again is when you've preempted with a weak two-level or three-level opening. Say you've opened 2♦, showing six diamonds and 5-10 HCP. LHO passes, so does partner, and RHO says 2♥. You can't bid again! Partner will compete if it's appropriate. Likewise, if you preempt 2♥ and pard raises you to 3♥, he's not inviting you to game. You already described your hand completely with your weak two opening. Unless pard makes a forcing bid, you should pass.

When you open at the one-level and partner makes a non-forcing response, don't bid again unless you can tell her something she doesn't already know. If she responds with 1NT or two of your suit, pass with a minimum (12-14 points) and nothing else to say. Raising pard's raise of your suit is invitational and shows extra values. Rebidding your suit over 1NT shows six cards, even if it's a minor: extra length. Bidding a new suit would show extra values or a two-suited hand. When partner hasn't forced you to bid, every bid you make tells her something new about your hand.

(Don't rebid your four- or five-card minor over pard's 1NT response to show a "real" club or diamond suit. You want to play in notrump if you can't be in a major, so who cares if you have five clubs? Just pass when partner responds 1NT.)

As responder, if you have a minimum 6-9 HCP, plan to bid only once unless partner does something interesting. Holding ♠x ♥Kxxx ♦Axxx ♣xxx, you'll bid 1NT over pard's 1♠ opening. If she rebids

2♠, showing six spades and a minimum opening, just pass, even though you only have a singleton in her suit. You're not strong enough to take another bid.

What if the auction goes:

Pard	You
1♠	1NT
2♦	?

Now she's giving you a choice of suits. With more diamonds than spades, you might just pass her 2♦. (Unless her rebid improves your hand enough to allow you to raise her second suit. On the hand above, you could bid 3♦.) But remember she has five spades and possibly only four diamonds, so with the same length in both suits or with more spades than diamonds, you should correct to 2♠. Pard should understand that you are just showing a preference when you take her back to spades, so unless she has extra values, she should pass.

**You can't improve the contract.** What if partner opens a weak two and you have a singleton or void in his suit? When do you bid, and when do you pass? If partner will take your bid of a new suit as forcing, you need better than an opening hand to bid. Remember that partner may have a void in your suit, and he may simply rebid his suit. If you hated his suit at the two level, you're going to hate it even more at the three level! So before you bid, know what you'll say if he just repeats his suit. If there isn't a good chance that you'll end up in a better place than you are now, you might want to pass.

Or say you're holding ♠KQx ♥— ♦KJxxx ♣Qxxx. You open 1♦, partner says 1♥. You rebid 2♦, and wouldn't you know it, he rebids 2♥! How can you get him to shut up about his hearts?

Pass! You have a misfit. Of course you aren't happy about playing in hearts, but pard has promised at least six of them, and he may be very short in diamonds. You don't have the length to bid your diamonds again, and you don't have the strength to bid 2NT. Pass before you get your side into more trouble. You don't want to be at the three level in your misfit.

When you're considering your options, always remember that pass may be one of them. Ask yourself: is partner's bid forcing? Do I need another bid to describe my strength or distribution? Did pard ask me a question, or give me a choice? If the answer to all these questions is no, it might be time to stop bidding.

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*March/April 2006*

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♠ J83♥ 1082♦ AJ65♣ A52

<u>SOUTH</u>	<u>WEST</u>	<u>NORTH</u>	<u>EAST</u>
—	Pass	1♣	2♠
Pass	Pass	Double	Pass
????			

### 2) IMP's Both Vulnerable

♠ AKJ♥ Q4♦ KJ9654♣ 52

<u>SOUTH</u>	<u>WEST</u>	<u>NORTH</u>	<u>EAST</u>
—	Pass	1♥	Pass
2♦ CF	Pass	2♥*	Pass
????			

*\*shows six+ hearts*

### 3) IMP's Both Vulnerable

♠ Q52♥ 8432♦ K9♣ KQ86

<u>SOUTH</u>	<u>WEST</u>	<u>NORTH</u>	<u>EAST</u>
—	Pass	1♦	1♥
????			

### 4) IMP's None Vulnerable

♠ 10♥ K743♦ AKJ654♣ 43

<u>SOUTH</u>	<u>WEST</u>	<u>NORTH</u>	<u>EAST</u>
—	Pass	Pass	Pass
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### 5) IMP's None Vulnerable

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<u>SOUTH</u>	<u>WEST</u>	<u>NORTH</u>	<u>EAST</u>
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