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sythe at 301/592-9177. Advance payment not required. (See details on p. 18)

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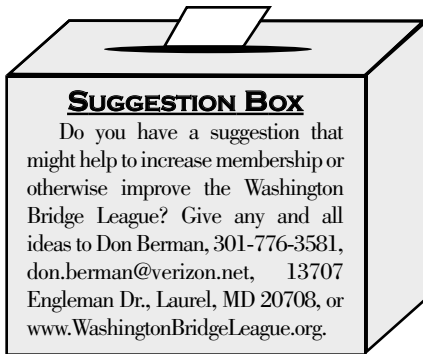
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PRESIDENT'S LETTER

by WBL President, Fred King

I hope that all of you reading this will be able to attend the upcoming October sectional and help us celebrate the **WBL's 75th Anniversary**. As I said before, this makes us even older than the ACBL itself! We hope to use this occasion to relive and celebrate some of the past glories and fun of the WBL. Remember we will be awarding the recently re-found **Eynon Trophy** for the first time in many years and the **Machlin Sportsmanship Trophy** for the first time ever! Of course we will have our usual, famous hospitality, so don't miss it!

At the same time that we are thinking about the past of the WBL, the Board and I want to also think about the future. The most important input to our planning must be the views of you, the members.

What do you like about the WBL? What do you dislike? What changes would you like to see made that would increase your enjoyment from playing in our unit games and sectionals? Please let me or any member of the board of directors (we are the ones wearing name tags on Thursday nights) know what you think. Without your inputs, it is difficult for us to know which directions the WBL should be going in.

Fred King

P.S. As many people have pointed out to me, my memory was faulty. In the last letter I forgot to include the departed men's and women's pairs as events that used to be played in our sectionals on Friday afternoons.



ANNUAL HOLIDAY PARTY

...Thursday, Dec. 14 at the Unit Game

Buffet Dinner starts at 6 p.m.

Game starts at 7:30 p.m.



The Annual **WASHINGTON BRIDGE LEAGUE HOLIDAY PARTY**, which includes dinner and a bridge game will be held at the Thursday night Unit Game on December 14. Everyone is asked to bring their favorite goodies (appetizers, salads, casserole, desserts, etc.). The main course and holiday drinks will be provided. Dinner will be served from 6 to 7 p.m., followed shortly after by the game. If you have any questions or would like to help with the party, please call Kitty at (301) 587-3981 or email her at kgottfried@hotmail.com.

Come on out for great feasting, great bridge and great fun!

SILVER SPRING, MD: OCTOBER 19-22, 2006



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THURSDAY, OCTOBER 19

- ♣ StrataFlighted Open Pairs (A/X unlim/3000, B/C/D Separate 1500/1000/500) (both sites); Stratified NLM Pairs (NLM/100/50) & 0-20 Pairs (Christ the King Church only); Stratified 199er Pairs (Beth El only)

Beth El Congregation, 3830 Seminary Rd, Alexandria 7:00pm

Christ the King Church, 2301 Colston Drive, Silver Spring 7:30pm

Capital Beltway to Connecticut Ave. South. Left on East-West Hwy. Right on Grubb Rd. ^{1st}left on Colston. Church is on the left before the next intersection.

Friday—at Christ the King Church Only

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 20

- ♦ Stratified Pairs (2000+/1000/500) 10:00am
- ♥ StrataFlighted A/X (unlim/3000) & B/C/D Pairs (1500/1000/500) ... 2:00pm

♣ **IMP Pairs, Champagne & Caviar** 7:30pm

StrataFlighted A/X (unlim/3000) & B/C/D (1500/1000/500)



Friday nights are your chance to try a different form of the game. With IMP pairs, you only need one partner, but it scores like a team game. Your score will be averaged with all the other scores from your direction on each board.

- ♣ 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** ♥

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.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21

- ♦ 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
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- ♥ **Eynon Trophy**

First awarded in 1931— Try to add your name to the famous names inscribed here!

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



SUNDAY, OCTOBER 22

♣ **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, SectionalPartner@DistrictSix.org or try the easy Online Partnership Bulletin Board: www.WashingtonBridgeLeague.org

SILVER SPRING, MD: JANUARY 4-7, 2007

45th Annual Presidential Tournament

THURSDAY, JANUARY 4

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FRIDAY, JANUARY 5

- ♦ Stratified Pairs (2000+/1000/500)10:00am
- ♥ StrataFlighted A/X (unlim/3000) & B/C/D Pairs (1500/1000/500) ... 2:00pm
- ♣ **SUR“Prize” Special Open Pair Game TBA** 7:30pm
Friday nights are your chance to try a different form of the game. Look for upcoming announcements of this night's game (along with outstanding special refreshments) in the next issues of *TableTALK*, the *WBL Bulletin*, or on the web at www.districtsix.org.
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♥ Panel Show & Party to Honor New Life Masters between sessions SATURDAY, JANUARY 6

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

SUNDAY, JANUARY 7

WBL Trophy Race Winners' Presentation between sessions

- ♣ A/X Board-A-Match Teams, (unlim /3000, 2 session 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

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IT'S THE LUCKY 7

NEW YEAR

Lucky Two and Double 'O' ?!

TIME TO DEAL WITH SOME LUCKY CARDS!

SPECIAL LUCKY '07 SURPRIZES" throughout the tournament

WASHINGTON BRIDGE LEAGUE SECTIONAL

WELCOME TO THE WASHINGTON BRIDGE LEAGUE

The WBL welcomes the following new ACBL members: **Richard Fairbanks, Ms Karen J Horowitz, Mr Hongtao Ma, Ms Harriet A Rogers, Mr Stephen C Rogers, Ms Judy Solomon, Mrs Donna Weinstein, Rick Weinstein, Eugene Bolzan, Dr Sidney M Fogelman, Mrs Sylvia S Fogelman, Ms Ginger M Gill, Mr Noah P Griesdbach, Ms Elizabeth Nash, Julie E Pettis, Ms Beth Truman, Ms Jo Turner, Mr Onur Altunyay, Mr Jeffrey D Caplan, Ms Marietta B Falzgraf, Sue F Gagner, Arun K Guha, Mrs Diane D Haden, Ms Donna L Hankey-Woods, Ms Susan L Holbeck, Ms Madeline P Logee, Anne E Menkens, Frederick B Offermann, Jane S Offermann, Ms Jeraldine L Rorstrom-Lee, Ms Karen K Salem, Ms Linda S Silberg, Mr Robert L Steele II, Mr Edward H Tuchman, Alan M Walter, Mr Gary H Wisinski, and Mr Douglas R Woods.**

In addition, we welcome the following transfers from other units: **Mrs Elizabeth W Clark, Mr Daniel J Fink, Marie G Heck, Woodie McLean, Ms Barbara Rolling, Mr Jim Sears, Arthur L Sherwood, Fran Sherwood, Katherine L Tardio, Shirley Wasserman, Mrs Lelia K Williams, Mr Carl P Blackwell, Ms Theresa M Palmer, Mr Thomas A Throop, Ms Judith G Dausch, and Mrs Adele Waggaman.**

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.

SAD NEWS

Charlotte Miller passed away July 28. She was a long time Washington Bridge League member and held the position of Membership Secretary in the 1980's.

MORE SAD NEWS

Jack Diskin died Monday July 3 in Hampton, VA of an apparent heart attack. He was 63. He was a long time member of the WBL before moving to Hampton a few years ago. He was on the WBL Board and

Vice President, for a short time. Maria Mitchum said Jack was not feeling well Monday morning and she called the Emergency Squad, who arrived in a timely manner; and Jack died of a heart attack on the way to the hospital.

2006-2007 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 WBL and three NVBA sectionals during the contest period (August, 2006 through May, 2007). 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 two of eight Sectionals. The asterisk* indicates that the player has met eligibility requirements.

Player	Open Leaders	Points
1	Prahalad Rajkumar	39.95
2	Leo LaSota	39.80
3	John Adams	38.92
4	Shuba Dey	30.72
5	Alfred Steinberg	29.98
6	Mark Shaw	29.45
7	Helene Bauman	28.97
8	Jay Kelkar	28.63
9	Raghavendra Rajkumar	26.68
10	Ellen Cherniavsky	26.08
11	Debnarayan Dhar	25.13
12	Lloyd Rawley	24.54
13	James Andre	24.12
14	Donna Rogall	23.71
15	Steve Robinson	22.32
16	Kenneth Davis	21.36
17	Arnie Frankel	20.17
18	Eugene Kales	19.97
19	Peter Boyd	19.11
20	Earl Glickstein	19.06

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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	

jewelry, sipping frosty margaritas in the shade of a palm-thatched palapa. Sun, sand, mariachi music, easy Latin rhythms—and an onboard experience that can only be described as close to flawless. Olé!

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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WBL SOLVERS' CLUB

Moderated by Steve Robinson
robinswr@erols.com

Congratulations to who **Rusty Krauss** who came in first with a score of 500. He wins a free entry to the Unit Game and will be invited to be on a future panel. I will also play with him at a future Unit Game. Second was **Marshall Kuschner** with a score of 470. Tied for third were **Ron Zucker, Ram Sarangen,** and **Brad Theurer** with a score of 450. Sixth was **Fred Steinberg** with a score of 440. Seventh was **Robert Stone** with a score of 430. Eighth was **Linda Marshall** with a score of 420. Tied for ninth were **Ted Wilkinson, Lyle Poe,** and **Prahalad Rajkumar** with a score of 410. The average score of the 151 solvers was 308. The average score of the experts was 409.

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. 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) Matchpoints You're Vulnerable

♠ Q109♥ H65♦ A1032♣ 654

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
????	1♠	2♥	2♠
	<i>What is the lowest heart you would need to bid 3♥?</i>		

Action	Score	Votes	Solvers
Queen	100	7	42
King	80	1	48
Jack	60	1	7
7	40	2	21
Ace	40	0	17
Pass	40	0	12
10	40	0	4

You have ♠ Q109♥ 765♦ A1032♣ 654. LHO opens 1♠, partner overcalls 2♥ and RHO bids 2♠. You have six HCPs of which four points are very good but two could be worthless. Do you bid 3♥? Unless you're playing that double of 2♠ shows an invitational-to-game raise, which very few partnerships do, you need 3♥ as an invitational raise. If East had passed, you would have 2♠ as an invitational raise and then 3♥ would be a token raise. Over 2♠ bidding 3♥ could encourage partner to bid 4♥. Even 3♥ could be too high. Partner could have ♠ xx♥ AKQJx♦ Kxx♣ xxx, a normal overcall, and if the jack of spades is wrong or they lead the diamond nine, seven tricks is the limit. Give partner a better overcall such as ♠ xx♥ AKxxx♦ xx♣ AQJx and partner will bid 4♥ when you invite. 4♥ has four sure top losers opposite ♥ 7xx and if hearts are 4-1 it could be expensive. Passing 2♠ does not end the auction. Partner knows the opponents are in an eight-card fit and will take action with any excuse. However, if you had ♠ Q109♥ A54♦ A1032♣ 654, a ten-count of which eight points are good and two are questionable, you would certainly invite. So how much more than ♠ Q109♥ 765♦ A1032♣ 654 do you need to invite?

LAST CHANGE TO SIGN UP!

Six experts agree with me and need at least Qxx of hearts to invite.

Adams: "Queen—If white, I would bid with the two. Partner bids Hearts over Spades with five-card suits often enough to go for 200 with less. Six working points seems a reasonable compromise to safety and competitiveness. My spade cards make it so that 3♥ might not have law protection, else bidding would be more automatic. 4333 does not automatically stop me from bidding, but is certainly not an asset."

White minus scores are bad also. Inviting with the six HCPs, of which two are questionable non-vulnerable, could be bad if partner thinks you have something and bids again.

Rodney: "Queen—Suppose partner has ♠xx♥AKxxx♦xx♣Axx or ♠xx♥AKxxx♦xx♣KQxx. We are likely to be one down in 3♥, even holding Qxx. Anything less and we're heading for the dreaded -200, and that's assuming nobody doubles."

This is matchpoints so the opponents can be a frisky doubling you and if you are doubled, you can kiss this board good bye.

Hopkins: "Queen—I would expect this to give us a 50% play for our contract which is particularly important if we are doubled."

Woolsey: "Queen—If I have less the opponents may hold the queen, which along with my queen of spades would argue for a lower trick total than normal. In addition partner may bid game if I raise, so I would like some values."

The Queen of spades could be worth a trick on defense but is unlikely to be a useful trick on offense. Same if the opponents hold the queen of hearts. If we have eight hearts and they have eight spades, there are usually 16 total tricks. If they can take eight tricks in spades, we should be able to take eight tricks in hearts. (8+8=16). Holding the enemy queen lowers the trick total so there might be only 15 total tricks.

Roman: "Queen—With such sterile distribution, I want two cover cards to raise."

4333 hands do not make good dummies in trump contracts.

Landen: "Queen—So much depends on partner's tendencies. With a rock I'd raise with the deuce, but the Queen seems main-strain though I don't feel strongly about this problem."

One expert needs the King of hearts to bid 3♥.

Schwartz: "King—Don't want to bid too much with my defensive spade holding. On offense my spade holding is likely to be equivalent to xxx unless partner has an honor.

Also can now guarantee that holding the King, a Heart lead won't cost a trick."

Three experts invite with trash.

Cappelletti: "Jack—I would consider the queen as "full values" for a raise. But I would definitely raise with Jxx as a "stretch" to try to get opponents higher than 2♠."

I'm not sure I would bid 3♥ holding Jxx, if partner was barred.

Pokorny: "Seven—At this vulnerability partner has a serious overcall so, most probably, 3♥ will be made or down one. I shouldn't be afraid to be doubled and it is very important to push them one level higher because 2♠ is probably a make. So, a quick raise with xxx is obligatory."

Parker: "Seven—I would raise an opening bid of 1♥ to 2♥ with any three-card support and six or so points, so here I will do the same thing. If I pass it will put too much pressure on partner to have to guess what to do in pass out seat."

If partner opens 1♥ and you're playing forcing or semi-forcing notrump, you should bid 1NT first and then support hearts. A direct raise to 2♥ shows a hand that would accept at least one game-try. The reason why you don't raise partner's 1♥-opener or partner's 2♥-overcall with trash is that you don't want partner to bid 4♥ unless he has an extremely good hand. The club or diamond queen might not be valuable but the spade queen is very likely to be worthless.

Another reason not to raise with 7xx is that partner might lead a heart from KJxxx with disastrous results.

Honors in the opponent's suit should be discounted. Invitational raises have to be stronger than competitive raises. After 1♠ - 2♥ - 2♠, play double as a limit raise and play 2NT as minors. This allows you to bid 3♥ with non-invitational hands.

2) IMPs Both Vulnerable

♠ KJ♥ 5♦ AQ765♣ A10965

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
????	2♥	PASS	3♥

Action	Score	Votes	Solvers
4NT	100	5	30
Pass	70	4	48
4♦	50	1	26
4♣	50	1	4
Double	20	0	22
4♥	20	0	5
3NT	20	0	15

This is a bidders game and East has told you that he doesn't think he has enough aces and kings to have a play for a vulnerable 4♥. RHO would probably invite vulnerable holding ♠Axx♥xxx♦KJxx♣KQJ so he has a weaker hand This means that your partner has some of the missing aces and kings. Give partner as little as ♠xxx♥xxx♦xx♣KJxxx or ♠xxx♥xxx♦Kxxx♣QJx and you want to be in five-of-a-minor. This would be a more difficult problem if East had jumped to 4♥ or you were in direct seat and RHO opened 3♥. Then LHO could have all of the missing strength. Any finesses you might need figure to be on sides. There is a perfect bid for this situation. 4NT in this situation shows both minors and guess what? You have both minors.

Four experts are wimps. I really don't understand their thinking. I think I would bid 4NT over any heart preempt and response.

Adams: "Pass—Maybe they got me, maybe not. I need a lot from partner to make game, and a little from partner to go for a big number. 3♥ is a good bid."

You don't need a lot from partner to make game. Kxxxx of clubs could be enough.

Cappelletti: "Pass—Rather than guess minors at the four-level, I will stay "fixed" and defend. Not that likely to be missing a game."

Pokorny: "Pass—Too much defensive values and too weak suits for bidding 4NT. Double with only two spades would be absolutely horrible."

Landen: "Pass—Brutal problem. Can't double with only two spades and 4NT is the only way to show the minors; that seems a bit much. I know they're robbing me but I'm passing and hoping to go plus."

Four experts agree with me and bid their hand.

Rodney: "4NT—For the minors! — Partner doesn't need much for us to make game. E.g., ♠xxxx♥xxx♦xx♣KQxx gives some play for 5♣ and partner can be better than this!"

Schwartz: "4NT—Worth overbidding slightly to get to the right stain. With Heart shortness, I can't pass as partner can have as

much as 14 and unable to bid with a three-card heart holding."

Hopkins: "4NT—I always get it wrong if I double in these situations and partner bids my doubleton, so I am going to insist in playing in one of my suits and hope we have a fit in one of them."

Roman: "4NT—Pick a minor partner, and good luck to you."

Two experts put their eggs in a minor-suit basket. However, what if partner has the other minor?

Woolsey: "4♣—I don't like selling out with a singleton in their suit. I don't have a way to show both minors (4NT is Blackwood), and even if I did the five-level may be too high. So I'll shoot out a minor and hope to strike a fit. I choose clubs even though they are weaker so I'll have a four-level runout if doubled. East won't expect that I have a runout, so he may double on a trump stack and let me off the hook."

There are some auctions where 4NT is Blackwood but I don't think this is one of them. Over 2♠, 4♣ can show the minors, leaving 4NT as Blackwood. Over 3♥ you're more likely to have both minors than a solid hand needing only aces.

Parker: "4♦—Not double because I want to have some partnership confidence that when I double in these auctions I have four spades or an easy second bid. 3NT is a silly. If I bid diamonds first I can bid clubs over 4♥, I will pass 4♣ if partner bids it."

Doubling would not be wise. If you double and partner bids spades, which is very likely, then what?

This is a bidders game. When in doubt take action.

3) Matchpoints You're Vulnerable

♠ A♥ Q954♦ A1096532♣ A

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
1♦	Pass	1♥	Pass
????	*Black suits		1NT*

Action	Score	Votes	Solvers
4♦	100	3	12
4♥	80	2	48
3♠	80	2	7
4♣	80	0	9
3♥	80	2	22
2♥	70	1	4
Dbl	50	1	1
3♦	40	0	7
2♣	40	0	8
2♦	30	0	1

5♦	30	0	1
4NT	30	0	7
2♠	20	0	16
4♠	20	0	3
5♥	20	0	1
2NT	20	0	1
3♣	20	0	2
6♥	20	0	1

There are a lot of ways to show this hand. You could jump to 4♥ and show a game-forcing heart raise. You could jump to 3♠ and show a game-forcing heart bid with spade shortness. You could jump to 4♣ to show a game-forcing heart bid with club shortness. Both 3♠ and 4♣ are splinters. You could jump to 4♦ to show a game-forcing heart bid with at least six diamonds. 4♦ usually shows stronger diamonds a hand such as ♠Kx♥AJxx♦AKxxxx♣x. Having no black suit losers could compensate for the missing king of diamonds. Since 1NT shows 5-5 in the black suits, you could also bid 2♣ to show a good 2♦-bid or bid 2♠ to show a good heart-bid. The Unusual over Unusual convention. There is a problem of having only two black cards vulnerable with the opponents non-vulnerable.

Three experts show a game-forcing hand with six diamonds and four hearts. Partner is not going to know that you have no black suit losers.

Adams: "4♦—Four-card heart support, long Diamonds. Seems clear descriptive choice. Too good for 4♥ preemptive."

Rodney: "4♦—Shows a heart fit and long good diamonds. I know my diamonds are not good enough, but I have both black aces. I'm expecting to hear 4♠ on my left, and this bid will give partner a good chance of making the right decision, as opposed to me bidding a direct 4♥. Then partner is likely to think I'm balanced, because I didn't splinter."

Landen: "4♦—Same bid I would have made if RHO passed. Shows a strong 4-6 in the reds. A typical hand would be ♠x♥AKxx♦AQ10xxx♣Kx, perhaps a pip stronger."

Two experts show spade shortness.

Pokorny: "3♠—Partner should then know if slam has to be reached or, at least, what is the right thing to do if the opponents bid 4♠."

Schwartz: "3♠—Need to show four-card heart length and 3♠ leaves more room for cooperation from partner. 4♦ sends the wrong message as a stiff diamond in partner's hand is not a liability and 4♦ also takes up too much space."

Two experts show a balanced game force.

Parker: "4♥—Surely they are going to compete in the black suites so I better show good support now. I will bid 5♦ over four-of-a-black-suit. I must be distributional since I did not double or cue bid. Partner can look at his diamonds and hearts and decide how high to go. 4♦ in this auction would show solid diamonds, which I do not have."

Cappelletti: "4♥—Should have good play opposite A or K of hearts."

Two experts invite game

Hopkins: "3♥—Well, I do have three Aces and my hand could be worth a lot if partner has good trumps or we have a crossruff situation, so I am going to bid aggressively."

Woolsey: "3♥—This looks about right on value. Partner will bid game if he has anything decent. I don't want to bid 4♥, since West will know what to do with a trump stack. If West bids 3♠ and that is passed around to me, I can try 4♦."

One expert makes a support double.

Roman: "Double—Tough problem. I'll start by showing a good hand, listen to what happens and try to make some good guesses later."

As you can see from the many responses, there is no way to describe this hand. Rather than describing your hand, why not let the opponents and partner describe their hands? Since you are holding only two black cards, 2♥ showing four hearts can't possibly be the end of the auction.

4) Matchpoints You're Vulnerable

♠ AJ1054♥ K654♦ —♣ AK54

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
?????	1♦	2♥	Pass
Action	Score	Votes	Solvers
5♦	100	4	7
6♥	90	3	9
4NT	80	2	6
3♦	50	1	45
4♦	50	1	38
4♥	30	0	23
2♠	20	0	8
3♥	20	0	2
2NT	20	0	5
5♥	20	0	2
4♣	20	0	1
3♠	20	0	3

Exclusion Roman Keycard Blackwood (ERKB) is a very useful convention but very dangerous. A jump higher than the ace-asking bid asks partner to either pass if he doesn't

read it as ERKC or tell you how many keycards he has outside that suit. You use it when you are void in a suit such as the problem hand. So assuming partner reads 5♦ as ERKC he bids 5♥ holding ♠xx♥QJ10xxx♦Axx♣xx and bids 5♠ holding ♠xx♥AQJxxx♦xxx♣xx. I have played in ERKC and it was not a happy contract. One problem with 5♦ is that West can double 5♦ to show long diamonds which might allow the opponents to find a cheap save.

Adams: "5♦—Exclusion keycard. One Ace and we play slam in hearts. Can't systematically find out if we have a spade loser, until I ask for Kings, so I will assume we have a spade loser if lacking Heart Ace and stop in five."

If partner bids 5♠ showing the ace of hearts, how can you possibly ask about second round spade control? All 5♦ will do will allow West to double 5♦ which could make it easier for the opponents to find a cheap save.

Pokorny: "5♦—Exclusion RKCB. If partner responds 5♥, zero or three keycards, I'll pass. If partner responds 5♠, one or four keycards, 6♥ has to be played. Second alternative: 3♠ as fit-showing, followed by 5♦ (hoping to make a 5NT grand-slam try after the 5♠ response)."

Rodney: "5♦—Exclusion Blackwood—At this vulnerability, partner has a good preempt and we have a shot at making seven. E.g., Partner holds ♠x♥AQxxxx♦xxx♣xx makes 7♥ an excellent contract."

There is no way to find out if partner has the seventh heart.

Cappelletti: "4NT—If no aces will stop in five."

Woolsey: "4NT—The odds are that either we have a black-suit loser or that if the opponents have the ace of hearts they can take a couple of rounds of trumps and partner won't be able to ruff enough diamonds in my hand. So I bid RKC, planning on stopping at 5♥ if he doesn't have a keycard but bidding 6♥ if he does. Normally one shouldn't do this, but when partner is limited this sort of position is legitimate."

Just because partner doesn't have the ace of hearts doesn't mean he can't make six. If partner has as little as ♠x♥QJ10xxx♦xxx♣Qxx, 6♥ has play.

Schwartz: "5♦—Exclusion followed by a King ask assuming partner has the Heart ace. An immediate 6♥ won't shut the opponents as West holding a fistful of diamond will sack anyway so I might as well see if a grand is possible."

Two experts join me and bid what they think they can make.

Parker: "6♥—How can we not have a slam? I fear missing seven but it will be too hard to reach. Give partner ♠xx♥Axxxx♦xx♣Qx and we have a grand. Sometimes you just bid what you think you can make without making it complicated. Partner's clubs should be the key. Second choice Exclusion Blackwood 5♦ then ask for the king of spades If he has the king of spades you bid seven but that may not be the key card."

If partner bids 5♠ showing the ace of hearts, there is no way to ask for the king of spades.

Hopkins: "6♥—I see no way to find out if partner has Spade shortness and the Heart Ace. I could make this opposite as little as ♠x♥QJxxxx♦xxxx♣xx, but not make the grand if partner has ♠xx♥AQJ10xxx♦xx♣xx, so I will settle for the most likely contract."

Two experts try to be scientific.

Roman: "3♦—I'm not bidding less than 6♥, and while I can't think of a way to bid a grand if partner has a singleton spade, I can at least get there if he has the ace of hearts and the king of spades (no, my partners never have that either). Second choice, 6♥."

Landen: "4♦—This problem is unfair. What are your methods? What is your partner's style? With Chuck Burger I'd look for seven. With Kit Woolsey, I might settle for game. 6♥ is what my gut tells me to bid. I guess I would splinter with 4♦; maybe partner's got the perfect hand for seven. ♠Kx♥AQxxxx♣xxx♣xx. With that monster, he should bid 4♠, then I'll give him 5NT, the grand slam force. I'm driving to 6♥ at least."

What Landen is saying is that Chuck Berger can't have less than AQJxxx and Kit Woolsey could have ♠xx♥QJ10xxx♦xx♣xxx.

Sometimes you have to take charge and make the practicable bid.

5) Matchpoints You're Vulnerable

♠ AKQ93♥ AJ♦ A6♣ 8765

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
1♠	DBL	Pass	1NT
?????			
Action	Score	Votes	Solvers
Double	100	5	39
Pass	80	3	77
2♣	70	3	16
2♠	30	0	18

West has made a takeout double and East has made a constructive response. Just how

many HCPs do you expect partner to have? This is matchpoints where -200 is a very bad score and -100 is a poor score. Isn't it better to defend against INT, when you can probably hold them to seven tricks, without any help from partner, for -90, by taking four spades and two aces? -90 will be better than all the pairs who go -100 with your cards.

Two experts join me and go quietly for now. **Pokorny:** "Pass—The worst thing I can do is double, allowing them to reach some better spot (2♦ or 3♦, for example). INT should be a good contact for us because probably will end down one or exactly making. I don't like to bid 2♣ because the suit is too bad (and probably should be five-carder in this situation)."

Landen: "Pass—I have no safety bidding and will often score more defending than declaring."

Five experts double.

Adams: "Double—Shows my strength. If partner is weak, he can pull to long suit. Sometimes they do not even have a stopper. I expect to do fine in 2♠ if partner bids a red suit."

If partner bids a red suit, is it a four-card suit where you want to correct to 2♠ or is it five or six-card suit where you want to pass?

Rodney: "Double—Pass is very wimpy, especially at matchpoints, and 2♣ is inviting a bad score (e.g. partner passes holding ♠x♥Qxxxx♦Jxxx♣xxx). Partner knows I have a doubleton somewhere, and should not bid a four-card suit. Partner will pass with a balanced hand, or correct to 2♠. If partner passes, I'm hoping partner can contribute one trick."

Is partner supposed to bid 2♥ holding ♠x♥Qxxxx♦Jxxx♣xxx? If he passes the double you could be -280.

Schwartz: "Double—Defending INT, not vulnerable, probably will not score well anyway if it makes. Maybe partner can bid 2♠ or two-of-a red suit. If I had chosen to bid a blacksuit I'd prefer 2♠ to 2♣."

Hopkins: "Double—I'm not sure I can set this, but I want to suggest my strength to partner (in case he wants to bid a six-card suit). If partner has a few scattered values, then we should be successful on defense."

Roman: "Double—Utterly routine." Three experts bid their other suit. Usually bidding a second suit shows five so partner, with ♠xx♥xxxx♦xxxx♣xxx, will pass and you will play your xxxx opposite xxx vulnerable.

Parker: "2♣—I am willing to play 2♠ if partner does not have four clubs, but am not willing to sell out at the INT level. They will make 90 or 120 so I hope to go down only 100 and they make more than that."

The only way they will make more than 90 in notrump is if RHO has five spades which will not make playing 2♠ a bonus.

Woolsey: "2♣—I don't have INT beat in my own hand, and we could easily be making 2♣ or 2♠. The opponents don't play INT if I can help it."

Cappelletti: "2♣—Unless I had reason to think the INT was a psychic, game is very unlikely. Thus it must be better to bid 2♣ with this shape, than double (as I would with 5332) - which might lead to a six-card trump suit. If partner bids over 2♣, we will probably be in the right spot. Note that partner might be 1-4-4-4 and bid a red suit over my double."

While vulnerability is for children, at matchpoints one should be conservative when vulnerable.

SOLVERS' SCORES

John Adams	Q	Pass	4♦	5♦	Dbl	470
Mike Cappelletti	J	Pass	4♥	4NT	2♣	360
Robbie Hopkins	Q	4NT	3♥	6♥	Dbl	470
Steve Landen	Q	Pass	4♦	4♦	Pass	410
Steve Parker	7	4♦	4♥	6♥	2♣	330
Dean Pokorny	7	Pass	3♠	5♦	Pass	370
Steve Robinson	Q	4NT	2♥	6♥	Pass	440
David Rodney	Q	4NT	4♦	5♦	Dbl	500
Jeff Roman	Q	4NT	Dbl	3♦	Dbl	400
Alan Schwartz	K	4NT	3♠	5♦	Dbl	460
Kit Woolsey	Q	4♣	3♥	4NT	2♣	380

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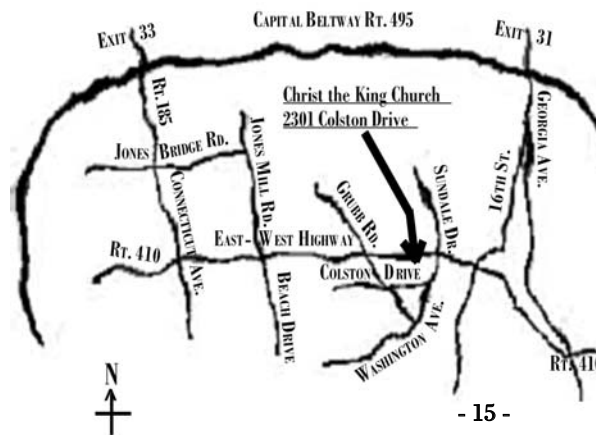
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Players in search of partners should try to arrive between 7:00 and 7:15 (or call ahead). The partnership desk closes at 7:25. You can call the WBL cell phone **(301) 395-2760** at the last minute if are on your way and know you'll be at bit late.

To find a partner at least a day in advance, contact **Barbara Doran** (see below) or log on to the **Online Partnership Bulletin Board** at: www.WashingtonBridgeLeague.org.

You might want to volunteer for the GP program yourself. It's a great way to meet people. If you play on the night you're the GP, you play free. If you volunteer, you receive a free play for any future unit game whether or not you play that night.

Email **Barbara Doran** at UnitGamePartner@DistrictSix.org or barbd@starpower.net, or call her at (301) 608-0347.

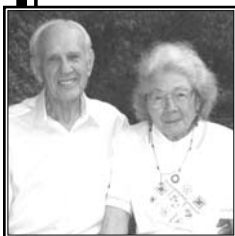
PARTNERSHIPS CLOSE AT 7:25PM TO START THE GAME PROMPTLY AT 7:30PM. CALL IF YOU'RE LATE, OR YOU MAY NOT BE ACCOMMODATED.

IT TAKES A VILLAGE TO RUN A BRIDGE LEAGUE

by Barbara Summers, Volunteer Coordinator,
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Behind the scene volunteers are helping keep this game we love alive and thriving. This month, we give a big *THANK YOU!* to **LEE BIGGS**.

Bridge tournaments always seem to be so well organized. When you walk into the game room, the tables are all set up ready to go. Have you ever wonder how the same tables magically appeared at each tournament? The answer lies with 83 year old Lee Biggs of Rockville. Lee retired a number of years ago from a teaching career at Montgomery College and, before that, as a career submariner in the US Navy. Not content with the traditional leisurely retirement life style, Lee volunteered in the early 1990s to be the



District's 'table caretaker and transporter'. He is now retiring from this, his third successful career.

With the support of Lora, of his dear wife of 61 years, Lee repaired and refinished the tables. He then personally transported them as far south as Myrtle Beach NC and as far north as Lancaster PA - and for ALL Regionals in between and for our

local Sectionals. They are just card tables you say! Each table weighs about 14 pounds. When he fills the Ford pickup truck that he bought specifically to haul the bridge tables, there can be a load of as many as 230 tables. Add that to the bid box table attachments, the score posts, and other miscellaneous materials, it's a weight of over a ton and a half! Multiple this by two loading and two unloading evolutions for each tournament and that's over six tons of lifting. Occasionally Lee and Lora would have some help, but most of the time they did it by themselves. When not being used, the tables were safely stored in their carport. Their car and truck were relegated to stay in the driveway. The driveway also served as the 'card table repair and refinishing area', where Lee lovingly spent countless hours maintaining the tables.

Lee did this volunteer work for 16 years. Even though he would have dearly liked to continue, the wear on the body has now become just too much. He had to give it up. This has been literally a Herculean service to our Bridge community.

Lee also directed two games a week at the Rockville Senior Center - known widely for its abundance and variety of refreshments he provided! His games have raised over \$65,000, all donated to the Senior Center. He has retired from this activity also. We can expect to see him more often now playing bridge - even though he will not be moving any tables!

Thank you Lee and Lora Biggs. Your dedication to this task and the service it provided to our bridge community is greatly appreciated. We wish you well.

DO YOU HAVE ANY MUSCLE OR BRAINS TO SPARE?

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,

COMITTEE ACTION #54

by Rich Colker, rcolker@worldnet.att.nat

An appeal heard at the NABCs in Denver last fall illustrates the difference between receiving misinformation (MI) on a hand and sustaining damage as a result of that MI. The case arose in the second final session of the Keohane North American Swiss Teams. (Note: this deal was played behind a screen, which ran from the N-W corner of the table to the S-E corner. North and East were screenmates as were South and West.)

Bd: 23; **Dlr:** South; **Vul:** Both

North
 ♠ K6
 ♥ KQ
 ♦ QJ863
 ♣ AK97

West	East
♠ Q952	♠ A7
♥ A104	♥ J752
♦ K4	♦ A10
♣ 10532	♣ QJ864

South
 ♠ J10843
 ♥ 9863
 ♦ 9752
 ♣ —

West	North	East	South
Pass	1♦	Pass	Pass
Dbl	1NT	Dbl	2♥(1)
Pass	Pass	Dbl	2♠
Dbl	Pass	Pass	3♦
Dbl	All Pass		

⁽¹⁾Explained by S to W as a transfer to spades

East led the ♦ A, after which 3♦ doubled made three, +670 for N/S. E/W called the Director at the conclusion of the play of the next board. (West only became aware of a difference in the explanation of the 2♥ bid on the N-E side of the screen during the bidding of the next board.) The Director determined that N/S had no agreement that the 2♥ bid in this auction was a transfer, and therefore that West had been misinformed. The contract was changed to 2♥ by South down two, -200 for N/S.

N/S appealed this decision. At the hearing N/S said they had no partnership agreement that 2♥ was a transfer in this auction. South said he drew an inappropriate parallel between the present auction and other notrump auctions. E/W said they believed they were entitled to have the same explanation on both sides of the screen. East said if he had been told 2♥ was a transfer he would have let 2♥ play undoubled, holding only two spades.

Well, there you have it. Take a moment to decide how you would decide this case if you were on this Committee and then read on. I agree entirely with the Committee so I'll just report their decision.

"The Committee determined that South had invented an agreement when he bid 2♥ as a transfer. Hence, he had effectively psyched and North had given East the correct partnership agreement.

"West had MI, but his action of passing 2♥ and doubling 2♠ was not based on damage from the MI. He knew what South had.

"Equally, East was not damaged by MI since she had the correct partnership explanation. Additionally, although there was no obligation for East to work out what was going on, the fact that she had four hearts, West must have at least three, and dummy had promised two or more, meant South could not have five hearts.

"The only issue was whether West's final double or East's final pass was influenced by MI. No link was found. South's idiosyncratic method of bidding his hand was responsible for the result but that was not covered by the laws.

"Since there was no damage the table result of N/S +670 was restored."

So there you have it. The screen prevented East from receiving the MI about the 2♥ bid; East was told N/S's actual agreement—that 2♥ was natural—and that's all she was entitled to. (She was NOT entitled to know that South thought 2♥ was a transfer when that was not N/S's agreement.) So since she was not under the influence of MI, she had no right to "know" South had misbid or to take her double of 2♥

back. (However, had West doubled the 2♥ bid because of MI he would be entitled to take his double back if it is judged that he might not have doubled with a correct explanation.)

So if a player is given MI he is not automatically entitled to a score adjustment. The MI must in some way induce an action by him which results in a worse score than he might reasonably have obtained had he been given a correct explanation.

Oh, and of course the Director (or an Appeal Committee) must determine just what the "correct" explanation (i.e., the offending side's actual agreement, if there was one) really was.

Bits & Pieces, continued from p. 5...

<u>Player</u>	<u>NonLM Leaders</u>	<u>Points</u>
1	Raghavendra Rajkumar	..26.68
2	Angeliki Magklara	.....16.45
3	Katherine Rabenstein	..16.40
4	Linda Marshall	.....11.08
5	Alfred Liepold	.....10.23
6	Martha Bley	.....8.64
7	Ross Bley	.....8.64
8	Roger Laumark	.....8.05
9	Jose Porres	.....7.41
10	Albert Lauber	.....7.13
11	Anthony Cincotta	.....7.02
12	Kevin O'Brien	.....6.60
13	Joe Lentz	.....6.43
14	Elliot Grant	.....6.38
15	James Davenport Jr	.....6.38
16	Richard Wan	.....6.32
17	Kay Miller5.87
18	Margaret Storey5.81
19	Dorothy Bechtle5.81
20	Roma Chandra5.66

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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, lunch, drinks and snacks are included. For more information or to make a reservation, email majslf@aol.com or call **Steve** or **Sandy Forsythe** at 301/592-9177. Advance payment is not required.

Directions to Margaret Schweinhaut Center: Take I-495 to Georgia Ave North. Take the first right onto Forest Glen Road. The center is approximately one half mile on the right after crossing Sligo Creek Parkway, 1000 Forest Glen Road.

GET YOUR FREE PLAYS HERE!

Did you know that you win a free play if you win your section (not your strat) at the Unit Game unless it's a sectional? Free plays expire after three years.

**2006-2007
GRAND NATIONAL TEAMS**

It's time to get out to your local club and qualify to win a subsidized trip to Nashville, TN, at the Summer 2006 NABC to represent District 6 in the national finals of this grassroots competition.

ALERT: Due to more stringent residency requirements, any individual who is unsure which District he/she is a resident of as of September 1, 2006, must seek clarification from the ACBL Credentials Committee prior to the start of the event.

There are four flights of competition: **Open Flight**; **Flight A** (0-5000); **Flight B** (0-2000); and **Flight C** (0-500 Non-Life Masters). (Masterpoint totals as of Aug. 6.)

Club qualification runs Oct 15, 2006 through Apr. 2, 2007. District competition:

	<u>1st Weekend</u>	<u>2nd Weekend</u>
Open	.....Feb. 17-18	...Mar. 3-4
Flight A	.....Apr. 28-9	...May 5-6
Flight B/south	..Feb. 10-11	...Mar. 3-4
Flight B/north	..Feb. 17-18	...Mar. 3-4
Flight C/south	..Feb. 10-11	.....Mar. 3
Flight C/north	..Feb. 17-18	.....Mar. 3

Any questions? Contact *Rae Dethlefsen*, District 6 GNT Coordinator, at 703-709-5205 or by email at raed824@comcast.net. More information is also available in your *District 6 TableTALK* and at www.districtsix.org.



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REFLECTIONS ON THE HISTORY OF THE WBL AS OUR 75TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION APPROACHES, PART II

by Bob Levey

*This is the second in a series of articles from Bob Levey. For more than 36 years, he was a reporter and columnist for **The Washington Post**. Throughout that period, he edited **The Post's** bridge columns, and often contributed articles about bridge to national and international publications. In addition, Mr. Levey is a member of the WBL Board.*

Andy Gabrilovitch knew that the **Washington Bridge League** was a different kettle of fish as soon as he showed up for his first WBL tournament in 1952.

As he walked into the famed Willard Hotel, “the first thing I saw was a body banging its head on the floor,” Gabrilovitch recalled.

The body (and head) belonged to **Charles Lovenberg**, a WBL officer and leading player (the WBL Player of the Year trophy is named for him). Gabrilovitch later learned that Lovenberg had just gone down in a contract he might have made.

“It was a great introduction to WBL intensity,” Gabrilovitch said.

Four years later, Gabrilovitch was often considering head-banging himself—because of a different kind of intensity. He and the rest of the WBL board had been asked to admit African-Americans as members, and to allow African-American members of other local bridge organizations to play in WBL tournaments.

Gabrilovitch was in favor, as was about half the board. But opponents—led by **RL “Skinny” Miles Jr.**, an oyster dealer from Norfolk who was the **ACBL's** president—beat back the proposal for five years. During that time, three WBL presidents and six WBL board members resigned, some because the WBL was considering integration, some because it wasn't considering it hard enough.

In the end, segregationists split off from the WBL and formed the Northern Virginia Bridge Association, which exists to this day. The ACBL did not integrate officially until 1964. The NVBA did not allow blacks to join, or to participate in its tournaments, until early 1967.

For at least 20 years, blacks in Washington had played organized bridge with whites in the

Federal Bridge League, a club that operated in federal buildings. Blacks also comprised the entire membership of the **American Bridge Association (ABA)**, which has existed since the 1940s and which often runs cooperative events with the WBL.

But in the late 1950s and early 1960s, when blacks tried to join the WBL, their applications were refused. When they tried to buy entries to play in WBL tournaments, they were politely asked to leave.

WBL events were never the objects of sit-ins or other demonstrations, which were going on all over the American South at the time. But tensions on both sides ran very high just the same.

Margaret Liebler Fisher was a leading segregationist and the bridge columnist for **The Evening Star**. In 1956, she wrote Miles to say: “The white frontier in Washington is being pushed back every day—not a pretty picture.”

Miles told a WBL board member that same year that the WBL “is now run by a bunch of riffraff, perverts, leftwingers and communist fellow travelers. They have taken over in recent months, and the aristocratic, decent, fine Americans who had controlled the WBL since its beginning are now out in the cold.”

In an editorial, **The Washington Post** retorted:

“How pathetically lacking in social status men must be if they have to depend on the color of their skin to win some sense of superiority... [T]hey are not entitled to much esteem from their fellow Americans.”

Meanwhile, WBL members were writing anonymously to one another, trying to develop boomlets for or against integrated bridge. One anonymous letter of the time says:

“We want to play bridge — not be constantly embroiled in the turmoil of dirty politics and the emotionally provocative harangue of social reform.”

Publicly, Skinny Miles cast the dispute in economic terms. He wrote to WBL board members in 1956 that if “Negroes are allowed to play in Washington, I think attendance at your Sectional Tournaments will be decimated.”

Miles added that the WBL's chances of

being awarded future regional tournaments and summer national tournaments “would be so weakened that it is my honest opinion that it is unlikely I could swing it.”

What Miles did not mention was that blacks were members of ACBL units in New York, New Jersey, the Midwest and California, and the ACBL saw no harm in awarding those units their rightful share of regionals and nationals. When blacks attended those events in the north and west, attendance never suffered.

In 1956, the WBL decided to poll its membership. The reported tally was 219 for integration and 351 against.

Stung by the result, many pro-integration members wanted the ACBL to order the WBL to integrate. But ACBL bylaws said that local units could form their own membership policies.

Letters flew back and forth between **Victor Daly**, the African-American who first tried to join the WBL, and ACBL officials. Privately, the officials sympathized. Publicly, they said there was nothing they could do.

Part of the reason was administrative. The WBL was joined into the *Mid-Atlantic Bridge Conference* with Virginia and the Carolinas. Not only did those three states virulently oppose integration, but together, they wielded far more votes than the WBL.

Part of the reason was also political. In 1959, the famed African-American Congressman, **Adam Clayton Powell Jr.** (D-N.Y.), hinted that he would order a Congressional investigation of the WBL if it did not integrate. In a private letter to a WBL board member, *New York Times* bridge columnist **Albert H. Morehead** predicted that the ACBL would react with “fright”—but not with any move to integrate.

Why not two units in Washington—one integrated, one segregated? Because of ACBL policy.

Nowhere else were two units permitted to share members, income and authorized tournaments. So the ACBL would not consider such a move. Nor would the ACBL consider allowing blacks to apply directly to headquarters for membership. Every member had to join a local unit, said the ACBL.

A second membership referendum in 1961 finally broke the impasse. The referendum was called because Washington was scheduled to hold the 1961 Summer Nationals. Rumor had it that the tournament would be moved to

another city if the WBL did not desegregate.

The vote this time was 624 to 279 in favor of desegregating. Fittingly, the first open pairs at the first integrated WBL sectional tournament was won by Victor Daly and his partner, Howard University professor **Joseph Henry Jr. Lewis Tubbs**, a former WBL president, was quoted in *The Post* as saying: “[T]hings have changed in recent years.”

But not enough things to suit everyone. Within two months, 356 members had split off and formed the **NVBA**. Despite its bylaws, the ACBL allowed the new unit to hold tournaments inside the District of Columbia, much to the loud dismay of the WBL leadership. The NVBA desegregated its membership and tournaments only when the ACBL ordered it to do so, in 1967.

Well-attended regionals and nationals became the WBL’s calling cards during the 1960s and beyond. Attendance was consistently among the highest in the ACBL.

A harrowing incident arose in 1984, during the Summer Nationals. **Edith Rosenkranz**, a top player from Mexico and the wife of biomedical executive **George Rosenkranz**, was kidnapped in the garage of the Sheraton Washington Hotel and held for \$1 million ransom, which her husband paid. The FBI arrested three ACBL members within two days. Mrs. Rosenkranz was not harmed. The money was recovered, and the three suspects were all sentenced to long prison terms.

As for bridge itself, the post-1961 WBL boasted some of the top players in the world. From 1974 forward, **Steve Robinson** won four world titles. **Beth Palmer** won three. WBL players **Mike Cappelletti Sr.**, **Kathie Cappelletti**, **Walt Walvick**, **Steve Parker**, **Peggy Lipsitz**, **Bobby Lipsitz**, **Eddie Manfield** and **Kit Woolsey** dominated regional and national events.

Looking back on the racial friction of 1956-1961, Andy Gabrilovitch says it was a question of perseverance—and passion.

“We got nastier than they did,” he recalled. “If they wanted to move away and form another unit, good luck. We knew we were right.”

For Gabrilovitch, the furor ended very quietly—and very ironically.

He and his wife, Wanda, moved to Connecticut for many years when Gabrilovitch’s career took them there. When Gabrilovitch moved back to the Washington area in 1982, he chose to live in Virginia.

The ACBL assigned him to the NVBA. He is a member to this day.

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Results

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 Potomac Valley Tournament winners:

All Players

1	27.64	Alfred Steinberg
2	26.25	Leo LaSota
3	24.41	John Adams
4	24.30	Ellen Cherniavsky
5	23.71	Donna Rogall
6	19.29	Mark Shaw
7	16.84	Clyde Kruskal
8	16.03	Prahalad Rajkumar
9	13.63	James Andre
10	13.27	Margot Hennings

Players with fewer than 1500 masterpoints

1	16.03	Prahalad Rajkumar
2	13.63	James Andre
3	13.19	Donald Goldman
4	12.81	Lloyd Rawley
5	11.11	Steven Forsythe
6	9.08	Angeliki Magklara
7	8.88	Katherine Rabenstein
8	8.51	Thomas Din
9	8.51	Gloria Halstead
10	8.44	Sandra Forsythe

Players with fewer than 500 masterpoints

1	13.19	Donald Goldman
2	9.08	Angeliki Magklara
3	8.22	Ellen Rosenthal
	8.22	Neal Rosenthal
5	8.06	Alfred Liepold
6	6.01	Steven Fox
	6.01	Albert Lauber
8	5.65	Murat Berk
9	5.38	John Mason Jr
10	5.29	Kevin O'Brien

Players with fewer than 100 masterpoints

1	8.06	Alfred Liepold
2	6.01	Albert Lauber
3	5.02	Teri Harrison
	5.02	Sorina Negulescu
5	4.85	Stanley Weiland
6	4.14	Richard Wessman
	4.14	Ellinor Legg
8	4.10	Richard Wan
9	3.98	Gerald O'Dell
10	3.86	Roger Laumark
	3.86	Joav Steinbach

THURS EVE A/X PAIRS

Stratum A, 36.5 Tables / Based on 85 Tables

1	Margot Hennings - Prahalad Rajkumar	66.67
2	Ellen Cherniavsky - Barbara Ames	64.62
3	Patricia Parker - James Stormes	60.28
4	Terry Feetham - Leon Letwin	59.67
5	Steven Schatzow - Eugene Fisher	58.75
6	John Adams - William Cole	57.72
7	Earl Glickstein - Linda Maloney	57.24
8	Fred King - Richard Wegman	55.50
9	Winston Edwards - Regena Edwards	55.43

Stratum X, 22.5 Tables

1	Ellen Cherniavsky - Barbara Ames	66.38
2	Terry Feetham - Leon Letwin	60.28
3	Steven Schatzow - Eugene Fisher	59.67
4	Clyde Kruskal - Lloyd Rawley	55.50
5	Barbara Summers - William Colligan	55.43
6	William Kingery Jr - Michelle Cantave	54.16

THURS EVE B/C/D PAIRS

Stratum B, 25.0 Tables



1	Barry James - Diane Jaworiwsky	63.26
2	Rodger Kamuf - Ray Dodson	61.97
3	Ellen Rosenthal - Neal Rosenthal	61.71
4	Anthony Cincotta - James Augustine	61.58
5	Marshall Fite - Nancy Detweiler	60.42
6	Donald Brown - Elizabeth Parker	56.25

Stratum C, 22.0 Tables

1	Rodger Kamuf - Ray Dodson	61.97
2	Ellen Rosenthal - Neal Rosenthal	61.71
3	Anthony Cincotta - James Augustine	61.58
4	Marshall Fite - Nancy Detweiler	60.42
5	Donald Brown - Elizabeth Parker	56.25
6	James Wisman - Edgar MacArthur	56.03

Stratum D, 13.5 Tables

1	Rodger Kamuf - Ray Dodson	61.97
2	Ellen Rosenthal - Neal Rosenthal	61.71
3	Anthony Cincotta - James Augustine	61.58
4	Marshall Fite - Nancy Detweiler	60.42
5	Donald Brown - Elizabeth Parker	56.25
6	James Wisman - Edgar MacArthur	56.03

THURS EVE NLM PAIRS AT SILVER SPRING

Stratum A, 12.0 Tables

1	Craig Caplan - Teresa Caplan	68.64
2	Narda Ehrlich - Richard Wan	64.55
3	Roger Laumark - Joav Steinbach	62.50
4	Helene Ramo - Barry Smith	58.41
5	Sen. Robert Packwood - Kathy Atlan	56.59
6	Gail Morgenweck - Joan Fitzpatrick	54.77

Stratum B, 10.5 Tables

- 1 Narda Ehrlich - Richard Wan64.55
- 2 Roger Laumark - Joav Steinbach62.50
- 3 Helene Ramo - Barry Smith58.41
- 4 Sen. Robert Packwood - Kathy Attan 56.59
- 5 Gail Morgenweck - Joan Fitzpatrick .54.77
- 6 Steven Nesselser - Pamela Bacher . . .52.95

Stratum C, 5.5 Tables

- 1 Alfred Liepold - Helen Long52.27
- 2 Beth Wisinski - Sue Gagner51.59
- 3 Garry Grossman - Adrienne Kohn . . .50.91
- 4 Spencer Berg - Phyllis Berg47.05

THURS EVE 199ER PAIRS AT ALEXANDRIA**Stratum A, 11.0 Tables**

- 1 Larry Gebbie - Murat Berk63.99
- 2 Barbara Hodges - William Hughes . .63.69
- 3 Peggy Mc Carter - Rod Spicer61.31
- 4 Tom Croker - Linda Croker60.42
- 5/6 Joan White - Joyce Currie56.85
- 5/6 Howard Schuyler - Catherine Smith .56.85

Stratum B, 9.5 Tables

- 1 Barbara Hodges - William Hughes .63.69
- 2 Peggy Mc Carter - Rod Spicer61.31
- 3 Tom Croker - Linda Croker60.42
- 4 Joan White - Joyce Currie56.85
- 5 John Haberlin - Sandy Haberlin . . .56.55
- 6 Peggy Errington - Mary Edge56.25

Stratum C, 3.0 Tables

- 1 Barbara Hodges - William Hughes .63.69
- 2 Peggy Mc Carter - Rod Spicer61.31

FRIDAY MORN OPEN PAIRS**Stratum A, 21.0 Tables / Based on 27 Tables**

- 1 James Andre - Donald Goldman . . .65.10
- 2 Samuel Keiter - Richard Robinson . .63.86
- 3 Ellen Cherniavsky - Alfred Steinberg 63.10
- 4 Shou-Ling Wang - Mita Banerjee . . .61.95
- 5 James Adams - Hadi Abushakra . . .61.01
- 6 Clyde Kruskal - Kerry Kruskal58.04

Stratum B, 16.5 Tables

- 1 James Andre - Donald Goldman . . .65.10
- 2 Samuel Keiter - Richard Robinson . .63.86
- 3 James Adams - Hadi Abushakra . . .61.01
- 4 Steven Fox - Albert Lauber57.45
- 5 Suzanne Floyd - Robert Claypool . .57.36
- 6 Ednae Trevey - Kathrine Loh55.36

Stratum C, 7.0 Tables

- 1 Steven Fox - Albert Lauber57.45
- 2 Suzanne Floyd - Robert Claypool . .57.36
- 3 Ednae Trevey - Kathrine Loh55.36
- 4 Malvern Sheffield Jr - Cynthia Helms 54.17
- 5 Azmat Ali - J J Jayaraman52.08

FRIDAY MORNING NLM PAIRS**Stratum A, 6.0 Tables**

- 1 Betty Palmer - Helen Fillion63.33
- 2 Robert Kay - Tsung Lee57.08
- 3 Ellinor Legg - Richard Wessman . . .54.58
- 4 Mae Benchert - Ann Fenton54.17

Stratum B, 3.5 Tables

- 1 Ellinor Legg - Richard Wessman . . .54.58
- 2 Mae Benchert - Ann Fenton54.17
- 3 Alfred Liepold - Helen Long53.33

FRI AFT A/X PAIRS**Stratum A, 8.5 Tables / Based on 28 Tables**

- 1 Clyde Kruskal - Donna Rogall66.96
- 2 Wilmont Howard Jr - Rammohan Sarangan62.70
- 3 Kenneth Davis - Robert Hartmann . .56.88
- 4 Stuart Fogel - Steven Forsythe55.03
- 5 Janet Robertson - Gene Keidan54.23

Stratum X, 3.5 Tables

- 1 Wilmont Howard Jr - Rammohan Sarangan62.70
- 2 Stuart Fogel - Steven Forsythe55.03
- 3 Douglas Bullock - Kris Miller53.28

FRI AFT B/C/D PAIRS**Stratum B, 7.0 Tables**

- 1 Steven Fox - Albert Lauber66.25
- 2 Ednae Trevey - Kathrine Loh59.58
- 3 James Andre - Donald Goldman . . .57.92
- 4 Janet Dence - Edwin Fuller Jr57.50
- 5 Judy Glick - Roma Chandra52.92

Stratum C, 6.0 Tables

- 1 Steven Fox - Albert Lauber66.25
- 2 Ednae Trevey - Kathrine Loh59.58
- 3 James Andre - Donald Goldman . . .57.92
- 4 Judy Glick - Roma Chandra52.92

Stratum D, 5.0 Tables

- 1 Steven Fox - Albert Lauber66.25
- 2 Ednae Trevey - Kathrine Loh59.58
- 3 Judy Glick - Roma Chandra52.92
- 4/5 Patrice Gordon - Arthur Olson50.42
- 4/5 Roberta Feldman - Hanita Schreiber .50.42

FRI AFT NLM PAIRS**Stratum A, 12.0 Tables**

- 1 Roger Laumark - Joav Steinbach . . .63.64
- 2 Richard Majewski - Gerald O'Dell . .61.59
- 3 Cynthia Harrison - Kay Miller58.86
- 4 Robert Kay - Tsung Lee57.73
- 5 Judy Bernstein - Charles Haynes . . .56.14
- 6 Richard Wessman - Ellinor Legg . . .53.64

Stratum B, 8.5 Tables

- 1 Roger Laumark - Joav Steinbach . . .63.64
- 2 Richard Majewski - Gerald O'Dell . .61.59
- 3 Cynthia Harrison - Kay Miller58.86
- 4 Judy Bernstein - Charles Haynes . . .56.14
- 5 Richard Wessman - Ellinor Legg . . .53.64

Stratum C, 6.0 Tables

- 1 Roger Laumark - Joav Steinbach . . .63.64
- 2 Richard Majewski - Gerald O'Dell . .61.59
- 3 Cynthia Harrison - Kay Miller58.86
- 4 Judy Bernstein - Charles Haynes . . .56.14

FRI EVE FLIGHT A/X PAIRS**Stratum A, 12.0 Tables / Based on 29 Tables**

- 1 Donna Rogall - Clyde Kruskal62.73
- 2 Alice Wegman - Richard Wegman . . .62.05
- 3 Angeliki Magklara - Ted Ying58.83
- 4 Ruth Potter - Jeff Roman57.25
- 5 Michael Lawrence - Craig Olson . . .56.84
- 6 Daniel Feldman - Rodney Severson .55.93

Stratum X, 5.0 Tables

- 1 Angeliki Magklara - Ted Ying58.83
- 2 Michael Lawrence - Craig Olson . . .56.84
- 3 Daniel Feldman - Rodney Severson .55.93
- 4 Douglas Bullock - Kris Miller53.30

FRI EVE B/C/D PAIRS**Stratum B, 16.5 Tables**

- 1 Teri Harrison - Sorina Negulescu . .59.47
- 2 Ellen Rosenthal - Neal Rosenthal . .59.16
- 3 Edward Rodrigues - Mohsen Esfandiary 58.85
- 4 Richard Allison - John Lowe III . . .56.58
- 5 John Mattioli - Murat Berk56.18
- 6 William Gurley - Eric Poskanzer . . .56.12

Stratum C, 11.5 Tables

- 1 Sorina Negulescu - Teri Harrison . .59.47
- 2 Ellen Rosenthal - Neal Rosenthal . .59.16
- 3 John Mattioli - Murat Berk56.18
- 4 William Gurley - Eric Poskanzer . . .56.12
- 5 Shawn Stringer - Roma Chandra . . .54.52
- 6 Helen Long - Alfred Liepold52.80

Stratum D, 10.0 Tables

- 1 Sorina Negulescu - Teri Harrison . .59.47
- 2 William Gurley - Eric Poskanzer . . .56.12
- 3 Shawn Stringer - Roma Chandra . . .54.52
- 4 Helen Long - Alfred Liepold52.80
- 5 Joyce Wilkinson - J J Jayaraman . . .52.57
- 6 Richard Majewski - Gerald O'Dell . .52.08

SATURDAY MORN A/X PAIRS**Stratum A, 22.0 Tables / Based on 57 Tables**

- 1 Charles Yaple - Sarah Anne Cressy . .63.38
- 2 Mark Shaw - Leo LaSota62.75
- 3 Eric Branfman - Carl Nelson58.22
- 4 Helene Bauman - Jim Wakefield . . .57.99
- 5 Lloyd Rawley - Angeliki Magklara . .57.55
- 6 Ruth Potter - Jeff Roman57.38

Stratum X, 12.0 Tables

- 1 Lloyd Rawley - Angeliki Magklara . .57.55
- 2 Douglas Bullock - Kris Miller57.29
- 3 Kefu Xu - Rammohan Sarangan . . .56.53
- 4 Rosemary Shaw - Jane Sturgis56.07
- 5 Eileen Houghton - Kitty Gottfried . .55.28
- 6 Richard Price - Melissa Price53.92

SAT MORN B/C/D PAIRS**Stratum B, 22.5 Tables**

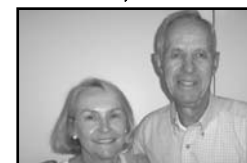
- 1 Jonathan Siegel - Malcolm Stewart . .64.68
- 2 Linda Marshall - Katherine Rabenstein 61.72
- 3 Howard Tash - Bradley Tash61.01
- 4 Donald Goldman - James Andre . . .60.94
- 5 Dorothy Bechtle - Margaret Storey . .60.50
- 6 Abigail Nichols - Jay Cherlow57.99

Stratum C, 19.0 Tables

- 1 Jonathan Siegel - Malcolm Stewart . .64.68
- 2 Linda Marshall - Katherine Rabenstein 61.72
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Stratum D, 11.5 Tables

- 1 Jonathan Siegel - Malcolm Stewart . .64.68
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- 3 David Olson - Mark Shimshak57.44
- 4 Sorina Negulescu - Teri Harrison . .57.14
- 5 David Sterner - Teryl McBurney . . .54.17
- 6 Alex Stouck - Earl Wolf51.61

SAT MORN NLM PAIRS**Stratum A, 12.0 Tables**

- 1 Elizabeth Schepps - Madison Schepps 63.10

- 2 Frank Alden - Gerald O'Dell61.90
- 3 Ann Sjoerdsma - Paul Lubell59.82
- 4/5 Amy Bloom - Carol Elfant59.23
- 4/5 Stanley Weiland - Alfred Liepold . . .59.23
- 6 Porter Kier - Carolyn Kier58.93

Stratum B, 7.5 Tables

- 1 Ann Sjoerdsma - Paul Lubell59.82
- 2/3 Amy Bloom - Carol Elfant59.23
- 2/3 Stanley Weiland - Alfred Liepold . . .59.23
- 4 Porter Kier - Carolyn Kier58.93
- 5 Cynthia Harrison - Kay Miller57.14

Stratum C, 4.5 Tables

- 1 Stanley Weiland - Alfred Liepold . . .59.23
- 2 Porter Kier - Carolyn Kier58.93
- 3 Cynthia Harrison - Kay Miller57.14
- 4/5 Joyce Currie - Jim Wildey52.08
- 4/5 Jerome Gumbiner - Erika Emery . . .52.08

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Stratum A, 20.0 Tables / Based on 48 Tables



- 1 Alfred Steinberg - John Adams59.54
- 2 Thomas Lavender - John Klayman . .58.66
- 3/4 David Vendittis - Benjamin Stauss .58.11
- 3/4 Donald Berman - Eugene Kales . . .58.11
- 5 Jim Pestaner - Lucy Pestaner57.02
- 6 Mark Shaw - Leo LaSota56.58

Stratum X, 10.0 Tables

- 1 Thomas Lavender - John Klayman . .58.66
- 2 David Vendittis - Benjamin Stauss .58.11
- 3 Jim Pestaner - Lucy Pestaner57.02
- 4 Raghavendra Rajkumar - Prahalad Rajkumar54.39
- 5 Jason Meyer - Lloyd Rawley53.84
- 6/7 William Hacker - Benjamin Brill . .52.19
- 6/7 Rammohan Sarangan - Kefu Xu . . .52.19

SATURDAY AFT B/C/D PAIRS

Stratum B, 19.0 Tables



- 1 James Andre - Donald Goldman . . .67.26
- 2 Lynda Flanger - Kevin O'Brien . . .60.12
- 3/5 Lois Geer - Bryan Geer58.93
- 3/5 Jean Markley - Lloyd Bowling . . .58.93
- 3/5 Satinder Gupta - Janet Coffin . . .58.93
- 6 Abigail Nichols - Jay Cherlow55.95

Stratum C, 15.0 Tables

- 1 Donald Goldman - James Andre . . .67.26
- 2 Lynda Flanger - Kevin O'Brien . . .60.12

- 3/4 Lois Geer - Bryan Geer58.93
- 3/4 Satinder Gupta - Janet Coffin . . .58.93
- 5 Abigail Nichols - Jay Cherlow55.95
- 6 Thomas Din - Gloria Halstead55.65

Stratum D, 7.5 Tables

- 1 Lois Geer - Bryan Geer58.93
- 2 Shawn Stringer - Roma Chandra . . .55.36
- 3 Azmat Ali - David Epstein54.76
- 4/5 David Sterner - Teryl McBurney . . .53.87
- 4/5 Frances McNaught - Kathrine Loh . .53.87

SATURDAY AFT NLM PAIRS

Stratum A, 9.0 Tables



- 1 Elizabeth Schepps - Madison Schepps 65.77
- 2 Stanley Weiland - Alfred Liepold . .61.01
- 3/4 Ellinor Legg - Richard Wessman . . .59.52
- 3/4 Larry Gebbie - Murat Berk59.52
- 5 Ruth Woods - Marvin Raines57.14

Stratum B, 7.0 Tables

- 1 Stanley Weiland - Alfred Liepold . .61.01
- 2/3 Ellinor Legg - Richard Wessman . . .59.52
- 2/3 Larry Gebbie - Murat Berk59.52
- 4 Ruth Woods - Marvin Raines57.14
- 5 Louis Coccodrilli - Grazyna Gdula . .55.36

Stratum C, 4.5 Tables

- 1 Stanley Weiland - Alfred Liepold . .61.01
- 2 Ellinor Legg - Richard Wessman . . .59.52
- 3 Louis Coccodrilli - Grazyna Gdula . .55.36
- 4 Cecelia Calhoun - Noah Calhoun . . .51.19

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Stratum A, 18 Tables / Based on 48 Tables



- 1 David Ruderman - Leo LaSota - Barbara Shaw - Alfred Steinberg - Alan Tenenbaum .109.00
- 2 Donna Rogall - John Adams - Ellen Cherniavsky - Benjamin Brill95.00
- 3 Steve Robinson - Peter Boyd - Mark Shaw - William Cole91.00
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Stratum X, 6 Tables

- 1/2 Robert Stearns - Lynn Boardman - Bill Gainer - Charles Young Jr71.00
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Stratum B, 24 Tables



- 1 Thomas Din - Steven Forsythe - Sandra Forsythe - Gloria Halstead106.00
- 2 Linda Padgett - Robert Padgett - Michael Polunin - John Mason Jr92.00
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- 1 Steven Forsythe - Thomas Din - Gloria Halstead - Sandra Forsythe106.00
- 2 Dorothy Bechtle - Margaret Storey - Carolyn Becraft - Susan Slattery . . .86.00
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- 5/6 Daniel Koch - Steven Schatzow - Prem Garg - Murat Berk78.00

Stratum D, 4 Tables

- 1 Dorothy Bechtle - Margaret Storey - Carolyn Becraft - Susan Slattery . . .86.00

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Stratum A, 6 Tables

- 1 Richard Wan - J J Jayaraman - Stanley Weiland - Alfred Liepold75.00
- 2 Robert Drake - Florence Drake - Sally Garfinkel - Ruth Fu51.00

Stratum B, 3 Tables

- 1 Richard Wan - J J Jayaraman - Stanley Weiland - Alfred Liepold57.00

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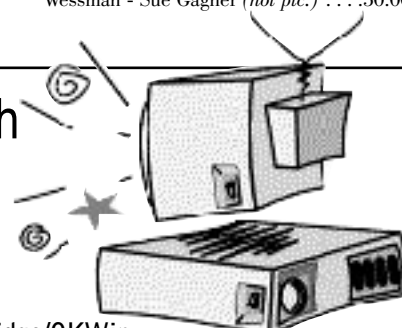
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- 1 Louis Coccodrilli - Ellinor Legg - Richard Wessman - Sue Gagner (not pic.) . . .50.00

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HONORING DOUBLETON HONORS

If I ruled the world, all my suits would be KQJx or better! But I don't rule the world yet, so I sometimes have to make do with less impressive holdings. I'm sure you do, too. How do you handle a doubleton honor when the opponents lead the suit? What if you have a doubleton honor when you're on lead?

When Opponents Lead to Your Doubleton Honor

Often it's a good idea to play low from dummy on the opening lead, especially in notrump, where holding up on your winner can be critical to keep the defenders from running their long suit. With Ax in dummy, your ace is always going to take a trick, so you still will probably want to play low on the first trick unless you have more cards in the suit than the opponents do. But what if you have Kx? Should you play the king?

In notrump, the opening leader could well have the ace, so playing the king right away could win you a trick. Leaving him out there alone and naked guarantees that he'll never win. If you have no other high cards in the suit, playing the king on the first trick could be your only hope! Do the opponents have enough tricks in their suit to set you if they get back in the lead? If so, if your king wins the first trick, try to make your contract without giving up the lead. If either defender gets in, they're going to run their suit.

If you also have a "stopper" in your hand, you can play low from dummy on the opening lead and see what right-hand opponent plays. Unless she plays the ace anyway (which she shouldn't but she might if she has no other high cards in the suit), the ace will come out on the second round of the suit to smother your king. To cut off communication between the defenders, you'll probably want to play low from your hand on the first two rounds, then play your winner on the third trick. Qx opposite Jxx is always a stopper if you play second hand low.

In a trump contract, if you have Kx in dummy and you're missing the ace, your king is probably doomed. It's a pretty good guess that RHO has the ace, since most players won't lead away from an ace on the opening lead. (They know that underleading their ace is likely to give away a trick.) If you have no honors in the suit besides dummy's king, you might as well play it and hope that left-hand opponent had a senior moment when he made his opening lead! If you don't play it, RHO will win with a smaller card and continue with his ace to smother your king, or lead low to his partner if it turns out LHO underled the ace after all.

Leading from a Doubleton Honor

What if you're on lead against a suit contract and you're the one with the doubleton honor? Unless partner has bid the suit, or the opponents have bid every other suit, leading a doubleton is much more likely to set up tricks for declarer than it is to get you a ruff, even if you do hold the ace or king. (But if you have the AK doubleton, that's a great lead, just as leading from the top of any sequence is good.) If partner has bid the suit, it's okay to lead the honor from Ax or Kx. Partner might have the queen or the missing top honor, and even if he doesn't, at least it's still your suit and not theirs.

But if you have Qx, try not to lead the suit unless partner has really shown strength in the suit. Say you have this auction:

<u>You</u>	<u>LHO</u>	<u>Pard</u>	<u>RHO</u>
1♣	P	1♥	1♠
P	2♠	All pass	

Partner's 1♥ bid doesn't really promise much besides six points and four hearts. She could have no points in hearts! If you lead your queen of hearts from Qx, even if you find the king in dummy and the ace in partner's hand, she's going to be disappointed when she returns the suit and you don't have the jack. You may have given declarer an extra trick or even two that he wouldn't have gotten if you

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hadn't led the suit! On the other hand, if partner freely bids and rebids her suit, she should have six cards and probably something there. Now it's okay to lead your doubleton queen.

Leading from Jx is just like leading from Qx, only not quite as dangerous. Don't do it unless your partner has shown strength in the suit!

What if you're declarer, and you have Qx in one hand and Jxx in the other? Lead something else! The best way to take a trick in this suit is to have the opponents lead it for you.

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♠ J2♥ 7♦ AKJ107♣ K103

South	West	North	East
1♠	2♥	Pass	Pass
?????*	* New suits non-forcing		

2) Matchpoints None Vulnerable

♠ J42♥ A76♦ KQ93♣ Q65

South	West	North	East
Pass	1♦	1♥	Pass
2♥*	DBL	2♠	Pass
?????	* limit raise or better in diamonds		

33) Matchpoints None Vulnerable

♠ J943♥ AK♦ 5♣ AQ8765

South	West	North	East
?????	Pass	Pass	3♥

4) IMPs Both Vulnerable

♠ 63♥ KQJ92♦ K1052♣ 73

South	West	North	East
?????*	1♥	Pass	Pass

*3♥=limit raise; 2NT=forcing raise; 2♦=GF

5) IMPs Both Vulnerable

♠ Q♥ Q2♦ K7654♣ J10983

South	West	North	East
Pass	Pass	1♠	Pass
1NT	Pass	2♥	Pass
?????			Pass

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