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Show*  *& Party*
to Honor New Life Masters

...or the 2:30pm Sunday

WBL Trophy Race Winners' Presentation

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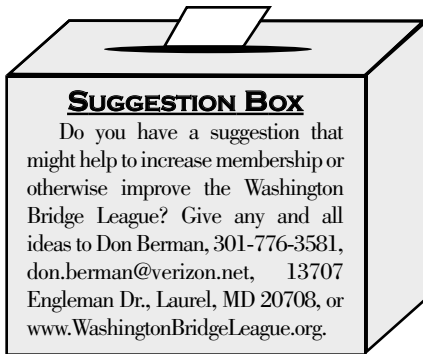
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PRESIDENT'S LETTER

by WBL President, Fred King

If you missed our October Sectional, you missed having a great time! Not only did we have the usual great food and wonderful, competitive bridge, but the special celebration of the **WBL's 75th Anniversary** was a real treat. **Nadine Wood** and her helpers did a wonderful job of finding and displaying old memorabilia. It was great fun trying to recognize current and previous members from their pictures of 30, 40 and even 50 years ago! We had a wonderful panel of long-time members, **Jay Cohen, Andy Gabrielovitch, Trudy Machlin, Charlie Stenger** and **Alice Yoke** who reminisced about "the good old days" and reminded us of some of the many characters who have graced the WBL over the years.

One highlight of the sectional was the presentation of the **Jerry Machlin Award for Sportsmanship**. The first recipient of the award was **Charlie Stenger**, a worthy choice and someone who sets an example that we all should strive to emulate.

Finally, on Sunday the **Eynon Trophy** was awarded for the first time

since 1968. As luck would have it, three teams tied for first place in the Swiss teams, so all 12 members of the teams will have their names added to the illustrious ones already on it. Our next sectional will be in early January and I urge all of you to attend. I assure you you will have a wonderful time.

Now I would like to make a few comments about our unit game and one of the most frequent complaints received. I would like to urge everyone to consider the context of the game.

Imagine it is the finals of the Spingold at the Summer NABC and going into the last quarter your team was behind by 13imps. But you have had a couple of good boards and now you have bid a thin slam that they might not bid at the other table or might not make if they bid it. You have played the other boards at a decent pace and now you can take your time to decide on your best line of play. Ten or even 15 minutes to plot your strategy and play the hand is not unreasonable.

Now imagine it is the third round of the unit game. It is the second board of this round and you have bid a thin slam. Should you treat this situation the same as the one above? I think not. Taking excessive time on a board will slow up the whole field, irritate your opponents and is not in the spirit of this game. Of course we all want to win and play our best, but you have to recognize that different circumstances call for different behavior. Anything more than two or three minutes to develop your plan and more than five minutes to execute that plan are inappropriate in my view.

If you can't appreciate the difference between the unit game and the finals of a national event, my advice is lighten up and enjoy the former for what it is—a highly competitive, but still social game that attracts a large number of players for different reasons. To keep the game successful, we must be sure that everyone enjoys themselves and that means putting the game in the proper context.

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SILVER SPRING, MD: JANUARY 4-7, 2007

45th Annual Presidential Tournament

THURSDAY, JANUARY 4

- ♣ 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, JANUARY 5

- ♦ Stratified Pairs (2000+/1000/500) 10:00am
 - ♥ StrataFlighted A/X (unlim/3000) & B/C/D Pairs (1500/1000/500) ... 2:00pm
 - ♠ Bracketed IMP Pairs & computer assigned 7:30pm
- Board-An-IMP Teams...** Friday nights are your chance to try a different form of the game. This evening will introduce two ways to win playing IMPs. Come with your partner for an IMP Pair game. At the end of the evening, compare your scores as in a Swiss team game with your computer assigned teammates for an extra chance to win.
- ♣ Intermediate/Novice Pairs (300/200/100/50/20) (single sessions) 10:00am, 2:00pm, 7:30pm

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

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

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

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

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♠ **Arlington, VA** ♣ **FEBRUARY 8-11, 2007** ♦

**NVBA WILLIAM POISSANT
MEMORIAL TOURNAMENT**

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

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 8

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

Novice/Intermediate Lecture	6:30 p.m.
STRATIFIED OPEN PAIRS (2000+/2000/750)	7:00 p.m. ....7:30 p.m.
NVBA 199ER PAIRS (200/100/50/20); WBL NLM PAIRS (NLM/100/50)	7:00 p.m. ....7:30 p.m.
NEWCOMER PAIRS (0-5)	7:00 p.m.

...REST OF TOURNAMENT AT KOCH...

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 9

STRATIFIED OPEN PAIRS (2000+/2000/750)	.....2 p.m.
299ER PAIRS (300/200/100)	.....2 p.m.
49ER PAIRS (50/20/5)	.....2 p.m.
STRATIFIED OPEN PAIRS (2000+/2000/750)	.....7:30 p.m.
299ER PAIRS (300/200/100)	.....7:30 p.m.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 10

STRATIFIED OPEN PAIRS (2000+/2000/750)	.....9:30 a.m.
STRATIFIED SENIOR PAIRS (2000+/2000/750)	.....9:30 a.m.
299ER PAIRS (300/200/100)	.....9:30 a.m.
49ER PAIRS (50/20/5)	.....9:30 a.m.
NEWCOMER PAIRS (0-5)	.....9:30 a.m.
TROPHY EVENT: WILLIAM POISSANT MEMORIAL PAIRS (2 SESSIONS – Qualifying And Final)	.....2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.
STRATIFIED OPEN PAIRS (2000+/2000/750; Single session)	.....2 p.m.
<i>Combines Senior pair & Open side games into one for more Masterpoints!</i>	
299ER PAIRS (300/200/100)	.....2 p.m.
49ER PAIRS (50/20/5)	.....2 p.m.
STRATIFIED OPEN CONSOLATION (2000+/2000/750)	.....7:30 p.m.
299ER PAIRS (300/200/100)	.....7:30 p.m.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11

Novice/Intermediate Lecture (Jeff Roman)	.....10:15 a.m.
FLIGHT A/X (3000+/3000) BOARD-A-MATCH TEAMS	.....11:00 a.m.
FLIGHT B/C (2000/750) SWISS TEAMS	.....11:00 a.m.
<i>BAM & Swiss: both 2-session events, with one hour break</i>	
299ER SWISS TEAMS (300/200/100; Single session)	.....11:00 a.m.
49ER SWISS TEAMS (50/20/5; Single session)	.....11:00 a.m.
299ER SWISS TEAMS (300/200/100/50; Single session)	.....3:15 p.m.

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

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

NVBA (KOCH) WBL

6:30 p.m.**

7:00 p.m.7:30 p.m.

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at www.nvba.org*

**Next NVBA Sectional:
April 19-22,
2007**

**WELCOME TO THE
WASHINGTON BRIDGE LEAGUE**

The WBL welcomes the following new ACBL members: **Ms Betsy Cox, Mr Arthur Kramer, Betty Thompson, Henry L Thompson, Bridge Baron, Mrs Sandra C Donaty, Mr Arthur Farbenbloom, Mr Martin R Slough, Mr Jason R Stewart, Ms Phyllis K Arnow, Mr Michael Blumer, Mrs Claire B Frank, Mr Robert A Kazdin, Charles Maplethorpe, Ms Brenda C Mara, T S L Perlman, Ms Phyllis A Reyes, and Ms Geri Wood.**

In addition, we welcome the following trans-fers from other units: **Rosalie A Caltabiano, Mr Oleg A Dolgikh, Mrs Dorothy Guttman, Mr Newman Guttman, Mr John R Klein, Mrs Betty M Martin, Martin E Rouse, Mr Samuel G Bowlin, Mrs Leah B Chernov, Mr P David Chernov, Miss Jennifer Lin, Helen Paver, Ms Billie Sandler, Mr Robert E Brady, Ms Margaret Melone, Charles W Terry, Nancy B Terry, and Reginald F Tinner.**

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

—CLUB NEWS—

**BRIDGE FIESTA
TAKES A SIESTA!**

There will be no **Sunday Bridge Fiesta** at the Methodist Home of Washington D.C. on December 24th and December 31st due to the holidays, and on January 7th due to the WBL sectional. Bridge Fiesta will resume on January 14th. Each game is preceded by a light lunch at 12:30 and a lesson by Steve Forsythe at 1. Game time is 1:30. The Home is located at 4901 Connecticut Avenue, NW (just south of the intersection of Connecticut and Nebraska Avenues). If you have any questions about the game, please email **Steve or Sandy Forsythe** at MAJSFL@aol.com or call 301-592-9177.

**HOLIDAY PARK
SENIOR CENTER**

Effective January 1, 2007, the Holiday Park Senior Center duplicate game (Wednesdays at 1pm) will change from an invitational to an open game. Thus more masterpoints will be awarded. For directions or questions, telephone Carol McNeil at (301) 990-1715.

2007 BRIDGE & BOWLING

Once again this year, the WBL will be sponsoring "Bridge and Bowling". Everyone is welcome to participate in either one or both of the activities. It is always a lot of fun and it does not require proficiency in either activity to take part. (Last year about half of our bowlers averaged less 100 a game!) The date is **Saturday, Feb 3, 2007**, so reserve it on your calendar now. Information on the venues and times will be available at the unit game, on the web site and sent out in Stevie's email in the next couple of months. Come out and have some fun and also qualify for the Grand National Teams.

2007 WBL UNIT KO

The deadline to sign up for the 2007 Washington Bridge League Unit KOs is January 29. The GNT qualifier on that day will be used as a factor in the seeding of the KO; however, you don't have to play in the GNT qualifier in order to play in the Unit Kos. There will be two flights of play. Further specific details will be worked out and made available shortly. Contact **Steve Robinson** to find partners, for more information, or to sign up a team of 4, 5, or 6 players:

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WBL SOLVERS' CLUB

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Congratulations to **Hy Chansky** 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. Tied for second were **Robert Stone, Linda Marshall and Noble Shore** with a score of 480. Tied for fifth were **Dick Robinson, Manual Paulo, Nikola Tcholakov, Mitch Edelman, Al Duncker and Sam Keiter** with a score of 470. Tied for eleventh were **Brad Theurer, Enid Asherman, Barry Bragin, Hadi Abushakra, Arnold Kling, Jim Stormes and David Funk** with a score of 460. Tied for eighteenth were **Robert Boorman and Ann Lindley** with a score of 450. Tied for twentieth were **Craig Olson, Mark Johnson, and Pete Whipple** with a score of 440. Tied for twenty-fourth were **Jay Weinstein, Steve Carton, Prahalad Rajkumar, Zbych Bednarek, John Lawrence, Rick McDaniel, Bob Henry and Jason Rosenfeld** with a score of 430. The average score of the 143 solvers was 373. The average score of the experts was 428

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 None Vulnerable

♠ J2♥ 76♦ AKJ1076♣ K103

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
	1♠	2♥	Pass
????* (*New suits non-forcing)			

Action	Score	Votes	Solvers
2♠	100	1	37
3♥	90	0	05
4♥	90	0	03
3♦	80	10	86
4♦	40	0	04
3NT	30	0	01
Pass	20	0	03
3♠	20	0	07

Partner has made a two-level overcall. One usually needs either an opening bid or a good suit to overcall at the two-level. The better the suit, the fewer high-card points you need. The more high-card points you have, the weaker the suit can be. The minimum hands partner can have are ♠xx ♥AKQJx ♦xxx ♣xxx, ♠xx

♥ AQJxxx ♦ xx ♣ Qxx or ♠ xxx ♥ AQxxxx ♦ Qx ♣ Ax. He could easily have more. Opposite an opening bid, where do you want to play this hand? I would think that game would make more often than not. No matter what partner has, how could you not make at least three hearts opposite this 12-point hand? With an opening bid, you have to do more than make a non-forcing 3♦ -bid. When you are playing new suits non-forcing, the only way to make a forcing bid in a new suit is to cue bid first. This means that cue bids do not guarantee support. You could even be void in partner's suit. You have to bid 2♠ over 2♥ holding ♠ xx ♥ void ♦ AQJ8xx ♣ AKxx. However, since you're more likely to hold a weak hand such as ♠ xx ♥ x ♦ KQJ10xx ♣ Qxxx, playing new suits non-forcing is the percentage method. To see what I think about the 3♦ -call, look at my scores for 3♥ and 4♥.

Ten experts not only don't try for game, they want to play in the lower-scoring partscore. While playing in any makable partscore is OK at IMPs, at matchpoints you want to play in the highest scoring partscore. However, minors that make, score higher than majors that go down.

Adams: "3♦ —Non-forcing is good news. I can show a decent hand without forcing us on a possible misfit. If partner has full values and a sixth heart, partner can bid 3♥, which I will raise to game. With five hearts and no spade stopper, we are high enough."

Decent hand? This hand is an opening bid. You would bid 3♦ with ♠ Jxx ♥ 7 ♦ KQJ1076 ♣ Q103 or ♠ Jxx ♥ void ♦ QJ10xxxx ♣ Axx.

Parker: "3♦ —Good suit, moderate hand, no heart support, lead director, what else could you bid? This may be non-forcing but it shows something since with a bust or total misfit I would pass. Sounds like partner has three or four spades so he can bid 3NT if he has a good hand."

Cappelletti: "3♦ —Not forcing but constructive at three-level and 2♠ would be very dangerous with only two small hearts."

After a two-level overcall, two small hearts is fair support.

Landen: "3♦ —Forcing or not I'm not going to cuebid and then face a worse problem over partner's expected 3♥ -rebid. At IMPs I guess I'd force to game but I like to

give partner lots of room at matchpoints."

I don't see the problem if partner bids 3♥ over your 2♠ cuebid. How bad can it be to play in 3♥?

King: "3♦ —This may not be forcing, but it must show a good hand to come in at the three-level."

Schwartz: "3♦ —At IMPs I might want to make a stronger bid to get us to game, but at matchpoints just bidding my suit seems best."

Krauss: "3♦ —I'd Bid 2♠ at IMPs but the odds seem wrong at matchpoints."

Woolsey: "3♦ —Even though this is non-forcing, partner knows that I'm not barging to the three-level on nothing. If we have a game, he will take another call. Nothing else makes any sense at all."

So partner is supposed to bid 4♥ over 3♦ holding ♠ xx ♥ AQ10xxx ♦ xx ♣ Axx since to make 4♥, you just need the King of hearts on sides with normal splits.

Hopkins: "3♦ —I am not going to hang partner for possibly having made a light, lead-directional overcall at matchpoints (Qxxx ♥ AKJ10x ♦ xx ♣ xx). And if partner has more values and continues, I am very well placed to cooperate, having bid my real suit, without risk of misunderstandings. This problem points out that it is logically inconsistent to play cuebids strictly as raises and new suits as non-forcing."

Jeff Roman: "3♦ —We have to get in there when we have hearts, so I'm giving partner some leeway here."

Since partner has a six-card suit for his two-level overcall at least half the time, two-card support is adequate.

2) Matchpoints None Vulnerable

♠ J42♥ A76♦ KQ93♣ Q65

	<u>SOUTH</u>	<u>WEST</u>	<u>NORTH</u>	<u>EAST</u>
		Pass	1♦	1♥
	2♥*	DBL	2♠	Pass
	????	*limit raise or better in diamonds		
	<u>Action</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Votes</u>	<u>Solvers</u>
	3♦	100	4	25
	3♥	80	3	31
	2NT	80	3	56
	3♠	40	1	03
	3NT	30	0	23
	4♥	20	0	01
	3♣	20	0	04
	Pass	20	0	04

In a constructive auction, one of the keys to a good constructive auction is to limit one's hand when possible. You have just a tad more than a minimum limit-raise Being 4333 makes it a limit raise. Give partner ♠ KQxx ♥ xx ♦ AJxxx ♣ Kx and 4♦ is the limit of the hand with 3NT having no play. If this was a major-suit auction, a ten-trick contract would be a reasonable try, but you need a lot more strength to make an eleven-trick contract. To make 3NT, you probably need another heart stopper. To make 5♦, you need partner to have extra values. While partner could have a real strong hand, there is no reason why partner can't bid 2♠ holding ♠ AKQx ♥ xx ♦ AJxx ♣ xxx or ♠ KQxx ♥ xx ♦ AJxxx ♣ Kx. He has diamonds and spades. If partner has ♠ AKxx ♥ Jxx ♦ AJxxx ♣ A, you want to slow down the auction so partner won't bid a slam. You'll have a hard enough time trying to make 5♦.

Three experts agree with me and tell partner that opposite a minimum opening bid you don't have a game. If partner has extras, he can and will bid again.

Hopkins: "3♦ — How much better than I promised, am I? If partner is making a game try in Spades, he knows I don't have four since I didn't negative double which I could have done with both spades and diamonds, I have the wrong spade holding for play in diamonds and only one heart stopper, albeit the best possible one, for play in NT. If partner moves again, I will cooperate."

King: "3♦ —This flat 12-count is not any better than a limit raise. I will show what I have and partner can still make another move."

Krauss: "3♦ —Three and 1/2 cover cards, bad in/out valuation and 3343. Looks like a limit raise to me."

Three experts cue bid. In this situation, I like Eastern cue bids. 3♥ tells partner that you have a stopper and that he must bid 3NT unless he has a very distributional hand. This way partner will play 3NT, which will be better if he has Qx of hearts. If you pull 3NT, 3♥ becomes a slam-try cue bid. If you want partner to bid 3NT with a heart stopper make a forcing bid such as 3♣ or 3♠. If you hold ♠ xx ♥ xx ♦ AKQxxx ♣ AKx, bid 3♣ and opener will bid 3NT with a heart stopper. Cross

Western cue bids off your card.

Woolsey: "3♥ —Partner wasn't required to act over the double, so his 2♠ -call shows something more than a weak notrump. Either he has extra strength or extra shape, and either one should be good enough to make a game. I'll like it if he can bid 3NT, admittedly unlikely. If not, we head to 5♦ or higher."

Shouldn't partner bid 2♠ on all 4252 hands?

Adams: "3♥ —Since 3♣ would be forcing, 3♥ shows a heart stopper. Unless partner has controls, 3NT will have no play without heart help, so showing my stopper let's partner evaluate notrump intelligently. With Qx of Hearts, 3NT from his side will play better. With nothing in Hearts, he can avoid 3NT unless lots of side tricks. Western cue bids are bad and do not let you handle hands like this."

Landen: "3♥ —Hopefully partner can contribute a little something in hearts. If not, I'm not willing to bet we can take nine fast winners in 3NT. Even in matchpoints 5♦ making scores better than 3NT going down."

I don't like the following call. I would bid 2NT with ♠ Jxx ♥ AQx ♦ KQ93 ♣ Qxx. To make 3NT a good contract, you need partner to have heart help such as Qx and have him play it. 2NT should show two heart stoppers in this auction. Since partner showed a distributional hand, 2NT must be forcing to at least 3♦.

Cappelletti: "2NT—Partner's 2♠ -bid might be based on shape hands like ♠ AKxx ♥ x ♦ Axxxx ♣ Kxx. Would have little play in 3NT and partner might have only four diamonds."

Jeff Roman: "2NT—Heart stopper but not enough to bid 3NT. The double makes it unlikely that side-of-table considerations are in play here, and partner shouldn't pass 2NT. If he's not going to bid 3NT, he should bid 3♦, which I will pass."

Schwartz: "2NT—Now seems a good time to show a balanced limited nature hand. I didn't bid NT the previous round so partner should not play me for multiple Heart stoppers. Also this might allow me to cue bid 3♥ with my next bid to complete the picture of my hand."

One expert bids 3♠. If you held a hand with better spades such as ♠ KQx ♥ xx ♦ KQxx ♣ Axx, the only possible game you

could make opposite ♠ A10xx ♥ xx ♦ AJxxx ♣ Qx is 4♠. I would support spades if partner rebid his four-card suit. Partner could have more than 15 HCPs for his 2♠-bid, so you want to slow down the auction.

Parker: “3♠—I have support for all his suits. I did not double so I can only have three spades. He bid in front of me so he must be distributional, probably 4-1-5-3. ♠ AKxx ♥ x ♦ Axxxx ♣ Axx. At 4♠, win the heart lead, draw two rounds of trump and run diamonds. Let them take two trumps and a club.”

When making a cue bid showing a limit raise or better, and you have a limit raise, your next call should usually be a sign-off.

3) Matchpoints None Vulnerable

♠ J943♥ AK♦ 5♣ AQ8765

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
?????	Pass	Pass	3♥
<i>Action</i>	<i>Score</i>	<i>Votes</i>	<i>Solvers</i>
3NT	100	4	34
4♣	80	3	42
Double	80	3	37
Pass	40	1	26
3♠	40	0	02
4♥	20	0	05

Partner needs very little to make a game opposite this hand. To make 4♠, all he needs is four or more good spades. To make 3NT, all he needs is the King of clubs and one other trick. To make 5♣, all he needs is club support and spade shortness. If partner has ♠ AQ10x ♥ xxx ♦ QJx ♣ Jxx, all of the above games will probably make. So passing is not a percentage action. On good days you make the decision which matches what partner has.

Two experts agree with me and make a takeout double. Double has two ways to win. You get to 4♠ or you get to 5♣. On this day partner has at least four spades. If you double you need partner to bid spades rather than diamonds holding ♠ xxxx ♥ xx ♦ AKQxxx ♣ x.

Two experts agree with me and double.

Cappelletti: “Double—To show four spades and pull diamonds at any level to clubs and hope.”

King: “Double—Partner’s don’t always

bid diamonds do they? I think I have too much to pass and while 3NT is possible, it by-passes the spade suit.”

If partner jumps to 5♦, you have another decision to make. Does partner have ♠ AQx ♥ xx ♦ AKJxxx ♣ Jx, where 6♣ makes or does he have ♠ AQx ♥ xx ♦ KQJ10xxx ♣ x where you belong in 5♦?

Three experts bid 4♣. 4♣ ends the auction opposite ♠ AQxx ♥ xx ♦ xxxx ♣ Jxx. You get to 5♣, which can go down on a spade ruff when you can usually make 4♠ when partner has ♠ Q10xx ♥ xx ♦ AKJx ♣ Kxx.

Krauss: “4♣—So many ways to go wrong. At least I have started a fair representation of my hand and who knows, I might still get to bid spades. A swashbuckling 3NT could work but double seems to be a one trick pony.”

Parker: “4♣—Show your longest suit and hope for the best. Double is insane since you have no bid over 4♦ by partner. Sometimes you miss a 4-4 major for the sake of partnership. At least I have a six-card suit. More of a problem with five clubs and two diamonds.”

Hopkins: “4♣—Well, I am reasonably well-placed if the auction continues since I can bid 4♠ over partner’s expected 4♦ and any other continuation is really welcome. And if I play it here, at least I am in my long suit.”

Four experts bid 3NT. Partner has ♠ AKQx ♥ xx ♦ xxxx ♣ Kxx cold for 6♠ down in 3NT.

Landen: “3NT—With no room to explore I’ll take my shot at the most likely to make and highest scoring game contract.”

Schwartz: “3NT—With two Heart stoppers can’t see bypassing NT. If I bid 4♣ and partner raise to 5♣, don’t I wish I had bid 3NT?”

Woolsey: “3NT—If partner has his bids he will produce the king of clubs and an ace and 3NT will roll. If not, maybe 3NT is a good save against 3♥.”

Jeff Roman: “3NT—Just another adventure.”

One expert passes. I can’t believe how often bidding works and passes loses in situations like this.

Adams: “Pass—Double could work, 3NT could work, it is a question of percentages.

Seems very likely that partner will bid 4♦ if I double, and then I’m set for a minus score. I expect to beat 3♥, therefore, pass beats 3NT if 3NT goes down. I expect the field will guess between double and 3NT, and that half of them or all of them will be wrong. If half are wrong, I get average, if all are wrong I get good score. 3NT also loses if partner was about to balance with a double or with 3♠. Though pass is anti-field, it rates to win matchpoints when the field guesses wrong. At IMPs, I’d probably risk 3NT on theory that +50 VS -50 or 100 is small IMPs, but game is big IMPs.”

While any call could work on this hand, make the bid that has the most chances to work.

4) IMPs Both Vulnerable

♠ 63♥ KQJ9♦ K1052♣ 73

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
?????		1♥	Pass
3♥ = limit raise; 2NT = forcing raise; 2♦ = GF			
<i>Action</i>	<i>Score</i>	<i>Votes</i>	<i>Solvers</i>
4♥	100	6	51
3♥	90	5	48
2NT	50	0	24
1NT	40	0	05
2♦	40	0	16
3♦	20	0	01
2♥	20	0	02

A case could be made for making a limit raise (3♥), a preemptive raise (4♥) or a game-forcing raise (2NT). 4♥ has no play opposite ♠ QJ ♥ Axxxx ♦ AQJx ♣ QJ, is cold opposite ♠ xxx ♥ Axxxx ♦ Ax ♣ Axx and 50-50 opposite ♠ xxx ♥ Axxxx ♦ Ax ♣ Kxx. While you can deduct for the QJ of hearts, you should add points for the two doubletons. Since you can make game opposite some minimum openers, and since this could be the opponent’s hand, bidding 4♥ is the percentage bid. The possible negatives with 4♥ is that you would miss a cold slam opposite ♠ Ax ♥ Axxxx ♦ AQxxx ♣ x

Five experts agree with me and make the Law bid. The Law bid is to bid to the ten-trick level when holding a ten-card fit.

Adams: “4♥—Five-card support bids four unless 5332. A 3♥-bid puts undue

pressure on partner, and lets the opponents in too easily. 2♦ is a gross misdescription. My second choice is 3♠, showing 9-11 and an unknown singleton. 3♠ gets the general nature of my hand across in one bid, forces to game, and only requires that I put the six of spades into my clubs. I’m more likely to try bidding 3♠ at the table than in Robinson’s column.”

Parker: “4♥—What I would bid at the table. Why torture partner and show the opponents what to lead by trying to be scientific. Sometimes they show their suits when you bid at low levels and take good saves or find good leads. Unlikely we will miss a slam.”

King: “4♥—If I had available a way to show a “good” 4♥ bid, I would do that. I want to be in game, but 2♦ and 2NT overstate my high cards and might get us too high.”

Schwartz: “4♥—Law bid. 3♥ gives the opponents more room to bid. Vulnerable, partner can expect this much playing strength.”

Jeff Roman: “4♥—3♥ and 2♦ are out, and I’m pretty sure we’re playing two-tiered splinters, meaning that 3NT is a spade splinter, not a good raise to 4♥, so this is what’s left.”

Five experts make a limit raise. You’re vulnerable at IMPs and don’t have to worry about an opponent having a trump stack, doubling you and getting a big number. If 4♥ is on a finesse, you want to be in 4♥.

Cappelletti: “3♥—Limit raise. Try to go plus opposite minimum hands that would go down in four.”

Landen: “3♥—I can’t remember the last time anyone passed a limit raise vulnerable at IMPs. If partner passes 3♥ we’re likely not to make four.”

Woolsey: “3♥—Partner won’t pass unless he has a 5332 minimum. Do we want to be in game opposite that? ♠ Kxx ♥ A10xxx ♦ Ax ♣ Qxx. That is a perfect fitter, and game is still only on a finesse. Change his hand in almost any way, such as giving him a third diamond, and game stinks. This hand just isn’t so strong — ace-less hands have to be devalued.”

Are you talking matchpoints or IMPs?

Game is cold opposite ♠ KQx ♥ A10xxx ♦ Ax ♣ xxx which is also a 5332 13-count and is on a finesse opposite ♠ Kxx ♥ A10xxx ♦ Ax ♣ xxx a 5332 11-count.

Krauss: “3♥—Its right on valuation and a little preemptive. 4♥ is a close second choice. That might keep them out of a making 4♠, but it could also mislead partner, leading to a bad save or a missed slam.”

Hopkins: “3♥—I can construct hands where even 3♥ is in Jeopardy ♠ Kxx ♥ Axxxx ♦ Axx ♣ Qx, so I don’t think a forcing raise is in order. I would like to get the level up, so I judge 3♥ to be about right. And an opponent with two Hearts in his hand may misjudge the loser situation and not bid in some situations where it would be profitable to do so.”

But if partner has ♠ Kxx ♥ Axxxx ♦ Axx ♣ Qx and we can’t make 3♥, the opponents can make 3♠ so bidding 4♥ is not a great loss.

VULNERABLE AT IMPs YOU FIND REASONS TO BID GAME, NOT REASONS TO NOT BID GAME.

5) IMPs Both Vulnerable

♠ Q♥ Q2♦ K7654♣ J10983

<u>SOUTH</u>	<u>WEST</u>	<u>NORTH</u>	<u>EAST</u>
Pass	Pass	1♠	Pass
1NT	Pass	2♥	Pass
?????			
<u>Action</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Votes</u>	<u>Solvers</u>
2♠	100	7	51
Pass	60	3	72
2NT	40	1	20
3NT	20	0	02
3♣	20	0	02

What’s your poison? Pass 2♥ and play your 4-2 fit or bid 2♠ and play your 5-1 fit. You could also bid three-of-a-minor and play a 5-0 fit. Passing 2♥ ends the auction. Passing 2♥ does not give partner a chance for partner to show a 5440 hand. On good days partner has ♠ Jxxxx ♥ AKxx ♦ AQxx ♣ - and bids 3♦ over 2♠. Partner could also have six spades and four hearts. With 6-4 in spades and hearts its right to rebid 2♥ in order to find the possible four-four heart fit. If I had a choice, I’d rather be in a 5-1 fit than a 4-2 fit.

On the other hand, partner could be 5-5 or even 5-6 and hearts will play better.

Six experts agree with me and keep the auction alive.

Adams: “2♠—A 5-1 is as good as or better than a 4-2. A 6-1 is far better. If partner is 5-5, or 5-4-3-1, there is a chance for another bid. Only if partner is 5-5 weak should I be passing 2♥. 2NT or three-of-a-minor is just wrong.”

Landen: “2♠—With any less I might pass 2♥ and hope partner has five. This hand might still produce a reasonable play for game. Partner might have ♠ AKJ10x ♥ AKJxx ♦ xx ♣ x or a 5422 with 17 or 18 HCP where 3NT would be good. Therefore, I keep the ball rolling by a preference to 2♠. This might also be our best trump fit.”

Opposite ♠ J10987 ♥ AKxx ♦ Ax ♣ xx, 2♠ is cold and you could make three. Opposite ♠ J109876 ♥ AKxx ♦ Ax ♣ x, you can make 4♠ without a trump lead.

King: “2♠—I hope partner can take another bid. With a weaker hand I would pass 2♥ and with a little stronger hand I would bid 2NT.”

Krauss: “2♠—I’ll take my medicine here. 2NT won’t be fun to play, and if we actually belong in 3NT partner might find another bid.”

Woolsey: “2♠—Since I have some extra strength and it is anybody’s guess what strain will be best (or least worst), I might as well give partner another chance to bid without showing him any strength.”

Jeff Roman: “2♠—The passers deserve to find partner with ♠ AKJxxx ♥ AKJx ♦ x ♣ xx down in 2♥, cold for 4♠. 2NT is out.”

Three experts end the auction. One of the problems of passing 2♥ is the opening lead that you’re going to get. This auction calls for a trump lead. Dummy usually has one spade and three hearts when dummy passes 2♥.

Parker: “Pass—High enough and partner has to play it. If I take a preference and he passes good, but he may continue to show distribution or make a game try. Sometimes the opponents step in and that would be fine too.”

Cappelletti: “Pass—Stay low on misfits.”

Schwartz: “Pass—Any bid risks getting to a silly spot. At least pass doesn’t let part-

ner raise the bidding any further.”

One expert overbids. Since 2NT shows 11, partner with a 14-count or a good 13-count is going to bid again.

Hopkins: “2NT—Surprisingly enough, I am trying to minimize the damage on this hand. I have two opponents, versus only one partner, who will misread my strength on this hand. I avoid the possible disaster of a reopening double and penalty pass with a

stack of two of either Major and don’t have to make the wrong Major-suit guess. If partner is minimum, I would expect to get a trick or two here and there to get up to around seven tricks and not an unreasonable loss on the board. Of course, if partner is just short of a jump rebid, I might even have a play for the likely 3NT contract!”

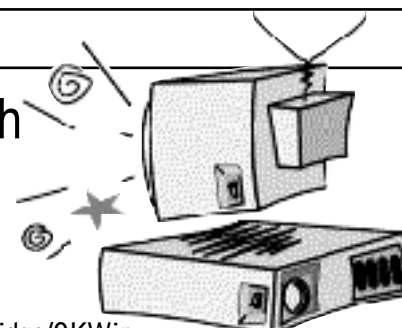
With reasonable hands keep the bidding open in possible misfit situations.

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John Adams	3♦	3♥	Pass	4♥	2♠	400
Mike Cappelletti	3♦	2NT	Dbl	3♥	Pass	390
Robbie Hopkins	3♦	3♦	4♣	3♥	2NT	390
Fred King	3♦	3♦	Dbl	4♥	2♠	460
Rusty Krauss	3♦	3♦	4♣	3♥	2♠	450
Steve Landen	3♦	3♥	3NT	3♥	2♠	450
Steve Parker	3♦	3♠	4♣	4♥	Pass	360
Steve Robinson	2♠	3♦	Dbl	4♥	2♠	480
Jeff Roman	3♦	2NT	3NT	4♥	2♠	460
Alan Schwartz	3♦	2NT	3NT	4♥	Pass	420
Kit Woolsey	3♦	3♥	3NT	3♥	2♠	450

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- 4 146.52 David Ruderman
- 5 136.02 Benjamin Brill
- 6 129.48 Mark Shaw
- 7 122.52 Noble Shore
- 8 121.84 Michael Gill
- 9 118.53 William Hacker
- 10 108.25 Earl Glickstein
- 11 104.46 Fred King
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- 13 90.11 Robert Bell
- 14 89.03 William Cole
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- 16 86.30 Clyde Kruskal
- 17 85.96 Eugene Kales
- 18 83.04 Leon Letwin
- 19 78.26 Peter Boyd
- 20 74.61 Angeliki Magklara
- 21 73.27 Barbara Shaw
- 22 70.99 Ellen Cherniavsky
- 23 70.65 Ellen Klosson
- 24 68.19 Donna Rogall
- 25 63.96 Diane Walker

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- 4 62.79 Lloyd Sawyer
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- 8 55.17 H John Edmonds
- 9 54.20 Eugene Fisher
- 10 51.79 Barry Bragin
- 11 48.17 Charity Sack
- 12 47.65 Steven Schatzow
- 13 46.78 Katherine Rabenstein
- 14 46.49 Janet Dence
- 15 44.41 Jason Rosenfeld

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- 1 74.61 Angeliki Magklara
- 2 46.78 Katherine Rabenstein
- 3 38.66 Shawn Stringer
- 4 37.76 Linda Marshall
- 5 36.49 Danut Gliga
- 6 35.33 Roma Chandra
- 7 32.25 Neal Rosenthal
- 8 31.67 Prem Garg
- 9 30.34 Roger Laumark
- 10 30.29 William Kingery Jr

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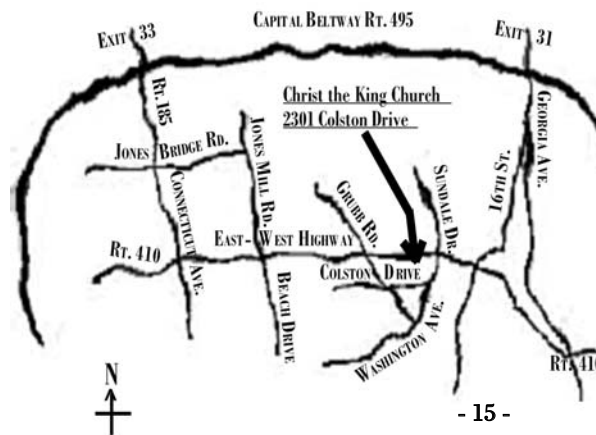
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...Beginning with **Nadine Wood, Millard Natchwey** and **Fred King** setting the dates, events and times for each game; **Bill Cole, Nadine Wood** and **Millard Nachtwey** helping to find the Schweinhaut Center in which to hold the tournaments; **Nadine Wood, Kitty Gottfried** and **Alan Crank** planning the food, shopping, storing, preparing and loading. ...Unloading with assistance from **Jim Geist** arriving early on Saturday and many players helping in the kitchen each day: **Frances Burke, Ed Chow, Clyde Kruskal, Dana Wood, Jeffrey Kosnett, Julian Boyce, Pam Bowman, Diane Walker** and **Janet Dence. Nadine Wood, Peter Boyd** and **Dick Wegman** with help from **Don Berman** resurrecting the **Eynon Trophy** first awarded in 1931 with winners' names inscribed including such luminaries as *Charles Goren, Izzy Cohen, Bob Bierley, Mike Capeletti, Steve Robinson, Mike and Terry Michaels.* The planning of the **History of the WBL Panel Show** with moderators: **Fred King** and **Ron Geagley** and panelists: **Jay Cohen, Andy Gabrilovitch, Trudy Machlin, Dr. Charles Stenger** and **Alice Yoke.** ...The awarding of the **Machlin Sportsman of the Year Trophy** to *Dr. Charles Stenger.* ...**Donna Rogall** for taking winners' pictures and **Barbara Doran** for chairing our guaranteed partners assistance program including volunteers **Ron Susi, Marc Weiner, Steve Nessler, Ed Fuller** and **Rose Berman. Winston Edwards** chaired the partnership desk on Saturday and **Ellen Cherniavsky** on Sunday. The winning Flight B team for Sunday was arranged late Saturday night: *David Grabiner, Penny Stoever, Suzanne Abrams* and *Herbert Rogall.* **Sandy Forsythe** did NLM partnership assistance.

Also, credit goes to **Marlys Moholt** for writing this column last month honoring **Lee** and **Lora Biggs.** They have quietly done so much back breaking work without which our tournaments would be table-less that Marlys has asked to run their picture again and we are thrilled to comply. *As you can see, there is lots to do and lots of fun to be had!*



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.*

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COMMITTEE ACTION #55

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

An appeal from the Chicago NABCs this past summer illustrates the sort of problems that can occur when partner misexplains your bid. The case arose in the second qualifying session of the Mixed Board-A-Match Teams. All four contestants were experienced, expert-level players.

Bd: 27

Dir: South

Vul: None

North

♠ J2
♥ KQ9632
♦ 862
♣ KJ

West

♠ AQ97
♥ AJ10
♦ KQ3
♣ Q94

East

♠ K108643
♥ 5
♦ J10
♣ 8753

South

♠ 5
♥ 874
♦ A9754
♣ A1062

<u>West</u>	<u>North</u>	<u>East</u>	<u>South</u>
1♣	2♥	3♠ ⁽¹⁾	Pass
4♦ ⁽²⁾	Pass	4♣	Pass
Pass	Pass		

(1) *Not Alerted; when South asked West said he thought 3♠ was a splinter.*

(2) *After a long pause.*

Four spades went down one on the lead of the ♥4; +50 for N/S. N/S called the Director (the case write-up does not say when) saying that West's explanation of 3♠ as a splinter demonstrably suggested East's 4♣ bid (as opposed to bidding 5♣, as she might have had she treated West's bid as natural, showing long clubs with secondary dia-

monds). They also explained that both the 4♦ and 4♣ bids were very slow. The Director ruled that the UI from West's explanation of 3♠ as a splinter demonstrably suggested bidding 4♣ over the less successful LA of 5♣. The Director determined that 5♣ would go down two (?) so, citing Laws 16A and 12C2, the contract was adjusted to 5♣ by West down two, +100 for N/S. E/W appealed the Director's ruling.

At the hearing, East, whose hearing was bad, said she thought her partner explained 3♠ as strong, not a splinter, and her 4♣ sign-off was based on the assumption that 4♦ was a cue-bid in support of spades. She said that despite her heart control her hand was minimum (or sub-minimum) for a weak-jump response so she decided not to cue-bid 4♥. In any case, she believed that had she cue-bid 4♥ her partner would have then bid 4♣, cue-bidding for clubs, and they would still have played 4♣.

The Committee determined that West's 4♦ bid had no clear meaning here: It could have been either a cue-bid for spades or a natural bid (showing, say, four-six in the minors). That being the case, the UI that West was cue-bidding for clubs and not bidding naturally made the 4♣ bid more attractive. Without the UI 5♣ was a LA which some people would have seriously considered (and some would actually have bid). Accordingly, the Director's adjustment was left in place. (The Committee noted that they did not consider the issue of the number of tricks that would have been taken in 5♣ since, because of time pressure for impending Spingold appeals, the Directing staff confirmed that any number of tricks less than ten would have yielded the same BAM score.)

The Committee and Directors all made good decisions here. East had UI from West's explanation of 3♠ that he thought East had

club support and not spades. Given the weakness of East's hand (in spite of the four-card club support she had not yet shown) and the uncertainty about the meaning of 4♦ (some would play opener's new suit as natural; others would treat it as a cue-bid for spades) any bid she made next might be misconstrued: 4♥ or 4♣ as a cue-bid for clubs, 5♣ as a cue-bid for spades. So the issue must be resolved by asking: Had West explained 3♠ as natural and weak, and then bid 4♦, what would East have bid? Since the 4♦ bid had no clear meaning, East was required by law to make the bid least likely to take advantage of the UI and that was least favorable to her side.

Since East's weakness eliminated 4♥ from consideration under any scenario, her only two options were to treat 4♦ as a cue-bid for spades and sign off in 4♣ or to treat it as natural and take a preference to 5♣. Since 4♣ allowed West to pass if he read it as natural (which East's long delay before making the bid made more likely) and since 5♣ put E/W in a less favorable position (the Directors should easily have worked out that 5♣ has four trumps and a diamond to lose under any circumstances and adjusted the score to down three, -150, rather than down two as they assigned), regardless of West's subsequent action, 5♣ was the correct contract adjustment.

Finally, East's assertion that she signed off in 4♣ because she thought West had explained 3♠ as strong rather than as a splinter, while eminently plausible, was self-serving. The laws require both Directors and Committees to not judge whether a player actually received or used UI. Rather, they say that when UI is present the partner of the player who provided the UI may not choose from among LA actions one that could demonstrably have been suggested by it. So the score adjustment did not mean that the Committee disbelieved East's assertion that she did not hear the UI; only that once the UI was present East could not be allowed to make a bid (4♠) that led to a more favorable result than some other LA (5♣).

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**2006 FIDELITY & TRUST
ROUND ROBIN – RESULTS**

FLIGHT X

**Ellen Chernavsky, Ellen Klosson, Tom Musso,
Brad Theurer, Diane Walker, Kenton Schoen**

and

**Jim Geist, Kevin Barnes, Angeliki Magklara,
Jason Meyer, Lloyd Rawley, Charity Sack**

tied for first place

FLIGHT B

1) **Bob Schwab, Rex Settle, Anne Derbes, Jay Weinstein**

2) Jerry Miller, Sarah Goodstein, Gail Singer,
Margie Coccodrilli, Steve Schatzow

3) Albert Lauber, Steve Fox, Ned Griffith,
Walter Smith, Jon Farber

4) Kathy Rabenstein, Linda Marshall Jim
Beller John Mattioli, Bala Chandran

**WELCOMING
NEW BRIDGE PLAYERS!**

On Sunday at WBL's October sectional, 54 beginning and returning bridge players learned the basics of the game, or added a few conventions to their repertoire, at **Steve Forsythe's Instant Bridge Player** one-day bridge lesson. The students were divided into two groups to help us better able to accommodate players of different skill levels. **Garry Grossman** taught the absolute beginners, while Steve taught those who already knew a few basics. In both classes, the students enjoyed the basic level of instruction and the chance to play and ask questions.

Thanks are due to our excellent teachers, and to our very able volunteer helpers: **Jeanette Cartron, Mike Henderson, Stan Katzman, John Mattioli, Betty Siefring, Darlene Thom** and **Arthur Weiss**. Thanks are also due to everyone who told a friend, family member or acquaintance about our lesson!

Keep telling your friends about our favorite game! We expect to hold our next **Instant Bridge Player** lesson during the May WBL sectional. For those who can't wait that long, 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. Email majslf@aol.com or call **Steve** or **Sandy Forsythe** at 301-592-9177 for more information.

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**LESLIE SHAFER'S BRIDGE
SCHEDULE—WINTER 2007**

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Beginner Level

Beginner Bridge Part 1. No beginner class until April (Wednesday evenings) at *United Methodist Church's Activity Center*. Tell your friends!!

Beginner Bridge Part 2. More basic bidding and play techniques. Great brush-up class for those who haven't played in a long time. Starts January 10th, Wednesdays from 10 a.m. - Noon. 8 weeks, \$150. Location: *UMC**; register directly with Leslie.

Beginner Bridge Part 3. "Introduction to Play of the Hand." *Women's Club of Chevy Chase*, open to the public. Learn the basic play techniques of how to establish tricks through promotion, length, finessing and trumping. Your bridge playing ability will make an astounding improvement during this class. Starts January 22nd, Mondays from 7:30 - 9:30 p.m. 8 weeks, \$150. Register directly with Leslie.

Intermediate Level

Polishing Your Basics Part 1. Common bidding problems that hinder students' progress. Location: *Bindeman Center (WHC)*. Starts January 11, Thursdays from 1:30 - 3:30 p.m. Contact Leslie for registration information.

Polishing Your Basics Part 2. You don't have to have taken Part 1 to be eligible for this class. The entire series is excellent and each chapter stands by itself. This set of lessons will improve your bidding tremendously. Topics include: Don't Rebid a 5-Card Suit; Forcing Bids; "Game Tries"; and more. Starts January 9th, Tuesdays from 7:30 - 9:30 p.m. 8 weeks, \$125. Location: *UMC**; register directly with Leslie.

Top 10 Mistakes You Make at the Bridge Table. These lessons illustrate the most common bidding, play and defensive mistakes that intermediate students continue to make. Location: *Columbia Country Club*. You must be a member of CCC to participate on know someone who is a member. \$188; 8 weeks.

Common Bidding Dilemmas. Oasis. Starts January 26th, Fridays from 10 - Noon. 5 weeks, \$85. Call 202-362-9600 x560 to register.

Advanced Level

Doubles! Did you know that "Double" has many different meanings depending on when

it occurs during an auction? This course will cover the most frequently used "Double" bids including: Takeout doubles, Penalty doubles and Negative doubles. Starts January 22nd, Mondays, from 10a.m. - Noon. 8 weeks, \$125. Location: *UMC**; register directly with Leslie.

Advanced Major Suit Conventions and 2/1 Game Forcing. Includes Jacoby 2NT raises, Splinters, INT Forcing & the 2/1 Game Forcing System. Starts January 10th, Wednesdays from 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. 8 weeks, \$150. Location: *UMC**; register directly with Leslie.

**UMC = United Methodist Church's Activity Center, 9908 So. Glen Road, Potomac, MD 20854 (corner of Falls Road and Democracy).*

**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 four of eight Sectionals. The asterisk* indicates that the player has met eligibility requirements.

Player	Open Leaders	Points
1 Steve Robinson61.31
2 Pahalad Rajkumar57.53
3 Noble Shore57.03
4 Helene Bauman56.23
5 Alfred Steinberg52.78
6 Mark Shaw51.87
7 Stan Schenker50.92
8 Jay Kelkar48.84
9 Earl Glickstein48.52
10 Raghavendra Rajkumar44.26
11 John Adams44.20
12 Michael Gill43.36
13 Shuba Dey40.71
14 Debnarayan Dhar39.63
15 David Milton39.50
16 Robert Bell37.39
17 Ellen Cherniavsky36.54
18 Peter Boyd36.25
19 Yi Zhong36.15
20 Ken Davis34.80



RAE DETHLEFSEN 1950-2006

...from Barbara Doran

Rae Dethlefsen of Reston, Virginia, died on October 21 of respiratory failure. An avid bridge player, Rae attained the rank of Gold Life Master and spent over 20 years as an active volunteer for District 6 and the Washington Bridge League. She was the District 6 GNT coordinator and a key member of the GNT/NAP Planning Committee for many years. She served as Managing Editor of *District 6 TableTALK* and Secretary of the WBL, as well as volunteering for many of the seemingly endless tasks required to run a bridge league. A familiar face at tournaments at all levels, she was a member of the National Good Will Committee. Rae held proxies for the ACBL Board of Governors so often that many thought she was one of our District's elected representatives.

Born and raised in Michigan, Rae graduated from the University of Maryland with a degree in History and was an Administrative Assistant for the Washington law firm of Browdy and Neimark. She is survived by her father Bernie, brother Kirk and his family, sister Zoe Mantlo and her family, and many devoted friends. She will be missed by all whose life she touched.

Donations in her memory may be sent to the ACBL Charity Foundation, Bridge at Schools, or any Humane Society. Expressions of condolence may be sent to Kirk Dethlefsen, 2301 Fieldstone Drive, Okemos, MI 48864.

**76TH ANNUAL WBL
D.C. CHAMPIONSHIPS**
October 19-22, 2006

WBL 75th Anniversary

Bridge & Feasting

Tournament Trophies

History of the WBL Panel Show

Machlin Sportsmanship Award Presentation to Dr. Charles Stenger

75 Years of WBL History Displayed...

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Player	NonLM Leaders	Points
1	Raghavendra Rajkumar	.44.26
2	Angeliki Magklara	.34.22
3	Alfred Liepold	.24.55
4	Katherine Rabenstein	.21.47
5	Linda Marshall	.17.37
6	Roger Laumark	.17.09
7	Kevin O'Brien	.16.10
8	Jose Porres	.15.62
9	Dennis Schwanz	.15.15
10	Susan Miskura	.15.15
11	Helen Long	.13.86
12	Ross Bley	.13.56
13	Martha Bley	.13.56
14	Joe Lentz	.13.10
15	Linda Clover	.11.66
16	Albert Lauber	.11.36
17	Carl Noller	.11.32
18	Francesco Parisi-Presicce	10.67
19	Stanley Weiland	.9.96
20	Ellie Clark	.9.90

2006-2007 GRAND NATIONAL TEAMS — NEWS

Alert!! Some District level sites and dates

have changed and we have a new coordinator.

We will be holding the first weekend of the District finals of Flights B and C at separate northern and southern sites on different weekends, and at two different southern sites: Site 1 — Charlottesville, Site 2 — Newport News. **Both will be on the same weekend.**

Flight	1st Weekend	2nd Weekend
Open	.Feb. 17-18	.Mar. 3-4
A (0-5000)	.Apr. 28-29	.May 5-6
B/Site1	.Feb. 10-11	.Mar. 3-4
B/Site2	.Feb. 10-11	.Mar. 3-4
B/N	.Feb. 17-18	.Mar. 3-4
C/Site2	.Feb. 10-11	.Mar. 3-4
C/N	.Feb. 17-18	.Mar. 3-4
C/Site1	.Feb. 10-11	.Mar. 3-4

YOU MUST PRE-REGISTER TO PLAY.
PRE-REGISTRATION ENDS MIDNIGHT ON THE THURSDAY BEFORE THE EVENT STARTS. Entry fee is \$96 per team for the first two sessions. Send check and names of team members to *Lynn Jones*, 10 Tenby Court, Timonium, MD 21093. If you have any questions, contact Lynn at 410-560-3244 or by email at bridgelynn@comcast.net. More information is also available in your *District 6 TableTALK* and at www.districtsix.org.

TOP TEN CUMULATIVE POINT WINNERS

In honor of the WBL's 75th Anniversary, trophies will be presented to the top point winners from each of our tournaments this year. (The presentation will take place at the January 2007 WBL Presidential Tournament.) Congratulations to the D.C. Championship winners:

All Players		Players with fewer than 500 masterpoints			
1	36.76	Steve Robinson	1	12.91	Raghavendra Rajkumar
2	24.90	David Abelow	2	9.13	Alfred Liepold
3	21.65	Noble Shore	3	8.29	Angeliki Magklara
4	21.25	Alfred Steinberg	4	7.65	Herbert Rogall
5	18.91	Leo LaSota	5	7.50	Roger Laumark
6	17.48	Michael Gill	6	6.40	Jose Porres
7	17.46	Fred King	7	6.14	Susan Miskura
8	17.14	Peter Boyd	8	6.14	Dennis Schwanz
9	17.08	Earl Glickstein	9	5.86	Shawn Stringer
10	14.21	Robert Hopkins Jr	10	5.13	Malvern Sheffield Jr
				5.13	Janet Duke
Players with fewer than 1500 masterpoints		Players with fewer than 100 masterpoints			
1	17.48	Michael Gill	1	9.13	Alfred Liepold
2	13.56	Michael Richey	2	7.50	Roger Laumark
3	12.91	Raghavendra Rajkumar	3	6.40	Jose Porres
4	9.30	Jeffrey Kosnett	4	5.11	Stanley Weiland
5	9.13	Alfred Liepold	5	5.02	Eric Poskanzer
6	9.04	Hailong Ao	6	4.56	Joav Steinbach
7	8.67	Jerry Miller	7	4.23	Albert Lauber
8	8.29	Angeliki Magklara	8	3.63	Brenda Thomas
	8.29	Jason Rosenfeld		3.63	Diane Dadiskos
10	7.65	Herbert Rogall	10	3.51	Helen Long

THURSDAY A/X PAIRS

35.5 Tables / Based on 83 Tables



<u>A</u>	<u>X</u>	
1		Robert Hopkins Jr - Michael Richey66.41
2		Barry Falgout - Rusty Krauss64.50
3		Richard Colker - Steve Robinson .61.82
4	1	Robert Stearns - Lynn Boardman .61.42
5		Noble Shore - Earl Glickstein60.79
6		Barbara Shaw - Leo LaSota59.70
7		Janet Gookin - Robert Gookin59.41
8		Audrey Marbach - Warren Manison 59.11
9	2	William Hacker - Benjamin Brill .59.05
3		Weizhong Bao - Hailong Ao58.38
4		Diane Alexander - James Stormes .57.06
5		Robert Hartmann - Ronald Spieker 55.56
6		Ronald Zucker - Rammohan Sarangan54.91

THURSDAY B/C/D PAIRS

26.0 Tables



<u>B</u>	<u>C</u>	<u>D</u>	
1	1		Jeffrey Kosnett (pic.) - Martin Fullenbaum64.77
2	2	1	Dennis Schwanz - Susan Miskura63.75
3	3	2	Ned Griffith - Albert Lauber . . .62.88
4	4	3	Judy Glick - Arthur Olson60.61
5	5	4	Martha Bley - Ross Bley60.42
6			Saul Penn - Wil Schwartzapfel .59.28
6	5		Richard Hottell - Eric Poskanzer59.17
6			Theodore Wilkinson - Behnaz Fardshisheh59.09

THURSDAY NLM/100/50 @ WBL

11.0 Tables

<u>A</u>	<u>B</u>	<u>C</u>	
1			Joan Fitzpatrick - Gail Morgenweck61.31
2	1	1	Michael Watts - Sheila Kaplan .58.04
3	2	2	Melba Battle - Craig Perry57.02
4			Agnes Gavin - Evelyn Knapp .56.25
5	3		Roger Laumark -

Joav Steinbach56.17
6 4 3 Marilyn Rubinstein - Herbert Rubinstein55.99
5 Jose Porres - Alfred Liepold . . .55.78
4 Marcea Austin - Theodore Austin53.61

THURSDAY 199ER PAIRS @ NVBA

10.0 Tables

<u>A</u>	<u>B</u>	<u>C</u>	
1/2	1/2		Peyton Wynns - Sharon Wynns .60.42
1/2	1/2	1	John Holt - Tom Feick60.42
3	3		Peggy Mc Carter - Rod Spicer .57.44
4	4	2	Mary Edge - Peggy Errington .56.85
5	5		Blair Curry - Judith Curry56.25
6			David Fitzwilliam - Lorraine Tyler53.87
3			Lawrence Shuman - Deanna Shuman50.30
4			Clifford Feldman - Vijay Agrawal50.00

FRIDAY MORNING OPEN PAIRS

17.5 Tables / Based on 24 Tables



<u>A</u>	<u>B</u>	<u>C</u>	
1	1		Jimmy Ritzenberg - Jim Gaarder70.64
2			Alice Miller - Leila Whiting . . .67.92
3			Ruth Potter - Jeff Roman60.64
4	2	1	Janet Duke - Malvern Sheffield Jr57.46
5	3		Samuel Keiter - Richard Robinson57.42
6	4		James Doles - Lewis Gold57.18
5	2		Edith Black - Howard Moss . . .54.09
6	3		Martha Bley - Ross Bley52.43
4			Roma Chandra - Shawn Stringer50.40

FRIDAY MORNING NLM PAIRS

6.0 Tables



<u>A</u>	<u>B</u>	
1	1	Joav Steinbach - Roger Laumark .54.17
2/3		Linda Marshall - Jose Porres . . .53.33
2/3	2	Diane Dadiskos - Brenda Thomas .53.33
4	3	Ellinor Legg - Jane Smidinger . . .52.08

FRIDAY AFTERNOON A/X PAIRS

9.0 Tables / Based on 31 Tables



<u>A</u>	<u>X</u>	
1		Steve Robinson - Jim Allen Jr . . .62.56
2		Leo LaSota - Alfred Steinberg . . .61.47
3		Fred King - Barbara Shaw55.06
4	1	Benjamin Stauss - Robert Ellis . .53.85
5	2	Christopher Overpeck - Vangie Smith51.95
3		Steven Schatzow - Eugene Fisher .51.53

FRIDAY AFTERNOON B/C/D PAIRS

14.0 Tables



<u>B</u>	<u>C</u>	<u>D</u>	
1			Jeffrey Kosnett - John Lowe III .65.34
2			Mary Jane Von Moss - Robert Von Moss63.64
3	1	1	Janet Duke - Malvern Sheffield Jr61.36
4	2		Sandra Forsythe - Stuart Fogel .60.42
5	3	2	Terri Sanker - Eunsun Kil55.30
6	4	3	Thomas Reckford - Behnaz Fardshisheh55.11
5	4		William Gurley - Shawn Stringer54.73
6	5		Eric Poskanzer - Ellie Clark . . .54.17

FRIDAY AFTERNOON NLM PAIRS

8.0 Tables



<u>A</u>	<u>B</u>	<u>C</u>	
1			Breck Witte - Sarah Witte63.75
2	1		Fran Sherwood - Arthur Sherwood62.92
3	2	1	Diane Dadiskos - Brenda Thomas60.00
4	3	2	Stanley Weiland - Alfred Liepold57.08
5	4	3	Betty Simpson - Robert Weeks .53.33

FRIDAY EVENING A/X IMP PAIRS

11.0 Tables / Based on 25 Tables



<u>A</u>	<u>X</u>	
1		Steve Robinson - Alfred Steinberg 47.14
2	1	Nadyne Cheary - Jerry Miller . . .42.29
3		John Adams - Yi Zhong36.29
4		Ron Geagley - Joan Lewis32.00
5	2	Monique Smith - Robert Krueger .25.14
6	3	Diane Walker - Benjamin Brill . .23.00
4		Elliot Grant - James Davenport Jr .8.57

FRIDAY EVENING B/C/D IMP PRS

9.0 Tables



<u>B</u>	<u>C</u>	<u>D</u>	
1	1		Leo Cardillo - Frank Cardillo . .26.71
2			Pat Tyler - Joan Anderson23.29
3	2	1	Roma Chandra - Shlomit Rind .22.86
4	3	2	Patrice Gordon - Arthur Olson .13.57
5			Joan Benesch - Bill Benesch . .11.43
4	3		Bryan Geer - Lois Geer9.14
5	4		Martha Bley - Ross Bley2.00

FRIDAY EVENING NLM PAIRS

4.5 Tables



<u>A</u>	<u>B</u>	<u>C</u>	
1	1		Gerald O'Dell - Richard Majewski61.17
2			Kathleen O'Toole - David Mead 57.68
3	2		Helen Long - Alfred Liepold . .54.49
4	3		Norman Sweed - Ronnie Sweed 52.38

SATURDAY MORNING A/X PRS

19.0 Tables / Based on 53 Tables



<u>A</u>	<u>X</u>	
1		Peter Boyd - Steve Robinson64.18

2	Helene Bauman - Arnie Frankel . .60.93
3	Fred King - Andrew Gabrilovitch .60.77
4	Ruth Potter - Jeff Roman59.24
5	David Abelow - Brad Theurer . . .59.05
6	Leo LaSota - Mark Shaw57.23
1	Noble Shore - Michael Gill55.90
2	Jason Rosenfeld - Angeliki Magklara54.81
3	Benjamin Brill - William Hacker .54.76
4	Steve Bunning - Kris Miller54.51
5	Jay Kelkar - Shuba Dey53.32
6	Marlys Moholt - Elizabeth Shirai .52.98

SATURDAY MORNING B/C/D PAIRS
18.5 Tables



B	C	D	
1	1		Barbara Israel - Frederick Mueller 72.02
2	2	1	Shawn Stringer - William Gurley58.95
3	3		Leonid Fastovsky - Saul Penn .57.74
4	4		James Andre - Lily Andre . . .54.58
5			Jeffrey Kosnett - Kitty Gottfried 54.46
6	5		Stanley Rabin - Nelu Schwartz .53.79
	6	2	William Goldman - Stanley Fineman52.73
		3	Phyllis Sonen - Hilda Getz . . .52.24
		4	Donald Goldman - Daniel Koch 52.08
		5	Roma Chandra - Shlomit Rind .51.57

SATURDAY MORNING NLM PAIRS
15.0 Tables



A	B	C	
1	1		Stanley Weiland - Alfred Liepold 63.64
2	2		Roger Laumark - Jose Porres .60.68
		3	Lorraine Davis - Winnie Yonkers58.41
		1/2	Bettye Whitney - Robert Moss .57.50
		1/2	Tsung Lee - Robert Kay57.50
6	3		Arthur Sherwood - Fran Sherwood55.68
		4	Henry Thompson - Robert Wilbur54.32
5	1		Terry Coates - John Horner . . .53.64
6	2		Paul Chassy - Reina Chassy . .52.27
		3	Brenda Thomas - Diane Dadiskos51.82

SATURDAY AFTERNOON A/X PAIRS
18.0 Tables / Based on 42 Tables



A	X	
1		David Abelow - Brad Theurer . . .64.49
2		Andrew Gofreed - Alfred Steinberg 62.82
3		Leo LaSota - Mark Shaw62.12
4		Arnie Frankel - Helene Bauman .58.82
5	1	Jason Meyer - James Geist58.81
6	2	Ann Lindley - Alfred Duncker . .58.29
	3	Jay Kelkar - Shuba Dey57.98
	4	Angeliki Magklara - Jason Rosenfeld56.26
	5	Jane Shaw - Rosemary Shaw . . .53.60
	6	Rodney Severson - Karen Fireman 52.18

SATURDAY AFTERNOON B/C/D PAIRS
11.0 Tables



B	C	D	
1	1		James Andre - Lily Andre . . .58.22
2			Pat Tyler - Joan Anderson . . .57.74
3	2		Barbara Israel - Frederick Mueller 57.14
4	3	1	Ned Griffith - Albert Lauber . .55.65
		5	Mel Schloss - Charlotte Freedman 55.06
6			Steven Schatzow - Sarah Goodstein53.87
		4	Jane Friend - Marie Nylen . . .52.68
		1/2	Herbert Rogall - Katherine Rabenstein52.08
		1/2	Georgia Lyhus - Arlan Lyhus .52.08
		2	Diane Mason - Mike Frosch . .48.21
		3	Robert Schwab - Anne Derbes .47.02

SATURDAY AFTERNOON NLM PAIRS
13.0 Tables



A	B	C		
1	1		Ruth Fidelman - Morris Fidelman 63.93	
2	2		Stanley Weiland - Alfred Liepold 63.48	
		3	Robert Lambert - Sally Rockey 63.30	
4	3	1	Douglas Woods - Donna Hankey-Woods59.68	
		5	Roger Laumark - Jose Porres . .57.82	
		6	5	Brenda Thomas - Diane Dadiskos56.11
		6	3	Paul Chassy - Reina Chassy . .55.71
		4		June Haley - Jane Smith48.81

SUNDAY Eymon Trophy (A/X SWISS)
24 Tables / Based on 57 Tables



A	X	
1/2		Mark Chen - Hal Hindman - Richard Wegman - David Abelow98.00



1/2	1	Michael Gill - Noble Shore - Prahalad Rajkumar - Raghavendra Rajkumar 98.00
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1/2		Dewayne Jones - Alan Schwartz - Ai-Tai Lo - Earl Glickstein98.00
1/2		Steve Robinson - Peter Boyd - Mark Shaw - William Cole94.00
1/2		Yi Zhong - Fred King - Hailong Ao - Jian-Jian Wang94.00
6		Jason Rosenfeld - Angeliki Magklara - Kenton Schoen - Diane Walker . .79.00
7		Leo LaSota - Barbara Shaw - Ann Lindley - Alfred Duncker - Kitty Gottfried .78.00
8		Alfred Steinberg - Andrew Gofreed - Alan Tenenbaum - David Ruderman . .77.00
2		Jay Kelkar - Bruce Houston - Dharendra Ghosh - Shuba Dey75.00
3		Jackie Thompson - Wonjoo Cho - Elizabeth Shirai - Marlys Moholt . .69.00

SUNDAY FLIGHT B/C/D SWISS
21 Tables



B	C	D	
1			David Grabiner - Penny Stoever - Suzanne Abrams - Dad110.00

1/2	1		Roberta Feldman - Stephen Mac Arthur - Marshall Kramer - Rena Rutstein 92.00
1/2			Steven Schatzow - Rodney Severson - Daniel Feldman - Jerry Miller .92.00
4	2	1	David Mead - Kathleen O'Toole - Lois Geer - Bryan Geer90.00
5	3	2	Susan Miskura - William Prosser - Daniel Weinberg - Paul Gayer - Dennis Schwanz82.00
6			Robert Padgett - Linda Padgett - Frank Cardillo - Patrice Gordon 75.00
4	3		Juan Pardo - Tsung Lee - John Mattioli - Joav Steinbach73.00
1/2	1/2		Shlomit Rind - Roma Chandra - Shawn Stringer - William Gurley 72.00
1/2	1/2		Martha Bley - Rama Kapur - Joe Lentz - Ross Bley72.00

SUNDAY MORNING NLM SWISS
12 Tables



A	B	C	
1	1		Larry Gebbie - Amy Bloom - Eric Poskanzer - Linda Clover60.00
2			Robert Kay - Lois Kay - Sally Hollman - Lawrence Hollman . .59.00
3			Lois Scaife - Gloria Bernstein - Pearl Siegel - Alvena Wagner56.00
4	2	1	Marilyn Rubinstein - Herbert Rubinstein - Albert Shayne - Florence Shayne 47.00
1/2			Stephen Weiner - Ellinor Legg - Jim Smidinger - Terry Jones41.00
1/2			Duchesne Clark - Shirley Clark - Laura Garvey - Shelley Kempner . . .41.00
1/2			Roger Laumark - Jose Porres - Jim Willey - Joyce Currie37.00
1/2			Meg Massie-Taylor - Ahren Ames - Helen Long - Alfred Liepold . .37.00

SUNDAY AFTERNOON NLM SWISS
7 Tables



A	B	
1	1	Alfred Liepold - Meg Massie-Taylor - Ahren Ames - Helen Long (not pic.) 45.00
2	2	Roger Laumark - Jose Porres - Joyce Currie - Jim Willey41.00
3		Jason Stewart - Richard Jones - Marc Aquino - Adam Hartzler38.00



NLM MASTER POINTERS

by I/N Columnist, Sandy Forsythe, majslf@aol.com

SANDY'S GUIDE TO EXCRUTIATINGLY CORRECT BRIDGE PLAY

(with apologies to Miss Manners!)

Some things that happen at the bridge table make Miss Bridge Manners want to scream, but that wouldn't be polite. Please consider my tips for enjoyable, infraction-free duplicate bridge:

For Defenders

Make your opening lead face down. Put your card face down on the table and ask, "Is it my lead?" If the answer is no, you can simply put the card back in your hand and wait for partner to lead. No penalty card, no need to call the director!

Make your lead before you write down the contract. You'll have plenty of time to write down the contract while declarer makes her plan. Leading first speeds the game along, which everyone appreciates. I do this even when I don't need to use the bathroom.

For Declarers

Say, "Thank you, partner," when the dummy comes down. It's polite, it makes pard feel good, and it may convince your opponents that your contract is in the bag...so perhaps they won't look for a way to set you.

Call the cards from dummy. It's sloppy and illegal to make dummy guess which card you want, even when you've led a high card and "obviously" you want dummy to play low. There should be only one declarer at the table! Dummy should never be suggesting what card to play, unless there's only a singleton left in the suit.

For Everyone

Greet the opponents when they come to your table. It costs you nothing to be a gracious host, and it just might lull the opponents into a false sense of security. Okay, maybe not, but it could get partner to stop

rehashing the previous hand, so you both can clear your minds for the hand to come.

When partner doesn't follow suit, make sure he's really out. Whether you're on defense or you're the dummy, when pard shows out, you can say, "Having none?" or "No clubs, partner?" If pard discovers, when you ask, that he does have a card in the suit led, you should call the director immediately. If you're defending, the incorrectly played card becomes a penalty card that must be played at the first legal opportunity, but you won't lose any tricks. If you don't ask pard if he's out and on a subsequent trick it's discovered that he didn't follow suit, your side could have tricks taken away, whether you're defending or declaring.

Once a card is on the table, it's played. There is no "I still have my hand on it" rule in duplicate bridge! Conversely, there's no rule that says you have to take your hand off the card, as an opponent of mine recently asserted. You do need to hold your card so that everyone at the table can see it, of course.

Once you've turned your card over, you can't see the trick again. Until you turn your card over, you can ask to see what everyone has played on that trick, and until the next trick has started, you can look at the last card you played even if you've already started, previous tricks must stay face down! Also, you can't tell partner that she has one of her cards turned wrong (that is, showing that the trick was won by the wrong side), though you can say something at the moment she's putting the card down if you see she's about to turn it the wrong way.

When the hand is over, don't pick up your cards until everyone has agreed on how many tricks each side took. This is the time to tell partner she turned a card the wrong way! If the two sides can't agree on the outcome by turning over the tricks one at a time, the director should be called. But if everyone

STEPPING UP TO NEW HEIGHTS:

As of December 1, 2006

Junior Masters (5 Masterpoints)

Eugene Bolzan	Rebecca Cardozo
Guillaume Dedecker	Stanley H Katzman
Suzanne K Kilczewski	Herbert Rubinstein
Pearl Siegel	Jo Turner
Marcea C Austin	Frank Hatten
Emilio Cecchi	William B Dale
Charles R Dearolf	Sue F Gagner
Stephanie R Hoover	John R Horner
Madeline P Logee	Linda S Silberg
Beth E Wisinski	

Club Masters (20 Masterpoints)

Melba Battle	Sheila Kaplan
Minako Komura	Ellinor T Legg
Helen E Long	Kay Miller
Barbara H Putney	Richard H Wessman
Terry A Coates	Erika Emery
Cynthia E Harrison	Ken M Marx
Peter Schiff	

Sectional Masters (50 Masterpoints)

Roberta Feldman	J J Jayaraman
Jose Porres	Norman H Sweed
Ronnie K Sweed	Robert G Claypool
Louis Coccodrilli	Alfred J Liepold
Hanita Schreiber	Paul L Chassy

Regional Masters (100 Masterpoints)

Mark Cohen	Diane B Keiper
Lorraine N Tyler	Ruth Woods
Janet Duke	Albert G Lauber

NABC Masters (200 Masterpoints)

Maida W Crocicchia	Mike Frosch
Rae S Newman	Helen M Solomon
Rosmarie Suitor	Winnie Yonkers

has already mixed up their cards, it's going to be hard for the director to determine what happened.

Don't criticize partner at the table. You want pard thinking about the current hand, not the one you just played! The time to talk about mistakes is after the game, or possibly at the end of the round if you've finished playing and there's still time on the clock. Until then, "well played," "good bid," and "I would have played it the same way, partner," will have pard working hard to live up to your high opinion of him.

When you use good table manners people will be lining up to play with you. So don't forget the most important rule of all: *Smile, your partner will play better!*

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**WBL SOLVERS' CLUB'S
NEW PROBLEMS**

1) IMPs Both Vulnerable

♠ 3♥ QJ109♦ AKJ♠ A10832

<u>South</u>	<u>West</u>	<u>North</u>	<u>East</u>
1♣	Pass	1NT	Pass
?????			Pass

2) IMPs Both Vulnerable

♠ 6♥ A42♦ AKQJ10♣ AK107

<u>South</u>	<u>West</u>	<u>North</u>	<u>East</u>
1♦	2♦ *	Pass	2♥
?????	*Michaels		

3) IMPs They're Vulnerable

♠ 10♥ AQ864♦ J43♣ K732

<u>South</u>	<u>West</u>	<u>North</u>	<u>East</u>
1NT	2♣	1♠	Pass
?????		2♦	Pass

4) IMPs None Vulnerable

♠ Q10654♥ 1043♦ J108♣ AK

<u>South</u>	<u>West</u>	<u>North</u>	<u>East</u>
1♠	Pass	1♦	Pass
?????		1NT	Pass

*2♣=new minor forcing

5) Matchpoints None Vulnerable

♠ K109♥ J543♦ 654♣ 654

<u>South</u>	<u>West</u>	<u>North</u>	<u>East</u>
????	1♥	Dbl	Pass

Return answers by January 11 to:

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**NEED A RIDE OR A PARTNER
FOR THE THURSDAY UNIT GAME?**

Contact **Barbara Doran** UnitGamePartner@DistrictSix.org, (301-946-8483) to find a partner in advance or try the **On-Line Partnership Bulletin Board:** www.washingtonbridgeleague.org. For a last minute partner, call the **WBL cell phone (301-608-0347)**.

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