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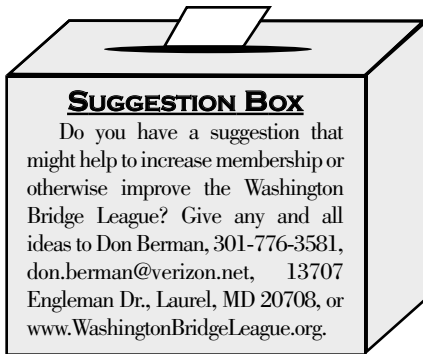
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(See your June/July 2007 District 6 TableTALK for the full schedule of events.)





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PRESIDENT'S LETTER

by WBL President, Fred King

Someone once asked a well known player if it is fun to play bridge. He said, "No, it is fun to win at bridge." I know some players, especially social players, would not agree with him. Even some duplicate players like to come out for the camaraderie they find and the chance to think about something else for a few hours. Such players often don't bother to pick up hand records, take only a cursory look at their score and probably throw away their score sheet before leaving the room, or soon thereafter. There is nothing wrong with this attitude and if this gives you enjoyment from our great game, then you won't get any criticism from me.

On the other hand, if you think you could enjoy the game even more, then think about how to improve your game. I notice each Thursday after the unit game that small groups of people often grab hand records and go over their results together, either there in the playing room or at a venue outside such as a diner. You can also get hand records and recap sheets on line, usually within 12 hours of the finish of the game. This allows you to see why you got such a low score on a board by comparing it to other scores on the same board. Go over your score card and see where you got low scores. Were you always overbidding or underbidding? Were you continually scoring one less trick than the field on either offense or defense? Of course sometimes you just get fixed. The opponents bid a thin slam missed at most tables and it comes home. All you can do about such boards is grin and bear it. Besides, don't forget you also probably got some gifts.

Once you have identified areas you would like to improve in, there are many sources you can turn to. There are many, many wonderful books on all aspects of the game. If you don't have a bridge library, start one. In addition you can learn a lot from bridge magazines, especially the *ACBL Bulletin* and *The Bridge World*. There is software to help you with all aspects of your game, especially declarer play. Get involved in bidding contests like the one run by Steve Robinson in the *WBL Bulletin*, or those in the *ACBL Bulletin* and *The Bridge World*. Bid hands from Challenge the Champs

or The Bidding Box. There are teachers available to help you become a better player. Some of them offer group lessons and others offer individual help, including partnering you and then showing you what you did right and where you can improve. Contact the *ABTA* to see what is available in this area.

Finally you can circulate bidding or play problems to a number of players and get their opinions. One player who does this is **James Geist**, and his work has paid off, as he and **Arnie Frankel** won our two sessions pairs championship at our May sectional—congratulations to them.

I suggest you shop around and find the best medium and individuals to help you improve.

In my view, bridge is the best game out there and is always exciting and stimulating, but it is even more fun if you do well.

—Fred King

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SENIOR TRIALS In addition to the Regional, we are also hosting the Senior Trials which will be selecting two teams to send to the World Championships in Shanghai this coming October. They begin play at 10:00 a.m. on Monday and will be playing all week. Kibitzers are welcome and the finals will be broadcast on **Bridge Base**.

COURSES Anyone who has an interest in becoming a bridge teacher or bridge director can enroll in courses being offered for that purpose.

The **Club Director's Course** will be held just prior to the tournament on Saturday, June 30 and Sunday, July 1. Preregistration with **Nadine Wood** is required by **June 15**. The **Teacher Accreditation Program (TAP)** is being held during the tournament on Thur., Fri. and Sat. mornings. Please register with **Joanne Pretti**, 703-821-2254 or **Brdgmclean@aol.com** by **June 20**.

The fee for both the director's course and the TAP is \$50 for members of District 6 and 7 and \$100 for members outside of the MABC.

PRE-TOURNEY BRIDGE BOOT CAMP — WARM UP YOUR BRIDGE MUSCLES

OR LEARN FROM SCRATCH IN ONE DAY! **Steve Forsythe** will be conducting his popular **Instant Bridge Player** class on Monday, July 2 from noon until 5:00 p.m. at the hotel. Tell your relatives, friends and neighbors who are new to bridge or new to duplicate, have never played or used to play and need a refresher. Students will be invited to the hospitality suite after the class for refreshments and an opportunity to discuss bridge hands. They will also be given a free play to the Monday evening game. Then, on Tuesday, all players with fewer than six masterpoints **play for free!** **Steve & Sandy Forsythe** will be taking advance reservations at **MAJSLF@aol.com** or 301-592-9177. The cost is \$25 or \$20 for those who call or email in advance to reserve a space.

VOLUNTEERS STILL NEEDED FOR OUTSTANDING NEW LOCATION It has been 16 years since we last hosted this regional in Maryland and we are working very hard to make the tournament a success, so we can continue at this site whenever the WBL is the host. To do so we need the help of many volunteers, starting with you! Just contact **Barbara Summers** at (301) 598-5838 or **jimbarb1184@aol.com** to help with Partnerships, Prizes, Information, Hospitality or I/N. We especially need many Intermediate/Novice volunteers for varying duties in the I/N games. Except for hospitality, most tasks will only need about a 45 minute commitment before game time. We also need a lot of people to help with hospitality, which varies from helping with food preparation, filling bowls and trays, bartending, cleanup, both before and after bridge sessions. You can also sign up with any committee chairman.

SEE THE JUNE/JULY 2007 DISTRICT 6 TABLETALK FOR THE FULL SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

QUESTIONS?

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

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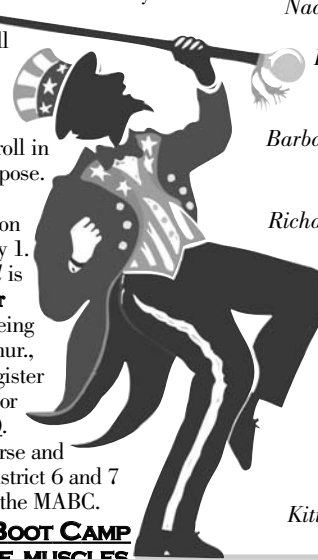
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SILVER SPRING, MD: AUGUST 9-12, 2007

Take a Summer Holiday in the Potomac Valley!



THURSDAY, AUGUST 9

- ♣ 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 (First Presbyterian only)
- NEW: First Presbyterian Church, 601 N. Vermont St, Arlington 7:00pm**
Off Carlin Springs Rd just before Ballston (can walk from Ballston Metro)
- 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, AUGUST 10

- ♦ Stratified Pairs (unlim/2000/500) 10:00am
- ♥ StrataFlighted A/X (unlim/3000) & B/C/D Pairs (1500/1000/500) 2:00pm
- ♠ **Bracketed Pairs and computer assigned Board-A-Match Teams** 7:30pm
2 chances to win! Friday nights are your chance to try a different form of the game. This tournament, you and your partner will play in a pair game. In addition, the computer will assign you teammates. You'll compare your scores on each board with them (after the whole pair game) as a win (1 point), loss (no points), or tie (half a point). Add up your points to see if your team placed in the team event for extra masterpoints.
- ♣ Intermediate/Novice Pairs (300/200/100/50/20) (single sessions) 10:00am, 2:00pm, 7:30pm

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

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SATURDAY, AUGUST 11

- ♣ StrataFlighted A/X Pairs (unlim/3000) (single sessions) 11:00am, 3:30pm
- ♦ StrataFlighted B/C/D Pairs (1500/1000/500) (single sessions) 11:00am, 3:30pm
- ♥ Intermediate/Novice Pairs (300/200/100) (single sessions) 11:00am, 3:30pm
- ♠ Newcomer Pairs (50/20/5) (single sessions) 11:00am, 3:30pm
- ♣ **Don't miss the between sessions Panel Show** 2:30pm

SUNDAY, AUGUST 12

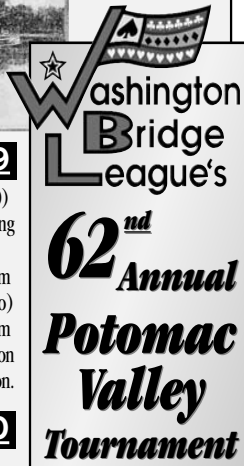
- ♦ A/X Swiss Teams, (unlim /3000, 7 round playthru w/short break) 11:00am & TBA
- ♥ B/C/D Swiss Teams, VPs (2000/1000/500, 7 round playthru w/short break) 11:00am & TBA
- ♠ 300/100/50 Swiss Teams, VPs (single sessions) 11:00am, 3:00pm

♣ **Full Schedule of Intermediate and Novice Events** ♥

I/N events: 0-5, 20, 50, 100, 200, 300; Stratification at Director's Discretion.



Famous Washington Hospitality includes snacks, drinks and **Friday, Saturday and Sunday lunch** free of charge. **Chair: Nadine Wood**, 301-565-9555, woodthere@comcast.net. **Volunteer Coordinator: Barbara Summers**, 301-598-5838, jimbarb1184@aol.com **Hospitality: Kitty Gottfried**, 301-587-3981, kgottfried@hotmail.com **Partnerships: Barbara Doran**, 301-608-0347, **Sectional Partner@DistrictSix.org** or try the easy **Online Partnership Bulletin Board: www.WashingtonBridgeLeague.org**



BITS AND PIECES

WELCOME TO THE WASHINGTON BRIDGE LEAGUE

The WBL welcomes the following new ACBL members: **Jim Anschutz, Patti Anschutz, Mrs Kathy Ashy, Mrs Bridge Baron, Ruth H Melson, Jacqueline C Pender, Ms Theresa H Raines, William C Schuermann, and Mrs Daisy B Smith.**

In addition, we welcome the following transfers from other units: **Mr C.William Black, Ms Joan Blitman, Mr Leon Blitman, Jeffrey R Boak, Mr David H Brown, Mr Calvin H Cobb Jr, Mr John Flynn, Mrs Evelyn Grunley, Mr Martin R Grunley, Mrs Ellinor H Hutton, Ms Amelia L Montjoy, Mrs Claire Smith, Mr Alex Stouck, Mrs Cynthia B Sutton, and Mr Mike Sutton.**

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.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE DISTRICT 6 GNT WINNERS!

Good luck to all the first place teams at the Summer North American Bridge Championships in Nashville.

Championship Flight (Open)

- 1 **Robert Hopkins Jr. - Joan Lewis - Barry Falgout - Rusty Krauss**
- 2 Steve Robinson - Peter Boyd - William Cole - Beth Palmer - Stephen Landen - William Pettis
- 3/4 Donna Rogall - Clyde Kruskal - Stan Schenker - David Milton
- 3/4 Noble Shore - Michael Gill - David Rodney - Jeff Roman - Don Probst

Flight A (0-5000)

- 1 **Mark Laken - Harvey Charkatz - David Milton - Stan Schenker**
- 2 Leo LaSota - David Abelow - Alan Tenenbaum - Michael Gill, - Noble Shore - David Ruderman
- 3/4 Kefu Xu - Jian-Jian Wang - Hailong Ao - Weizhong Bao
- 3/4 Sumner Steinfeldt - Cecily Kohler - James Gumbert - Hal Hindman

Flight B (0-2000)

- 1 **Ronald Kral - Shuba Dey - Debnarayan Dhar - Jay Kelkar**
- 2 Larry Kahn - H John Edmonds - Michael Richey - Kenneth Kaufman
- 3/4 Paul Hartman - Nan Massie - Ann Shelton - Mary Payne - Michael Lane - Steven Rothman
- 3/4 Leo Cardillo - Frank Cardillo - Christon Johnson - Robert Padgett - James Witting - Robert Zier

Flight C (NLMs under 500)

- 1 **Thomas Fletcher - Ted Verhagen - William Trainer - Tony Ferroni**
- 2 Thomas Fukawa - Peter Hardin - Paul Saunders - John Pinner III
- 3/4 David Mead - Kathleen O'Toole - Murat Berk - Larry Gebbie
- 3/4 Martha Bley - Ross Bley - Luther Hampton - Michael Hampton

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS FOR THE MACHLIN TROPHY

Last year, with our 75th Anniversary, the WBL initiated a new annual award, the **Machlin Trophy for Sportsmanship**. The trophy is named in honor of **Jerry Machlin**, whom many of you will remember as one of the greatest directors the game has ever known. Jerry served as Chief Director for games in the Washington area during the 1950's, 1960's and 1970's and probably contributed more to the growth of tournament bridge in our area during the three decades following World War II than any other single individual. Jerry also founded the Mid-Atlantic Bridge Conference (the organization that hosts all of the regionals in our area), and he organized and staged matches in which Members of Congress competed against corporate leaders and members of the British Parliament. These matches helped to promote the game among the country's political and corporate leadership and demonstrated the wide appeal of tournament bridge.

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WBL SOLVERS' CLUB

Moderated by Steve Robinson

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Congratulations to **Manuel Paulo, Dave Abelow** and **Brian Schoenfeld** who tied for first with a score of 480. They win a free entry to the Unit Game and will be invited to be on a future panel. Tied for fourth were **Joe Lentz** and **Zbych Bednarek** with a score of 470. Tied for sixth were **Ed MacArthur, John Kloke, Al Duncker, Ken Harkness, Garry Grossman, Tony Graziano** and **Sorina Negulescu** with a score of 460. Tied for thirteenth were **Natalie Aronsohn, Kathrine Loh, Larry Kahn, Tim Crank** and **Mark Chen** with a score of 450. Tied for eighteenth were **Chris Miller, John Klayman, Francesco Parisi-Presicce, Brad Theurer, Richard Wimberley, Lynn Connelly, Sonney Taragin** and **David Rodney** with a score of 440. Tied for twenty-sixth were **Paul McMullin, Paul Benedict, Fred Wagner, Edward Anania, Sy Baden, Jay Weinstein, Rex Settle** and **Yi Zhong** with a score of 430. The average score of the 283 solvers was 357. The average score of the experts was 430.

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 con-

sider 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 \$29.60 that includes \$4.60 for priority mail.

1) IMPs, Both Vulnerable

♠ Q98763♥ J♦ Q9643♣ A

SOUTH WEST NORTH EAST

????* *Pick a letter

- A) 2♠ showing 10-13 with six spades;
- B) 2♠ showing 3-9 with five or six spades;
- C) 3♠; D) 4♠; E) 1♠; F) Pass

Action	Score	Votes	Solvers
F(1♠)	100	6	87
E(P)	90	5	77
A	50	2	39
B	30	0	71
C(3♠)	30	1	07
D(4♠)	20	0	02

I held this hand and I had the following choices. I could have opened 2♠ (choice A), which shows 10-13 HCP and six or more spades. Does the 6-5 distribution make up for the lack of the one HCP? Since I was playing Multi, I could have opened 2♦ (choice B), which shows a weak-two bid in either major. If the suit is spades, it denies ten HCP. I could have passed (choice F), opened 1♠ (choice E) or opened 3♠ (choice C). Lets see what my experts choose.

Five experts open 1♠ (choice E). Opening this hand follows the rule of 20 where you add the number of HCP (9) to the length of your two longest suits (11). If the sum is at least twenty, you should open. While the total is twenty, the singleton jack is not worth anything and the suits are bad. Put the jack of spades and the ace of clubs in your long suits and it is a clear-cut 1♠ opening. On the other hand, you have one defensive trick with very little chance for a

second. The spades are so bad that if partner is on lead he could easily blow a trick.

Welles: “1♠ —Choice is clearly between 2♠ (10-13 with six spades) and 1♠. With this distribution and a five-loser count despite only nine HCP, I go for E, which will possibly allow me to show my distribution.”

I disagree. If you open 1♠, there is a good chance that you won't be able to show your distribution. You open 1♠ and partner bids 2♥. Your primary duty is to show partner that you have six spades. Even though some play that a 2♣ rebid could show only five, by not rebidding 2♠, partner will assume that you don't have six. Now later diamond bids could just show diamond values. Even if partner bids 1NT or 2♣, you still have to show your six spades.

Cappelletti: “1♠ —A lot better than many twelve-point hands. And if you keep the bidding low, you are more likely to be able to show your diamond suit.”

Bloom: “1♠ —Open 1♠. Using the Rule of twenty I calculate eleven for length plus nine HCP. Even if I subtract one for the singleton Jack, I will add it back for the 6-5 distribution. A weak-two is not appropriate given the distribution. Although I'm not in love with the quality of either suit, the distribution is too powerful to ignore.”

King: “1♠ —While a little short in high card points, this hand more than qualifies for a 1♠ opener using either loser count or the rule of 20.”

Landen: “1♠ —Five-loser hand equals an opening bid, so I'm told.”

Five experts agree with me and pass (choice F). Maybe we can describe this hand later. If we're lucky the auction will go 1♠ - pass - 1♥ and then we can show both of our suits. If we overcall spades later, partner will know that our hand does not fit an initial bid. By passing, you don't have to figure out whether this is an opening bid, a 10-13 2♠ bid or a weak 2♠ bid.

Smith: “Pass—My hand doesn't fit any of the categories, so I pass. What's the rush to bid, I'll get another chance.”

Parker: “Pass—It makes no sense to preempt with two-suits and points outside your long suits. The spade suit is not good enough to open a weak or moderate two-bid. This type of hand is easy to get back into the auction with either a Michaels cue bid or an unusual notrump. Second choice is E, but it is easier to show this type of hand by coming in later.”

Elfant: “Pass—I usually open 2♠ to show 5-11 pts and six spades, but I also prefer to have two honors in spades, especially if vulnerable. I would pass here and see who bids what.”

Hopkins: “Pass—I worry about the lack of honors in my suits. And, if I open some high number of Spades, disaster could strike if my partner is strong in the other two suits and the opponents have no game or we go for so much it doesn't matter whether they have a game or not. If I had to open, answer A is the closest to what I have and could work some of the time, but I prefer to be cautious with the weak suits.”

Schwartz: “Pass—Probably won't get too many Robinson points but I can't see opening this up with a two-bid. I don't like 6-5 two-bids in general but with a good primary suit I can live with it, but not with this suit. With my few HCP tied up in my short suits, I don't like opening one either.”

Two experts open 2♠. If partner has an opening bid with at least two-card support, he can jump to 4♠ ending the auction, giving the opponents no clue on how best to defend.

Roman: “2♠ —10-13 with six spades. If white on red I would open 4♠.”

Adams: “2♠ —10-13 with six spades. If you are not going to let me bid a Multi 2♦, I might as well show the playing strength of my hand.”

You could have opened a Multi 2♦. That was choice B.

One expert opens 3♠. If you're going to show a seven-card suit, at least have a good six-carder. ♠ KQJxxx♥ x♦ xxxxxx♣ is a 3♠ opener. If partner has a problem, I don't see how he's going to get it right.

Woolsey: “3♠ —The fifth diamond makes the spade suit the equivalent of a seven-card suit at least. This hand has huge playing strength, and a lower opening call doesn't do justice to the hand or take away the enemy bidding space.”

I believe that you should preempt whenever possible but there are some hands that are better described by passing.

2) Matchpoints, None Vulnerable

♠ AKJ103♥ KQJ♦ QJ7♣ 54

	<u>SOUTH</u>	<u>WEST</u>	<u>NORTH</u>	<u>EAST</u>
	1♠	2♣	4♣*	5♣
	????	*splinter (short clubs, four-card spade support GF)		
	<u>Action</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Votes</u>	<u>Solvers</u>
	Pass	100	7	46
	6♠	80	4	88
	5♥	70	1	32
	5♦	50	0	02
	5♠	50	2	77
	Double	20	0	37
	5NT	20	0	01
	4♣ is splinter bid. It shows a singleton or void			

in clubs, at least four-card spade support with opening bid values. What is partner's prototype 4♣-bid? ♠ Qxxx♥ Axxx♦ AKxxx♣ is a very good splinter, ♠ Qxxx♥ Axxx♦ Axxx♣ is an average splinter while ♠ Qxxx♥ Axxx♦ Kxxx♣ is a sub-minimum splinter. Splinters tell partner that he will have one loser opposite his xxx. It also tells partner that his KQxx are wasted values. It's hard to come up with a splinter where 5♠ is not cold and 6♠ does not have play, unless you're off two aces. 6♠ is cold opposite my first example, on a diamond finesse opposite my second example and is off two aces opposite my third splinter. You can make at least 5♠ opposite all of my examples. Game-forcing bids create a force. Force means that the opponents cannot play in any contract undoubled. So, one of the options is to pass, forcing, and pull partner's minimum-showing double. Pass and pull shows extra values. If partner bids, showing extra values, you can think about seven.

Four experts bid a slam following the principle — bid what you think you can make. The problem is that partner can't bid seven holding ♠ Qxxx♥ Axxxx♦ Axxx♣. When partner jumps to slam and there are possible scientific ways he could have gone, he could be gambling. Of course if partner has ♠ Qxxx♥ Axxx♦ Kxxx♣, you're off two aces.

Welles: “6♠ —At IMPs might settle for 5♠, but at matchpoints, will gamble that partner has two Aces, perhaps a club void, and that Diamond hook is on. With ten or eleven clubs and probably spade void, don't think I could get 5♣ for more than 300, so must bid at least game. And might as well try for a top.”

Cappelletti: “6♠ —Unless partner has something like ♠ Qxxx♥ Axxx♦ Kxxx♣ you should have at least a good play for slam.”

That's why you should pass. How can slam be cold if partner doubles 5♣?

King: “6♠ —Seems like partner should have all the high cards outside of clubs for his bid. Otherwise he would have been only 3♣ as a limit raise.”

Landen: “6♠ —Partner's hand is ♠ Qxxx♥ Axxx♦ AKxxx♣, or very similar. With more he should start with 3♣. I suppose seven is remotely possible if has five hearts and a club void, but it's a pie in the sky to look for the perfect hand ♠ Qxxx♥ Axxxx♦ Axx♣.”

A 4♣ splinter where there are two bids in between can have a wider range than a one-under splinter. One-under splinters

leave no invitational room.

Six experts join me and pass. Pass is forcing! Four experts pass and pull. I'm also a pass and puller. Passing and pulling is stronger than bidding directly.

Parker: “Pass—And pull the double. This shows a better hand than bidding immediately. Since I have no first round controls to bid now, I will pull the double to 5♥, which should show second round control and deny a first or second round control of Diamonds. If partner cue bids Diamonds I will bid 6♠, if he bids 5♠ I will pass.”

Cue bids are random which is why I love bidding key card and hate cuebidding auctions. There is no such rule that passing and cuebidding show second-round control. Actually there's no rule about what any cuebid, either directly or indirectly, means. Since there are two cuebids available, they have more meaning. If the opponents were bidding diamonds only 5♥ would be available which would make 5♥ an extra value bid saying nothing about hearts. If they were bidding hearts, there wouldn't be any cuebidding room.

Smith: “Pass—I think I'm strong enough to pass and pull. I have two clubs, so normally would have to double, but partner already said he is short there so that doesn't apply.”

Hopkins: “Pass—Is this not a classic hand for a “Pass & Pull”? Partner's perfect minimum looks like: ♠ Qxxx♥ Axxx♦ Axxx♣, where the Diamond finesse is likely to work over 80% of the time.”

Schwartz: “Pass—Most likely will end up in 5♠ as if partner has nothing in clubs, he is likely to have the missing red-suit cards. Still it doesn't hurt to pass to see what he can do as seven is still possible opposite a void or six might be poor opposite a minimum with a stiff club honor (he should double).”

The following two experts are forcing-passers and will pass partner's lack-of-extras double. It will be big matchpoint swing whether you get 300 or 500. Even +500 might not be worth much if slam makes. Partner is supposed to double 5♣ holding ♠ Qxxx♥ Axxx♦ Kxxx♣.

Roman: “Pass—Once we have shown game-forcing values (partner's 4♣ bid), the opponents never get to declare anything undoubled, therefore pass is forcing. I will pass if partner doubles, and bid 5♥ if he bids 5♦. Unless partner has a club void or five hearts, we're going to

need him to have the ♠ Queen, ♥ Ace, and ♦ Ace-King to go with his stiff club, and if he has all that he'll get us to slam over pass."

Woolsey: "Pass—A normal forcing pass, showing interest in bidding higher. If North comes back with a red-suit cue bid, we are in slam. If North doubles, I'm going to bet that the opponents have overreached and that we have 500 coming. If North bids 5♠, I'll give it up. With ace-king, and ace, and the queen of trumps, North should take a cue bid once I make a forcing pass."

If the 5♣ bidder has ♠x♥xx♦xxxxx ♣Qxxxx and the 2♣ overcaller has ♠xxx♥xxx ♦Ax♣AKJ10x, you can easily take eleven tricks in spades and they can just as easily take nine tricks in clubs. +300 won't be worth much.

Two experts sign-off. I would expect to make game opposite most splinter raises and slam opposite a heavy splinter. Partner's splinter makes this a thirty-point deck.

Bloom: "5♠—I expect West has ten or more points for his overcall and a five or six-card club suit. Partner has at least nine points for his splinter. We have a good shot at 5♠. 6♠ is iffy and I'm not so sure we can set them three doubled. No reason to gamble on 6♠ since we're playing matchpoints."

Elfant: "5♠—Partner is showing good support, and must have some points in diamonds and/or hearts. I don't have more than two club losers, and think we should make 5♠."

One expert makes a slam try. By cuebidding a king instead of an ace, you put yourself in a bad position. Partner could have ♠Qxxxx♥xx ♦AKxxxx♣- or ♠Qxxxx♥Axxx♦AKxxx♣-. He will think that seven will make opposite the AK of trumps and will try for seven. You have the AK of trumps but will be afraid to show them because of the lack of the ace of hearts.

Adams: "5♥—Partner will know if he has good cards for slam (Aces, five spades or Queen, club void.) At the table I would have to know my opponents. Some players I would stop and double, others I would suspect 300 is max. 5♠ should be safe if partner has very bad hand."

Opening bid opposite a game force creates a forcing auction.

3) IMPs, You're Vulnerable

♠ KQJ43♥♦ A76♣ AK654

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
1♠	2NT*	Pass	3♥
????	*minors		

Action	Score	Votes	Solvers
Pass	100	7	97
Double	90	6	123
3NT	40	0	05
4♣	30	0	25
3♠	30	0	16
4♠	30	1	06
5♣	20	0	02
4♥	20	0	06
4NT	20	0	01
6♣	20	0	01
6♠	20	0	01

Strange auction. LHO shows 5-5 or better in the minors. Instead of bidding a minor, RHO bids hearts and you're void in hearts. There's no bid that describes this hand. There is a similar type auction. 1♣ by you - 1♠ overcall - Pass by partner - 2♥ by RHO. Here double of 2♥ is a takeout double of 1♠ and therefore is a penalty double of 2♥. Does this mean that a double of 3♥ is a takeout double of minors which makes the double a penalty double? Unclear. Is this hand so strong that some action has to be taken?

Five experts join me and take some action. The good news is that partner won't pass the double with spade support unless he has very good hearts. Partner could easily have spade support but not be strong enough to bid.

Parker: "Double—This hand is a misfit. Let's try and reconstruct hands and see what we gain by bidding. East should have something like 4-7-1-1, West, 2-1-5-5 and partner 2-5-4-2. We have no fit so bidding a suit makes no sense. If I double partner will pass and we should do well. Three spade winners, one diamond, one club and at least two hearts."

Cappelletti: "Double—Show a good hand and tell partner you have more than just opening values."

Whatever double means, it does show extra values.

Bloom: "Double—Partner has few points, but E/W seem to have no fit. Since I'm void in hearts I assume my partner will have a few. I am doubling for penalties."

Roman: "Double—Lots of different things could happen from here, and while they're not all good, I have enough to tell partner I have a good hand."

Woolsey: "Double—I'm too strong to pass, but I don't want to give up on defending 3♥ since partner might have a big heart stack. This is clearly a takeout double. I simply have to hope partner gets it right."

Double might be for takeout but I don't think it's clear what suit you're short in.

Seven experts pass. Partner could easily have a weak hand with spade support such as ♠xxx♥xxxx♦KJxxx♣x. He surely wouldn't bid 3♠ over 2NT and probably will pass out 3♥. Over 2NT, 3♠ shows a very good single raise, just short of a limit raise.

Elfant: "Pass—With no support from partner and an apparent misfit by the opponents, I would just let them fight it out, and try to set them. I don't think they'll be able to make anything they bid from here on."

Hopkins: "Pass—Suits are splitting horribly and I have no indication of support from my partner. I am not stepping into the fire."

King: "Pass—Partner couldn't raise spades and all the minor cards are sitting behind me. My hand has gotten much worse as the bidding has gone on."

Schwartz: "Pass—Most likely game is 3NT as minors will be overuffed in dummy but that is next to impossible to get to. Double will almost certainly end the auction either with a big plus or minus score."

Smith: "Pass—I'd sure like to bid, but what can I say?"

Adams: "Pass—Looks like they got me, but I have no sane bid."

Landen: "Pass—Can't believe I'm not taking another bid with this monster hand, but what can I hope to make? It looks like a total misfit, so why not let the opponents play the hand?"

One expert guesses. If partner has the hand you want and you bid 3♠, he'll raise to four.

Welles: "4♠—If North has a very likely four spades, in light of the bidding, that alone might be enough to make 4♠. And he could well have enough to make game cold. Would not even consider any other bid."

Doubles in competitive auctions show good hands.

4) IMPs, You're Vulnerable

♠ A7♥ A10643♦ AK3♣ J109

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
????		1NT*	4♠
		*15-17	
Action	Score	Votes	Solvers
6NT	100	6	50
5NT	80	3	28
5♠	80	2	44
Double	70	2	39
6♥	50	0	38
4NT	50	0	61
5♥	50	1	18
Pass	20	0	03
5♣	20	0	01
7NT	20	0	01

You have a 1NT-opener opposite partner's 1NT opener and RHO has shown a very distributional hand. I would doubt that he's 7222, more likely 7411, 8311 or even 7510. You won't get rich defending 4♠ doubled. How many tricks are you going to get if East has ♠KQJxxxx♥x♦QJ109♣x? You'll get five tricks, which is +300.

Two experts double. Unless 4♠ makes, they will win IMPs only if the opponents at the other table go minus. While Opener is very likely to pass the double, this double is almost like a negative double. If Opener has a long suit, he's allowed to bid it.

King: "Double—We may well have a slam, although we can expect bad splits that could doom it. Also it is not easy to find the right strain or level and the other table could even end up going minus. I will take my sure plus."

East's bid suggests bad splits.

Landen: "Double—We might make a slam but it seems more likely this might be our last plus score."

Six experts go for the brass ring. There could be twelve tricks off the top and if there are not, after a few tricks the opponent's distribution could be an open book. There won't be any defensive ruffs. On the other hand, if opener does not have a second spade stopper and he loses a trick to East, many many tricks will be lost.

Welles: "6NT—With a minimum of 31 HCP you would be exploring for slam without East's interference. In view of the vulnerability, double is out - can't see getting them for more than 500, so will bid 6NT, to protect possible Qx in partner's hand. Once I have to bid a least five, might as well go for all the marbles."

Parker: "6NT—Just a guess, but notrump should play better than a suit contract, since there will be bad breaks. I see no scientific way of deciding how to bid this hand."

Smith: "6NT—Just a guess. I'm hoping this will play well since partner may be able to take an extra trick based on the bidding. Wouldn't be surprised, however, if it had no play."

Hopkins: "6NT—This is about right on values. I know partner could have the "Kiss of Death" hand ♠Kx♥xxx♦QJxx♣AKQx, but most of the time he won't have wastage in the Spade suit and we should have a good play for the contract. It might even come down to whether partner has Q9x of Hearts versus Qxx! That is difficult to determine after the pre-empt."

Schwartz: "6NT—With these spots and controls rates to have good play with the added advantage of knowing where the out-

side cards are. There is little advantage of bidding a suit contract where a defensive ruff is likely, or a bad trump break.”

Roman: “6NT—What I think we can make.”

Many times it’s right to bid what you think you can make. Certainly avoids bidding misunderstandings.

Four experts ask for partner’s help. After a 1NT or 2NT opener, a jump to 5NT is a grand slam notrump try. Bid seven with a maximum. After there has been a trump suit established, a jump to 5NT is the grand slam force, asking partner to bid seven holding two of the top three trump honors. All other jumps to 5NT ask partner to help decide what should be the trump suit. Choice of slams. By indirectly bidding hearts, you tell partner that you’re not sure about hearts as a trump suit. Let’s say partner bids 6♣ over your 5NT bid. Now 6♥ offers partner a choice between 6♥ and 6NT.

Elfant: “5NT—We have between 31 - 33 points. With more than 15 HCP I would want partner to bid the slam. We have spades stopped, and will probably be able to make the rest of the tricks in the other three suits.”

Woolsey: “5NT—Pick a slam. Over six-of-a-minor I’ll bid 6♥, and partner can choose between hearts and notrump. This hand is certainly worth driving to slam, and this approach has a reasonable chance of finding the best strain.”

Adams: “5NT—Choice of slams. Partner can pick Hearts, or 6NT. This is not a grand slam try at this level. If partner wants to try for a grand, he can try 6♠, letting me get out in 6NT.”

5NT asks partner to bid a suit, which could be a four-card suit. 5♠ accomplishes the same choice-of-slams ask but allows Opener to bid 5NT denying a five-card suit. If Opener has ♠xx♥KJx♦QJx♣AKQxx, you want to play 6♣. If Opener has ♠xx♥KJx♦QJx♣AKQx, you want to play in notrump or hearts.

Cappelletti: “5♠—Try for a suit but you might retreat into 6NT.”

One expert bids 5♥. I would expect 5♥ to show a six or seven-card heart suit. Opener can’t bid more since 5♥ could be a stretch.

Bloom: “5♥—Partner and I have 31-33 points between us. If I bid 4NT as a quantitative raise looking for notrump slam, we will never find a heart fit. We may find 6♥ if partner is at his max with three or four hearts and if not we have a good play for 5♥. Partner can correct to 5NT with a spade stopper and if I hear 5NT I will raise to 6NT.”

Use cuebids and/or 5NT as choice of

slams. Lets Opener help you make a choice.

5) IMPs, None Vulnerable

♠ A42♥ A93♦ Q94♣ J1087

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
????		1♦	1♥
Action	Score	Votes	Solvers
2♥	100	4	21
1NT	90	4	75
2♣	90	3	41
2NT	60	2	116
Double	40	1	21
2♦	30	0	01
3NT	30	0	03
3♥	20	0	02
5♦	20	0	01
Pass	20	0	02

Is this hand worth an invitational 2NT or a conservative 1NT? You could go other ways. 2♣, support diamonds by bidding 2♥ or make a three-card negative double. There are pluses and minus with all calls. 2NT could get notrump played from the wrong side. If opener has Qx or Jxx in hearts, notrump is best played from opener’s side. 1NT risks missing a good game when opener has a good 13-14 something like ♠Kx♥Kx♦AKxxx♣xxxx.

Two experts bid 2NT. 2NT shows 11-12 HCP and that is what you have but you’d want to have another heart stopper or at least the ten of hearts.

Welles: “2NT—Stands out. It would be the bid without interference, and no other bid comes close to showing the hand.”

Cappelletti: “2NT—Keep it simple. And the nine of hearts might promote a second stopper from your side. Note that the “Western” 2♥ cue bid, would not get partner to bid notrump with Qx or certain other holdings like JT and might result in playing a 4-3 diamond fit.”

2♥ is not a Western cue bid. It shows diamond support. Opener with a balanced hand and a heart stopper probably would bid 2NT.

One expert makes a negative double. Three-card negative doubles should only be made if there is no other reasonable alternative.

Smith: “Double—I never double without four spades, but I’m stuck (other bids stink). I think I can handle anything partner bids. Tough problem.”

Four experts go conservative and bid 1NT. Could be right if partner has a minimum weak notrump with no help in hearts.

Elfant: “1NT—The hand is too good to pass, and there is no clear suit preference. I

have the hearts stopped, so lying by one point is the most preferable option.”

Parker: “1NT—A little strong, but only one heart stopper and no source of tricks. A negative double only serves to confuse the issue and cue bidding hearts showing a diamond limit raise or better lies about the diamonds length.”

Landen: “1NT—Nothing strikes my fancy; 2NT about right, but anti-positional, can’t stand a negative double though it might rightside the notrump. It’s only a non vulnerable game that rates not to make.”

Schwartz: “1NT— I bid 1NT because if partner is balanced, the opponents should be able to establish five tricks before I have nine. If he is unbalanced and bids out, I can cue bid the next round.

Three experts bid 2♣. 2♣ could lead to problems on the next round. Can Opener bid 3♣ with a 17-count? Can Opener rebid 2NT with eleven HCP as well as with fourteen HCP? Can Opener rebid 2♦ with minimum openers and with extra-value openers? I think you’re forced to bid again over Opener’s rebid.

Bloom: “2♣—Not a lot of good choices here. A double is too misleading with only three spades. 1NT denies a four-card major but is weak. 2♣ will also deny a four-card major but show at least ten points. I would rather have five clubs or better quality but I don’t, and unless partner has at least three clubs they won’t get raised. 2♣ gives partner the option to support clubs, rebid diamonds, or best case bid notrump, all of which are fine with me.”

King: “2♣—I don’t like to make a negative double without four spades and any no trump

bid by me wrong sides the contract. Let’s force for a round and see what partner bids.”

Adams: “2♣—At matchpoints, I might take the low road, but at IMPs, see if partner has extra, and if so, play notrump from his side.”

Three experts join me and bid 2♥ a support-showing cue bid. Cue bids in this type of situation, after partner opens and there is an overall, show support for partner with at least limit raise values.

Over Opener’s rebid, I can use Eastern Cue Bids, which is the opposite of Western cue bids. 3♥, playing Eastern Cue bids, show a stopper in the opponent’s suit and strongly suggest that partner bid 3NT. I can use the Eastern Cue bid if there is at least one other non-natural bid available to show a hand without a stopper in the opponent’s suit. If Opener bids a black suit, I can bid the other black suit to show a game-forcing hand without a heart stopper. If you’re not playing Eastern cue bids, 3♥ by you asks Opener to do something intelligent and bidding 3NT with a heart stopper is the intelligent thing to do. Would he bid 3NT holding Qx or Jxx of hearts?

Hopkins: “2♥—I can handle most responses from partner. I don’t want to play notrump from my side.”

Roman: “2♥—Two aces and a fitting honor for partner is enough to convince me to go big with this hand.”

Woolsey: “2♥—Limit raise or better in diamonds. If North can bid 2NT, I’ll take my chances in 3NT. If he merely bids 3♦ I’ll have to pass, but it could easily be the right contract.”

Throw away Western cue bids and play Eastern cue bids.

SOLVERS’ SCORES

John Adams	A	5♥	Pass	5NT	2♣	390
Amy Bloom	E	5♠	Dbl	5♥	2♣	370
Mike Cappelletti	E	6♠	Dbl	5♠	2NT	400
Carol Elfant	F	5♠	Pass	5NT	1NT	420
Robbie Hopkins	F	Pass	Pass	6NT	2♥	500
Fred King	E	6♠	Pass	Dbl	2♣	430
Steve Landen	E	6♠	Pass	Dbl	1NT	430
Steve Parker	F	Pass	Dbl	6NT	1NT	480
Steve Robinson	F	Pass	Dbl	5♠	2♥	470
Jeff Roman	A	Pass	Dbl	6NT	2♥	440
Alan Schwartz	F	Pass	Pass	6NT	1NT	490
Dave Smith	E	Pass	Pass	6NT	Dbl	450
Mell Welles	E	6♠	4♠	6NT	2NT	360
Kit Woolsey	C	Pass	Dbl	5NT	2♥	400

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- 1 92.05 William Cole
- 2 89.32 Steve Robinson
- 3 85.09 Alfred Steinberg
- 4 78.83 Leo LaSota
- 5 77.54 Mark Shaw
- 6 73.52 Noble Shore
- 7 71.72 Michael Gill
- 8 63.45 Peter Boyd
- 9 63.04 James Geist
- 10 61.01 Arnie Frankel
- 11 58.79 John Adams
- 12 57.79 David Ruderman
- 13 55.80 Robert Bell
- 14 55.77 Benjamin Brill
- 15 48.50 Angeliki Magklara
- 16 48.23 William Hacker
- 17 47.13 Lloyd Rawley
- 18 45.92 Earl Glickstein
- 19 45.49 Alan Tenenbaum
- 20 45.23 Barry Bragin
- 21 44.72 Clyde Kruskal
- 22 41.94 Fred King
- 23 41.76 Donna Rogall
- 24 39.23 Richard Wegman
- 25 32.36 Donald Berman

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- 1 71.72 Michael Gill
- 2 48.50 Angeliki Magklara
- 3 47.13 Lloyd Rawley
- 4 45.23 Barry Bragin
- 5 31.42 Linda Marshall
- 6 28.51 Steven Schatzow
- 7 28.01 Arun Guha
- 8 25.28 Shyamalendu Pal
- 9 25.08 Charity Sack
- 10 24.39 Ellen Rosenthal
- 11 23.08 Neal Rosenthal
- 12 22.80 Katherine Rabenstein
- 13 22.55 Edwin Fuller Jr
- 14 22.45 Janet Dence
- 15 22.39 Mirsad Mujezinovic

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- 1 31.42 Linda Marshall
- 2 28.01 Arun Guha
- 3 25.28 Shyamalendu Pal
- 4 22.39 Mirsad Mujezinovic
- 5 20.29 Calvin Konner
- 6 18.69 Alfred Liepold
- 7 18.32 William Kingery Jr
- 8 16.63 Namik Haverich
- 9 15.59 Larry Moran
- 10 15.15 Norman Sweed

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- 1 28.01 Arun Guha
- 2 25.28 Shyamalendu Pal
- 3 11.61 Garry Grossman
- 4 11.24 John Horner
- 5 9.58 Jeanne Ferraro
- 6 8.67 Frank Hatten
- 7 8.28 Andrew Jacknain
- 8 8.16 Alan Walter
- 9 8.14 Beth Wisinski
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- 07/05/2007CLOSED Bethesda Regional
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- 07/26/2007StrataFlighted Unit Championship
- 08/02/2007StrataFlighted NAP
- 08/09/2007WBL Sectional
- 08/16/2007StrataFlighted Club Championship
- 08/23/2007StrataFlighted Unit Championship
- 08/30/2007StrataFlighted NAP
- 09/06/2007NVBA Sectional
- 09/13/2007StrataFlighted Unit Championship
- 09/20/2007StrataFlighted Unit Championship
- 09/27/2007Stratified STaC Pairs

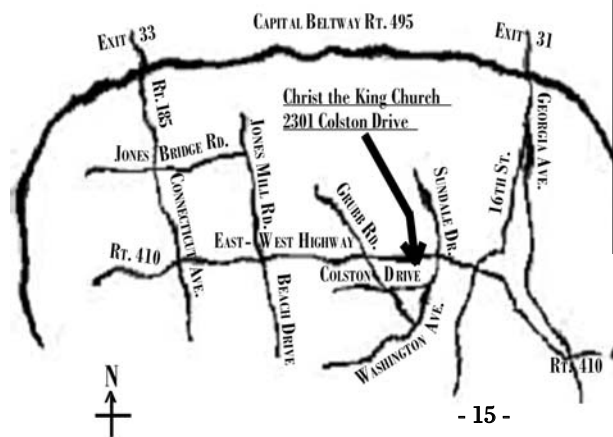
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UPCOMING SECTIONALS

- August 9-12Silver Spring, MD
- September 6-9Arlington, VA
- October 4-7Silver Spring, MD
- October 18-21Arlington, VA
- January 3-6, 2008Silver Spring, MD
- February 21-24, 2008Arlington, VA

MAP TO CHRIST THE KING CHURCH



**WBL GUARANTEED
PARTNER PROGRAM**

You never need to miss the unit game because you don't have a partner at the last minute! The WBL has a guaranteed partner (GP) program for players who occasionally need a partner for the unit game. Here's how it works: we provide a standby partner; if an odd number of people in need of a partner arrive, we match the players as best we can, and the GP plays with the one who is left. (If there is an even number of players looking, the GP goes home). You can always get a game.

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 between 9am and 10pm.

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,
jimbarb1108@aol.com

Behind the scene volunteers are helping keep this game we love alive and thriving. This month: **BRIDGE IS A GIFT! Looking for a great gift...** one that your friend or relative doesn't already have and will not collect dust nor add unnecessary pounds...an ACBL membership that includes the monthly *ACBL Bulletin* with articles for all level players, the bi-monthly *WBL Bulletin* with perhaps your name in lights and Steve's Solvers' Club plus other great articles and info and the *District 6 TableTALK* with informative columns to help us all become better players and info on upcoming tournaments. I feel you don't need to play duplicate to enjoy bridge literature, but perhaps one of my friends will decide to venture out into the duplicate world. Call ACBL Membership 1-800-264-2743 and give them the info on your recipient and you can charge the \$26.00 for the one year membership.

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

In 2006, the award went to **Dr. Charles Stenger** a worthy choice as the first recipient and someone who sets an example that we all should strive to emulate.

A committee has been appointed to consider this year's nominees and make a selection for this second year of the trophy. The criteria for awarding the trophy are as follows:

"The candidate should (1) demonstrate strong ethical standards and a commitment to active ethics (i.e., full disclosure of systems and agreements to opponents, etc.); (2) behave graciously at the table after bad results or good results; (3) exhibit exemplary behavior at all times toward partner and opponents; (4) demonstrate an ability to get along with multiple partners; and (5) demonstrate a willingness to help mentor other players in the game. A player wouldn't necessarily have to satisfy all five, but these are the main the criteria that the selection committee will consider."

We welcome nominations from the membership of the WBL. Please send your suggested candidate to **Fred King** at fredmking@gmail.com or in person at the unit game or the August Sectional. It would be appreciated if you would indicate in two or three sentences why you think your nominee is a good candidate for the award. We would like to hear from you by August 15, 2007.

2006-2007 WBL/NVBA PLAYER OF THE YEAR—FINAL STANDINGS

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.

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,

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Bits & Pieces, continued from p. 16...

Standings: Here are the final standings after all eight Sectionals. The asterisk* indicates that the player has met eligibility requirements.

Open Leaders	
Player	Points
1 Steve Robinson	149.29 *
2 Mark Shaw	145.42 *
3 William Cole	128.10 *
4 Alfred Steinberg	114.83 *
5 Peter Boyd	113.01 *
6 Earl Glickstein	105.52 *
7 Robert Bell	105.19 *
8 Helene Bauman	100.70 *
9 Jay Kelkar	84.27
10 John Adams	81.46
11 Arnie Frankel	76.68 *
12 Angeliki Magklara	75.61 *
13 Prahalad Rajkumar	75.46
14 Richard Wegman	74.00
15 Noble Shore	73.51
16 James Geist	71.26 *
17 Shuba Dey	67.82 *
18 Stan Schenker	67.38
19 Steven Schatzow	62.73 *
20 Raghavendra Rajkumar	62.72

NonLM Leaders	
Player	Points
1 Angeliki Magklara	75.61 *
2 Raghavendra Rajkumar	62.72
3 Alfred Liepold	51.10 *
4 Linda Marshall	46.51 *
5 Helen Long	36.56 *
6 Katherine Rabenstein	35.42 *
7 Ross Bley	34.76 *
8 Martha Bley	34.76 *
9 F Parisi-Presicce	29.92 *
10 Howard Grunin	27.04 *
11 Neil Selvin	27.04 *
12 Kevin O'Brien	26.96
13 Carl Noller	25.77 *
14 Roger Laumark	24.56 *
15 Jose Porres	24.13 *
16 Susan Miskura	23.99
17 Dennis Schwanz	23.99
18 Albert Lauber	23.39
19 Mike Frosch	22.99
20 Joe Lentz	22.57 *

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The 2007 WBL Annual Meeting was called to order by President **Fred King** at 7:00 PM.

Fred expressed thanks to the volunteers who contributed to the production and set-up of the dinner and meeting: **Nadine Wood, Dana Wood, Kitty Gottfried, Millard Nachtwey, Barbara Doran, Barbara Shaw, Matt Czecha, Audrey Marbach, Gloria Schulstad, Steve Robinson, Ellen Cherniavsky, Frances Burke, Audrey Stern, Shlomit Rind** and **Eileen Houghton**.

The minutes from last year's meeting were approved by the membership and the Treasurer's report was presented by Treasurer Steve Robinson, and approved by the membership.

Fred turned the meeting over to **Jim Allen**, Election Chair, who is recovering nicely (slowly but surely) from eight broken bones in his limbs

due to a fall from a mow when he was getting hay for his horses. Jim conducted the election of unit officers and directors. Dick Wegman moved (Barbara Doran seconded) that the policy of open one-year terms for Unit Directors going to the lowest vote getter(s) be suspended as Linda Marshall had volunteered to take the open one year term. The motion was approved. As no position was opposed, both slates were elected by acclamation. The new officers are: President **Fred King**, Vice President **Don Berman**, Secretary **Richard Ferrin** and Treasurer **Steve Robinson**. The new Unit Directors are: **Ellen Rosenthal, Clyde Kruskal, Carole Banks** and **Linda Marshall** (one-year term). Jim turned the meeting back to Fred.

Fred gave thanks to the many volunteers who make the WBL run so smoothly. He made special mention of the fantastic hospitality provided by **Nadine Wood** and **Kitty Gottfried**, (pictured top), the tireless work of the directing staff headed by **Ted Ying**, the hard work of the caddies, with a special men-



tion for **Alan Crank** for his work setting up the playing area and duplicating the boards, the wonderful work **Steve** and **Sandy Forsythe**

do with our new players, the efforts of **Jim Geist** in helping with set up and tear down, **Lee Jensen** for the repair and maintenance of the duplicating machine and the **Barbara Doran** for her work on the Partnership Desk and Guaranteed Partner program. On a personal note, he also thanked all of the other members of the Board of Directors, "Although uncompensated, they have all given their time and talents throughout this past year to help make it a success."

He then presented the **President's Award for Exceptional Service to the WBL**. "There are so many others whom I don't have time to thank, but I do want to give special recognition to one person who has always been ready to help, often without even being asked! She has helped out in cooking and serving and has made that delicious chili for us each year at our January sectional. She has been in charge of getting our trophies engraved, and especially let me just give an example of the initiative she has always displayed. When she saw how the condition of our bidding boxes was deteriorating, she volunteered to take them home, wash all of them, be sure that each box had a full set of bids and return them looking almost brand new. For these and all the other things she does in support of the WBL, I am pleased to give the **2007 President's Award** to **Barbara Shaw**."

Fred then presented the **Mini-McKenney** and **Ace of Clubs** awards, assisted by Charity Sack. Jim Storms moved (Fred Steinberg seconded) to adjourn the meeting. The motion was approved and the meeting was adjourned at 7:18.



**2006 MINI-McKENNEY
WBL UNIT 147 WINNERS**

<u>0 TO 5</u> Robert G Claypool	<u>100 TO 200</u> Roma Chandra	<u>500 TO 1000</u> Michael A Gill	<u>5000 TO 7500</u> Mr Fred M King
<u>5 TO 20</u> Jose Porres	<u>200 TO 300</u> Shlomit Rind	<u>1000 TO 2500</u> Mrs Diane Walker	<u>7500 TO 10,000</u> Mr Lou I Reich
<u>20 TO 50</u> Mr Roger W Laumark	<u>300 TO 500</u> Steven Schatzow	<u>2500 TO 5000</u> Mrs Lynn A Jones	<u>OVER 10,000</u> Mr Steve W Robinson
<u>50 TO 100</u> Ms Shawn C Stringer			

**2006
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WBL UNIT 147
WINNERS**

<u>0 TO 5</u> Robert G Claypool	<u>100 TO 200</u> Roma Chandra	<u>500 TO 1000</u> Mr John Laurim	<u>5000 TO 7500</u> Mrs Dalia Kende
<u>5 TO 20</u> Jose Porres	<u>200 TO 300</u> Eunsun Kil	<u>1000 TO 2500</u> Mrs Sarah R Goodstein	<u>7500 TO 10,000</u> Mrs Rossi Lindstrom
<u>20 TO 50</u> Mr Ronald B Bush	<u>300 TO 500</u> Steven Schatzow	<u>2500 TO 5000</u> Ms Juline R Glaz	<u>OVER 10,000</u> Mr Eugene L Kales
<u>50 TO 100</u> Ms Shawn C Stringer			





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THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

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NVBA (Beth El) WBL

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

...REST OF TOURNAMENT AT ELKS LODGE...

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

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, SEPTEMBER 8

STRATIFIED OPEN PAIRS (2000+/2000/750) 9:30 a.m.
STRATIFIED SENIOR PAIRS (2000+/2000/750) 9:30 a.m.
299ER PAIRS (300/200/100) and 49ER PAIRS (50/20) 9:30 a.m.
0-5 PAIRS 9:30 a.m.
FLIGHT A/X PAIRS (3000+/3000; 2-session Play-thru event) 2 & 7:30 p.m.
—Single session pairs accommodated during the evening session
STRATIFIED B/C PAIRS (2000/750; 2 single sessions) ... 2 & 7:30 p.m.
STRATIFIED SIDE GAME (3000+/3000) 2 p.m.
299ER PAIRS (300/200/100; 2 single sessions) 2 & 7:30 p.m.
49ER PAIRS (50/20/5) 2 p.m.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

Novice/Intermediate Lecture (Jeff Roman) 10:15 a.m.
FLIGHTS A/X (3000+/3000) & B/C (2000/750) SWISS TEAMS .11:00 a.m.
Both Flights are 2-session events, with one break—information concerning meal
options available in August
299ER SWISS TEAMS (300/200/100; Single session) 11:00 a.m.
49ER SWISS TEAMS (50/20/5; Single session) 11:00 a.m.
299ER SWISS TEAMS (300/200/100; Single session) 3:30 p.m.

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**61st ANNUAL
CITY OF WASHINGTON TOURNAMENT**

May 3-6, 2007

TOP TEN CUMULATIVE POINT WINNERS

In honor of the WBL's 75th Anniversary, awards were presented to the top point winners from each of our tournaments last year. The WBL has decided to continue this new tradition at each sectional this year. Congratulations to the City of Washington Tournament winners:

All Players

1	25.79	James Geist
2	25.79	William Cole
3	23.90	Mark Shaw
4	20.76	Arnie Frankel
5	20.60	Alfred Steinberg
6	18.91	Steve Robinson
7	18.46	Helene Bauman
8	18.20	Peter Boyd
9	16.65	John Adams
10	15.45	Robert Bell

Players with fewer than 500 masterpoints

1	9.93	Linda Marshall
2	9.59	Alfred Liepold
3	8.97	Helen Long
4	8.39	Jeff Youngen
	8.39	Terry Jones
6	7.30	Joyce Currie
7	6.94	Larry Moran
8	6.54	Ed Lawhon
9	6.44	Francesco Parisi-Presicce
10	5.75	James Beller

Players with fewer than 1500 masterpoints

1	10.10	Steve Bunning
2	9.93	Linda Marshall
3	9.59	Alfred Liepold
4	9.20	Steven Schatzow
5	8.97	Helen Long
6	8.94	Lloyd Rawley
7	8.83	Ellen Rosenthal
8	8.83	Neal Rosenthal
9	8.43	Janet Dence
	8.43	Edwin Fuller Jr

Players with fewer than 100 masterpoints

1	8.97	Helen Long
2	6.94	Larry Moran
3	5.75	James Beller
4	5.18	Neil Selvin
5	4.78	Paul Chassy
	4.78	Reina Rawley
7	4.77	Calvin Konner
8	3.81	Teri Harrison
9	3.63	Amy Bloom
10	3.32	Robert Kazdin

RESULTS

THURSDAY EVE A/X PAIRS

Stratum A, 39.0 Tables / Based on 89



1	Helene Bauman - Alan Kleist	.68.03
2	Steve Bunning - Kris Miller	.60.63
3	Mita Banerjee - Dalia Kende	.60.51
4	Michael Stafford - Robert Boyd	.59.92
5	Brad Theurer - James Geist	.59.87
6	Noble Shore - Michael Gill	.59.69
7	John Adams - William Cole	.58.42
8	Cecily Kohler - David Rodney	.56.50
9	Diane Alexander - Eugene Schuyler	.56.32

Stratum X, 21.5 Tables

1	Steve Bunning - Kris Miller	.60.63
2	Michael Stafford - Robert Boyd	.59.92
3	Noble Shore - Michael Gill	.59.69
4	Diane Alexander - Eugene Schuyler	.56.32
5	Alice Wegman - John Glynn	.55.62
6	Katherine Rabenstein - Linda Marshall	55.43

THURSDAY EVE B/C/D PAIRS

Stratum B, 22.5 Tables



1	Neal Rosenthal - Ellen Rosenthal	.67.15
2	Azmat Ali - Robert Kazdin	.60.70
3	Suzanne Abrams - Aquil Ahmed	.60.42
4	Jean Marx - Jerry Falconett	.59.95
5	Fernando Lecaros - Guillaume Dedecker	57.44
6	Calvin Konner - Anton Ganew	.57.42

Stratum C, 20.0 Tables

1	Neal Rosenthal - Ellen Rosenthal	.67.15
2	Azmat Ali - Robert Kazdin	.60.70
3	Suzanne Abrams - Aquil Ahmed	.60.42
4	Jean Marx - Jerry Falconett	.59.95
5	Fernando Lecaros - Guillaume Dedecker	57.44
6	Calvin Konner - Anton Ganew	.57.42

Stratum D, 13.5 Tables

1	Azmat Ali - Robert Kazdin	.60.70
2	Fernando Lecaros - Guillaume Dedecker	57.44

- 3 Calvin Konner - Anton Ganev57.42
- 4 Timothy Stewart - Reni Malloy56.21
- 5 Martha Bley - Ross Bley55.83
- 6 Ned Griffith - Albert Lauber55.42

THURSDAY EVE NLM PAIRS @ WBL

Stratum A, 16.0 Tables



- 1 Lee Slingluff - James Summers Jr . . .60.23
- 2 Carol Elfant - Joy Bloomfield60.04
- 3 Paul Beckerman - Larry Moran59.66
- 4 Dori Byrnes - Linda Silberg59.09
- 5 Ajit Thyagarajan - Prema Thyagarajan 57.01
- 6 Alfred Liepold - Vijay Rajan55.68

Stratum B, 10.0 Tables

- 1 Lee Slingluff - James Summers Jr . . .60.23
- 2 Paul Beckerman - Larry Moran59.66
- 3 Marilyn Rubinstein - Herbert Rubinstein 54.55
- 4/5 Michael Watts - Sheila Kaplan54.36
- 4/5 Louis Coccodrilli - Stephen Weiner .54.36
- 6 Marie Saeger - Andrew Jacknain . . .53.98

Stratum C, 7.0 Tables

- 1 Lee Slingluff - James Summers Jr . . .60.23
- 2 Michael Watts - Sheila Kaplan54.36
- 3 Marie Saeger - Andrew Jacknain . . .53.98
- 4 Garry Grossman - Tom Palagano48.30
- 5 Edmund Gehan - Suzanne Kilczewski 47.54

THURSDAY EVE 199ER PAIRS @ NVBA

Stratum A, 11.5 Tables

- 1 Rod Spicer - Peggy Mc Carter63.42
- 2 Deanna Shuman - Hilda Sheffer60.59
- 3 Linda Szyszka - Donald Szyszka . . .57.63
- 4 Peyton Wynns - Sharon Wynns56.99
- 5 Peter Pecori - Robert Dorosin55.07
- 6 Paula Cloyd - Tom Feick54.38

Stratum B, 8.5 Tables

- 1 Rod Spicer - Peggy Mc Carter63.42
- 2 Deanna Shuman - Hilda Sheffer60.59
- 3 Linda Szyszka - Donald Szyszka . . .57.63
- 4 Peyton Wynns - Sharon Wynns56.99
- 5 Peter Pecori - Robert Dorosin55.07

Stratum C, 6.5 Tables

- 1 Deanna Shuman - Hilda Sheffer . . .60.59
- 2 Linda Szyszka - Donald Szyszka . . .57.63
- 3 Peter Pecori - Robert Dorosin55.07
- 4 David Soukup - Wayne Mc Pherson .49.98
- 5 Stephen Drodge - Andrew Rodriguez 48.80

FRIDAY MORN OPEN PAIRS

Stratum A, 17.5 Tables / Based on 29



- 1 Shou-Ling Wang (pic.) - Ronald Spath .67.73

- 2 Janet Dence - Edwin Fuller Jr64.02
- 3 Douglas Fox - Larry Moran61.11
- 4 Andrew Gofreed - Alfred Steinberg .60.65
- 5 Ruth Potter - Jeff Roman57.14
- 6 Ann Lindley - Barbara Shaw56.25

Stratum B, 13.5 Tables

- 1 Janet Dence - Edwin Fuller Jr64.02
- 2 Douglas Fox - Larry Moran61.11
- 3 James Geist - Steven Schatzow . . .54.63
- 4 Juan Pardo - Tsung Lee54.23
- 5 Robert Lawrence - Frances Lawrence 54.17
- 6 Samuel Keiter - Richard Robinson .53.70

Stratum C, 9.0 Tables

- 1 Douglas Fox - Larry Moran61.11
- 2 Juan Pardo - Tsung Lee54.23
- 3 Robert Lawrence - Frances Lawrence 54.17
- 4 David Lipke - Morris Edmundson .53.18
- 5 Carol Fouts - Allan Gray51.19

FRIDAY MORN NONLM PAIRS

Stratum A, 11.0 Tables



- 1 Norman Sweed - Ronnie Sweed . . .60.71
- 2 James Biss - Pat Lonergan59.52
- 3 Calvin Konner - Craig Perry55.95
- 4 Robert Drake - Florence Drake55.36
- 5 Barbara Rolling - Ruth Melson . . .55.06
- 6 Helen Long - Alfred Liepold54.76

Stratum B, 6.0 Tables

- 1 Norman Sweed - Ronnie Sweed . . .60.71
- 2 Calvin Konner - Craig Perry55.95
- 3 Helen Long - Alfred Liepold54.76
- 4 Alan Walter - Donna Hankey-Woods .53.57

Stratum C, 2.5 Tables

- 1 Alan Walter - Donna Hankey-Woods .53.57
- 2/3 Beth Wisinski - Arun Guha51.19
- 2/3 Temma Kanowith - Judith Jacobi . . .51.19

FRI AFT FLIGHT A/X PAIRS

Stratum A, 10.0 Tables / Based on 36



- 1 Jeff Roman - Ruth Potter62.92
- 2 Linda Marshall - James Beller61.61
- 3 Ann Lindley - Edward Chow Jr60.16
- 4 Hal Holtzclaw - Alfred Duncker . . .57.74
- 5 Donna Rogall - Clyde Kruskal56.21
- 6 Fred King - Barbara Shaw56.08

Stratum X, 6.0 Tables

- 1 Linda Marshall - James Beller61.61
- 2 Ann Lindley - Edward Chow Jr60.16
- 3 Hal Holtzclaw - Alfred Duncker . . .57.74
- 4 Donna Rogall - Clyde Kruskal56.21

FRI AFT FLIGHT B/C/D PAIRS

Stratum B, 14.0 Tables



- 1 Francesco Parisi-Presicce - Mike Frosch 63.83
- 2 Candy Greenway - Sheldon Zimble .63.26
- 3 Douglas Fox - Larry Moran63.07
- 4 Janet Dence - Edwin Fuller Jr58.33
- 5 John Lowe III - Richard Allison . . .56.82
- 6 Aaron Navarro - Margie Coccodrilli .55.87

Stratum C, 11.5 Tables

- 1 Francesco Parisi-Presicce - Mike Frosch 63.83
- 2 Candy Greenway - Sheldon Zimble .63.26
- 3 Douglas Fox - Larry Moran63.07
- 4 Esther Brenner - Donald Jacobs . . .54.36
- 5 Jeffrey Boak - John Reynolds54.17
- 6 Leonid Fastovsky - John S. Jr. Mason 53.22

Stratum D, 6.5 Tables

- 1 Francesco Parisi-Presicce - Mike Frosch 63.83
- 2 Candy Greenway - Sheldon Zimble .63.26
- 3 Douglas Fox - Larry Moran63.07
- 4 Esther Brenner - Donald Jacobs . . .54.36
- 5 Leonid Fastovsky - John S. Jr. Mason 53.22

FRI AFT NLM PAIRS

Stratum A, 12.0 Tables



- 1 Annapurna Satpathy - Gerald O'Dell .61.07
- 2 Neil Selvin - Howard Grunin60.60
- 3 Betty Palmer - Helen Fillion59.19
- 4 Alfred Liepold - Helen Long56.13
- 5 Paul Chassy - Reina Chassy55.92
- 6 Roger Laumark - Joav Steinbach . . .55.58

Stratum B, 8.5 Tables

- 1 Gerald O'Dell - Annapurna Satpathy .61.07
- 2 Alfred Liepold - Helen Long56.13
- 3 Paul Chassy - Reina Chassy55.92
- 4 Roger Laumark - Joav Steinbach . . .55.58
- 5 Robert Wilbur - Henry Thompson . .54.25

Stratum C, 5.5 Tables

- 1 Gerald O'Dell - Annapurna Satpathy .61.07
- 2 Paul Chassy - Reina Chassy55.92
- 3 Robert Wilbur - Henry Thompson . .54.25
- 4 Carol Elfant - Ruby Brooks50.54

FRI EVE A/X BAROMETER PAIRS

Stratum A, 12.0 Tables / Based on 30



- 1 Clyde Kruskal - Donna Rogall62.12

- 2 Lyle Poe Jr - Alfred Steinberg59.09
- 3 Steven Schatzow - Jeffrey Boak58.71
- 4 Earl Glickstein - Robert Bell57.20
- 5 Fred King - Charleen Brand56.44
- 6 Mark Lavine - Jacqueline Lavine . . .56.06

Stratum X, 5.5 Tables

- 1 Steven Schatzow - Jeffrey Boak58.71
- 2 Mark Lavine - Jacqueline Lavine . . .56.06
- 3 James Geist - Chris Stewart53.22
- 4 Andrew Lipps - Eric Branfman49.62

FRI EVE B/C/D BAROMETER PAIRS

Stratum B, 17.5 Tables



- 1 Veronica Flynn - Anita Christman . . .67.23
- 2 Martha Bley - Ross Bley65.28
- 3 Teri Harrison - Sorina Negulescu . .58.76
- 4 Gloria Halstead - Francesco Parisi-Presicce57.91
- 5 Ellen Rosenthal - Neal Rosenthal . .56.81
- 6 Neil Selvin - Howard Grunin56.53

Stratum C, 14.5 Tables

- 1 Veronica Flynn - Anita Christman . . .67.23
- 2 Martha Bley - Ross Bley65.28
- 3 Teri Harrison - Sorina Negulescu . .58.76
- 4 Gloria Halstead - Francesco Parisi-Presicce57.91
- 5 Ellen Rosenthal - Neal Rosenthal . .56.81
- 6 Neil Selvin - Howard Grunin56.53

Stratum D, 9.0 Tables

- 1 Veronica Flynn - Anita Christman . . .67.23
- 2 Teri Harrison - Sorina Negulescu . .58.76
- 3 Neil Selvin - Howard Grunin56.53
- 4 Helen Long - Alfred Liepold56.03
- 5 Joyce Currie - Amy Bloom54.47

SATURDAY MORN B/C/D PAIRS

Stratum B, 20.0 Tables



- 1 Robert Levey - Walter Smith Jr67.86
- 2 Janet Berman - Donald Jacobs61.01
- 3 Sherie Schneider - Gloria Sherwood .59.78
- 4 Sorina Negulescu - Teri Harrison . .59.44
- 5 Leonid Fastovsky - William Nicolai .58.33
- 6 Thomas Reckford - Behnaz Fardshishesh 57.74

Stratum C, 17.0 Tables

- 1 Robert Levey - Walter Smith Jr67.86
- 2 Janet Berman - Donald Jacobs61.01
- 3 Sherie Schneider - Gloria Sherwood .59.78
- 4 Sorina Negulescu - Teri Harrison . .59.44
- 5 Leonid Fastovsky - William Nicolai .58.33
- 6 Thomas Reckford - Behnaz Fardshishesh 57.74

Stratum D, 10.5 Tables

- 1 Janet Berman - Donald Jacobs61.01
- 2 Sherie Schneider - Gloria Sherwood .59.78
- 3 Sorina Negulescu - Teri Harrison . . .59.44
- 4 Thomas Reckford - Behnaz Fardshishesh 57.74
- 5 Candace Carlton - Terry Carlton . . .57.57
- 6 Ray Dodson - Judy Braddy56.85

SATURDAY MORN NLM PAIRS**Stratum A, 11.0 Tables**

- 1 Alfred Liepold - Helen Long69.30
- 2 Paul Chassy - Reina Chassy63.31
- 3 Tsung Lee - Robert Kay60.42
- 4 Joan Fitzpatrick - Gail Morgenweck .59.32
- 5 Frances Knopf - Edmund Gehan . . .58.38
- 6 Helen Fillion - M. Josette Johnson .54.59

Stratum B, 8.5 Tables

- 1 Alfred Liepold - Helen Long69.30
- 2 Paul Chassy - Reina Chassy63.31
- 3 Joan Fitzpatrick - Gail Morgenweck .59.32
- 4 Frances Knopf - Edmund Gehan . . .58.38
- 5 Helen Fillion - M. Josette Johnson .54.59

Stratum C, 2.5 Tables

- 1 Paul Chassy - Reina Chassy63.31
- 2 Erika Emery - Jerome Gumbiner . . .54.17

SATURDAY MORN 49ER PAIRS**Stratum A, 5.0 Tables**

- 1 Frank Hatten - Ernie Schuler73.00
- 2 Temma Kanowith - Judith Jacobi . . .66.00
- 3 Barbara Levine - Maxine Penn55.00
- 4 Christa Storm - H Peter Storm53.00

Stratum B, 4.0 Tables

- 1 Frank Hatten - Ernie Schuler73.00
- 2 Temma Kanowith - Judith Jacobi . . .66.00
- 3 Barbara Levine - Maxine Penn55.00

WBL TROPHY PAIRS

10.0 Tables / Based on 55



- 1 Arnie Frankel - James Geist147.50
- 2 Peter Boyd - Steve Robinson145.37
- 3 William Cole - Mark Shaw143.09
- 4 Kenneth Berg - Robert Ellis139.44
- 5 Donna Rogall - Clyde Kruskal135.27
- 6 Wilmont Howard Jr - Rammohan Sarangan126.91
- 7 Eileen Theimer - Mita Banerjee . . .126.07

- 8 Richard Wegman - Alfred Steinberg 123.73

SATURDAY AFT A/X CONS PAIRS**Stratum A, 8.0 Tables**

- 1 Fred King - Robert Bell64.58
- 2 Thomas Musso - Ellen Cherniavsky .60.42
- 3 James Prentiss - Margaret Whalen .58.93
- 4/5 Lloyd Rawley - Siiri Suits55.95
- 4/5 Carole Banks - Jeff Roman55.95

Stratum X, 4.5 Tables

- 1 Thomas Musso - Ellen Cherniavsky .60.42
- 2 James Prentiss - Margaret Whalen .58.93
- 3 Lloyd Rawley - Siiri Suits55.95
- 4 Joanne Pretti - Louise Sellers49.70

SATURDAY AFT B/C/D PAIRS**Stratum B, 15.5 Tables**

- 1 Jeff Youngen - Terry Jones58.99
- 2 Walter Smith Jr - Robert Levey . . .58.17
- 3 Steven Fox - Albert Lauber57.96
- 4 Audrey Warren - Sarah Goodstein . .56.88
- 5 Gloria Halstead - Youssof Seraj . . .55.90
- 6 Aaron Navarro - Margie Coccodrilli .55.41

Stratum C, 12.5 Tables

- 1 Jeff Youngen - Terry Jones58.99
- 2 Walter Smith Jr - Robert Levey . . .58.17
- 3 Steven Fox - Albert Lauber57.96
- 4 Gloria Halstead - Youssof Seraj . . .55.90
- 5 John Reynolds - Katherine Rabenstein 54.06
- 6 Roma Chandra - Shlomit Rind53.83

Stratum D, 7.5 Tables

- 1 Jeff Youngen - Terry Jones58.99
- 2 Carl Noller - Martha Kendall, Md . .53.62
- 3 Candy Greenway - Ron Starr50.65
- 4 Joyce Currie - Jim Wildey50.61
- 5 Helen Dodge - Linda Clover49.93

SATURDAY AFT NLM PAIRS**Stratum A, 13.0 Tables**

- 1 Mary Ann Kral - Linda Burton62.31
- 2/3 Marvin Raines - Ruth Woods61.36
- 2/3 Helen Long - Alfred Liepold61.36
- 4 Tsung Lee - Robert Kay57.39

- 5 Roger Laumark - Amy Bloom56.06
- 6 Dori Byrnes - Linda Silberg55.49

Stratum B, 6.0 Tables

- 1 Amanda Carter - Janet Henrichsen .55.11
- 2 Michael Watts - Sheila Kaplan53.79
- 3 Noah Calhoun - Cecelia Calhoun . . .49.81
- 4 Bob Blodgett - Virginia Ivin47.73

Stratum C, 2.5 Tables

- 1 Amanda Carter - Janet Henrichsen .55.11
- 2 Rebecca Cardozo - Suzanne Kilczewski 45.64

SUNDAY FLIGHT A/X SWISS**Stratum A, 13 Tables / Based on 47**

- 1 William Cole - Ai-Tai Lo - John Adams - Mark Shaw (not pic.)113.00
- 2 Alfred Steinberg - Richard Wegman - Robert Bell - Earl Glickstein91.00
- 3 Jason Meyer - Lloyd Rawley - Larry Kahn - H John Edmonds90.00
- 4 Steve Robinson - Peter Boyd - William Pettis - Stephen Landen - Beth Palmer . . .85.00
- 5 Arnie Frankel - Richard Ferrin - Eugene Kales - Helene Bauman75.00

Stratum X, 4 Tables

- 1 Jason Meyer - Lloyd Rawley - Larry Kahn - H John Edmonds90.00

SUNDAY FLIGHT B/C/D SWISS**Stratum B, 21 Tables**

- 1 Ed Lawhon - Steven Shauck - Barbara Israel - Frederick Mueller101.00
- 2 Irvin Eberlin - Joyce Currie - Jeff Youngen - Terry Jones99.00
- 3/4 Jeffrey Kosnett - John Glynn - Alice Wegman - Ronald Susi92.00
- 3/4 Ellen Rosenthal - Jerry Miller - Neal Rosenthal - Margie Coccodrilli . . .92.00
- 5 Michael Polunin - Dale Dallaire - Suzanne Abrams - Aquil Ahmed90.00
- 6 Edwin Fuller Jr - William Kingery Jr - Janet Dence - Steven Schatzow . . .85.00

Stratum C, 11 Tables

- 1 Steven Shauck - Ed Lawhon - Barbara Israel - Frederick Mueller101.00
- 2 Irvin Eberlin - Joyce Currie - Jeff Youngen

- Terry Jones99.00
- 3 Nancy Cartwright - Maribel Newby - Kiyomi Shiba - Roberta Feldman . . .78.00
- 4 Gloria Halstead - Mike Frosch - Youssof Seraj - Francesco Parisi-Prsicce . . .74.00

Stratum D, 4 Tables

- 1 Nancy Cartwright - Maribel Newby - Kiyomi Shiba - Roberta Feldman . . .78.00

SUNDAY MORN NLM SWISS**Stratum A, 13 Tables**

- 1 Terence McCarthy - Seth Chamberlain - Howard Grunin - Neil Selvin57.00
- 2 Garry Grossman - Calvin Konner - Shyamalendu Pal - Arun Guha55.00
- 3 William Carr - Christine Carr - Alan Walter - Kimberly Ferguson53.00
- 4 Robert Kay - Lois Kay - Sally Hollman - Lawrence Hollman48.00
- 5 Marjorie Kulash - Damian Kulash - Helen Long - Alfred Liepold46.00

Stratum B, 10 Tables

- 1 Garry Grossman - Calvin Konner - Shyamalendu Pal - Arun Guha55.00
- 2 William Carr - Christine Carr - Alan Walter - Kimberly Ferguson53.00
- 3 Marjorie Kulash - Damian Kulash - Helen Long - Alfred Liepold46.00
- 4 Duchesne Clark - Shirley Clark - Laura Garvey - Shelley Kempner45.00

Stratum C, 4 Tables

- 1 William Carr - Christine Carr - Alan Walter - Kimberly Ferguson53.00

SUNDAY AFT NLM SWISS**Stratum A, 7 Tables**

- 1 Linda Clover - Amy Bloom - Reina Chassy - Paul Chassy53.00
- 2 Helen Long - Alfred Liepold - Damian Kulash - Marjorie Kulash45.00
- 3 Duchesne Clark - Shirley Clark - Laura Garvey - Shelley Kempner44.00

Stratum B, 4 Tables

- 1 Helen Long - Alfred Liepold - Damian Kulash - Marjorie Kulash45.00



NLM MASTER POINTERS

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

REVERSES: THE MOST MISUNDERSTOOD BID!

Recently my husband, Steve, was teaching a group of beginners about forcing bids. Of course he mentioned reverses, which are forcing for one round. The students' eyes glazed over and their jaws went slack. "We don't understand reverses!" they wailed.

It seems to me that reverses are the most misunderstood bid in all of bridge. They don't get no respect! "Oh, I don't play reverses," you'll hear your new partner say, after she's just forced you to bid at the three level with your minimum hand. The problem is, those who don't study reverses are doomed to force their partnership to bid too high and go down.

What is a reverse? When opener's rebid at the two level is in a higher-ranking suit than his opening bid, that's a reverse. The key is that *it's not possible for responder to support opener's first suit at the two level*. If responder can't stand opener's second suit, she might have to bid 2NT, or support opener's first suit at the three level. Since the partnership should have at least 23 points to safely bid 2NT, and responder might have only six points, opener needs 17+ points to reverse!

Let's look at some auctions:

1) <u>North</u>	<u>South</u>	2) <u>North</u>	<u>South</u>
1♦	1♠	1♦	1♠
2♥		1NT	

In Auction #1, North's rebid is a reverse because he's bidding a higher-ranking suit than the one he opened, and it's a suit that South has bypassed. South now knows not only that North has at least 17 points, but also that his first suit (diamonds) is longer than his second suit (hearts). When you reverse, your first bid suit should always be longer than your second suit. South is *forced* to bid again. If she wants to show a preference for North's

original suit, she has to bid diamonds at the three level! North needs a powerful hand to push the bidding up so high, when South has promised only six points.

In Auction #2, North may have four hearts, but he doesn't have the strength to reverse, so he rebids 1NT. It's South's job to now bid 2♥ if she happens to have five spades and four hearts. (With four spades and four hearts, South would have bid 1♥ on her first turn. We bid four-card suits "up-the-line" to help us find our 4-4 fits.)

3) <u>North</u>	<u>South</u>	4) <u>North</u>	<u>South</u>
1♣	1♠	1♦	1♠
2♦		2♣	

These auctions might appear to be similar, but they are very different! In Auction #3, since North has reversed, if South wants to go back to partner's first-bid suit, she has to go all the way to 3♣! Auction #3 promises at least 17 points and more clubs than diamonds. In Auction #4, on the other hand, if South prefers diamonds to clubs, she can simply bid 2♦ without raising the level of the contract. Auction #4 tends to show more diamonds than clubs. But what would North bid if his clubs were longer than his diamonds and he wasn't strong enough to reverse? If he's too unbalanced to rebid 1NT, and he doesn't have six clubs and so can't rebid his clubs, he might consider opening diamonds and then rebidding clubs! Although this is contrary to the rule of opening your longer minor, it's much better to lie to partner about the length of your minor suits than it is to lie about the strength of your hand.

5) <u>North</u>	<u>South</u>	6) <u>North</u>	<u>South</u>
1♥	1NT	1♥	1NT
2♠		P/2♣/2♦	

In Auction #5, North bids his spades even though South has denied having four of

STEPPING UP TO NEW HEIGHTS:

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them. In Auction #6, North might have four spades, but with a minimum hand, he passes 1NT or bids a minor with a very distributional hand.

7) <u>North</u>	<u>South</u>
1♦	1♥
1♠	

This is not a reverse, even though North's second suit is higher than his first, because his rebid is at the one level. South hasn't denied a four-card spade suit.

Partner reversed; what do I do now?

1. Don't pass! Assume she's read this column and she has the strength for her bid.
2. With a weak hand (6 or 7 points), rebid your major if you have five or more. Otherwise, bid 2NT. With just 17 or a bad 18, opener will probably pass or place the contract. If opener has extras, she can still go to game.
3. Any other bid is natural and forcing to game. You can raise opener's first suit with three-card support, or raise her second suit with four. Bidding 3NT shows 8-11 points and a balanced hand.

Reverses are useful for players at every level. Respect the reverse and you'll suffer fewer reverses at the bridge table!

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

1) Matchpoints, None Vulnerable

♠ KQJ4♥ Q6543♦ K94♣2

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
DBL	PASS	2♣	1♠
3♥	PASS	3NT	3♣
?????		PASS	PASS

2) IMPs, None Vulnerable

♠ AKQ95♥ 54♦ Q2♣ AKQ10

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
1♠	2♥	Pass	3♥
?????			

3) IMPs, There're Vulnerable

♠ AK1032♥ J9♦ A53♣ A72

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
2♠	3♦	Pass	2♦
?????	3♥	3♥	Pass

4) IMPs, You're Vulnerable

♠ 9♥ A53♦ AKJ5♣ AK872

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
1♣	2♠	Pass	Pass
?????		Pass	3♥

5) IMPs, None Vulnerable

♠ A654♥ 3♦ QJ10765♣87

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
?????		1♠	Pass

Return answers by June 18 to:

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