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PRESIDENT'S LETTER

by WBL President, Fred King

For those of you who have never attended an NABC (commonly known as a "Nationals"), I urge you to do so. They are a lot of fun and it is interesting to spend time surrounded by bridge players, including some of the most famous in the world, immersed in the game we love. It also is a chance to see a number of different cities throughout the U.S. In the coming fifteen months alone they will be held in San Francisco, Detroit, Las Vegas, and Boston. Great diversity both geographically and culturally.

The most recent Nationals was held in Nashville in July and I wanted to tell those of you who don't know already, that the WBL did quite well there and it was not just "the usual suspects". It started with the Grand National Teams where the WBL represented district 6. Our team of **Robbie Hopkins, Joan Lewis, Barry Falgout, Rusty Krauss** (borrowed from NVBA), **Steve Robinson** and **Peter Boyd** made it to the semifinals before losing to the eventual champions.

The tournament also finished with some WBL players doing quite well. **Angeliki Magklara** became a life master less than a year ago and **Jason Rosenfeld**, who has moved to Boston, but is still a WBLer at heart and their teammates came in second in the two day National Swiss. This very tough field started with 130 teams, and for players of their youth and relative inexperience to finish so high is quite an accomplishment and an inspiration.

But the main story of the whole tournament was of a four person team who started out as the 67th seed in a field of 74 for the Spingold Teams and won match after match against higher seeded teams all the way into the semifinals. For such a low seeded team to go this far would be like Princeton or Morgan State getting all the way to the NCAA basketball finals. This Cinderella team was captained by the WBL's own

Hailong Ao and included **Jian-Jian Wang**, also of the WBL and **David Chechelashvili** who moved from the WBL to California a few years ago.

To all of these players, I say, "Well done indeed!" We often say that bridge is such a great game because we can play against the best in the world whereas most golfers can never hope to play against Tiger Woods. These players, whom you can see most Thursday nights playing in the best unit game in the country, show that not only can we play against the best in the world, at least some times we can also beat them! So whenever you feel like it is not worth entering some event because you can "never" win, remember Nashville and the great record the WBL players put up there.

—Fred King

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- ♦ Stratified Pairs (unlim/2000/500)10:00am
 - ♥ StrataFlighted A/X (unlim/3000) & B/C/D Pairs (1500/1000/500)2:00pm
 - ♠ **IMP Pairs, Beer & Bratwurst**7:30pm
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- ♠ Newcomer Pairs (50/20/5) (single sessions)11:00am, 3:30pm
- ♣ **Machlin Sportsmanship Award** Presentation & between sessions Panel Show ...2:30pm

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

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

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 - ♣ **Bracketed IMP Pairs & computer assigned Board-An-IMP Teams** 7:30pm
- Friday nights are your chance to try a different form of the game. This evening, there will be 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.
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to Honor New Life Masters between sessions

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SUNDAY, JANUARY 6

WBL Trophy Race Winners' Presentation between sessions

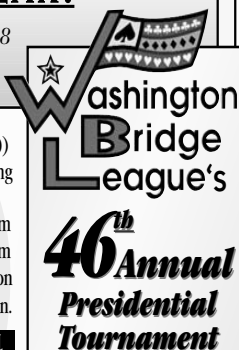
- ♣ **NEW! Bracketed Teams.** (2 session playthru w/short break) 11:00am & TBA
- Check out this new format!** Each bracket of eight teams (by masterpoints) will play a complete round robin. *Each team plays all of the other teams in its bracket!* The top bracket will hold an unlimited number of teams and will play a swiss format. Your team may choose to play up—but only into the top bracket. *If you like playing A teams, you can—otherwise, play against your peers!*
- ♣ 300/100/50 Swiss Teams, VPs (single sessions) 11:00am, 3:00pm

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**WELCOME TO THE
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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.

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ANNUAL HOLIDAY PARTY

...Thursday, Dec. 13 at the Unit Game

Buffet Dinner starts at 6 p.m.

Game starts at 7:30 p.m.



The Annual **WASHINGTON BRIDGE LEAGUE HOLIDAY PARTY**, which includes dinner and a bridge game will be held at the Thursday night Unit Game on December 13. Everyone is asked to bring their favorite goodies (appetizers, salads, casserole, desserts, etc.). The main course and holiday drinks will be provided. Dinner will be served from 6 to 7 p.m., followed shortly after by the game. If you have any questions or would like to help with the party, please call Kitty at (301) 587-3981 or email her at kgottfried@hotmail.com.

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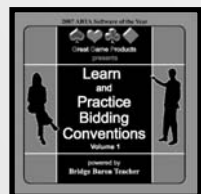
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WBL SOLVERS' CLUB

Moderated by Steve Robinson

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Congratulations to **Len Helfgott, Natalie Aronsohn, Richard Freedman** and **Michael Polunin** 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 fifth were **Mark Shaw, Dave Abelow, Randall Holden** and **Hy Chansky** with a score of 470. Tied for ninth were **Ron Zucker, Theodore Nelson, Ram Sarangan** and **Richard Majeuski** with a score of 460. Tied for thirteenth were **Marvin Elster** and **Carl Nollar** with a score of 450. Tied for fifteenth were **Al Duncker** and **Mark Chen** with a score of 440. Tied for seventeenth were **Carol Elfant, Robert Cohen** and **Hank Meyer** with a score of 430. Tied for twentieth were **Leo Cardillo, Sonney Taragin, Robert Stone, Ron Starr, Sorina Negulescu** and **Neil Selvin** with a score of 420. The average score of the 233 solvers was 341. The average score of the experts was 419.

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

1) IMPs, You're Vulnerable

♠ K54♥ 6543♦ A1043♣ A7

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
		1♦	2♣
Dbl	3♣	3♠	Pass
?????			
Action	Score	Votes	Solvers
4♦	100	3	51
4♣	90	4	18
4♠	50	2	64
3NT	40	1	56
Pass	40	0	33
5♦	30	0	10
4♥	20	0	02

When partner opens one-of-a-minor and RHO bids two-of-the-other-minor or three-of-the-other-minor, you would like to have two four-card majors to make a negative double. However, sometimes you are only dealt one four-card major. A negative double of two-of-a-minor or three-of-a-minor shows both majors or one major and support for partner's minor. In this problem you have one major and support for partner's diamonds. On good days, partner bids hearts.

This is a poor day. Partner bid 3♠ and he's allowed to do so with a sound minimum hand. I would bid 3♠ holding ♠ Axxx♥ Kxx♦ KQxx♣xx. Where do you want to play opposite a weak notrump hand like that? Do you play the seven-card spade fit or do you go back to the known eight-card or longer diamond fit?

Two experts join me and show a non-game forcing hand with diamonds and hearts. Partner is allowed to continue but there will be many hands where partner will struggle to make 4♦.

Woolsey: "4♦ — I would never make a negative double with a doubleton spade, so partner should have a good idea of my shape. Anything he does is likely to be right. 4♣ would not be choice of games — it would be a slam-try in spades. How else could you make a slam try if you have a strong hand with a four-card spade suit?"

Schwartz: "4♦ — Even if 4♣ was interpreted as a choice of games, it won't solve the problem as when you remove 4♥, partner won't expect you to be using it to find a 4-3 spade fit and would thus play you for the real deal. Partner needs a perfect fit for 5♦ to be right opposite a 12-14 hand even with the expected 4-5 in the pointed suits and bidding only 4♦ still leaves room to find a profitable 4-3 spade fit."

Two experts attempt to play a 4-3 spade fit. 4♠ will make if partner has ♠ AQJx♥xx♦ KQxxx♣xx but if partner has ♠ Axxx♥ Kxx♦ KQxx♣xx -800 is possible.

Cappelletti: "4♠ — 4-3 fit with AAK probably better than 5♦ or 3NT."

Parker: "4♠ — I would never make a negative double with this hand, I would bid 3♠ showing a limit raise or better in diamonds. But since I have promised the majors I will bid on. Partner should be 5-4 in diamonds and spades so ten tricks should be a good bet. He should win five diamonds, three spades, a club and a heart."

Four experts cue bid. Not sure what that will accomplish other than getting too high. I think 4♣ would be a slam-try cuebid rather than a choice-of-games cuebid. Since opener would very likely interpret 4♣ as a slam try, he will not help you get to your

best strain.

Adams: "4♣ — My first instinct is to bid 3NT, but that has no guarantee, and we might be cold for a slam with 3NT down. ♠ AQJx♥ A♦ Kxxxx♣xx produces a grand slam in diamonds, and that is only 14 HCP. Can partner have a balanced minimum weak notrump for the 3♠ bid? Yes, but seems less likely on the bidding."

If partner had ♠ AQJx♥ A♦ Kxxxx♣xx he would have bid 4♠.

Landen: "4♣ — Tough problem Pass, 3NT, 4♠ or 4♦ might be right. I won't pass as 4♦ is probably a safer partscore than 3♠. I'll bid 4♣ hope partner takes it as choice of games; 4♠ or 5♦. When in doubt, take the slight overbid at IMPs."

Roman: "4♣ — Pick a game. Second choice is 5♦, but maybe he has ♠ AQJx♥ xxx♦ KQxxx♣x."

If partner had ♠ AQJx♥ xxx♦ KQxxx♣x, he would jump to 4♠ over 3♠.

Wang: "4♣ — Not sure which spot, 4♠, 5♦ or 6♦ is the best."

One expert tries 3NT. If partner has ♠ AQJx♥ xxx♦ KQxx♣xx, you have nine top tricks. But what if he has the king of hearts instead of the ♠ QJ or the ♦ K?

Hopkins: "3NT — I'm hoping for something like ♠ AQxx♥ Qx♦ KQxxx♣xx in partner's hand. The good news is we aren't likely to get a Heart lead even if the suit is wide open. The bad news is that we are likely to have to take nine tricks right away before losing the lead, assuming they knock out our one Club stopper right away. I do worry about missing a slam opposite something like ♠ AQxx♥ AKx♦ KQxxx♣x, but think partner should have either bid more strongly last time or continue on after my 3NT call."

After 1♣ - 2♦, 1♠ - 3♦, 1♦ - 2♣ and 1♦ - 3♣, a negative double shows both majors or shows one major and support for opener's minor.

2) IMPs, None Vulnerable

♠ K4♥ K♦ AJ65♣ AKJ654

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
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?????			

Action	Score	Votes	Solvers
Dbl	100	7	100
5♣	50	2	52
4♠	50	1	45
5NT	30	0	01
Pass	20	0	07
4NT	20	0	23
5♦	20	0	05
5♥	20	0	01

You have a very strong hand with no clear action. Partner could have as little as ♠ QJxxx♥x♦ Qxx♣Qxxx where you would be lucky to make game or he could have ♠ AQJxxx♥x♦ Kxxx♣xx where 6♠ is cold. When the opponents have bid and raised a suit, the chances are great that you don't have a stack. The percentage way to play doubles of bid and raised suits is for the double to say - Partner we belong in some game since I have extra strength but I don't know where we belong, maybe you know. That's what you want to say here. If partner has a good five-card spade suit or six spades, spades is a playable suit. If partner has poor spades, you want to play in a minor, probably clubs but you could belong in diamonds. If partner has heart values he can defend.

Six experts join me and double.

Adams: "Double — This is card showing. Partner should be well placed to decide. If I bid 4♠, partner may guess wrong over 5♥."

Landen: "Double — Too much beef to pass and not enough offence or clear direction to bid. Maybe partner will know what to do."

Wang: "Double — This should be optional. The other option is 4NT. Nothing is perfect here. Hope partner can understand my situation."

Hopkins: "Double — This should show cards and leaves the greatest number of possibilities open. Partner can pull with a long Spade suit or other highly distributional hand. I think it just too unilateral to insist on playing five-of-a-minor with this hand."

Schwartz: "Double — Shows a good hand without primary spade support and leaves all options on the table."

Roman: "Double — And I'll be happy with whatever partner does. Do you and your partner agree on what 4NT would be here?"

For my regular partner and me, it would be to pick a minor."

My rule on the meanings of 4NT in competition is - if a major has been bid, 4NT is RKC otherwise 4NT is for takeout.

Three experts make the game choice themselves. One expert bids 4♠. Couldn't partner bid 1♠ holding ♠ Jxxxx♥ Ax♦ Kx♣Qxxx?

Parker: "4♠ — Once again I owe partner a spade, but he has at least five and hopefully six. I will try for ten tricks rather than eleven in clubs. Hopefully he has good spade spots, QJ10xx(x), and the diamond king will help. He should have two or three hearts, so we should have a good play for ten tricks."

Two experts bid 5♣. Couldn't partner bid 1♠ holding ♠ AQJxxx♥xx♦ Kxxx♣x?

Cappelletti: "5♣ — Unless we play that 1♠ guarantees five then 4♠."

Woolsey: "5♣ — I can't pass, and this hand says to declare rather than defend. Saying that double shows "cards" is begging the question. Double is a statement that you think defending is best. It would be nice if 4NT were takeout, but once partner has bid 1♠ that makes 4NT RKC for spades."

Its nice for double of 4♥ as penalties when you pick up ♠x♥ AKQ♦ Qxxx♣ Axxxx but the chances of you holding that hand is somewhere around slim.

Play double of bid and raised suits as - I have extra strength but I don't know where we belong, maybe you know.

3) IMPs, None Vulnerable

♠ J4♥ K1094♦ 108765♣ Q2

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
			1♥
Pass	1NT	Pass	2♦
Pass	2♥	Dbl	Pass
?????			

Action	Score	Votes	Solvers
Pass	100	5	107
2NT	60	1	29
3♣	50	2	02
2♠	50	1	71
3♦	30	1	24
3♥	20	0	01

Partner has made a balancing takeout double asking you to bid a black suit. Great! You have two black doubletons. What does partner have? If partner had 5-5 in the black suits, he would have bid 2♥ over 1NT so we can rule out 5-5. Since he should have enough strength to make a takeout double, he must not have the distribution to double. A doubleton diamond would stop him from doubling 1NT. Since he can't have five spades or six clubs, his distribution must be exactly 4-2-2-5. He probably has five clubs but that would land you in a seven-card fit at the three-level. It would be suicidal to bid a black suit. When any bid can land you in a poor spot, you might as well go for the gusto and pass the double. -470 if they make is better than -500 if all the cards are against you.

Five experts attempt to find a reasonable resting spot. If they don't get doubled, it will probably end up as a small loss. One expert plays a 4-2 fit. If you're in trouble 2♠ is better than 3♣ since it's harder to double a two-level bid.

Cappelletti: "2♠ — Since partner passed over 1NT, he is weak and shapely, perhaps weak 5-5 blacks."

Two experts bid 3♣. Could be a six-card fit and three-level bids are easier to double.

Parker: "3♣ — Partner did not overcall 2♠ so I guess he has only four. His distribution figures to be 4225 with a pretty good hand. I don't think I have a good chance to beat them since they probably have four diamonds winners to go with the three hearts and a spade or a club winner."

Roman: "3♣ — I can't come up with a hand for partner where it's right either to defend or bid 2♠. If bridge was always like these five problems, I would take up Parcheesi."

One expert sticks his neck out. If I were going to bid at the three-level, I would start with 2NT. Gives partner the option of passing with a balanced hand.

Landen: "3♦ — Pass is a joke, so 3♦ obvious (2NT usually played as takeout?)"

Hopkins: "2NT — I hope to take four+ black suit tricks to go with my two Heart tricks (say opposite ♠ A10xx♥ xx♦ Jx♣ KJ9xx) and get out for -300. It even

leaves open the possibility of playing in Clubs if partner has six or a very good five-card suit. I do not fancy my prospects in 2♥ doubled."

Four experts join me and defend. On good days the opponents will be in a seven-card heart fit and will go for a large number. This will be an opening lead problem for the passers.

Woolsey: "Pass — Presumably the reason partner didn't double the first time was that his diamond holding wasn't adequate. We should have a reasonable chance to defeat this and we have zero chance to get a plus score elsewhere. This isn't close."

Adams: "Pass — Partner is probably 4-2-2-5 with a decent hand. We might or might not beat this, but I can't bring myself to bid a doubleton. Dummy will be the same 4-2-2-5, and declarer will be 3-5-4-1. Partner can't have six clubs for failure to act over 1NT, nor can he be 4-1-3-5 for the same reason. With the assumed distributions, our best hope for tricks is in spades and hearts, so I will hope we have six tricks in our 4-2 heart fit, rather than eight in our 4-2 spade fit."

Wang: "Pass — Partner's first pass should deny 5-5 in the black suits (he would have bid 2♥) or six+ clubs (he would have overcalled 2♣) or 4-1-3-5 (he would have doubled 1NT). So, likely partner has 4-2-2-5 shape, Law of Total Tricks is on our side, especially since I have good middle cards in hearts."

Schwartz: "Pass — Partner's bid is takeout of diamonds so the most likely shape is 4-2-2-5 without particularly good clubs. If partner's hand is poor enough that 2♥ is making, then you are going for a big number in your contract anyway."

You can't make a living passing takeout doubles but when all alternatives could be disastrous, passing becomes least of all evils.

4) IMPs, Both Vulnerable

♠ K1075♥ 2♦ K♣ J976532

<u>SOUTH</u>	<u>WEST</u>	<u>NORTH</u>	<u>EAST</u>
	1♠	2♦	2♠
Pass	3♦	3♥	Pass
?????			

<u>Action</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Votes</u>	<u>Solvers</u>
3NT	100	5	30
4♦	90	3	56
4♣	80	2	68
Pass	30	0	76
4♥	20	0	03
3♠	20	0	01

Partner has shown a good hand with long diamonds and exactly four hearts. If he had five hearts, he would have bid Michaels. There are two problems to consider - strain and level. We probably belong in 4♦ but stopping in 4♦ could be a problem. If you bid 4♦ and partner is 4-7 or 4-8 in the reds, he might not let you out at 4♦ and could bid one more, thinking he has found diamond support. 4♦ might be the best contract but bidding 4♦ is not the way to get to 4♦.

Two experts bid their seven-card suit. Bidding 4♣ tells partner that it's a misfit.

Schwartz: "4♣ — Its tempting to try for the golden apple of 3NT but if it isn't right, it could go down many and make it easier for the opponents to double. 4♣ should make it easiest to get to our best minor as partner with seven good diamonds and a stiff club will remove anyway."

Cappelletti: "4♣ — Might even catch partner with two if he's 0-5-6-2."

Three experts bid 4♦. 4♦ is more encouraging than 3NT or 4♣. 4♦ shows support.

Roman: "4♦ — Partner didn't start with double, I can't imagine what else I would do here."

Parker: "4♦ — Partner should not be 5-5 or 6-5, since he could have bid Michaels. He may be 6-4 or 7-5."

Wang: "4♦ — Partner's 3♥ said he is not afraid of 4♦. Partner is at least 4-6 in red suits, more likely 4-7 or even 5-7 in the two suits."

Four experts join me and bid 3NT. Might make if partner has ♠ x♥ Axxx♦ AQJxxxx♣ x. If 3NT gets doubled, we will be in scrambling mode. That should stop partner from bidding 5♦. Unless an opponent has a sure diamond trick or five sure tricks, 3NT will be impossible to double. How can you double 3NT when there is a

long suit involved?

Woolsey: "3NT — I have spade stopper, and I have the filling ♦ K. If partner passes, I expect this to have a decent shot. Besides, what else is better?"

Adams: "3NT — Partner is probably 4-7, and 3NT just might make. ♦ K is huge. I can hardly have more for my failure to bid over 2♠."

Landen: "3NT — I have a pretty good hand opposite a partner who has forced me to the four-level. The king of diamonds might be enough to run the suit. If partner returns to 4♦ I'm content. If it doesn't work out, I can tell partner 3NT was choice of minors (LOL)"

Hopkins: "3NT — I am hoping partner is fishing with something like ♠ x♥ AKxx♦ AQJ10xx♣ Qx and I have just enough. I should be showing a card and a stopper for this auction, as I did not raise diamonds before. I hope partner pulls with a widely distributional hand."

Don't encourage partner on misfit hands.

5) IMPs, Both Vulnerable

♠ A♥ KQJ4♦ AJ10763♣ KQ

<u>SOUTH</u>	<u>WEST</u>	<u>NORTH</u>	<u>EAST</u>
	1♣	Pass	

3♣ *weak

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<u>Action</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Votes</u>	<u>Solvers</u>
3♦	100	4	58
Dbl	80	4	134
3NT	50	0	08
4♦	50	2	14
4♥	40	0	05
5♦	40	0	02
4NT	30	0	02
3♥	30	0	03
4♣	20	0	07
Pass	20	0	01

Twenty points and you have to enter the fray at the three-level. Holding a singleton spade doesn't make it easy to enter. If you double, partner, who has at least five spades, will bid them and where would that get you? Partner will bid spades, you'll bid diamonds, he'll rebid spades and there you are in 5♦. Do you want to play in 3♦ or

5♦? If partner has nothing, you have two aces to lose and at least one diamond loser. I'd want to play in 3♦. Plus scores are better than minus scores.

Three experts join me and make a minimum overcall.

Wang: "3♦ —Yes I got twenty HCP, but no clear game. With singleton Spade, double is out. 3NT is hopeless. We need partner's support to run diamonds and ♠K or ♥A to provide ninth trick, if so play five or 6♦ is much better. The most likely game is 4♥ if partner has four hearts (4♥ is my second choice if really want to bid game), or 5♦ if partner has Kxxx of diamonds (higher requirement than making 4♥). There is another choice, 4♦, which is supposed to be Leaping Michael. After all, I go conservative and hope for a second chance."

Hopkins: "3♦ —I really want to bid 3♥, but that could go really wrong. 3NT just needs too much without some contribution from partner."

Maybe the best bid is 4♥. The opponents won't know that you have only four hearts and might not find the best defense.

Schwartz: "3♦ —The only way to get to hearts is via 4NT which is far too aggressive. Since double will almost certainly attract a spade bid, will bid it conservatively as the ♣KQ are not worth full offensive values."

Four experts violate the — don't make a takeout double when you have a singleton in

an unbid major — rule.

Cappelletti: "Double—Will bid 3NT over 3♠ and 5♦ over 4♠."

Woolsey: "Double—I'll then have to keep bidding diamonds over any number of spades partner bids. This is the only sensible way I can bring hearts into the picture, and 4♥ could easily be our only game."

Landen: "Double—Too much hand to bid only 3♦. If partner jumps to 4♠, I'll bid 5♦ and hope for the best."

Roman: "Double—And correct whatever number of spades partner bids to diamonds."

One expert makes up an understanding. Normally Leaping Michaels, jump to four-of-a-minor showing five of that minor and five of an unbid major, is only played over opening preempts.

Adams: "4♦ —Diamonds and a Major. Double risks partner insisting on Spades and 3NT is unlikely to make. 4♥ might just make on a 4-3. 3♦, seems overly conservative, but works if partner has a bust without heart fit. Tempting to just bid 4♥ and let them guess. Sorry, I had a diamond in with my hearts."

Parker: "4♦ —Should show a good hand and allows partner to bid a major, hopefully hearts, if he has one. 3NT has no tricks and double will lead to spades by partner."

Avoid making a takeout double when you're short in an unbid major.

SOLVERS' SCORES

John Adams	4♣	Dbl	Pass	3NT	4♦	440
Mike Cappelletti	4♠	5♣	2♠	4♣	Dbl	310
Robbie Hopkins	3NT	Dbl	2NT	3NT	3♦	400
Steve Landen	4♣	Dbl	3♦	3NT	Dbl	400
Steve Parker	4♠	4♠	3♣	4♦	4♦	340
Steve Robinson	4♦	Dbl	Pass	3NT	3♦	500
Jeff Roman	4♣	Dbl	3♣	4♦	Dbl	410
Alan Schwartz	4♦	Dbl	Pass	4♣	3♦	480
Jian Jian Wang	4♣	Dbl	Pass	4♦	3♦	480
Kit Woolsey	4♦	5♣	Pass	3NT	Dbl	430



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

This list is up to date through Aug. 12 including the Flight A Unit KO. All points are subject to audit by the WBL Director.

Lovenberg

1	144.56	Alfred Steinberg
2	142.96	William Cole
3	138.12	Steve Robinson
4	116.81	Mark Shaw
5	107.82	Leo LaSota
6	102.86	Peter Boyd
7	96.57	Arnie Frankel
8	92.42	David Ruderman
9	80.41	Earl Glickstein
10	79.33	James Geist
11	79.26	Robert Bell
12	75.70	Noble Shore
13	73.42	Michael Gill
14	72.02	Benjamin Brill
15	70.52	John Adams
16	69.16	Alan Tenenbaum
17	68.31	Lloyd Rawley
18	67.58	Clyde Kruskal
19	63.02	Donna Rogall
20	61.47	Barry Ragin
21	60.61	Richard Wegman
22	58.05	Angeliki Magklara
23	56.93	William Hacker
24	55.82	Fred King
25	52.81	Barbara Shaw

Izzy Cohen

1	73.42	Michael Gill
2	68.31	Lloyd Rawley
3	61.47	Barry Bragin
4	58.05	Angeliki Magklara
5	47.84	Richard Ferrin
6	40.58	Steven Schatzow
7	37.64	Linda Marshall
8	33.96	Mark Rosen
9	29.06	Ellen Rosenthal
10	28.42	Robert Levey
11	28.09	Arun Guha
12	27.92	Charity Sack
13	27.75	Neal Rosenthal
14	27.64	Shyamalendu Pal
15	27.43	Edwin Fuller Jr

Tubbs

1	37.64	Linda Marshall
2	28.09	Arun Guha
3	27.64	Shyamalendu Pal
4	27.41	Alfred Liepold
5	24.50	Mirsad Mujezinovic
6	23.93	William Kingery Jr
7	22.61	Calvin Konner
8	21.23	Larry Moran
9	20.76	Michael Berard
10	20.42	Daniel Koch

Woolridge

1	28.09	Arun Guha
2	27.64	Shyamalendu Pal
3	17.93	John Horner
4	16.97	Beth Wisinski
5	16.75	Frank Hatten
6	16.01	Garry Grossman
7	13.67	Alan Walter
8	10.89	Amelia Montjoy
9	9.58	Jeanne Ferraro
10	9.44	Elizabeth Nash

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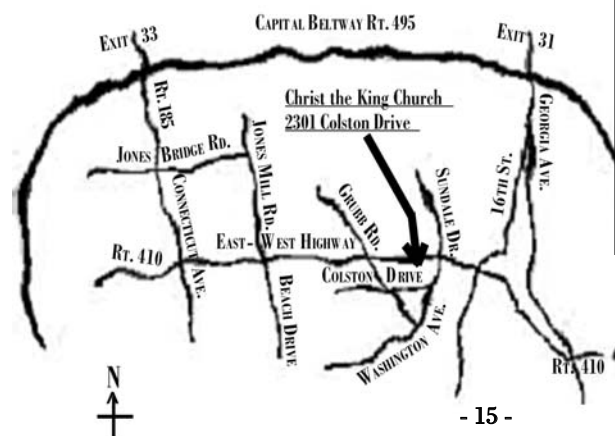
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 11/08/2007StrataFlighted Unit Championship
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 11/29/2007StrataFlighted Unit Championship
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 12/13/2007Holiday Party Stratified STaC
 12/20/2007StrataFlighted Unit Championship
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Players in search of partners should try to arrive between 7:00 and 7:15 (or call ahead). The partnership desk closes at 7:25. You can call the WBL cell phone **(301) 395-2760** at the last minute if are on your way and know you'll be at bit late.

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IT TAKES A VILLAGE TO RUN A BRIDGE LEAGUE

by *Barbara Summers, Volunteer Coordinator,*
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Behind the scene volunteers are helping keep this game we love alive and thriving. I met **Jourdain Padgett**, age 16 with 160 masterpoints when he was our opponent, playing with his grandmother, **Gail Jeffreys**, in a team game in Bradenton, Florida in February. I invited him to our Regional and said I hoped I could find him partners. He played with **Bob Bell**, section top with **John Flynn**, won bracketed KOs with **Jim Geist, Carole Banks** and **Cecilia Valdivieso**. Had a section top with **Joe Pores**, placed with Kitty Gottfried and played the latter part of the tournament with **John Matioli** and friends. In between, my neighbors at Leisure World, **Rossi Lindstrom, Saul Penn** and **Joe Pores** gave him rides and he helped Nadine and Kitty in the hospitality suite and enjoyed the food, drink and meeting other players. Thank you all for making Jourdain so welcome.

Ellen Rosenthal is heading up a **BRIDGE IN SCHOOLS** committee and will try to get our great game into more schools. If you would like to help Ellen please contact her at nealandellen@cs.com or 301-299-9298. (See p. 18 for more information.)

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October 4-7	February 21-24, 2008
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♠	♥
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ERRATA— WILL THE REAL 2007 UNIT KO WINNERS PLEASE COME FORWARD?

Note: These lists were run in our last issue with extraneous names (from other winners' lists) mentioned due to ghosts in the keyboard. They have been sufficiently slimed to prevent any future errors from ever occurring (as the editor never makes no mistakes ever)...

Open Winners

- 1** **Bill Cole, Peter Boyd,
Mark Shaw, Steve
Robinson**
- 2 Fred Steinberg, Dave Ruderman, Alan Tenenbaum, Andy Gofreed, Leo Lasota, Barb Shaw
- 3/4 Robbie Hopkins, Joan Lewis, Barry Falgout, Rusty Krauss, Bill Pettis, Kent Goulding
- 3/4 Noble Shore, Jeff Roman, David Rodney, Mike Gill

Flight B Winners

- 1** **Albert Lauber, Steve Fox,
Ned Griffith, Walter Smith**
- 2 Dan Koch, Hirsh Davis, Prem Garg, Steven Schatzow

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You can share the fun and challenge of duplicate bridge with your friends and family! Tell them about our **Instant Bridge Player** seminars, Sunday October 7, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., at the Margaret Schweinhaut Center in Silver Spring (during the WBL sectional). They can learn to play bridge, or review the basics of play and modern bidding, in just one day! It's two classes in one: we'll have one room for people who have never played, and one room for those who need a refresher or want to review our *One Page Bidding System* in detail.

The cost is just \$20 with a reservation or \$25 at the door. (Students \$10 with reservation; \$15 at the door.) A free booklet, lunch,

drinks and snacks are included. For more information or to make a reservation, email ggrossman@schiffhardin.com or call Garry Grossman at (301) 469-8801.

We are most indebted to **Steve and Sandy Forsythe** for, among their many contributions, creating the "**Instant Bridge Player**" format and the materials. Garry has agreed to manage and teach the seminar now that the Forsythes have moved. He has been a regular "IBP" teacher over the past 3 years.

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

BRIDGE TEACHERS NEEDED

a Message to the WBL Community:

Instructors for the school year are needed Oct-May to **teach students at the middle school level**. We are sending info packets to 30 schools and it is hoped that many are interested in starting bridge clubs as part of their after-school program. The bridge program would take place Tues, Wed or Thurs from 2:45 - 4:00. It would be a commitment for one afternoon per/week for approx. 24 weeks.

Currently, I have contacted five schools where the contact said that there is much interest. Being summer, teachers and administrators don't return til mid-Aug. We will not know the exact number of schools until mid-Sept. but we have to prepare for teaching now in order that we don't let the schools down and are unable to follow through with teachers.

If we have enough volunteers, we could have two instructors per school so that there could be sharing/subbing. The ACBL has teaching materials for us and you will have the benefit of learning "what works" from those who have been doing this for the past three+ years. If this is something you cannot do, but know others who may be available/have an interest, please pass this info to them. You may also contact one of the committee members.

Thank you,

*Ellen Rosenthal: nealandellen@cs.com,
Shawn Stringer, Elaine Conway, Barbara
Summers, Linda Marshall*

REMEMBERING

ROSSI

*~Memories compiled by
Barbara Summers~*

Rosanita Lindstrom 'Rossi'



died August 13th from complications of cancer of the esophagus. Rossi played with so many different people, played so often, and yet always portrayed the best side of bridge through her intense love of the game and the community. She really was an ambassador for local bridge. She touched many of us...her partners making them feel good; always complimenting them in just the right way...so sincerely and so consistently. Opponents approached her table knowing though her demeanor was lovely that she and her partners would wield the axe if one should make a misstep and get a deserved low score. Clyde Krystal remembers that even before he knew Rossi, she would come up to him in games where he had done well and congratulate him. Arnie Frankel, who ran into Rossi when he was pacing the halls at 4 a.m. in Lancaster when she was out in the hall discussing bridge (yes, 4 a.m.), began playing with her, talking bridge by phone — rarely for less than an hour. He never met anyone with whom he disagreed so often, yet had such affection for. Jim Allen felt one could learn a lot by following Rossi's lead. She had fabulous table manners and table presence. She was exceptionally ethical and always told her opponents when there was a bidding misunderstanding so that they would not be fooled. Rossi knew about point counting. She had hand evaluations, promoted valuations, valuations after the bidding started and methods of calculating points for flaws, tight honors, unprotected honors, length and good holdings. Once when asked about bidding she simply said, "It is really just mathematical." There is no way to describe her glee with winning, or being with a partner she respected, or being willing to share her knowledge. Ted Ying recalled that Rossi always greeted him with, "Oh, I'm so delighted to see you" and a

great big hug. Danny Wang added that Rossi was the nicest bridge partner he ever had and that she never said any disparaging word or made a face when he made a mistake. He attributed part of her success as a bridge player, beside her technical expertise and unfailing courtesy to her partner, to her strict discipline in bidding. She had certain rigid rules that were never to be broken, so she and her partner would be on the same wave length most of the time. Many players remember Rossi for her knitting. She was a professional finisher for a local crafts store and her work was in high demand. She was a fast player and usually had time at the end of a round and sometimes when she was dummy to knit. Most of us have a difficult enough time playing, let alone knitting.

Rossi was a champion accumulating over 8800 master points...of the nearly 160,000 players in the ACBL, fewer than 600 had more points than Rossi and despite that high total, she still reveled in winning even a quarter of a point in a local game. She won tournaments and most often won or placed in our unit game. Marie Creisher who played regularly with her online at Bridge Base tells that Rossi accumulated 850 ACBL points and was ranked 10th in online bridge. If her scheduled partner canceled she would get a ring "Wake Up Time." to substitute. Barbara Rothkin in Roosevelt, California, and one of Rossi's regular online partners was asked by the chief director what Rossi's favorite game was. She answered, "From 8 in the morning to 8 in the evening!"

Rossi and her husband Gary have three kids, six grand kids and another on the way. Rossi auditioned for a starring role in a show at Leisure World where she and Gary moved in 2003, won the role but decided it was too much of a commitment of time...and she could dance...loved jig saw puzzles, any challenge was her forte. She loved theatre and never missed a performance from Ted Ying.

Both in the online bridge community and the active local bridge community, Rossi was a favorite of the Directors, had many partners who loved her and opponents who admired both her skill and her demeanor. We are going to miss her so much.

**JULY 4TH IN BETHESDA
REGIONAL WRAP-UP**

by Nadine Wood, Tournament Chairman

The new site for the Fourth of July regional in Bethesda North proved to be outstanding. The playing space was fantastic, the restaurant served good food at reasonable prices and the hotel facilities and service were so exceptional that I received only raves from players and NO complaints. The staff was so great that they came to the rescue and bailed me out. I had forgotten to make arrangements for the singing of *God Bless America* on the Fourth of July, a tradition that began before my time. The hotel does not have a piano, but they found the appropriate music, downloaded it and played on the ballroom sound system.

In addition to having a great site, in order to have a successful tournament a large group of dedicated volunteers is needed. We had that. I especially want to thank the following key people:

Fred King – as co-chairman I dragged him around to all the pre-meetings, talked

him into some shopping in addition to doing the work of a caddy chairman and lining up the speakers for the Intermediate/Newcomer program. He also made sure that each speaker had an audience.

Kitty Gottfried – my number one assistant in hospitality was again a star. We shopped and cooked in advance and Kitty did not play until Thursday.

Richard Ferrin – this was his first venture as prize chairman and he passed with flying colors. He was organized, visible and gave so many prizes away, he had to use novice gifts on the last day.

Ellen Cherniavsky – once again she did information as well as all the other little chores I could pass off to her.

Barb Doran – while she has been our partnership chairman for the Unit game and the sectionals, this was her first regional. She recruited great helpers and made sure the desk was open before every game. Considering there were four game times almost every day, this was not an easy task.

Helene Bauman – once again she produced

our restaurant guide. Since we were in an entirely new location, she had to start from scratch. I don't think she missed anything and our 10 page guide was the most comprehensive I have ever seen and was widely used.

Bryan Coleman – our *Daily Bulletin* editor did it again. He not only produced his usual great Bulletins, but did so while having to work at his regular job. He did even get to play.

Frances Burke – one of these days Frances is going to tell me, “you'll have to find a new novice chairman.” Who else will help make special novice flyers and posters and carry or mail them to clubs in seven states and the District, gather registration gifts, prizes and daily table gifts, give information, register and find partners for the I/N program.

Special thanks also go to **Don and Rose Berman** who helped in every area; **Barbara Shaw** who spent many hours helping in the hospitality suites and making numerous grocery runs; **Barbara Summers** who helped find volunteers; **Charity Sack** who helped with all of our flyers and posters; **Steve & Sandy Forsythe** with their *Instant Bridge Player* class on Monday afternoon and **Leslie Shafer** with her *Bridge Festival* were primarily responsible for our large, successful I/N program.

Finally, thanks to **Millard Nachtwey** not just for being our Director in Charge, he always performs that job well, but for all the help prior to the tournament which included multiple meetings at the hotel and his insistence that they could do better on coffee and soda prices (they did).

**JULY 4TH IN BETHESDA
TOP TEN LISTS**

All Players

- 1 78.69 . John Adams, Silver Spring MD
- 2 72.25 . George Colter, Fredericton NB
- 72.25 . Helen Colter, Fredericton NB
- 72.25 . . . Jeff Meckstroth, Tampa FL
- 72.25 Eric Rodwell, Clearwater Bch FL
- 6 68.17 William Pettis, Silver Spring MD
- 7 63.53 . . . Jeff Roman, Alexandria VA
- 8 62.18 William Cole, Silver Spring MD
- 9 60.38 . . . Lloyd Rawley, Greenbelt MD
- 10 59.51 . . . John Markey II, Raleigh NC
- 59.51 Chris Willenken, New York NY

WBL members

- 1 78.69 John Adams
- 2 68.17 William Pettis
- 3 62.18 William Cole
- 4 60.38 Lloyd Rawley
- 5 57.08 Lou Reich
- 6 56.78 Ruth Potter
- 7 53.15 Fred King
- 8 52.54 Robert Bell
- 52.14 Mark Shaw
- 10 49.51 Steven Schatzow

WBL members under 2000 masterpoints

- 1 60.38 Lloyd Rawley
- 2 49.51 Steven Schatzow
- 3 48.04 Jeffrey Boak
- 48.04 Shawn Stringer
- 5 47.80 Jason Rosenfeld
- 6 43.13 Angeliki Magklara
- 7 41.63 Benjamin Stauss
- 8 40.20 Bryan Geer
- 40.20 Lois Geer
- 10 36.51 Mike Frosch

WBL members under 750 masterpoints

- 1 48.04 Shawn Stringer
- 2 43.13 Angeliki Magklara
- 3 40.20 Bryan Geer
- 40.20 Lois Geer
- 5 36.51 Mike Frosch
- 6 30.32 David Mead
- 30.32 Kathleen O'Toole
- 8 30.17 Linda Marshall
- 9 26.94 Richard Allison
- 10 25.21 Shlomit Rind

WBL members under 300 masterpoints

- 1 30.32 David Mead
- 30.32 Kathleen O'Toole
- 3 30.17 Linda Marshall
- 4 24.29 Daniel Koch
- 5 23.52 James Beller
- 6 22.22 Jan Zaal
- 7 21.37 Florence Shayne
- 21.37 Albert Shayne
- 9 21.03 Amy Bloom
- 10 17.54 William Goldman

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**GRAND NATIONAL TEAMS
2007-2008
YOU MUST
PREREGISTER!**

It's time to get out to your local club and qualify to win a subsidized trip to Las Vegas, at the Summer 2008 NABC to represent District 6 in the national finals of this grassroots competition.

ALERT: Due to more stringent residency requirements, any individual who is unsure which District he/she is a resident of as of September 1, 2007, must seek clarification from the ACBL Credentials Committee prior to the start of the event.

The club qualification period begins on October 15, 2007 and extends through April 3, 2008. District-level competition for all flights except the 0-5000 flight begins in February. So make sure you qualify early. However, you can go out and play as often as you want with whomever you want!!

Once again, the competition will contain **four flights** at the District level. The **Open Flight** is open to all players; **Flight A** is limited to players with 0-5000 master points; **Flight B** is limited to players with 0-2000 master points; and **Flight C** is limited to Non-Life Masters with fewer than 500 master points. Master point eligibility is determined by the ACBL as of August 6, 2007. At the club level, the Open and A flights will be combined.

Masterpoints awarded at the club level are half red—an easy way to earn colored points without traveling or changing your normal local playing habits. In the district level competition, the match awards are red and the overall awards are gold (Flight C awards 25% gold and 75% red).

Remember, players qualify as individuals at the club level and may form new teams with qualified players for the District phase of the competition. What this means is that you can play with all of your friends at the club level, no matter what their flight eligibility, and then form one or more teams to compete in one or more flights at the District

level. *So y'all come out and play!*

Call your club manager to find out when the club is holding qualifying games. As club dates are made available to the District GNT Coordinator, they will be posted on the District 6 web site, www.districtsix.org.

We will be holding the first weekend of the District finals of **Flight B (0-2000)** and **Flight C (NLM 0-500)** at three separate locations on February 9-10:

- a. Christ the King Church
Silver Spring, Md
~or~
- b. Peninsula Bridge Club
Newport News, Va
~or~
- c. Best Western Cavalier
Charlottesville, Va

Your team can choose to play at any one of these three locations.

The second weekend will be at one location on March 1-2:

- Christ the King Church
Silver Spring, Md

Both weekends of the **Open Fight** will be at Christ the King Church in Silver Spring, Md on February 9-10 and March 1-2.

The first weekend, April 5-6, of **Flight A (0-5000)** will be at Christ the King Church in Silver Spring, Md. The second weekend, April 12-13, will be during the NVBA sectional in Fairfax, Va.

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, feel free to contact **Lynn Jones, District 6 GNT Coordinator**, at 410-560-3244 or by email at bridgelynn@comcast.net. The *Conditions of Contest* and *Frequently Asked Questions* and the *Club Qualifying Schedule* will be available at www.districtsix.org.

**62ND ANNUAL WBL
POTOMAC VALLEY TOURNAMENT**

August 9-12, 2007

Results

**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 Potomac Valley Tournament winners:

All Players

1	28.12	.....	Alfred Steinberg
2	27.59	.....	Leo LaSota
3	21.35	.....	Steve Robinson
4	19.99	.....	Richard Ferrin
5	19.73	.....	Mark Shaw
6	17.90	.....	Mark Rosen
7	17.74	.....	Michael Lucy
	17.74	.....	Travis Crump
9	16.64	.....	Peter Boyd
10	16.59	.....	Donald Berman

Players with fewer than 1500 masterpoints

1	19.99	.....	Richard Ferrin
2	17.90	.....	Mark Rosen
3	13.62	.....	Eugene Fisher
4	9.86	.....	Steven Schatzow
5	9.44	.....	Jeffrey Boak
6	9.26	.....	Shawn Stringer
7	8.59	.....	Hailong Ao
8	8.34	.....	Cecilia Valdivieso
9	8.33	.....	Kiyomi Shiba
10	8.14	.....	Amelia Montjoy

Players with fewer than 500 masterpoints

1	8.33	.....	Kiyomi Shiba
2	8.14	.....	Amelia Montjoy
3	7.67	.....	Rama Kapur
	7.67	.....	Joe Lentz
5	7.60	.....	Kerry Kruskal
6	7.42	.....	Cynthia Harrison
7	7.41	.....	Anthony Cincotta
8	7.36	.....	Alfred Liepold
9	6.98	.....	Edwin Brawn
10	6.69	.....	Albert Lauber

Players with fewer than 100 masterpoints

1	8.14	.....	Amelia Montjoy
2	7.42	.....	Cynthia Harrison
3	6.27	.....	Art Hartstein
	6.27	.....	Terry Vann
5	5.79	.....	Jim Anschutz
	5.79	.....	Patti Anschutz
7	4.89	.....	Amanda Carter
8	4.85	.....	John Horner
	4.85	.....	Terry Coates
10	4.70	.....	Marie Berard

**THURSDAY EVE A/X PAIRS
Stratum A, 35.0 Tables / Based on 92**



1	Mark Rosen - Eugene Fisher	.....	.68.81
2	Diane Alexander - Zeke Letellier	.....	.65.51
3	Kenneth Davis - Herbert Fallin Jr	.....	.65.05
4	Arnie Frankel - Helene Bauman	.....	.64.80
5	John Adams - Steve Robinson	.....	.63.85
6	Diane Walker - Hailong Ao	.....	.62.96
7	Beth Palmer - William Cole	.....	.62.47
8	Robert Hartmann - Ronald Spieker	.....	.58.80
9	David Ruderman - Alfred Steinberg	.....	.57.40
10	Mita Banerjee - Barbara Ames	.....	.56.70

Stratum X, 17.5 Tables

1	Mark Rosen - Eugene Fisher	.....	.68.81
2	Diane Walker - Hailong Ao	.....	.62.96
3	Robert Hartmann - Ronald Spieker	.....	.58.80
4	Mita Banerjee - Barbara Ames	.....	.56.70
5	Irv Kipnis - Bruce Cheney	.....	.56.10
6	Richard Veach - Leo Cardillo	.....	.54.17

**THURSDAY EVE B/C/D PAIRS
Stratum B, 27.5 Tables**



1	Thomas Reckford - Behnaz Fardshisheh	.....	65.42
2	James Adams - Sarah Goodstein	.....	.64.52
3	Ron Starr - Robert Levey	.....	.63.74
4	Jean Valentine - Steven Ivins	.....	.62.64
5	Terrence Van Wyck - Elizabeth Parker	.....	60.42
6	Margie Coccodrilli - Daniel Koch	.....	.60.18

Stratum C, 21.0 Tables

1	Thomas Reckford - Behnaz Fardshisheh	.....	65.42
2	Ron Starr - Robert Levey	.....	.63.74
3	Thomas Peters - Mary Peters	.....	.60.04
4	Craig Olson - Michael Lawrence	.....	.59.62
5	Walter Smith Jr - Evan Allen	.....	.59.55
6	Martha Bley - Ross Bley	.....	.59.50

Stratum D, 13.0 Tables

1	Martha Bley - Ross Bley	.....	.59.50
2	Koko Soderberg - James Wisman	.....	.59.00
3	Anthony Cincotta - James Augustine	.....	.57.38
4	Thomas Comstock - Harry Dewey	.....	.54.77

- 5 Marvin Raines - J J Jayaraman53.36
- 6 John Terauds - Edwin Tums52.97

THURSDAY EVE NLM PAIRS @ WBL

Stratum A, 18.0 Tables



- 1 Paul Beckerman - Larry Moran71.43
- 2 John Horner - Terry Coates62.50
- 3 Ernie Schuler - Jason Stewart61.73
- 4 Sybil Cantor - Elizabeth Colton61.31
- 5 Richard Wan - Jose Porres60.42
- 6 Beth Wisinski - Amelia Montjoy58.33

Stratum B, 10.0 Tables

- 1 John Horner - Terry Coates62.50
- 2 Ernie Schuler - Jason Stewart61.73
- 3 Sybil Cantor - Elizabeth Colton61.31
- 4 Beth Wisinski - Amelia Montjoy58.33
- 5 Michael Watts - Sheila Kaplan52.85
- 6 Jennifer Elliott - Leslie Jessell52.68

Stratum C, 7.0 Tables

- 1 John Horner - Terry Coates62.50
- 2 Ernie Schuler - Jason Stewart61.73
- 3 Beth Wisinski - Amelia Montjoy58.33
- 4 Jim Anschutz - Patti Anschutz50.51
- 5 Ralph Freeman - Richard Wessman49.70

THURSDAY EVE 0-200 PAIRS @ NVBA

Stratum A, 11.0 Tables

- 1 Amanda Carter - Marco Latini66.79
- 2 Tom Croker - Linda Croker63.69
- 3 Blair Curry - Judith Curry63.01
- 4 Eleanor Schwartz - Christine Brooks62.69
- 5 Marvin Zim - Ewing Walker55.70
- 6 Mary Alice Vogt - Margaret Gurley54.21

Stratum B, 8.0 Tables

- 1 Amanda Carter - Marco Latini66.79
- 2 Tom Croker - Linda Croker63.69
- 3 Eleanor Schwartz - Christine Brooks62.69
- 4 Marvin Zim - Ewing Walker55.70
- 5 Mary Alice Vogt - Margaret Gurley54.21

Stratum C, 6.0 Tables

- 1 Amanda Carter - Marco Latini66.79
- 2 Tom Croker - Linda Croker63.69
- 3 Marvin Zim - Ewing Walker55.70
- 4 Hannelore Suffridge - Virginia Ivin52.42

FRIDAY MORNING OPEN PAIRS

Stratum A, 22.5 Tables / Based on 34



- 1 Alfred Steinberg - Arnie Frankel67.56
- 2 Alice Wegman - Cecilia Valdivieso66.37
- 3 Kathrine Loh - Grace Da Silva61.57
- 4 Terry Vann - Art Hartstein60.71

- 5 Peter Boyd - Michael Chelst60.42
- 6 John Glynn - Stephen Czecha58.04

Stratum B, 17.5 Tables

- 1 Alice Wegman - Cecilia Valdivieso66.37
- 2 Kathrine Loh - Grace Da Silva61.57
- 3 Terry Vann - Art Hartstein60.71
- 4 Rama Kapur - Joe Lentz57.14
- 5/6 Malvern Sheffield, Jr - Janet Duke56.55
- 5/6 James Beller - Albert Lauber56.55

Stratum C, 8.5 Tables

- 1 Terry Vann - Art Hartstein60.71
- 2 Rama Kapur - Joe Lentz57.14
- 3 James Beller - Albert Lauber56.55
- 4/5 Reni Malloy - Maida Crocicchia56.25
- 4/5 Edith Black - Howard Moss56.25

FRIDAY MORNING NLM PAIRS

Stratum A, 11.0 Tables

- 1 Hall Sisson - Neil Crane65.43
- 2 Steve Graves - Jose Porres63.52
- 3 Seth Chamberlain - Terence McCarthy 61.23
- 4 Pat Lonergan - James Biss58.71
- 5 Erika Emery - Jerome Gumbiner58.25
- 6 Alfred Caponiti - John Ryan56.42

Stratum B, 7.5 Tables

- 1 Hall Sisson - Neil Crane65.43
- 2 Seth Chamberlain - Terence McCarthy 61.23
- 3 Erika Emery - Jerome Gumbiner58.25
- 4 Alfred Caponiti - John Ryan56.42
- 5 Richard Wessman - Beth Wisinski52.68

Stratum C, 3.5 Tables

- 1 Hall Sisson - Neil Crane65.43
- 2 Richard Wessman - Beth Wisinski52.68
- 3 Alan Walter - Donna Hankey-Woods46.73

FRIDAY AFTERNOON A/X PAIRS

Stratum A, 12.0 Tables / Based on 44



- 1 Charleen Brand - Eileen Theimer59.85
- 2 Shou-Ling Wang - Mita Banerjee58.90
- 3 Barbara Doran - Robert Levey58.33
- 4 Hailong Ao - Mark Chen57.39
- 5 Donna Rogall - Donald Berman56.25
- 6 Michael Polunin - James Stormes56.06

Stratum X, 5.0 Tables

- 1 Barbara Doran - Robert Levey58.33
- 2 Hailong Ao - Mark Chen57.39
- 3 Michael Polunin - James Stormes56.06
- 4 Bob Kerchner - Terry Feetham54.55

FRIDAY AFTERNOON B/C/D PAIRS

Stratum B, 16.5 Tables



- 1 Minako Komura - Kiyomi Shiba63.26

- 2 Susan Slattery - Monica Shumann62.31
- 3 Richard Allison - John Lowe III61.36
- 4 Alex Goldenberg - Joyce Bladen60.33
- 5 James Beller - Albert Lauber60.23
- 6 Richard Wedgewood - John Wedgewood 57.58

Stratum C, 13.5 Tables

- 1 Minako Komura - Kiyomi Shiba63.26
- 2 Susan Slattery - Monica Shumann62.31
- 3 Alex Goldenberg - Joyce Bladen60.33
- 4 James Beller - Albert Lauber60.23
- 5 Richard Wedgewood - John Wedgewood 57.58
- 6/7 Roma Chandra - Robert Claypool56.82
- 6/7 Shawn Stringer - Alfred Liepold56.82

Stratum D, 8.5 Tables

- 1 Minako Komura - Kiyomi Shiba63.26
- 2 Susan Slattery - Monica Shumann62.31
- 3 Alex Goldenberg - Joyce Bladen60.33
- 4 James Beller - Albert Lauber60.23
- 5 Richard Wedgewood - John Wedgewood 57.58

FRIDAY AFTERNOON NLM PAIRS

Stratum A, 15.0 Tables



- 1 Leonard Gordon - Joseph Winterling Jr62.69
- 2 Seth Chamberlain - Terence McCarthy 60.61
- 3 Marc Weiner - Mark Feldman59.28
- 4 Morris Fidelman - Ruth Fidelman58.33
- 5 Jennifer Elliott - Ronnie Loeser56.25
- 6 Jim Anschutz - Patti Anschutz55.68

Stratum B, 9.5 Tables

- 1 Joseph Winterling Jr - Leonard Gordon62.69
- 2 Marc Weiner - Mark Feldman59.28
- 3 Jennifer Elliott - Ronnie Loeser56.25
- 4 Jim Anschutz - Patti Anschutz55.68
- 5 Mary Iglehart - Nancy Veret55.49
- 6 Richard Weiser - Susan Weiser54.92

Stratum C, 4.5 Tables

- 1 Marc Weiner - Mark Feldman59.28
- 2 Jim Anschutz - Patti Anschutz55.68
- 3 Mary Iglehart - Nancy Veret55.49
- 4 Richard Weiser - Susan Weiser54.92

FRIDAY EVENING OPEN PAIRS

Stratum A, 28.0 Tables



- 1 Leon Letwin - Earl Glickstein66.67
- 2 Barry Bragin - Brad Theurer66.29
- 3/4 John Adams - Steve Robinson63.45
- 3/4 Regena Edwards - Clarice Reid63.45

- 5 Andrew Gofreed - Alfred Steinberg62.50
- 6 Donna Rogall - Clyde Kruskal61.36

Stratum B, 19.5 Tables

- 1 Katherine Rabenstein - Kitty Gottfried 58.90
- 2 Arthur Olson - Patrice Gordon56.44
- 3 Michael Berard - Marie Berard55.87
- 4 Shawn Stringer - Jeffrey Boak54.92
- 5 Jean Agenbroad - Lorraine Davis54.73
- 6 Martha Bley - Ross Bley54.55

Stratum C, 13.0 Tables

- 1 Michael Berard - Marie Berard55.87
- 2 Jean Agenbroad - Lorraine Davis54.73
- 3 Elliot Grant - James Davenport, Jr52.84
- 4 Sorina Negulescu - Teri Harrison51.89
- 5 Jim Anschutz - Patti Anschutz50.95
- 6 Mark Eisenstadt - Pamela Bacher50.57

FRIDAY EVENING BAM TEAMS

28 Tables



- 1 Bruce Culmer - Cynthia Harrison - Amelia Montjoy - Richard Ferrin15.00
- 2/4 Michael Berard - Marie Berard - Joan Benesch - Bill Benesch14.50
- 2/4 Regena Edwards - Clarice Reid - Jim Anschutz - Patti Anschutz14.50
- 2/4 Diane Walker - Benjamin Brill - Mike Frosh - Francesco Parisi-Presicce14.50
- 5/8 Donna Rogall - Clyde Kruskal - Roma Chandra - Murat Berk14.00
- 5/8 Leo LaSota - Barbara Shaw - Dee Lancaster - Paul May14.00
- 5/8 Sorina Negulescu - Teri Harrison - Robert Padgett - Linda Padgett14.00
- 5/8 Helen Long - Alfred Liepold - William Nicolai - Kevin O'Brien14.00

SATURDAY MORNING A/X PAIRS

Stratum A, 14.5 Tables / Based on 54



- 1 Travis Crump - Michael Lucy61.89
- 2 Lowell Sawyer - Don Probst61.01
- 3 Clyde Kruskal - Kerry Kruskal60.46
- 4 Peter Boyd - Steve Robinson59.85
- 5 Lucy Pestaner - Jim Pestaner58.63
- 6 Carl Gutschick - Ray Wilhide56.44

Stratum X, 7.5 Tables

- 1 Michael Lucy - Travis Crump61.89

- 2 Clyde Kruskal - Kerry Kruskal60.46
- 3 Carl Gutschick - Ray Wilhide56.44
- 4 John Laurim - Allen Lord51.55
- 5 Kefu Xu - Weizhong Bao49.92

SATURDAY MORNING B/C/D PAIRS

Stratum B, 22.0 Tables



- 1 Mark Rosen - Kiyomi Shiba64.58
- 2 Craig Olson - Michael Lawrence63.98
- 3 Ned Griffith - Albert Lauber61.71
- 4/5 Aaron Navarro - Howard Bender60.71
- 4/5 Suzanne Abrams - Aquil Ahmed60.71
- 6 Edward Rodrigues - Helen Dodge60.12

Stratum C, 16.5 Tables

- 1 Mark Rosen - Kiyomi Shiba64.58
- 2 Craig Olson - Michael Lawrence63.98
- 3 Ned Griffith - Albert Lauber61.71
- 4/5 Aaron Navarro - Howard Bender60.71
- 4/5 Suzanne Abrams - Aquil Ahmed60.71
- 6 Susan Slattery - Monica Shumann58.63

Stratum D, 8.5 Tables

- 1 Ned Griffith - Albert Lauber61.71
- 2 Susan Slattery - Monica Shumann58.63
- 3 Candace Carlton - Terry Carlton56.25
- 4/5 James Beller - Lawrence Heinen56.21
- 4/5 Alfred Lieberman - Leila Lieberman56.21

SATURDAY MORNING NLM PAIRS

Stratum A, 16.5 Tables



- 1 Terry Coates (pic.) - John Horner62.79
- 2 Peter Hartogensis - Joav Steinbach62.23
- 3 Jason Stewart - Roger Laumark60.41
- 4 Leslie Rose - James Rose60.01
- 5 Bob Blodgett - Richard Majewski57.85
- 6 Laura Garvey - Shelley Kempner57.48

Stratum B, 11.5 Tables

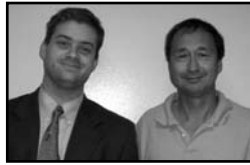
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- 2 Peter Hartogensis - Joav Steinbach62.23
- 3 Jason Stewart - Roger Laumark60.41
- 4 Leslie Rose - James Rose60.01
- 5 Bob Blodgett - Richard Majewski57.85
- 6 Amanda Carter - Daniel Finn53.61

Stratum C, 5.0 Tables

- 1 Terry Coates - John Horner62.79
- 2 Amanda Carter - Daniel Finn53.61
- 3 Alan Walter - Rick Ahlberg49.02
- 4 H Peter Storm - Elizabeth Willey48.95

SATURDAY AFTERNOON A/X PAIRS

Stratum A, 16.0 Tables / Based on 46



- 1 Leo LaSota - Mark Shaw66.81
- 2 Kefu Xu - Weizhong Bao58.75
- 3 Donna Rogall - Robert Bell57.64
- 4 Mita Banerjee - Eileen Theimer56.25
- 5 Barry Bragin - Fred King55.97
- 6 Charity Sack - Angeliki Magklara55.42

Stratum X, 7.0 Tables

- 1 Kefu Xu - Weizhong Bao58.75
- 2 Charity Sack - Angeliki Magklara55.42
- 3 McKenzie Myers - Meg Massie-Taylor54.17
- 4 Clyde Kruskal - Kerry Kruskal51.81
- 5 Renate Conlon - Ronald Conlon51.53

SATURDAY AFTERNOON B/C/D PAIRS

Stratum B, 17.0 Tables



- 1 Theodore Chamberlain - Hilda Prins67.61
- 2 Georgia Lyhus - Arlan Lyhus61.55
- 3 Barbara DiCicco - Neal McKinney60.80
- 4 Roma Chandra - Lynda Flanger59.85
- 5 Barbara Israel - Frederick Mueller59.47
- 6 Kitty Gottfried - Jennifer Nisenoff56.44

Stratum C, 10.5 Tables

- 1 Theodore Chamberlain - Hilda Prins67.61
- 2 Georgia Lyhus - Arlan Lyhus61.55
- 3 Barbara DiCicco - Neal McKinney60.80
- 4 Roma Chandra - Lynda Flanger59.85
- 5 Barbara Israel - Frederick Mueller59.47
- 6 Jeff Youngen - Susan Brawn54.55

Stratum D, 5.5 Tables

- 1 Jeff Youngen - Susan Brawn54.55
- 2 Alfred Lieberman - Leila Lieberman51.70
- 3 Moza Panahpour - Edwin Brawn50.00
- 4 Terry Carlton - Candace Carlton48.67

SATURDAY AFTERNOON NLM PAIRS

Stratum A, 13.0 Tables



- 1 Alfred Liebold - Helen Long67.45
- 2 Beth Wisinski - Gary Wisinski66.80

- 3 Blair Curry - Judith Curry63.00
- 4 Jose Porres - Steve Graves61.47
- 5 Aster Wu - Nancy Redfeam59.68
- 6 David Fitzwilliam - Lorraine Tyler57.66

Stratum B, 10.0 Tables

- 1 Helen Long - Alfred Liebold67.45
- 2 Beth Wisinski - Gary Wisinski66.80
- 3 Blair Curry - Judith Curry63.00
- 4 Jose Porres - Steve Graves61.47
- 5 David Fitzwilliam - Lorraine Tyler57.66
- 6 Al Kuchinka - Gerald O'Dell55.23

Stratum C, 4.5 Tables

- 1 Beth Wisinski - Gary Wisinski66.80
- 2 H Peter Storm - Elizabeth Willey49.69
- 3 Jason Stewart - Ernie Schuler48.34
- 4 Richard Weiser - Susan Weiser47.78

SUNDAY A/X SWISS

Stratum A, 15 Tables / Based on 57



- 1 Alfred Steinberg - Leo LaSota - David Ruderman - Barbara Shaw - Alan Tenenbaum101.00
- 2 Alan Kleist - Donald Berman - Eugene Kales - Richard Ferrin89.00
- 3 Steve Robinson - William Cole - Peter Boyd - Mark Shaw87.00
- 4 Stan Schenker - David Milton - Travis Crump - Michael Lucy86.00
- 5 Robert Hopkins Jr - Joan Lewis - Rusty Krauss - Barry Falgout83.00

Stratum X, 3 Tables

- 1 Jason Meyer - Lloyd Rawley - James Geist - Angeliki Magklara75.00

SUNDAY B/C/D SWISS

Stratum B, 28 Tables



- 1 Sarah Goodstein - Steven Schatzow - Shawn Stringer - Jeffrey Boak102.00
- 2 Joe Lentz - Rama Kapur - Anthony Cincotta - Edwin Brawn98.00
- 3 Neal McKinney - Wanda Worsham - Mohsen Esfandiary - Edward Rodrigues93.00
- 4 William Pepelko - Jean Schoepe - Holly Wills - Nancy Loomis87.00
- 5/6 Rod Dallaire - Dale Dallaire - Cecilia Valdivieso - Carole Banks86.00

- 5/6 Aaron Navarro - John Kuchenbrod - Terry Jones - Joanne Pretti86.00

Stratum C, 17 Tables

- 1 Joe Lentz - Rama Kapur - Anthony Cincotta - Edwin Brawn98.00
- 2 William Pepelko - Jean Schoepe - Holly Wills - Nancy Loomis87.00
- 3 Rod Dallaire - Dale Dallaire - Cecilia Valdivieso - Carole Banks86.00
- 4/5 Kevin O'Brien - William Nicolai - Ellie Clark - Mike Frosch85.00
- 4/5 Linda Clover - Helen Dodge - Steven Fox - Albert Lauber85.00

Stratum D, 8 Tables

- 1 Joe Lentz - Rama Kapur - Anthony Cincotta - Edwin Brawn98.00
- 2 William Prosser - Paul Gayer - Walton Francis - Daniel Weinberg - Fred Gramlich78.00
- 3 Franz Delahan - Madeline Delahan - Reni Malloy - Maida Crocicchia69.00

SUNDAY MORNING NLM SWISS

Stratum A, 14 Tables

- 1 Terry Vann - Art Hartstein - Richard Wedgewood - John Wedgewood61.00
- 2 Daniel Finn - Amanda Carter - Richard Majewski - Alan Walter55.00
- 3/4 Alfred Lieberman - Leila Lieberman - Jan Zaal - Rita Capon52.00
- 3/4 Norman Sweed - Ronnie Sweed - Carol Elfant - Louis Coccodrilli52.00
- 5 Helen Long - Alfred Liebold - Neil Selvin - Howard Grunin46.00

Stratum B, 8 Tables

- 1 Terry Vann - Art Hartstein - Richard Wedgewood - John Wedgewood61.00
- 2 Daniel Finn - Amanda Carter - Richard Majewski - Alan Walter55.00
- 3 Norman Sweed - Ronnie Sweed - Carol Elfant - Louis Coccodrilli52.00

Stratum C, 5 Tables

- 1 Terry Vann - Art Hartstein - Richard Wedgewood - John Wedgewood61.00
- 2 Daniel Finn - Amanda Carter - Richard Majewski - Alan Walter55.00

SUNDAY AFTERNOON NLM SWISS

Stratum A, 10 Tables

- 1 Richard Wan - Betty Palmer - M. Josette Johnson - Helen Fillion58.00
- 2 Helen Long - Alfred Liebold - Neil Selvin - Howard Grunin55.00
- 3 Michael Hart - Richard Hart - Laura Garvey - Shelley Kempner49.00
- 4 Norman Sweed - Ronnie Sweed - Carol Elfant - Louis Coccodrilli44.00

Stratum B, 5 Tables

- 1 Norman Sweed - Ronnie Sweed - Carol Elfant - Louis Coccodrilli44.00
- 2 Barbara Hodges - William Hughes - John Donohue - Charles Shank34.00



NLM MASTER POINTERS

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

WITH SIX POINTS, FIND A BID!

When partner opens with one of a suit, she probably has at least 12 points, but she could have as many as 21. Maybe she's just shy of a strong 2♣ opening, or she doesn't have the right shape to open 2NT. She might need only five or six points from you to bid game. If you have six points or more and partner opens, you must find a bid!

Support with support

When partner opens one of a major and you have three or more of his suit, your job is to let him know! With a relatively weak hand, supporting partner's major should be your number one priority. Bidding partner's major at the two level shows 6-9 points and three-card (or longer) support. Usually, with 6-9 points you'll only get one chance to bid, so tell partner what he needs to know.

- 1) ♠ AQxx ♥ Qxx ♦ xxx ♣ xxx
- 2) ♠ AQxxx ♥ Qxxx ♦ xxx ♣ x

Hand 1 is worth only 8 points, so bid 2♥ over partner's 1♥ opening to show him your minimum raise. He doesn't need to know about your spades. They'll be a nice bonus when the dummy comes down!

Hand 2 can add three dummy points because of the shortness in clubs. (Remember to always add distribution points when you and partner have a fit!) This hand is too strong for a simple (one-level) raise. Many players would bid 3♥ with these cards, showing 10-12 points and four-card trump support.

- 3) ♠ Axx ♥ Qxx ♦ KQxx ♣ xxx

With 10 or more points and only three trumps, you may need to bid another suit and then bid partner's major at the appropriate level. Hand 3 is worth 11 points, too strong to bid 2♥ when pard opens 1♥, but you can't bid 3♥ if, by partnership agree-

ment, that bid promises four trumps. Bid 2♦ and support hearts later. Remember that when you bid a new suit as *responder*, it's forcing for one round if you haven't passed originally. Sometimes you need two or more bids to describe your hand.

Show a new suit at the one level

When partner opens one of a minor, you know he doesn't have a five-card major, but he may have a four-card major. If you have four cards in either major, how can you find out if partner has a fit with you? Opener needs a five-card suit to open her major, but *responder gets a discount*: responder needs to hold only four! Someone has to be able to bid their major with four if you're going to find your 4-4 fit.

With 6-9 points, you're not strong enough to bid a new suit at the two level, so you'll need to bid a suit that's higher than the one partner opened. Normally we bid four card suits "up the line." That means that if you have two four-card suits, you bid the lower-ranking one first, as long as you can bid it at the one level. However, some players will bypass their four-card diamond suit to bid a major instead, since it's easier to get to game in a major suit than in a minor.

- 4) ♠ Kxxx ♥ Qxxx ♦ Kx ♣ xxx
- 5) ♠ x ♥ Qxxx ♦ Qxxx ♣ Kxxx

With Hand 4, bid 1♥ when partner opens in either minor, giving pard the chance to bid 1♠ if she has four spades but not four hearts. With Hand 5, I would always bid 1♥ if partner opened 1♣, but some partnerships might agree to bid 1♦ instead.

- 6) ♠ x ♥ Qxxx ♦ Qxxx ♣ xxx

I would even bid 1♥ over 1♦ with this hand! (Or 2♥ over 1♥.) Once we've found a fit, this hand is worth 7 points, and it's very likely that we do have a fit if pard opens 1♦.

STEPPING UP TO NEW HEIGHTS: As of September 1, 2007

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(5 Masterpoints)

Jim Anschutz
Patti Anschutz
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Ms Marietta B Falzgraf
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Ms Martha L Stout
Ms Sondra Baxt
Dr Edmund A Gehan
Ms Susan L Holbeck
Mrs Temma S Kanowith
Ms Susan E Krimer
Charles Maplethorpe
Anne E Menkens
Mrs Margaret W Pfohl
Parviz Steeds
Dr Peter F Varadi
David M Wanicur
Mr Richard Weiser

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Sabrina M Manfield
Mr Seth D Manfield
Ms Jo Anna Mencarelli
Ms Patricia L Minami
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Sally S Garfinkel
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Mrs Leila Lieberman
Mr Agustin Litvak
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Mrs Ronnie K Sweed
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Mr John Flynn
Dr Prem C Garg
Mr Tsung T Lee
Mr Martin Norwitz
William B Rogers
Marlene L Stone

If she rebids 1♠, 1NT or 2♣, correct to 2♦: she's likely to have four of them.

Bid 1NT

If you can't support partner's suit, you have no suit to bid at the one level, and you're not strong enough to bid at the two level, you still need to bid if you have six points. Bid 1NT! Responding 1NT doesn't promise a balanced hand, and it doesn't promise stoppers in the unbid suits: it merely tells partner that you have 6-9 points and you can't support his suit.

- 7) ♠ Qxx ♥ Qxx ♦ Kxx ♣ xxx
- 8) ♠ x ♥ Qxxx ♦ Jxx ♣ Kxxx

With Hand 7, you can raise if pard opens a major, but if he opens in a minor, bid 1NT. (Even if he opens 1♣, don't raise to 2♣: he may have only a three-card suit.) If you're holding Hand 8 and pard opens 1♠, you must bid 1NT even though you have a singleton! You have no suit you can bid at the one level.

Can I ever pass with six points when partner opens?

Yes! In a *competitive auction* the rules are different. When pard opens and *your right-*

SUNDAY BRIDGE FIESTA!



This popular game, started by Steve and Sandy Forsythe, is still under construction. Please check the WBL website: districtsix.org/WBL or washingtonbridgeleague.org for the latest information.



hand opponent overcalls, or makes a bid over your partner's bid, you can pass with just 6 or 7 points. Partner will have another opportunity to describe her hand.

If partner overcalls, she hasn't opened... there's only one opener and responder in any auction. When pard overcalls you can raise with 6, but you need more than the minimum to bid a new suit. When the opponents are bidding, you need to be more conservative.

In bridge, there's a huge difference between completely broke and six points. When partner opens and you have six points or more, find a bid!

1) IMPs, None Vulnerable

♠ XY54♥-♦ 105432♣ AJ107

<u>SOUTH</u>	<u>WEST</u>	<u>NORTH</u>	<u>EAST</u>
1♥	Pass	4♥	Pass

What is the lowest value of XY that you would double 4♥ (pick a letter)?

A=65, B=K6, C=KQ, D=AJ, E=AQ, F=AK, G=never

2) IMPs, None Vulnerable

♠ Q♥ K106543♦ KQ54♣ A7

<u>SOUTH</u>	<u>WEST</u>	<u>NORTH</u>	<u>EAST</u>
1♥	Pass	1♠	Pass

?????

3) IMPs, Both Vulnerable

♠ 6♥ A6543♦ 8♣ K109654

<u>SOUTH</u>	<u>WEST</u>	<u>NORTH</u>	<u>EAST</u>
?????*	1♥	1♠	Pass

*3♥ = preemptive, 3♣ = weak-two in clubs

4) IMPs, Both Vulnerable

♠ AKQ92♥ A3♦ K3♣ 9654

<u>SOUTH</u>	<u>WEST</u>	<u>NORTH</u>	<u>EAST</u>
1♠	2♥	Dbl	Pass

?????

5) IMPs, None Vulnerable

♠ A42♥ KQ♦ AQ2♣ KQ654

<u>SOUTH</u>	<u>WEST</u>	<u>NORTH</u>	<u>EAST</u>
Dbl	Pass	Pass	1♥
?????	Pass	1♠	2♥

Return answers by November 1 to:

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

Contact **Barbara Doran** UnitGamePartner@DistrictSix.org, (301-608-0347 between 9am and 10pm) to find a partner in advance or go to www.washingtonbridgeleague.org to try the

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Don Berman, Carpool Coordinator can be contacted at 301-776-3581 or (don.berman@verizon.net) or log on to the **On-Line Carpool Notices** at www.WashingtonBridgeLeague.org.

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