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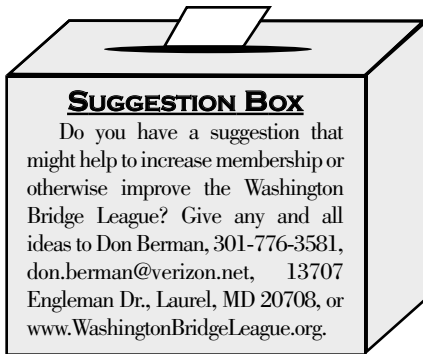
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PRESIDENT'S LETTER

by WBL President, Fred King

NOT the friendliest game in town! I am disturbed by two recent conversations I have had, especially about the A/X level game on Thursday nights. One person told me that, having played in both the Northern Virginia unit game and our unit game, they found the game across the river to be friendlier and much more pleasant than ours. Another person told me that his wife decided to stop coming to our unit game because she felt it was not a friendly atmosphere to play in. Surely, if someone comes to visit you at your home, you would say hello and smile when they got there, not just ignore them. Similarly, if you went to visit someone you would greet them on your arrival. Well, NS are the "home" table and EW are the visitors, and they should follow the above minimum courtesies.

I have written before about the need to for some people to "lighten up" and reduce the intensity level a little. Lovenberg points are not so valuable as to be worth acting impolitely. Finally, if you feel your opponents are acting improperly, perhaps trying to intimidate you, for example, don't hesitate to call the director. Too often, recently, we have had behavioral issues at the table that the players have tried to solve themselves, only to have them escalate. Call the director first and nip these disputes in the bud.

On a more positive note, I hope you have noticed that the Sunday team game at our January sectional was following a new format. It is a bracketed team game, where the field is grouped into brackets of 8, based on the average masterpoint holdings of the team members. Each bracket then plays a full round robin of seven matches, with the top three finishers receiving overall awards. The top bracket is open to any team that wants to enter, regardless of their masterpoints, as well as the teams having the highest masterpoint averages. (This bracket will

follow a swiss format unless it happens to have exactly eight teams.) Thus everyone can play against their peers, or can they can choose to play against "the big boys" if they prefer. This format has been tried in a number of places around the country and has been quite popular. One of our members, **Bob Stearns**, played in it a few months ago and liked it so much that he presented it to our board and suggested that the WBL try it out. We were happy to oblige, so come to the Sunday team game, see if you like it and give your feedback to any board members you see. Also, if you have any suggestions for improvements in how the WBL does things or new ideas you want to suggest, we are always happy to hear from our members.

—Fred King

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FRIDAY, JANUARY 4

- ♦ Stratified Pairs (unlim/2000/500)10:00am
- ♥ StrataFlighted A/X (unlim/3000) & B/C/D Pairs (1500/1000/500)2:00pm
- ♠ **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.
- ♣ Intermediate/Novice Pairs (300/200/100/50/20) (single sessions)10:00am, 2:00pm, 7:30pm

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♥ **Panel Show & Party** **SATURDAY, JANUARY 5**
to Honor New Life Masters between sessions

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

SUNDAY, JANUARY 6

WBL Trophy Race Winners' Presentation between sessions

- ♣ **NEW! Bracketed Teams**, (2 session playthru w/short break)11:00am & TBA
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- ♦ 300/100/50 Swiss Teams, VPs (single sessions)11:00am, 3:00pm

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

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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
 - ♣ **Barometer Pairs**7:30pm
StrataFlighted A/X (unlim/3000) & B/C/D Pairs (1500/1000/500)
- Check your scores every round!** Friday nights are your chance to try a different form of the game. This one session Barometer Pairs has no qualification necessary. Everyone plays the same boards at the same time and you can see how you're doing after every round.
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SATURDAY, MARCH 29

- ♣ **5th Annual: Washington Bridge League Trophy Pairs**11:00am, 3:30pm
(Two session Open Pairs, qualifying and final. Single session entries available.)
- ♦ StrataFlighted B/C/D Pairs (1500/1000/500) (single sessions)11:00am, 3:30pm
- ♥ StrataFlighted A/X Pairs (unlim/3000)3:30pm
- ♣ Intermediate/Novice Pairs (300/200/100) or Newcomer Pairs (50/20/5) (single sessions) 11:00am, 3:30pm

SUNDAY, MARCH 30

- ♣ **Instant Bridge Player:** Turn your friends onto bridge in this 1-day seminar! ... 11:00am
- ♦ 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
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**Washington Bridge League's
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**WELCOME TO THE
WASHINGTON BRIDGE LEAGUE**

The WBL welcomes the following new ACBL members: **Ms Andrea Baer, Judith S Ball, Reina Lerner, Mr Sperry Storm, Mr Lennart Eckerberg, Mrs Willia F Eckerberg, Ms Bernadette M Merceron, Linda S Mihm, Mr Eric Sanne, Mrs Betty P Spencer, and Richard M Sudol.**

In addition, we welcome the following transfers from other units: **Mrs Mary Gause, Mrs Leah B Chernov, Mr P David Chernov, Mr Mark S Cohen, Bobbie Devlin, Mrs Betty Engelgau, Gail W Ginsburgh, Mrs Elinor E McElwain, Mr Hank B Meyer, and Ms Billie Sandler.**

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.

BRIDGE IN SCHOOLS UPDATE

We're making progress!!! Some great news from *Bridge in Middle Schools*: **Baker MS, (Steve Czecha)** is planning a tournament playoff by the end of the year; **Kingsview MS (Carol Elfant)** has had 4 meetings and the students are enjoying playing the cards; **Pyle MS (Barry Bragin)** has an average of 7 students and says they are eager and ask quite a few questions; **Tilden MS (Mark Rosen)** has been averaging 20 students. We always need to have interested volunteers register with us.

*Ellen Rosenthal
nealandellen@cs.com*

**2008 BRIDGE & BOWLING
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 2**

Once again the WBL will be sponsoring "Bridge and Bowling". This is one of the most fun activities we do and if you have participated before, you will want to come

back. If you have not, then come out and give it a try! We start with bowling, where we set up 8 to 10 teams of 4 or 5 bowlers each, balancing them with good bowlers and those who are not so good. Don't worry if you haven't bowled in a long time, last year half the bowlers averaged less than 100 a game! Then we all go to dinner together to see what bridge players are like away from the card table! Finally we play bridge; again teams are set up so they are balanced across skill levels. The bridge game is a GNT qualifier. The date is **Saturday, Feb 2, 2008** and the places are the Laurel Bowl, a local restaurant, and the Laurel Bridge Club. Mark your calendar now and get your friends to come also. You can participate in any of the three activities, but the most fun is when you participate in all 3!

2008 WBL UNIT KO

The deadline to sign up for the 2008 Washington Bridge League Unit KOs is January 24. The GNT qualifier on that day will be used as a factor in the seeding of the KO; however, you don't have to play in the GNT qualifier in order to play in the Unit KOs. There will be two flights of play. Further specific details will be worked out and made available shortly. Contact **Steve Robinson** to find partners, for more information, or to sign up a team of 4, 5, or 6 players:

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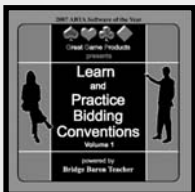
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WBL SOLVERS' CLUB

Moderated by Steve Robinson

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Congratulations to **Barbara Shaw** and **Frank Cardillo** who tied for first with a score of 470. They win a free entry to the Unit Game and will be invited to be on a future panel. Third was **Richard Freedman** with a score of 460. Tied for fourth were **Mike Richey, Sam Gumbert** and **Lloyd Rawley** with a score of 450. Tied for seventh were, **Ellen Cherniavsky** and **Ed Molner**, with a score of 440. Ninth was **Oleg Dolgikh** with a score of 430. Tied for tenth were **David Milton, Ken Kaufman, Mark Steele, Josh Feldstein,** and **Bill Ahrens** with a score of 420. Tied for fifteenth were **Arnie Frankel, Bob Kazdin, Tom Fukawa Iris Payne Linda Smith, Francesco Presicce, Walt Flory** and **Paul Benidict**, with a score of 410. The average score of the 266 solvers was 336. The average score of the experts was 407.

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, None Vulnerable

♠ XY54♥ -♦ 105432♣ AJ107

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
	1♥	Pass	4♥

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

Action	Score	Votes	Solvers
C	100	5	46
E	80	1	40
D	70	2	29
B	50	1	15
G	50	0	56
F	50	0	75
A	30	0	05

What is the minimum needed to balance when you have support for of all the unbid suits? The void in hearts would be a flaw if you were doubling 1♥ in passout seat, since it's often necessary to be able to lead trumps but with dummy having trump support, the void is less of a problem. If you use the 'when in doubt bid one more with a void' rule, the void gives you

more reason to bid. I'm of the opinion that when in doubt bid. I would double with ♠ Kxxx♥ -♦ 10xxxx♣ AJ10x. The ten of clubs could easily be worth a trick. If partner has ♠ QJxxx♥ xxx♦ xx♣ Qxx, 4♠ is on a club finesse and some breaks. Give him ♠ xx♥ xxx♦ KQJxx♣ Qxx and 5♦ makes if both black honors are on sides. If one of the black honors is off-side, they will make 4♥.

Five experts need at least ♠ KQxx♥ -♦ 10xxxx♣ AJ10x. One ace with two quick tricks so if partner passes, they have some defense.

Adams: "C—Partner passing is quite likely, so I should have some hope of beating this. Partner will pass any time he does not have four spades or a long minor. Hoping partner will bid a four-card diamond suit as a magic save is silliness. That said, I can't wait until I'm sure of setting them. With a void, come alive."

If partner has both minors he can bid 4NT giving you a choice.

Landen: "C—That hand is too strong offensively to risk not acting. The double is for takeout and partner is expected to bid 4♠ on most hands where he has four. It might be tough for them to double us even when they should. I'd much prefer my spades to be headed by the ace rather than the KQ, but matchpoints promotes aggressive bidding."

Cappelletti: "C—But would do B if partnership agreement is that double of 4♥ is for take out."

I can't think of any reason why the double wouldn't be for takeout.

Aronsohn: "C—KQ."

Hopkins: "C—I would like to have two quick tricks for this call and some control over our most likely trump suit if we declare and things go bad."

Lublin: "C—I go with letter C which gives me at least two quick tricks."

Three experts need more than ♠ KQxx.

Woolsey: "D—On an auction where partner might well be passing a takeout double, it is vital to have aces when making a marginal takeout double."

Schwartz: "E—Partner didn't overcall not vulnerable so I am less concerned about a double game swing as a huge fit is less likely. I also prefer the stronger spade holding, as spades is the suit most strongly inferred by the double. If the auction were 4♥ - Pass - Pass, I would choose D (prefer the ten count with two aces) as a double game swing is more at risk and partner is unlimited being unable to double with a pure penalty double."

Parker: "E—I expect partner to pull this over 50% of time so I need offense to help out. If he passes I need defense to set it, so at a minimum the ♠ A with the ♠ Q."

There are two reasons to bid with one of the weaker hands. 1) When in doubt bid. 2) Bid one more with a void.

2) IMPs, None Vulnerable

♠ Q♥ K106543♦ KQ54♣ A7

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
1♥	Pass	Pass	1♠
?????			
Action	Score	Votes	Solvers
Pass	100	5	60
2♦	80	4	93
2♥	60	1	93
Dbl	50	0	14
2♠	20	0	01
3♥	20	0	02
3♦	20	0	01
4♥	20	0	02

Partner has passed our opening bid. He has fewer than six HCP and that means the opponents have more than half the deck. Wouldn't partner pass 1♥ with ♠ J10xxx♥ x♦ xx♣ Qxxxx or ♠ xxx♥ xx♦ xx♣ xxxxx? You need a reason to bid. If West holds ♠ xx♥ AQJ9♦ AJ10x♣ xxx, he would be very happy to hear you bid a red suit at the two-level. You usually want to push the opponents to the three-level where it's easier to defeat them. However, if partner has support for one of your suits, he's less likely to have defense in their suits. I don't think there is a reason to be a hero on this hand. The auction is not over and maybe partner has something he wants to show for

instance six clubs to the QJ.

Four experts agree with me and pass for now.

Landen: "Pass—There's not much future offensively and it's not safe to bid. At matchpoints, I'd risk 2♦, but I don't see any point in it at IMPs."

Not sure what difference the form of scoring makes. If you go for a number, it's bad at any form of scoring.

Aronsohn: "Pass—I hate to pass in bidding quizzes, because that answer usually doesn't get many points. But that's surely what I'd do at the table."

Hopkins: "Pass—I can't see where we can outbid the opposition unless partner can find a call at his next turn. And there are downsides to bidding, particularly if we are in a misfit situation."

Schwartz: "Pass—We are outgunned in HCP and I have short honors so what's the point in bidding? Bidding will only help the opponents in the play. I also have no clear way to get us to the right red suit."

Four experts stick their nose out. They make points but I think the suits should be better or longer. Put the queen of spades or the ace of clubs in the red suits, or give you five diamonds and it would be clearer to bid.

Woolsey: "2♦ —We will need a diamond fit to compete with partner being a passed hand. Also, a diamond lead might be key if West gets to 3NT, which isn't so unlikely."

Competing works when you push them up to the three-level and beat them. With our lack of defense, I wouldn't be surprised if the opponents made at least ten tricks.

Adams: "2♦ —If you give the opponents two suits to worry about, they often misjudge. If you offer partner a second suit, he might come alive if you find a big fit. Showing the sixth heart just does not have much upside with a bad hand, and the bad suit could mean I am in trouble if I do not offer partner a choice. Double shows a better hand."

Cappelletti: "2♦ —Since I won't bid a third time all by myself."

Lublin: "2♦."

One expert puts all of his eggs in the heart basket.

Parker: "2♥ —I always rebid a six-card suit over a four-card suit. Pass, never!"

Its usually right to compete but when its more likely that you go for a number then set them, wait for the next hand.

3) IMPs, Both Vulnerable

♠ 6♥ A6543♦ 8♣ K109654

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
		1♥	1♠
?????			

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

Action	Score	Votes	Solvers
3♠	100	3	16
2♠	90	3	39
4♦	70	1	11
4♥	70	1	125
2♣	30	2	34
4NT	30	0	09
2♥	30	0	07
3♣	30	0	07
4♣	30	0	01
3♥	30	0	06
Dbl	30	0	01
5♥	20	0	08
2NT	20	0	01
1NT	20	0	01

We have five-card support, a reasonable six-card and two singletons. If opener has ♠ Axx♥ Kxxxx♦ Axxx♣ x, 6♥ is a reasonable contract. However, the opponents are out there and spades outrank hearts. The question is do we preempt or do we try to have a constructive auction. This hand has lots of playing strength but very little defense. Seven experts make heart-showing bids with at least limit raise strength. Four of the bids are forcing to game and create a force. The opponents can't play a contract undoubled. If the opponents keep bidding spades, partner will expect you to have more defense. I guess you would have to double 5♠ unless partner showed club values.

Two experts splinter in spades. If the opponents bid 4♠ and partner doubles, he won't be doubling on two small spades. On the other hand, the opponents don't always have a large spade fit. Partner is allowed to have ♠ xxxx♥ Kxxxx♦ Axx♣ A. Now the

splinter will insure that you get to 6♠. If he has ♠ Axxx♥ Kxxxx♦ Ax♣ Kx you might even get to seven. Splinters let you know that you don't have two quick losers in a suit and tell you that your KQ in that suit are wasted values.

Woolsey: "3♠—I have huge playing strength. If partner drives to slam, I'll bet my hand won't be a disappointment. If they bid 4♠ and partner doubles, at least he knows what to expect from me in the trump department. If he doesn't double I'll bid on, and likely either 4♠ or 5♥ will make."

Adams: "3♠—I can't show all my features, so show the one most likely to get partner thinking slam or thinking what to do over 4♠. If I had a fit jump option I might try it."

Splintering in diamonds will force you to pull partners double of 4♠. Usually when you splinter in one suit you have strength in the other three suits.

Hopkins: "4♦—I'm going to splinter here and hope partner can infer Spade shortness in addition from the subsequent bidding. Also, partner might be able to lead the unsupported Diamond Ace against a Spade contract knowing he can give me a ruff."

Three experts bid 2♠ showing a limit raise or better in hearts. Not a very good description of your hand which means partner is not going to know which of his honors are good and which are bad.

Cappelletti: "2♠—Too good for 4♥ and a good Blackwood hand if partner shows a sign of life."

Two experts wish they were playing fit-showing jumps. It would nice to be able to bid 3♣ showing at least five clubs, at least four hearts and at least limit raise strength, but that is not part of our system.

Landen: "2♠—It would be nice to be playing fit showing jumps (I'd bid 4♣). I'm a little too strong offensively to bid 4♥ and that will almost surely fetch 4♠. I'll cue to show a good raise and later will bid 4♥ if allowed."

Lublin: "2♠—I would like to make a fit jump in clubs but not allowed so I bid 2♠ and pull all doubles and spade bids."

One expert takes partner out of the pic-

ture but with this hand how could partner make an intelligent decision.

Parker: "4♥—Bid what you think you can make and take up as much room as possible. I will bid 5♣ over 4♠."

Two experts violate the 'sent trumps ASAP' rule. The problem is that if the opponents bid 4♠, partner is going to look at his clubs when deciding what to do. If he has a singleton club, he will double 4♠ and that's not what you want to happen. You want him to double 4♠ with spade strength.

Aronsohn: "2♣—Let's get partner involved early, so he'll know what to do if and when the opponents outbid us in spades, so he can make an intelligent and more informed decision."

Schwartz: "2♣—Any strength showing bid commits us to the five-level over the expected opponents 4♠. At least when I follow with 5♥ partner can expect shortness in both pointed suits instead of me having to guess which short suit to splinter in. I have sympathy for 4♥ for at least now I can defend spade if partner freely doubles."

Splinters are great for constructive auctions.

4) IMPs, Both Vulnerable

♠ AKQ92♥ A3♦ K3♣ 9654

<u>SOUTH</u>	<u>WEST</u>	<u>NORTH</u>	<u>EAST</u>
1♠	2♥	Dbl	Pass
?????			
<u>Action</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Votes</u>	<u>Solvers</u>
3♠	100	2	12
3♣	90	2	76
2NT	80	2	40
3♥	70	2	58
3NT	70	1	34
2♠	60	0	14
4♣	50	1	13
4♠	50	0	08
5♣	20	0	02
6♣	20	0	01
Pass	20	0	07
4♥	20	0	01

We could have opened 1NT with our sixteen HCP and if we were 5-3-3-2 we would have but we are 5=2=2=4. The plan was to open 1♠ and over 1NT, bid 2♣ and

follow with 2NT. Now the problem is what to bid over partner's negative double. Give partner a normal negative double such as ♠ xx♥ xx♦ QJ10xx♣ AQxx and what strain and at what level do you want to play in? What you don't want to play in is notrump. If LHO has six hearts, he will very likely take five hearts and a diamond. Opposite the above hand, you want to play in 4♠ where you'll lose one heart, one diamond and probably one spade.

Three experts bid notrump. I don't like playing in notrump with one stopper when there is a long suit out there when there is any other option. Give West ♠ x♥ KQJxxxx♦ Axx♣ Ax and he'll make 2NT. I'd want partner to have something in hearts to play in notrump.

Parker: "2NT—May not show this good a hand but should lead to the best contract. If partner passes we should make it, if he raises we should make it and if he bids 3♠ or 3♣ that is good also."

Why would he bid 3♠? If he had spade support, he wouldn't have made a negative double.

Cappelletti: "2NT—Have to make a non-minimum bid since partner might have ten+ points."

If partner has more than ten HCP, he's allowed to bid again over a minimum bid.

Hopkins: "3NT—I believe this shows about 15-17 HCP and a balanced hand. Partner's perfect minimum looks like ♠ Jx♥ J9x♦ AJxx♣ Jxxx."

You're giving him both major suit jacks, which are golden. Change the jacks to the king of clubs and where are you?

Two experts cue bid. Cue bids are forcing to game so you'll have to bid again if partner responds 4♣. I don't think you want to be in 5♣ opposite ♠ xx♥ xxx♦ AQJx♣ Qxxx but it does have play.

Woolsey: "3♥—This risks wrong-siding 3NT, but otherwise maximizes our chances of finding the best strain. Other approaches could lead to a very wrong contract."

Landen: "3♥—I'll make a slight overbid to facilitate finding the correct strain. I don't believe the double promises both the unbid

suits; partner will strain to act with sufficient values to compete. Therefore, I can't over emphasize clubs at this stage."

Five experts were thinking about 3NT. 3NT will be good if partner has heart help. One expert fails to make 3NT an option.

Adams: "4♣—Invitational. 3♥ would be game forcing. Not strong enough for that. 3♣ is more attractive at matchpoints."

Two experts bid their four-card minor at the minimum level

Aronsohn: "3♣—What's the problem?"

Lublin: "3♣—I bid 3♣ because partner tells me he has them."

One expert jumps in his six-card suit. AKQ9x plays well opposite Jx. Even plays reasonable opposite a singleton. If you had a sixth spade, the question would be 3♠ or 4♠.

Schwartz: "3♠—I will likely need to develop club tricks so to force to 3NT without heart help seems misguided and 5♣ opposite a minimum is likely too high. Thus spades is probably the right strain 3♠ immediately shows the invitational nature of the hand."

You can sometimes treat AKQxx as a six-card suit

5) IMPs, None Vulnerable

♠ A42♥ KQ♦ AQ2♣ KQ654

<u>SOUTH</u>	<u>WEST</u>	<u>NORTH</u>	<u>EAST</u>
	Pass	Pass	1♥
Dbl	Pass	1♠	2♥
?????			
<u>Action</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Votes</u>	<u>Solvers</u>
Double	100	7	42
3♣	60	1	81
3♠	50	0	30
2♠	50	0	24
2NT	50	1	44
3♥	40	1	22
3NT	30	0	06
4♠	20	0	12
Pass	20	0	05

Partner responded 1♠ to your take-out double and RHO rebid his hearts. How do you show at least 17 HCP with exactly two hearts? Double. The typical

heart-spade holding for the double is three spades and two hearts. Since there are many hands that partner could have, you want to let him make the next decision. He could have ♠xxx♥J10xxx♦xxx♣xx, or ♠KQxx♥J10xx♦xxx♣xx where he would be happy to defend. He could have ♠xxxx♥xxx♦J10♣xx where he would happily remove your double to 2♠. He could have ♠KQxxx♥xx♦J10♣xxx and he would happily bid 4♠. If he had ♠xxxx♥xx♦J10xxx♣xx, he would bid 3♦.

Six experts agree with me and double.

Woolsey: "Double—This typically shows 18-19 points with 3-2-4-4 shape. I'm close to that. If partner doesn't have five spades and doesn't have a clear minor-suit preference he will bid 2NT (not natural), and we will get to 3♣. And if partner happens to be able to pass the double, that will be great."

Woolsey makes a point. 2NT after a take-out double is best played as choice of suits asking the doubler to bid his longest minor. If you have a natural 2NT, you would pass the double. Works well when you are dealt ♠xxxx♥xx♦xxx♣xxxx. The doubler will bid 3♣ with equal or longer clubs. On the other hand, if you bid a minor you really have it.

Adams: "Double—Shows a good hand with three spades. Looks like what I have."

Landen: "Double—I must act again with 20 HCP and double seems better than 2NT or 3♣. If partner retreats to 2♠ I'll pass. My double typically shows three spades and a hand of about this strength."

Cappelletti: "Double—And await further input."

Hopkins: "Double—I play this as 18/19(+) HCP and three-card support with most partners."

Schwartz: "Double—Need to leave room for a 2♠ contract. Double works out poorly only when partner is 4-4 in the pointed suits so is worth the risk. 2NT is most likely to get us to a game, but is also most likely give us a minus score."

Double leaves room for a 2♠ contract.

Three experts try other routes but will get overboard if partner has nothing.

Aronsohn: "2NT—Least of all evils."

KQ doubleton works well, only if partner has Jxx.

Lublin: "3♥—I bid 3♥ to show this hand."

Parker: "3♣—This hand has the points for 2NT but with only one heart stopper I will err on the side of bidding my longest suit. Partner can rebid Spades with five."

3♣ figures to be a reasonable strain if partner passes.

Takeout double followed by double is a two-card double with extra values.

SOLVERS' SCORES

John Adams	C	2♦	3♠	4♣	Dbl	430
Natalie Aronsohn	C	Pass	2♣	3♣	2NT	370
Mike Cappelletti	C	2♦	2♠	2NT	Dbl	450
Robbie Hopkins	C	Pass	4♦	3NT	Dbl	440
Steve Landen	C	Pass	2♠	3♥	Dbl	460
Glenn Lublin	C	2♦	2♠	3♣	3♥	400
Steve Parker	E	2♥	4♥	2NT	3♣	350
Steve Robinson	B	Pass	3♠	3♠	Dbl	450
Alan Schwartz	E	Pass	2♣	3♠	Dbl	410
Kit Woolsey	D	2♦	3♠	3♥	Dbl	420



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Lovenberg

- 1 195.40 Alfred Steinberg
- 2 181.34 Steve Robinson
- 3 175.57 William Cole
- 4 137.23 James Geist
- 5 135.52 David Ruderman
- 6 130.75 Mark Shaw
- 7 129.55 John Adams
- 8 127.72 Leo LaSota
- 9 122.77 Arnie Frankel
- 10 119.07 Peter Boyd
- 11 117.44 Earl Glickstein
- 12 112.48 Lloyd Rawley
- 13 108.23 Robert Bell
- 14 98.31 Angeliki Magklara
- 15 93.86 Fred King
- 16 89.75 Richard Wegman
- 17 87.24 Michael Gill
- 18 86.90 Clyde Kruskal
- 19 82.48 Noble Shore
- 20 81.95 Alan Tenenbaum
- 21 78.49 Donna Rogall
- 22 77.53 Barry Bragin
- 23 77.19 Benjamin Brill
- 24 71.60 Mita Banerjee
- 25 68.62 Steven Schatzow

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- 4 77.53 Barry Bragin
- 5 68.62 Steven Schatzow
- 6 55.66 Mark Rosen
- 7 53.94 Richard Ferrin
- 8 50.25 Linda Marshall
- 9 43.87 Katherine Rabenstein
- 10 43.77 Arun Guha
- 11 40.84 Shyamalendu Pal
- 12 38.51 Eugene Fisher
- 13 37.67 Alfred Liepold
- 14 37.48 Janet Dence
- 15 35.63 Ellen Rosenthal

Tubbs

- 1 50.25 Linda Marshall
- 2 43.77 Arun Guha
- 3 40.84 Shyamalendu Pal
- 4 37.67 Alfred Liepold
- 5 34.74 Calvin Konner
- 6 32.30 Daniel Koch
- 7 31.87 Mirsad Mujezinovic
- 8 31.79 William Kingery Jr
- 9 28.49 Larry Moran
- 10 27.05 Terry Coates

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- 1 43.77 Arun Guha
- 2 40.84 Shyamalendu Pal
- 3 26.46 John Horner
- 4 26.02 Frank Hatten
- 5 21.88 Garry Grossman
- 6 21.61 Beth Wisinski
- 7 15.92 Alan Walter
- 8 13.72 Suzanne Kilczewski
- 9 13.50 Robert Kazdin
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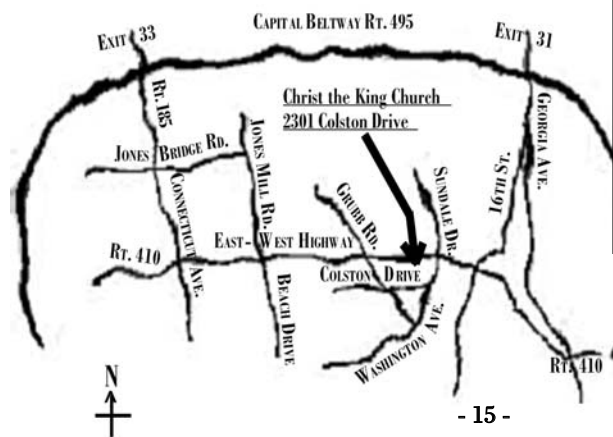
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**IT TAKES A VILLAGE TO
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by Barbara Summers, Volunteer Coordinator,
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Behind the scene volunteers are helping keep this game we love alive and thriving. The guaranteed partner plays for free the night he fills in and gets a free play for another evening. Being a guaranteed partner is a great way to meet new partners. **Rose Berman, Marc Weiner, David Fleischer, Janet Dence, Ron Susi, Ron Zucker** and **Ed Fuller** are all recent volunteers. We are all appreciative of **Kitty Gottfried** who has provided the snacks each Thursday night and kept us in coffee and drinks. **Lee Biggs** took care of the tables for years and now **David Solomon** has taken over caring for our tables. Our unit can always find a activity for each volunteer. Just mention to me that you would like to help and I will endeavor to use your talents.

Ellen Rosenthal is heading up a **BRIDGE IN MIDDLE SCHOOLS** committee and could use help to get our great game in more schools. If you would like to help, please contact her at nealandellen@cs.com or 301-299-9298.

In the spring, Jim and I went to Ireland, fell in love with the Irish and played played duplicate in a social group. Four card majors, weak no trumps and strong twos..homemade cardboard duplicate boards and a slight shuffle of the cards. I also cherished the limericks. I have a friend, **Forest Montgomery**, whom I met in cardiac rehab after my heart attack and his dropping dead on his cardiologist's floor and he writes precious limericks about bridge. He taught bridge years ago at the Goren School in DC. Here's one from Forest:

Admirable Restraint

After going down doubled in seven,
At a contract that was not made in heaven,
The partner was heard,
To say not a word,
But he couldn't get to sleep 'til eleven.

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An appeal from the second qualifying session of the Von Zedtwitz LM Pairs in Nashville this past summer illustrates the importance of correcting partner's mistaken explanation to the opponents at the earliest legal opportunity. (If you are the declaring side, the correction should be made at the end of the auction, before the opening lead is faced. If you are defending, the correction should be made immediately following the cessation of play but not before, since a correction during the play would provide partner with Unauthorized Information.) On the following deal South neglected to do his duty at the appropriate time and his side paid dearly for the oversight.

Bd: 19
Dir: South
Vul: E/W

<u>North</u>	
♠ Q82	
♥ A103	
♦ A2	
♣ AKJ75	
<u>West</u>	<u>East</u>
♠ AJ76	♠ K1094
♥ 86	♥ J92
♦ 653	♦ Q974
♣ Q643	♣ 109
<u>South</u>	
♠ 53	
♥ KQ754	
♦ KJ108	
♣ 82	

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

(1)Alerted; checkback

Before the opening lead East asked if the sequence showed spades. North said, "Yes, he should have spades" and South did not correct this explanation prior to the opening lead of the ♣ 10. When dummy appeared East called the Director and told him (away from the table) that he would have led a spade if he had not been misinformed about spades. The Director instructed that play continue, after which N/S made eleven tricks for a score of +460. At the end of the play the Director was called back to the table. In accordance with Law 40C, the Director determined that North's failure to explain completely the meaning of South's 3♦ bid had damaged E/W. Therefore, in accordance with Law 12C2, the score was adjusted to the result that would have been obtained had East led a spade (as he told the Director he would have earlier): 3NT by North made three, +400 for N/S.

N/S appealed the ruling. At the hearing South said he made a checkback rebid to give North a choice of rebidding 3NT or 4♥. His 3♦ bid promised five hearts. N/S's convention cards did not reflect the fact that South's failure to show spades (by bidding 3♠ directly over 2NT) denied a 4-5 distribution and North's explanation made no mention of that—nor did South correct North's deficient explanation in time for East to use the correct information to determine his opening lead.

The Committee expressed concern that N/S's convention card did not indicate their full agreement as to how they played their checkback bids as came out at the hearing. They believed that North's erroneous explanation and South's failure to correct it appeared to be attempts to discourage a spade lead. The Committee judged that

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East's opening lead decision was affected by North's statement that the combination of South's 3♦ bid and his subsequent 3NT bid over 3♥ showed spades. The fact that East told the Director that he would have led a spade before it was known that a spade lead was right, substantiated his claim. The Committee therefore upheld the table Director's decision to adjust the result to 3NT by North made three, +400 for N/S.

The Director and Committee in this case were right on target to adjust the score for N/S's failure to provide accurate and timely correct information about the meaning of South's bids. The only bone I have to pick is with the Committee's failure to issue an Appeal Without Merit Warning to N/S for appealing the Director's very clearly warranted score adjustment. This appeal was a total waste of this Committee's time, which is the signature indicator that an appeal lacks merit.

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

may be used for any Thursday night that isn't part of a WBL or NVBA Sectional tournament. The free plays are worth seven dollars, the cost of a normal Unit Game. They may be used for seven dollars of the nine dollar cost of special games (Grand National Team qualifiers, North American Pairs qualifiers, STaCs...).

Check with **Barbara Doran** at the partnership desk to see if you've won a free play before you buy your entry the next time you play on a Thursday night.

2007-2008 WBL/NVBA

PLAYER OF THE YEAR

To be eligible, a player: (1) Must be a member (or pending member) of either the NVBA or the

WBL; (2) Must attend at least three WBL and three NVBA sectionals during the contest period (August, 2007 through May, 2008). Points won on Tournament Thursday evenings are included in the totals, but do not count towards eligibility; (3) Must be a member in good standing of

the ACBL and a local affiliate throughout the contest period and remain so through the award presentation.

Awards: Two trophies will be awarded.

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

Open Leaders

<u>Player</u>	<u>Points</u>
1 Leo LaSota	70.70
2 Steve Robinson	66.53
3 Robert Gookin	64.48
4 Helene Bauman	62.31
5 Richard Ferrin	52.69
6 Alfred Steinberg	52.52
7 Janet Gookin	50.96
8 William Cole	50.84
9 Barbara Shaw	50.79
10 Mark Shaw	49.46
11 Steven Schatzow	47.11
12 Arnie Frankel	44.29
13 Peter Boyd	43.70
14 Margot Hennings	43.45
15 Fred King	42.37
16 Eugene Kales	42.12
17 John Adams	41.79
18 Eileen Theimer	36.22
19 James Geist	35.63
20 Donald Berman	35.34

UPCOMING SECTIONALS

♠ <u>January 3-6, 2008</u> Silver Spring, MD	♥ <u>April 10-13, 2008</u> Fairfax, VA
♣ <u>February 21-24, 2008</u> Fairfax, VA	♦ <u>August 7-10, 2008</u> Silver Spring, MD
♦ <u>March 27-30, 2008</u> Silver Spring, MD	♥ <u>September 4-7, 2008</u> Fairfax, VA

~ ♣♦♥♠ ~

NonLM Leaders

<u>Player</u>	<u>Points</u>
1 Alfred Liepold	23.65
2 Francesco Parisi-Presicce	20.17
3 Albert Lauber	19.55
4 Kiyomi Shiba	18.24
5 Neil Selvin	16.27
6 Helen Long	15.51
7 Jose Porres	15.47
8 Ned Griffith	15.27
8 Joe Lentz	14.51
10 Seth Chamberlain	12.48
11 Terry Jones	12.31
12 Anthony Cincotta	12.29
13 Kevin O'Brien	12.12
14 Cynthia Harrison	11.71
15 Art Hartstein	11.66
16 Terry Vann	11.66
17 Amy Bloom	11.41
18 Eleanor Schwartz	11.29
19 Jose Cortina	11.25
20 Amelia Montjoy	11.03

IBP: ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL ONE-DAY BRIDGE LESSON!

You know you're doing something right when the biggest complaint about your program is that you should hold it more often! That's what many of the students said at our most recent **Instant Bridge Player** one-day bridge lesson, held on Sunday, October 7th, during the sectional at the Margaret Schweinhaut Center. A very enthusiastic thank you is due to our excellent teachers, **Garry Grossman** and **Ernie Schuler**, and their very able volunteer helper, **Adrienne Kohn**.

Thirty-seven students attended the class. This was our first class since **Steve** and **Sandy Forsythe**, who started this great one-day program several years ago, moved away. The students benefited greatly by learning from Steve's **Instant Bridge Player** and **Advanced Instant Bridge Player** booklets. The students were divided into two groups: absolute beginners were on the stage, while those who knew a few basics met in a classroom near the entrance. By offering two different classes at once, we were better able to accommodate players of different skill levels. The use of one-page bidding sheets had everyone bidding Standard American in no time.

In both classes, the students enjoyed the

basic level of instruction and the chance to play and ask questions. They loved the excellent food provided by **Nadine Wood** and her crew. Many of the students said that they attended because a friend told them about the event. If you tell even one person about these classes, it can substantially help our attendance and start new bridge players on their way into duplicate! More bridge players means bigger games, more masterpoints, and most important, new friends.

We expect to hold our next **Instant Bridge Player** lesson during the March 27-30, 2008 WBL sectional. We also welcome beginners and social bridge players every Thursday night at our 0-20 lesson and game (a separate section of the Unit Game in a separate room at CTK), whether they just need a refresher or they're just starting out. So, please, keep telling your friends!

—CLUB NEWS—

LAUREL BRIDGE CLUB

Everyone is invited to the annual **Laurel Bridge Club Pot Luck Dinner and Game on New Year's Eve**. The always delicious dinner will start about 7 PM, and the game will start at around 8 PM. Bring a dish and a partner. If you have any questions, or need a partner, call **Rose Berman** at 301-776-3581.

SOME ROCKVILLE SR. CENTER GAMES HAVE MOVED!

The Monday and Friday games formally held at the Rockville Sr Center have moved to the St James Episcopal Church at 11815 Seven Locks Road, Potomac, MD. Game time is 11:15 am.

The Tuesday evening game is still held at the Rockville Sr Center at 8850 Carnation Drive in Rockville. Game time is still 7:00 pm.

Contact **Mark Lavine** at 301-251-1238 or mlavine@gcsii.com for more information. Our website is www.rockvilledbc.com.

LOOKING FOR A GAME IN DC?

Larry Galvin (301.984.4482) directs three games: on Mondays and Thursdays at 11 am at the Guy Mason Center DBC; 3600 Calvert Street NW; and Fridays at 11 am at the Chevy Chase Bridge Club DC Rec Dept; 5601 Connecticut Ave NW.

GNT QUALIFIER AT CAMP SPRINGS DBC

The Camp Springs DBC is running a GNT qualifier on November 30th. Contact **Anna McLean** at 301.839.2464 for further information.

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SAD NEWS

WBL member, Reese House died September 10, after a long and brave battle with cancer. To honor Reese's professional contributions to the field of guidance counseling, a scholarship award is being established with Counselors for Social Justice.

LESLIE SHAFER'S CLASSES

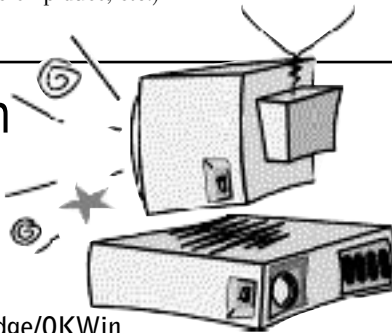
All of Leslie's upcoming classes are on her website: www.bridgeteacher.com. Don't forget to hit the "refresh" key of your browser to make sure you are getting the current info and not "memories" your computer keeps in a cache.

Here's a few key points of interest from her new Winter Semester —

Chevy Chase Club has invited Leslie back at her regular time slot of Wednesday afternoons 2-4 pm. It is not on the website! However, you must be a member or attending with a member to get in. All registrations are handled by the Club - not thru Leslie!

Topic: Slam Bidding

Oasis: Used to be Friday mornings at Macy's in Mont. Mall. They outgrew their space and Lelie had lots of trouble with their new "rules." So she is running Friday morning's class (intermediate thru advanced levels) at UMC now -- 10 am - Noon. About 2 miles down Democracy from Montgomery Mall. Also her fee will be cheaper! (No membership dues, etc.)



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NVBA WILLIAM POISSANT MEMORIAL TOURNAMENT

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THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 21

Beth El Hebrew Congregation, 3830 Seminary Road, Alexandria, VA (NVBA)
Christ the King Church, one block south of East-West Highway on Colston between Washington and Grubb, Chevy Chase, MD (WBL)

Novice/Intermediate Lecture	6:30 p.m.	NVBA (Beth El)	WBL
STRATIFLIGHTE 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, FEBRUARY 22

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

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 23

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

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 24

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

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**77TH ANNUAL WBL
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October 4-7, 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 D.C. Championships winners:

All Players

1	26.08	.....	John Adams
2	23.27	.....	James Geist
3	22.30	.....	Alfred Steinberg
4	20.87	.....	Angeliki Magklara
5	20.61	.....	Fred King
6	20.59	.....	Steve Robinson
7	18.98	.....	William Cole
8	18.38	.....	Robert Bell
9	15.96	.....	Leo LaSota
10	15.24	.....	Helene Bauman

Players with fewer than 1500 masterpoints

1	20.87	.....	Angeliki Magklara
2	12.23	.....	Lloyd Rawley
3	11.25	.....	V S Sharma
4	11.25	.....	Jose Cortina
5	9.80	.....	Raghavendra Rajkumar
6	8.51	.....	Steven Schatzow
7	8.00	.....	Beta Nahapetian
8	7.77	.....	Walter Smith Jr
9	7.58	.....	Prahalad Rajkumar
10	7.00	.....	Gail Brooks

Players with fewer than 500 masterpoints

1	11.25	.....	Jose Cortina
2	9.80	.....	Raghavendra Rajkumar
3	6.75	.....	Ed Lawhon
4	6.49	.....	Alfred Liepold
5	6.01	.....	Amy Bloom
6	5.25	.....	Douglas Fox
	5.25	.....	Larry Moran
8	5.06	.....	Albert Lauber
	5.06	.....	James Beller
	5.06	.....	Ned Griffith

Players with fewer than 100 masterpoints

1	4.32	.....	Al Kuchinka
2	4.22	.....	Shyamalendu Pal
	4.22	.....	Arun Guha
4	3.93	.....	Hanita Schreiber
5	3.69	.....	Terry Coates
	3.69	.....	John Horner
7	3.47	.....	Jennifer Elliott
8	3.30	.....	Richard Wedgewood
9	2.98	.....	Bahman Shahin
	2.98	.....	Taraneh Shahin

**2007 MACHLIN
SPORTSMANSHIP AWARD
WINNER PETER BOYD**



WBL President Fred King presented the 2007 Machlin Sportsmanship Award winner Peter Boyd with his virtual trophy.

THURSDAY A/X PAIRS

Stratum A, 32.0 Tables / Based on 84



1	John Adams - Angeliki Magklara	... .67.31
2	Sumner Steinfeldt - Edward Gofreed	... .61.81
3	Brad Theurer - James Geist	... .61.43
4	Barbara Ames - Ellen Cherniavsky	... .59.02
5	Stan Schenker - David Milton	... .58.57
6	Carole Banks - Cecilia Valdivieso	... .58.44
7	Donna Rogall - Robert Bell	... .57.90
8	Steve Bunning - Kris Miller	... .57.87
9	Shou-Ling Wang - Ann Ingram	... .57.01

Stratum X, 14.5 Tables

1	Barbara Ames - Ellen Cherniavsky	... .59.02
2	Carole Banks - Cecilia Valdivieso	... .58.44
3	Steve Bunning - Kris Miller	... .57.87
4	Shirley Kollas - Mark Tonnesen	... .56.71
5	Debnarayan Dhar - Dharendra Ghosh	... 55.09
6	Charles Young Jr - Marlys Moholt	... .53.76

THURSDAY B/C/D PAIRS

Stratum B, 23.0 Tables



1	Lynda Flanger - William Nicolai	... .63.64
2	Robert Padgett - Frank Cardillo	... .61.95
3	Walter Smith Jr - Evan Allen	... .61.16
4	Richard Levin - Marc Weiner	... .60.98
5/6	Daniel Koch - Margie Coccodrilli	... .59.28
5/6	Mark Rosen - Kiyomi Shiba	... .59.28

Stratum C, 19.0 Tables

- William Nicolai - Lynda Flanger63.64
- Walter Smith Jr - Evan Allen61.16
- Richard Levin - Marc Weiner60.98
- Mark Rosen - Kiyomi Shiba59.28
- Thomas Reckford - Behnaz Fardshisheh 58.90
- Jane Friend - Marie Nysten56.82

Stratum D, 10.0 Tables

- Richard Levin - Marc Weiner60.98
- Judy Glick - Joyce Currie53.98
- Calvin Konner - Anton Ganew53.79
- Anthony Cincotta - Joe Lentz53.23
- Prem Garg - Murat Berk51.33
- Howard Schuyler - Catherine Smith .50.84

THURSDAY NONLM PAIRS @ WBL**Stratum A, 17.0 Tables**

- John Horner - Terry Coates66.37
- Shyamalendu Pal - Arun Guha63.10
- Beth Wisinski - Cynthia Harrison . . .60.71
- Annapurna Satpathy - Richard Wan .60.56
- John Reynolds - Charles Cromwell .58.33
- Andrew Jacknain - Marie Saeger . . .58.16

Stratum B, 9.5 Tables

- Terry Coates - John Horner66.37
- Shyamalendu Pal - Arun Guha63.10
- Beth Wisinski - Cynthia Harrison . . .60.71
- Andrew Jacknain - Marie Saeger . . .58.16
- Jennifer Elliott - Leslie Jessell56.04
- Marilyn Rubinstein - Herbert Rubinstein 55.36

Stratum C, 5.5 Tables

- Beth Wisinski - Cynthia Harrison . . .60.71
- Andrew Jacknain - Marie Saeger . . .58.16
- Douglas Woods - Donna Hankey-Woods 54.17
- Linda Silberg - Jason Stewart52.08

THURSDAY 199ER PAIRS @ NVBA**Stratum A, 12.0 Tables**

- Sidney Graves - Jan Potter65.48
- Robert Dorosin - Peter Pecori64.58
- Fred Singerman - Joe Freedman . . .60.71
- Mary Ann Kral - Linda Burton58.93
- Joe Hertz - Janet Henrichsen55.36
- Robert Staiman - Alexander Shafer . .54.76

Stratum B, 8.5 Tables

- Sidney Graves - Jan Potter65.48
- Robert Dorosin - Peter Pecori64.58
- Fred Singerman - Joe Freedman . . .60.71
- Joe Hertz - Janet Henrichsen55.36
- Robert Staiman - Alexander Shafer . .54.76

Stratum C, 3.5 Tables

- Fred Singerman - Joe Freedman . . .60.71
- Joe Hertz - Janet Henrichsen55.36
- Robert Staiman - Alexander Shafer . .54.76

FRIDAY MORNING OPEN PAIRS**Stratum A, 20.0 Tables / Based on 32**

- Gail Brooks - Gloria Schulstad63.90
- Douglas Fox - Larry Moran62.50
- Amy Bloom - Roger Laumark61.90
- Samuel Keiter - Richard Robinson . .60.42
- James Geist - Steven Schatzow60.12
- Arnie Frankel - Alfred Steinberg . . .59.82

Stratum B, 15.0 Tables

- Douglas Fox - Larry Moran62.50
- Amy Bloom - Roger Laumark61.90
- Samuel Keiter - Richard Robinson . .60.42
- James Geist - Steven Schatzow60.12
- 5/6 Jon Ranhand - Donald Goldman . . .55.65
- 5/6 Frank Shull III - Robert Claypool . .55.65

Stratum C, 7.5 Tables

- Douglas Fox - Larry Moran62.50
- Amy Bloom - Roger Laumark61.90
- Jon Ranhand - Donald Goldman . . .55.65
- Margaret Buda - Winnie Yonkers . . .50.30
- Howard Moss - Edith Black49.70

FRIDAY MORNING NONLM PAIRS**Stratum A, 12.0 Tables**

- Alfred Liepold - Richard Majewski . .61.78
- Arthur Milholland - Lucille Mostello .60.16
- Michael Berard - Marie Berard59.48
- Harry Walger - Shirley Kwiatkowski .55.78
- Shyamalendu Pal - Arun Guha55.40
- Betty Palmer - Helen Fillion54.80

Stratum B, 5.0 Tables

- Arthur Milholland - Lucille Mostello .60.16
- Harry Walger - Shirley Kwiatkowski .55.78
- Shyamalendu Pal - Arun Guha55.40
- Stephanie Hoover - Frank Hollis . . .52.34

Stratum C, 3.0 Tables

- Arthur Milholland - Lucille Mostello .60.16
- Harry Walger - Shirley Kwiatkowski .55.78

FRIDAY AFTERNOON A/X PAIRS**Stratum A, 9.5 Tables / Based on 36**

- Beta Nahapetian - Rose Berman . . .61.61
- Earl Glickstein - William Cole60.94
- Alfred Steinberg - Donna Rogall . . .58.64
- Dalia Kende - Mita Banerjee57.96
- Charleen Brand - Eileen Theimer . . .56.16
- Robert Hartmann - Kenneth Davis . .55.07

Stratum X, 3.5 Tables

- Rose Berman - Beta Nahapetian . . .61.61
- Steven Schatzow - James Geist51.79
- Terry Feetham - Bob Kerchner50.23

FRIDAY AFTERNOON B/C/D PAIRS**Stratum B, 12.0 Tables**

- Behnaz Fardshisheh - Thomas Reckford 61.01
- 2/3 Leslie Lege - Karen Copp59.82
- 2/3 Hanita Schreiber - Roberta Feldman .59.82
- 4 Arthur Mackwell - Richard Wedgewood 59.23
- 5 Jon Ranhand - Donald Goldman . . .58.04
- 6 James Short - Allan Gray57.74

Stratum C, 11.0 Tables

- Thomas Reckford - Behnaz Fardshisheh 61.01
- 2/3 Leslie Lege - Karen Copp59.82
- 2/3 Hanita Schreiber - Roberta Feldman .59.82
- 4 Arthur Mackwell - Richard Wedgewood 59.23
- 5 Jon Ranhand - Donald Goldman . . .58.04
- 6 James Short - Allan Gray57.74

Stratum D, 5.5 Tables

- 1/2 Leslie Lege - Karen Copp59.82
- 1/2 Hanita Schreiber - Roberta Feldman .59.82
- 3 Jon Ranhand - Donald Goldman . . .58.04
- 4 Juan Pardo - Tsung Lee56.85

FRIDAY AFTERNOON NONLM PAIRS**Stratum A, 14.0 Tables**

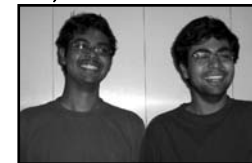
- Algene Kuchinka - Gerald O'Dell . . .71.40
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- Richard Wessman - Jose Porres60.04
- Shyamalendu Pal - Arun Guha58.71
- M. Josette Johnson - Richard Wan . .58.33
- Millie Reizenstein - Ruth Freedman .56.82

Stratum B, 9.5 Tables

- Gerald O'Dell - Algene Kuchinka . . .71.40
- Richard Wessman - Jose Porres60.04
- Shyamalendu Pal - Arun Guha58.71
- Leslie Jessell - Eric Jessell55.87
- Frank Hatten - Ernie Schuler55.11
- Michael Berard - Marie Berard53.41

Stratum C, 7.0 Tables

- Shyamalendu Pal - Arun Guha58.71
- Leslie Jessell - Eric Jessell55.87
- Frank Hatten - Ernie Schuler55.11
- Jennifer Elliott - Ronnie Loeser48.86
- Harry Walger - Shirley Kwiatkowski .45.83

FRIDAY EVENING OPEN IMP PAIRS**Stratum A, 15.5 Tables / Based on 24**

- Raghavendra Rajkumar - Prahalad Rajkumar67.46
- John Adams - Steve Robinson28.85
- Suzanne Abrams - David Fleischer . .27.00
- Edwin Brawn - Susan Brawn25.24
- Fred King - Charleen Brand25.01
- Helene Bauman - Jim Wakefield . . .24.65

Stratum B, 9.5 Tables

- Raghavendra Rajkumar - Prahalad Rajkumar67.46
- Edwin Brawn - Susan Brawn25.24
- Linda Marshall - Katherine Rabenstein 21.15
- Edwin Fuller Jr - Kitty Gottfried . . .17.93
- Thomas Peters - Mary Peters13.08
- Pat Tyler - Suzanne Floyd12.97

Stratum C, 5.0 Tables / Based on 6

- Edwin Brawn - Susan Brawn25.24
- Linda Marshall - Katherine Rabenstein 21.15
- Thomas Peters - Mary Peters13.08
- Craig Olson - Michael Lawrence0.86

FRIDAY EVENING NONLM PAIRS**Stratum A, 8.5 Tables**

- Robert Moss - Bettye Whitney59.58
- Alan Walter - Jacques Delente58.85
- Robert Sturm - Ernie Schuler57.97
- Paul Chassy - Reina Chassy52.38
- Gerald O'Dell - Algene Kuchinka . . .51.81

Stratum B, 6.5 Tables

- Alan Walter - Jacques Delente58.85
- Robert Sturm - Ernie Schuler57.97
- Paul Chassy - Reina Chassy52.38
- Gerald O'Dell - Algene Kuchinka . . .51.81
- Isabelle Thabault - Robert Kazdin . .51.74

Stratum C, 3.5 Tables

- Alan Walter - Jacques Delente58.85
- Paul Chassy - Reina Chassy52.38
- Isabelle Thabault - Robert Kazdin . .51.74

SATURDAY MORNING A/X PAIRS**Stratum A, 19.0 Tables / Based on 49**

- Richard Wegman - Fred King66.47
- Mike Cappelletti Sr - Steve Robinson 62.97
- Earl Glickstein - Robert Bell62.75
- Kenton Schoen - Diane Walker58.38
- Weizhong Bao - Kefu Xu57.27
- John Adams - William Cole56.48

Stratum X, 8.5 Tables

- Weizhong Bao - Kefu Xu57.27

- 2 David Vendittis - Benjamin Stauss . . .55.08
- 3 Angeliki Magklara - Raghavendra Rajkumar54.12
- 4 Lloyd Rawley - Clyde Kruskal53.68
- 5 Michael Mayer - Mary Dresser52.57

SATURDAY MORNING B/C/D PAIRS

Stratum B, 18.0 Tables



- 1 Dennis Schwanz - Susan Miskura . . .69.05
- 2 Nelson Waks - Robert Claypool61.31
- 3 Walter Kerns - Daniel Feldman58.93
- 4 Charles Carrington - Robert Wilbur . . .58.33
- 5 Sandra Blaustein - Bob Grudberg . . .57.74
- 6 H. Thomas Foley - Ginny McBride . . .56.25

Stratum C, 14.0 Tables

- 1 Susan Miskura - Dennis Schwanz . . .69.05
- 2 Walter Kerns - Daniel Feldman58.93
- 3 Sandra Blaustein - Bob Grudberg . . .57.74
- 4 H. Thomas Foley - Ginny McBride . . .56.25
- 5 Leslie Lege - Emerita Hayward54.46
- 6 Amy Bloom - William Kingery Jr . . .54.17

Stratum D, 8.0 Tables

- 1 Susan Miskura - Dennis Schwanz . . .69.05
- 2 H. Thomas Foley - Ginny McBride . . .56.25
- 3 Amy Bloom - William Kingery Jr . . .54.17
- 4 Candace Carlton - Terry Carlton . . .53.57
- 5 Roger Laumark - Elias Arbel52.38

SATURDAY MORNING NONLM PAIRS

Stratum A, 11.5 Tables

- 1 M. Josette Johnson - Helen Fillion . . .62.61
- 2 Erika Emery - Jerome Gumbiner59.85
- 3 Laura Garvey - Shelley Kempner59.65
- 4 Alfred Liepold - Helen Long58.14
- 5 Carol Poland - Lois Redmond55.69
- 6 Terry Coates - John Horner55.37

Stratum B, 8.5 Tables

- 1 M. Josette Johnson - Helen Fillion . . .62.61
- 2 Erika Emery - Jerome Gumbiner59.85
- 3 Alfred Liepold - Helen Long58.14
- 4 Terry Coates - John Horner55.37
- 5 Paul Chassy - Reina Chassy54.70

Stratum C, 4.5 Tables

- 1 Erika Emery - Jerome Gumbiner59.85
- 2 Terry Coates - John Horner55.37
- 3 Paul Chassy - Reina Chassy54.70
- 4 Henry Thompson - Betty Thompson . . .47.06

SATURDAY AFTERNOON A/X PAIRS

Stratum A, 20.0 Tables / Based on 42



- 1 Helene Bauman - Jim Wakefield63.49

- 2/3 William Cole - John Adams62.06
- 2/3 Lloyd Rawley - James Geist62.06
- 4 Peter Boyd - Steve Robinson59.65
- 5 Jeff Roman - Ruth Potter58.44
- 6 Earl Glickstein - Robert Bell57.46

Stratum X, 7.0 Tables

- 1 Lloyd Rawley - James Geist62.06
- 2 Raghavendra Rajkumar - Prahalad Rajkumar56.58
- 3 Weizhong Bao - Kefu Xu53.84
- 4 Michael Mayer - Mary Dresser53.07
- 5 Steven Schatzow - Daniel Koch52.41

SATURDAY AFTERNOON B/C/D PAIRS

Stratum B, 12.0 Tables



- 1 Carl Noller - Brian Snyder67.52
- 2 Walter Kerns - Daniel Feldman59.44
- 3 Rosmarie Suitor - Jan Zaal56.27
- 4 Georgia Lyhus - Arlan Lyhus55.73
- 5 Leslie Lege - Emerita Hayward55.04
- 6 Robert Schwab - Anne Derbes54.96

Stratum C, 10.5 Tables

- 1 Carl Noller - Brian Snyder67.52
- 2 Walter Kerns - Daniel Feldman59.44
- 3 Rosmarie Suitor - Jan Zaal56.27
- 4 Georgia Lyhus - Arlan Lyhus55.73
- 5 Leslie Lege - Emerita Hayward55.04
- 6 Robert Schwab - Anne Derbes54.96

Stratum D, 5.5 Tables

- 1 Carl Noller - Brian Snyder67.52
- 2 Robert Schwab - Anne Derbes54.96
- 3 Amy Bloom - William Kingery Jr52.81
- 4 Jeff Youngen - Susan Brawn50.40

SATURDAY AFTERNOON NONLM PAIRS

Stratum A, 10.0 Tables



- 1 Bahman Shahin - Taraneh Shahin . . .59.82
- 2 Carol Poland - Lois Redmond57.14
- 3 Algene Kuchinka - Gerald O'Dell . . .56.25
- 4 Laura Garvey - Shelley Kempner . . .55.95
- 5/6 Jean Agenbroad - Lorraine Davis . . .54.17
- 5/6 Kathleen Sweet - Jetty Townsend . . .54.17

Stratum B, 7.0 Tables

- 1 Taraneh Shahin - Bahman Shahin . . .59.82
- 2 Algene Kuchinka - Gerald O'Dell . . .56.25
- 3 Jean Agenbroad - Lorraine Davis . . .54.17
- 4 Helen Long - Alfred Liepold53.27

- 5/6 Erika Emery - Jerome Gumbiner51.79
- 5/6 Louis Coccodrilli - Carol Elfant51.79

Stratum C, 4.0 Tables

- 1 Taraneh Shahin - Bahman Shahin . . .59.82
- 2 Erika Emery - Jerome Gumbiner51.79
- 3 Ernie Schuler - Jason Stewart50.60

SUNDAY FLT A/X EYNON TROPHY SWISS

Stratum A, 15 Tables / Based on 50



- 1 Alfred Steinberg - Barbara Shaw - Leo LaSota - David Ruderman - Alan Tenenbaum 110.00
- 2 Ronald Kral - Jose Cortina - V S Sharma - Jay Kelkar91.00
- 3 Fred King - Robert Bell - Robert Gookin - Janet Gookin85.00
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- 4/6 Arnie Frankel - Kenton Schoen - Diane Walker - Helene Bauman72.00
- 4/6 Lloyd Rawley - Angeliki Magklara - Michael Richey - James Geist72.00

Stratum X, 4 Tables

- 1 Ronald Kral - Jose Cortina - V S Sharma - Jay Kelkar91.00

SUNDAY FLT B/C/D SWISS

Stratum B, 22 Tables



- 1 Ed Lawhon - Barbara Israel - Frederick Mueller - Steven Shauck102.00
- 2 Albert Lauber - Ned Griffith - Walter Smith Jr - James Beller95.00
- 3 Paul Leopold - Gail Singer - Margie Coccodrilli - Jerry Miller90.00
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Stratum C, 14 Tables

- 1 Steven Shauck - Barbara Israel - Ed

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- 2 Albert Lauber - Ned Griffith - Walter Smith Jr - James Beller95.00
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- 4 Joe Lentz - Rama Kapur - Edwin Brawn - Anthony Cincotta79.00
- 5 Stephen MacArthur - Hanita Schreiber - Hilda Getz - Roberta Feldman72.00

Stratum D, 5 Tables

- 1 David Mead - Kathleen O'Toole - Murat Berk - Prem Garg63.00
- 2 Maribel Newby - Nancy Cartwright - Minako Komura - Kiyomi Shiba51.00

SUNDAY MORNING NONLM SWISS

Stratum A, 13 Tables

- 1 Geoff Turley - Frank Turley - Jennifer Elliott - Elliott Turley62.00
- 2 Duchesne Clark - Shirley Clark - Laura Garvey - Shelley Kempner51.00
- 3 Neil Selvin - Barry Kerne - Helen Long - Alfred Liepold49.00
- 4 Teri Harrison - Sorina Negulescu - Anita Christman - Veronica Flynn48.00
- 5 Rita Capon - Phyllis Arnow - Taraneh Shahin - Bahman Shahin47.00

Stratum B, 8 Tables

- 1 Geoff Turley - Frank Turley - Jennifer Elliott - Elliott Turley62.00
- 2 Neil Selvin - Barry Kerne - Helen Long - Alfred Liepold49.00
- 3 Rita Capon - Phyllis Arnow - Taraneh Shahin - Bahman Shahin47.00

Stratum C, 3 Tables

- 1 Geoff Turley - Frank Turley - Jennifer Elliott - Elliott Turley62.00

SUNDAY AFTERNOON NONLM SWISS

Stratum A, 9 Tables



- 1 Joseph Porres - Calvin Konner - Richard Wedgewood - David Epstein53.00
- 2 Neal Cooper - William Hughes - Halina Kulczycki - Barbara Hodges51.00
- 3 Duchesne Clark - Shirley Clark - Laura Garvey - Shelley Kempner49.00
- 4 Harry Walger - Shirley Kwiatkowski - Patricia Brannan - John Tastet44.00

Stratum B, 4 Tables

- 1 Harry Walger - Shirley Kwiatkowski - Patricia Brannan - John Tastet44.00



NLM MASTER POINTERS

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1♣:

THE "FOOT-IN-THE-DOOR" BID

You may have heard Steve or some other teacher say, "It's all about the majors," but that doesn't mean you have to have a major suit to bid! When you have the chance to open the bidding, if you have at least 12-13 HCP, you have a bid, even if you don't have a five-card or longer major. You have 13 cards, don't you? If you have at most four hearts and four spades, then you've got at least five cards in the minors. *Don't pass...* open in a minor suit.

Don't worry that partner will think you want to play in your three-card club suit! When you open 1♣, you're not telling partner that you want to play in clubs, and you're not saying you have good clubs, or even that you have four clubs. Opening 1♣ just gets your foot in the door. Your bid says, "I have an opening hand, pard, and more to tell you later...what do you have?" It's just a way to start the conversation between you and partner that will determine where you'll play the contract, and how high you'll bid. In most standard systems, opening 1♣ says more about what you *don't* have than what you *do* have.

You don't have a notrump opener

You *don't* have a balanced hand that falls exactly into your 1NT or 2NT point range, whatever those ranges may be. Your count may be in between those ranges, in which case you'll open one of a suit and then jump to 2NT if partner bids a new suit at the one level. If you open 1NT with 15-17 and 2NT with 20-21, for example, opening one of a suit and jumping to 2NT on your next bid promises a balanced hand with 18-19 points. So your 1♣ opening denies a balanced 15-17 or 20-21, but you might be balanced with 12-14 or 18-19.

You don't have a five-card major

Opening 1♣ implies that you *don't* have a five-card or longer major suit. (Most duplicate players these days only open in a major when they have at least five of them.) You and partner can agree, as Steve and I do, to *never* open a minor when we have a five-card major. With five hearts or spades and a five-card or longer minor, we'll open the major and then bid and rebid the minor to show at least 5-6 distribution. It's also commonly acceptable to open 1♣ or 1♦ and then bid and rebid hearts or spades, showing at least six cards in the minor and five in the major...one of the few exceptions to the rule that you need six cards to rebid your suit when partner hasn't supported.

You don't have a 2♣ opener

Opening 1♣ says you didn't have enough points to open 2♣, thus limiting your hand to a max of 20 or 21 points. With fewer than 6 points, partner can pass your 1♣ opening. But don't worry about getting stuck playing in clubs on your 3-2 fit when pard doesn't have enough to respond! Very few contracts are passed out in 1♣. If the opponents do let you play and you get set, just remember that the more tricks they take, the more they could have made if they were declaring the contract. Maybe they missed their game!

Which minor should I open?

Most of the time you'll open your longer minor. You'd like to bid a suit with at least four cards in it, but when your only four-card suit is a major, you'll need to open a three-card minor. With 3-3 in the minors, open 1♣. This lets partner assume that when you open 1♦, you have at least four, so he can support you with four. But when you open 1♣, you may have only three, which means *he needs five clubs to support you*.

What happens when you have four spades, four hearts, three diamonds and two clubs? You need three cards in your minor to

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SUNDAY BRIDGE FIESTA!

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We're still working hard to keep this popular game, started by Steve and Sandy Forsythe, going. Please check the WBL website: districtsix.org/WBL or washingtonbridgeleague.org for the latest information.

bid it, so you'll open this hand 1♦. Pard will think you have four diamonds, and it may happen that you'll play in your 4-3 fit, but it's not the end of the world. This exact distribution doesn't come up very often, so we don't worry about it. (Note to advanced students: if it really bothers you to open 1♦ with less than four, you can agree to open 1♣ with just two, but that requires an alert.)

You've opened 1♣; now what?

If partner has at least 6 points and the opponents don't overcall, she must bid. Supporting your clubs should *not* be pard's first choice. Instead, she should bid a major suit if she can. Who wants to keep talking about boring old clubs when there's a flashy

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major suit to introduce instead? If partner doesn't have a major, she can raise clubs with at least five of them, but otherwise, she'll bid diamonds or notrump.

At the duplicate bridge players' singles bar, they don't say, "Do you come here often?" and they don't say, "What's your sign?" How do they start a conversation? "One club."

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

1) IMPs, None Vulnerable

♠ AQ42♥ Q43♦ A42♣ 654

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

2) IMPs, None Vulnerable

♠ AKJ2♥ AJ2♦ -♣ AKQJ104

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
	Pass	Pass	1♦
Dbl	3♦	Pass	Pass
Dbl	Pass	3♥	Pass
4♦	Pass	4♥	Pass
?????			

3) IMPs, None Vulnerable

♠ AK♥ 43♦ AQ9832♣ AJ9

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
1♦	Pass	1♠	Pass
????			

4) IMPs, You're Vulnerable

♠ -♥ K43♦ AJ54♣ KQ9876

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
	1♠	Pass	3♠ *
????			*(limit raise)

5) IMPs, You're Vulnerable

♠ K4♥ AQ97♦ AK1095♣ AQ

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
2♣	Pass	2♦ (neg)	2♠
????			

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