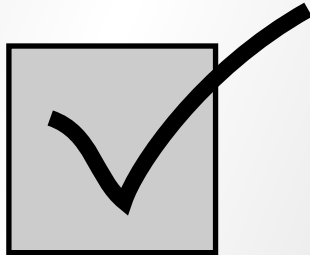


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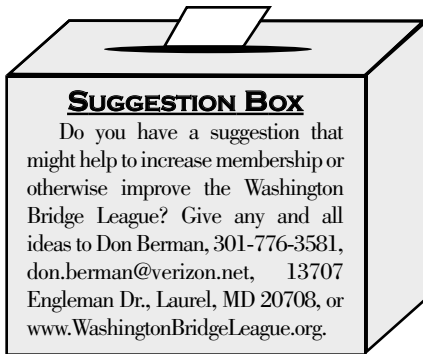
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## PRESIDENT'S LETTER

by WBL President, Fred King

### REVIEW OF 2007

2007 was another good year for the WBL. Reversing the trend of recent years, our membership grew by a net of 36 people (2.64%), the best in District 6 and in the top third of the ACBL. Attendance at both our sectionals and unit game remained strong. Our sectional attendance was almost 1600 tables, an increase of almost 100 over the previous year. Our unit game attendance did not do as well, falling from 2258.5 tables in 2006 to only 2162 in 2007. We have requested the church to make some improvements in the facilities that we use and will continue to pursue this issue. Our Round Robin and Unit KO events continued last year with participation about the same as the year before.

We remained strong financially with a positive cash flow of \$5000 and a treasury with adequate funds to see us into at least the near future with no increase in card fees.

One of the few negative aspects of the last year was losing **Steve and Sandy Forsythe** and all they had done to build our newcomer games. However, we are continuing their 0-20 game on Thursday nights and this continues to feed new players into our non-life master game. In addition, we hope to restart the Sunday non-life master game they ran so successfully or find other opportunities to help develop our less experienced players and to continue their **Instant Bridge Player** programs that they started. It has taken a number of volunteers to step in to replace the two of them, and we are grateful for all who have helped out.

Our **Bridge in Schools** program continued

to make progress with a shift in focus to middle schools. Three middle schools and one high school had active bridge clubs at the end of the year and we were attempting to get into three or four more schools. We have had an adequate number of volunteer teachers, but finding students and willing schools has been a bigger bottleneck.

Our dealing machine has been repaired and is operating well. In addition, a number of other individuals and units are buying machines that we can use as backups if we have mechanical problems again. We will continue to try to upgrade the quality of the cards, boards and bidding boxes in the coming year.

We awarded the **Machlin Sportsmanship Award** to **Peter Boyd**. This is the second year of this award which we hope will encourage sportsmanship throughout the WBL.

Finally, I want to thank all of those who have worked so hard this past year for the WBL. Board members and other officers and officials, directors and caddies, tournament volunteers, and all the others whose efforts make the WBL what it is, you have my deepest gratitude and I hope that of all of the members. Let us all work together again this coming year to make 2008 another successful and enjoyable year for all of us.

Looking ahead to the future, our Annual Meeting will be held on May 15. I hope everyone can attend, enjoy the food, help with the election of next year's board and do what we like best, play bridge. I hope to see all of you there.

—Fred King

## COME JOIN THE 2008 WBL ROUND ROBIN!

— SIGN UP BY MAY 15 —

It's time to get a round robin team together. Round Robin Coordinator, Steve Robinson, will gladly help you to form or join a team of four to six players to play in the flight of your choice. League play runs from May 15<sup>th</sup> through the summer to determine qualifiers for the knockout portion of the event. This fun event can be played in a relaxed home setting or at a club. Sign up with Steve Robinson by phone: (703) 379-4371, by email: [robinswr@erols.com](mailto:robinswr@erols.com), or use the entry form on page 29 to sign up by mail or in person.

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**Beth El Congregation, 3830 Seminary Rd, Alexandria** ..... 7:00pm  
**Christ the King Church, 2301 Colston Drive, Silver Spring** ..... 7:30pm  
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Friday—at Christ the King Church Only

### FRIDAY, AUGUST 8

- ♦ Stratified Pairs (unlim/2000/500) ..... 10:00am
- ♥ StrataFlighted A/X (unlim/3000) & B/C/D (1500/1000/500) Pairs ..... 2:00pm
- ♠ **IMP Pairs** StrataFlighted A/X (unlim/3000) & B/C/D (1500/1000/500) ..... 7:30pm  
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- ♥ Intermediate/Novice Pairs (300/200/100) (single sessions) ..... 11:00am, 3:30pm
- ♠ Newcomer Pairs (50/20/5) (single sessions) ..... 11:00am, 3:30pm
- ♣ **Don't miss the between sessions Panel Show** ..... 2:30pm

### SUNDAY, AUGUST 10

- ♦ A/X Board-A-Match Teams, (unlim /3000, 2 session playthru w/short break) ..... 11:00am & TBA
- ♥ B/C/D Swiss Teams, VPs (2000/1000/500, 7 round playthru w/short break) ..... 11:00am & TBA
- ♠ 300/100/50 Swiss Teams, VPs (single sessions) ..... 11:00am, 3:00pm

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## BITS AND PIECES

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In addition, we welcome the following transfers from other units: **Mr Gregory Christian, Gailon M Ebell, Mrs Bernice S Gottfried, Mr Roger Pies, Mrs Jane W Disc, Mitchell C Greenberg, Thomas A Hughes, Mrs Rhona P Prenskey, Mr Herbert Rubinstein, Mrs Marilyn S Rubinstein, Sandra Stringer, Fredi A Fries, Mr Maurice M Greenman, Mrs Dorothy Guttman, E-Mail: new-dot@juno., Mr Newman Guttman, Ms Sandy Lee, Mr Rajeswaran Rajkumar, Ms Elaine K Salen, Mr Mel Schloss, Mr Albert Shayne, Mrs Florence Shayne, and Mrs Charlotte Zaret.**

Please join us at our weekly Unit Game on Thursday evenings and frequent the local bridge clubs in the area. Information can be found at [www.WashingtonBridgeLeague.org](http://www.WashingtonBridgeLeague.org).

**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 seven of

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**Open Leaders**

Player	Points
1 Steve Robinson	129.21 *
2 Leo LaSota	128.20 *
3 Mark Shaw	120.27 *
4 Helene Bauman	111.22 *
5 William Cole	87.74 *
6 Peter Boyd	81.01
7 Arnie Frankel	80.93 *
8 Eugene Kales	79.27 *
9 Richard Ferrin	78.88 *
10 Jim Wakefield	77.41 *
11 David Milton	71.23 *
12 Stan Schenker	69.65 *
13 Robert Gookin	66.72
14 Steven Schatzow	64.17 *
15 Fred King	64.10 *
16 Barbara Shaw	62.26 *
17 Leon Letwin	59.41
18 Margot Hennings	57.58
19 John Adams	57.49 *
20 Donald Berman	57.27

**NonLM Leaders**

Player	Points
1 Kiyomi Shiba	46.08 *
2 Alfred Liepold	41.58 *
3 Albert Lauber	37.35
4 Francesco Parisi-Presicc	37.27 *
5 Amanda Carter	30.12 *
6 Ned Griffith	28.67
7 Minako Komura	26.91 *
8 Raghavendra Rajkumar	25.90
9 Jose Porres	24.59 *
10 Kevin O'Brien	23.96 *
11 Neil Selvin	23.80
12 Arun Guha	22.04
13 Roger Laumark	21.37
14 Robert Claypool	21.27 *
15 Terry Vann	20.52 *
16 Art Hartstein	20.52 *
17 Joyce Currie	20.13 *
18 Amy Bloom	19.80
19 Joe Hertz	19.72
20 Helen Long	19.01

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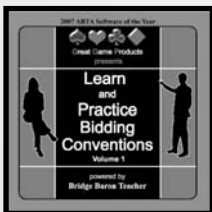
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## WBL SOLVERS' CLUB

Moderated by Steve Robinson

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Congratulations to who **Craig Olson** came in first with a score of 480. He wins a free entry to the Unit Game and will be invited to be on a future panel. Tied for second were **Barbara Shaw, Lloyd Rawley, Amy Bloom, Richard Wimberly, Tibor Roberts, Brian Schoenfeld, John Ferman, John Klayman, Kathy Loh** and **Edward Maixner** with a score of 440. Tied for twelfth were **Mel Yudkin, Yi Zhong** and **Arvind Srinivasan** with a score of 430. Tied for fifteenth were **Noble Shore, Zbych Bednarek, Fred Gramlich, Tom Musso, Mark Chen, Fred Wagner, Ruth Cohen, Jeffrey Klemm, Mark Rosen** and **Ann Lindley** with a score of 420. The average score of the 227 solvers was 342. The average score of the experts was 400.

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](mailto: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

♠ KQ4♥ 107♦ J109♣ 109642

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

Action	Score	Votes	Solvers
2♠	100	6	74
3♣	90	2	27
Pass	50	2	107
Dbl	30	1	15
3♠	20	0	01
4♣	20	0	02
3♥	20	0	01

The question is – do you let the opponents play at the two-level in an eight-card or longer fit? The Law of Total Tricks says that that would be violation. How can you know how many hearts the opponents have? Partner made a take-out double. The only time he would make an off shape double is if he had a strong hand. Since he passed 2♣, he can't have a strong hand. Therefore, he can't have four hearts. Not only can't he have four hearts, he has to have at least three clubs. How do we push the opponents?

Six experts bid 2♠. Partner knows that we don't have four spades. If we had four spades, we would bid spades even if we had six clubs. The problem with bidding 2♠ is that partner will not know that you have five clubs. Give him ♠xxxx♥xxx♦ AKxx♣ AJx and he'll have no choice but to pass 2♠.

**Parker:** “2♠ —Too good a hand to pass. I am willing to play a 4-3 with the tap in the three-card suit. Partner will correct to clubs if he only has three spades.”

**Adams:** “2♠ —I denied four spades the first time, and I expect they will compete to 3♥, so I simply do not have to worry about whether a 4-3 will play well. This is about getting partner off the club lead against 3♥.”

**Abelow:** “2♠ —The 4-3 fit may play well or push them to 3♥ where we can go plus.”

**Woolsey:** “2♠ —I'm never selling out to 2♥ when partner has made a takeout double

of hearts and I have a doubleton. Partner will be playing me for a three-card suit, as with four spades I would have bid 1♠ rather than 2♣. I expect to push them to 3♥ and maybe get a plus score on defense."

**Hopkins:** "2♠—I wouldn't mind playing an inverted 4-3 fit, particularly if partner had something such as ♠AJxx♥xx♦AKQxx♣Kx. And 3♣ isn't precluded."

Partner can't have ♠AJxx♥xx♦AKQxx♣Kx. He would have bid 2♦ over your 2♣.

**Roman:** "2♠—As I will explain to my partner after this hand blows up, I can't possibly have four spades, because I didn't bid them the first time, so I'm just competing over 2♥ with three spades, two or fewer hearts, probably exactly five clubs, and marginal values since I didn't bid 3♣ the first time."

Two experts pass. Clear Law violation. If the opponents can make eight tricks in hearts and you can make nine tricks in clubs, you gain at least four IMPs by bidding. IMPs are won by competing as well as bidding and making games.

The following expert has it backwards. At matchpoints, the opponents are friskier with their penalty doubles in order to get the magic 200. At IMPs, they're won't double you to just to get +200.

**Landen:** "Pass—At matchpoints I'd bid 2♠ in a heartbeat, but at IMPs, vulnerable, I go quietly, perhaps timidly would be a better adjective."

**King:** "Pass—I don't usually like to sell out to two-of-a-major, but here it is not clear that they even have an eight-card fit. Also I don't think we can be sure of a nine-card club fit and bidding 2♠ to play the Moysian may not work well here."

The opponents must have an eight-card heart fit unless you're playing with a partner who makes a takeout double holding four hearts.

One expert doubles. That would be OK if you had the understanding that all doubles of low-level bids are for takeout. However, standard is that double of 2♥ should be for penalties. Couldn't East be balancing with two hearts with you holding six? If partner is void in hearts, the opponents could still have eight hearts and your hearts could be KQJ109. No need to make a takeout double in this situation.

**Schwartz:** "Double—Should not be penalty and enables us to get to the best fit at the appropriate level."

One expert agrees with me and makes a practical bid. Partner should have at least three clubs. If he were 4=2=5=2, he should have bid 2♦ over your 2♣. 3♣ will play better if partner has three good clubs and four bad

spades. Usually when you make an iffy bid, it's better that you do it directly and with conviction. You don't want your opponents to double you because they think you are guessing.

**Cappelletti:** "3♣—I'm sticking with my five-card suit - note that partner did not bid 2♦ over 2♣ ("equal level conversion") hence he should have three or more clubs. If I had only four clubs then I would fish in with the three-card spade suit."

Don't let the opponents play in an eight-card fit at the two-level.

## 2) IMPs, They're Vulnerable

♠ 43♥ AKQ542♦ -♣ A10742

<u>SOUTH</u>	<u>WEST</u>	<u>NORTH</u>	<u>EAST</u>
1♥	Pass	1♠	2♦
????			
<u>Action</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Votes</u>	<u>Solvers</u>
3♦	100	2	08
4♥	70	1	05
3♣	70	7	138
4♣	70	0	11
3♥	50	1	37
Dbl	20	0	03
5♦	20	0	01
4♦	20	0	01
Pass	20	0	01
2♥	20	0	22

You have almost game in hand. Give partner as little as ♠Axxx♥xx♦Jxxx♣Qxx and 4♥ has excellent chances. If that's all it takes to make game, you want to be in game. Seven experts bid 3♣. Wouldn't partner pass 3♣ with the above hand? Suppose partner has ♠QJxx♥xx♦xx♣Qxxxx? If the opponents bid 4♦, he'll bid 5♣. Notice that you have three losers in clubs and three losers in hearts. However, three tricks defeat 5♣ but not 4♥. How do you show a strong hand with spade support? With three-card support you make a support double and then bid again. With four-card support, you make the same bid as if East had passed. Therefore a cue bid in this situation tends to deny spade support.

One expert agrees with me and makes a forcing bid. A cue bid by opener when partner has not shown a strong hand shows a strong hand. This is not a Western Cue Bid. 3♦ means that we are going to game but I might not be sure which game or I might be thinking about slam.

**Roman:** "3♦—This shows a strong hand, but not a spade raise. If I had a spade raise, I would bid some number of spades or splinter in diamonds if I had that. I play that 4♦ is the only splinter available here. Second choice would be 4♣, but with this hand, I want to try to leave

partner room to bid 3♥ or rebid spades."

One expert makes sure that game is reached.

**Adams:** "4♥—Seems like a good place for a gadget, I just do not know what that gadget is, so take the practical route."

The gadget is the cue bid.

Seven experts bid 3♣. If 3♣ was forcing, I might bid 3♣ but it would be silly to play this hand in 3♣. If I was going to bid some number of clubs, I would bid 4♣, forcing, which ensures that we get to game. Since the object is to compete with distributional hands, couldn't you bid 3♣ holding as little as ♠xx♥KJxxx♦x♣AQJxx?

**Parker:** "3♣—Shows a good hand and distribution. The opponents will probably bid a high number of diamonds next. I will bid 4♥ over 4♦. No need to jump to 4♥ now since it will close out the bidding. Partner can have as little as ♠Axxxx♥xxx♦xxx♣Kx and we have a slam."

If partner has ♠AQxxx♥xx♦xxx♣Kxx, 3♣ will end the auction.

**Abelow:** "3♣—Assuming it will not go all pass, I will have chance to hear another bid from partner- all three suits are still alive. 3♦ would imply spade support."

When partner has shows strength, cue bids show support. Here, however, the cue bid denies support.

**Woolsey:** "3♣—There is a slight risk it will go all pass and we miss a game, but I'll bet against that happening. Otherwise, it could be very important for me to bid the club suit, both for competitive reasons and for slam purposes if partner has a good hand."

**Landen:** "3♣—I will definitely get another chance to bid, so I'll start with 3♣ and hope to be able to bid 4♥ later. Who knows, clubs is where we might belong. If I had only one bid, it would be 4♥."

**Schwartz:** "3♣—4♥ is the most likely game but bidding it now will make it much more difficult to get to slam."

**Hopkins:** "3♣—I really can't think of another bid. I think this positions us well for the remainder of the auction, whereas 2♥ hides the other major feature of my hand."

**Cappelletti:** "3♣—No rush (yet) - let's hear more from partner. 7♣ could be the best contract."

**King:** "3♥—I want to emphasize hearts before introducing clubs and this hand has such great playing strength that a jump is warranted."

After a one-level response, a cue bid shows a strong hand usually without primary support.

## 3) IMPs, Both Vulnerable

♠ K10♥ AQJ2♦ 9854♣ J74

<u>SOUTH</u>	<u>WEST</u>	<u>NORTH</u>	<u>EAST</u>
1♥	2♦	Pass	Pass
?????*	negative double	Dbl*	Pass
<u>Action</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Votes</u>	<u>Solvers</u>
Pass	100	6	114
2♥	60	4	25
2♠	50	0	16
2NT	40	0	41
3♣	40	1	30

You're in third seat, have close to an opening bid and have a suit that you want led. I can't think of any reason not to open 1♥. Partners a passed hand so you can pass any natural bid he makes. I did open 1♥ and my LHO started thinking. Actually he overcalled 1♠ but I wondered what would I have done if he had overcalled 2♦ and partner made a negative double, which brings us to this problem. There is no good solution so which bad solution do we pick. Usually in these situations it's best to make the bid that has the most to gain. In this case passing has the best upside. The good news is that partner has shown shortness in your strongest suit. Give partner as little as ♠Axxx♥xx♦xx♣Qxxxx and with luck you could take the first six tricks.

Five experts join me and try to take six tricks on defense.

**Adams:** "Pass—They are in two-of-the-suit I should have opened. What can I do?"

Two-of-the-suit you would have opened in first or second chair assuming you open 11-counts. I can't think of any reason to open 1♦ in third chair.

**Woolsey:** "Pass—It will be a lot easier to take six tricks than eight or more. If they make 2♦ doubled so what — it's only -180. I don't expect to go plus declaring."

-180 doesn't figure to lose many IMPs.  
**Landen:** "Pass—Hope they don't make overtricks. Passing is safer than bidding as partner might not be able to take a joke. On a good day, we'll beat 2♦ -maybe partner will score his Jack of trumps from Jx."

**Schwartz:** "Pass—By far the best chance for a plus score and if they make its not game. At least I probably directed the best lead."

The main reason to open 1♥ was for the lead.

**Roman:** "Pass—Because all other calls are simply impossible. Maybe declarer will misplay trumps. Maybe the heart lead I've arranged for will actually beat them, maybe minus 180 or 380 or 580 is the best I can do at this point."

Five experts try to guess where they

belong. If they guess wrong, their minus could be a lot larger than 2♦ -doubled making. If the cards are such that 2♦ make, bidding will be worse.

One expert hopes his partner has five clubs.

**Abelow:** “3♣ —Having the 1♥ bid foisted on me (would I have passed 1♠ by partner), I’m am stuck looking at a big negative number. I am tempted to shoot out 2♦ doubled, hoping that -180 is the best we can do but partner may be 2=4=2=5 and clubs may be ok.”

Four experts rebid their four-card suit.

**King:** “2♥ —I am tempted to pass, but that could easily be -380. Any bid lies by at least one card in length, and this is the cheapest one.”

**Parker:** “2♥ —I can hear the abstainers now. I would never open 1♥. Lets play a 4-2 fit and hope they don’t lead trump.”

If you don’t open this hand 1♥ in third seat, you don’t understand third-seat openings.

Abstainers don’t win bidding contests.

**Hopkins:** “2♥ —Well, I made my bed so I am going to lie in it. It might even turn out that our possible 4-2 fit plays well if they let me get a ruff in dummy or that we might take eight tricks in the majors if the defense leads trumps.”

**Cappelletti:** “2♥ —Least of evils? I’m already in trouble - maybe I won’t get doubled if opponents think I have a good heart suit.”

If you have a minimum opener, you are allowed to open a four-card suit in third or fourth chair. Holding ♠ AKQx♥ xxx♦ xxx♣ xxx, open 1♠ and pass any natural bid partner makes. If you have enough strength to take a second bid, make your normal opener.

#### 4) IMPs, Both Vulnerable

♠ 4♥ 5♦ AKQ765♣ AQJ32

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
2NT	4♠	Pass	1♥
?????			Pass
Action	Score	Votes	Solvers
Dbl	100	6	63
4NT	80	2	60
5♦	60	3	70
5♣	50	0	19
Pass	20	0	15

If partner has the ♦ J and the club finesse works, you can very likely make 5♦. However, LHO has made a gambling type bid. The question is – do you try to ring the bell or do you make a conservative bid. Doubling 4♠ rings the bell when partner has spade strength. Bidding 4NT or 5♦ is the conservative bid. Just like problem

three, going for the throat has the biggest upside.

Five experts join me and go for the throat. Partner will look at his spades and decide what to do. West has made a gambling bid and his spades are not always solid and even solid spades lose tricks when they don’t split. If partner has J10xxx behind West’s AKQxxxx, he’ll get two trump tricks. Or partner has Q10xx of spades behind West’s AKJ9xxx. Double of 4♠ tells partner that you have defense along with your minors.

**Parker:** “Double—It’s a bidders game. My double shows a good unusual notrump and defense. If partner passes he cannot expect more than this. If he bids we will do fine.”

**King:** “Double—This should say I have a very good hand with some potential for both offense and defense.”

Double is flexible. If partner happens to hold ♠ Qxx♥ xxxxxx♦ xx♣ xx, he can pass the double and on good days take four tricks on defense. On fair days, you’ll be -790 and tie the opponents who get to five-of-a-minor doubled and go for 800.

**Schwartz:** “Double—Prefer one less diamond but with unknown fit have to leave partner a chance to defend. Also there is no clear way to get to the best minor.”

**Hopkins:** “Double—I have the Aces in my suits. Partner should be well-placed to judge to sit or push on.”

**Roman:** “Double—Partner, remember a moment ago when I told you I had both minors? Well I also have a good hand.”

Five experts give up the possibility of a number.

Three experts bid 5♦. Couldn’t partner have ♠ xxx♥ xxxxx♦ x♣ Kxx where 5♣ is cold and 5♦ needs a 3-3 diamond break.

**Adams:** “5♦ —I’d like to double, but concerned that would be penalty asking for a heart lead. Seems like 5♦ should have a play.”

**Abelow:** “5♦ —A major suit ace or the Jack of diamonds and two or three diamonds in partner’s hand will give me a play for 5♦. 4NT will get us to the wrong minor too often, pass is too likely to be a double game swing.”

**Landen:** “5♦ —I don’t need much from partner for this to make. Double is misguided, too much offense and no major suit defense.”

Two experts bid 4NT. You have two ways to show both minors - 4NT and 5♣. 4NT shows longer diamonds, 5♣ shows longer clubs or equal minors. Therefore the correct bid with six diamonds and five clubs is 4NT. With six clubs and five diamonds, bid 5♣. With equal minors, bid 5♣.

**Woolsey:** “4NT—This should emphasize diamonds, while 5♣ should emphasize clubs. I’m not doubling and giving partner an impossible problem when I virtually have five-of-a-minor in my own hand.”

**Cappelletti:** “4NT—5♣ emphasizes clubs - then 4NT emphasizes diamonds.”

When faced with choices, make the most flexible.

#### 5) Matchpoints, None Vulnerable

♠ 32♥ Q76♦ 5432♣ AK43

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
Pass	1♣	1♥	Pass
?????			Dbl
2♦ =7-9; 2♥ = 0-6 3-card raise; 3♥ =weak			
Action	Score	Votes	Solvers
3♥	100	2	13
3♣	90	1	00
2♣	70	5	28
2♦	70	3	129
Redbl	50	0	25
2♥	50	0	21
4♥	50	0	01
1NT	30	0	03
2NT	30	0	01
1♠	20	0	01
Pass	20	0	05

The methods that I have given you are not standard. They are transfer responses after partner has overcalled one-of-a-major and RHO makes a negative double. Transfers give you a way to show both a good three-card raise and a bad three-card raise. A direct raise shows a weak three-card raise usually 3-7 points. Bidding one-under partner’s suit, in this case 2♦, shows a good three-card raise usually 7-10 points. Transferring into their suit (1NT) shows a three-card limit raise or better. 2♣ show diamonds and redouble show a two-card limit raise or better. Seven and ten point raises can go either way. With four-card support, 3♥ show a preemptive raise, jump cue (3♣) shows a 7-9 raise and 2NT shows a limit raise or better. I gave you these methods so you could show different-strength heart raises. I assumed that the 2♣ answers was a three-card limit raise. I wanted was to know where you thought this hand fell given this system. West opened in fourth after three passes. The chances of making game when neither of us has an opening bid, is very slim. Therefore advancer’s job is to bid to the correct level ASAP. Usually there is no reason to show partner how strong you are. Since partner might have doubled 1♣ with four spades and five hearts, it is very likely that the opponents

have an eight-card spade fit and the Law says that if the opponents have an eight-card spade fit and you have an eight-card heart fit you should not let them play at the two-level. Therefore the correct Law-Of-Total-Tricks bid is 3♥. Good things can happen if you bid 3♥. On normal days you push them to 3♠. On very good days you catch opener with a 4=3=3=3 eleven count and he passes 3♥. RHO has 4=1=3=5 and he bids 4♣. How do you like them apples?

Two experts agree with me and bid to the three-level.

**Adams:** “3♥ —Not sure why I need to bother showing my hand to a passed partner and to the opponents. I plan to get to 3♥ over 2♠, so might as well just bid it and withhold information. Partner not bidding again in any case, given failure to open one or 2♥.”

3♠, a mixed raise showing four hearts and 7-9 points, gives opener a chance to double when he has long clubs.

**Woolsey:** “3♣ —I assume this shows a mixed raise. I have the right strength for that. I’m missing a fourth heart, which is compensated for by my doubleton spade. In my world, partner doesn’t overcall 1♥ with four spades and five hearts — he makes a takeout double. So either we have nine hearts or the opponents have eight or more spades or both. Thus I will never sell to 2♠ anyway, so I might as well get the preemptive effect in as well as showing my strength.”

The rest of the experts make reasonable bids only if partner were not a passed hand.

**Abelow:** “2♠ —With all three high cards working and a doubleton, seems best to show a limit raise of hearts.”

Why? Do you really think that you might have a game?

**Parker:** “2♣ —Why is 2♦ a strong raise and not 2♠? I bid 2♣, which should show a good raise for a passed hand. If he thinks it is a club suit, then it will be a good lead director.”

**Schwartz:** “2♣ —In and out evaluation suggests this hand is worth a limit raise and partner won’t play me for too much with my passed hand status. I am not making accepting any game tries.”

If you’re not accepting any game tries, why tell partner what you have?

**Hopkins:** “2♣ —It appears I have two quick tricks, only working cards including one of the top three trumps, and a likely ruffing value. This hand is worth a limit raise.”

**Roman:** “2♣ —Limit raise in hearts. I can’t wait to find out what I’m missing here.”

When an opponent opens in fourth chair and partner overcalls, a jump raise has no range. You could have as little as three points or as many as ten for a jump raise. All

it shows is four trumps. On this hand, wouldn't you be happy if partner played 3♥?

**Cappelletti:** "2♦ —As in Cappelletti over one-of-a-major doubled bid 2♦ with the constructive raise."

**Landen:** "2♦ —Why isn't 2♣ defined? Partner, being a Law-abiding citizen, will bid to the three-level with six trumps. I have no

reason not to be the straight man on this hand."

**King:** "2♦ —I'll fall for it. Looks like 7-9 and a three-card raise to me. Aren't we allowed to have the top of our bids some times, especially with such awful spots?"

After an overcall of a fourth seat opener, advancer's only job is to bid to the correct Law level.

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Dave Abelow	2♠	3♣	3♣	5♦	2♣	340
John Adams	2♠	4♥	Pass	5♦	3♥	430
Mike Cappelletti	3♣	3♣	2♥	4NT	2♦	370
Robbie Hopkins	2♠	3♣	2♥	Dbl	2♣	400
Fred King	Pass	3♥	2♥	Dbl	2♦	330
Steve Landen	Pass	3♣	Pass	5♦	2♦	350
Steve Parker	2♠	3♣	2♥	Dbl	2♣	400
Steve Robinson	3♣	3♦	Pass	Dbl	3♥	490
Jeff Roman	2♠	3♦	Pass	Dbl	2♣	470
Alan Schwartz	Dbl	3♣	Pass	Dbl	2♣	370
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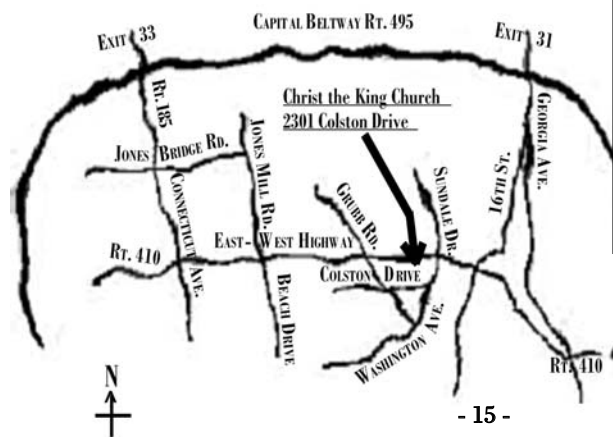
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## THE UNIT GAME

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### FREE PLAYS

Most players at the unit game are unaware that we give out free plays each week to our section top winners. If you play on a Thursday night and you come in first N/S or first E/W of your particular lettered section, then you and your partner will get a free play. Please note that we do not give free plays to winners of lower stratas such as Flight X (0-3000), Flight C or D (500-1000 and 0-500 in the 0-1500 game) or Flight F or G (50-100 and 0-50 in the NLM game); only for the top strat of each event: Flight A (Open), B (1000-1500) or E (100-NLM).

How do you use the free plays? Every week, our partnership chair (usually Barbara Doran) will be at a table in the front of the room with a metal card file box. In that box is a card for each player that has won free plays. Tell her your name and she'll look up your card. If there are unused free plays on the card, you'll get the card and can turn it in at the entry desk for \$7 off your game. Please note that if the entry is \$9 for that night, you will still need to pay the extra \$2. Free plays only cover \$7 of the entry. Leave the card with the director who will then cancel one free play on the card and return it to the partnership chair. If you aren't sure if you have a free play, just check with the partnership chair.

Free plays are not awarded and cannot be used at WBL or NVBA Sectional Thursday night games, but can be used on any other Thursday night game including Sectional Tournament-at-Clubs (STaC) games.

Please send me any questions about how the Unit Game is run at [unitgamedirector@districtsix.org](mailto:unitgamedirector@districtsix.org) and I will try to answer them in upcoming columns.

### UPCOMING SECTIONALS

♠	♥
<u>August 7-10, 2008</u>	<u>October 23-26, 2008</u>
Silver Spring, MD	Fairfax, VA
♣	♦
<u>September 4-7, 2008</u>	<u>January 8-11, 2009</u>
Fairfax, VA	Silver Spring, MD
♦	♥
<u>October 2-5, 2008</u>	<u>February 5-8, 2009</u>
Silver Spring, MD	Fairfax, VA

## DO YOU HAVE ANY MUSCLE OR BRAINS TO SPARE?

The Washington Bridge League could use a little of either! In order to keep events exciting and entry fees low, the WBL relies on the goodness of our members to volunteer for small jobs at the Unit Game and Sectional Tournaments. Some jobs require brains while others require muscle. We'll be happy to employ either.

From setting up and breaking down tables, to publicity and events development, a little effort from you will make our bridge community even better. Busy schedule? No worries. Most volunteer assignments take only 15 minutes to 1 hour a month.

### Here's how to help:

1. Reply by email, phone or in person if you are willing to help in any way.

2. Please indicate if you can offer any special skills (such as marketing or a strong back).

3. Someone will contact you shortly with a choice of assignments you can pick from.

**BONUS** – You will be invited to the summer Volunteer Gathering and BBQ Party.

*Thank you in advance for any assistance you can provide.*

**Barbara Summers**, Volunteer Coordinator, 301-598-5838, [jimbarb1184@aol.com](mailto:jimbarb1184@aol.com),

## COMMITTEE ACTION #60

by Rich Colker, [rcolker@mail.com](mailto:rcolker@mail.com)

A case from the recently concluded 2008 Spring NABCs in Detroit makes a couple of important points about claiming on defense. The hand in question arose in the first qualifying session of the Rockwell Mixed Pairs. Here is what happened.

Bd: 17; Vul: None; Dlr: North

	♠ 104	
	♥ —	
	♦ KQ83	
	♣ AKQ7654	
♠ AQJ7	♥ K962	
♥ J1073	♦ K65	
♦ AJ54	♦ 1097	
♣ 9	♣ J32	

	♠ 853	
	♥ AQ9842	
	♦ 62	
	♣ 108	

<u>West</u>	<u>North</u>	<u>East</u>	<u>South</u>
	1♣	Pass	1♥
Dbl	3♣	3♠	Pass
Pass	4♣	Pass	Pass
4♠	5♣	All Pass	

The play went as follows:

<u>Trick</u>	<u>Plays</u>
1	♠ 2, ♠ 3, ♠ A, ♠ 4
2	♦ 4, ♦ K, ♦ 7, ♦ 2
3	♦ 3, ♦ 9, ♦ 6, ♦ J
4	♣ 9, ♣ A, ♣ 2, ♣ 8
5	♦ 8, ♦ 10, ♣ 10, ♦ 5
6	♥ A, ♥ 3, ♠ 10, ♥ 5
7	♥ 2, ♥ 7, ♣ 4, ♥ 6
8-10	See below.

On tricks 8-10 declarer played three rounds of clubs, North coming down to two clubs and the ♦ Q, West holding the ♠ QJ and ♦ A, East the ♠ K9 and ♥ K, and Dummy the ♠ 85 and ♥ Q. At this point East said he would hold the ♠ K and West then said she would keep the ♦ A. North immediately called the Director.

After an initial incorrect table ruling the case underwent Directorial review. Laws 68A (Claim Defined) and 70 (Contested Claim) were ultimately (correctly) applied and it was determined that in light of the auction and play

up to the point of East's claim it would have been irrational for West to discard the ♦ A. Therefore, a result of 5♣ by North down one, -50 for N/S, was assigned. N/S appealed.

At the hearing South claimed he saw some or all of East's cards when East made his statement about keeping the ♠ K. Neither North nor West saw East's cards. N/S believed that East's statement gave unauthorized information to West which made it clear that she keep the ♦ A. In addition, South asked the Committee to consider a procedural penalty (PP) against E/W. South refused the Committee's request to estimate how likely he thought it was (without the UI from the claim) that West would pitch the ♦ A prior to trick 13 in order to keep the ♠ Q.

West said East's 3♠ bid marked him as having started with four spades and North had already shown up with the other two (having followed with a spade at trick 1 and having pitched a second one on the ♥ A at trick 6). Thus, she would never keep a spade to discard the ♦ A.

The Committee agreed with the Directors' ruling. They judged that East would keep the ♠ K in the one-card ending, both because he had seen North pitch on the ♥ A and ruff a heart and because he said he would keep it in his claim statement. West would then retain the ♦ A as her thirteenth card both because she knew from East's 3♠ bid and the play so far that North held no more spades and because the ♠ Q could not win trick 13 if the ♠ K was still unplayed. The Committee therefore allowed the Directors' assigned score of 5♣ by North down one, -50 to N/S, to stand. They also considered a PP and determined that East's actions, though possibly unfortunate, were certainly understandable and made a PP unwarranted.

The Committee then considered whether the appeal had merit. The only conceivable reason they could find for not finding that the appeal lacked merit was the initial incorrect table ruling. Two of the members thought that was sufficient to give the appeal merit. The other three disagreed strongly; indicating that asking West to pitch the ♥ A was beyond the pale and that N/S justly deserved an

AWMW. Based on the two “no” votes the Committee did not award an AWMW.

The important points this case makes are:

(1) Claiming on defense is risky: Avoid claiming on defense if your partner could in any way be involved in the subsequent play—and even then think twice about it. In the present case, had West been judged at all capable of pitching the ♦ A (say she was a non-expert or inexperienced enough to possibly be unaware of all of the inferences available from the auction and play to that point) Law 70D2 would have been applied. Law 70D2 states: “The Director does not accept any part of a defender’s claim that depends on his partner’s selecting a particular play from among alternative normal\* plays. (\* For the purposes of Laws 70 and 71, “normal” includes play that would be careless or inferior for the class of player involved.)” In other words, an inexperienced or less-than-expert defender could—and should—be judged capable of missing a subtle inference from the bidding or previous plays or of not paying full attention to the cards being played on the run of the clubs.

(2) In cases where the defender in question is an experienced expert and it is clear from the bidding and play that saving the wrong card(s) cannot be correct—in the words of the laws, doing so would be just too “careless or inferior for the class of player involved”—the defender should not be forced to make a play that goes against the “obvious” authorized information present. In this case, the fact that East had freely bid spades at the three level (thus showing at least four of them), that North had already played two of them, and that the ♠ K would still not have been played at trick 13 clearly meant that saving spades and pitching the ♦ A was just too inferior a play for West to make. She should be allowed to save the ♦ A in spite of the fact that East’s claim made doing so clear cut.

Astute readers will note that (2) above is based on the same principle that applies when unauthorized information is present during the auction: If a player Alerts, answers an opponent’s question, or does anything to provide information that is unauthorized to partner, thereby indicating what action of partner’s will likely work best next, if that action is clear cut anyhow based on partner’s own cards or the previous auction, then partner must be allowed to take that action in spite of the UI. Only if there is a reasonable chance that the partner would have taken some other action without the UI should one indicated by it be disallowed.

This year’s Annual Meeting and Elections will be held on Thursday, May 15, at Christ the King Church, the site of our Unit Game, prior to play. As usual, there will be a complimentary dinner buffet at 6:00 p.m. The meeting and elections will take place at approximately 7:00 p.m. All WBL members whose dues are paid as of April 1 are eligible to vote. The church will be open at 3:00 p.m. for ballot casting to those players who will be unable to attend the elections. Copies of the WBL Policies and Treasurer’s Report will also be available. A charity game will begin when the meeting concludes.

**2007 MASTERPOINT RACES**

During the evening, we will recognize our 2007 Mini-McKenney and Ace of Clubs winners for their achievements.

**ELECTIONS**

The election portion of the meeting will begin with our Elections Chairperson, Jim Allen, introducing the candidates before they each speak briefly to the membership. Nominations will be accepted from the floor. The four officer positions are one-year terms. The three Unit Director positions are two-year terms.

*Candidate for President*

**Fred King** has been a member of the WBL since moving to Washington, D.C. in 1973. He worked for the World Bank until his retirement in 2001. He has been on the Board the past seven years, including serving as vice-president for three years and as president for the last two years. In addition he served as caddy master for over 16 years. He says, “If re-elected I would like to continue to build upon the strong base and good momentum that has built up in recent years. I would continue to work to help our games grow, strengthen our volunteer base, and maintain our strong financial position. I would encourage increased feedback from the membership as a key way of guiding the board.”



*Candidate for Vice-President*

**Don Berman** is the incumbent Vice President and has been a member of the WBL Board of Directors for 12 years and thanks the membership for its support. He asks for your support toward continuing in the office of Vice President. He is the Webmaster for the WBL, the MBA and District 6 and the Recorder for the WBL. He has been a bridge player (sort of, he says) for over 40 years.



*Candidate for Secretary*

**Richard Ferrin** has been a WBL member since 1993. He has participated regularly in the Unit Game and other WBL events for the past eight and a half years, and is a silver life master. For the past four years, he has served as WBL Secretary. He also serves as Chairman of the Round Robin Committee and the Conduct & Ethics Committee. He has also assisted with planning for the upcoming 2009 Summer North American Bridge Championships in Washington. If elected, he would focus on supporting efforts to continue growth in the WBL Unit Game, sectionals, and the unit round robin and unit knockouts. This next year offers a challenge for the WBL board and the Membership as a whole as District 6 (which includes the WBL) gears up toward hosting the 2009 Summer NABC. He believes that this is a special event with an important opportunity to build the WBL’s membership base, and everybody in the WBL should join together in supporting those efforts.



*Candidate for Treasurer*

**Steve Robinson** has served as treasurer for 17 years, and board member for 13 more years. He is retired, having worked as a computer specialist for the Dept of the



Army. He hopes that every player will use his book “Washington Standard” to become proficient bidders.

*Candidate for the Board*

**Elen Cherniavsky**, who holds a Ph.D. in Operations Research, retired in 2005, but still works part time for the MITRE Corporation, where she has been employed since 1982. She learned bridge from her parents, played duplicate in college, then quit to pursue graduate studies and have a family. Twelve years ago she returned to the duplicate scene. For the past two years on the Board she has served on the Conduct & Ethics Committee, chaired the Club Relations Committee, and helped with hospitality for the Annual Meeting and Holiday Party. If re-elected, she would be honored to continue serving in these capacities, as well as encouraging participation from new members (her daughter recently started playing duplicate).



*Candidate for the Board*

**Linda Marshall** has been a WBL member since 2003, when she started playing bridge again after learning from friends in college and then taking a long break from bridge to practice law and raise two boys. She has participated regularly in WBL activities since 2005. She joined the WBL board last year to finish the remainder of a departing member’s term, and brings a newer player’s viewpoint to the board. She would like to continue her service on the board to support WBL activities in a variety of ways, to help to attract, retain, and support newer players, and to help the WBL to make bridge more enjoyable for all of its members. Linda has been an attorney with the Internal Revenue Service for 19 years, and has previous nonprofit board experience as the vice president and treasurer of her children’s child care center.



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# 62ND ANNUAL WBL CITY OF WASHINGTON TOURNAMENT

March 27-30, 2008

## Results

### TOP TEN CUMULATIVE POINT WINNERS

*Congratulations to the new 2008 City of Washington Tournament winners! Awards will be presented to the winners in each of the four masterpoint categories for all of the 2008 sectionals during next year's Presidential Tournament.*

#### All Players

1	25.19	Leo LaSota
2	24.39	William Hacker
3	22.70	Leon Letwin
4	22.64	Mark Shaw
5	18.84	Lloyd Rawley
6	16.87	Bob Kerchner
7	16.65	David Milton
	16.65	Stan Schenker
9	16.25	Michael Klein
	16.25	M Webster Ewell Jr

#### Players with fewer than 1500 masterpoints

1	18.84	Lloyd Rawley
2	16.87	Bob Kerchner
3	16.25	M Webster Ewell Jr
4	13.94	Stuart Fleischmann
5	12.08	Walter Smith Jr
6	11.80	Michael Richey
7	11.48	Albert Lauber
8	10.46	James Witting
9	10.41	Margie Coccodrilli
10	10.15	Linda Marshall

#### Players with fewer than 500 masterpoints

1	11.48	Albert Lauber
2	9.18	Kiyomi Shiba
3	8.35	Ned Griffith
4	7.47	Richard Wedgewood
5	5.69	Richard Levin
	5.69	Marc Weiner
7	5.60	Patricia Mitchell
8	5.45	Alfred Liepold
9	5.39	Roger Laumark
10	5.29	Arun Guha

#### Players with fewer than 100 masterpoints

1	7.47	Richard Wedgewood
2	5.69	Marc Weiner
3	5.60	Patricia Mitchell
4	5.29	Arun Guha
5	5.16	Amanda Carter
6	4.67	Jerome Gumbiner
7	4.64	Joe Hertz
8	4.31	Mavis Walters
9	4.17	Phyllis Cohen
	4.17	Stephen Salitrik

### THUR EVE A/X PAIRS

#### Stratum A, 40.5 Tables / Based on 99

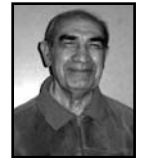
1	Bob Kerchner - Stuart Fleischmann	.61.69
2	Robert Zier - James Witting	.61.65
3	Debnarayan Dhar - Dharendra Ghosh	59.07
4	Earl Glickstein - Robert Bell	.59.03
5	Ronald Zucker - Lloyd Rawley	.58.69
6	Robin Taylor - Alan Sontag	.58.30
7	Arnie Frankel - Helene Bauman	.58.08
8	David Fleischer - Edward Schwartz	.57.81
9	Linda Marshall - James Beller	.57.64
10	Mark Rosen - Eugene Fisher	.57.02

#### Stratum X, 22.0 Tables

1	Bob Kerchner - Stuart Fleischmann	.61.69
2	Robert Zier - James Witting	.61.65
3	Debnarayan Dhar - Dharendra Ghosh	59.07
4	Ronald Zucker - Lloyd Rawley	.58.69
5	Linda Marshall - James Beller	.57.64
6	Mark Rosen - Eugene Fisher	.57.02

### THUR EVE B/C/D PAIRS

#### Stratum B, 27.0 Tables



1	Mohsen Esfandiary (pic) - Edward Rodrigues	.65.53
2/3	Ray Dodson - Rodger Kamuf	.63.45
2/3	Howard Tash - Martin Reed	.63.45
4	Carl Gutschick - Anita Gutschick	.63.26
5	Gretchen Handwerker - Danijel Zenko	59.28
6	Walter Smith Jr - Evan Allen	.59.17

#### Stratum C, 24.0 Tables

1/2	Ray Dodson - Rodger Kamuf	.63.45
1/2	Howard Tash - Martin Reed	.63.45
3	Carl Gutschick - Anita Gutschick	.63.26
4	Gretchen Handwerker - Danijel Zenko	59.28
5	Walter Smith Jr - Evan Allen	.59.17
6	Ellen Rosenthal - Neal Rosenthal	.58.90

#### Stratum D, 10.5 Tables

1	William Gurley - Terry Jones	.57.17
2	Elaine Conway - Suzanne Floyd	.55.11
3	Namik Haveric - Mirsad Mujezinovic	54.36
4/5	Rochelle Cohen - Mark Cohen	.53.22
4/5	Minako Komura - Kiyomi Shiba	.53.22
6	Ned Griffith - Albert Lauber	.53.10

### THUR EVE NONLM PRS @ WBL

#### Stratum A, 18.0 Tables



1	T S L Perlman (pic) - Bernadette Merceron	.69.81
2	Amelia Montjoy - Cynthia Harrison	.68.11

- 3 Richard Wessman - Jose Porres . . . . .63.14
- 4 Amy Bloom - Alfred Liepold . . . . .60.20
- 5 Richard Wedgewood - Mavis Walters .59.82
- 6 Mark Eisenstadt - Jason Stewart . . .58.21

**Stratum B, 13.0 Tables**

- 1 Bernadette Merceron - T S L Perlman 69.81
- 2 Amelia Montjoy - Cynthia Harrison .68.11
- 3 Richard Wedgewood - Mavis Walters .59.82
- 4 Mark Eisenstadt - Jason Stewart . . .58.21
- 5 John Reynolds - Larry Wallace . . . . .57.74
- 6 Richard Hart - Michael Hart . . . . .57.14

**Stratum C, 5.5 Tables**

- 1 Bernadette Merceron - T S L Perlman 69.81
- 2 Richard Hart - Michael Hart . . . . .57.14
- 3 Edmund Gehan - Martha Stout . . . . .51.30
- 4 Anne Menkens - Susan Holbeck . . .51.15

**THUR EVE 199ER PAIRS @ NVBA**

**Stratum A, 13.0 Tables**

- 1 Ike Oren - Georgette Weiss . . . . .67.23
- 2 Blair Curry - Judith Curry . . . . .63.64
- 3 Linda Szyszka - Donald Szyszka . . .62.12
- 4 Marco Latini - Amanda Carter . . . . .61.74
- 5 Larry Taylor - David Meadows . . . . .61.17
- 6 William Hughes - Barbara Hodges .60.23

**Stratum B, 9.0 Tables**

- 1 Ike Oren - Georgette Weiss . . . . .67.23
- 2 Linda Szyszka - Donald Szyszka . . .62.12
- 3 Marco Latini - Amanda Carter . . . . .61.74
- 4 William Hughes - Barbara Hodges .60.23
- 5 Robert Magruder - Eleanor Schwartz .55.68

**Stratum C, 4.0 Tables**

- 1 Ike Oren - Georgette Weiss . . . . .67.23
- 2 Kenneth Linder - Daniel Barthell . . .54.36
- 3 Judith Heit - Betsy Summer . . . . .53.60

**FRIDAY AM OPEN PAIRS**

**Stratum A, 23.5 Tables / Based on 37**



- 1 Donald Berman - Leon Letwin . . . . .64.23
- 2 Kenneth Davis - Robert Hartmann .62.73
- 3 Malvern Sheffield, Jr - Martha Mangano 62.08
- 4 Kevin O'Brien - Francesco Parisi-Presicce 59.38
- 5 Jim Allen, Jr - Charles Boteler Jr . . .59.17
- 6 Janet Dence - Edwin Fuller Jr . . . . .58.29

**Stratum B, 20.5 Tables**

- 1 Malvern Sheffield, Jr - Martha Mangano 62.08
- 2 Kevin O'Brien - Francesco Parisi-Presicce 59.38
- 3 Janet Dence - Edwin Fuller Jr . . . . .58.29
- 4 Mary Jane Von Moss - Robert Von Moss 57.95
- 5 Michael Hirsch - Jerome Ostrov . . .57.73
- 6 Barbara Porterfield - Laurie Malouf .57.50

**Stratum C, 11.0 Tables**

- 1 Malvern Sheffield, Jr - Martha Mangano 62.08
- 2 Michael Hirsch - Jerome Ostrov . . .57.73
- 3 Barbara Porterfield - Laurie Malouf .57.50
- 4 Mary Rogers - Rosmarie Suitor . . . . .56.88
- 5 Phyllis Kristianson - Lois Kay . . . . .55.80
- 6 Hanita Schreiber - Roberta Feldman .52.68

**FRIDAY AM NONLM PAIRS**

**Stratum A, 13.0 Tables**



- 1 Alfred Caponiti - Alfred Liepold . . .66.10
- 2 Bernice Felix - Susan Weiss . . . . .59.66
- 3 Calvin Konner - Jerome Gumbiner .57.58
- 4 Beth Wisinski - Kay Miller . . . . .55.68
- 5 Jeanne Ferraro - Alan Ferraro . . . . .55.30
- 6/8 Joyce Bladen - William Backof . . .53.60
- 6/8 Ellen Kelley - Mavis Walters . . . . .53.60
- 6/8 Richard Wedgewood - Arthur Mackwell 53.60

**Stratum B, 9.5 Tables**

- 1 Bernice Felix - Susan Weiss . . . . .59.66
- 2 Calvin Konner - Jerome Gumbiner .57.58
- 3 Beth Wisinski - Kay Miller . . . . .55.68
- 4 Jeanne Ferraro - Alan Ferraro . . . . .55.30
- 5 Ellen Kelley - Mavis Walters . . . . .53.60
- 6 Phyllis Cohen - Stephen Salitrik . . .53.41

**Stratum C, 4.5 Tables**

- 1 Ellen Kelley - Mavis Walters . . . . .53.60
- 2 Phyllis Cohen - Stephen Salitrik . . .53.41
- 3 Nancy Wanicur - Vivian Pollock . . .51.70
- 4 Terry Vann - Art Hartstein . . . . .51.52

**FRIDAY AFT A/X PAIRS**

**Stratum A, 15.0 Tables / Based on 45**



- 1 Arnie Frankel - David Ruderman . .63.64
- 2 John S. Jr. Mason - Eugene Kales . .60.23
- 3 Linda Marshall - Margie Coccodrilli .59.85
- 4 Benjamin Stauss - John Glynn . . . . .58.90
- 5 Barbara Shaw - Ann Ingram . . . . .58.33
- 6/7 James Geist - Kitty Gottfried . . . . .56.63
- 6/7 Robert Hartmann - Kenneth Davis .56.63

**Stratum X, 7.0 Tables**

- 1 Linda Marshall - Margie Coccodrilli .59.85
- 2 Benjamin Stauss - John Glynn . . . . .58.90
- 3 James Geist - Kitty Gottfried . . . . .56.63
- 4 Beta Nahapetian - Rose Berman . . .49.62
- 5/6 Barbara Doran - Robin Taylor . . . . .48.30
- 5/6 Sam Westgate - Betty Bursey . . . . .48.30

**FRIDAY AFT B/C/D PAIRS**

**Stratum B, 14.0 Tables**



- 1 Kiyomi Shiba - Eugene Fisher . . . . .69.51

- 2 Walter Smith Jr - Ann Faget . . . . .61.17
- 3 Barbara Porterfield - Laurie Malouf .58.33
- 4 Peter Salmon-Cox - Nancy Lowry . . .57.01
- 5 Hanita Schreiber - Roberta Feldman .56.25
- 6 Robert Lawrence - Frances Lawrence 55.68

**Stratum C, 11.0 Tables**

- 1 Barbara Porterfield - Laurie Malouf .58.33
- 2 Peter Salmon-Cox - Nancy Lowry . . .57.01
- 3 Hanita Schreiber - Roberta Feldman .56.25
- 4 Robert Lawrence - Frances Lawrence 55.68
- 5/6 Jon Ranhand - Agnes Gavin . . . . .54.36
- 5/6 Malvern Sheffield, Jr - Martha Mangano 54.36

**Stratum D, 6.0 Tables**

- 1 Barbara Porterfield - Laurie Malouf .58.33
- 2 Hanita Schreiber - Roberta Feldman .56.25
- 3 Jon Ranhand - Agnes Gavin . . . . .54.36
- 4 Michael Hirsch - Jerome Ostrov . . .54.17

**FRIDAY AFT NONLM PAIRS**

**Stratum A, 15.5 Tables**



- 1 Amanda Carter - Joe Hertz . . . . .64.47
- 2 Carol Elfant - Elizabeth Nash . . . . .61.47
- 3 A. Edwin Johnson - M. Josette Johnson 59.44
- 4 Bernice Felix - Susan Weiss . . . . .58.67
- 5 Michael Watts - Michael Platt . . . . .57.28
- 6 Shirley Kwiatkowski - Harry Walger .55.92

**Stratum B, 12.5 Tables**

- 1 Joe Hertz - Amanda Carter . . . . .64.47
- 2 Carol Elfant - Elizabeth Nash . . . . .61.47
- 3 A. Edwin Johnson - M. Josette Johnson 59.44
- 4 Bernice Felix - Susan Weiss . . . . .58.67
- 5 Michael Watts - Michael Platt . . . . .57.28
- 6 Shirley Kwiatkowski - Harry Walger .55.92

**Stratum C, 5.5 Tables**

- 1 Joe Hertz - Amanda Carter . . . . .64.47
- 2 Shirley Kwiatkowski - Harry Walger .55.92
- 3 Nancy Wanicur - Vivian Pollock . . .52.79
- 4 Phyllis Cohen - Stephen Salitrik . . .51.67

**FRI EVE A/X BAROMETER PAIRS**

**Stratum A, 11.5 Tables / Based on 25**



- 1 Leon Letwin - David Rodney . . . . .65.27
- 2 Fred King - Charleen Brand . . . . .63.68
- 3 Martin Graf - Mark Shaw . . . . .62.00
- 4 Linda Marshall - Steven Schatzow . .59.21
- 5 Candace Kuschner - Marshall Kuschner 56.83
- 6 James Geist - Richard Ferrin . . . . .56.42

**Stratum X, 5.0 Tables**

- 1 Linda Marshall - Steven Schatzow . .59.21

- 2 James Geist - Richard Ferrin . . . . .56.42
- 3 Kitty Gottfried - Kamel Tabbara . . .52.23
- 4 Kevin O'Brien - Francesco Parisi-Presicce 47.55

**FRI EVE B/C BAROMETER PAIRS**

**Stratum B, 7.0 Tables**



- 1 Shawn Stringer - Roma Chandra . . .64.24
- 2 David Traub - Carol Traub . . . . .58.33
- 3 Amy Bloom - John Mattioli . . . . .57.29
- 4 Joe Hertz - Amanda Carter . . . . .55.21
- 5 Irv Kipnis - Michael Mullendore . . .54.51

**Stratum C, 5.0 Tables**

- 1 Amy Bloom - John Mattioli . . . . .57.29
- 2 Joe Hertz - Amanda Carter . . . . .55.21
- 3 Satinder Gupta - Janet Coffin . . . . .52.78
- 4 Bryan Geer - Lois Geer . . . . .51.04

**FRI EVE NLM PAIRS**

**Stratum A, 6.0 Tables**



- 1 Larry Wallace (pic) - John Reynolds 63.33
- 2 Michael Hart - Merna Hart . . . . .56.25
- 3 Charles Ellis - Sheila Ellis . . . . .55.83
- 4 Alfred Caponiti - Alfred Liepold . . .53.75

**Stratum B, 4.5 Tables**

- 1 John Reynolds - Larry Wallace . . .63.33
- 2 Michael Hart - Merna Hart . . . . .56.25
- 3 Charles Ellis - Sheila Ellis . . . . .55.83
- 4 Richard Jones - Jason Stewart . . . . .53.33

**Stratum C, 2.5 Tables**

- 1 Michael Hart - Merna Hart . . . . .56.25
- 2 Charles Ellis - Sheila Ellis . . . . .55.83

**SAT AM B/C/D PAIRS**

**Stratum B, 25.0 Tables**



- 1 Mark Rosen - Kiyomi Shiba . . . . .72.73
- 2 Gerald Marcovsky - Linda Smith . . .63.87
- 3 Margie Coccodrilli - Daniel Koch . .63.00
- 4 Susan Miskura - Dennis Schwanz . .61.62
- 5 Terry Vann - Art Hartstein . . . . .60.71
- 6 Barbara Israel - Frederick Mueller .60.69

**Stratum C, 20.5 Tables**

- 1 Mark Rosen - Kiyomi Shiba . . . . .72.73
- 2 Susan Miskura - Dennis Schwanz . .61.62
- 3 Terry Vann - Art Hartstein . . . . .60.71

- 4 Barbara Israel - Frederick Mueller . . .60.69
- 5 Neil Selvin - Howard Grunin . . . . .60.52
- 6 Bernadette Merceron - Youssof Seraj .59.87

**Stratum D, 11.0 Tables**

- 1 Terry Vann - Art Hartstein . . . . .60.71
- 2 Neil Selvin - Howard Grunin . . . . .60.52
- 3 Bernadette Merceron - Youssof Seraj .59.87
- 4 Monica Shumann - Susan Slattery . . .57.56
- 5 Lucile Arkin - Sol Barr . . . . .53.24
- 6 Richard Wedgwood - Patricia Mitchell 52.67

**SAT AM 300/200/100 PAIRS**

**Stratum A, 20.5 Tables**



- 1 Channing Wickham - Albert Lauber . .68.75
- 2 Roger Laumark - Arun Guha . . . . .63.39
- 3 Frances Abramson - Sally Hollman . .59.52
- 4 William Hohe - Bob Blodgett . . . . .59.23
- 5 Mary Ann Kral - Linda Burton . . . . .58.53
- 6 Norma Fry - Jan Zaal . . . . .58.13

**Stratum B, 15.5 Tables**

- 1 Frances Abramson - Sally Hollman . .59.52
- 2 William Hohe - Bob Blodgett . . . . .59.23
- 3 Peter Pecori - Hal Wallace . . . . .57.14
- 4 Garry Grossman - Adrienne Kohn . . .56.25
- 5 Joan Kindle - Nancy Jessen . . . . .56.00
- 6 Carol Elfant - Elizabeth Nash . . . . .55.79

**Stratum C, 10.5 Tables**

- 1 Peter Pecori - Hal Wallace . . . . .57.14
- 2 Garry Grossman - Adrienne Kohn . . .56.25
- 3 Joan Kindle - Nancy Jessen . . . . .56.00
- 4 Ernie Schuler - Frank Hatten . . . . .53.84
- 5 Rachelle Sladoff - Rochelle Hilton . .52.25
- 6 Nancy Wanicur - Vivian Pollock . . .52.14

**WASH BR LEAGUE TROPHY PAIRS**

**10.0 Tables / Based on 51**



- 1 Leo LaSota - William Hacker . . . . .144.93
- 2 Lloyd Rawley - Michael Richey . . . . .140.25
- 3 Barry Bragin - Brad Theurer . . . . .135.84
- 4 Lowell Sawyer - Don Probst . . . . .133.22
- 5 Bruce Houston - Kenneth Davis . . .129.50
- 6 Helene Bauman - Jim Wakefield . . .127.19
- 7 Fred King - Robert Bell . . . . .125.50
- 8 Robin Taylor - Alan Sontag . . . . .122.49
- 9 David Grabiner - Barry Depristo . . .121.00
- 10 Jim Dick - Linda Dick . . . . .118.64
- 11 Bob Kerchner - Terry Feetham . . . .116.55
- 12 Peter Boyd - Steve Robinson . . . . .114.45

**SAT AFT A/X PAIRS**

**Stratum A, 11.0 Tables / Based on 40**



- 1 Lyle Poe Jr - Mark Shaw . . . . .66.07
- 2 Daniel Feldman - Thierry Poirey . . .64.58
- 3 Robert Krueger - Priscilla Krueger . .60.71
- 4 John Klayman - Lawrence Lau . . . . .55.36
- 5/6 Elliot Grant - James Davenport, Jr . .54.76
- 5/6 Hank Meyer - Jane Shaw . . . . .54.76

**Stratum X, 7.5 Tables**

- 1 Daniel Feldman - Thierry Poirey . . .64.58
- 2 Robert Krueger - Priscilla Krueger . .60.71
- 3/4 Elliot Grant - James Davenport, Jr . .54.76
- 3/4 Hank Meyer - Jane Shaw . . . . .54.76
- 5/6 Anita Gutschick - Carl Gutschick . .53.27
- 5/6 Christopher Miller - Hadi Abushakra 53.27

**SAT AFT BCD PAIRS**

**Stratum B, 16.0 Tables**



- 1 Richard Wedgwood - Patricia Mitchell 62.69
- 2 Aaron Navarro - Margie Coccodrilli . .60.98
- 3 Franz Delahan - Madeline Delahan . .60.42
- 4 Katherine Rabenstein - Emerita Hayward60.04
- 5 Ted Guthrie - Suzanne Abrams . . . .59.28
- 6 Jay Cherlow - Abigail Nichols . . . .56.82

**Stratum C, 12.5 Tables**

- 1 Richard Wedgwood - Patricia Mitchell 62.69
- 2 Franz Delahan - Madeline Delahan . .60.42
- 3 Ted Guthrie - Suzanne Abrams . . . .59.28
- 4 Winnie Yonkers - Juan Pardo . . . . .56.06
- 5 Mary Rogers - Rosmarie Suito . . . .55.11
- 6 Calvin Konner - Jerome Gumbiner . .54.36

**Stratum D, 7.5 Tables**

- 1 Richard Wedgwood - Patricia Mitchell 62.69
- 2 Franz Delahan - Madeline Delahan . .60.42
- 3 Winnie Yonkers - Juan Pardo . . . . .56.06
- 4 Calvin Konner - Jerome Gumbiner . .54.36
- 5 Elaine Conway - Suzanne Floyd . . .49.81

**SAT AFT NONLM PAIRS**

**Stratum A, 13.0 Tables**



- 1 Roger Laumark - Arun Guha . . . . .61.55
- 2 David Fitzwilliam - Lorraine Tyler . .60.61

- 3 Bruce Kasold - Gary Hinson . . . . .59.66
- 4 Paul Chassy - Reina Chassy . . . . .57.95
- 5 Ellinor Legg - Suzanne Kilczewski . .55.30
- 6 William Hughes - Barbara Hodges . .55.11

**Stratum B, 8.0 Tables**

- 1 Bruce Kasold - Gary Hinson . . . . .59.66
- 2 Paul Chassy - Reina Chassy . . . . .57.95
- 3 Ellinor Legg - Suzanne Kilczewski . .55.30
- 4 William Hughes - Barbara Hodges . .55.11
- 5 Jacqueline Greaney - Beth Cook . . .54.36

**Stratum C, 5.0 Tables**

- 1 Bruce Kasold - Gary Hinson . . . . .59.66
- 2 Ellinor Legg - Suzanne Kilczewski . .55.30
- 3 William Hughes - Barbara Hodges . .55.11
- 4 Jacqueline Greaney - Beth Cook . . .54.36

**SUN FLT A/X SWISS**

**Stratum A, 15 Tables / Based on 55**

- 1 Stan Schenker - M Webster Ewell Jr - Michael Klein - David Milton . . . . .97.00
- 2 Steve Robinson - Peter Boyd - Ai-Tai Lo - Mark Shaw - William Cole . . . . .95.00
- 3 Leo LaSota - Barbara Shaw - Glenn Lublin - William Hacker - Diane Walker . .91.00
- 4 Leon Letwin - Joel Miller - Avril Rodney - David Rodney . . . . .80.00
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**Stratum X, 8 Tables**

- 1 Leon Letwin - Joel Miller - Avril Rodney - David Rodney . . . . .80.00
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- 3 Clyde Kruskal - Donna Rogall - Alfred Duncker - Ann Lindley . . . . .72.00

**SUN FLT B/C/D SWISS**

**Stratum B, 26 Tables**



- 1 Merrill Hirsh - Ned Griffith - Albert Lauber - Walter Smith Jr (not pic.) . . . . .103.00
- 2 Ellen Rosenthal - Neal Rosenthal - Richard Levin - Marc Weiner . . . . .95.00
- 3 Robert Stearns - William Goldman - Charles Young Jr - Benjamin Stauss .94.00
- 4 Frank Shull III - Robert Claypool - Marshall Kramer - Stephen MacArthur .93.00
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- 6 Jeffrey Kosnett - Ronald Susi - Alice Wegman - John Glynn . . . . .85.00
- 7 Steven Schatzow - Sarah Goodstein - Robert Boyd - Herbert Fallin Jr . . .83.00
- 8 Dennis Schwanz - Susan Miskura - William Prosser - Paul Gayer - Fred Gramlich .79.00

**Stratum C, 12 Tables**

- 1 Walter Smith Jr - Merrill Hirsh - Ned Griffith - Albert Lauber . . . . .103.00

- 2 Ellen Rosenthal - Neal Rosenthal - Richard Levin - Marc Weiner . . . . .95.00
- 3 Frank Shull III - Robert Claypool - Marshall Kramer - Stephen MacArthur .93.00
- 4 Joyce Currie - Jim Wildey - Gloria Halstead - John Dickman . . . . .87.00

**Stratum D, 3 Tables**

- 1/2 Calvin Konner - Mavis Walters - Richard Wedgwood - Jerome Gumbiner . . . .70.00
- 1/2 John Reynolds - Larry Wallace - Richard Jones - Jason Stewart . . . . .70.00

**SUN MORN 299ER SWISS**

**Stratum A, 14 Tables**



- 1 Roberta Feldman - Hanita Schreiber - Stephen Salitrik - Phyllis Cohen . . .63.00
- 2 John Etter - Sue Hamilton - Jetty Townsend - Barbara Harding White . . . . .54.00
- 3 James Biss - David Epstein - Ellinor Legg - Bettye Whitney . . . . .48.00
- 4 David Fitzwilliam - Lorraine Tyler - Ed Krest - Anne Vaeth . . . . .46.00
- 5/6 Charles Shank - John Donohue - William Hughes - Barbara Hodges . . . . .45.00
- 5/6 Spencer Berg - Phyllis Berg - Sheila Odell - Sheila Kaplan . . . . .45.00

**Stratum B, 7 Tables**

- 1 John Etter - Sue Hamilton - Jetty Townsend - Barbara Harding White . . . . .54.00
- 2/3 Charles Shank - John Donohue - William Hughes - Barbara Hodges . . . . .45.00
- 2/3 Spencer Berg - Phyllis Berg - Sheila Odell - Sheila Kaplan . . . . .45.00

**Stratum C, 4 Tables**

- 1 Spencer Berg - Phyllis Berg - Sheila Odell - Sheila Kaplan . . . . .45.00

**SUN AFT 299ER SWISS**

**Stratum A, 9 Tables**



- 1 Sheila Ellis - Jetty Townsend - Barbara Harding White - Charles Ellis . . . . .54.00
- 2 Juanita Beeson - Patricia Mitchell - Rachelle Sladoff - Rochelle Hilton . .53.00
- 3 Taraneh Shahin - Bahman Shahin - Bruce Kasold - Gary Hinson . . . . .49.00
- 4 Alan Walter - Kimberly Ferguson - William Carr - Christine Carr . . . . .48.00

**Stratum B, 4 Tables**

- 1 Jetty Townsend - Barbara Harding White - Charles Ellis - Sheila Ellis . . . . .54.00

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### MARCH IBP DRAWS A CROWD



We had a wonderful day on Sunday of the WBL City of Washington Tournament with the **Instant Bridge Player** program. We had 48

people registered for our classes - 20 in the beginner class and 28 in the advanced beginner. They were all eager to learn and improve their bridge knowledge and skills. The beginners learned basics such as the order of the suits, how to count points, and what you need for an opening hand. They also learned about taking tricks and taking finesses to get more tricks. Instructor, **Lois Geer**, taught



the students some basic bidding concepts, and had them playing hands by the end of the day.

In the advanced beginner class, the students covered some basic bidding rules, and then learned Stayman and Jacoby Transfers. The students learned to evaluate their hand to deter-

mine when to pass, invite or bid game. The class covered some important strategies in playing the hand, focusing on No Trump contracts. Hands were chosen so that every direction got a chance to play a few hands.



We had seven volunteers who graciously gave up playing Swiss to help us, and we were grateful for every one of them. They were patient and

genuinely interested in helping new players. The students were excited about the learning the game and many are planning to continue

their bridge educations by attending the lessons taught before the 0-20 game every Thursday. About twenty minutes after the class was due to end, one very enthusiastic student said to me, "We are never leaving!" What a great note on which to end the class. —Shawn Stringer



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### SAD NEWS

We are sad to report that WBL member, Zehava Tadjer a long time bridge player and a friend of many in our community, passed away February 27 from cancer.

### — CLUB NEWS —

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**Mon & Fri 11:15am** - St James Episcopal Church 11815 Seven Locks Rd., Potomac, MD  
Take 270 to Montrose Road (exit 4B). Turn

left at Seven Locks Rd (1st Left), then proceed past several churches and Beth Sholom Synagogue. The game is being held in the next building after the synagogue on the left.

**Tues: 7:00pm** - Rockville Senior Center 1150 Carnation Dr., Rockville, MD  
**From the North:** Take 270 to Rt 28 (exit 6A-B). Turn left on to Rt 28 then left on Nelson St. Make the 2nd left on Crocus Dr, follow it to the end, and left on Carnation Dr to the Senior Center (dead ends at sr ctr). **From the South:** Take 270 to Rt 28 (exit 6A). Cross Rt 28 to Nelson St and the follow directions above.

#### NORMA'S GAME SATURDAY 0-1000: 9AM

Knights of Columbus Hall  
5115 Little Falls Rd., Arlington, VA  
Norma Pierzchala, (703) 892-1292

#### LAUREL BRIDGE CLUB

The 7 PM Saturday night 0-1500 game has been fairly well attended, so will be scheduled twice per month for a while:

**Schedule:** Apr 5, 26, May 3, 17, June 7, 21, July 12, 26, and Aug. 23.

More limited games to start soon, including possibly a supervised-play game. Please see: [www.districtsix.org/laurel/laurel.htm#LBC](http://www.districtsix.org/laurel/laurel.htm#LBC).

## WBL's 1<sup>ST</sup> ANNUAL YOUTH TOURNAMENT MAY 17, 2008

**Calling all students!** The **Washington Bridge League's 1st Youth Tournament** is planned for Saturday, May 17th at St. James Episcopal Church, 11815 Seven Locks Rd. Potomac. **Start time:** 1:00 p.m. Students will enjoy pizza & drinks along with meeting "bridge kids" from other schools. Students must be 19 or under to qualify with less than 5000 ACBL masterpoints (or equivalent) as of July 1, 2008.

**The Grand Prize**, which will be awarded to the winning pair, is a **paid trip to the Youth North American Bridge Championships** held in Atlanta, Ga., July 3-6, 2008. This inaugural **Youth NABC National Tournament** is held in conjunction with an open sectional. For more information, go to [www.youthnabc.org](http://www.youthnabc.org).

**Directions to the St. James Episcopal Church:** From 495 take 270 North to the Montrose Road West exit. Proceed to Seven Locks Rd and take a Left. St James is a few blocks down on the Left.

**Pre-registration:** Please RSVP by May 14 if possible. However, we will also welcome you at the door.

**Contacts:** **Elaine Conway**, [el609way@verizon.net](mailto:el609way@verizon.net), 301-989-1155  
**Ellen Rosenthal**, [nealandellen@cs.com](mailto:nealandellen@cs.com), 301-299-9298





# NLM MASTER POINTERS

by I/N Columnist, Sandy Forsythe, [majslf@aol.com](mailto:majslf@aol.com)

*Dedicated to my twin sister, who suggested I write about doubles. When we were kids, we were always causing "double trouble"!*

## STAY OUT OF DOUBLE TROUBLE!

Have you heard the one about the bridge player who wanted to have both X's and D's in her bidding box? When asked why, she replied, "How else will my partner know if I'm doubling for takeout or for penalty?"

There are many, many kinds of doubles, but the only ones you really need to know are the penalty double, the takeout double, and the takeout double's cousin, the negative double. Partner will never spring a Stripe Tail Ape double on you without discussing it first. (And no, I didn't make that up...but don't ask me what it is!) Unless you and partner have agreed to play some of the fancier doubles, the \$64,000 question when partner doubles is, "Is it takeout or penalty?"

### The Takeout Double

A double of the opponent's opening bid at the one level, and usually also at the two level, is a takeout double. (Doubles of opening three- or four-level bids may be either for takeout or penalty, by partnership agreement.) The takeout double says, "I have a hand worth opening and support for all the unbid suits. Please name any suit other than the one our opponent opened."

The takeout double promises a hand with no more than two cards in the opener's suit, at least three cards in all the unbid suits, and usually no five-card or longer major suit to overcall. If opener's suit is a minor, the double promises at least 4-3 in the majors. If the opponents have bid a major, the double shows exactly four cards in the other major suit.

Therefore,

1♣ - X shows at least three diamonds, and 4-3 or 4-4 in the majors.

1♥ - X shows at least three in each minor, and exactly four spades.

### The Negative Double

A negative double is similar to a takeout double in that it also promises four cards in at least one unbid major. The main difference is that a negative double is used by responder after the opponents have overcalled. Also, the negative double promises as little as 6 or 7 points at the one level, and it does not promise shortness in the opponent's suit.

1♣ - 1♥ - X shows exactly four spades. With five spades, pard would bid 1♠ instead of doubling.

1♣ - 1♦ - X shows at least one four-card major.

1♥ - 1♠ - X shows 4-4 in the minors.

### The Penalty Double

The penalty double is just that: it doubles (and then some!) the penalty the declaring side will incur if they fail to make the contract. It also rewards them with big bonuses if they make their contract, so you should be reasonably sure you're going to set them before you make a penalty double, or leave pard's penalty double in. To make a penalty double, or convert pard's takeout double into a penalty double by passing, you need more than points: you need a *trump stack*. Four or five of their suit with a couple of honors is a trump stack. Four small cards in their suit is not.

How can you tell if it's takeout or penalty? Here are a few guidelines to help you decide.

#### It's Probably a Penalty Double If:

1. We have a fit. Once we've bid and raised a suit, there's no need to look for another suit.
2. Partner could have done a takeout double of the same suit before.  
1♥ - P - 2♥ - P  
4♥ - X is for penalty.
3. You've already described your hand. If you've bid two suits, or rebid your suit showing six or more, and partner doubles instead of supporting you, it's for penalty.
4. There are no unbid suits, or there's only one unbid suit (unless you have the advanced agreement that partner's bid of the fourth suit promises five cards).

#### It's Probably a Takeout Double If:

1. It's a double of a low-level contract. At the one- or two-level, it's just too easy for the opponents to make their contract and rack up those big bonuses.
2. Partner might not have been able to do a takeout double before.  
1♣ - P - 1♥ - P  
2♥ - X is for takeout. Pard couldn't double before because he doesn't have hearts.
3. Partner has shown two suits already. Who

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## 2008 WBL ROUND ROBIN ENTRY FORM

Enclose check (*made out to the WBL*) for \$50 for Flight A/X, 0-3000/unlimited, \$40 for Flights B/C/D which will be stratified or bracketed depending on the number of entries and number of teams that fall into different brackets. Individuals or pairs should contact Steve Robinson (*see page 2, bottom*) who will help you form a team.

Return entry and entry fee by May 15 to

**Steve Robinson**, 2391 Abingdon St. #A2, Arlington, Virginia 22206-1329

Open (A/X) Flight     Flight B/C/D

Name	ACBL #	E-Mail Address
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## BRIDGE FIESTA — UPDATE

♣ ♦ ♥ ♠ We have been unable to find a location and a director to restart this game in D.C. However, there will probably be a weekend game to include novices starting soon in Potomac, Md. See p. 27 for info on some other area novice games ♣ ♦ ♥ ♠

doesn't have enough cards left in her hand to have a trump stack.

4. Partner did a takeout double of the same suit earlier. Remember, the takeout double promises shortness in the opponent's suit. If he was short in their suit before, he doesn't have a trump stack now.

#### Partner Doubled; Now What?

Bid if it's a takeout double; pass if it's a penalty double...except when you need to do the opposite! I'll talk about responding to partner's double in my next column.

## STEPPING UP TO NEW HEIGHTS:

As of April 1, 2008

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

**1) Matchpoints, They're Vulnerable**

♠ A3♥ K104♦ QJ754♣ AJ4

<b>SOUTH</b>	<b>WEST</b>	<b>NORTH</b>	<b>EAST</b>
1♠		Db1	

3♠ (weak)  
?????\*Double is responsive

**2) Matchpoints, They're Vulnerable**

♠ 105♥ 4♦ 87643♣ AQ1093

<b>SOUTH</b>	<b>WEST</b>	<b>NORTH</b>	<b>EAST</b>
2♥*	Pass	3♥	Pass

?????  
\*one ace or two kings

**3) IMPs, None Vulnerable**

♠ K106543♥ 8♦ 5♣ KQ975

<b>SOUTH</b>	<b>WEST</b>	<b>NORTH</b>	<b>EAST</b>
1♠	Pass	2♣	Pass

?????

**4) IMPs, None Vulnerable**

♠ 6♥ 87654♦ Q2♣ AQJ43

<b>SOUTH</b>	<b>WEST</b>	<b>NORTH</b>	<b>EAST</b>
2♥*	Pass	3♦	Pass

?????  
\*one ace or two kings

**5) IMPs, None Vulnerable**

♠ QJ2♥ 4♦ AJ43♣ A10876

<b>SOUTH</b>	<b>WEST</b>	<b>NORTH</b>	<b>EAST</b>
1♣	1♠	2♥	Pass

?????

Return answers by May 1 to:

**Steve Robinson**  
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**NEED A RIDE OR A PARTNER  
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**Don Berman, Carpool Coordinator** can be contacted at 301-776-3581 or ([don.berman@verizon.net](mailto:don.berman@verizon.net)) or log on to the **On-Line Carpool Notices** at [www.WashingtonBridgeLeague.org](http://www.WashingtonBridgeLeague.org).

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