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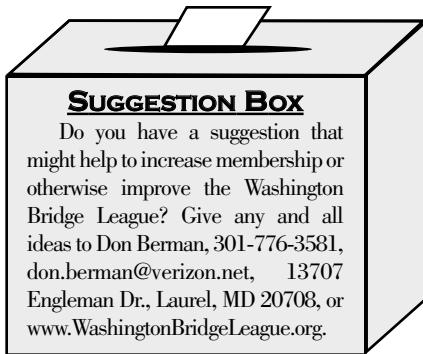
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PRESIDENT'S LETTER

by WBL President, Fred King

I had an interesting conversation recently with a former WBL member who was contrasting our unit to the one where he has moved now. He related that after living here for a while without bridge he ventured out to the Washington Bridge Center where Michael Carroad was directing. He was welcomed, his email address was recorded and sent to Steve Robinson and soon thereafter he received a welcoming letter from **Frances Burke**, Membership Secretary of the WBL, which included a free play to the unit game. One of his colleagues at his company had been a student of **Clyde Kruskal** at the University of Maryland and Clyde urged him to come out and play at the best unit game in the country. As for finding a partner, he went to the WBL web page (maintained superlatively by our webmaster **Don Berman**) and used the partnership bulletin board there and found someone who would become his regular partner for the remainder of the time that he lived in this area. A couple of years ago, his job brought about a move about 400 miles from here. What a new bridge world he landed in! He says the A/X players are at best stand offish if not down right hostile to new players. Indeed for a couple of years he maintained his membership in the WBL even though he was only able to return to the area sporadical-

ly. If you are like me and have spent most of your bridge life in this area, you may not know or may at least forget from time to time how good we have it here. But we do and it is because of volunteers like those mentioned above.

Much of the work that the WBL does is through committees. (A complete list can be found at our web site.) These committees are not just staffed by WBL board members, but volunteers from the general membership. One example is **Gene Fisher** who has proposed setting up a **mentoring program** which was described in the last bulletin. I hope other people will come forward with such good ideas and join those working to make the WBL better.

Another committee that is working to help the WBL grow is **Membership and Publicity**. They want all of us to act on a new slogan **"Each one - reach one"**. If each of us would just bring one new player to our unit game or a local club game, think how much we could grow and how many new people could find the joy that we do in this game.

Finally, please note that the unit game on **OCTOBER 9 WILL START AT 8:00 P.M.** The Colonial Room is being used for Yom Kippur services from sundown on October 8 to sundown on October 9. Thus we will not be able to start

setting up the room until after 7:00 and the parking lot will not be available until at least 7:15. We regret the need for a late start, but it will mean that those members observing the holiday can still come to the game if they wish.



ANNUAL HOLIDAY PARTY

...Thursday, Dec. 11 at the Unit Game

Buffet Dinner starts at 6 p.m.

Game starts at 7:30 p.m.



The Annual **WASHINGTON BRIDGE LEAGUE HOLIDAY PARTY**, which includes dinner and a bridge game will be held at the Thursday night Unit Game on December 11. Everyone is asked to bring their favorite goodies (appetizers, salads, casserole, desserts, etc.). The main course and holiday drinks will be provided. Dinner will be served from 6 to 7 p.m., followed shortly after by the game. If you have any questions or would like to help with the party, please call Kitty at (301) 587-3981 or email her at kgottfried@hotmail.com.

Come on out for great feasting, great bridge and great fun!

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- Beth El Congregation, 3830 Seminary Rd, Alexandria** 7:00pm
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FRIDAY, OCTOBER 3

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

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**SATURDAY,
OCTOBER 4**

- ♦ StrataFlighted A/X (unlim/3000) or B/C/D Pairs (1500/1000/500) (single sessions) . . . 11:00am, 3:30pm
- ♥ Intermediate/Novice Pairs (300/200/100) (single sessions) 11:00am, 3:30pm
- ♠ Newcomer Pairs (50/20/5) (single sessions) 11:00am, 3:30pm
- ♣ **Machlin Sportsmanship Award** Presentation & between sessions **Panel Show** 2:30pm

♦ **Eynon Trophy**



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- A/X Swiss Teams, VPs (unlim/3000, 7 round playthru w/short break) 11:00am & TBA
- ♥ B/C/D Swiss Teams, VPs (2000/1000/500, 7 round playthru w/short break) 11:00am & TBA
- ♠ 300/100/50 Swiss Teams, VPs (single sessions) 11:00am, 3:00pm
- ♣ **One Day Bridge Class:** 2 sections: *Start to Play* or *Advance Your Play* 10:30am - 3:30pm

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

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



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**THURSDAY,
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FRIDAY, JANUARY 9

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 - ♥ StrataFlighted A/X (unlim/3000) & B/C/D (1500/1000/500) Pairs 2:00pm
 - ♣ **Champagne & IMP Pairs** StrataFlighted A/X (unlim/3000) & B/C/D (1500/1000/500) ... 7:30pm
- Friday night's special game toasts the new year with IMP Pairs. You only need one partner, but it scores like a team game. Your score will be averaged with all the other scores from your direction on each board. You win and lose IMPs when you compare your score to the average.
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♥ **Panel Show & Party** **SATURDAY, JANUARY 10**
to Honor New Life Masters between sessions

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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

SUNDAY, JANUARY 11

WBL Trophy Race Winners' Presentation between sessions

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

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WASHINGTON BRIDGE LEAGUE SECTIONAL

**DOES SOMEONE YOU KNOW
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You can share the fun and challenge of duplicate bridge with your friends and family! Tell them about our **One Day Bridge Class**, Sunday October 5, from 10:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., at the Margaret Schweinhaut Center in Silver Spring (during the WBL sectional). They can learn to play bridge, or review the basics of play and modern bidding, in just one day! It's two classes in one: we'll have one room for people who have never played, and one room for those who need a refresher or want to review our **One Page Bidding System** in detail.

The cost is just \$20 with a reservation or \$25 at the door. (\$10 discount for Students) A free booklet, lunch, soft drinks and snacks are included. For more information or to make a reservation, email IBPStringer@aol.com or call **Shawn Stringer** at (301) 622-5619.

Shawn currently runs the 0-20 section of the WBL Unit game, and has stirred the enthusiasm of many new players!

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

**WELCOME TO THE
WASHINGTON BRIDGE LEAGUE**

The WBL welcomes the following new ACBL members: **Dorothy A Canter, Lisa S Diamond, Anne F Girod, Betsy S Grossman, Hazel K Kemowitz, Ms Michele A McMurtry, Timothy E Morgan, Elizabeth B Patterson, Leo F Prahinski, Mrs Eleanor G Roberts, Mary B Schiffman, Margo Stein, Susan C Stein, Ms Dolores N Svec, Linda R Weiner, Ms Claire R White, Ms Kathleen Zellmer, Ruth W Faison, Mrs Jerome B Fridkin, Carol A Klein, Mr Richard J Kwan, Christian Neal, Mrs Mariko Oka, Karen J Parmet, Mrs Ellen H Pollack, Ted S Proxmire, Ms Jean G Schoen, Mrs Julie B Slavik, Mrs Carol B Striner, Barbara C Vaughney, and Mrs Judith H Whiton.**

In addition, we welcome the following transfers from other units: **Mr James F Coleman, Mr Adam L Davis, Mrs Char Letchford, Mrs Adele Waggaman, Mrs Anita Abrams, Mrs Joan Eisenfeld, Manny Eisenfeld, Mr Robert H Kubal, Mr Dale E Sanders, and Ms Lee Tanen.**

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.

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0-300 MENTOR PROGRAM MENTORS MENTEES

The Mentor Program, for Life Masters to coach players with under 300MP, took its first steps, at the UNIT GAMES, in September. (You hopefully have noticed the table set up for this purpose, from 7:15 to 7:30. The rest of the month, the committee will match Mentors (LM's) with Mentees (under 300 MP's, to the extent enough Mentors are available. The purposes of the

program include to aid players achieve their goals such as LM status, playing better, and for all to have some fun. For further details, see pages 23-24 of the July/August **WBL Bulletin**, or the link on the WBL website.

Any questions please email or call either of us: **Gene Fisher**, genefi@comcast.net; evening: 301-983-1911, or **Linda Marshall**, Ldajmarshall@msn.com, 301-320-6057.



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WBL SOLVERS' CLUB

Moderated by Steve Robinson

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Congratulations to **Sam Keiter, Robert Stone, Mark Laken** and **Enid Hughes** who tied for first with a score of 490. They win a free entry to the Unit Game and will be invited to be on a future panel. Tied for fifth were **Lyle Poe, Darwin Afdahl, Michael Mayer, Lloyd Rawley** and **Flavia Koumjian** with a score of 480. Tied for tenth were **Susan Rosenau, Fred Gramlich, Mike Richey, Bill Fountain, Jon Weintraub, Tim Crank, Melissa Dedant, Ted Ying** and **Barb Israel** with a score of 470. Tied for nineteenth were **Ken Davis, Walter Taschek, Tim Wright, Ken Kaufman, Mel Yudkin, Mel Welles, Albert Lauber, Fred Allenspach, Manuel Paulo, John Kloke, Tom Fukawa, Dalia Kende, Deborah Stone** and **Francis McMullan** with a score of 460. Tied for thirty-third were **Carol Elfant, Joav Steinbach, Nikola Tcholakov, Pete Ekstrand, Mohamed Abdallah, Paul Krueger, Jeffrey Caplan, Robert Henry, Suresh Agarwal, David Epstein, Jim Summers, Ed Anania, Albert Pohl, Gene Fisher, Authur Hayes, Molly Tinsley, Rick Bingham, Diane Walker, John Miller, Todd Zimnoch, Dick Robinson, Kathrine Loh** and **Yi Zhong** with a score of 450. Tied for fifth-seventh were **Mike Deverin, Rich McDaniel, Rosemary Marks, Mike Berard, Mark Rosen, Don Berman, PJ Rappaport, Ted Guthrie, Marty Bley, Ed Schwartz, William Hohe, Curtis Bare** and **Tom Musso** with a score of 440. The average score of the 280 solvers was 405. The average score of the experts was 435.

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 accept only one answer from each solver.

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 \$29.80 that includes \$4.80 for priority mail.

1) Matchpoints, None Vulnerable

♠ KJ10♥ K54♦ J652♣ QJ4

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
Pass	2♥	Dbl	Pass
?????*		*No conventions	

Action	Score	Votes	Solvers
2NT	100	7	122
3NT	80	1	85
3♦	70	2	05
3♥	50	1	28
2♠	50	1	17
3♣	40	0	02
Pass	40	0	08
4♦	30	0	01
4♠	20	0	05
3♠	20	0	06
4♥	20	0	01

If you're playing Lebensohl, this would be a more difficult problem. Playing Lebensohl, 2NT forces 3♣ which you can pass with clubs or bid 3♦ with diamonds showing a weak hand. You can also bid higher than 3♦ with some strong hands. A direct 3♣ or 3♦ is constructive. Playing Lebensohl, you can bid 2NT and follow it with 3NT showing a hand with a doubtful heart stopper. Partner is supposed to run with shortness in hearts. Since 2NT here is natural and invitational, many experts and solvers

jumped on the 2NT bandwagon. The question I'm asking is do you want to play in 2NT opposite doubler's assumed singleton heart? Give partner a normal 4=1=4=4 takeout double such as ♠ Axxx♥ x♦ Axxx♣ Axxx, what contract do you want to be in? I would want to be in 3♦.

If you bid 2NT you can't play in 3♦. If you bid 3♦ you could still play in 3NT.

Seven experts bid 2NT. True 2NT shows a balanced hand with a heart stopper but usually your hearts are little better. I'm not sure what the minimum HCP is needed for a 2NT bid but what would you bid with ♠ xxx♥ AQxx♦ xxx♣ xxx or ♠ xxx♥ AQxx♦ xxx♣ Kxx? Bidding 2NT caters to partner making a takeout double with a balanced hand.

Parker: "2NT—Easy not playing any conventions. With a bad hand you bid some suit, so 2NT shows 10-11 HCP."

Woolsey: "2NT—Somebody's has to bid notrump if that is where we belong, and that somebody is me. Nothing else makes much sense. There is no need to jump to 3NT. If partner passes 2NT, that will probably be all we can make if we can make even that."

Lublin: "2NT—I bid 2NT natural. Partner should play me for a ten-count."

Chen: "2NT—I like playing Lebensohl 2NT response after the opponent's weak two bids, but this is a good hand to have a natural 2NT bid available. I don't like bidding 3♦ since I have too many HCP and I don't want to pass since my hearts are not long or strong."

Hopkins: "2NT—This appears about right on values and keeps the bidding low."

Schwartz: "2NT—Lack of Lebensohl makes this hand easier to bid. No aces and inability to hold up makes 3NT unappealing even with the maximum passed hand."

Adams: "2NT—Rare that I am happy to have this as natural, but I am fine with it here."

Three experts join me and stay off the 2NT bandwagon. Not sure what 3♥ followed by 3NT shows when not playing Lebensohl. I guess that it should show a tenuous heart stopper. Please remove 3NT if you have an unbalanced hand.

Cappelletti: "3♥—A tough problem. It would have been better to have opened this hand. 3♥ should get you to 3NT if partner has a stopper - or otherwise get you to best suit contract. You probably do not want to play 3NT without a second stopper on this type of hand."

One expert bids a three-card major when there are reasonable alternatives. Maybe it's right to bid 2♠ holding ♠ xxx♥ AQxx♦ xxx♣ xxx or ♠ xxx♥ AQxx♦ xxx♣ Kxx?

Landen: "2♠—Woe is me. I assume 2NT is

Lebensohl. At IMPs, I would bid 3NT, I suppose. At matchpoints, I think, though I could be wrong, that 2♠ making. On average, will earn most of the matchpoints, so that's what I'll bid."

One expert agrees with me and bids 3♦. Partner asked you to bid a suit and we've done that.

King: "3♦—Suppose partner has a hand like ♠ Axxx♥ x♦ Axxx♣ Axxx with another Queen somewhere. You are only likely to have seven tricks in notrump with a heart lead, so I just bid my longest suit. Partner can bid 3♥ with extras if we belong in 3NT."

When partner makes a takeout double and you have only Kxx as a stopper think about other strains.

2) IMPs, You're Vulnerable

♠ K742♥ AQ♦ KJ742♣ J6

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
?????	1♥	1♠	3♥*
			*(weak)
Action	Score	Votes	Solvers
3NT	100	5	42
4♠	80	4	136
4♥	70	3	46
3♠	50	0	45
Double	40	0	07
4♦	30	0	03
5♠	20	0	01

Partner has overcalled at the one-level. He could have a light hand such as ♠ AQJxx♥ xx♦ xx♣ Qxxx and you would be lucky to make 3♠. He could have stronger hands. It's a guess whether to bid 3♠ or to bid game. When in doubt when you are vulnerable at IMPs, it has to be right to bid game. If you're bidding game you could bid 3NT or 4♠. Three experts make a slam try when it could be right to bid only 3♠. If this were matchpoints, 3♠ would get more votes.

Since game could be touch and go, four experts agree with me and make full use of the queen of hearts. Give partner ♠ AQxxx♥ xx♦ Qxx♣ Qxx and 4♠ has four likely losers while 3NT will make unless they lead a club and get a heart lead thru the AQ.

Klayman: "3NT—With or without a heart lead I should have time to develop some tricks outside of spades, where I expect to have tricks already. This may well be the last makeable game for our side."

Parker: "3NT—Should be easier than 4♠ and right sides the contract. Give partner ♠ AQxxx♥ xx♦ Axx♣ Qxx and nine tricks are easy and you may go down in 4♠."

Landen: "3NT—This must be an adver-

tisement for 3NT. Well, I'm buying."

King: "3NT—I want to protect my heart queen and try for nine tricks."

Four experts jump to 4♠. The good news is that the favorable opponents might save in 5♥.

Cappelletti: "4♠—A classic, "it's my turn to bid" hand. It's true that I might be hanging partner for making a light overcall - but I have no way to inquire. Hopefully my King fourth of spades is enough to make 4♠ a "two-way action". Either we make or it is a good save. And, of course, they may take the push to 5♥."

Chen: "4♠—I am going to bid what I think we can make and let the opponents guess on whether or not to save. We may miss a slam, but we could also go down one in game if West has ♠ Ax♥ Kxxxx♦ AQx♣ xxx. I don't think the hand is good enough to bid 4♥ because of the dubious value of the heart queen."

Schwartz: "4♠—Choice is between 4♥ which will get partner involved or 4♠. With so much tied up in the opponent's suit, bidding 4♠ seems better. It also doesn't allow the opponents the opportunity to suggest a save with a double of 4♥. Only risk is if there is a big double fit, which can't be diagnosed."

Adams: "4♠—A cue bid might talk partner into bidding again, and I do not want that."

Three experts think about slam. ♠ AQxx♥ x♦ AKQJxx♣ Jx is a 4♥ slam-try bid. A better use for 4♥ is a hand where you need partner's help to decide what to do if the opponents bid 5♥. ♠ Kxxx♥ x♦ AKxxx♣ Kxxx is a - I need help if they bid 5♥ bid. Since you have a clear cut double of 5♥, you don't need partner's help.

Lublin: "4♥—I bid 4♥ on the way to 4♠. Could have slam but will double 5♥."

Woolsey: "4♥—3NT could be right, but it could also just be silly. I think 4♠ is more likely to make. Given that I am supporting spades, I should show that I have better than a jump to 4♠, which might be a stretch. Slam is not out of the question, and this gives partner a chance to look at his hand."

Is this more than a jump to 4♠? If East had passed, you might have cue bid and then raised. Why can't partner overcall 1♠ holding ♠ AQJ109♥ xxx♦ xx♣ Qxx where you could be held to eight tricks?

One of the problems with 4♥ is that it gives West an opportunity to double increasing the chance that the opponents will find a good save.

Hopkins: "4♥—I treat this as a power raise to 4♠. I will cooperate if partner investigates slam."

When you have two stoppers in the opponent's suit, think about 3NT.

3) IMPs, They're Vulnerable

♠ J1087654♥ 76♦ -♣ AQ65

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
?????	Pass	Pass	Pass
Action	Score	Votes	Solvers
3♠	100	5	69
4♠	80	3	24
2♠	80	2	77
Pass	60	1	75
1♠	60	1	34
1♣	20	0	01

What is a fourth chair preempt? Since you can pass the hand out, you are not bidding for a minus score. Fourth seat preempts are sound but limited. ♠ KQJ10xx♥ Ax♦ xx♣ xx is a prototype fourth chair 2♠ opener. If you add a king you would open 1♠. Add a seventh spade and you would open 3♠. Since you have seven HCP, there are 33 HCP to be divided among the other three players. That's eleven a piece. There is a clue on the layout of the spades. East who was in third seat and had at least ten HCP did not open. The two main reasons why you do not open light in third seat is that you can't pass partner's likely response and you don't have quick tricks. Spades figure to be 2-2-2 around the table. Eleven HCP plus a singleton spade would be a probable opening bid.

In order to make 4♠ you need partner to have very little in the diamond suit. Give partner ♠ Qx♥ QJxx♦ KQxx♣ Jxx and you might not make 2♠. Give partner ♠ Ax♥ xxx♦ KQ♣ Jxxx and 3♠ is touch and go. Switch the red suits and you are very likely to make 4♠. ♠ Ax♥ xxx♦ xxx♣ J10x is on a club finesse for 4♠ and a spade break and he has to have more than five HCP. If you get a club lead, you can even make 4♠ opposite ♠ KQ♥ xxxxx♦ xxx♣ xx. If partner has ♠ Kx♥ xxx♦ Kxxx♣ Kxxx, 4♠ is a good save against 4♥ and it could easily make.

Two experts agree with me and make a game try. When dummy comes down they will try to make 4♠. Since partner can have anything, why not make the bid that has the most to gain.

Lublin: "4♠—Some one is walking the dog here at IMPs. I open 4♠ and see what happens."

Adams: "4♠—Points are divided between my three opponents 11 each. No one has a singleton spade unless it is a stiff King or Queen, so I can't run into a stack. Random if I make three or four, and they can't really double me, so I shoot out the bid with the higher payoff."

Two experts not only might miss game but they might let the opponents in.

Cappelletti: “2♠ —They may have more high card points but I have more shape (probably two or three more distributional points than any of the three passed hands. AND I HAVE SPADES. Since partner has ten points (9-11), then I am a favorite to make 3♠ (or more), whereas opponents are big underdogs to make a four-level contract.”

Parker: “2♠ —An opening 2♠ or 3♠ in fourth seat should show a good suit and about an opening bid. I have neither, but looks like everyone else has an eleven-count. It seems that any eleven-count by partner should make us cold for 3♠. With his hand he should start with 2NT and I can show a minimum. If I open 3♠ he will more likely bid 4♣ with a fit.”

Five experts bid 3♠.

Woolsey: “3♠ —Everybody else appears to have about a balanced eleven-count. So I figure to do quite well in spades, and the opponents are out of the auction. Partner can look at his hand and decide whether or not to bid game.”

This is a silly comment. Partner can look at his hand and decide whether or not to bid game. How is he supposed to look at his hand and know that you have a void in diamonds?

Hopkins: “3♠ —I would expect partner to raise me with Spade honors and it is very dangerous for the opponents to act at this level so we should buy the contract.”

Landen: “3♠ —Must be Al Roth on my left and Tobias Stone on my right. Seems impossible that I could hold this hand and have everyone pass to me. I must open as game will often make, yet I don't want to let the opponents into the auction too easily. 3♠ fits the playing strength of the hand, but the spades are a little weaker than I'd like.”

It might be Al Roth on your left. Al Roth was known for his sound opening bids. He passed balanced 14-counts. It couldn't be Tobias Stone on your right because he would have to open in third seat in order to protect his sound-opening partner.

King: “3♠ —A good partner will have two cover cards and pass or bid 4♠ with three or more cover cards.”

So partner has the AKQ of diamonds and the king of clubs and bids 4♠ and the opponents have four major suit tricks. Or he has the two red suit aces and J10 of clubs and passes 3♠ and 4♠ is cold. Just to show you how silly 3♠ is. Give partner ♠ AK♥ Jxxx♦ Kxxx♣ xxx, he'll bid 4♠ and you might not even make 3♠. You could easily lose two hearts and three clubs.

Schwartz: “3♠ —With RHO likely to have about eleven HCP, it seems likely his values

included a short honor in spades which I will play for if I become declarer. Thus even with the minority of HCP its likely to be our hand, maybe even game. I don't have to worry about a spade lead if by some small chance the opponents buy the contract as I can double for an unusual lead.”

Do you really think that the two passed-hand opponents are going to bid over 3♠?

Chen: “1♠ —This hand has too much offense to pass and not enough HCP to bid an intermediate 2♠ or 3♠. The other three players probably have balanced 11 counts, so it rates to be our hand in 3♠ or 4♠ depending on the amount of spade support from partner.”

Do you really want to let the opponents, who have the majority of the HCP, enter at such a low level?

The following expert will not be minus.

Klayman: “Pass—Everyone else at the table has flattish or semi-flattish eleven counts. While partner could have a magic hand, which makes a spade game, the opponents certainly have enough to compete. As they rate to have the balance of power I am likely to get a minus score here. If they have a heart game I will be really unhappy if I open some or what number of spades.”

How can the opponents compete if you open 3♠ or 4♠?

When partner will not be able to judge what to do, take control.

4) IMPs, They're Vulnerable

♠ J9732♥ J94♦ 53♣ K62

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
		3NT*	Pass

????? *Gambling; solid minor no outside A or K; **4diamonds is not a valid answer; If you bid clubs, partner will pass with clubs else bid diamonds

Action	Score	Votes	Solvers
Pass	100	5	121
5♦	90	3	09
5♣	80	2	24
4♣	80	2	114
4♠	30	0	02
4♥	30	0	05
4NT	20	0	02
6NT	20	0	01
6♣	20	0	01
4♦	00	0	01

Since you have the king of clubs, partner has a solid seven or eight-card diamond suit with no outside ace or king. What's nice about having no outside ace or king is that if your partner has ♠ xx♥ AKQJ♦ xxx♣ Axxx, he knows that the

opponents can cash spade tricks. He can use the 4♦ singleton-asking bid. Opener bids a singleton if he has one otherwise he bids 4NT. If opener has a singleton in a minor, he bids his minor at the five-level. I don't think you should open 3NT with an outside four-card major. The opponents are vulnerable and there's a good chance that they can make at least 4♥. One possibility is to bid 4♣ to play in 4♦. You could also bid 5♣ to play in 5♦. Partner with diamonds will correct 4♣ to 4♦ or 5♣ to 5♦. Another option is to just bid 5♦. This gives the opponents fewer bids to double. Another option is to pass trying to convince West that you have something.

Five experts pass. They hope to convince the opponents that they have something. However, passing gives West extra options. He can bid 4♣ as a takeout bid or, if he has a heart suit, he can bid 4♥. With a strong balanced hand, he can double.

Cappelletti: “Pass—Non-vulnerable against vulnerable - let the show begin. Opponents could have a game in hearts - but no need to tell them that by running.”

Schwartz: “Pass—Bidding out will make it easier for the opponents to bid their game particularly with the prescribed methods as that allows them to double 4♣.”

Woolsey: “Pass—We can't make anything, so I don't mind going down a few fifty a trick undoubled when the opponents can certainly make something and quite possibly a game. It will be more difficult for them to get into the auction if I pass than if I bid 4♣.”

Klayman: “Pass—I expect that four-of-partner's minor is likely going for -300 doubled. I expect that 3NT will go for -350 undoubled if West decides to pass. By running I expect to alert the opponents to the fact that this is their hand. By passing I may put additional pressure on West to take the correct action. I will run from 3NT doubled if it comes back to me.”

Adams: “Pass—Not expecting to make 4♦, so bidding just gives them an extra chance to come in, without helping me go plus.”

Four experts bid clubs, pass or correct. Pass or correct means that opener passes with clubs or bids diamonds with diamonds. If you bid 5♦, he has to bid 6♣ when holding clubs. Over a gambling 3NT, you can't play in your own minor.

Hopkins: “4♣ —I can't tell whether the opponents barely have a game or if they are cold for slam, depending upon partner's possible Major suit Queens and the location of the Club Ace. I am going to hope partner's bid did its work and settle in at the four-level hoping to get out for a reasonable minus score compared to whatever they can make by bidding if they double us.”

Landen: “4♣ —An immediate 5♦ bid might be the winner, but the opponents are likely to collect 500 there and may not have a playable fit.”

Two experts bid 5♣ expecting to play in 5♦. **King:** “5♣ —I think they can make 4♥ and I want them to guess at the five-level.”

Parker: “5♣ —They must be cold for 5♥ or 6♥, depending on the diamond break and the ace of clubs location. If I bid 4♣ they can bid 4♥ and then his partner's 5♥ asks for diamond control. I might as well make it as difficult as possible. At IMPs I will risk down four if they double us. If I pass they have a free run.”

Two experts join me and preempt. If partner has a pure hand such as ♠ xx♥ xx♦ AKQxxxx ♣ xx, the opponents will be on a club finesse for a vulnerable slam.

Lublin: “5♦ —I bluff them and leap to 5♦. They probably have game in hearts.”

Chen: “5♦ —The opponents probably have a cold 4♥ or 5♣ game, so I am going to take the advance sacrifice and make them guess now.”

When you have a weak hand preempt.

5) IMPs, None Vulnerable

♠ AK106♥ A765♦ 4♣ KJ65

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
			INT
Pass	2♦ *	Dbl	Pass**
Pass	Rdbl*	Pass	2♥
Pass	Pass	2♠	3♣
?????	* transfer	**two hearts	

Action	Score	Votes	Solvers
Double		100	5 74
4♠	90	5	157
3♥	80	1	14
3♠	70	0	18
4♣	30	1	04
4♦	30	0	01
3NT	20	0	04
5♠	20	0	01
6♠	20	0	02
4♥	20	0	01
4NT	20	0	03
Pass	20	0	01

Partner's double of 2♦ shows at least five diamonds. Lead directing doubles of transfer bids and Stayman show at least five cards. He can't have a very good hand since he didn't bid 2♠ directly over the redouble. He waited until West showed a weak hand before he showed his spades. One likely hand for partner is ♠ xxx♥ xx♦ KQ10xx♣ xx. If he had five spades, he might have bid them earlier. If I had ♠ xxx♥ xx♦ KQ10xx♣ x, I would bid 2♠ directly over the redouble. Playing in

spades, you have three top losers and you have a lot of work in order to get ten tricks.

Four experts join me and double. You should easily set 3♣ at least one trick and if partner can contribute anything this could be a blowout. Why can't partner be 4=2=5=2 and the opponents will be in a 6-1 fit and they might even be able to take the first four tricks against a spade contract. The play could go - club to the ace, club ruff, diamond to the ace, club ruff with the queen of spades.

Cappelletti: "Double—And await further developments. Since LHO should have very few cards, we rate to crucify 3♣. Note that partner rates to have something like a 4=2=5=2 ten count since you and notrump opener have thirty. If there is more bidding, it rates to help us and might help partner declare 4♠."

Woolsey: "Double—I'm looking at the setting trick in my own hand, and if partner has anything they could be going down a lot. In addition, I have no reason to think we can make a game."

Landen: "Double—Check the backs of the cards! Maybe partner is 5-6, but even so I expect 4♠ to present some problems and 3♣ to go down at least two."

Schwartz: "Double—Two spades should be cashing so isn't a bird in hand worth two in the bush? With a likely heart loser, why make partner struggle in 4♠?"

Four experts jump to 4♠. I think they forgot that partner passed over the redouble.

Parker: "4♠—Maybe I am hanging partner but it is hard to construct a hand he does not a decent play for game. He must be 5-6 probably 5=2=6=0. If they lead a club good things will happen. Sounds like opener is 2=2=3=6."

Chen: "4♠—Partner is probably 5-5 in spades and diamonds but too weak to bid

2♥ Michaels after the 2♦ transfer. If he has 4=2=5=2 shape, then I would expect him to have some values. Either way, there should be a good play for 4♠. I don't want to double 3♣ since I have too much spade length."

Klayman: "4♠—Even if partner has LOST HIS MIND he should have some play for this game. I could have the club ace rather than king-jack, but otherwise it's hard to imagine a better dummy for him."

King: "4♠—I have more strength than partner should expect and my honors are well placed. I expect to make this and score better than I would doubling 3♣, which would be my second choice."

At IMPs, +300 is as good as 420 and is much better than -50.

Two experts think that they have more than 4♠.

Lublin: "3♥—I bid 3♥ followed by 4♠. Partner should have at least five spades and six diamonds."

Hopkins: "4♣—I would double 3♣ if I expected them to stay there, which I don't. I don't think I will do better against 3♥ as making 4♠. I think partner has something like ♠Jxxx♥x♥KQ10xxx♦x as a minimum and if partner has better, he will know I have a power bid of 4♠ at my next turn to call. If the 1NT bidder is not psyching, I expect a 14 count with a good six-card Club suit."

I agree about the 14-count and a six-card club. However, if you double 3♣, that will end the auction. If they run to 3♥, you do have four of them and they have no tricks.

At IMPs, when you have a chance to get 300 when you are non-vulnerable, take the bird in the hand. If 4♠ makes you lose only three IMPs. If 4♠ goes down, you gain eight.

SOLVERS' SCORES

John Adams	2NT	4♠	4♠	Pass	4♠	460
Mike Cappellett	3♥	4♠	2♠	Pass	Dbl	410
Mark Chen	2NT	4♠	1♠	5♦	4♠	420
Robbie Hopkins	2NT	4♥	3♠	4♣	4♣	380
Fred King	3♦	3NT	3♠	5♣	4♠	440
John Klayman	3NT	3NT	Pass	Pass	4♠	450
Steve Landen	2♠	3NT	3♠	4♣	Dbl	430
Glenn Lublin	2NT	4♥	4♠	5♦	3♥	420
Steve Parker	2NT	3NT	2♠	5♣	4♠	450
Steve Robinson	3♦	3NT	4♠	5♦	Dbl	440
Alan Schwartz	2NT	4♠	3♠	Pass	Dbl	480
Kit Woolsey	2NT	4♥	3♠	Pass	Dbl	470

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This list is up to date through August 14 + the Unit KO. All points are subject to audit by the WBL Director.

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- 1 148.51 Leo LaSota
- 2 140.06 Brad Theurer
- 3 134.90 Steve Robinson
- 4 127.99 Barry Bragin
- 5 119.20 Mark Shaw
- 6 109.43 William Hacker
- 7 106.57 Fred King
- 8 101.90 Robert Bell
- 9 88.00 Leon Letwin
- 10 84.89 Ronald Zucker
- 11 81.38 Steven Schatzow
- 12 81.07 Peter Boyd
- 13 78.42 Martin Graf
- 14 76.93 Clyde Kruskal
- 15 70.39 Michael Richey
- 16 67.09 Arnie Frankel
- 17 66.70 Robin Taylor
- 18 63.07 Lloyd Rawley
- 19 61.37 James Geist
- 20 61.16 Lynn Jones
- 21 60.55 William Cole
- 22 60.03 Noble Shore
- 23 55.53 David Ruderman
- 24 53.89 Barbara Shaw
- 25 50.37 Charleen Brand

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- 1 84.89 Ronald Zucker
- 2 70.39 Michael Richey
- 3 66.70 Robin Taylor
- 4 63.07 Lloyd Rawley
- 5 47.66 Michael Gill
- 6 44.03 Joel Miller
- 7 39.23 William Goldman
- 8 37.64 Mark Rosen
- 9 37.27 Howard Tash
- 10 35.10 Daniel Koch
- 11 32.19 Margie Coccodrilli
- 12 31.76 Katherine Rabenstein
- 13 31.33 Richard Ferrin
- 14 30.79 Mirsad Mujezinovic
- 15 30.14 Roma Chandra

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- 1 39.23 William Goldman
- 2 30.79 Mirsad Mujezinovic
- 3 28.92 Arun Guha
- 4 28.86 Shyamalendu Pal
- 5 27.03 Namik Haveric
- 6 25.36 Suzanne Floyd
- 7 24.97 Jason Stewart
- 8 23.74 Bernadette Merceron
- 9 23.29 Albert Lauber
- 10 22.82 Norman Sweed

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- 1 23.74 Bernadette Merceron
- 2 13.77 Edmund Gehan
- 3 12.48 Stanley Katzman
- 4 10.46 Douglas Woods
- 5 6.98 Patricia Mitchell
- 6 6.55 Phyllis Cohen
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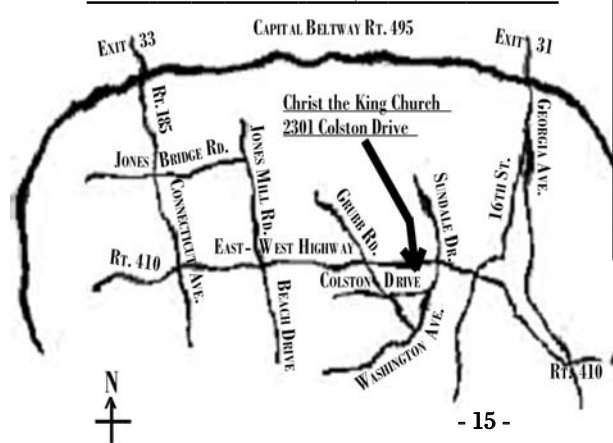
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THE UNIT GAME

by Ted Ying, unitgamedirector@districtsix.org

This column will answer some frequently asked questions about the WBL Unit Game. **Ted Ying** is the Club Manager and Chief Director of the WBL unit game. He can be reached at unitgamedirector@districtsix.org

WHAT ARE WE PLAYING?

The ACBL has just made some changes to the convention chart standards. This article will review the changes and how they affect pairs playing in the WBL unit game. According to the ACBL, these rules went into effect July 28, 2008.

The ACBL General Convention Chart (GCC) is used by the WBL in our unit non-life master pair game, some stratified STaC sessions, and for NAP club qualifications in Flight B and C. The primary change to the GCC now restricts using 2♦ to show a combination of both majors (e.g. Flannery) and a three-suited hand (e.g. Roman). 2♦ may be used to show either, but not both. It is still permissible to play 2♦ as Roman and 2♥ to show Flannery. There has been no exception granted for this combination on the mid-chart, so this combination is no longer allowed in any WBL events.

The WBL uses the Mid-chart for most of our events including the unit game Flight A and Flight B ...continued on p. 18, top

Celebrating Frances & Ed Burke's 62nd Anniversary at the Aug. 21 Unit Game.



UPCOMING SECTIONALS

♠	♥
<u>October 2-5, 2008</u>	<u>February 5-8, 2009</u>
Silver Spring, MD	Fairfax, VA
♣	♦
<u>October 23-26, 2008</u>	<u>Feb. 26-March 1, 2009</u>
Fairfax, VA	Silver Spring, MD
♦	♥
<u>January 8-11, 2009</u>	<u>April 23-26, 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,

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Lots of **Intermediate and Advanced Level** courses are also offered for Fall. Please see www.bridgeteacher.com for all the info.

Beginner Level Classes:

(All beginner level classes taught by Charlie except Thurs a.m. Part 1 taught by Leslie)

Beginner Bridge Part 1: Brand New Beginner Class—Tell your friends!!

Two Locations!! For absolute beginners or those who haven't played in many years and want to start over! Covers point count evaluation, opening bids and responses for basic bidding. 8 weeks.

Location #1: Thursday evenings 7 - 9 pm at the Jewish Community Center of Greater Washington, 6125 Montrose Road in Rockville, MD. Classes start September 11. (No class Oct. 9th.) Tuition \$175 for non-JCC members. **Register with JCC directly by contacting Barbara Winnik bwinnik@jccgw.org or call 301-348-3778.**

Location #2: Thursday mornings 10:30 am - 12:30 pm. at the Bindeman Center (WHC) in Potomac, MD. For tuition rates or to register contact Marilyn (the coordinator there) via email: moosiew@aol.com or call 301-340-1515. Starts Sept. 11. (No class Oct. 9th.) *(Taught by Leslie.)*

Beginner Bridge Part 2: Basic bidding and responses are reviewed as well as an introduction to a few new bids (takeout doubles, preempts, overcalls and the strong

2C opening bids). This is also a great class for those who played years ago and want to get back into bridge and modernize your skills. **Thursday evenings 7 - 9 pm** at the Jewish Community Center in Rockville, MD. Starts Nov. 13. (No class Nov. 27th, Dec. 25th and Jan. 1st - the building is closed). Tuition \$175 for non-JCC members. **Register with JCC directly by contacting Barbara Winnik bwinnik@jccgw.org or call 301-348-3778.**

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Now that you have a basic knowledge of bidding, let us show you how to plan your play of the hand. Usually, there is some method that must be used to actually make your contract. We will show you the methods of counting your tricks and recognizing how to find the extra ones that you will need. Includes: Promotion, Length, Finessing and How to Get Rid of Losers. Starts September 19th, **Friday mornings 10:30 am - 12:45 pm** at OASIS (in Macy's Home store in Montgomery Mall). Tuition probably \$155. **Register directly with OASIS** at 301-469-6800 (Macy's) extension 211.

Beginner Part 4: Introduction to Basic Conventions. Two Locations!

Topics: Stayman, Jacoby Transfers, Weak 2's, the Strong 2C Opener and Blackwood. We will spend up to 2 weeks on each topic. These are the conventions that you must learn to complete your basic bidding arsenal. After this class you will progress on to the intermediate level. 8 weeks.

Location #1: Tuesday mornings 10 am - Noon at the Women's Club of Chevy Chase, 7931 Connecticut Ave., Chevy Chase, MD. Starts Sept. 9 (no class Sept. 21). **Registration fee is \$150 sent directly to "Leslie Shafer" at 331 Market St. East #154, Gaithersburg, MD 20878.**

Location #2: Wednesday evenings 7:30 - 9:30 pm at the Bindeman Center (WHC) in Potomac, MD. **For tuition rates or to register contact Marilyn (the coordinator there) via email: moosiew@aol.com or call 301-340-1515.** Starts September 10. (No class Oct. 8.) Ends Nov. 19.

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The Unit Game *continued from p. 16...*

events. The ACBL has reorganized the mid-chart to include restrictions on some agreements based on the number of boards per round or match. The requirement to pre-alert mid-chart methods has not changed. The list of mid-chart methods for which pre-approved defenses must be made available to the opponents has not changed.

The following mid-chart conventions are now restricted to events with segments/ rounds of 6 boards or longer (essentially team matches):

- A 2♠ or 2NT opening bid showing an unspecified minor
- a weak 2♥ opening showing 5-4 in the majors (the key is the weak range, so standard intermediate Flannery is still allowed)
- a 2♦ opening showing a weak two-bid in an unspecified major; may include additional strong meanings (i.e. Multi)

The WBL board has reviewed the changes and has decided to waive the six-board segment restriction on the above methods for the Flight A event of unit games (including the

Round Robin and KO). However, please note that any event for which the WBL has no control over the conditions of contest will include the above restrictions. For example, all WBL and NVBA sectional events (including Thursday evenings) and all STaC events will prohibit those methods. In addition, the following mid-chart methods will only be permitted in events with segments of 12 boards or longer:

- a 2♣ opening showing a limited hand with a major
- a 1♥ opening showing spades with 11-21 HCP

Mid-chart agreements will still be allowed in the Flight B WBL unit game, however, the methods cited above will not be allowed in any WBL unit Flight B or lower event.

If you play any of the methods listed above, you are responsible for ensuring that the methods are allowed in any given session.

If you have any questions about how the Unit Game is run, please send them to me at unitgamedirector@districtsix.org and I will try to answer them in upcoming columns.

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SAD NEWS

Adam Myers sometimes played with his mom or dad in the 1970's, mainly at Laurel Bridge Club or at sectionals. His father, WBL member, **Larry Myers** passed away peacefully on August 9 after most of the immediate family were able to see him and speak to him. Adam wrote, "He often spoke of the phone calls, emails, letters and visits that he received from friends from all walks of his life, including his bridge friends and partners. I know it must have been difficult seeing him in his weakened condition at the bridge club, and I am forever indebted to those of you who continued to welcome him there."

**2008 SUMMER NABC
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Special congratulations go to WBL member, **Beth Palmer**, winner of the *Wagar Women's Knockout Teams!*

**Washington Bridge League
Top 10 Lists**

All Members

- | | | |
|---|--------|-------------------------------------|
| 1 | 103.05 | Beth Palmer, Silver Spring MD |
| 2 | 68.42 | Mark Shaw, Hanover PA |
| | 68.42 | Martin Graf, Chevy Chase MD |
| 4 | 67.51 | Frederick Allenspach, Plantation FL |

- | | | |
|---|-------|---------------------------------|
| 5 | 62.75 | Peter Boyd, Darnestown MD |
| | 62.75 | Steve Robinson, Arlington VA |
| 7 | 60.80 | Arnie Frankel, Laurel MD |
| 8 | 59.70 | Barry Bragin, Silver Spring MD |
| 9 | 58.73 | Rosemary Shaw, Silver Spring MD |

Members with fewer than 2000 masterpoints

- | | | |
|---|-------|-------------------------------------|
| 1 | 59.70 | Barry Bragin, Silver Spring MD |
| 2 | 58.73 | Rosemary Shaw, Silver Spring MD |
| 3 | 35.82 | Eunsun Kil, Clarksburg MD |
| 4 | 31.38 | Emerita Hayward, Leonardtown MD |
| 5 | 30.95 | Richard Ferrin, Washington DC |
| 6 | 29.11 | Mark Kotlarsky, Laurel MD |
| 7 | 26.07 | Katherine Paramore, Chapel Hill, NC |
| 8 | 25.77 | Richard Levin, Potomac MD |
| 9 | 24.52 | Neal Rosenthal, Potomac MD |
| | 24.52 | Ellen Rosenthal, Potomac MD |

Members with fewer than 750 masterpoints

- | | | |
|----|-------|----------------------------------|
| 1 | 35.82 | Eunsun Kil, Clarksburg MD |
| 2 | 29.11 | Mark Kotlarsky, Laurel MD |
| 3 | 25.77 | Richard Levin, Potomac MD |
| 4 | 24.52 | Ellen Rosenthal, Potomac MD |
| | 24.52 | Neal Rosenthal, Potomac MD |
| 6 | 15.38 | Eleanor Bragin, Silver Spring MD |
| 7 | 14.51 | Leonid Fastovsky, Rockville MD |
| 8 | 8.82 | Walter Smith Jr, Washington DC |
| 9 | 5.11 | Danijel Zenko, Chevy Chase MD |
| 10 | 3.65 | David Goldberg, Washington DC |

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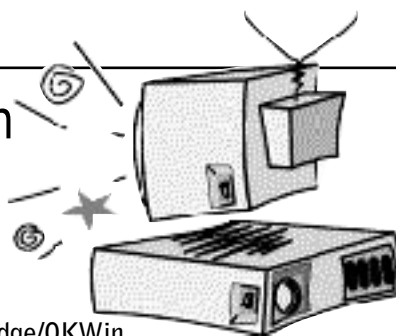
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Congratulations to the winners of this year's Double KO!

Bracket 1

Rank	Wins	
1	3.00	<u>Fred King - Barry Bragin - Richard Wegman - David Abelow - Robert Bell - Brad Theurer</u>
2	2.00	Leo LaSota - Barbara Shaw - William Hacker - Lyle Poe Jr - Arnie Frankel
3/4	2.00	William Cole - Peter Boyd - Steve Robinson - Mark Shaw
3/4	2.00	Millard Nachtwey - Michael Carroad - Diane Walker - Kenton Schoen

Bracket 2

Rank	Wins	
1	4.00	<u>Ronald Zucker - Bruce Roberts - Steven Schatzow - Sarah Goodstein - Jerry Miller</u>
2	3.00	Bryan Geer - Lois Geer - Roma Chandra - Shawn Stringer
3/4	2.00	James Geist - Eileen Houghton - Kitty Gottfried - Daniel Koch - Lynda Flanger - Charity Sack
3/4	2.00	Mark Rosen - Kiyomi Shiba - Eugene Fisher - Adrienne Fisher - Hilda Getz - Phyllis Sonen

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62ND ANNUAL WBL POTOMAC VALLEY TOURNAMENT

August 7-10, 2008

Results

TOP TEN CUMULATIVE POINT WINNERS

Congratulations to the 2008 Potomac Valley winners! Awards will be presented in January to the winners in each category for all of the 2008 sectionals.

All Players

1	35.64	Steve Robinson
2	27.16	Ronald Zucker
3	24.89	Fred King
4	20.46	Ann Lindley
5	19.96	Clyde Kruskal
6	19.15	Peter Boyd
7	17.99	Michael Richey
8	17.94	Brad Theurer
9	17.58	Lyle Poe Jr
10	17.07	Mark Shaw

Players with fewer than 1500 masterpoints

1	27.16	Ronald Zucker
2	17.99	Michael Richey
3	16.52	Shawn Stringer
4	15.07	Robert Boyd
5	12.69	John Montgomery
6	12.69	Srinivas Kachibhatla
7	9.46	Linda Marshall
8	9.46	Michael Osborn
9	8.72	Lynda Flanger
10	8.56	Susan Miskura
	8.56	Katherine Rabenstein
	8.56	Dennis Schwanz
	8.56	John S. Jr. Mason

Players with fewer than 500 masterpoints

1	12.69	John Montgomery
	12.69	Srinivas Kachibhatla
3	9.46	Michael Osborn
4	7.78	James Beller
5	7.65	Joe Hertz
6	7.45	Neil Selvin
	7.45	Howard Grunin
8	7.09	Carol Elfant
9	6.66	Francesco Parisi-Presicce
10	6.03	Jim Anschutz
	6.03	Patti Anschutz

Players with fewer than 100 masterpoints

1	7.65	Joe Hertz
2	6.03	Patti Anschutz
	6.03	Jim Anschutz
4	5.47	Stanley Katzman
5	4.82	Alan Walter
6	4.63	Dan Emmons
7	4.52	Amelia Montjoy
8	4.38	Ronnie Loeser
9	4.12	Jane Culver
10	3.78	Stephen Drodge

THURSDAY A/X PAIRS

Stratum A, 36.5 Tables / Based on 88

1	Noble Shore - Steve Robinson	.62.80
2	Ronald Zucker - Helene Bauman	.61.68
3	James Adams - Hanna Schepps	.61.29
4	Bruce Culmer - Robert Hartmann	.59.72
5	Fred King - Richard Wegman	.57.80
6	Ann Lindley - Alfred Duncker	.57.64
7/8	Robert Boyd - Carole Grob	.57.41
7/8	Richard Wieland - Abdul Etemadi	.57.41
9	Robert Boorman - William Goldman	.57.27

Stratum X, 18.0 Tables

1/2	Robert Boyd - Carole Grob	.57.41
1/2	Richard Wieland - Abdul Etemadi	.57.41
3	Robert Boorman - William Goldman	.57.27
4	Kevin O'Brien - Francesco Parisi-Presicce	.55.79
5	Robert Krueger - Priscilla Krueger	.55.05
6	Rose Berman - Beta Nahapetian	.53.88

THURSDAY B/C/D PAIRS

Stratum B, 24.0 Tables

1	Michael Osborn - Joe Hertz (pic.)	.65.42
2	William Nicolai - Lynda Flanger	.61.67
3	Richard Wissing - Peter Van Zijl	.60.04
4	Raymond Gallucci - Sym Gallucci	.58.90
5	Edward Rodrigues - Mohsen Esfandiari	.57.58
6	Anthony Cincotta - James Augustine	.57.50



Stratum C, 19.0 Tables

1	Michael Osborn - Joe Hertz	.65.42
2	Richard Wissing - Peter Van Zijl	.60.04
3	Anthony Cincotta - James Augustine	.57.50
4	Jean Marx - Jerry Falconett	.56.63
5	Gretchen Handwerker - Suzanne Abrams	.56.25
6	Michael Lawrence - Craig Olson	.56.06

Stratum D, 9.0 Tables

1	Michael Osborn - Joe Hertz	.65.42
2	Richard Wissing - Peter Van Zijl	.60.04
3	Anthony Cincotta - James Augustine	.57.50
4	Jay Simon - Mark Jones	.55.42
5	Michelle Zygielbaum - Guillaume De Decker	.53.98

THUR NLM PAIRS @ SIL SPR

Stratum A, 16.5 Tables



1	Joan Fitzpatrick - Gail Morgenweck	.63.08
2	Carol Elfant - Shyamalendu Pal	.61.83
3	Paul Beckerman - Larry Moran	.61.03
4	Norman Sweed - Ronnie Sweed	.58.75

- 5 Stanley Katzman - Alan Walter57.24
- 6 Bettye Whitney - Robert Moss56.30

Stratum B, 11.5 Tables

- 1 Carol Elfant - Shyamalendu Pal61.83
- 2 Paul Beckerman - Larry Moran61.03
- 3 Norman Sweed - Ronnie Sweed58.75
- 4 Stanley Katzman - Alan Walter57.24
- 5 James Key - Jason Stewart56.28
- 6 Paul Chassy - Reina Chassy56.06

Stratum C, 7.5 Tables

- 1 Stanley Katzman - Alan Walter57.24
- 2 James Key - Jason Stewart56.28
- 3 Cynthia Harrison - Suzanne Kilczewski 53.23
- 4 Garry Grossman - Barbara Levine ..52.62
- 5 Neil Crane - Hall Sisson52.22

THUR 0-200 PAIRS @ ALEX

Stratum A, 11.0 Tables

- 1 Georgette Weiss - Ike Oren65.77
- 2 Charles Allport - Sandra Allport59.23
- 3 Virginia Ivin - Hannelore Suffridge ..57.74
- 4 Sidney Graves - Jan Potter56.25
- 5 Nabil Ahmed - Dan Emmons55.06
- 6 Robert Dorosin - Joan White53.87

Stratum B, 8.0 Tables

- 1 Georgette Weiss - Ike Oren65.77
- 2 Virginia Ivin - Hannelore Suffridge ..57.74
- 3 Sidney Graves - Jan Potter56.25
- 4 Nabil Ahmed - Dan Emmons55.06
- 5 Thomas Croker - Linda Croker52.98

Stratum C, 4.0 Tables

- 1 Georgette Weiss - Ike Oren65.77
- 2 Nabil Ahmed - Dan Emmons55.06
- 3 John Holt - Joseph Drodge51.49

FRIDAY AM OPEN PAIRS

Stratum A, 23.0 Tables / Based on 37



- 1 Leon Letwin - Donald Berman67.26
- 2 Jim Allen, Jr - Shawn Stringer63.69
- 3 Robin Taylor - Ann Lindley62.20
- 4 Bert Chansky - Stanley Rabin60.71
- 5 Kenneth Davis - Robert Hartmann ..58.93
- 6/7 Ellie Clark - Beverly Geurin58.63
- 6/7 Peter Boyd - Ellen Klosson58.63

Stratum B, 16.5 Tables

- 1 Bert Chansky - Stanley Rabin60.71
- 2 Ellie Clark - Beverly Geurin58.63
- 3 David Lipke - Morris Edmundson ..58.04
- 4 Douglas Fox - Larry Moran57.74
- 5 Samuel Keiter - Richard Robinson ..55.65
- 6 Martha Bley - Ross Bley54.76

Stratum C, 5.5 Tables

- 1 Douglas Fox - Larry Moran57.74
- 2 Monica Shumann - Susan Slattery ..53.57
- 3 Juanita Beeson - Walter Laessig52.38
- 4 Hanita Schreiber - Allen Ginsberg ..50.89

FRIDAY AM NONLM PAIRS

Stratum A, 13.5 Tables



- 1 Teri Harrison - Jane Culver60.31
- 2 Jose Porres - Steve Graves59.39
- 3 Reina Chassy - Kay Miller57.87
- 4 Frank Hatten - Stanley Katzman56.14
- 5 Edmund Gehan - Suzanne Kilczewski 55.87
- 6 Lawrence Hollman - Sally Hollman ..55.11

Stratum B, 9.5 Tables

- 1 Teri Harrison - Jane Culver60.31
- 2 Reina Chassy - Kay Miller57.87
- 3 Frank Hatten - Stanley Katzman56.14
- 4 Edmund Gehan - Suzanne Kilczewski 55.87
- 5 Jennifer Elliott - Ronnie Loeser54.60
- 6 Jim Anschutz - Patti Anschutz53.75

Stratum C, 6.0 Tables

- 1 Frank Hatten - Stanley Katzman ...56.14
- 2 Edmund Gehan - Suzanne Kilczewski 55.87
- 3 Jim Anschutz - Patti Anschutz53.75
- 4 Kenneth Duggin - Virginia Gibbons .52.69

FRIDAY AFT A/X PAIRS

Stratum A, 14.0 Tables / Based on 42



- 1 Ann Lindley - Robin Taylor62.12
- 2 Clyde Kruskal - Donna Rogall61.93
- 3 Leon Letwin - Donald Berman61.17
- 4 Audrey Marbach - Gloria Schulstad .59.47
- 5 Arnie Frankel - David Ruderman ..57.39
- 6/7 Kenneth Davis - Robert Hartmann ..55.87
- 6/7 Michael Richey - Ronald Zucker ...55.87

Stratum X, 7.0 Tables

- 1 Michael Richey - Ronald Zucker ...55.87
- 2 James Beller - Lawrence Heinen ...54.92
- 3 Steven Schatzow - Herbert Fallin Jr .54.55
- 4 Bob Kerchner - Ronald Kral50.57
- 5 Leslie Shafer - Ralph Williams Jr ..48.30

FRIDAY AFT B/C/D PAIRS

Stratum B, 14.0 Tables



- 1 Thomas Reckford - Behnaz Fardshishesh 58.90
- 2 Susan Slattery - Monica Shumann ...58.52
- 3 Howard Grunin - Neil Selvin57.95
- 4 Douglas Fox - Larry Moran57.39
- 5 Ned Griffith - Albert Lauber57.20
- 6 Gerald Marcovsky - Bess Eastin ...54.92

Stratum C, 11.0 Tables

- 1 Thomas Reckford - Behnaz Fardshishesh 58.90
- 2 Susan Slattery - Monica Shumann ..58.52

- 3 Howard Grunin - Neil Selvin57.95
- 4 Douglas Fox - Larry Moran57.39
- 5 Ned Griffith - Albert Lauber57.20
- 6 Roger Laumark - Ann Parrott54.36

Stratum D, 6.0 Tables

- 1 Susan Slattery - Monica Shumann ...58.52
- 2 Howard Grunin - Neil Selvin57.95
- 3 Douglas Fox - Larry Moran57.39
- 4 Ned Griffith - Albert Lauber57.20

FRIDAY AFT NONLM PAIRS

Stratum A, 14.0 Tables



- 1 J J Jayaraman - Marvin Raines64.02
- 2/3 Carol Elfant - Elizabeth Nash61.36
- 2/3 Jim Anschutz - Patti Anschutz61.36
- 4 Norman Sweed - Ronnie Sweed59.85
- 5 Annapurna Satpathy - Gerald O'Dell .56.44
- 6 Rita Capon - Helen Long56.06

Stratum B, 12.0 Tables

- 1/2 Carol Elfant - Elizabeth Nash61.36
- 1/2 Jim Anschutz - Patti Anschutz61.36
- 3 Norman Sweed - Ronnie Sweed59.85
- 4 Annapurna Satpathy - Gerald O'Dell .56.44
- 5 Rita Capon - Helen Long56.06
- 6 Alan Walter - Joseph Pregosin55.68

Stratum C, 6.0 Tables

- 1 Jim Anschutz - Patti Anschutz61.36
- 2 Alan Walter - Joseph Pregosin55.68
- 3 Richard Weiser - Susan Weiser53.60
- 4 Joe Hertz - Stanley Katzman52.65

FRI EVE OPEN IMP PAIRS

Stratum A, 12.5 Tables / Based on 33



- 1 Michael Richey - Ronald Zucker ...51.27
- 2 John Adams - Steve Robinson49.09
- 3 Donna Rogall - Clyde Kruskal33.82
- 4 Linda Marshall - Merrill Hirsh30.00
- 5 David Grabiner - Arthur McCann28.00
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Stratum X, 6.0 Tables

- 1 Michael Richey - Ronald Zucker ...51.27
- 2 Linda Marshall - Merrill Hirsh30.00
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FRI EVE 0-1500 IMP PAIRS

Stratum B, 11.0 Tables

- 1 Michael Lawrence - Craig Olson .43.00
- 2 Ned Griffith - Albert Lauber ...38.00



- 3 Teri Harrison - Jane Culver32.00
- 4/5 Martha Bley - Ross Bley29.00
- 4/5 Irv Kipnis - Terry Jones29.00
- 6 Lynda Flanger - William Nicolai ...26.00

Stratum C, 8.5 Tables

- 1 Craig Olson - Michael Lawrence ...43.00
- 2 Ned Griffith - Albert Lauber38.00
- 3 Teri Harrison - Jane Culver32.00
- 4/5 Martha Bley - Ross Bley29.00
- 4/5 Irv Kipnis - Terry Jones29.00

Stratum D, 5.5 Tables

- 1 Ned Griffith - Albert Lauber38.00
- 2 Teri Harrison - Jane Culver32.00
- 3 Gabriel Cornett - Eldon Compton ...18.00
- 4 Neil Selvin - Howard Grunin6.00

FRI EVE 0-NLM PAIRS

Stratum A, 9.0 Tables

- 1 Larry Wallace - John Reynolds .59.65
- 2 Norman Sweed - Ronnie Sweed58.46
- 3 Churchill Blakey - Gretchen Blakey58.33
- 4 Marilyn Rubinstein - Herbert Rubinstein 56.83
- 5 Carol Elfant - Elizabeth Nash54.89



Stratum B, 7.5 Tables

- 1 John Reynolds - Larry Wallace59.65
- 2 Norman Sweed - Ronnie Sweed58.46
- 3 Churchill Blakey - Gretchen Blakey .58.33
- 4 Marilyn Rubinstein - Herbert Rubinstein 56.83
- 5 Carol Elfant - Elizabeth Nash54.89

Stratum C, 3.0 Tables

- 1 Churchill Blakey - Gretchen Blakey .58.33
- 2 Alan Walter - Joseph Pregosin52.34

SAT COMPACT KO 1, 9 Tables



- 1 Steve Robinson - Beth Palmer - Peter Boyd - William Cole
- 2 Michael Richey - Clyde Kruskal - Ronald Zucker - James Geist
- 3 Kenton Schoen - Diane Walker - Ann Lindley - Vonnie Lavender
- 4 Brad Theurer - Arnie Frankel - Helene Bauman - Lyle Poe Jr

SAT COMPACT KO 2, 11 Tables



- 1 Merrill Hirsh - Linda Marshall - James Beller - Robert Levey (not pic.)

- 2 Rita Waldack - RaeDonna Jones - Joseph Carlomagno - Pitamber Dev Devgon
- 3 John S. Jr. Mason - Katherine Rabenstein - Susan Miskura - Dennis Schwanz
- 4 Kevin O'Brien - Mike Frosch - Ellie Clark - Francesco Parisi-Presicce

SAT COMPACT KO 3, 16 Tables



- 1 David Arbutnot - Lee Gandy - Robert Deffinbaugh - Francis Griffith Jr
- 2 Ellinor Legg - Peter Lo - Dan Emmons - Karen Emmons
- 3 Susan Klaber - Joan White - Elizabeth Huffman - Mary Ann Kral
- 4 Nancy Loomis - Holly Wills - Amy Bloom - Kiyomi Shiba

SAT AM OPEN PAIRS

Stratum A, 27.0 Tables / Based on 42



- 1 Robert Boyd - Steven Schatzow73.43
- 2 Glenn Lublin - Benjamin Brill63.89
- 3 Mita Banerjee - Barbara Shaw62.95
- 4 Ray Wilhide - Carl Gutschick62.12
- 5 Srinivas Kachibhatla - John Montgomery 59.69
- 6 Jim Allen, Jr - Shawn Stringer59.66

Stratum B, 16.0 Tables

- 1 Srinivas Kachibhatla - John Montgomery 59.69
- 2 Alice Wegman - Seema Bhagwat57.95
- 3 David Grabiner - Suzanne Abrams57.45
- 4 Mark Lavine - Gail Singer57.13
- 5 Gerald Marcovsky - Linda Smith56.77
- 6 Pat Lonergan - Larry Gebbie55.11

Stratum C, 5.0 Tables

- 1 Srinivas Kachibhatla - John Montgomery 59.69
- 2 Pat Lonergan - Larry Gebbie55.11
- 3 Ned Griffith - Albert Lauber52.46
- 4 Tsung Lee - Winnie Yonkers48.69

SAT AM NONLM PAIRS

Stratum A, 15.0 Tables

- 1 Robert Kay - Lois Kay61.59
- 2 James Biss - Jo Ann Hutchison60.68
- 3 John Donohue - Charline Coakley60.23
- 4 Carol Poland - Barbara Rolling58.86
- 5 Jason Stewart - Marc Aquino57.95
- 6 Linda Croker - Thomas Croker57.50

Stratum B, 11.5 Tables

- 1 John Donohue - Charline Coakley60.23

- 2 Carol Poland - Barbara Rolling58.86
- 3 Jason Stewart - Marc Aquino57.95
- 4 Linda Croker - Thomas Croker57.50
- 5 John Horner - Terry Coates56.59
- 6 Donna Stoker - Edward Stoker56.36

Stratum C, 6.0 Tables

- 1 Jason Stewart - Marc Aquino57.95
- 2 John Horner - Terry Coates56.59
- 3 Cynthia Harrison - Amelia Montjoy55.68
- 4 Joe Hertz - Stanley Katzman53.41

SAT AFT A/X PAIRS

Stratum A, 14.5 Tables / Based on 46



- 1 Martin Graf - Mark Shaw59.47
- 2 Kitty Gottfried - M Cassandra Smith .59.03
- 3 Leo LaSota - Andrew Gofreed57.62
- 4 Richard Wegman - Fred King56.67
- 5 Robert Stearns - Barbara Doran55.27
- 6 Steven Schatzow - Robert Boyd55.11

Stratum X, 9.0 Tables

- 1 Kitty Gottfried - M Cassandra Smith .59.03
- 2 Robert Stearns - Barbara Doran55.27
- 3 Steven Schatzow - Robert Boyd55.11
- 4 Srinivas Kachibhatla - John Montgomery 53.48
- 5 Richard Wieland - Danijel Zenko53.39

SAT AFT B/C/D PAIRS

Stratum B, 15.0 Tables



- 1/2 Roma Chandra - Lynda Flanger64.39
- 1/2 Howard Tash - James Wisman64.39
- 3 Jim Dick - Linda Dick58.14
- 4 Emerita Hayward - Joe Hertz57.77
- 5 David Banh - Stephen Drodge57.01
- 6 Mary Lafferty - Anne Goulding55.87

Stratum C, 11.0 Tables

- 1 Howard Tash - James Wisman64.39
- 2 David Banh - Stephen Drodge57.01
- 3 Mary Lafferty - Anne Goulding55.87
- 4 Kathleen O'Toole - David Mead54.73
- 5 Ned Griffith - Albert Lauber53.03
- 6/7 Kathleen Sweet - Jetty Townsend52.84
- 6/7 Lewis Gold - Alex Goldenberg52.84

Stratum D, 5.5 Tables

- 1 Kathleen O'Toole - David Mead54.73
- 2 Ned Griffith - Albert Lauber53.03
- 3 Kathleen Sweet - Jetty Townsend52.84
- 4 Winnie Yonkers - Tsung Lee50.38

SAT AFT NLM PAIRS

Stratum A, 16.0 Tables



- 1 Jim Anschutz - Patti Anschutz .64.77
- 2 Linda Croker - Thomas Croker63.64
- 3 Norma Fry - Jan Zaal57.20
- 4 Richard Wedgewood - Mavis Walters .57.01
- 5 Gerald O'Dell - Algene Kuchinka55.49
- 6 Margaret Wernecke - Sylvia Briscoe .54.92

Stratum B, 12.0 Tables

- 1 Jim Anschutz - Patti Anschutz64.77
- 2 Linda Croker - Thomas Croker63.64
- 3 Richard Wedgewood - Mavis Walters .57.01
- 4 Gerald O'Dell - Algene Kuchinka55.49
- 5 Churchill Blakey - Gretchen Blakey .54.55
- 6 Carol Elfant - Elizabeth Nash53.79

Stratum C, 5.5 Tables

- 1 Jim Anschutz - Patti Anschutz64.77
- 2 Churchill Blakey - Gretchen Blakey .54.55
- 3 Cynthia Harrison - Amelia Montjoy .52.84
- 4 Della Morris - Sylvia Medlin51.89

SUNDAY A/X B-A-M TEAMS

Stratum A, 15 Tables / Based on 42



- 1 Robert Bell - Brad Theurer - Lyle Poe Jr - Fred King31.00
- 2 Lynn Jones - Tom Cogan - Ron Sukoneck - Paul Benedict29.50
- 3/4 Steve Robinson - Peter Boyd - William Cole - Mark Shaw29.00
- 3/4 Jim Allen, Jr - Shawn Stringer - John Montgomery - Srinivas Kachibhatla29.00
- 5 Leo LaSota - Andrew Gofreed - Alan Tenenbaum - Alfred Steinberg28.50

Stratum X, 6 Tables

- 1 Jim Allen, Jr - Shawn Stringer - John Montgomery - Srinivas Kachibhatla29.00
- 2 Ronald Kral - Robert Brady - Frank Cardillo - Leo Cardillo26.50

SUNDAY B/C/D SWISS TEAMS

Stratum B, 21 Tables



- 1 Katherine Rabenstein - Dennis Schwanz - Susan Miskura - John S. Jr. Mason . .114.00
- 2 Carl Noller - Michael Osborn - Neil Selvin - Howard Grunin94.00

- 3 Ronnie Loeser - Ron Starr - Shyamalendu Pal - Jerry Pruzan86.00
- 4/5 Edward Rodrigues - Pari Khoshkish - Behnaz Fardshisheh - Mohsen Esfandiary80.00
- 4/5 Mike Frosch - Francesco Parisi-Presicce - Ellie Clark - Beverly Geurin80.00
- 6 William Dillon - Robert Blatt - Patrice Gordon - Ruth Schrider79.00

Stratum C, 12 Tables

- 1 Carl Noller - Michael Osborn - Neil Selvin - Howard Grunin94.00
- 2 Ronnie Loeser - Ron Starr - Shyamalendu Pal - Jerry Pruzan86.00
- 3 William Dillon - Robert Blatt - Patrice Gordon - Ruth Schrider79.00
- 4 Norman Sweed - Ronnie Sweed - Carol Elfant - Paul Chassy76.00

Stratum D, 7 Tables

- 1 Carl Noller - Michael Osborn - Neil Selvin - Howard Grunin94.00
- 2 Ronnie Loeser - Ron Starr - Shyamalendu Pal - Jerry Pruzan86.00
- 3 Norman Sweed - Ronnie Sweed - Carol Elfant - Paul Chassy76.00

SUNDAY MORN NLM SWISS TMS

Stratum A, 6 Tables



- 1 Eleanor Schwartz - Amelia Montjoy - Roger Laumark - Lynne Beresford63.00
- 2 Jose Porres - Annapurna Satpathy - Robert Charkovsky - Alfred Lieberman59.00

Stratum B, 4 Tables

- 1 Stephen Weiner - Louis Coccodrilli - Stanley Katzman - Alan Walter55.00

SUNDAY AFT NLM SWISS TMS

Stratum A, 8 Tables



- 1 Joshua Holt - Stephen Drodge - Nabil Ahmed - Dan Emmons51.00
- 2 Roger Laumark - Lynne Beresford - Eleanor Schwartz - Amelia Montjoy49.00
- 3/4 William Hughes - Barbara Hodges - John Donohue - Charles Shank44.00
- 3/4 Jason Stewart - Richard Jones - Kenneth Duggin - Virginia Gibbons44.00

Stratum B, 5 Tables

- 1 Joshua Holt - Nabil Ahmed - Dan Emmons - Stephen Drodge51.00
- 2/3 William Hughes - Barbara Hodges - John Donohue - Charles Shank44.00
- 2/3 Jason Stewart - Richard Jones - Kenneth Duggin - Virginia Gibbons44.00



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GRAND NATIONAL TEAMS 2008-9

Club Qualification Period

**September 1, 2008-
April 2, 2009**

Come play GNT: Qualify at the local club level, and then come play the championship event against your peers. \$1200 will be awarded to the winning team (in each of the four flights) when you represent the District Six at the 2009 Summer National Championship, Washington, D.C., July 23-August 2.

Step 1: Qualify at your favorite local club with a team of 4 to 6 players.

Step 2: Then form a team for the District finals (will usually be the same team).

Step 3: Come play in one or more flights of the District 6 finals. There are different sites in which to play.

For more details about this event and the Conditions of Contest see the District 6 website: www.districtsix.org.

Teams must preregister at least two days before the event. To preregister, send 1) a list of your team members, 2) ACBL numbers for

each team member, 3) flight(s) in which your team will compete, 4) playing site for your team event and 5) a check made out to District 6 for \$96.00 for each flight in which you will compete to: **Lynn Jones:** 10 Tenby Court, Timonium, MD 21093. For questions contact Lynn Jones at 410-560-3244 or by email at bridgelynn@comcast.net.

Open Bracket

First Weekend: April 4-5
Second Weekend: May 2-3

Bracket A (0-500MP)

First Weekend: Feb.14-15
Second Weekend: February 28-March 1

Bracket B (0-2000MP)

First Weekend: April 4-5
Second Weekend: May 2-3

Bracket C (0-500MP)

First Weekend: April 4-5
Second Weekend: May 2, Finals

The SOUTHERN SITES WILL BE ANNOUNCED by November 1, 2008.

SATURDAY 0-NLM GAME & MINI-LESSON

Every Saturday, the **Rockville Duplicate Bridge Club** holds a 0 - Non Life Master game with a mini-lesson.

Mini-Lesson: Saturdays, 12:30 pm

0-NLM Game: 1:00 pm

Cost: \$6.00

Location: St. James Episcopal Church
11815 Seven Locks Road

Directions: Take Rt 270 to Exit 4B (from either direction) Montrose Road. This will take you to Seven Locks Road. Left on Seven Locks Rd 3 blocks. St James Church is on the left (going south), between Post Oak and Gainsboro Rd. There are two buildings, the game and mini-lesson are in the building on the left facing the church. There is plenty of parking in the rear, and a rear entrance to the building (1 flight of stairs if you enter from the rear of the building).

For additional information, contact **Mark Lavine**, 301-503-3348 or mlavine@gcsii.com

Open Games: Sat.: 1pm, Mon & Fri: 11:15 am
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NLM MASTER POINTERS

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

IT COULD HAPPEN TO YOU: THE 4-3 TRUMP FIT

You were probably barely out of diapers when you first heard about the eight-card, “golden” trump fit. But now that you’re all grown up, let me break the news: there are those rare occasions when the best place to play is in your seven-card fit! One day you may find yourself playing in a 4-3, “Moysian,” fit, named after Alphonse Moysie Jr., who advocated opening four-card majors and supporting partner’s major with three. Steve and I played in two Moysian fits in two consecutive days at the recent Dayton, Ohio, regional...and lived to tell the tale!

	<u>North</u>
<u>Dlr:</u> West	♠ 6
<u>Vul:</u> None	♥ K53
<u>Lead:</u> ♦ A	♦ T5
	♣ AQJ8432
<u>West</u>	<u>East</u>
♠ KJT	♠ A92
♥ 74	♥ T862
♦ AK9843	♦ QJ62
♣ 95	♣ 75

<u>South</u>
♠ Q87543
♥ AQJ9
♦ 7
♣ KT

<u>West</u>	<u>North</u>	<u>East</u>	<u>South</u>
2♦ (1)	3♣	3♦ (2)	3♠ (3)
P	4♣	P	4♥ (4)
P	p(5)	P	

(1) A weak two bid, showing six diamonds and 5-10 HCP. West actually could have opened 1♦, but she chose to show her length.

(2) East could have raised to 4♦ based on the 10-card fit, but he chose not to

because of his flat shape.

(3) Forcing with at least four spades.

(4) At least five spades and four hearts; maybe 5-5. With 4-4 in the majors, South would double or bid hearts and then spades. Bid “up-the-line” with four-card suits, but bid the higher suit first with five-card suits.

(5) “I hate your spades but I can tolerate hearts. I know we have at least seven of them!”

After winning the first trick, West continues with the ♦ K. What does South play? Should he ruff the second diamond?

Steve held the South cards. He saw a lot of losing spades in his hand, but he also saw that beautiful club suit in dummy. And he was looking at the top four hearts! Four heart tricks and seven club tricks are more than enough to make the contract. He could plan to ruff at Trick 2, pull the trump and run the clubs. But do you see the problem?

Remember, we’re playing in our Moysian fit...there are six trumps outstanding! They might split 3-3, but that only happens 35% of the time. If one of the opponents has four trumps, Steve needs to keep four trumps in his hand to pull them all. If one of the opponents still has a trump after Steve has exhausted his, they’ll trump a club and then they’ll be running their long suit instead of the other way around: down a zillion!

The key to making 4♥ is NOT to trump at Trick 2. Instead, Steve just discarded a spade. What can West do now? If he plays a third diamond, Steve can safely ruff in the dummy and then pull trump, starting with the ♥ K. The best West can do is switch to a spade at Trick 3, letting East win his ace, but Steve gets the rest of the tricks. Nicely played!

	<u>North</u>
<u>Dlr:</u> South	♠ T65
<u>Vul:</u> None	♥ QJ975
<u>Lead:</u> ♣ 2	♦ QJ
	♣ KQ4
<u>West</u>	<u>East</u>
♠ A72	♠ KQJ
♥ A3	♥ KT842
♦ AT43	♦ 9762
♣ T532	♣ J

<u>South</u>
♠ 9843
♥ 6
♦ K85
♣ A9876

<u>West</u>	<u>North</u>	<u>East</u>	<u>South</u>
p(1)	1♥ (2)	P	1♠ (3)
P	p(4)	P	

(1) I would open 1♦ with this hand. Aces are actually worth a little more than 4 points and the two tens are worth about as much as a jack.

(2) It’s okay to open “light” in third seat with a hand that you would have over-called with at the one level, planning to pass whatever partner bids. Even if pard bids 2♦, we’ll still pass because she’s likely to have at least five of them! How do we know? If she doesn’t raise hearts and she doesn’t bid spades, she has at most two hearts and three spades, which leaves her at least eight cards in the minors. With 4-4 in the minors she’ll bid clubs or maybe notrump, but not diamonds.

(3) South doesn’t have enough points to bid her clubs at the two level, and besides, she’d rather find a major suit fit with partner if she can. Clubs are for the golf course and diamonds are for your finger!

(4) North is happy to pass 1♠; he knows that South has at least four spades and 4-3 is good enough. If he bids again, he’d be telling South he has a real opening hand.

I was holding the South hand, and the first thing I noticed was that we “stole” the bid: the opponents have more HCP than we do! Since we’re not vulner-

able, I can go down one and still score better than letting them make any partscore. But I’d like to make the contract if I can, so I started counting losers...and just like in the previous deal, we have a LOT of losers. But unlike the previous deal, we’re missing the top four trumps. The best we can hope for is to lose only three trump tricks, if the trumps break 3-3 and the opponents don’t get to crossruff. At least we’re only in one!

To keep the opponents from ruffing my winners, I won the club lead and led a trump, and led trump every time I got in the lead. East might get a club ruff or even two, but then he must either play a trump or lead a red card, helping me set up my side suits. The defenders have many choices, but if declarer leads trump early and often, 1♠ is likely to make and even down one is a good result.

It could happen to you: one day you’ll find yourself playing in a 4-3 trump fit. DON’T PANIC! Just make a plan, use your trumps wisely, and you, too, could become a master of the Moysian fit!

STEPPING UP TO NEW HEIGHTS:

As of September 1, 2008

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William L Goldman
Mr Timothy D Stewart

1) IMPs, None Vulnerable

♠ 10983♥ Q83♦ K♣ AJ1075

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
1♥	Pass	Pass	Pass

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2) IMPs, None Vulnerable

♠ K93♥ J3♦ J85♣ AKJ52

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
Pass	Pass	Double	3♦

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3) IMPs, You're Vulnerable

♠ -♥ KJ1087♦ AQJ103♣ K103

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
1♥	2♠	4♥	4♠

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4) IMPs, They're Vulnerable

♠ AJ104♥ Q107♦ 874♣ A53

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
Pass	Pass	1NT	Dbl ¹

2♣-2
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1 (1-suiter) 2 Stayman

5) IMPs, Both Vulnerable

♠ 4♥ A♦ AKQ9875♣ KJ103

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
1♥	Pass	Pass	Pass

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Return answers by November 6 to:

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

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