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PRESIDENT'S LETTER

by WBL President, Don Berman

First, thank you for electing me your President. I intend to do the best job of which I am capable. I am following a tough act and I want to acknowledge the great job that Fred King did for the past three years. After several years of decline in membership the number has leveled off and indeed increased slightly. In the coming years our efforts will be directed at increasing membership and participation in our events.

The big event this year is the North American Bridge Championship (NABC) coming to Washington this July 23 through August 2. The success of an NABC is largely the responsibility of the local bridge organizations. This time, **Margot Hennings**, from Virginia, is the tournament chair with help from **Fred King** as co-chair. It is the local organization's responsibility for entertainment, hospitality, and prizes. Many of you have already volunteered to help and I thank you for that. However, more help is needed in a variety of areas including the partnership (Carole Grob and Hope Watts), prize desk (Kathryn Kiley and Luch McCoy) and information (Barbara Ames) tables. I have created a web page to communicate that infor-

mation and all local information. It is part of our District 6 website www.districtsix.org. Please visit there for all tournament information. Also note that there are live shows every day after the evening session. Two of these require tickets, *The Capitol Steps* on Saturday, July 25 and *The Magic of Alain Nu* on Wednesday, July 29. Contact **Barbara Doran** to reserve tickets.

I would like to see a large local turn out for the NABC. I know that some of you have concerns over parking and transportation. We will be making an effort to arrange car pools and would like some of you to help in that area. **Fred King** is the transportation volunteer and I am sure he would like some help. We are arranging for some discounted parking but the details are not available at this time. Please make an effort to attend.

Finally, we are always looking for ways to improve your bridge experiences. This will continue in my administration. Please feel free to talk with me on any issues you consider important (or even not so important). I am always willing to listen and I look forward to seeing you at all our WBL events.

BITS AND PIECES

WELCOME TO THE WASHINGTON BRIDGE LEAGUE

The WBL welcomes the following new ACBL members: **Dr Werner F Barth, Ms Ivy E Broder, Ms Kristina Hamilton, Mrs Renee Lease, Ms Sara M Mazie, Annie E Moss, Jonathan I Pulvers, Jinane K Tabbara, Mr Owen S Weislow, and Mrs Renee Wilson.**

In addition, we welcome the following transfers from other units: **Mary C Boynton, Mr Larry G Carswell, Carole Cavanaugh-Fetti, Mr Calvin H Cobb Jr, Mr John Flynn, Mrs Ellinor H Hatton, Mr Daniel V Prorok, Mrs Cynthia B Sutton, and Mr Mike Sutton.**

Please join us at our weekly Unit Game

on Thursday evenings and frequent the local bridge clubs in the area. Information can be found at www.WashingtonBridgeLeague.org.

2008-2009 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, 2008 through May, 2009). Points won on Tournament Thursday evenings are included in the totals, but do not

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NEWCOMER PAIRS (0-5) 7:00 p.m.

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

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STRATIFIED OPEN PAIRS (2000+/2000/750) 2 p.m.
299ER PAIRS (300/200/100) and 49ER PAIRS (50/20/5) 2 p.m.
TRIPLE NICKEL SWISS—5 rounds, 5 boards, 5 minutes a board . 7:30 p.m.
299ER PAIRS (300/200/100) 7:30 p.m.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

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

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

****Novice/Intermediate Lecture (Jeff Roman)** 10:15 a.m.**
FLIGHTS A/X (3000+/3000) SWISS TEAMS 11:00 a.m.
& BRACKETED FLIGHT B TEAMS (0-2000) 11:00 a.m.
B Teams Bracketed by Total Team Masterpoints: three overall places in each.
Both flights are 2-session events, w/one 30-minute break—on-site food available.
299ER SWISS TEAMS (300/200/100; Single session) 11:00 a.m.
49ER SWISS TEAMS (50/20/5; Single session) 11:00 a.m.
299ER SWISS TEAMS (300/200/100; Single session) 3:15 p.m.

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CALL FOR NOMINATIONS FOR THE MACHLIN TROPHY

In 2006, in conjunction with our 75th Anniversary, the WBL initiated a new annual award, the **Machlin Trophy for Sportsmanship**. The trophy is named in honor of Jerry Machlin, whom many of you will remember as one of the greatest directors the game has ever known. Jerry served as Chief Director for games in the Washington area during the 1950's, 1960's and 1970's and probably contributed more to the growth of tournament bridge in our area during the three decades following World War II than any other single individual. Jerry also founded the Mid-Atlantic Bridge Conference (the organization that hosts all of the regionals in our area), and he organized and staged matches in which Members of Congress competed against corporate leaders and members of the British Parliament. These matches helped to promote the game among the country's political and corporate leadership and demonstrated the wide appeal of tournament bridge.

In 2006, the award went to **Dr. Charles Stenger** a worthy choice as the first recipient and someone who set an example that we all should strive to emulate. In 2007, **Peter Boyd** was honored with the award, and in 2008 it was **James Geist**.

A committee will be appointed soon to consider this year's nominees and make a selection for this fourth year of the trophy. The criteria for awarding the trophy are as follows:

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

We welcome nominations from the membership of the WBL. Please send your suggested candidate to Don Berman at don.berman@verizon.net or in person at the unit game. It would be appreciated if you would indicate in two or three sentences why you think your nominee is a good candidate for the award. We would like to hear from you by September 1, 2009.

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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 eight of nine Sectionals. The asterisk* indicates that the player has met eligibility requirements.

Open Leaders

<u>Player</u>	<u>Points</u>
1 Leo LaSota	202.91 *
2 Mark Shaw	185.18 *
3 Steve Robinson	179.82 *
4 Barry Falgout	143.46 *
5 William Cole	139.49 *
6 Linda Marshall	121.74 *
7 Peter Boyd	111.30 *
8 Helene Bauman	103.12 *
9 Noble Shore	98.13 *
10 Rusty Krauss	90.02
11 Kenneth Davis	85.71 *
12 Fred King	83.77 *
13 Michael Gill	77.18
14 Robert Bell	74.67 *
15 David Ruderman	74.02
16 Diane Walker	72.12 *
17 Brad Theurer	70.29 *
18 Francesco Parisi-Presicce	70.03 *
19 Susan Miskura	68.95 *
20 Dennis Schwanz	68.95 *

NonLM Leaders

<u>Player</u>	<u>Points</u>
1 Francesco Parisi-Presicce	70.03 *
2 Raghavendra Rajkumar	44.38
3 James Beller	42.25
4 Amanda Carter	41.77 *
5 Kiyomi Shiba	39.56 *
6 Albert Lauber	38.66
7 Alan Walter	36.98 *
8 Eleanor Schwartz	32.59 *
9 Marco Latini	32.21 *
10 Alfred Caponiti	30.09 *
11 Joe Hertz	29.97 *
12 Patti Anschutz	29.61 *
13 Minako Komura	29.42 *
14 David Loken	27.30
15 Joseph Pregosin	26.41 *
16 William Goldman	26.31
17 Jim Anschutz	26.13 *
18 Roger Laumark	25.32 *
19 Joan White	24.44 *
20 Richard Wedgewood	24.00 *

STEVE CZECHA

from Barbara Summers

As Volunteer Chairman, all I had to do was say, "Could You" and before I finished my sentence Steve would reply "Yes". Steve volunteered to play at St Elizabeth's Hospital one night a month for many years. He also played with Dr. Jay Slotkin who had ALS and played by blinking his eyes...and Steve organized a schedule for partners for Jay. In real life, Steve was married to Faith for close to 60 years, had six children, was an electrical engineer, graduated from Michigan State, then worked at IBM where he began a bridge club and later directed it. He worked for NASA-Goddard under Mitre and ended his career as a licensing officer for computer equipment exports at the Commerce Dept. He was a POW in Germany and related in a book published by a friend, "Turning left again to face the MG's the fire was bounding dirt off my helmet and I was sure I would be killed on the spot. After a time of panic, I made my peace with God and everything became and remained calm with me...after that, shells came in from both sides." Bridge had to look easy after his life experiences. Steve had 4,098 master points and his quiet demeanor and willingness to help will be sorely missed.

2008-2009 GNT WINNERS:

Congratulations to this year's District 6 Grand National Team winners! They will be competing at this summer's North American Bridge Championships right here in Washington, D.C. for national titles.

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Flight A: Lynn Jones - Joseph Trapani - Diane Walker - Kenton Schoen

Flight B: Richard Price - Melissa Price - Merril Hirsh - Linda Marshall

Flight C: Marie Berard - Peter Van Zijl - Juan Pardo - Richard Wissing - Murat Berk - Michael Berard

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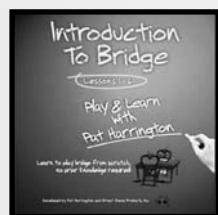
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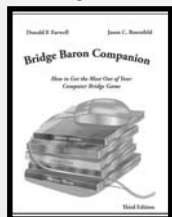
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WBL SOLVERS' CLUB

Moderated by Steve Robinson

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Congratulations to **Sorina Negulescu, Karen Heath** and **Millard Nachwey** who tied for first with a score of 480. They win a free entry to the Unit Game and will be invited to be on a future panel. Tied for fourth were **Lyle Poe, Bruce Kasold, Oleg Dolgikh, Geoffrey Mallette, Sam Keiter** and **Paul Benedict** with a score of 470. Tied for tenth were **Leo Lasota, Jian Jian Wang, Chris Johnson, Bill Meeks** and **Buck Rogers** with a score of 460. Tied for fifteenth were **Kevin Avery, Bob Boyd, Albert Lauber, Atam Lalchandani, Mike Richey, Jeff Watson, Penny Stoever, Linda Marshall, Hank Strauch, Jay Weinstein, Rick Eisenstat, Kenn Pendleton, Carl Gutschick, Lloyd Rawley, Brad Theurer, Jon Farber, Owen Byer, Michael Mayer, Swapan Das, Don Stoffel, Ruth Miles, and Eric Beard** with a score of 450. Tied for thirty-seventh were **Rusty Krauss, Joan Miller, Tibor Roberts, Noble Shore, Merrill Hirsh, Bill Nicolai, John Horner, Jack Hawks** and **Wes Goldberg** with a score of 440. The average score of the 289 solvers was 392. The average score of the experts was 425.

Brad Theurer had a 450 and **John Miller** had a 460 in my last set of problems.

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 whenever you see him or can send him a check for \$29.95 that includes \$4.95 for priority mail.

1) IMPs, They're Vulnerable

♠ 2♥ 5♦ QJ8654♣ KQJ64

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
1♦	Pass	2NT*	Pass
?????		*11-12 balanced	
Action	Score	Votes	Solvers
3♦	100	4	37
4♦	90	1	2
3♣	80	4	177
3NT	50	1	18
Pass	50	0	12
5♣	50	0	32
4♣	40	1	7
5♦	30	0	3

There have been a few complaints about the opening bid. Anyone who doesn't open this hand doesn't know the preemptive value of the opening bid. If partner has ♠ Kxx♥ Jxx♦ Kxx♣ Axxx, the opponents could be cold for a slam and they might never get in the auction. There have also been questions about what's forcing over 2NT. I play 2NT as forcing so I don't have that problem and the experience, but I would think that both 3♣ and 3♦ would be non-forcing. If you wanted to force, you could always bid three-of-a-major. Since Responder always has a minor, if you don't want to play 3NT,

three-of-a-minor will be a playable spot.

Back to this problem. You have two cards in the majors. Partner has at most six. Where are the opponents? I bet that East is itching to get in the auction but the vulnerability and the three-level has slowed him down. Suppose you bid 3♣. This tells East that you don't have the majors and North has already denied them. You want to combine preemption along with attempting to get a plus score. Since it is very unlikely to matter which minor you play in, I see no reason to introduce clubs. The question is how many diamonds do you bid. I like 4♦. Combines preemption with a game try even though I would expect that partner might think 4♦ is forcing.

Four experts bid 3♦.

Parker: "3♦—The reflexive bid is 3♣ but that will most likely get 3NT from partner and then do you bid 4♣. I will be happy to play this in 3♦ if partner passes. They probably can make something in the majors. The real question is what to do if partner bids 3NT over 3♦, I would bid 4♣."

Cappelletti: "3♦—Since it is very unlikely that partner has exactly the king of diamonds and two aces, your chances of making a game are very small. 3♣ would be forcing and might get you too high, so simply sign-off in 3♦ which is the non-forcing bailout."

Schwartz: "3♦—Unlikely to make five-of-a-minor. If I bid 3♣ to look for the perfect fit, the opponents will be able to evaluate their shortness there much more effectively and thus more likely to enter the auction. If I jump to 5♣, partner could very well bid six on hands that make five. By the way I don't open spotless, aceless nine-counts in first seat with the minors and a hand that can probably be shown later."

I don't think partner's allowed to bid six if you bid five. Jumps to game and slam are often gambles.

Landen: "3♦—Partner needs three key-cards to make five-of-a-minor cold and he's unlikely to have that many. 3NT seems very unlikely to fetch. Vulnerable, I'd probably take a chance on making five-of-a-minor."

Four experts tell East what's going on.

Lublin: "3♣—I bid 3♣ and probably get to minor game."

I think you'll get to 3♣ unless East balances.

Adams: "3♣—Another advertisement for one-of-a-minor – P - 2♥ to show the 11-12 hand. I can show either a forcing or non-forcing minor suit hand over it. Over this 2NT, I

can only show one. My preference is for 3♣ to be non-forcing, since I am looking at this hand. On a different hand I might prefer forcing. I have no idea how Washington Standard defines this. I suspect partner does not either. If partner passes, fine. If partner bids, we might be stuck at five-of-a-minor, but that will likely do as well or better than 2NT."

Hopkins: "3♣—I really can't think of anything else to bid. With my regular partners I play this as nonforcing, but here I don't worry what partner thinks other than it is natural."

Woolsey: "3♣—Easy for me, as I play that natural calls opposite invitational 2NT bids are NF. If 3♣ is forcing, then I would have to bid 3♦ in order to get out and that better be non forcing."

One expert preempts but is almost certain to go minus.

Roman: "3NT—I'm the only one at the table that knows that the opponents have a vulnerable game, and this is the bid that's most likely to make sure they don't find out until the post-mortem."

One expert bids Gerber. Why couldn't you hold ♠x♥KQJx♦AKxxxx♣x where all you need are two aces for slam?

Brill: "4♣—Game can makes opposite the right eight count and opposite many eleven counts Also, we may be advance saving against four-of-a-major."

Know what you play over 2NT invitation-al. I would recommend non-reverses are non-forcing.

2) IMPs, None Vulnerable

♠ 2♥ AQ5♦ K54♣ AQ10654

<u>SOUTH</u>	<u>WEST</u>	<u>NORTH</u>	<u>EAST</u>
1♣	Pass	1♠	Pass
2♣	Pass	2♦	Pass
?????			
<u>Action</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Votes</u>	<u>Solvers</u>
2NT	100	6	65
3NT	70	4	165
2♥	50	1	35
3♣	40	0	1
3♦	30	0	13
4NT	20	0	1
4♣	20	0	1
3♥	20	0	2
4♦	20	0	1
3♠	20	0	1
5♦	20	0	1
Pass	20	0	3

Responder has bid 2♦, which is new minor forcing. There could be many reasons why Responder bid 2♦. He could have ♠AQJxxxx♥Kxx♦Ax♣x and you want to be in 6♠. The only way to make a forcing spade bid is to bid new minor and then bid spades. How can he make a forcing spade bid if you jump to 3NT? He could have ♠Axxx♥Kxx♦Ax♣Kxxx and you can easily make 7♣. The only way to make a forcing club raise is to bid new minor and then support clubs. He could bid 4♣, forcing, over 3NT but what if you belong in 3NT? He could have ♠AKxxx♥Kx♦AQJxx♣x and you want to be in 6♦. 3♦ is a splinter if bid directly over 2♣ so you have to bid new minor first and then bid 3♦ to show a game-forcing hand with spades and diamonds. He could have ♠AKxxx♥KJxxx♦Ax♣x and you want to be in 6♥. He couldn't bid 2♥ because Washington Standard says that 2♥ is non-forcing. He couldn't bid 3♥ because Washington Standard says that 3♥ is a splinter raise of clubs. The only way he can force in hearts is by bidding 2♦ first. When partner bids new minor forcing or fourth suit forcing you want to make the cheapest possible descriptive bid. This allows Responder to tell you why he bid new minor or fourth suit. Jumping after new minor or fourth suit could place Responder in a position where he has no way to describe his hand.

Five experts agree with me and bid 2NT.

Hopkins: "2NT—2♦ is artificial and forcing. 2NT leaves the most room for partner to describe his hand. We may be heading towards 3NT or a minor suit slam."

Parker: "2NT—I have showed my sixth club and now can show a good hand for notrump. Bidding 2♥ does not really show such good stoppers. I play 2♦ as new minor forcing promising a rebid."

Lublin: "2NT—As we may have a diamond slam if partner rebids them."

Adams: "2NT—Tempting to bid 3NT to show the extra, but then partner does not show us why he was bidding 2♦. Five-five in the majors, or a club slam try is still possible, and in those cases, I'd rather play something other than 3NT. If partner passes the forcing 2NT with a 5-4-3-1 eleven-count, we might be high enough anyway."

Woolsey: "2NT—I have a good heart stopper, and no spade support. Partner's 2♦ call is game-forcing as I play, so no need to take

up extra bidding space with a jump to 3NT as we could easily belong in a minor."

Four experts make it very difficult for partner to describe his hand.

Schwartz: "3NT—If 2NT is forcing, can bid that. If its not, I need to show my extra values and with stuff on both red suits 3NT shows that. Bidding either red suit might imply four."

Cappelletti: "3NT—I like my hand, but it could be a misfit. Since 2NT would be non-forcing, 3NT shows some extra - and suggests a good heart stopper."

Roman: "3NT—Because I like my hand, and all other bids show something I don't have."

Brill: "3NT—The toughest problem of the five. 3NT may be an overbid or it may be an underbid, i.e. 6♦ could be cold. I'd bid 2♥ but have no idea if follow up bids are forcing or not. At least I got to game, when it's right to bid a game. Is 4♦ over 3NT forcing?"

2♦ is game-forcing unless Responder passes a forcing bid but that's not Opener's problem. His duty is to describe his hand and not pass a forcing bid. If you bid 2NT and partner passes, you'll be lucky to make 2NT.

I guess the following expert bids three-card suits in response to Stayman. One of the reasons why Responder bids 2♦ is to find a possible 4-4 heart fit.

Landen: "2♥—I assume 2♦ is quasi-natural and forcing one round. I think I'd prefer partner to declare notrump and if he supports clubs strongly I'll cooperate with any slam try. My second choice is 3NT showing extra values and hearts well stopped."

Don't jump over new minor and fourth suit. A jump might be the last bid your partner wants to hear.

3) IMPs, None Vulnerable

♠ 10♥ 765♦ KJ10874♣ 1053

<u>SOUTH</u>	<u>WEST</u>	<u>NORTH</u>	<u>EAST</u>
	1♦	Dbl	Pass
?????			
<u>Action</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Votes</u>	<u>Solvers</u>
Pass	100	11	218
Other	50	0	71

For all the years I've been writing this column, I've never had a bad problem before. I consider the problem bad if all the experts including myself vote for the same answer. I don't like passing takeout doubles, negative doubles or responsive doubles. I think this will be a good problem if you're

barred from passing the double so this problem will re-appear. Because of that I'm not commenting on other options and have scored all non-passes the same.

If you're not looking at your cards and the auction goes one-of-a-minor – double – Pass – pass to you, you get out of dodge. They are going to beat you and you very likely have a better spot. The same logic applies when the auction goes one-of-a-minor – Pass – Pass – double – pass – pass back to you. You get out of dodge. I would expect West to run from 1♦ doubled unless he has the at least AQ9xx of diamonds. Once they run from 1♦ doubled, you're going to have a difficult problem telling partner that you have nothing.

The problem with passing the takeout double is that partner doubled expecting you to take it out. Have you ever doubled 1♦ with ♠ AKQxxxx♥ AKxx♦ –♣ Ax or ♠ KQJx♥ Ax ♦ –♣ AKQxxxx? I would not like defending 1♦ doubled with these hands. Give him ♠ QJxx♥ Qxxx♦ –♣ AKQxx and they are very likely to make 1♦ doubled. Passing non-penalty doubles are always gambles.

Parker: “Pass—Even they make it, it will not be much of a loss. We will probably not make anything so lets try for a plus by defending.”

Lublin: “Pass—I don't have any problem passing 1♦ doubled.”

Adams: “Pass—There are two ways this auction can develop. If I bid 1♥ or 1NT, I lose any ability to slow partner down. With 1NT, I will go minus in some number of notrump, though probably not doubled. If partner has bad hand I go minus in 1NT. If he has a good hand I go minus in 3NT. With 1♥, I am OK if partner has bad hand since it will be hard for the opponents to double 1♥, but we are in serious trouble if partner has good hand. Easy to get me in 4♥, and opponents will be pleased to see just how bad it is for us.

The other way the auction can develop is if I pass. Some chance we will beat 1♦, some chance they will make one or 2♦. Both of those are tolerable results when compared to what happens if I bid. More likely they run and let me off the hook when partner is weak. If partner strong, we can get out at a low level in notrump or Diamonds. I will not be sitting for a double of 1♠.”

Schwartz: “Pass—Seems clear with those spots, if they make it, we rate to go down more in our contract which might be at an uncomfortable level if we hit partner.”

Hopkins: “Pass—Is there any other possible bid?”

Landen: “Pass—Maybe we can beat them. Maybe they'll run. If I bid 1♥, what else? Partner is liable to get excited and we might do worse than if I passed 1♦ doubled.”

Woolsey: “Pass—We figure to take more tricks in diamonds than anywhere else, and we are only contracting for seven tricks. Bidding 1♥ or 2♣ is just asking for trouble.”

Cappelletti: “Pass—I have to get at least three diamond tricks, and I might get more especially if partner happens to turn up with the Ace, Queen or nine. Think of it as if you are playing 1♦ opposite an opening bid or more.”

Roman: “Pass—Whether this ends up working or not, what else would I do?”

Brill: “Pass—If we missed the heart game at least we're not vulnerable.”

Passing takeout doubles, negative doubles and responsive doubles are gambles. When partner doubles, the last thing on his mind is that you are going to pass it. You really don't want to put partner in a position where, before he doubles, he has to think what would happen if partner passes his double.

4) Matchpoints, You're Vulnerable

♠ K♥ A♦ A976532♣ A85

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
		1♣	Pass
1♦	2♥	Pass	3♥
?????			
Action	Score	Votes	Solvers
4♥	100	6	51
Double	90	2	33
3NT	70	1	136
4NT	50	1	12
5♣	40	0	1
5♦	40	0	15
4♦	40	0	21
4♣	40	0	2
6♦	30	1	4
3♠	30	0	3
5NT	30	0	3
6NT	30	0	5
Pass	20	0	3

Partner probably has the strength of a weak notrump but he doesn't have to have a balanced hand. He could be 4315. If he has four spades, he has a weak opener since he'd bid 2♠ with any excuse. He could have a balanced hand such as 3334, 4333, 4234 or 4324. Even if you're playing support doubles

at the three-level, Opener could still have three diamonds since you need extra values to make a three-level support double. He could have a minimum hand with six clubs such as ♠ Kxx♥ xx♦ Qx♣ AQxxxx. I don't think you're supposed to bid 3♣ over 2♥.

How do you make a forcing bid after the opponents have bid and raised a suit? Two ways. Double and cue bid both show a good hand. If you double, partner will make a bid describing his hand. Obviously, if he has four spades, he'll bid 3♠. Good news is that if he doesn't have four spades, he'll have minor-suit length, which would make slam more inviting. If partner bids 3♠, you can bid 3NT. Partner should figure that if you took a two-step to 3NT, you had other strains in mind. If you really wanted to play 3NT, you would have bid it directly over 3♥.

One expert agrees with me and makes a takeout double. Double of a bid and raised suit should be for takeout. Any non-game bid following your double should be forcing.

Schwartz: “Double—Too good for 3NT and can bid that over partner's expected 3♠. If he doesn't bid 3♠, we have good chances of a slam.”

Six experts cue bid.

Parker: “4♥—I really just want to bid 6♣ and that is where we are headed. Partner's most likely distribution is 4-2-2-5 since I assume he would have doubled 2♥ to show three diamonds. In the unlikely chance he can now raise Diamonds, then we can try for a grand in diamonds. Give him ♠ Ax♥ xx♣ Kxx♣ KQxxxx.”

Lublin: “4♥—I bid 4♥ and then 5♥ over 4♠ and drive it into minor slam.”

Adams: “4♥—We probably have a slam, so 3NT and four-of-a-minor are out. Expect partner to be 4-2-2-5, but other shapes possible. Our most likely slam is 6NT, but seven-of-a-minor still in picture if partner has Kxx of diamonds or Kx and really good clubs. My only nervousness is that partner bids notrump first as some sort of choice, but if that happens, I will retreat to Diamonds. Follow up will depend on partner's choice of minor. In no scenario will our final action be clear. In a weak field, might just bid 6NT directly, as that would grab many matchpoints even if seven-of-a-minor is cold.”

Brill: “4♥—Ed Manfield's choice of game bid. If partner bids 5♦ I'll raise to six, if partner bids 5♣, I'll do more thinking.”

Landen: “4♥—No footnote regarding if support doubles apply, so I assume not. 4♥ intending to follow with 5♦ showing slam

interest. There's a good chance partner has a couple diamonds, maybe even Kx.”

Woolsey: “4♥—This hand is too strong to settle for 3NT. If partner bids 4♠ or 5♣ I'll follow with 5NT, pick a slam.”

One expert ends the auction in 3NT. I could see partner having ♠ xxx♥ xx♦ KQJ♣ KQJxx Down in 3NT cold for minor-suit slam.

Cappelletti: “3NT—I have been effectively preempted. It is most likely that partner has at least eight cards in the black suits, so slam is less than likely.”

Two experts think diamonds. I can guess how 6♦ is going to play if partner has ♠ AQxx♥ xxx♦ x♣ KQJxx.

Roman: “6♦—Sounds like partner has a weak notrump, so I'll bid what I hope I can make. Not 6NT, because that introduces the possibility that I buy a lucky dummy, but the opponents have a black suit lead that can beat 6NT, while 6♦ is cold.”

Hopkins: “4NT—This practical bid should be read as RKC for Diamonds. I can handle all the responses. ♠ Axxx♥ xx♦ K♣ Kxxxx may be good enough opposite if I get a Heart lead in 6♦.”

But if partner has your example hand, don't you want to be in 6♣?

When faced with two bids that are reasonable, make the cheapest.

5) Matchpoints, You're Vulnerable

♠ J2♥ Q♦ AKJ54♣ AKJ8

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
	1♠	Pass	Pass
?????			
Action	Score	Votes	Solvers
Double	100	6	145
2NT	90	3	56
3NT	80	0	3
2♦	80	1	63
3♦	60	1	8
3♠	50	0	5
1NT	50	0	2
Pass	20	0	1
2♠	20	0	6

You have a very good hand but you have two negatives. You don't have a stopper in the opponent's suit and you have shortness in the unbid major. There are bids in passout seat that have a different meaning from the same bid in direct seat. Jumps are weak in direct seat, but intermediate in passout seat. A jump to 3♦ in passout seat shows six or more diamonds and 12-

15 HCP. ♠xx♥xx♦AKQJxx♣Axx would be an average 3♦ bid. This hand contains only five diamonds and has 20 HCP. A jump to 2NT in direct seat shows the two lowest unbid suits at least five-five. A jump to 2NT in balancing seat is natural and shows better than a strong notrump. ♠AQx♥AKx♦Kxx♣Kxxx is an average 2NT bid in passout seat. In this problem, the points are there but the stopper is lacking for a 2NT jump or is it?

Two experts agree with me and show his HCP. If partner is any good, he'll have a spade stopper.

Landen: "2NT—18-20. I have the tricks and points, the least partner can do is provide a little help in spades. Double, followed by bidding diamonds doesn't do justice to this hand's strength."

Roman: "2NT—It will come as a surprise to many that 2NT in balancing seat says I would've opened 2NT, but that's what it shows. Yes, I'd like to have a spade stopper. Double risks partner bidding hearts forever."

Six experts double. Bids made in passout seat can be three points lighter than bids in direct seat, so it's unclear how you are going to show your 20 HCP. Maybe this hand is not worth 20.

Lublin: "Double—I double and bid diamonds and cue bid spades over hearts if partner bids them to get stopper."

Adams: "Double—Not worried about partner bidding too many hearts, if he does, I should have adequate hand. Only real danger is the opponents finding hearts, but I am far too good to let that stop me from competing."

Schwartz: "Double—Followed by 3♦. If partner insists on hearts, he shouldn't be dis-

appointed as having a doubleton heart with a good hand relatively common hand type. 2NT (unusual) is not an option as that bid is needed for a strength showing hand in passout seat."

Woolsey: "Double—I'll take a chance and treat this as three-card heart support, following with 2♠ over the expected 2♥ call. Nothing else comes close to working."

Cappelletti: "Double—And plan to bid diamonds which is stronger than diamond overcall. But even if partner jumps to 4♥, you have enough to cover."

Brill: "Double—No concern about partner leaping too high. Will follow with a spade cue bid."

Two experts bid diamonds. They follow two reasonable rules. Don't bid notrump without a stopper in the opponent's suit and don't make a takeout double without support for the unbid majors.

Hopkins: "2♦—The last time I reopened with a hand similar to this, the opponents ended up in 4♥ making. Maybe the auction will be quieter this time."

The following bid shows one more diamonds and four fewer points.

Parker: "3♦—With wasted points in hearts and spades I will make a bid that shows good diamonds and 13-16 points. Partner can bid 3NT if he has spades stopped and a decent hand."

I must admit that at the table I bid 2NT. The problem was that I was playing with very bad player. Not only did he not have a spade stopper, he didn't even have a heart stopper.

Showing point-count sometimes trumps stoppers. Sometimes the opponents believe you when you show a stopper that you don't have.

SOLVERS' SCORES

John Adams	3♣	2NT	Pass	4♥	Dbl	480
Ben Brill	4♣	3NT	Pass	4♥	Dbl	440
Mike Cappelletti	3♦	3NT	Pass	3NT	Dbl	440
Robbie Hopkins	3♣	2NT	Pass	4NT	2♦	410
Steve Landen	3♦	2♥	Pass	4♥	2NT	440
Glenn Lublin	3♣	2NT	Pass	4♥	Dbl	480
Steve Parker	3♦	2NT	Pass	4♥	3♦	460
Steve Robinson	4♦	2NT	Pass	Dbl	2NT	470
Jeff Roman	3NT	3NT	Pass	6♦	2NT	340
Alan Schwartz	3♦	3NT	Pass	Dbl	Dbl	460
Kit Woolsey	3♣	2NT	Pass	4♥	Dbl	480

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- 7 47.92 Donna Rogall
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- 18 29.81 James Geist
- 19 29.71 Lou Reich
- 20 29.22 Robert Bell
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- 23 22.65 Mark Rosen
- 24 22.59 Michael Gill
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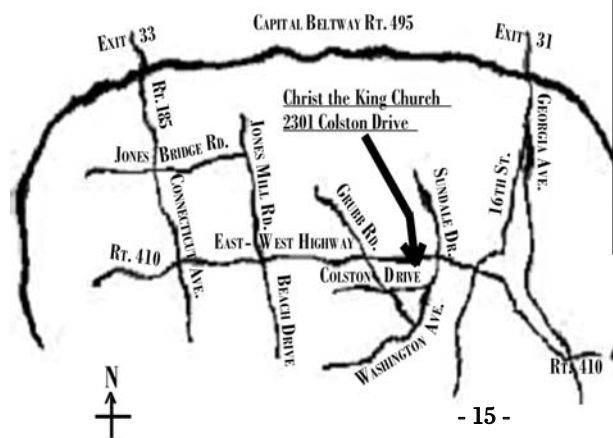
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THE UNIT GAME

by *Chris Miller*, Club Manager and Chief Director

This column answers some frequently asked questions about the WBL Unit Game. If you have any questions about how the Unit Game is run, please contact *Chris Miller* at unitgamedirector@districtsix.org

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... a brief introduction to dummy's rights and duties

What must dummy do?

—Play the cards called by declarer without question or hesitation

Don't **ever** play a card before it is called, even if it is a singleton or one among equals.

Don't question the card called unless it is truly ambiguous; there are rules (Law 46B) on partial designations like "small", "trump", "club", etc. of which the most important is that a call like "club" is defined to mean unambiguously "the lowest club" (so don't respond by saying "which one?"), and "play" means "follow suit with the smallest card"

—Before the opening lead is faced, draw attention to any misexplanation, failure to alert, etc. in the auction

(Strictly speaking, you aren't yet dummy at this point). This is very, very important. It is much easier to rectify the situation before the opening lead than afterwards, and failing to disclose your agreements fully is a serious offense against the proprieties of the game.

—Answer an opponent's properly asked questions about the auction and the partnership's bidding methods

Opponents can ask about your agreements whenever it is their turn to play (doing so may create problems by giving unauthorized information to their partner, but that is not dummy's concern during the hand).

—Call the director **only** if another player at the table drew attention to an irregularity and nobody else called.

Once attention is drawn to an irregularity, anyone can

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Dummy for Dummies, continued from p. 16...

call the director, and it is everyone's duty to do so. In practice, I recommend that dummy holds back from this unless it is clear that nobody else is going to call; this will avoid the invariable additional questions to establish that, yes, you are dummy and yes, it was you who called the director and YES, it was another player who drew attention to the irregularity.

—Give information on matters of fact or law in the presence of the Director

What must dummy not do?

Note that violating any of these will cost some of dummy's rights, in particular the right to check for a possible revoke by declarer, and may well earn a procedural penalty,

—Participate in the play or communicate anything about the play to declarer

—Exchange hands with declarer or walk round the table to watch declarer's play

Exchanging hands slows down the play and many players (I am among them) consider it rude. It is also expressly forbidden by Law 43A2(a).

—Look at any card in either defender's hand ... unless they go out of their way to show you their cards, or seeing them is unavoidable.

What else can dummy do?

Very little! The principal rights (Law 42) are

—Keep track of tricks won and lost

I interpret this to include being allowed to ask to see any card played to the current trick, since you need that information to fulfill this duty; however, not all directors agree with my interpretation.

The Laws allow you to correct declarer in the process of turning the current trick the wrong way; otherwise if you notice a trick turned wrong, say nothing until the end of the hand - correcting the error may illegally affect the line of play planned by a declarer who has miscounted tricks.

—Attempt to prevent partner from leading from the wrong hand

... but once a declarer has faced a card or called one from dummy, it's too late to say anything.

—Prompt partner to check when failing to follow suit

You may ask a question like "No hearts, partner" when declarer discards. The right to do this varies from country to country; in many countries, asking the question establishes the revoke if partner has indeed revoked, so check on local regulations if you're playing outside North America.

2008 WINNERS WINNERS WINNERS WINNERS WINNERS WINNERS WINNERS MAY 7, 2009 ANNUAL MEETING & ELECTIONS REPORT

MINUTES OF THE 2009 WASHINGTON BRIDGE LEAGUE ANNUAL MEETING

The 2009 WBL Annual Meeting was called to order by President **Fred King** at 7:10 PM.

Without objection, the minutes from last year's meeting were approved by the membership. Treasurer, **Steve Robinson** presented the Treasurer's annual report. He noted that the WBL's balance was approximately \$3,000 less than it was a year ago, but that the WBL still has approximately \$51,000 in its treasury, between the checking account and investment account. The Treasurer's Report was approved by the membership without objection.

Fred noted that there would a Youth Tournament on May 9, open to participants 19 years of age and under. A bridge lesson series begins on June 22, see Beta Nehapetian.

Jim Allen, Election Chair, conducted the election of unit officers and directors. As there were no additional nominees, Officers **Don Berman** (President), **Richard Ferrin** (Vice President), **Ellen Cherniavsky** (Secretary), and **Fred King** (Treasurer) were elected by acclamation. For non-officer directors, there were

—When play of the hand is complete, draw attention to an irregularity

After the hand, you can and may draw attention to any revokes, wrongly turned tricks, etc. If there is any possibility of dispute - and among bridge players, there is *always* a possibility of dispute - I recommend quickly asking everyone to leave the quitted tricks face down on the table exactly as played, then calling the director and explaining what you think has happened.

—Buy the next round of drinks

According to David Burn, a leading English director, this is dummy's primary duty rather than a mere right. Now, if only we had a bar at the Unit Game ...

four openings, and four candidates: **Carole Banks**, **Hank Meyer**, **Clyde Kruskal**, and **Ron Zucker**. One of the posts is for one year (the post vacated by Ellen Cherniavsky, the new Secretary), and the other three are for two years. Ron Zucker has agreed to fill the one-year post. A motion was made to suspend the rules and elect the four by acclamation, with Ron Zucker filling the one-year slot. The motion passed unanimously.

Fred next presented the Mini-McKenney and Ace of Clubs awards.

Fred then took the opportunity to recognize the volunteers who had been instrumental in preparing and serving the wonderful food that we had. Fred concluded by presenting his President's Awards, recognizing three special volunteers who have contributed greatly to the WBL over the years: **Nadine Wood**, **Kitty Gottfried**, and **Ted Ying**.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:28 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Richard Ferrin, Secretary

ACE OF CLUBS WINNERS

0 to 5	
James Metzger , Bethesda MD	26.49
5 to 20	
Betty Frain , Potomac MD	31.09
20 to 50	
Patti Anschutz , Chevy Chase MD	40.54
50 to 100	
Richard Wedgewood , Darnestown MD	50.71
100 to 200	
Alfred Caponiti , Rockville MD	80.50
200 to 300	
Roger Laumark , Bethesda MD	80.34
300 to 500	
Robert Claypool , Silver Spring MD	78.94
500 to 1000	
Roma Chandra , Bethesda MD	108.49
1000 to 2500	
Steven Schatzow , Frankford DE	167.91
2500 to 5000	
Eileen Theimer , Germantown MD	130.54
5000 to 7500	
Leo LaSota , Olney MD	119.95
7500 to 10,000	
Barbara Shaw , Laurel MD	91.81
Over 10,000	
Eugene Kales , Arlington VA	146.41

MINI-MCKENNEY WINNERS

0 to 5	
James Metzger , Bethesda MD	45.80
5 to 20	
Bernadette Merceron , Washington DC	62.28
20 to 50	
Patti Anschutz , Chevy Chase MD	87.16
50 to 100	
Kay Miller , Washington DC	138.93
100 to 200	
Calvin Konner , Rockville MD	149.60
200 to 300	
Alfred Liepold , Bethesda MD	138.67
300 to 500	
Robert Claypool , Silver Spring MD	214.69
500 to 1000	
Roma Chandra , Bethesda MD	382.30
1000 to 2500	
Barry Bragin , Silver Spring MD	555.33
2500 to 5000	
Lynn Jones , Timonium MD	530.07
5000 to 7500	
Leo LaSota , Laurel MD	511.22
7500 to 10,000	
Fred King , Falls Church VA	791.79
Over 10,000	
Steve Robinson , Arlington VA	868.68

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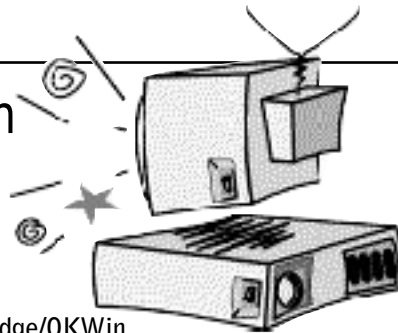
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Results

**TOP TEN CUMULATIVE
POINT WINNERS**

All Players

1	38.01	<i>Steve Robinson</i>
2	35.08	.....	Leo LaSota
3	28.32	.....	William Hacker
4	24.96	.....	William Cole
5	23.17	.....	Clyde Kruskal
	23.17	.....	Donna Rogall
7	23.07	.....	Richard Wegman
8	20.67	.....	Peter Boyd
9	18.14	.....	Jeff Roman
10	17.50	.....	Stephen Landen

Players with fewer than 1500 masterpoints

1	17.23	.....	<i>Mark Rosen</i>
2	14.51	.....	Eugene Fisher
3	10.36	.....	Linda Marshall
4	9.50	.....	Arun Guha
5	9.11	.....	Margie Coccodrilli
6	9.00	.....	Eleanor Bragin
7	8.26	.....	Ronald Zucker
8	7.61	.....	Alfred Liepold
9	6.53	.....	Ernie Schuler
10	6.48	.....	Joseph Pregosin

Players with fewer than 500 masterpoints

1	9.50	.....	<i>Arun Guha</i>
2	7.61	.....	Alfred Liepold
3	6.53	.....	Ernie Schuler
4	6.48	.....	Joseph Pregosin
5	6.34	.....	Carol Elfant
6	6.04	.....	Albert Stolpe
7	5.93	.....	Alfred Caponiti
8	5.77	.....	Michelle Zygielbaum
9	5.45	.....	Edmund Gehan
10	5.43	.....	Daniel Finn
10	5.85	.....	Hadi Abushakra

Players with fewer than 100 masterpoints

1	6.53	.....	<i>Ernie Schuler</i>
2	6.48	.....	Joseph Pregosin
3	6.04	.....	Albert Stolpe
4	5.45	.....	Edmund Gehan
5	4.53	.....	Gabriel Cornett
6	4.41	.....	Thad Uehling
7	4.00	.....	Bernadette Merceron
8	3.82	.....	Rachelle Sladoff
	3.82	.....	Rochelle Hilton
10	3.68	.....	Eldon Compton

THUR EVE A/X PAIRS

Stratum A, 36.0 Tables / Based on 91



1	Leo LaSota - William Hacker	.....	.61.78
2	Eric Branfman - Carl Nelson	.....	.61.20
3	Linda Marshall - Margie Coccodrilli	.....	.60.41
4	Clyde Kruskal - Donna Rogall	.....	.58.64
5	William Cole - David Ruderman	.....	.58.11
6	John Adams - Lou Reich	.....	.58.01
7	Benjamin Stauss - David Vendittis	.....	.57.90
8	Thomas Lavender - Terry Lavender	.....	.57.18
9	Margot Hennings - Donald Hennings	.....	56.71
10	Steve Reed - Jeff Roman	.....	.56.25

Stratum X, 15.5 Tables

1	Linda Marshall - Margie Coccodrilli	.....	.60.41
2	Benjamin Stauss - David Vendittis	.....	.57.90
3	Barry James - Diane Jaworiwsky	.....	.55.37
4	Paul Black - Suzanne Abrams	.....	.55.32
5	Bruce Bromberg - Allen Lord	.....	.54.60
6	Bruce Roberts - Ted Ying	.....	.54.00

THUR EVE B/C/D PAIRS

Stratum B, 29.5 Tables



1	Raymond Gallucci - Sym Gallucci	.....	.67.80
2	Irv Kipnis - William Kingery Jr	.....	.64.40
3	James Wisman - Edgar MacArthur	.....	.62.50
4	Bryan Macpherson - Richard Mersch	.....	60.60
5	Helen Long - Alfred Liepold	.....	.60.42
6	Terry Jones - Kathrine Loh	.....	.59.66

Stratum C, 24.0 Tables

1	Irv Kipnis - William Kingery Jr	.....	.64.40
2	James Wisman - Edgar MacArthur	.....	.62.50
3	Bryan Macpherson - Richard Mersch	.....	60.60
4	Helen Long - Alfred Liepold	.....	.60.42
5	Terry Jones - Kathrine Loh	.....	.59.66
6	Fred Gramlich - James Raber	.....	.58.22

Stratum D, 12.5 Tables

1	James Wisman - Edgar MacArthur	.....	.62.50
2	Helen Long - Alfred Liepold	.....	.60.42
3	Fred Gramlich - James Raber	.....	.58.22
4	Elinor Stolar - Bernadette Merceron	.....	.58.14
5	Elizabeth Williamson - Roger Williamson	.....	57.95
6	Carol Elfant - Azmat Ali	.....	.55.30

THURS EVE NLM PAIRS @ WBL

Stratum A, 15.0 Tables



- 1 Edmund Gehan - Jim Metzger69.89
- 2 Eugene Massey - Joanne Massey Howes 64.58
- 3 Arun Guha - Jose Porres59.66
- 4 Frank Hatten - Ernie Schuler58.33
- 5 Alan Walter - Joseph Pregosin57.95
- 6 Andrew Jacknain - Stanley Katzman .55.68

Stratum B, 11.5 Tables

- 1 Edmund Gehan - James Metzger69.89
- 2 Eugene Massey - Joanne Massey Howes 64.58
- 3 Frank Hatten - Ernie Schuler58.33
- 4 Alan Walter - Joseph Pregosin57.95
- 5 Andrew Jacknain - Stanley Katzman .55.68
- 6 Hanna Wagner - Mark Feldman54.92

Stratum C, 7.0 Tables

- 1 Edmund Gehan - James Metzger69.89
- 2 Eugene Massey - Joanne Massey Howes 64.58
- 3 Andrew Jacknain - Stanley Katzman .55.68
- 4 Hanna Wagner - Mark Feldman54.92
- 5 Martha Stout - Michael Kuehl53.60

THUR EVE 199ER PAIRS @ NVBA

Stratum A, 10.0 Tables

- 1 M. David Jackson - Maggie Burke . . .66.46
- 2 Dan Emmons - Ming-Yee Tsang60.63
- 3 James Hewitt - Daniel Barthell60.33
- 4 Roy Robson - Kenneth Marshall58.12
- 5 Walt Pumo - Janice Pumo57.14
- 6 Virginia Ivin - Hannelore Suffridge . .54.46

Stratum B, 7.0 Tables

- 1 Dan Emmons - Ming-Yee Tsang60.63
- 2 James Hewitt - Daniel Barthell60.33
- 3 Roy Robson - Kenneth Marshall58.12
- 4 Walt Pumo - Janice Pumo57.14
- 5 Virginia Ivin - Hannelore Suffridge . .54.46

Stratum C, 3.0 Tables

- 1 Dan Emmons - Ming-Yee Tsang60.63
- 2 James Hewitt - Daniel Barthell60.33

FRIDAY MORN OPEN PAIRS

Stratum A, 17.0 Tables / Based on 33



- 1 Leon Letwin - Donald Berman60.53
- 2 Helen Solomon - Rae Newman59.47
- 3 Thomas Lavender - John Klayman . . .59.24
- 4 Barry Bragin - Mark Cohen58.82
- 5 Linda Marshall - Steven Schatzow . . .57.34
- 6 Mark Rosen - Eugene Fisher56.05

Stratum B, 12.5 Tables

- 1 Helen Solomon - Rae Newman59.47
- 2 Mark Rosen - Eugene Fisher56.05
- 3 Linda Smith - Gerald Marcovsky . . .55.40
- 4 Malvern Sheffield, Jr - Martha Mangano 54.12
- 5 Tsung Lee - Juan Pardo53.84
- 6 Sally Garfinkel - Abdul Masood53.46

Stratum C, 3.5 Tables

- 1 Tsung Lee - Juan Pardo53.84
- 2 Alfred Caponiti - Alfred Liepold53.08
- 3 Marvin Raines - Linda Burton48.96

FRIDAY MORN NLM PAIRS

Stratum A, 16.0 Tables



- 1 Sybil Cantor - Barbara Ranhand63.26
- 2 Arun Guha - Beth Wisinski59.28
- 3 Marilyn Rubinstein - Herbert Rubinstein56.06
- 4 Bernice Felix - Susan Weiss55.68
- 5 Thad Uehling - Joseph Pregosin55.49
- 6 Jennifer Elliott - Ronnie Loeser55.30

Stratum B, 11.5 Tables

- 1 Sybil Cantor - Barbara Ranhand63.26
- 2 Marilyn Rubinstein - Herbert Rubinstein56.06
- 3 Bernice Felix - Susan Weiss55.68
- 4 Thad Uehling - Joseph Pregosin55.49
- 5 Jennifer Elliott - Ronnie Loeser55.30
- 6 Steve Graves - Annapurna Satpathy .55.11

Stratum C, 5.0 Tables

- 1 M Amey - David Amey54.55
- 2 Cliff Hendrickson - David King52.08
- 3 Susan Morris - William Morris50.76
- 4 Duane Webster - Carol Webster49.05

FRIDAY AFT A/X PAIRS

Stratum A, 15.0 Tables / Based on 41



- 1 Mark Rosen - Eugene Fisher67.53
- 2 Leo LaSota - Noble Shore62.91
- 3 Kenneth Davis - Herbert Fallin Jr . . .60.89
- 4 Barry Falgout - Earl Glickstein56.80
- 5 Alice Wegman - John Glynn54.72
- 6 Robert Levey - Jimmy Ritzenberg . . .54.57

Stratum X, 7.0 Tables

- 1 Mark Rosen - Eugene Fisher67.53
- 2 Alice Wegman - John Glynn54.72
- 3 Robert Levey - Jimmy Ritzenberg . . .54.57
- 4 William Zane - Mark Cohen53.18
- 5 Barry Bragin - Louis Geller53.06

FRIDAY AFT B/C/D PAIRS

Stratum B, 9.0 Tables



- 1 David Loken - Kathrine Loh65.48
- 2/3 Alfred Caponiti - Alfred Liepold . . .64.29
- 2/3 Gerald Marcovsky - Linda Smith . . .64.29
- 4 Arun Guha - Beth Wisinski59.52
- 5 Barbara Israel - Jean Buchsbaum . . .52.98

Stratum C, 7.5 Tables

- 1 David Loken - Kathrine Loh65.48
- 2 Alfred Caponiti - Alfred Liepold64.29
- 3 Arun Guha - Beth Wisinski59.52
- 4 Barbara Israel - Jean Buchsbaum . . .52.98
- 5 Marie Berard - Michael Berard50.30

Stratum D, 3.5 Tables

- 1 Alfred Caponiti - Alfred Liepold64.29
- 2 Arun Guha - Beth Wisinski59.52
- 3 Marie Berard - Michael Berard50.30

FRIDAY AFT NLM PAIRS

Stratum A, 17.0 Tables



- 1 Joseph Pregosin - Thad Uehling65.15
- 2 Bernice Felix - Susan Weiss60.98
- 3/4 Mel Walger - Edwin Rosenberg60.80
- 3/4 Larry Wallace - Joe Hertz60.80
- 5 Barbara Beard - Melva Urban59.28
- 6 Albert Stolpe - S Thom58.52

Stratum B, 10.5 Tables

- 1 Thad Uehling - Joseph Pregosin65.15
- 2 Albert Stolpe - S Thom58.52
- 3 Andrew Lazarus - Arthur Lazarus Jr .57.58
- 4 Mary Iglehart - Geane Schubert55.68
- 5 Richard Moss - J.R. (Jim) Campbell Jr 55.30
- 6 Barbara Levine - Suzanne Kilczewski 54.17

Stratum C, 3.5 Tables

- 1 Albert Stolpe - S Thom58.52
- 2 Mary Iglehart - Geane Schubert55.68
- 3 Richard Moss - J.R. (Jim) Campbell Jr 55.30

FRIDAY EVE A/X IMP PAIRS

Stratum A, 11.0 Tables / Based on 24



- 1 Diane Walker - Benjamin Brill48.29
- 2 Eileen Houghton - Robert Bell46.29
- 3 John Adams - Steve Robinson35.29
- 4 Arnie Frankel - Helene Bauman19.14
- 5 David Grabiner - Arthur McCann17.14
- 6 Donna Rogall - Clyde Kruskal14.43

Stratum X, 5.0 Tables

- 1 Diane Walker - Benjamin Brill48.29
- 2 David Grabiner - Arthur McCann . . .17.14
- 3 Kim Smith - John Lowe III-0.29
- 4 Bob Rebelein - Thierry Poirey-2.86

FRIDAY EVE B/C/D IMP PAIRS

Stratum B, 6.0 Tables



- 1 Al Caponiti - Alfred Liepold57.40

- 2 Anthony Hawks - Marty Zupan27.20
- 3 William Nicolai - Lynda Flanger23.80
- 4 Irv Kipnis - Terry Jones17.20

Stratum C, 5.0 Tables

- 1 Alfred Caponiti - Alfred Liepold57.40
- 2 Anthony Hawks - Marty Zupan27.20
- 3 Irv Kipnis - Terry Jones17.20
- 4 Kathleen O'Toole - David Mead12.40

Stratum D, 3.5 Tables

- 1 Alfred Caponiti - Alfred Liepold57.40
- 2 Kathleen O'Toole - David Mead12.40
- 3 Susan Klaber - Tobi Bear1.40

FRIDAY EVE NLM PAIRS

Stratum A, 7.0 Tables



- 1 Edmund Gehan - Gerald O'Dell58.33
- 2 Susan Thom - Albert Stolpe55.95
- 3/4 Edwin Rosenberg - Mel Walger55.56
- 3/4 Marie Berard - Michael Berard55.56
- 5 Thad Uehling - Joseph Pregosin53.97

Stratum B, 5.0 Tables

- 1 Edmund Gehan - Gerald O'Dell58.33
- 2 Susan Thom - Albert Stolpe55.95
- 3 Thad Uehling - Joseph Pregosin53.97
- 4 Suzanne Kilczewski - Pamela Bacher 52.38

Stratum C, 2.5 Tables

- 1 Susan Thom - Albert Stolpe55.95
- 2 Michael Watts - Sheila Kaplan51.19

SATURDAY MORN B/C/D PAIRS

Stratum B, 23.0 Tables



- 1 Ross Bley - Martha Bley63.69
- 2 Albert Stolpe - Andrea Stanley-Miller63.39
- 3/4 Roma Chandra - Robert Claypool . . .59.82
- 3/4 Georgia Lyhus - Arlan Lyhus59.82
- 5/6 Howard Tash - Martin Reed58.63
- 5/6 Tsung Lee - Winnie Yonkers58.63

Stratum C, 18.5 Tables

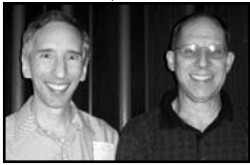
- 1 Ross Bley - Martha Bley63.69
- 2 Albert Stolpe - Andrea Stanley-Miller63.39
- 3 Georgia Lyhus - Arlan Lyhus59.82
- 4/5 Howard Tash - Martin Reed58.63
- 4/5 Tsung Lee - Winnie Yonkers58.63
- 6 Albert Lauber - James Beller57.44

Stratum D, 10.5 Tables

- 1 Albert Stolpe - Andrea Stanley-Miller63.39
- 2 Tsung Lee - Winnie Yonkers58.63
- 3 Albert Lauber - James Beller57.44
- 4 Marilyn Udell - Maida Crocicchia . . .55.95
- 5 Paul Chassy - Reina Chassy54.17
- 6 Jason Stewart - James Key53.27

SATURDAY MORN NLM PAIRS

Stratum A, 16.0 Tables



- 1 Ernie Schuler - Robert Sturm70.33
- 2 Barbara Beard - Melva Urban67.73
- 3 Agnes Gavin - A. Carol Davis64.84
- 4 Rachelle Sladoff - Rochelle Hilton . .61.26
- 5 Beth Wisinski - Gary Wisinski58.97
- 6 Mel Walger - Fred Calhoun58.18

Stratum B, 11.5 Tables

- 1 Rachelle Sladoff - Rochelle Hilton .61.26
- 2 Janet Henriksen - Dennis Sponholtz 57.49
- 3 Anne Vaeth - Ed Krest57.27
- 4 Sandy Lee - Phyllis Cohen57.01
- 5 Garry Grossman - Larry Wallace . . .55.34
- 6 Cynthia Harrison - Amelia Montjoy .54.08

Stratum C, 6.0 Tables

- 1 Rachelle Sladoff - Rochelle Hilton .61.26
- 2 Janet Henriksen - Dennis Sponholtz 57.49
- 3 Sandy Lee - Phyllis Cohen57.01
- 4 Garry Grossman - Larry Wallace . . .55.34

WBL TROPHY PAIRS

10.0 Tables / Based on 60



- 1 Steve Robinson - Stephen Landen . .73.84
- 2 Leo LaSota - William Hacker66.74
- 3 Richard Wegman - David Ruderman .64.02
- 4 Clyde Kruskal - Donna Rogall63.73
- 5 Lou Reich - John Adams62.57
- 6 Martin Graf - Mark Shaw58.56
- 7 Glenn Lublin - Benjamin Brill58.29
- 8 Peter Boyd - William Cole53.93
- 9 Ann Ingram - Mita Banerjee53.71
- 10 Rose Berman - Audrey Marbach . . .52.11
- 11 Eric Branfman - Carl Nelson52.05
- 12 Julian Boyce - Donald Berman50.91

SATURDAY AFT A/X PAIRS

Stratum A, 10.0 Tables



- 1 Hailong Ao - Jian-Jian Wang62.80
- 2 Kenneth Davis - Bruce Houston . . .62.50
- 3 Timothy Smith - Marshall Kuschner .59.82
- 4/5 John Glynn - M Cassandra Smith . .55.06
- 4/5 Jonathan Siegel - Malcolm Stewart .55.06
- 6/7 Winston Edwards - Clarice Reid . .54.46
- 6/7 Terry Feetham - Linda Marshall . .54.46

Stratum X, 6.5 Tables

- 1 Hailong Ao - Jian-Jian Wang62.80
- 2/3 John Glynn - M Cassandra Smith . .55.06
- 2/3 Jonathan Siegel - Malcolm Stewart .55.06
- 4 Nancy Kramer - Pamela Bowman . .54.17
- 5 Katherine Rabenstein - Daniel Feldman 49.40

SATURDAY AFT B/C/D PAIRS

Stratum B, 15.0 Tables



- 1 Michael Lawrence - Craig Olson . . .61.93
- 2 Dennis Schwanz - Kevin O'Brien . .61.74
- 3 Jane De Briyn - Carol Mumma60.61
- 4 Frank Hatten - James Davenport, Jr .60.42
- 5 Georgia Lyhus - Arlan Lyhus59.47
- 6 Ruth Schrider - Patrice Gordon . . .57.58

Stratum C, 12.5 Tables

- 1 Michael Lawrence - Craig Olson . . .61.93
- 2 Jane De Briyn - Carol Mumma60.61
- 3 Frank Hatten - James Davenport, Jr .60.42
- 4 Georgia Lyhus - Arlan Lyhus59.47
- 5 Ruth Schrider - Patrice Gordon . . .57.58
- 6 Daniel Finn - Carol Elfant56.44

Stratum D, 7.0 Tables

- 1 Frank Hatten - James Davenport, Jr .60.42
- 2 Daniel Finn - Carol Elfant56.44
- 3 Albert Lauber - James Beller55.30
- 4 James Metzger - Alfred Liepold . . .53.79
- 5 J Lasek - Irwin Yanus52.08

SATURDAY AFT NLM PAIRS

Stratum A, 17.0 Tables



- 1 Robert Sturm - Ernie Schuler66.48
- 2 Phyllis Isler - Morton Isler60.11
- 3 David King - Cliff Hendrickson . . .59.87
- 4 Barbara Beard - Melva Urban59.19
- 5 Ed Krest - Anne Vaeth56.96
- 6 Marco Latini - Gerald O'Dell56.58

Stratum B, 13.5 Tables

- 1 Phyllis Isler - Morton Isler60.11
- 2 David King - Cliff Hendrickson . . .59.87
- 3 Ed Krest - Anne Vaeth56.96
- 4 Marco Latini - Gerald O'Dell56.58
- 5 Sandy Lee - Phyllis Cohen55.36
- 6 Cynthia Harrison - Amelia Montjoy .55.11

Stratum C, 7.0 Tables

- 1 David King - Cliff Hendrickson . . .59.87
- 2 Sandy Lee - Phyllis Cohen55.36
- 3 Henry Thompson - Betty Thompson .52.48
- 4 Debby Bailine - Lynn Frankenfield .50.66
- 5 Rochelle Hilton - Rachelle Sladoff .49.17

SUNDAY A/X BAM TEAMS

Stratum A, 13 Tables / Based on 51



- 1 William Cole - Steve Robinson - Peter Boyd - Jeff Roman31.50
- 2 Lyle Poe Jr - Brad Theurer - Richard Wegman - Fred King29.00
- 3/4 Eugene Kales - Donna Rogall - Clyde Kruskal - Ronald Kral25.00
- 3/4 Jim Wakefield - Ronald Zucker - Ted Ying - Helene Bauman25.00
- 5 Noble Shore - Michael Gill - Robert Bell - Earl Glickstein24.75

Stratum X, 5 Tables

- 1 Thomas Musso - Ellen Cherniavsky - Diane Walker - Kenton Schoen24.50
- 2/3 Mark Rosen - Lloyd Rawley - Steven Schatzow - James Geist22.50
- 2/3 Ann Ingram - Mita Banerjee - Eileen Theimer - Charleen Brand22.50

SUNDAY B/C/D SWISS TEAMS

Stratum B, 30 Tables



- 1 Barry Bragin - Eleanor Bragin - Melissa Price - Richard Price111.00
- 2 John Glynn - Ronald Susi - Charles Young Jr - Lynn Boardman107.00
- 3 Jeffrey Kosnett - Alice Wegman - Karen Fireman - Janet Dence92.00
- 4 Debnarayan Dhar - Dharendra Ghosh - Richard Veach - Gloria Halstead . .86.00
- 5/6 Arun Guha - Sorina Negulescu - John Mattioli - Michelle Zygielbaum . . .85.00
- 5/6 Rex Settle - Gail Zamboni - Anne Derbes - Robert Schwab85.00
- 7 Roma Chandra - Robert Claypool - Eugene Fisher - Adrienne Fisher81.00
- 8 Norman Sweed - Ronnie Sweed - Carol Elfant - Daniel Finn80.00
- 9 John Lowe III - Mohsen Esfandiary - Edward Rodrigues - Bruce Bucklinger .79.00

Stratum C, 16 Tables

- 1 Arun Guha - Sorina Negulescu - John Mattioli - Michelle Zygielbaum . . .85.00
- 2 Norman Sweed - Ronnie Sweed - Carol Elfant - Daniel Finn80.00
- 3 Azmat Ali - David Epstein - Bernadette Merceron - M. Josette Johnson . . .78.00
- 4 Ron Starr - Millie Reizenstein - Jerry Pruzan - Sally Garfinkel74.00
- 5 Neal Rosenthal - Ellen Rosenthal - Jon Ranhand - Linda Barton73.00

Stratum D, 7 Tables

- 1 Norman Sweed - Ronnie Sweed - Carol Elfant - Daniel Finn80.00
- 2 Azmat Ali - David Epstein - Bernadette Merceron - M. Josette Johnson . . .78.00
- 3 Ron Starr - Millie Reizenstein - Jerry Pruzan - Sally Garfinkel74.00

SUNDAY MORN NLM SWISS TEAMS

Stratum A, 8 Tables



- 1/2 Eldon Compton - Gabriel Cornett - Robert Dorosin - Eleanor Schwartz51.00
- 1/2 Marilyn Rubinstein - Herbert Rubinstein - Jim Anschutz - Patti Anschutz51.00
- 3/4 Sybil Cantor - Barbara Ranhand - Shelby Herman - Sheila Targan50.00
- 3/4 Val Lubbers - Loris Patterson - Frances Abramson - Madeline Logee50.00

Stratum B, 3 Tables

- 1 Marilyn Rubinstein - Herbert Rubinstein - Jim Anschutz - Patti Anschutz51.00

SUNDAY AFT NLM SWISS TEAMS

Stratum A, 7 Tables



- 1 Robert Dorosin - Eleanor Schwartz - Gabriel Cornett - Eldon Compton . .50.00
- 2/3 Frances Abramson - Val Lubbers - Madeline Logee - Loris Patterson . .36.00
- 2/3 Beth Wisinski - Gary Wisinski - Rochelle Hilton - Rachelle Sladoff36.00

Stratum B, 3 Tables

- 1 Sheila Kaplan - Michael Watts - Spencer Berg - Phyllis Berg32.00

SUNDAY - WBL ADVANCED CLASS GAME

Stratum A, 8.0 Tables

- 1 Jennifer McKay - Alexander Gretsinger 72.22
- 2 Bill Eisner - Roz Eisner65.28
- 3 Sidney Fogelman - Sylvia Fogelman .63.89
- 4 Robert Brown - Fawn Brown56.94
- 5/6 Elizabeth Reed - Daniel Pratt54.17
- 5/6 Martha Stout - Michael Kuehl . . .54.17

Stratum B, 7.0 Tables

- 1 Jennifer McKay - Alexander Gretsinger 72.22
- 2 Bill Eisner - Roz Eisner65.28
- 3 Sidney Fogelman - Sylvia Fogelman .63.89
- 4 Robert Brown - Fawn Brown56.94
- 5 Elizabeth Reed - Daniel Pratt54.17

Stratum C, 5.0 Tables

- 1 Jennifer McKay - Alexander Gretsinger 72.22
- 2 Bill Eisner - Roz Eisner65.28
- 3 Elizabeth Reed - Daniel Pratt54.17
- 4 Diane Lipskind - Irving Lipskind . .52.78

YOUR NABC IS ALMOST HERE! 23 JULY — 2 AUGUST 2009

And we sure hope you're planning to play as much as possible! There have been articles in the District 6 TableTALK and in the ACBL Bulletin, plus your local Tournament Chairs Margot Hennings and Fred King have been getting information out locally and talking it up for months, so I'm sure you know a lot about what will be happening. Just in case, though, you can feel free to contact the following people for specific information about the named topics:

First and foremost, Adrienne Kuehneman at ade8888@netzero.net to **volunteer** for almost anything you can think of, from the more traditional functions of registration and partnerships to helping players find a restaurant they like, doing grocery shopping / helping out with our hospitality suites, or helping out with information about the tournament, the city, or our specific tours.

Barb Doran at entertain@districtsix.org for tickets to the *Capitol Steps* and *Alain Nu*, our fabulous mentalist/magician—all hospitality and entertainment at an NABC are **FREE** but tickets to these two shows are recommended to ensure a seat for the performance.

Cecily Kohler at washingtontours@yahoo.com — you may think you've been to all the *sites in DC* but Cecily will be on hand to show you some of her favorite places!

Fred King at fredmking@gmail.com for information about *parking*—\$25 at the host hotel and \$8 a day at the University of the District of Columbia, which is a short 1-mile walk or two metro stops away on the red line from the host hotel Woodley Park/National Zoo stop.

Suzanne Abrams at suzabrams@gmail.com for information about the *Youth NABC* that will be held concurrently with the last few days of the tournament, July 31 and August 1. See the following article for more information.

Ron and Mary Ann Kral, Shawn Stringer, and Lois Geer about the *Intermediate / Newcomer Program* in general, and questions about Bridge University and the "Learn to Play" and "Advance Your Game" lessons being held! See Sandy Forsythe's article all about these programs on page 28.

Stan Schenker at ssschenker@comcast.net to be sure your favorite *caddy* gets to work—but be forewarned that the minimum age for caddying at an NABC is 16 and unfortunately,

there are no exceptions.

And finally.....Margot Hennings at tc@districtsix.org for *anything* that doesn't fit into the above categories! OR check out the D6 website at www.districtsix.org and the ACBL website at www.acbl.org for entertainment, tour, and I/N Program specifics and much more! We hope to see you there!

2ND ANNUAL YOUTH NABC (NORTH AMERICAN BRIDGE CHAMPIONSHIP) IN DC

The *2nd Annual Youth North American Bridge Championships (NABC)* will be held July 30th thru August 1st 2009 at the Marriott Wardman Park hotel, Woodley Park Washington, D.C.

The first Youth NABC was held in Atlanta last summer and was a rousing success with 210 tables of youth from all across the United States over just three days of play. The tournament is open for youth under 20 years of age with fewer than 5000 masterpoints as of July 1, 2009.

Thursday will kick off the Youth NABC with a single session pair event followed by a single session team event in the afternoon. The *Baron Barclay National Youth Open Pairs* will be two sessions on Friday with scholarship awards. Saturday, the *National Swiss Teams* will be held, also awarding scholarship prizes to the winners. Cardroom games (side games for new players) will be available every day, every session. Start times are 10:30 am and 3:00 pm.

Pre-registration can be made on the Youth NABC web site www.youthnabc.org. You can pre-register by May 31st for \$40, saving \$5.00 on the full price registration fee of \$45. At the playing site you can register for the entire tournament (\$45), or simply purchase an entry for one day (\$15). Single session entries will also be sold each day for \$5.

The bridge play will be fun, but that's not all! There will be trophies for the winners, gifts, t-shirts, and box lunches for all-day players. There will be fabulous entertainment after the conclusion of the 3 p.m. sessions each day. On Thursday at 6 p.m., we will have a juggler in the Thurgood Marshall Ballroom followed by a special dessert reception for youth, their parents, and sponsors in the hospitality suite. On Friday night, there will be a magician, and a reception to honor the winners is planned for Saturday night immediately following the second session of play.

Be sure to tell the young bridge players

you know about the tournament. And when you are at the "regular" NABC (July 23 – August 2), stop by, for it is a very gratifying experience to see young people so taken with bridge. Better yet, volunteer to help out and see "up close and personal" just how great youth bridge can be! Contact Shawn Stringer at shstringer@aol.com to volunteer.

For specific questions about Registration, contact Fred Gramlich at fmggramlich@cox.net; for questions about Partnerships, contact Ellen Rosenthal at ellenandneal@gmail.com. For general questions: Suzanne Abrams, co-chair suzayouthnabc@gmail.com.

2ND ANNUAL WBL YOUTH BRIDGE TOURNAMENT MAY 9, 2009 RESULTS

from Tournament Chair, Ellen Rosenthal

Seven elementary school students and two high schoolers attended the *2nd Annual WBL Youth Tournament* held at Mark Lavine's Rockville Bridge Club. Thomas Jefferson High School students, **Dan Emmons** and **David English** placed 4th in their section in the RBC 16 table section open event.

The excitement at the two tables of elementary school students was beyond anyone's imagination. The young students were very comfortable bidding their games, slams and using the "X" card without fear. One such contract was 4♣ X/XX successfully made. Watching their interaction with each other it was clear that coming from different schools wasn't a deterrent from having a great time.

The afternoon was highlighted by **Steve Robinson's** participation. Steve orchestrated a seven-round, individual movement for the kids, talked 'bridge' with them, kept the hand tally scoring, and delighted everyone with his presence.

Theresa Ahn and **Eugene Park** received trophies for tying first/second; **Maria Brown** and brother **Nick Brown** received trophies for tying third/fourth. All students received a

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

Tue: 7pm (Tues. only at Rockville Senior Center—see www.rockvilledbc.com for directions.)

WBL certificate for their participation.

Many thanks to volunteers for the day, **Suzanne Abrams, Reina and Paul Chassy, Fred Gramlich, Jim Mattioli, Lucy and Jim Pestaner, Steve Robinson, and Roy Tibery**. Appreciation also to **Amy Bloom, Elaine Conroy** and **Fred King** for their assistance with organizing the event.

BRIDGE IN SCHOOLS NEWS

Our area School Bridge League participated in the *Earth Day Tournament*. Congratulations Tilden Middle School Students! Kudos also for their teacher, Mark Rosen, who has been their leader for five years. The Earth Day Tournament is one of several tournaments in which students nationwide may participate during the school year. Let this be an inspiration for all students and teachers.

Earth Day Tournament Results

Mark Wurzel and **Ming Yang** came in 2nd in their bracket (B, less than one year bridge) and 4th overall with 76%.

Chan Gu and **Jackson Beach** came in 25th overall with 65%.

There were 101 "B" pairs, and 178 pairs overall.



NLM MASTER POINTERS

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

THE TOP 12 REASONS YOU SHOULD PLAY IN THE SUMMER NABC!

There's something for everyone at the Summer NABC, but there's even more for newer players! Aside from the excitement of thousands of bridge players all gathered in one place, there are parties, prizes, giveaways and more! Ten reasons just won't cover everything, so read on for my top dozen reasons to play:

12. Hand records for all pair games. After every session (except team games) you can get a printout showing what cards everyone held for each deal that you played in that session. The hand records are a great learning tool for discussing with partner how you might have bid or played the cards differently.

11. Go fat free. When you're playing at the tournament, both you and partner should have identical convention cards describing your bidding methods and signaling agreements. For those who play only a few conventions, the ACBL has created a simplified convention card that you may prefer. The SS4 (or "Fat Free Card," as it is affectionately called) is available in the I/N (Intermediate/Newcomer) Program area.

10. Play bridge at midnight. Or 9 a.m. Or 10:30 a.m., 1 p.m., 3 p.m. or 7:30, or almost any time in between. Whatever your schedule, you can fit in a game. The intermediate/newcomer schedule is especially convenient, with separate sessions starting most days at 10:30, 3 and 7:30. You can get two sessions in and still be home for dinner if you like, without even having to get up at the crack of dawn!

9. Bring the kids! (Or grandkids.) The 2009 Youth NABC will also take place at the Marriott Wardman Park hotel, on the final weekend of

the tournament. Young bridge players who are 19 years of age or under and have less than 5000 ACBL masterpoints (or equivalent) as of July 1 are eligible. Pre-registration is required by July 1. For more information, go to the ACBL website at www.acbl.org and click on "Youth NABC" on the Washington NABC page.

8. Look at all the colors. As you begin accumulating masterpoints, you'll need a certain number of silver, red and gold points to achieve the ranks of Sectional Master, Regional Master, NABC Master and Life Master. With a few exceptions, these colored points are awarded only at tournaments: silver points at sectionals, red points at regionals and nationals, and gold points for the top winners of certain games at regionals and nationals designated as "NABC Events." At the Summer NABC, gold points will be awarded to the top winners in the National 199er Pairs.

7. Free stuff. Check in at the main tournament desk for your free registration gift. Then sign in at the I/N desk for another free gift! Collect a trophy or a prize if you win. There's lots of free stuff to be had, especially for newer players!

6. Free food and entertainment. Famous Washington area hospitality will be prevalent throughout the tournament, from late night snacks and entertainment to vugraph with live commentary; from hospitality suite receptions to snack bar discounts. Catch The Capitol Steps, the nationally known, wildly popular musical comedy troupe, after the evening session on the first Saturday, July 25. (Check out their videos on YouTube!) On Wednesday night acclaimed magician Alain Nu will perform. (Advance reservations for both The Capitol Steps and Alain Nu are required and may be obtained by emailing Barb Doran at entertainment@districtsix.org.) Other late

night entertainment will include Hollywood Squares featuring popular bridge personalities, chamber music, piano, juggling and more.

For those who don't want to stay up that late, Washington Post columnist (and bridge player) Bob Levey and his wife Jane will give their funny and informative talk, Inside Washington, at 6:30 p.m. on Sunday July 26. Plus, there will be three special receptions just for I/N players: at 6:30 p.m. on Saturday July 25, Wednesday July 29 and Friday July 31.

5. Free lessons. Lots of free lessons! Half-hour mini lessons every day at 9:45 a.m. and 6:45 p.m. in the I/N area, taught by such celebrities as Jeff Roman, Audrey Grant, Leslie Shafer, Jerry Helms and others. "Bridge University," a series of 45-minute classes offered by eight local teachers from 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday July 25, preceded by a lesson from Audrey Grant at 9. Two-hour lessons by Bridge Bulletin columnist Jerry Helms and ABTA Master Teacher Amy Nellissen. All day classes for people who have never played and those who want to advance their game, taught by WBL favorites Shawn Stringer and Lois Geer. For a complete list of classes and I/N activities, click on "Just for Newcomers" on the ACBL website's Washington NABC page.

4. Bragging rights! Impress your friends with tales of your exploits at the bridge table. "Have I told you about the slam I made when I played at the Nationals?" you'll say. And gentlemen in England now-a-bed will think themselves accursed they were not there! Then you'll show them your winner's photo that was posted in the I/N room, and you'll say, "This photo I got on Crispin's Day." (With apologies to William Shakespeare...don't tell me you didn't recognize the quote from Henry V!)

3. Non-Life Master games. Play with your peers! There'll be separate games for players with 0-5 points, and under 20, 50, 100,

200 and 300 points almost every day at 10:30, 3 and 7:30. You don't have to get beat up by Life Masters! (Unless you want to.) No one with more than the stated upper limit of masterpoints may play in these games, but most ACBL events have no lower limit. You can always play "up" if you want to.

2. Free plays! And half price plays! (Did I mention there's lots of free stuff?) On Friday July 24, all players with fewer than 5 masterpoints can play for free in all sessions. On Sunday and Monday check out the free Bridge Plus and Happy Bridge games for players with 0-5 and 0-50 points, respectively. And if you buy a regular-priced entry for the first weekend of the tournament (Friday-Sunday), you'll also get a half-price entry for the second weekend (Friday-Sunday).

...and the number one reason to play in the 2009 Summer NABC:

1. It's in D.C.! How often can you take the Metro to Nationals? No long drive or plane fare, no hotel bill; just all the excitement and variety and perks of an NABC! It's like a presidential inauguration with cards...but it comes to D.C. only once or twice in a decade. So plan now to play, and I'll see you there!

STEPPING UP TO NEW HEIGHTS:

As of May 1, 2009

Junior Masters

(5 Masterpoints)

Mrs Caroline S Despard
Ms Yasmin C Jiwa
Mr Lester A Lee
Mr Michael S Leibelson
Dr Srinivasan Rangarajan
Gail Rubinstein
Leonard Rubinstein

Club Masters (20 MPs)

Marcia K Blumer
Darrell N Bramer
Mary Cacciatore
Mrs Jeanne Haji
Della Morris
Larry G Wallace

Sectional Masters (50 MPs)

Guillaume de Decker
Charline K Coakley
Marlene Ehrlich
Ernie Schuler
Isabelle M Thabault
Mr Gary H Wisinski

Regional Masters (100 MPs)

Jeannette T Brophy
Stephen R Salitrik
Ms Mavis A Walters

NABC Masters (200 MPs)

Jeannette T Brophy
Stephen R Salitrik
Ms Mavis A Walters

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

1) IMPs, Both Vulnerable

♠ KQ♥ 543♦ 6543♣ AJ93

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

2) IMPs, Both Vulnerable

♠ A54♥ KQ95♦ 6♣ AQ965

<u>SOUTH</u>	<u>WEST</u>	<u>NORTH</u>	<u>EAST</u>
			2♠
?????			

3) IMPs, They're Vulnerable

♠ Q1098764♥ 32♦ XY♣ 32

<u>SOUTH</u>	<u>WEST</u>	<u>NORTH</u>	<u>EAST</u>
Pass	1♦	4♥	
4♠ —?????			

—What is the lowest value of XY where you would bid 4♠? —Use only two of the following as your answer A, K, Q, J, 3, 2

4) IMPs, None Vulnerable

♠ J876♥ 543♦ K876♣ 32

<u>SOUTH</u>	<u>WEST</u>	<u>NORTH</u>	<u>EAST</u>
2♥*	Pass	1♥	3♣
????	*4-6 HCP		

5) Matchpoints, Both Vulnerable

♠ J93♥ Q42♦ A3♣ 109872

<u>SOUTH</u>	<u>WEST</u>	<u>NORTH</u>	<u>EAST</u>
Pass	Pass	Dbl	3♦
????			Pass

Return answers by June 10 to:

Steve Robinson
2891 S. Abingdon St #A2,
Arlington VA, 22206
robinswr@erols.com

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

Contact **Barbara Doran** UnitGamePartner@DistrictSix.org, (301-608-0347 between 9am and 10pm) to find a partner in advance. For a last minute partner, call the **WBL cell phone (301-395-2760)**.

Ron Zacker, Carpool Coordinator can be contacted at 202-986-2166 or (ron@motherzucker.com) or log on to the **On-Line Carpool Notices** at www.WashingtonBridgeLeague.org.

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