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**88th Annual  
D.C.  
CHAMPIONSHIPS  
October 11-14**

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...and lots more!*

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## PRESIDENT'S LETTER

by WBL President, Linda Marshall

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Thank you for giving me the opportunity to lead the Washington Bridge League this year. The WBL Board conducted a number of successful initiatives under **Ellen Cherniavsky's** leadership over the last three years, and I am happy that Ellen will remain a member of the WBL Board this year. I have already taken advantage of her wisdom and expertise several times as I settle into my new role.

We were very excited to bring our new website live in June. Our long-time webmaster, **Don Berman**, has retired from that role, and our new webmaster is **Donna Rogall**. Don put a significant amount of effort into building and maintaining our website over many years, and we are thankful for all of his hard work.

Donna has built our new website using a different platform that has lots of flexibility to accommodate new features. The site is functional, with all of the content that was on the old website and more, but is still under development. Our long-term goal is to add more interactive features and make the website a better source of current information. Please let us know what you think of the new website. What do you think of our new look? Is everything you need at your fingertips, or is there anything that should be made easier to locate or easier to navigate to? Are the layout and text user-friendly? What other information or features would you like to have on the website? If you haven't yet checked it out, go to [www.washingtonbridgeleague.org](http://www.washingtonbridgeleague.org). Your input will help make our website better.

## BITS AND PIECES

### LOU REICH ATTAINS RANK OF PLATINUM LIFE MASTER



Congratulations to **Lou Reich**, who obtained the rank of Platinum Life Master during the first session of Saturday's Robinson Trophy Pairs during the WBL 73rd Annual Potomac Valley Tournament. A Platinum Life Master is a Life Master who has earned 10,000 masterpoints of which:

- At least 2000 are silver/red/gold/platinum
- At least 1000 are gold/platinum
- At least 100 are platinum\*

*\*A Member who became a Life Master prior to January 1, 1990 will be exempt from the pigmented point requirements for this rank.*

### WELCOME TO THE WASHINGTON BRIDGE LEAGUE

The WBL welcomes the following new ACBL members: **Bernard Becq, Satish K Bhandari, Morton A Faller, Malcolm L Florea, John Frink, Tetiana Lolatchy, Richard Millstein, Natasha L Mullin, Terrance J Mullin, Teri Poux, Elizabeth Vincent, Mary Biswell, Stephen D Collier, Duncan W Cowie, Dr Lillian Durham, Randi El-Sehhdar, Ann Goldman, Roger Handa, Tim Holtz, Ben J Bernstein, William L Cross, Peter J Gergen, Patricia M Jayne, Jean H Rutherford, Barney H Silver, Betsy J Silver, Jeannette Williams, Dr Nasim Ashraf, Rita P Bloom, A Cherwin, Alan S Gardner,**

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## WBL BULLETIN & WBL E-NEWS

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The WBL Bulletin has ceased free mail distribution. The bulletin will continue to be available free online through our website: [washingtonbridgeleague.org](http://washingtonbridgeleague.org). You can be notified when the new issue is available online if we have your email address—see below.

- ◆ Yearly (4 issues), **Printed Mail Subscriptions** are available:  
**WBL members**      **\$12.00/year**      **Non-member**      **\$18.00/year**

The bulletin comes out four times a year. ☛ To subscribe, give or mail a check to "Washington Bridge League" via **WBL Treasurer, Herb Schulken**, at: 2900 Daniel Rd., Chevy Chase, MD 20815-3147. Please include your full name and address (and player number if you are a WBL member).

- ◆ We have established a **WBL Unit Membership Email Database**.

The emailings are used for occasional bridge news only.

One use is to inform you when the bulletin is available online.

There will be no advertising, sharing or publishing of the addresses.

☛ Send your email, name and player number to **WBL e-List Administrator, Alex Gretsing**, at: [agretsinger@gmail.com](mailto:agretsinger@gmail.com)

Please also indicate if you would like to be included on Steve Robinson's email list in order to receive additional bridge news, bridge problems, and other tidbits. You will be able to unsubscribe from either list.

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In addition, we welcome the following transfers from other units: Leonard Rubinstein, Elyse G Wandler, Dr Brenda J Williams, Mr John M Wolf Jr, Joann Chasen, Ms Anne Derbes, Beena M Deshmukh, Madhav N Deshmukh, Benjamin E Epstein, Mr Robert M Schwab, Barbara Sheehan, Dr Gerald Waldbaum, Dr Michael Wolland, Ms Debra Gidlund, Debra A Graham, Isabelle Wiedis, Mrs Judith Y Astrove, Ms Patricia A Buckley, Mrs Vicky Lantz, Martha Larkin, Ms

## Did You Know?

The **Rockville Duplicate Bridge Club** has a game almost every day!

Join us often and spread the word!

DAY	TIME	LOCATION
Monday*	11:15 AM	St James
Tuesday	7:00 PM	Rockville S. C.
Wednesday	10:30 AM	Temple Beth Ami
Thursday*	11:15 AM	St James
Friday *	11:15 AM	St Mark
Saturday*	11:00 AM	St Mark

\*0-1000 game in addition to the open game  
—as attendance allows—

**www.rockvilledbc.com**

**Need a Partner?** Call Mark Lavine: 301-503-3348

### Locations:

St James Episcopal Church 11815 Seven Locks Road Potomac, MD	St. Mark Presbyterian Church 10701 Old Georgetown Rd. N. Bethesda, MD
Rockville Senior Center, 1150 Carnation Dr, Rockville, MD	
Temple Beth Ami, 14330 Travilah Rd, N. Potomac, MD	

## ALERT!

Some day games may move to another location.  
Please check the website for the latest information.

Wei Yu, Mrs Susan S Oblon, Mr Hiram K Powers-Heaven, and Jerre L Stephens.

Please join us at our weekly Unit Game on Thursday evenings and frequent the local bridge clubs in the area. Information can be found at:

[www.WashingtonBridgeLeague.org](http://www.WashingtonBridgeLeague.org).

## TIME TO RENEW?

If you started your paper *WBL Bulletin* subscription with the July/August or September/October 2017 issue, it's time to renew! It's not too early to renew for anyone else ;) ...See where to send your check on the top of page 3.

## \$1 PAPER WBL BULLETINS

Printed four times/year, copies of the *WBL Bulletin* will be available for \$1 at the Thursday night unit game until they're gone.

## —2017-2018 WBL/NVBA—

### PLAYER OF THE YEAR

## WINNERS!

Congratulations to this year's winners!

Open Winner: **Peter Boyd**

Non-LM Winner: **Brian Sutton**

The winners were recognized for their achievement and awarded their trophies during the Reston Regional tournament in July. They each won the most points in their flight during WBL and NVBA sectionals from August 2017 through May 2018.

To be eligible to win, a player: (1) Must be a member (or pending member) of either the NVBA or the WBL; (2) Must attend all but one NVBA sectional and all but one WBL sectional during the contest period. Points won on Tournament Thursday evenings are included in the totals, but do not count towards eligibility; (3) Must be a member in good standing of the ACBL and a local affiliate throughout the contest period and remain so through the award presentation.

**CORRECTION:** In the last printed issue of the *WBL Bulletin*, we regret mistakenly printing the wrong Non-LM Winner's name due to not recognizing his ineligibility for the trophy due to an insufficient number of qualifying sectionals attended.

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OCTOBER 11-14, 2018



# 88<sup>th</sup> Annual D.C. CHAMPIONSHIPS

at the **MARGARET SCHWEINHOUT SENIOR CENTER**  
1000 Forest Glen Rd, Silver Spring, MD **Friday-Sunday only**

## THURSDAY, OCTOBER 11

- ♣ StrataFlighted A/X (unlim/2000) & B/C/D (1000/500/300) Pairs .....11:15 am  
**Rockville Duplicate Bridge Club**, 301-503-3348 (Mark Lavine)  
*St. Mark Presbyterian Church, 10701 Old Georgetown Rd, N. Bethesda, MD*
- ♦ StrataFlighted A/X (unlim/4000) & B/C/D (2500/1500/750) Pairs (*both sites*), Intermediate/Novice Pairs (500/300/100) (*Ohr Kodesh*), Stratified 199er Pairs (200/100/50) (*Beth El*), & 0-20 Pairs (*both sites*)  
**Beth El Hebrew Congregation**, 3830 Seminary Road, Alexandria .....7:00pm  
**Ohr Kodesh Congregation**, 8300 Meadowbrook Ln., Chevy Chase .....7:30pm  
I-495 to Connecticut Ave. S. 4<sup>th</sup> light left E-W Hwy 410. Left Meadowbrook Ln. 1<sup>st</sup> left Freyman Dr. Parking lot on left. No outside food allowed.

## FRIDAY, OCTOBER 12

- ♣ \*StrataFlighted A/X (unlim/4000) & B/C/D Pairs (2500/1500/750) (single sessions) .....11 am, 3 pm
- ♦ **Relaxed & Fun Stratified IMP Pairs/Teams** (unlim/2500/750) .....7:30 pm  
—2 Chances to Win!— This innovative game moves like a pair game & scores the better of your IMP pair & team game. Come as a team of 4 or as a pair & we'll find you teammates.
- ♠ Intermediate/Novice Pairs (500/300/100) & 49er Pairs (50/20/5) (single sessions) 11 am, 3 pm, 7:30 pm

—Lunch available for purchase—

## SATURDAY, OCTOBER 13

**Win upgraded (more) masterpoints today! (\$1 additional fee supports Grass Roots events.)**

- ♣ \*StrataFlighted A/X (unlim/4000) & B/C/D Pairs (2500/1500/750) (single sessions) ..11 am, 3:30 pm
- ♦ Intermediate/Novice Pairs (500/300/100) & 49er Pairs (50/20/5) (single sessions) ....11 am, 3:30 pm
- ♥ **Machlin Sportsmanship Award** Presentation .....between sessions

## SUNDAY, OCTOBER 14

### ♠ Eynon Trophy



—Lunch available for purchase—

- First awarded in 1931— Try to add your name to the famous names inscribed here!
- Flights A/X (unlim/5000) Eynon Trophy Swiss Teams (2 session playthrough w/break) ..11 am & TBA
- ♣ Bracketed Flight B Teams (no single player >3000) (2 session playthrough w/break) ....11 am & TBA  
B Teams Bracketed by total team masterpoints; three overall places in each.
- ♦ 500/300/100 Swiss Teams, VPs (single sessions) .....11 am, 3 pm
- ♣ **Lots of Intermediate & Novice Events w/ Silver Points! ♥ 0-5 MP play FREE! ♠**  
Separate I/N events & strata as advertised as attendance allows. (Director's discretion.)

**Hospitality** includes snacks, drinks, & **Friday lunch & evening desserts**. Sat. & Sun. lunch available for purchase. **Tournament Chair: Brad Theurer**, 301-527-8819, [batheurer256@gmail.com](mailto:batheurer256@gmail.com); **Partnerships: Barbara Doran**, 301-608-0347, [barb.doran@verizon.net](mailto:barb.doran@verizon.net).

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**Directions to the Margaret Schweinhaut Senior Center**, 1000 Forest Glen Rd, Silver Spring, MD: I-495 to Georgia Avenue North (toward Wheaton). 1<sup>st</sup> light right on Forest Glen Rd. The Center is .7 mile on right.

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\* WBL OCTOBER 2018 SECTIONAL—FRIDAY NIGHT SPECIALS \*

# 88<sup>th</sup> Annual D.C. CHAMPIONSHIPS

Friday, October 12, 2018 - 7:30 pm  
1000 Forest Glen Rd., Silver Spring, MD



*Relaxed & Fun*  
**IMP Pairs/Teams**  
—in the OPEN game only—

The Friday evening open event – IMP Pairs/Teams – continues to be popular!  
This home-grown invention offers:

**2 chances to win!** — Double your IMPs in an innovative Friday night game! — Come as a team of 4 or as a pair and we'll get you a team. This novel game moves like a pair game and scores the better of your masterpoints earned from the IMP Pair\* game or the IMP Team\*\* game. Enjoy some dessert and at the end of the relaxed, low time pressure game, IMP your results with your teammates.

\*IMP your result on each board against each result at the other tables, then average.

\*\*Each 2- or 3-board round is also a short head-to-head match against another team. Your team's final score is your total IMPs over all the matches.

**Come out & play! Recruit partners & teammates! Spread the word!**

\* PLAY IN 2 CONSECUTIVE SESSIONS ON FRIDAY=FREE SANDWICH \*

The I/N GAME plays as usual as a SEPARATE PAIR GAME

**2 for 1 Friday Night Special**  
**in the I/N (<500) Pair Game only**

—October 12, 2018, 7:30 pm—

**2 play for the price of 1**

in a fun PAIR game just for intermediate and novice players

\* 2 for 1 FRIDAY NIGHT SPECIAL in the I/N (<500) PAIR GAME ONLY \*

\* OPEN game ONLY is IMP Pairs/Teams \*

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**New Life Master**  
**Party**—between sessions

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 5**

—Lunch available for purchase—

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- ♦ Intermediate/Novice Pairs (500/300/100) & 49er Pairs (50/20/5) (single sessions) . . . 11 am, 3:30 pm

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 6**

**WBL Trophy Race Winners' Presentation** —Lunch available for purchase—

- ♠ Flights A/X (unlim/5000) Swiss Teams (2 session playthrough w/break) . . . . . 11 am & TBA
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# WBL SOLVERS' CLUB

Moderated by Steve Robinson

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Congratulations to **Candy Clanton** and **Mark McE-  
nearney** and who tied for first with a score of 470. They win a free play to the WBL Unit Game, and will be invited to be on a future panel. Third was **Mike Gill** with a score of 460. Tied for fourth were **Peter Van Zijl**, **Lloyd Rawley**, **Jim Wakefield** and **Barry Bragin** with a score of 450. Tied for eighth were **Tom Musso**, **Mike Richey**, **Paul Block** and **James Heneghan** with a score of 440. The average score of the 69 solvers was 378. The average score of the experts was 454.

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, I will play with anyone who gets a perfect score or who exactly matches all five of his answers. If you send a self-addressed stamped envelope to the above address along with your answers, I will send you a copy of the new problems to ensure that you can meet his next deadline. You can pick up a copy of the problems at the WBL Unit Game in Maryland, and can send answers or requests for problems to [robinswr@erols.com](mailto:robinswr@erols.com). You can also see and answer the problems at the WBL website. WBL Solvers Club uses *Washington Standard* as published July 1996. I accept only the first answer from each solver unless it is clear that the solver wants to correct his answer.

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 \$30.60 which includes \$5.60 for priority mail.

## 1) IMPs Your're Vul

♠ KJ5♥ AK82♦ KJ54♣ AJ

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
????	2♠	Pass	Pass
Action	Score	Votes	Solvers
Dbl	100	6	32
2NT	90	2	12
3NT	80	6	25

*When I picked up this hand, I wondered where we belong and more important, from which side should the hand be played. We very likely belonged in either 3NT or 4♥ but both would play better from my side. If I jumped to 3NT, partner would pass with four or even five hearts. If I double, partner would very likely bid 2NT which is Lebensohl which would get any contract played from partner's side. All weak hands start with 2NT. What bid would make it easy for partner to get us to the right strain and from the right side? 2NT! 2NT lets partner bid Stayman or lets him transfer. If he transfers, I'll jump to 4♥ which gets it played from my side. I thought that the advantage of getting to the correct contract from the correct side was worth the risk of missing a game.*

*Six experts double. The problem with double is that one of partner's likely bid is 2NT. 2NT is Lebensohl which is what you bid when you have fewer than eight points. If partner holds ♠xx♥Qxxx♦AQxx♣xxx or ♠xx♥J10xxx♦AQxx♣xx, 4♥ has very good play from my side but very likely down from partner's side.*

**Parker:** "Double—And then 3NT over partner's bid even if it is hearts."

*Double followed by 3NT shows some tolerance for hearts since you could jump directly to 3NT if you didn't have tolerance. Is partner supposed to correct to 4♥ with a singleton spade and only four hearts?*

**King:** "Double—Partner is most likely to bid 2NT, Lebensohl but I can then bid 3♠ which I hope is offering a choice of games between 3NT and 4♥."

**Shi:** "Double—Then 3NT to show a flexible hand type. Partner could have a weak hand with a singleton spade, so I want to keep options open."

**Theurer:** "Double—A difficult problem. Partner could be broke but he also could have enough for game. We could belong in notrump or in a suit con-

tract. Double seems most flexible for now; 2NT is an underbid and I'm vulnerable at IMPs so don't want to miss game when partner passes with some 6-7 counts. Problem may come next round if partner bids 2NT Lebensohl, I'll probably risk 3NT. and partner should know I have a reason to not bid 3NT immediately thus usually four hearts."

**Korbel:** "Double—I'll bid 3NT next in most auctions and hope for the best. I don't hate 2NT right now."

**Sontag:** "Double—More flexible than 3NT."

*Six experts jump to 3NT. If partner has ♠x♥Jxxx♦Qxxx♣KQx, or ♠x♥Qxxx♦Qxx♣xxx you'll play in 3NT very likely down with 4♥ likely makeable. When my partner jumps to 3NT I usually pass unless I have a six-card major or unless I'm thinking about slam. Partner could have a solid minor for his jump to 3NT.*

**Woolsey:** "3NT—If I make a takeout double, I won't be happy hearing partner's 2NT Lebensohl response. Playing from my side could be critical. If we have a 4-4 or even 5-4 heart fit, 3NT might be better."

**Chen:** "3NT—I can show my 20 HCP by A) bidding 3NT directly or B) Doubling and then bidding 3NT. Option B shows a hand with flexibility, so Advancer is supposed to pull 3NT with a five-card major after Option B but leave in 3NT after Option A. However, Option B has a big flaw in that advancer will probably bid 2NT Lebensohl and now we will wrong side 3NT. Therefore, I'm going to bid 3NT right away. Even if advancer has five hearts, 3NT by the strong hand might play better anyway opposite something like ♠xxx♥Qxxxx♦Q10♣10xx."

**Stone:** "3NT—I know, this is really an ugly 20-count given the bidding: no five-card or longer suit; three jacks; and terrible spades with the spades behind you and no way to hold up the suit to retain control. For that reason, at matchpoints, downgrading the hand to 2NT would make a lot of sense. But this is IMPs. Partner could hold many four, five, six and seven HCP hands and pass out 2NT when 3NT will come home, sometimes aided by the opening lead. Furthermore, often when 3NT goes down, so will 2NT particularly when the defense can score five spade tricks; so you will often be trading a two-IMP loss against a 12-IMP gain. Finally, in the modern game, the partner of a weak-two bidder will almost automatically raise to three at favorable vulnerability with three-card support. So there is an inference that your partner probably holds at least two spades. In that case, the advantage of playing in a heart fit is much diminished with two likely fast spade losers, as is the advantage of being able to use Stayman over 2NT. It may not be pretty, but 3NT looks like the best IMP bid. By the way, I view

double as an inferior bid. It seems to defer an immediate decision, but it misdescribes your hand and, because of Lebensohl, is likely to critically wrong-side heart and notrump contracts."

**Veasey:** "3NT—We should have a play for it. Double could backfire on this hand. It wrong sides a heart contract and might produce an unwanted Lebensohl 2NT response on a weak hand that could make 3NT played from the South hand impossible. I'm not happy with the trick taking potential of my hand though."

**Hopkins:** "3NT—Need partner to have a smattering. I play Stayman and transfers in this auction so I could still play hearts if partner goes either route."

**Adams:** "3NT—Loses hearts, but avoids partner bidding 2NT when I double first."

*One expert agrees with me and goes low. If partner has ♠xx♥Jxx♦xxxx♣KQxx, his promised six-count, you'll go down one trick fewer.*

**Schwartz:** "2NT—If you double, Lebensohl puts you in a bind. 3NT an overbid with those spade values and doesn't allow you to get to hearts. Loses out only if partner has 5-8 points, passes 2NT and game makes."

*Getting the contract played from the correct side could be worth a trick.*

## 2) IMPs Both Vul

♠ J♥ AQ♦ A72♣ A1098732

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
1♣	2♣#	2♦*	4♥
????	#Michaels	*weak two in diamonds	
Action	Score	Votes	Solvers
5♣	100	4	5
4NT	90	4	4
5♦	80	4	36
4♠	60	2	2
Dbl	30	0	10
Pass	20	0	12

*Playing against Michaels, there is a convention called Unusual over Unusual. West shows five-five or better in the majors. Spades are higher and hearts are lower. The other two suits are the minors. The bids of two-of-either-major shows the following. The higher of their suits, spades, shows the higher of the other two suits, diamonds. The lower of their suits, hearts, shows the lower of the other two suits, clubs. Both show limit raise or better. Since diamonds hasn't been bid yet, 2♠ shows at least five diamonds. 2♥ shows club support which is four or more. The free bids of 2♦ and 3♣ show less than limit raise strength. The prototype 2♦ bid is ♦KQJxxx with very little outside strength. This convention works whenever an opponent shows two specific suits.*



This is another hand where side could make a difference. If South plays the hand, his ♥AQ is protected. Give partner ♠xx♥xx♦QJ10xxx♣QJx and 5♦ won't make if they lead a heart and you lose a trick in the minors; but, 5♣ is makeable if you only lose one trick in the minors. Your heart holding needs to be protected and the only way is to play this hand in clubs. 5♦ guarantees that the contract will be played from partner's side. All other bids gives you a chance to play in clubs.

Four experts bid 5♦. They don't try to play in clubs which would protect the hearts.

**Parker:** "5♦—Might make, might be a good save, might be a phantom. Give partner ♠xxx♥xx♦KQxxxx♣xx, we make on a low spade lead assuming clubs are 3-1."

But what about with a heart lead?

**King:** "5♦—Maybe we can make, maybe they can make. At IMPs especially it seems right to take out insurance."

**Shi:** "5♦—We could have slam but I think I'll bid a sedate 5♦. Sometimes the opponents get confused and double you."

**Hopkins:** "5♦—This should be close to making. I would feel more comfortable about defending if I could lead my stiff spade against 5♥-doubled."

Four experts bid 4NT. My rule is that if the opening is a major, 4NT is RKC but if the opening is a minor then 4NT is choice of minors. Would partner bid 5♣ holding ♠Jxx♥xx♦KQxxxx♣Jx? With a heart lead, 5♦ loses one spade, one heart and one club. Playing in clubs the hearts are protected so if you can hold your club losers to one, you'll make 5♣.

**Woolsey:** "4NT—Holding seven clubs, I think it is right to give partner the choice. Playing from my side could matter considering my heart holding."

**Chen:** "4NT—This bid should be takeout for minors, not Blackwood. I want partner to pick between 5♣ and 5♦. Partner could have something like ♠Jxx♥x♦QTxxxx♣Kxx and 5♣ is safer. Bidding over their 4♥ only loses if both 4♥ and 5♣/5♦ go down, which I think is a low percentage on this deal."

**Stone:** "4NT—Offering partner a choice of minors. I think this is slightly preferable to 5♦. Double of 4♥ seems misplaced despite your defensive potential, since you are probably playing for only a one-trick set. The opponents know the vulnerability and likely have a double major-suit fit with the possibility of more extreme distribution than already announced; so defeating 4♥ is no guarantee. Meanwhile, game for you in diamonds, and possibly clubs, is highly promising."

**Korbel:** "4NT—Not going to defend when we could easily make. I'm intending this as choice of minors."

Two experts cuebid spades. If partner has ♦KQJxxx and the ♣K, slam is great.

**Theurer:** "4♠—Do I try for slam or not? Wish I could be playing diamonds from my side to protect the heart tenace, but East may lead his shorter major not knowing what I have in his partner's suits. I will make a cheap cuebid and see if partner can offer any encouragement. If he bids 5♦ I will pass, over 4NT I will bid 5♣, and over 5♣ I will bid 5♦. Partner probably has some spade length over there so I'm thinking he's probably short in clubs though I suppose he could be 4=1=6=2 since the opponents rate to have a big fit when they jump to game on limited HCP vulnerable."

**Sontag:** "4♠—Cuebid involving partner. Need a 5♣ cuebid from partner."

Three experts join me and protect their heart holding. Doesn't work if responder has ♠Jxxx♥xx♦KQJ10xx♣x. However, partner is very likely to have at least two clubs.

**Veasey:** "5♣—I'm afraid the clubs could get lost in a diamond contract if even one of the minors didn't break well. I doubt if we can make 5♣ but they might make 4♥. Partner should read me for something in diamonds and convert to diamonds if he can't stand clubs."

**Schwartz:** "5♣—Partner has at most two hearts so likely at least two clubs so clubs should play as well or better than diamonds and need to right side the hand. RHO could easily be 4-4 in majors and want to right side it himself with minor suit kings."

**Adams:** "5♣—Guarding the heart could be the game going trick. If partner is short in clubs, the heart lead will kill the vital entry, making clubs more attractive."

Another hand where right siding the contract could be worth a trick.

### 3) IMPs Both Vul

♠ A43♥ AK76♦ 2♣ KQ732

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
?????			1♣
Action	Score	Votes	Solvers
1♥	100	4	9
Pass	90	5	22
1NT	80	4	20
Dbl	70	1	15
2♣	20	0	2
3NT	20	0	1

We have a very good hand however, there are flaws with all of our possible calls. If we double, partner could easily bid 1♦ which would give us a

rebid problem. If we overcalled 1NT, we could play it there with no source of tricks other than the club suit which is unlikely to be led. I don't often overcall a four-card suit but this hand is made for it. If partner has support, he can tell you if he has four-card support by jumping and you can be aggressive. If he has three-card support you would be conservative. If he doesn't have support hopefully we'll land on our fit. The good news is that West is very likely to lead a club against a heart contract.

Four experts overcall 1NT. That won't get us to our possible heart fit if partner is too weak to continue. Partner is very likely to have fewer than eight points and therefore will pass unless he has a five-card major or has six diamonds.

**Parker:** "1NT—Shows my points. We can find a major suit fit if there is one and partner will not be able to put us in diamonds."

**Woolsey:** "1NT—I have about the right strength, and the singleton diamond doesn't figure to be a problem. If we have a game, this is the way to find it. Overcalling a four-card suit should be avoided if possible, and if I pass I'll just have problems later."

What about the best partscore? If partner has ♠xxxx♥Qxxx♦Jxx♣xx, 1NT is likely down with hearts making at least eight trick.

**Stone:** "1NT—All choices are flawed. I think 1NT is best in that it allows you to show your values and explore game in either major or notrump. A close second is 1♥. You can show extra values over anything partner bids, but the problem is that partner may drive to 4♥ in your 4-3 fit when 3NT is best. The problem with pass is that, even if you can conveniently get back in the auction for instance (1♣)—Pass—(1♦)—Pass—(2♦)—Dbl, partner will never play you for a hand this good. Double might work, but you will have trouble exploring notrump without implying 18+ HCP."

**Schwartz:** "1NT—Partner won't want to play in diamonds without at least six and no other bids comes close to describing the hand."

I'd be more afraid of LHO having six diamonds and the opponents taking the first six diamond tricks.

One expert doubles. Doubling and rebidding 1NT shows more than a 1NT overcall—usually 18-20 HCPs.

**Shi:** "Double—Planning to rebid notrump if partner doesn't do anything exciting."

Five experts pass. Only if West responds 1♦ and East raises or rebids 1NT will you be able to enter the auction. Double would be takeout of diamonds. Suppose West responds 1♠, a double by you would then show diamond tolerance.

**King:** "Pass—Good partners bid a major after a double and I guess you could try 1NT, but why not

wait and see what happens next."

**Theurer:** "Pass—I'd like to bid "something" but what? Double, 1NT and 1♥ all have their flaws. With all my potential defense perhaps it's best to wait and see what the opponents do, and my silence may turn out to be a benefit if we end up defending. If I was to bid, it would probably be 1NT, since that seems like the least lie only being "off" by the presence of the singleton diamond."

Isn't a 1♥-overcall "off" by the presence of one little heart?

**Veasey:** "Pass—No bid looks good to me. Hopefully, I can pass in tempo, and partner can do something, or the auction might develop in such a way that I can join it even with a silent partner."

**Korbel:** "Pass—Can't act now."

**Adams:** "Pass—I am OK with 1♥ too. 1NT and double are out."

I like the following answer. You're very likely to get a club lead which would help you in heart contract.

**Chen:** "1♥—I'm not passing with 16 HCP. Passing also makes it easier for opponents to find their diamond fit. I'm not doubling with 4-3 in the majors and a stiff in an unbid suit. I have a good heart suit and this looks like a good time for a four-card overcall, which is the least lie with this hand."

**Sontag:** "1♥—Quickest road to game."

**Hopkins:** "1♥—This is the type of hand where a 4-3 could play very well, especially on a club lead."

There are hands where overcalling on a four-card suit is best.

### 4) Matchpoints None Vul

♠ 5♥ 876♦ 962♣ AQJ932

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
	Pass	2♣	2♠

????\* \*You made a mistake and your partner must pass the rest of the auction.

Action	Score	Votes	Solvers
6♣	100	11	29
3♣	90	1	8
5♣	70	1	22
4♥	30	0	3
3NT	40	1	2
Dbl	20	0	2
2♣	20	0	1
Pass	20	0	2

This is a difficult problem. You could be cold for 7NT, 7♥ or 7♣. You can't have a constructive auction so you must guess. At IMPs I'd bid 6♣ since 6♣ is very likely to make and any slam is ok. At matchpoints you don't want to be in 6♣ if you belong in 6NT or 6♥ or some seven-level contract.

When your partner is barred, taking a sure plus is one way to go. You hope the field is going minus. Bid 3♣ and take the sure plus, hoping that the field goes minus.

Eleven experts jump to 6♣. 6♣ beats all games if it makes. If partner has 22-24 balanced, few pairs will get to slam and 6♣ figures to have play. A normal auction could be 2♣ - (2♠) - 3♣ - (P) - 3NT. (P) - Pass and most pairs will play in 3NT.

The good news is that partner has to play it.

**Parker:** “6♣—Might as well be optimistic since I got us in this mess.”

**Woolsey:** “6♣—When this happens, normally it is best to just make sure you get a plus score and hope the rest of the field goes minus. Here, however, you know enough about the hand that 6♣ is likely to be a reasonable contract.”

You know that they can't take the first two spade tricks.

**Chen:** “6♣—Hope it makes, we will beat all the people that stop in 3NT or 4♥. Glad Partner is playing it, I won't have a chance to make another mistake on this deal.”

**Stone:** “6♣—The only bid with a realistic upside. For example, give partner a balanced 2♣ opener with something like ♠ Axx♥ AKQ♦ KQJx ♣ Kxx, and the only slam that makes against a spade lead is 6♣. If you bid game or slam in any other suit, you're hoping at best to break even while wrong-siding the contract, and bidding 5♣, even if it is the limit of the hand in clubs for instance ♠ KQx♥ AKQ♦ KQJx♣ Kxx, will matchpoint poorly in comparison to 3NT.”

**Shi:** “6♣—Seems a reasonable shot. Weird problem.”

**Theurer:** “6♣—I never make mistakes...(ha!) This is a guess with partner being barred, so I will hope he has a balanced hand with little in spades such as ♠ Jxx♥ AKQx♦ AKQ♣ Kxx. At least partner will be playing it so the strong hand can't be led through.”

**Schwartz:** “6♣—Would guess the best spot is 3NT from partner's side but.”

**Korbel:** “6♣—Whееееееееее!”

**Sontag:** “6♣—I will tell my partner not to play with me again if this fails.”

**Hopkins:** “6♣—This is all a guess. I hope partner doesn't have an eight-card Heart suit.”

**Adams:** “6♣—Good luck partner.”

Two experts stay out of slam.

**King:** “5♣—Partner has to play it. I guess I assume partner has a balanced 22-24 and not a spade stopper. I'd be declarer in 3NT.”

This is matchpoints and playing in 5♣ is a very small target. All other makeable games or slams will score more.

One expert bids 3NT hoping that partner has a solid spade stopper especially since it's going to be led through.

**Veasey:** “3NT—When in doubt. Actually I don't see another choice. At least it's not a team game. I wouldn't want to take a disaster back to my teammates if I guessed wrong particularly since I made the mistake that created the situation in the first place.”

I like 3♣. Take the sure plus.

When partner is barred it's important to get a plus score.

## 5) Matchpoints None Vul

♠ -♥ J5♦ AKQJ1062♣ K875

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
	1♠	Pass	Pass
?????			
Action	Score	Votes	Solvers
3♠	100	11	9
5♦	90	1	8
3♦	80	2	17
2♦	70	0	7
4♦	50	0	2
3NT	50	0	2
Dbl	40	0	14
2NT	20	0	1
5♣	20	0	1
1NT	20	0	2
4♣	20	0	1
2♠	20	0	2
4♥	20	0	3

You have only two cards in the majors which means that the opponents could have a large major-suit fit. There are three reasonable choices. You could jump to 3♠ which asks partner to bid 3NT with a spade stopper. He'd bid 3NT with ♠ J10xx♥ Jxxx♦ x ♣ AKxx and you'd lose the first six tricks and 5♦ is cold. You could jump to 3♦ which shows an opening bid and a good six-card suit. If partner has the above hand he'll pass 3♦ and again you belong in 5♦. The simplest bid is to jump to 5♦. 5♦ has the advantage of making when partner has club honors and forces West to bid at the five-level if he wants to compete.

Eleven experts bid 3♠ which asks partner to bid 3NT with a spade stopper. The problems with 3♠ is that it allows West to bid four-of-either-major and it doesn't address heart stoppers.

**Parker:** “3♠—Asks for a spade stopper, I will bid 4♦ over the forced 4♣ if partner does not have a stopper.”

**King:** “3♠—Asking partner to bid 3NT with a spade stopper.”

**Woolsey:** “3♠—I could bid 3NT, but a spade

lead through partner could be damaging even though RHO is weak.”

**Chen:** “3♠—This hand is too good for an intermediate 3♦-bid and too shapely for a 3♠ Western Cuebid, but those are the only two viable choices. I'll make the 3♠ bid, as partner is likely to have values since LHO didn't open 2♣ and RHO passed 1♠. It is a small window where 3NT goes down but 5♦ makes if partner has a spade stopper such as ♠ QJxx♥ Axx♦ xx♣ QJxx. The other option is to make a conservative 2♦ bid, but this risks missing 3NT and it makes it much easier for LHO to compete in spades or hearts.”

**Theurer:** “3♠—Go for the gusto; no guarantees here but the alternative 3♦ does not promise a running seven-bagger so partner, with a small stiff diamond, might not budge even with some decent stuff.”

**Veasey:** “3♠—I play that a jump cuebid in this situation asks partner to bid 3NT with a stopper in that suit. I believe it's played that way in “Washington Standard”. It's not a perfect bid in this situation because he could have the stopper, and you could still be one trick off, but I don't see a better bid.”

**Schwartz:** “3♠—No other bid comes close to describing this hand. A more interesting problem is if LHO had opened 3♠.”

**Korbel:** “3♠—This should convey at least the skewed strong one-suited nature of my hand.”

Usually 3♠ shows a balanced solid suit. 2362 is a very likely distribution.

**Sontag:** “3♠—Asking partner for a stopper. 3♦ is another possibility but it allows opener a chance to bid 3♥.”

**Hopkins:** “3♠—I am not going to re-open with a double. At least partner knows I have a long running suit.”

**Adams:** “3♠”

Two experts jump to 3♦. Most jump overcalls are weak but a balancing jump is intermediate. The typical 3♦-jump is AKQxxx of diamonds and an outside ace. If all you need is for partner to have the king of hearts and the QJ of clubs to make 5♦, 3♦ is an underbid. The big problem with 3♦ is that it allows opener to bid 3♥ if he has a major two-suiter or rebid 3♠ with a six-card or longer spade suit.

The following is a good argument for jumping to 5♦.

**Stone:** “3♦—You are confronted with two flawed “picture bid” options: 3♠, showing a long solid suit and asking for a spade stopper; or 3♦, showing intermediate two-bid strength in diamonds. I said flawed because a spade stopper is not your ninth trick in 3NT and because your solid diamonds and extra distribution offer more playability than the average intermediate jump bid. Even playing matchpoints, I slightly prefer 3♦, which is the more flexible bid given your extreme distribution. 3♠ basically limits partner to bidding 3NT with a spade stopper, but even with a spade stopper you may not have nine tricks and, regardless, the opponents may be able to run the heart suit. So partner needs something in spades and hearts, including a ninth trick somewhere. With that much value, partner will likely bid over 3♦, so you wouldn't expect to miss 3NT when it is makeable. And 3♦ better allows you to describe your extra distribution and explore the various game and maybe slam possibilities.”

**Shi:** “3♦—I'm a little strong for this but it gets my hand type across pretty well.”

It's hard to evaluate the value of a void which makes 5♦ a percentage action.

## SOLVERS' SCORES

John Adams	3NT	5♣	Pass	6♣	3♠	470
Mark Chen	3NT	4NT	1♥	6♣	3♠	470
Robbie Hopkins	3NT	5♦	1♥	6♣	3♠	460
Fred King	Dbl	5♦	Pass	5♣	3♠	440
Daniel Korbel	Dbl	4NT	Pass	6♣	3♠	480
Steve Parker	Dbl	5♦	1NT	6♣	3♠	460
Steve Robinson	2NT	5♣	1♥	3♣	5♦	470
Alan Schwartz	2NT	5♣	1NT	6♣	5♣	470
Sylvia Shi	Dbl	5♦	Dbl	6♣	3♦	450
Alan Sontag	Dbl	4♠	1♥	6♣	3♠	460
Robert Stone	3NT	4NT	1NT	6♣	3♦	430
Brad Theurer	Dbl	4♠	Pass	6♣	3♠	450
Allen Veasey	3NT	5♣	Pass	3NT	3♠	410
Kit Woolsey	3NT	4NT	1NT	6♣	3♠	450



## 2018 TROPHY RACE STANDINGS

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Updated by Chris Miller and Alex Gretsinger

The Lovenberg Race is open to all WBL members; the Izzy Cohen Race is open to all WBL members who started the calendar year with less than 1500 masterpoints; the Tubbs Race is open to all WBL members who started the calendar year as a Non-Life Master with less than 500 masterpoints; the Woolridge Race is open to all WBL members who started the calendar year with less than 20 masterpoints.

Winners in each category receive four sessions of free plays. 2nd: two & 3rd: one for the WBL spring sectional.

This list is up to date as of 7/19, not including the Round Robin or Unit KO. All points are subject to audit by the WBL Director.

### Lovenberg

1	Steve Robinson	161.88
2	Brad Theurer	131.27
3	Mark Shaw	101.09
4	Donna Rogall	90.01
5	Barry Falgout	89.19
6	Martin Graf	81.12
7	Clyde Kruskal	80.34
8	Peter Boyd	79.92
9	Robert Bell	79.36
10	Steven Schatzow	77.90
11	Leo LaSota	72.97
12	Linda Marshall	69.75
13	James Heneghan	68.44
14	Vincent Wilmot Jr	63.25
15	David Ruderman	61.59
16	Richard Wegman	59.17
17	Lou Reich	55.50
18	William Cole	55.19
19	David Genne	51.98
20	Andrew Gofreed	51.51
21	Lloyd Rawley	49.72
22	James Beller	47.56
23	Fred King	46.28
24	Julian Boyce	45.98
25	Terry Klein	45.04
26	James Geist	43.68
27	Merril Hirsh	42.79
28	Charles Dearolf	42.72
29	William Pettis	42.15
30	Mita Banerjee	40.97
31	Ellen Cherniavsky	40.13
32	Michael Richey	39.90
33	Brad Libros	39.16
34	H John Edmonds	37.97
35	Rosemary Shaw	35.31

### Izzy Cohen

1	James Beller	47.56
2	Terry Klein	45.04
3	Charles Dearolf	42.72
4	Rosemary Shaw	35.31
5	Melanie Manfield	33.72
6	Paul Block	31.06
7	Peter Van Zijl	30.48
8	Leon Masiewicki	29.74
9	Barry Tash	25.91
10	Patrice Gordon	24.20
11	Daniel Koch	24.02
12	Michael Lawrence	23.77
13	Steven Fox	23.08
14	James Wisman	23.07
15	Annapurna Satpathy	22.52
16	Ernie Schuler	21.70
17	Dale Sanders	21.33
18	Barbara Devaney	20.65
19	Myron Goldstein	20.23
	Alexander Stille	20.23

### Tubbs

1	Barbara Devaney	20.65
2	Myron Goldstein	20.23
	Alexander Stille	20.23
4	Mahmoud Katirai	17.43
5	Shala Panbechi	16.95
6	Robert Johnston	16.59
7	Linda Meade	16.15
8	Darlyn Counihan	16.02
9	Reina Lerner	15.96
	Sharona Sapoznikow	15.96

### Woolridge

1	Robert Johnston	16.59
2	Elliot Bernold	14.22
3	Margaret Stouffer	6.08
4	Michael Mandel	5.69
5	Joan Riggs	4.69
6	R Mani	4.58
7	Peter Wicklein	4.57
8	Joel Mulhauser	4.05
9	Judy Patterson	3.87
10	Marcia Morgan	3.81

## NOVICE LESSON & GAME

**GUARANTEED PARTNERS!**

**7:00PM LESSON**

**7:30 - 10:00 SUPERVISED PLAY**

**JOIN ANYTIME**

The cost is \$5. This includes a 30 minute lesson followed by fun, enjoyable bridge for players with 0-20 masterpoints.

Lesson will be tailored to the needs and interests of the players. An experienced director will help newcomers in learning the ropes of duplicate bridge. If you have a question while you are bidding, you can raise your hand and the director will provide some guidance.

This is a great program for beginners as well as experienced social bridge players! Partners will be provided if needed. For more information, contact 0-20 Coordinator, **Isabelle Thabault** at [imthabault@aol.com](mailto:imthabault@aol.com) or 202-362-6141.

~ ♦ SCHEDULE ♥ ~  
Most games held at Ohr Kodesh at 7:30 pm

Every week, there's a separate Intermediate Game for players with less than 500 masterpoints, stratified: 500/300/100, & a separate Novice Lesson & Game for beginning duplicate or social players.

09/06/2018	.....	<b>NVBA Sectional</b>
<b>**09/13/18</b>	.....	StrataFlighted Grand National Teams
09/20/2018	.....	StrataFlighted Unit Championship
09/27/2018	.....	StrataFlighted Unit Championship
10/04/2018	.....	StrataFlighted Club Appreciation
10/11/2018	.....	<b>WBL Sectional</b>
10/18/2018	.....	Club App. Teams: BAM (A); Swiss (B & 499er)
10/25/2018	.....	<b>NVBA Sectional</b>
11/01/2018	.....	StrataFlighted Grand National Teams
11/08/2018	.....	StrataFlighted Upgraded Club Championship
11/15/2018	.....	StrataFlighted Grand National Teams
11/22/2018	.....	<b>CLOSED</b> —Thanksgiving
11/29/2018	.....	StrataFlighted Unit Championship
12/06/2018	.....	StrataFlighted Unit Championship
12/13/2018	.....	<b>Holiday Party</b> —Stratified D6 STaC—Silver Points!
12/20/2018	.....	StrataFlighted Unit Championship

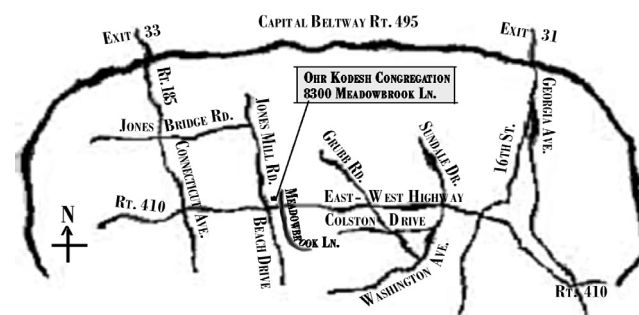
Check website for any schedule changes. **Bold dates** held at other locations: \*TBD; \*\*Kensington Town Hall/Armory.

## WBL GUARANTEED PARTNER PROGRAM

The WBL has a "Guaranteed Partner" (GP) Program for players who *occasionally* need a partner for the Unit Game on Thursday nights.

Are you just returning to bridge? New to the area? Is your regular partner unavailable? Are you suddenly without a partner at the last minute? That's no reason not to play bridge! Our Partnership Chair will match you up with a partner (in advance or at

## MAP TO OHR KODESH CONGREGATION



**ALERT!** The Unit Game is now played at Ohr Kodesh. NO OUTSIDE FOOD IS ALLOWED. Snacks and drinks will be provided.

the game) or the Unit's standby partner will play with you. Here's how it works. If an odd number of people in need of a partner arrive, the players are matched as best as possible, and the GP plays with the one who is left. For team games, we guarantee a pair; singles are not guaranteed a game. (If there is an even number of players or pairs looking, the GP goes home.)

A player who anticipates needing a partner is encouraged to contact the Partnership Chair in advance to see if a match can be made. To find a partner at least a day in advance, email Barbara Doran at [barb.doran@verizon.net](mailto:barb.doran@verizon.net) or call 301-608-0347 **between 9 am & 10 pm.**

Players in search of partners at the last minute should try to arrive between 7:00 and 7:15 (or call ahead). The partnership desk closes at 7:25.

You might want to volunteer for the GP program yourself. It's a great way to meet people. You will play for free on the evening you serve as GP, and will also receive a free play for any future Unit game regardless of whether you play on the night you serve.

For further details on the updated GP policies, go to the policy page at [washingtonbridgeleague.org](http://washingtonbridgeleague.org) (note: The GP Program is not intended to be a regular replacement for finding a partner on one's own once a player is settled in the community.)

**Are you new to bridge?** The Thursday night Unit Novice (0-20) Game provides it's own separate guaranteed partner. Contact Novice Game Coordinator, Isabelle Thabault at [imthabault@aol.com](mailto:imthabault@aol.com) or 202-362-6141.



## THE UNIT GAME

Please contact **Chris Miller**, Club Manager and Chief Director, at [wblmanager@gmail.org](mailto:wblmanager@gmail.org) if you have questions about how the WBL Unit Game is run.

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### UPCOMING SECTIONALS

- ♦ September 6-9, 2018, NVBA, Fairfax, VA
- ♥ October 11-14, 2018, WBL, Silver Spring, MD
- ♠ October 25-28, 2018, NVBA, Fairfax, VA
- ♣ Jan 3-6, 2019, WBL, Silver Spring, MD
- ♦ Feb 21-24, 2019, NVBA, Fairfax, VA
- ♥ Apr 4-7, 2019, WBL, Silver Spring, MD
- ♠ May 2-5, 2019, NVBA, Fairfax, VA
- ♣ May 30-Jun 2, 2019, WBL, Silver Spring, MD

### UPCOMING REGIONAL

**Williamsburg Non-Life Master Regional**  
in Williamsburg, VA from Oct 28-30.

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.

Thank you in advance for any assistance you can provide.

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

## THE WBL ONLINE

### 1. The WBL Online Bulletin Board

On an OPT IN basis only, this service will include an online directory of members. Send any of the following information that you're willing to have posted to Don Berman, at [don.berman@verizon.net](mailto:don.berman@verizon.net) or call him at 301-776-3581.

Name, Email Address, up to two Phone Numbers, ACBL Number

### 2. Online Partnership Desk for Tournaments

Through District 6, there's a link to an Online Partnership Desk by Bridge Finesse, where you can find a partner for specific WBL tournaments. Or go there directly:

<http://bridgefinesse.com/D6PDskIndex>

## DO YOU HAVE ANY MUSCLES 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.

## WASHINGTON BRIDGE LEAGUE BOARD & MEMBER RESPONSIBILITIES

May 2018 - May 2019

**0-20 Game Committee:** Clyde Kruskal (Chair), Isabelle Thabault (Novice Coordinator), Alex Gretsinger, Julie Marquette, Donna Rogall, Rose Berman

**Awards:** Linda Marshall (Chair), Eileen Inglesby-Houghton

**Bulletin Committee:** Eileen Inglesby-Houghton, (Chair), Donna Rogall (Editor), Rose Berman, Hadi Abushakra, Ellen Cherniavsky

**Calendar of Obligations:** Linda Marshall (Chair), Donna Rogall, Chuck Dearolf, Clyde Kruskal

**Charity Committee:** Hadi Abushakra

**Cheer & Sympathy:** Eileen Inglesby-Houghton

**Club Relations Committee:** Chuck Dearolf (Chair), Mark Lavine, Clyde Kruskal

**Conduct and Ethics Committee:** Lloyd Rawley (chair), Clyde Kruskal, Mary Tenenbaum, Barbara Ames (\*19), Peter Boyd (\*19), Dick Wegman (\*19), Albert Lauber (\*20), Joan Lewis (\*20), Isabelle Thabault (\*20)

**Elections Committee:** Ellen Cherniavsky (Chair), Hadi Abushakra, Mary Tenenbaum

**Electronic Communications:** Alex Gretsinger (Chair), Don Berman, Steve Robinson, Donna Rogall

**Executive Committee:** Linda Marshall (Chair), Rose Berman, Clyde Kruskal, Ellen Cherniavsky

**GNT Coordinator:** Ellen Cherniavsky

**Historian:** Peter Boyd

**Holiday Party Committee:** Clyde Kruskal (chair), Jim Geist, Chris Miller, Mary Tenenbaum

**Liaison to Educational Foundation:** Eileen Inglesby-Houghton

**Machlin Sportsmanship Award Committee:** Bob Bell (Chair), Audrey Marbach, Dick Wegman, Carole Banks, Barbara Summers (& the Unit Game Chief Director has veto power)

**Membership Committee:** Hadi Abushakra (Chair), Eileen Inglesby-Houghton, Alex Gretsinger, Julie Marquette, Mary Tenenbaum

**Membership Secretary:** Eileen Inglesby-Houghton

**NAP Coordinator:** Ellen Cherniavsky

**Novice Coordinator:** Isabelle Thabault

**Ombudsman:** Melissa Price

**Parliamentarian:** Hadi Abushakra

**Partnerships:** Barbara Doran

**Policy Maintenance Committee:** Eileen Inglesby-Houghton (Chair), Linda Marshall, Ellen Cherniavsky, Chris Miller, Hadi Abushakra, Barbara Doran, Donna Rogall

**Publicity, Marketing, and Membership Growth & Retention:** Alex Gretsinger (chair), Donna Rogall, Charity Sack, Linda Marshall, Brad Theurer, Eileen Inglesby-Houghton, Julie Marquette

**Recorder:** Bob Bell

**Round Robin Committee:** Dave Ruderman (chair), Bill Cole, Chuck Dearolf, Barbara Doran, Barry Falgout, Steve Robinson

**Scheduling:** Clyde Kruskal (Chair), Barbara Doran, Chris Miller, Ted Ying

**Tournament Game Chief Director:** Chris Miller

**Tournament Committee:** Carole Banks (Chair), Brad Theurer (Tournament Chair), Murat Berk (NLM Tournament Chair), Bill Cole (Coordinator), Rebecca Allen (Hospitality Chair), Barbara Doran (Partnerships), Ellen Cherniavsky, Clyde Kruskal, Mary Tenenbaum, Lloyd Rawley, Donna Rogall

**Unit Game Chief Director:** Chris Miller

**Unit Game Committee:** Clyde Kruskal (chair), Rose Berman, Chuck Dearolf

**Unit Game Manager:** Chris Miller

**Ways and Means Committee:** Rose Berman, Barbara Ames, Ellen Cherniavsky, Lloyd Rawley, Carole Banks, Mary Tenenbaum

**Web Committee:** Alex Gretsinger (Chair), Donna Rogall (Webmaster), Lloyd Rawley, Don Berman, Clyde Kruskal, Ellen Cherniavsky

## IN APPRECIATION OF CHARLIE STENGER

by Bob Levey, retired Washington Post columnist,  
Diamond Life Master, and former WBL Board Member

Dr. Charles Stenger, a fixture in Washington bridge for more than 65 years and a psychologist who specialized in the care of former prisoners of war, died on April 29 in Rockville. He was 95 years old.

Charlie was president of the Washington Bridge League from 1968 until 1970, and served as a board member from 1971 until 1973. He was elected the District Six representative to the ACBL Board of Directors in 1980. He served three four-year terms.

During that time, he was also president of District Six, president of the Mid-Atlantic Conference and chairman of the District Six Judiciary Committee. He was the first winner of the WBL's sportsman of the year award, in 2006. At the time of his death, Charlie had 11,989 masterpoints.

During his time on the ACBL Board, Charlie headed a committee that recommended new ranks above life master (there are now nine) and another committee that began to formulate changes to the alert procedure. He chaired the committee that produced a national no-smoking policy. He also complained vociferously (and successfully) when the host hotel boosted room rates just before the start of the 1984 North American Bridge Championships in Washington.

On Dec. 21, 1944, Charlie was captured in Belgium by German soldiers during the Battle of the Bulge. His unit, part of the 106th Division, was about to be overrun when Charlie found a piece of white cloth and surrendered his men. A combat medic, he was held at various prison camps until May 3, 1945.

During his captivity, Charlie suffered from frozen feet that bedeviled him for the rest of his life. He also suffered back injuries when a boxcar in which he and other POWs were riding was hit by Allied bombs.

"But he never complained and he never talked about it," said his widow, Mary Lou Guandolo, also a member of the WBL. "Charlie always said, 'There

are never any problems, only challenges.'"

As a bridge partner, he was always even-keeled and always looked on the bright side, Mary Lou recalled. "He would play with anybody," she said. "And he never came home and said, 'I'm playing with an idiot.' He would say, 'We played well, we just didn't score well.'"

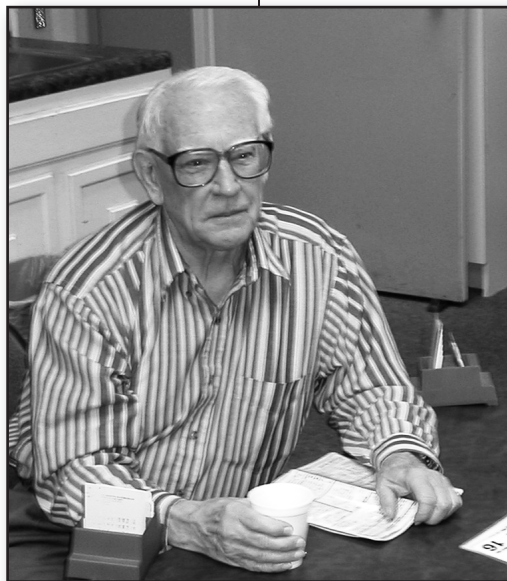
Charles Albert Stenger was born and brought up in Akron, Ohio. He had a twin brother, John Stenger, who died three years ago. John was Charlie's first bridge partner. The Stengers learned the game around the kitchen table in their home.

Charlie married his first wife, Jeanne Stenger, in 1946. She died about 17 years ago. He received a BS in education in 1947 from The University of Akron and a PhD in clinical psychology in 1952 from Western Reserve University in Cleveland.

One of his prized possessions was a letter of reprimand he received from his academic adviser, shortly before he was awarded the PhD. "It's wonderful that you have time to play bridge when you should be working on your dissertation," the man wrote.

Charlie joined the Veterans Administration in 1947 as that fledgling agency's first chief of psychology. "No one even knew what a psychologist was supposed to do," recalled a longtime colleague, Rod Baker. Charlie spent 33 years at the VA, supervising a large staff and developing a specialty in the treatment of POWs. He was recognized several times for the care he delivered to POWs from the Vietnam War. He also treated former service members who had fought in Korea and the Pacific.

After his retirement in 1980, Charlie joined the American Ex-Prisoners of War Association as national director of services. In 2016, he was awarded the Prisoner of War Medal—one of the U.S. Army's highest decorations—at a ceremony in his home. In remarks that day, Charlie said he would always be proud to be "a soldier for life." Charlie also



earned a Bronze Star and a Purple Heart.

Charlie was happy to be old-fashioned, his widow said. "He never used a computer. He never sent an e-mail. He didn't feel he needed to," she said.

And he was always ready to offer counsel about the emotions of his fellow soldiers.

One day, about ten years ago, I approached Charlie at the end of a bridge session and asked if I could speak to him. My father-in-law, who had served in France with the U.S. Army during World War Two, was near death. I had always been curious about his service, but he would never talk about it in any detail. Now the window of opportunity was closing. I asked Charlie for advice.

"Sit down," he said, in his ever-so-calm way.

For the next 30 minutes, he explained that, despite a lot of pop psychology, many former GIs coped with the horrors of war by filing those days away and trying to move past them forever. Charlie assured me that it was nothing personal. But he said that my father-in-law could not be begged, badgered or cajoled into talking. "He will only talk if and when he's ready to talk," Charlie said.

It was an unlikely scene. Chairs were being stacked, tables were being stored, bridge players were milling around the posted score sheets—and there we were, talking about the aftermath of the most destructive war in history. Charlie Stenger could have gone home. He could have given me five minutes only. But he listened, and he sympathized, and he helped.

When I thanked him, he scoffed and said: "Don't thank me. This is what I do."

"He was a healer," said a longtime colleague, Ed Nightingale. "Charlie will be remembered as a generous soul, always offering his time and encouragement."

In 2001, a reporter asked Charlie Stenger: Why bridge? For Charlie, that was an easy question.

"It's an activity for a lifetime," he said.

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### **BEGINNER BRIDGE CLASS BEGINNING SEPT 13**

**Brand New Beginner Bridge Part 1!** Thursdays 7—9 PM at the PUMC\* site. For those who've never played before or who haven't played in many years and want to start over. Topics: point count evaluation, opening bids and responses, basic play of the hand techniques. Six weeks, starts Sept. 13 and ends Oct. 18. Tuition is \$165 to be paid on our website or sent to: Leslie Shafer, 9200 Edwards Way #1115, Adelphi, MD 20783.

Leslie Shafer was named ABTA 2016 Bridge Teacher of the Year, is an *ACBL Bulletin* columnist and was our NLM columnist for several years.

Check out the rest of their fall schedule of bridge classes at: <https://www.bridgeteacher.com/>

### **WBL EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION**

*Thanks to Dick Wegman and Barbara Ames, for bringing this project about!*

The Washington Bridge League has established the WBL Educational Foundation. Dick Wegman is president of the Foundation. The Foundation will promote bridge in the Washington area by developing teaching programs in middle schools and high schools in D.C. and suburban Maryland, and expanding opportunities for adults to learn bridge or improve their bridge-playing skills. Thanks to the efforts by Barb Ames, the IRS has now approved the tax exempt status of the Foundation, so all contributions are tax-deductible.

Hugo Van Dyke is our bridge-in-schools coordinator. The WBL is now looking for bridge players who would be interested in teaching in these school programs. Teachers will teach a uniform curriculum, and receive training using ACBL materials designed for first-time learners. Time commitments for bridge teachers (following training) would likely be a couple of hours per week over the course of a school semester. A modest stipend for teachers may be available from the ACBL. If you are interested in teaching (or otherwise participating) in the bridge-in-schools program, please contact Hugo at [huvandyke@gmail.com](mailto:huvandyke@gmail.com).

To support the Foundation, Dick Wegman has taught several six-session bridge workshops for WBL players who are interested in improving their game. Participants have generously contributed the tuition for the workshops to the Foundation. If you would like to participate in future workshops, please get in touch with Dick at [aliweg@aol.com](mailto:aliweg@aol.com).

The WBL Board has resolved to support the Educational Foundation in any way it can, including financially. Contributions from members are also welcome. If you would like to contribute directly to the Foundation, please contact Rose Berman at [rose.berman@verizon.net](mailto:rose.berman@verizon.net).



# 2017 WINNERS WINNERS WINNERS WINNERS & 2018 ANNUAL MEETING & ELECTIONS REPORT

## MINUTES OF THE 2018 WASHINGTON BRIDGE LEAGUE ANNUAL MEETING

from Linda Marshall, President

The 2018 WBL Annual Meeting was called to order by President, **Ellen Cherniavsky** at 7:10 p.m.

The minutes of the 2017 WBL Annual Meeting were approved by acclamation.

### Treasurer's Report

Copies of financial reports are available online at [washingtonbridgeleague.org](http://washingtonbridgeleague.org) Contact the Treasurer or other Board members with any questions.

Treasurer, **Herb Schulken** announced that as of the fiscal year ending December 31, 2017, the WBL had a loss of \$2,700. Our results for the first four months of 2018 are considerably better with a profit of \$5,000. The improved financial condition is generally a result of increased entry fees and improved sectional profits. The WBL's bank accounts have a balance of approximately \$39,000. The report was approved by acclamation.

Ellen turned the meeting over to **Jim Allen**, Elections Chairman. This year will be Jim's last year as Elections Chairman. Ellen expressed appreciation for Jim's many years in this role. Jim presented the nominations received from petitions and from the floor for officers and board members for the fiscal year 2018. All were elected by acclamation as follows:

### Officers:

**Linda Marshall**, President

**Hadi Abushakra**, Vice President

**Eileen Inglesby-Houghton**, Secretary

**Herb Schulken**, Treasurer

### Board Member 2-year terms:

**Alex Gretsinger**

**Lloyd Rawley**

**Mary Tenenbaum**

Jim turned the meeting back to Ellen, who then announced the **Ace of Clubs** and **Mini-McKenney** award winners.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

## ACE OF CLUBS WINNERS

0 to 5.....	<b>Mr Jack W Vardaman</b>
5 to 20 .....	<b>Mr Elliot Bernold</b>
20 to 50 .....	<b>Mr Edward Ty L Larson</b>
50 to 100 .....	<b>Harriet Lewit</b>
100 to 200 .....	<b>Mr Philip M Rogerson</b>
200 to 300 .....	<b>Mr Bernard Klein</b>
300 to 500.....	<b>Mr Barry E Tash</b>
500 to 1000.....	<b>Mr Terry M Klein</b>
1000 to 1500.....	<b>Mr Leon Masiewicki</b>
1500 to 2500.....	<b>Terri L Sanker</b>
2500 to 3500.....	<b>Ms Linda A Smith</b>
3500 to 5000 .....	<b>Mr Mark J Lavine</b>
5000 to 7500 .....	<b>Ms Juline R Glaz</b>
7500 to 10,000 .....	<b>Mrs Ann M Ingram</b>
Over 10,000 .....	<b>Steven Schatzow</b>

## MINI-McKENNEY WINNERS

0 to 5.....	<b>R Mani</b>
5 to 20 .....	<b>Mr Elliot Bernold</b>
20 to 50 .....	<b>Lee Payton</b>
50 to 100.....	<b>Mr Alexander Stille</b>
100 to 200.....	<b>Barbara Devaney</b>
200 to 300 .....	<b>Mr Bernard Klein</b>
300 to 500.....	<b>Mr Barry E Tash</b>
500 to 1000.....	<b>Mr Terry M Klein</b>
1000 to 1500.....	<b>Mr Silas J Wasserstrom</b>
1500 to 2500.....	<b>Mr Barry W Goulding</b>
2500 to 3500 .....	<b>Hadi Abushakra</b>
3500 to 5000 .....	<b>Mr John A Klayman</b>
5000 to 7500 .....	<b>Mr Barry N Falgout</b>
7500 to 10,000.....	<b>Mr Brad A Theurer</b>
Over 10,000.....	<b>Mr Alan M Sontag</b>

# 73RD ANNUAL POTOMAC VALLEY TOURNAMENT

June 14-17, 2018

## TOP TEN CUMULATIVE POINT WINNERS

### All Players

1	45.95 .....	<b>Brad Theurer</b>
2	42.66 .....	Steve Robinson
3	35.29 .....	William Cole
4	33.90 .....	Leo LaSota
5	32.43 .....	Mark Shaw
6	26.46 .....	Martin Graf
7	25.02 .....	Kenton Schoen
8	24.79 .....	Kenneth Davis
9/10	22.31 .....	Hailong Ao
	22.31 .....	Weizhong Bao

### Players with fewer than 2500 masterpoints

1	12.74 .....	<b>James Beller</b>
2	11.94 .....	Murat Berk
3	11.31 .....	Dale Sanders
4	9.92 .....	Shuba Dey
5	9.89 .....	Peter Van Zijl
6	8.70 .....	Sidney Graves
7	8.54 .....	John Arnett Sr
8/9	8.17 .....	Adrienne Kuehneman
	8.17 .....	Carole Banks
10/11	7.97 .....	Shaye Hester
	7.97 .....	Thayer Baine

### Players with fewer than 500 masterpoints

1/2	7.97 .....	<b>Shaye Hester</b>
	7.97 .....	<b>Thayer Baine</b>
3	7.58 .....	John Wertman
4	7.53 .....	David Lindley
5	7.52 .....	Charles Stewart
6	6.56 .....	Daniel Morgan
7/8	6.12 .....	Atish Sanyal
	6.12 .....	Arvind Bhand
9/10	6.00 .....	Sharon Saponnikov
	6.00 .....	Reina Lerner

### —Results—

## THU AM OPEN PAIRS

### Stratum A, 13.5 Tables / Based on 34 Tables

1	Dale Sanders - James Beller .....	.68.73
2	Robin Taylor - Alan Sontag .....	.65.97
3	Brad Theurer - Robert Hopkins Jr .....	.60.75
4	Jerome Sikora - John Arnett Sr .....	.60.24
5	Dalia Kende - Hanna Schepps .....	.58.42
6	Robbie Lloyd - Allen Shaw .....	.55.26
7	Steven Fox - Barry Ko .....	.55.04

### Stratum X, 9.0 Tables

1	Dale Sanders - James Beller .....	.68.73
2	Jerome Sikora - John Arnett Sr .....	.60.24
3	Robbie Lloyd - Allen Shaw .....	.55.26
4	Steven Fox - Barry Ko .....	.55.04
5	Lynne Groff - Ricki Kanter .....	.53.05

## THU AM 0-1000 PAIRS Stratum B, 20.0 Tables



1	Shaye Hester - Thayer Baine .....	.62.58
2	Sarah Silva - Charles Stewart .....	.62.20
3	Rose Hadidian - Cathy McIntyre .....	.61.01
4	Carole Stringer - Joseph Lebaron .....	.60.42
5/6	Bobbie Wolf - Helen Rubin .....	.59.82
5/6	Samina Ali - Seema Bhagwat .....	.59.82

### Stratum C, 19.0 Tables

1	Thayer Baine - Shaye Hester .....	.62.58
2	Rose Hadidian - Cathy McIntyre .....	.61.01
3	Carole Stringer - Joseph Lebaron .....	.60.42
4/5	Bobbie Wolf - Helen Rubin .....	.59.82
4/5	Samina Ali - Seema Bhagwat .....	.59.82
6	Shirley Weiss - Mary Biswell .....	.59.52

### Stratum D, 13.5 Tables

1	Rose Hadidian - Cathy McIntyre .....	.61.01
2	Bobbie Wolf - Helen Rubin .....	.59.82
3	Shirley Weiss - Mary Biswell .....	.59.52
4	Atish Sanyal - Arvind Bhand .....	.58.04
5	Marianne Keler - Robert Bogin .....	.56.46
6	William Davis - H Wesley Ashendorf .....	.55.65

## THU EVE A/X PAIRS

### Stratum A, 25.5 Tables / Based on 76 Tables



1	Leo LaSota - Brad Theurer .....	.60.94
2	Mark Shaw - Martin Graf .....	.60.51
3	Murat Berk - Peter Van Zijl .....	.60.42
4	Sumner Steinfeldt - Hal Hindman .....	.59.52
5	Matthew Lahut - Juan Pablo Quizon .....	.59.52
6	Robert Levey - Ted Ying .....	.58.98
7	Alan Schwartz - Annie Schwartz .....	.57.44
8	Hank Meyer - Donald Berman .....	.56.38
9	Robert Hopkins Jr - Joan Lewis .....	.55.65
10	David Lindley - Daniel Morgan .....	.55.06
11	Eugene Kales - Richard Ferrin .....	.54.54
12	Thomas Jennings - Hal Jones Jr .....	.54.46
13	Clyde Kruskal - Donna Rogall .....	.53.84



**Stratum X, 14.5 Tables**

1	Murat Berk - Peter Van Zijl	.60.42
2	Matthew Lahut - Juan Pablo Quizon	.59.52
3	David Lindley - Daniel Morgan	.55.06
4	Thomas Jennings - Hal Jones Jr	.54.46
5	David Soukup - Hakan Berk	.52.41
6/7	Guillaume De Decker - Barbara Ames	.52.34
6/7	Jeffrey Kosnett - Eugene Fisher	.52.34

**THU EVE B/C/D PAIRS****Stratum B, 26.0 Tables / Based on 15 Tables**

1	Eleanor Schwartz - Eva Klivington	.64.81
2	Prem Garg - Evan Gay	.63.64
3	Brian Sutton - Carol Elfant	.62.88
4	Barack Peled - Jess Feinman	.62.69
5	Ann Atcheson - George Parkins	.62.27
6	Stephen Parker - Benjamin Sharp	.61.34

**Stratum C, 23.5 Tables / Based on 13 Tables**

1	Eleanor Schwartz - Eva Klivington	.64.81
2	Prem Garg - Evan Gay	.63.64
3	Brian Sutton - Carol Elfant	.62.88
4	Barack Peled - Jess Feinman	.62.69
5	Stephen Parker - Benjamin Sharp	.61.34
6	David Marshall - Michael Kuehl	.60.80

**Stratum D, 16.0 Tables**

1	Prem Garg - Evan Gay	.63.64
2	Stephen Parker - Benjamin Sharp	.61.34
3	David Marshall - Michael Kuehl	.60.80
4	Michelle Zygielbaum - Barry Tash	.59.85
5	Craig Pritzker - Charles Van Horn	.54.17
6	Ashan Rodriguez - Tyler Creighton	.53.79

**THU EVE 0-500 PAIRS @WBL****Stratum A, 8.5 Tables**

1	Elliot Bernold - Jacob Baron	.66.21
2	Abigail Marks - David Handwerker	.66.00
3	Carole Stringer - Robbie Lloyd	.60.11
4	Mahmoud Katirai - Shala Panbechi	.56.92
5	Antony Heatwole - Emilio Cecchi	.54.52

**Stratum B, 8.0 Tables**

1	Elliot Bernold - Jacob Baron	.66.21
2	Abigail Marks - David Handwerker	.66.00
3	Carole Stringer - Robbie Lloyd	.60.11
4	Antony Heatwole - Emilio Cecchi	.54.52
5	Robert Johnston - Darlyn Counihan	.54.08

**Stratum C, 4.5 Tables**

1	Elliot Bernold - Jacob Baron	.66.21
2	Antony Heatwole - Emilio Cecchi	.54.52
3	Robert Johnston - Darlyn Counihan	.54.08
4	Peter Wicklein - Bob Bradley	.51.15

**THU EVE 199ER PAIRS @NVBA****Stratum A, 12.5 Tables**

1	Chris Hayden - Ron Webne	.68.45
2	Nancy Smagala - Victor Weedn	.59.25
3	Beverly Smedberg - Edwin Smedberg	.57.46
4	Paul Mohler - John Graf	.56.47
5	Donna Sherrard - Betty Hollis	.55.38
6	Georgia Booker - Judy Patterson	.55.35

**Stratum B, 10.0 Tables**

1	Chris Hayden - Ron Webne	.68.45
2	Beverly Smedberg - Edwin Smedberg	.57.46
3	Paul Mohler - John Graf	.56.47
4	Donna Sherrard - Betty Hollis	.56.38
5	Georgia Booker - Judy Patterson	.55.35
6	Parvine Chowfla - Ron Shoemaker	.54.93

**Stratum C, 8.0 Tables**

1	Chris Hayden - Ron Webne	.68.45
2	Beverly Smedberg - Edwin Smedberg	.57.46
3	Donna Sherrard - Betty Hollis	.56.38
4	Georgia Booker - Judy Patterson	.55.35
5	Parvine Chowfla - Ron Shoemaker	.54.93

**THU EVE 0-20 PAIRS****Stratum A, 3.0 Tables**

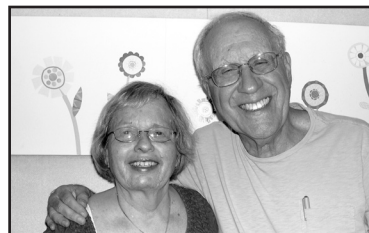
1	Natasha Mullin - Terrance Mullin	.63.33
2	Kevin Dicola - Max Yu	.55.00

**Stratum B, 2.5 Tables**

1	Natasha Mullin - Terrance Mullin	.63.33
2	Kevin Dicola - Max Yu	.55.00

**Stratum C, 2.5 Tables**

1	Natasha Mullin - Terrance Mullin	.63.33
2	Kevin Dicola - Max Yu	.55.00

**FRI MOR A/X PAIRS****Stratum A, 7.0 Tables / Based on 32 Tables**

1	Richard Wegman - Alice Wegman	.64.58
2	Kenton Schoen - Kenneth Davis	.63.75
3	Alan Schwartz - Steve Robinson	.60.00
4	William Pettis - Barbara Ames	.57.92
5	Carl Nelson - Eric Branfman	.53.33

**Stratum X, 2.5 Tables**

1	Carl Nelson - Eric Branfman	.53.33
2	Albert Lauber - James Beller	.50.83

**FRI MOR B/C/D PAIRS****Stratum B, 11.0 Tables**

1	Thayer Baine - Shaye Hester	.59.21
2	Michael Cooperman - Myron Goldstein	.58.46
3	Joseph Lebaron - Linda Meade	.56.89
4	Peter Isard - Margaret Cooke	.55.87
5	Marilyn Rubinstein - Stanley Rosen	.55.40
6	Ken Marx - David Abraham	.54.56

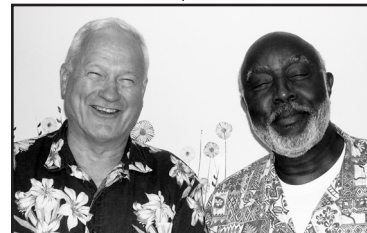
**Stratum C, 9.5 Tables**

1	Thayer Baine - Shaye Hester	.59.21
2	Michael Cooperman - Myron Goldstein	.58.46
3	Joseph Lebaron - Linda Meade	.56.89
4	Peter Isard - Margaret Cooke	.55.87

5	Marilyn Rubinstein - Stanley Rosen	.55.40
6	Ken Marx - David Abraham	.54.56

**Stratum D, 7.5 Tables**

1	Thayer Baine - Shaye Hester	.59.21
2	Michael Cooperman - Myron Goldstein	.58.46
3	Joseph Lebaron - Linda Meade	.56.89
4	Peter Isard - Margaret Cooke	.55.87
5	Marilyn Rubinstein - Stanley Rosen	.55.40

**FRI MOR 0-500 PAIRS****Stratum A, 14.0 Tables**

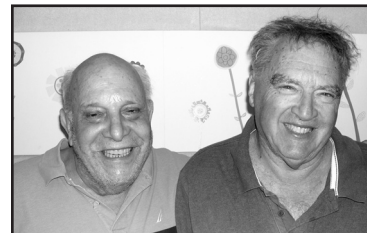
1	Robert O Connor - William Lowry	.65.20
2	Atish Sanyal - Arvind Bhand	.61.61
3	Reina Lerner - Sharona Sapoznikow	.58.06
4	Bernard Finn - Charles Stewart	.57.80
5	Lesley Lavalleye - Donna Genderson	.57.14
6	Judy Patterson - Phillip Fraas	.57.08

**Stratum B, 12.0 Tables**

1	Atish Sanyal - Arvind Bhand	.61.61
2	Reina Lerner - Sharona Sapoznikow	.58.06
3	Lesley Lavalleye - Donna Genderson	.57.14
4	Judy Patterson - Phillip Fraas	.57.08
5	Michael Heald - William May	.56.59
6	Georgia Booker - Joyce Suydam	.56.09

**Stratum C, 6.0 Tables**

1	Lesley Lavalleye - Donna Genderson	.57.14
2	Judy Patterson - Phillip Fraas	.57.08
3	Michael Heald - William May	.56.59
4	Georgia Booker - Joyce Suydam	.56.09

**FRI AFT A/X PAIRS****Stratum A, 9.0 Tables / Based on 28 Tables**

1	Steven Schatzow - David Ruderman	.66.07
2	Donna Rogall - Linda Marshall	.59.23
3	Leo LaSota - Mark Shaw	.55.95
4	Richard Wegman - Robert Hopkins Jr	.55.06
5	Rebecca Duty - John Klayman	.53.87

**Stratum X, 2.5 Tables**

1/2	Francesca Mazarella - Rich Ardini	.47.32
1/2	Carl Nelson - Eric Branfman	.47.32

**FRI AFT B/C/D PAIRS****Stratum B, 8.5 Tables**

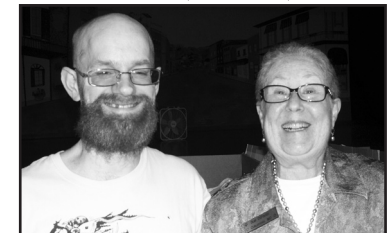
1	Scott Lutrey - Alfred Liepold	.62.59
2	Alexander Stille - Barbara Devaney	.59.20
3	Arun Guha - Calvin Konner	.55.55
4	Gary Weinberg - Sarah Weinberg	.53.77
5	Lois Fussell - Jesse Fussell	.53.65

**Stratum C, 6.5 Tables**

1	Scott Lutrey - Alfred Liepold	.62.59
2	Alexander Stille - Barbara Devaney	.59.20
3	Gary Weinberg - Sarah Weinberg	.53.77
4	Lois Fussell - Jesse Fussell	.53.65
5	William Schoder - Andrew Lipps	.51.90

**Stratum D, 4.5 Tables**

1	Alexander Stille - Barbara Devaney	.59.20
2	Gary Weinberg - Sarah Weinberg	.53.77
3	Lois Fussell - Jesse Fussell	.53.65
4	Joseph Lebaron - Linda Meade	.48.99

**FRI AFT 0-500 PAIRS, Stratum 5, 10.0 Tables**

1	David Dunston - Susan Dipaula	.58.33
2/4	Atish Sanyal - Arvind Bhand	.57.74
2/4	Bernard Finn - Charles Stewart	.57.74
2/4	John Wertman - Joia Hertz	.57.74
5	Linda Hantman - Shirley Meddaugh	.55.95
6	Myron Goldstein - Robbie Lloyd	.55.06

**Stratum 6, 7.5 Tables**

1	Susan Dipaula - David Dunston	.58.33
2/3	Atish Sanyal - Arvind Bhand	.57.74
2/3	John Wertman - Joia Hertz	.57.74
4	Linda Hantman - Shirley Meddaugh	.55.95
5	Kim Gandy - Anne Weismann	.53.87

**Stratum 7, 5.0 Tables**

1	Susan Dipaula - David Dunston	.58.33
2	Linda Hantman - Shirley Meddaugh	.55.95
3	Anne Hastings - Georgia Booker	.51.19
4	Michael Heald - William May	.48.81

**FRI EVE IMP PAIRS/TEAM (T),****Stratum A, 11 Tables**

1	Robert Hopkins Jr - Brad Theurer - Barry Falgout - Joan Lewis	.38.00
2	Francesca Mazarella - Rich Ardini - Jim Wakefield - Helene Bauman	.59.00
3	Hal Hindman - Clyde Kruskal - Mark Chen - Donna Rogall	.43.00
4	Eileen Inglesby-Houghton - Robert Bell - Mary Peters - Thomas Peters	.23.00

**Stratum B, 6 Tables**

1	Terry Klein - Murat Berk - Hakan Berk - David Soukup	.2.00
2	Daniela Tunsanu - Radu Tunsanu - Jeffrey Halle - Sorina Negulescu	.3.00

**Stratum C, 4 Tables**

1	Tanya Rodich - Noreen Hickey-Schiappa - Sandra True - Eula Thomas	.31.00
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# **FRI EVE IMP PAIRS/TEAM(P)**

## **Stratum A, 11.0 Tables**



- 1 Brad Theurer - Barry Falgout .....69.14
- 2 Hal Hindman - Clyde Kruskal .....47.71
- 3 Francesca Mazarella - Rich Ardini .....45.43
- 4 Eileen Inglesby-Hought - Robert Bell .....23.71
- 5 Helene Bauman - Jim Wakefield .....21.57
- 6 Jeffrey Halle - Sorina Negulescu .....18.43

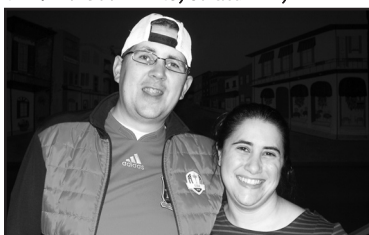
## **Stratum B, 7.0 Tables**

- 1 Francesca Mazarella - Rich Ardini .....45.43
- 2 Jeffrey Halle - Sorina Negulescu .....18.43
- 3 Sandra True - Eula Thomas .....17.86
- 4 Hakan Berk - David Soukup .....4.29
- 5 Mary Peters - Thomas Peters .....3.71

## **Stratum C, 4.5 Tables**

- 1 Francesca Mazarella - Rich Ardini .....45.43
- 2 Sandra True - Eula Thomas .....17.86
- 3 Hakan Berk - David Soukup .....4.29
- 4 Wendy Morrison - Brian Sutton .....15.86

## **FRI EVE 0-500 PAIRS, Stratum A, 3.0 Tables**



- 1 John Wertman - Joia Hertz .....57.61
- 2 Julie Anderson - Giselle Bleecker .....54.35

## **Stratum B, 3.0 Tables**

- 1 John Wertman - Joia Hertz .....57.61
- 2 Julie Anderson - Giselle Bleecker .....54.35

## **SAT MOR B/C/D PAIRS, Stratum B, 15.0 Tables**



- 1 Gary Weinberg - Sarah Weinberg .....68.75
- 2 Barry Lieberman - Brian Childers .....63.64
- 3 Walter Kerns - Ronald Allen .....60.61
- 4 Martin Reed - James Wisman .....59.28
- 5 David Espo - Margie Coccodrilli .....59.09
- 6 M David Jackson - Nancy Lea Ross .....56.63

## **Stratum C, 13.0 Tables**

- 1 Sarah Weinberg - Gary Weinberg .....68.75
- 2 Barry Lieberman - Brian Childers .....63.64

- 3 Walter Kerns - Ronald Allen .....60.61
- 4 Martin Reed - James Wisman .....59.28
- 5 David Espo - Margie Coccodrilli .....59.09
- 6 M David Jackson - Nancy Lea Ross .....56.63

## **Stratum D, 6.5 Tables**

- 1 Sarah Weinberg - Gary Weinberg .....68.75
- 2 Barry Lieberman - Brian Childers .....63.64
- 3 Ila Shah - Vinod Shah .....55.68
- 4 Joanne Massey Howes - Eugene Massey .....52.65
- 5 Thayer Baine - Shaye Hester .....52.46

## **SAT MOR 0-500 PAIRS**

## **Stratum 5, 18.0 Tables**



- 1 Sharona Sapoznikow - Reina Lerner .....63.10
- 2 John Wertman - Joan Axilbund .....59.82
- 3 Sue Ellen Hersh - Barbara Ostrow .....58.93
- 4 Linda Meade - Ivy Broder .....58.63
- 5 Judith Fried - Rose Hadidian .....57.74
- 6 Karen Horowitz - Rachelle Sladoff .....57.44

## **Stratum 3, 15.5 Tables**

- 1 Sharona Sapoznikow - Reina Lerner .....63.10
- 2 John Wertman - Joan Axilbund .....59.82
- 3 Sue Ellen Hersh - Barbara Ostrow .....58.93
- 4 Linda Meade - Ivy Broder .....58.63
- 5 Judith Fried - Rose Hadidian .....57.74
- 6 Karen Horowitz - Rachelle Sladoff .....57.44

## **Stratum 1, 4.0 Tables**

- 1 Micky Goldstein - Susan Austin .....55.36
- 2 Gilda Rotman - Linda Hantman .....52.38
- 3 Robert Johnston - Darlyn Counihan .....45.24

## **SAT MOR 49ER PAIRS, Stratum E, 4.5 Tables**

- 1 Robert Bajefsky - Marty Fuchs .....61.12
- 2 Joann Robertson - Robinette Lynch .....60.29
- 3 Lee Galloway - Eileen McKenna .....55.04
- 4 Ronald Shoemaker - Dee Ann Gretz .....50.55

## **SAT AFT A/X PAIRS**

## **Stratum A, 10.0 Tables / Based on 18 Tables**



- 1 Adrienne Kuehneman - Carole Banks .....59.23
- 2 Annie Schwartz - Alan Schwartz .....58.04
- 3/5 Amanda Carter - Clifford Feldman .....57.74
- 3/5 Sidney Graves - James Gerding .....57.74
- 3/5 Catherine Bardsley - Wayne Bardsley .....57.74
- 6 Zachary Madden - Barry Falgout .....57.44

## **Stratum X, 8.0 Tables**

- 1 Adrienne Kuehneman - Carole Banks .....59.23
- 2/4 Amanda Carter - Clifford Feldman .....57.74
- 2/4 Sidney Graves - James Gerding .....57.74
- 2/4 Catherine Bardsley - Wayne Bardsley .....57.74

- 5 Brian Sutton - Robert Ives .....56.55

## **SAT AFT B/C/D PAIRS, Stratum B, 10.5 Tables**

- 1 John Arnett Sr - Patti Anschutz .....61.28
- 2 Michael Lawrence - Craig Olson .....61.26
- 3 Patrice Gordon - Arthur Olson .....60.63
- 4 Ken Kimball - Tamara Vetter .....58.97
- 5 James Mosley - Harry Potter .....56.42
- 6 Michael Watts - Mary Ourand .....53.82

## **Stratum C, 8.5 Tables**

- 1 John Arnett Sr - Patti Anschutz .....61.28
- 2 Michael Lawrence - Craig Olson .....61.26
- 3 Patrice Gordon - Arthur Olson .....60.63
- 4 Ken Kimball - Tamara Vetter .....58.97
- 5 James Mosley - Harry Potter .....56.42

## **Stratum D, 4.5 Tables**

- 1 Ken Kimball - Tamara Vetter .....58.97
- 2 James Mosley - Harry Potter .....56.42
- 3 Michael Watts - Mary Ourand .....53.82
- 4 John Wertman - David Lindley .....52.68

## **SAT AFT 0-500 PAIRS, Stratum 5, 7.5 Tables**

- 1 Paul Mohler - John Graf .....60.32
- 2 Bernard Finn - Charles Stewart .....57.94
- 3 Micky Goldstein - Susan Austin .....57.54
- 4 Robert Johnston - Darlyn Counihan .....57.29
- 5 Rose Hadidian - Cathy McIntyre .....57.15

## **Stratum 3, 6.5 Tables**

- 1 Paul Mohler - John Graf .....60.32
- 2 Micky Goldstein - Susan Austin .....57.54
- 3 Robert Johnston - Darlyn Counihan .....57.29
- 4 Rose Hadidian - Cathy McIntyre .....57.15
- 5 Linda Meade - Ivy Broder .....56.25

## **Stratum 1, 2.5 Tables**

- 1 Micky Goldstein - Susan Austin .....57.54
- 2 Robert Johnston - Darlyn Counihan .....57.29

## **SAT WBL TROPHY PAIRS AWARDING THE**



## **STEVE ROBINSON TROPHY**

## **Stratum A, 10.0 Tables / Based on 58 Tables**

- 1 Steve Robinson - William Cole .....65.97**
- 2 Hailong Ao - Weizhong Bao .....64.24
- 3 Steve Reed - Kenneth Davis .....63.32
- 4 Mark Shaw - Martin Graf .....58.30
- 5 Jay Kelkar - Shuba Dey .....56.52
- 6 Brad Theurer - Mark Chen .....56.12
- 7 Vincent Wilmot Jr - Richard Wegman .....55.13
- 8 Charles Yaple - Kenton Schoen .....54.27
- 9 Stan Schenker - David Milton .....54.06
- 10 Lyle Poe Jr - Linda Marshall .....53.90

## **Stratum X, 2.0 Tables / Based on 11 Tables**

- 1 Rosemary Shaw - Jane Shaw .....50.57

## **SUN A/X SWISS TEAMS**

## **Stratum A, 11 Tables / Based on 33 Tables**



- 1/2 David Ruderman - Andrew Gofreed - Brad Theurer - Leo LaSota .....83.00



- 1/2 Helene Bauman - Kenton Schoen - Jim Wakefield - Charles Yaple (not pic) .....83.00
- 3 Steve Robinson - Peter Boyd - William Cole - William Pettis - Ai-Tai Lo .....80.00
- 4 Fred King - Robert Bell - James Heneghan - Barry Ko .....77.00

## **Stratum X, 7 Tables**

- 1 Kenton Schoen - Jim Wakefield - Helene Bauman - Charles Yaple .....83.00
- 2 Rusty Krauss - Barry Falgout - Monique Smith - Merrill Hirsh .....63.00
- 3/4 Richard Ferrin - Brad Libros - Eugene Kales - Ellen Cherniavsky .....58.00
- 3/4 Rammohan Sarangan - Melissa Price - Richard Price - Ann Lindley - Alfred Duncker .....58.00

## **SUN BRACKETED B TEAMS-1, 8 Tables**

- 1 Betsy Eliot - Yvonne Markell - Al Stolpe - Julia Brown .....84.00
- 2 John McCormick - Ralph Bayrer - Dean Baird - Carolyn Baird .....82.00
- 3 Calvin Konner - Andrew Jacknain - John Mattioli - Janet Dence .....80.00

## **SUN BRACKETED B TEAMS-2, 8 Tables**

- 1 Daniel Morgan - John Blodgett - Sidney Graves - David Lindley .....111.00
- 2 George Fleeson - Victor Weedn - James Deckant - Elizabeth Jones .....96.00
- 3 Alexander Stille - Barbara Devaney - Ashan Rodriguez - Tyler Creighton .....71.00

## **SUN MOR 0-500 SWISS TEAMS**

## **Stratum 5, 6 Tables**

- 1 Katherine Koch - Betsy Lauer - Atish Sanyal - Arvind Bhand .....63.00
- 2 Andrew Swaim - Katherine Lehman - David Dunston - Doug Helfman .....47.00

## **Stratum 3, 6 Tables**

- 1 Katherine Koch - Betsy Lauer - Atish Sanyal - Arvind Bhand .....63.00
- 2 Andrew Swaim - Katherine Lehman - David Dunston - Doug Helfman .....47.00



# WBL NLM SECTIONAL

## — RESULTS —

May 19-20, 2018

### TOP CUMULATIVE POINT WINNERS

1	3.90	<b>Katherine Koch</b> , Fairfax, VA
	3.90	<b>Betsy Lauer</b> , Springfield, VA
3	3.69	Ellen Simonoff, Fairfax Station, VA
4	2.97	Anne Alden, Arlington, VA
5	2.93	Nicholas Sapirie, Washington, DC
	2.93	Robert Ives, Bethesda, MD
7	2.75	Andrew Swaim, Berkeley Spgs, WV
	2.75	Lisa Eklund, Baltimore, MD
	2.75	Katherine Lehman, Berkeley Spgs, WV
	2.75	Jim Dickson, Baltimore, MD
11	2.62	Charles Stewart, Columbia, MD
	2.62	Arvind Bhand, Centerville, VA
13	2.61	Patsy Brannon, Rockville, MD
	2.61	Wes Buchanan, Rockville, MD

### —RESULTS—

SATURDAY, MAY 19

#### 10:30 AM Stratiflighted NLM Pairs - 17.5 Tables

A B C		
1		<b>Katherine Koch</b> Fairfax, VA; <b>Betsy Lauer</b> Springfield, VA... 63.32
2	1 1	<b>Nicholas Sapirie</b> , DC; <b>Robert Ives</b> Bethesda, MD ... 62.42
3	2	Phyllis Woodring Falls Church, VA; Elfreda Baptist Arlington, VA ... 60.73
4		Charles Stewart Columbia, MD; Arvind Bhand Centerville, VA ... 60.71
5	3	Peter Wicklein Silver Spring, MD; Eva Vorndran Great Falls, VA ... 59.66
6/7		David Espo - Gale Greenbaum Potomac, MD ... 59.23
6/7 4		Randal Burns - Maxwell Burns, DC ... 59.23
5		Kathleen Parkins Vienna, VA; Thomas Stanley Reston, VA ... 57.63
6		Joan Rineberg Arlington, VA; Herb Lichtenstein Jessup, MD ... 57.14
2		Gary Burin - Alice Burin Vienna, VA ... 53.27
3		Leslie Beal Bloom Silver Spring, MD; Nancy Raskin, DC ... 50.60
4		Linda Hantman - Gilda Rotman Rockville, MD ... 48.57

#### 10:30 AM Stratiflighted 0-50 Pairs - 6.5 Tables

A B C		
1 1		<b>Dee Ann Gretz</b> Vienna, VA; <b>Bea Hessick</b> Bethesda, MD ... 60.95
2		Abigail Marks Bethesda, MD; Linda Natale Gaithersburg, MD ... 59.58
3 2		Winston Crow Waldorf, MD; Jack Vardaman, DC ... 59.04

4 3 1		<b>Stephanie Walsh</b> Bethesda, MD; <b>Mary Jo O'Connor</b> Chevy Chase, MD ... 51.65
5		Eula Thomas Clinton, MD; Deborah Crockett, DC ... 51.11
2		Marian Corey Vienna, VA; David Dillard Oakton, VA ... 47.45

#### 3:00 PM Stratiflighted NLM Pairs - 9.5 Tables

A B C		
1 1 1		<b>Ellen Simonoff</b> Fairfax Station, VA; <b>Anne Alden</b> Arlington, VA ... 74.15
2 2 2		David Dunston Baltimore, MD; Susan Dipaula Columbia, MD ... 63.14
3 3		Randal Burns - Maxwell Burns, DC ... 60.03
4		Charles Stewart Columbia, MD; Arvind Bhand Centerville, VA ... 56.81
5 4		Michael Miale - Pamela Yood Arlington, VA ... 55.92
6 5 3		Elizabeth Hundert Leonardtown, MD; Elaine Reynolds La Plata, MD ... 54.04
4		Daniel Aldrich - Jacob Baron, DC ... 50.01

#### 3:00 PM Stratiflighted 0-50 Pairs - 4.0 Tables

A B C		
1		<b>Patsy Brannon - Wes Buchanan</b> Rockville, MD ... 62.71
2 1		<b>Lorraine Nacson - Jacques Nacson</b> Silver Spring, MD ... 57.92
3 2 1		<b>Elizabeth Vincent</b> , DC; <b>Jing Tian</b> Silver Spring, MD ... 55.95
2		Marian Corey Vienna, VA; David Dillard Oakton, VA ... 53.61

SUNDAY, MAY 20

#### 10:30 AM Stratified Swiss Teams - 10.0 Tables

A B C		
1		<b>Andrew Swaim - Katherine Lehman</b> Berkeley Spgs, WV; <b>Lisa Eklund - Jim Dickson</b> Hanover, MD 86.00
2		Gary Scavongelli - Janice Scavongelli Burke, VA; Robert Greenburg Reston, VA; Craig Pritzker Woodbridge, VA ... 82.00
3 1		<b>Mary Wyatt</b> Lynchburg, VA; <b>John Graf</b> Alexandria, VA; <b>William May</b> Shepherdstown, WV; <b>Nancy Smagala</b> Fairfax, VA ... 75.00
4 2		David Siegel - Darlyn Counihan Silver Spring, MD; Patsy Brannon - Wes Buchanan Rockville, MD ... 67.00
3 1		<b>Ellen Simonoff</b> Fairfax Station, VA; <b>James Dahlberg</b> Arlington, VA; <b>Ruth Fischer</b> Fairfax, VA; <b>Michael Olmsted</b> Fayetteville, NY; <b>Gary Burin - Alice Burin</b> Vienna, VA ... 55.00

# BRIDGE IN SCHOOLS YEAR IN REVIEW

from Hugo Van Dyke, Bridge in Schools Coordinator; photos from Blake Schwartzbach

This year the number of WBL bridge programs in DC and Maryland schools increased by two schools. In total, we have about 80 students under the age of 18 playing bridge in schools! Our programs have been established in middle schools, high schools, public schools, charter schools and private schools. We are pleased to reach all types of schools in the DC area.

We had some exciting firsts this year- programs at Richard Montgomery and McKinley Tech burst on the scene. They joined programs at Wilson and West Education Campus that were in their second year and going strong. Our oldest programs are Sidwell Friends and Walter Johnson whose programs are thriving.

We had three inter-scholastic competitions this year, in addition to the regular programming. At our most recent event, students from Thomas Jefferson of Northern Virginia crossed over the Potomac to go head to head with our students. Thanks to **Mark Lavine & Barry Lieberman** for hosting the games!

A pair from Woodrow Wilson took home 1st place at our largest competition in December. A pair that consisted of one student from Thomas Jefferson and one student from Richard Montgomery defeated the competition in May and Walter Johnson students claimed victory in June. With champions coming from a diverse group of schools, you know that our volunteer teachers are training their competitors well. Special thanks to **Jane Dolkart, Pat Mitchell, Adam Gann, Blake Schwartzbach, Leslie Jessell, Jim Metzger, James Berry, Shaheda Sultan, David Handwerker, Christopher Goldthwait, Paul Block, Andrew Jacknain** and **Suzanne Abrams** for spreading enthusiasm for this great game to younger players in the area.



Adam Gann with students who took 2nd place, Marshall P. & Andy S. (West Middle) on May 12



1st—Grant W. (TJ) & David F. (RM) & 3rd—Jasper L. & Calvin H. (RM) on May 12 with Teacher Leslie Jessell (RM)



WW students (1st place) on Dec 16



The competition on December 16

Looking ahead, we have engaged St. Andrews, DC International, Washington Latin and Roosevelt about potential programs for next year and are certainly not looking to stop there. We need your help to expand to any school in the Washington area. Please email our coordinator Hugo Van Dyke at [WBLbridgeinschoolscoordinator@gmail.com](mailto:WBLbridgeinschoolscoordinator@gmail.com) if you have any leads on other schools that might be interested in creating a bridge program for their students.





# NLM MASTER POINTERS

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## CONTINUATIONS IN A 2/1 GAME FORCING AUCTION

Now, we're going to discuss continuations when an auction has started with a 2/1 game forcing bid. In particular, we'll focus on how Opener should act based on his hand strength -- whether holding a bare minimum, average, or strong opening hand. Remember, Responder is unlimited at first, so Opener must not cut off possibilities prematurely, even with a weak hand. We'll also discuss in which situations Responder shows true trump support when bidding Opener's first suit, and when Responder is merely taking a preference. And, we'll note that notrump can sometimes be bid in 2/1 auctions without being absolutely certain that all four suits are stopped.

### Consider the following auctions:

(assume no interference by opponents)

1♠/2♣/2♦/2♠ Responder can have:  
♠ QJx ♥ QJx ♦ KQx ♣ QJxxx

1♠/2♦/2♥/2♠ Responder can have:  
♠ AKx ♥ Ax ♦ KQxxx ♣ Kxx

1♥/2♣/2♦/2♥ Responder can have:  
♠ xx ♥ AQx ♦ KQxx ♣ Axxx

Notice that Responder can have a very good hand, a very bad hand or a reasonable hand for his three-card support at the two-level

### This is in contrast to the following auctions:

1♠/1 NT/2♦/2♠ Responder can have:  
♠ xx ♥ KQxx ♦ Qxx ♣ Jxxx

1♥/1 NT/2♣/2♥ Responder can have:  
♠ Jxx ♥ xxx ♦ Kxxx ♣ Qxx

1♥/1♠/2♣/2♥ Responder can have:  
♠ Axxx ♥ xx ♦ Kxx ♣ xxxx

It is well known that Responder in these auctions is simply taking a preference, and is most likely to have two cards only in the trump suit. If

Responder has three-card support, he has fewer than eight support points. In the last auction, Responder should support hearts if he has three-card heart support and ignore the spade suit.

### Consider the following auction:

1♠/2♥/3♣/3♠

Here, Responder supports Opener's first suit at the three-level.

Here again, Responder is showing three-card trump support.

Unless Opener has a truly sub-minimum hand, Opener should not jump in the bidding. Opener must remember that Responder is unlimited.

### Are you in the slam zone?

After 1♠/2♣/2♥/2♠:

Opener bids 3♠ with a minimum opening bid, such as ♠ KQxxx ♥ Axxx ♦ QJx ♣ x.

With extra values, Opener shows his distribution. He bids 2NT with 5=4=2=2, such as ♠ KQJxx ♥ AKxx ♦ Ax ♣ xx. Opener bids 3♣ with short diamonds, such as ♠ KQJxx ♥ AKxx ♦ x ♣ Axx and bids 3♦ with short clubs, such as ♠ KQxxx ♥ AKxx ♦ Axx ♣ x. This way, Responder knows which honors are fitting and which are wasted. He can also rebid his heart suit to show five hearts and extra values. After Opener shows his distribution, Responder can start showing aces and kings.

Use logic and judgment when cuebidding. Cuebid up the line (lower to higher suits).

When using Blackwood conventions, always show all of your key cards, even when you have shown them through cuebidding already.

Opener generally should not jump to game in these situations. It takes up too much space. Give Responder a chance to show potential slam interest below the level of game.

1♠/2♣/2NT/3NT

In this auction, Opener has shown either 12-14 or 18-19 points. Of course, if Opener has 18-19, he will bid 4NT over Responder's 3NT.

Remember, when Opener bids a new suit at the

three-level following a 2/1 response, such as 1♠/2♦/3♣, it shows extra values -- at least a good 14 high card points.

Blackwood conventions should be used mainly to make sure you stay out of a slam missing two key cards. Blackwood is not the main tool for figuring out whether or not the partnership should be in slam. The latter is determined more by the

strength and fit shown in the bidding prior to bidding game. Cuebidding can be an important part of exploring for slam.

If Opener has Ace-King-Queen of the trump suit, that counts as extra values. Both Opener and Responder should shade their hand value up slightly with really good trumps, and devalue it slightly without.

## STEPPING UP TO NEW HEIGHTS:

As of September 1, 2018

### Junior Masters:

#### 5 Masterpoints

Mrs Joan E Armstrong  
Ms Ann Brugger  
Eugenia B Castleman  
Brenda Friedman  
Robinette Lynch  
Karen E MacIntyre  
Fran Rumford  
Ms Patricia J Sadler  
Harold C Gire  
David M Graves  
Marlene Pickles  
Leanna H Gipson  
Ms Nancy A Gordon  
Mr Gopal Iyengar  
Joan Riggs  
Teresita T Tennant  
Arline D Udler  
Mrs Kathleen F Hooley  
Dina I Lipschultz  
Ellen Loughran  
Barbara Sheehan

### Club Masters: 20 MPs

Mr Leroy Eakin III  
Ms Lee C Galloway  
Mrs Andrea Levine  
Linda Natale  
Judy L Patterson  
Mr Peter Wicklein  
Kate C Beardsley  
Mr Elliot Bernold  
Susan E Bonds  
Ms Candyce E Clark  
R Mani

Dr Joel Mulhauser  
Mrs Vivian M Rosenhauer  
Michel G Audige  
Ms Deborah R Both  
Linda Hantman  
Mrs Carol Sprague  
Mrs Alice K Epstein  
Cherry Goldblatt  
Melanie H Grishman  
Robert R Johnston  
Karen Nordahl  
Peggy Pearlstein  
Ms Margaret Stouffer  
Mr Jack W Vardaman  
Jerold Cohen  
Mrs Lorraine T Diamond  
John A Edie  
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# WBL SOLVERS' CLUB'S NEW PROBLEMS

## 1) IMPs None Vul

♠ AKJ3 ♥ AJ987 ♦ AJ2 ♣ 4

<u>SOUTH</u>	<u>WEST</u>	<u>NORTH</u>	<u>EAST</u>
	3♣	Pass	Pass
Dbl	Pass	4♣	Pass
?????			

## 2) IMPs None Vul

♠ Q103 ♥ AK2 ♦ KQJ432 ♣ 4

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

## 3) Matchpoints None Vul

♠ Q85 ♥ KJ842 ♦ 62 ♣ A94

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

## 4) IMPs Both Vul

♠ 1043 ♥ Q109 ♦ A105 ♣ AQ82

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

## 5) Matchpoints Both Vul

♠ 109 ♥ A109 ♦ AJ1053 ♣ J82

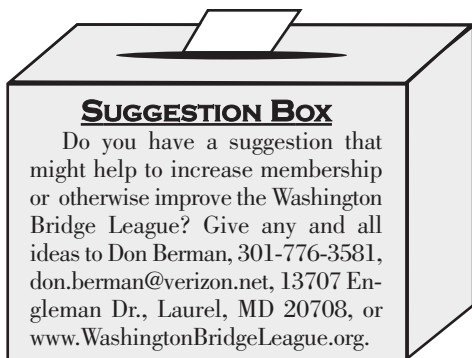
<u>SOUTH</u>	<u>WEST</u>	<u>NORTH</u>	<u>EAST</u>
		1♣	1♠
?????			

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