

NVBA Newsletter

December 2002 – January 2003

Upcoming NVBA Games and Special Events

(December 2002 - mid February 2003)

Dec. 12	Beth El	7:00	Holiday Party and MABC STaC
Dec. 19	Beth El	7:00	Stratified Up-Graded Club Championship
Dec. 26	Beth El	7:00	Stratified Club Championship
Jan. 2	Beth El	7:00	WBL Sectional
Jan. 9	Beth El	7:00	Stratified Charity Game
Jan. 16	Beth El	7:00	Stratified Unit Championship
Jan. 23	Beth El	7:00	Stratified GNT Qualifying Game
Jan. 30	Beth El	7:00	Stratified Unit Championship
Feb. 6	KOCH	7:00	NVBA Sectional
Feb. 13	Beth El	7:00	Stratified GNT Qualifying Game

Stratification Limits:

For regular NVBA Unit Games, the strats are as follows: C is 0-500; B is 0-2000; and A is unlimited.

For the GNT qualifying game, the strats are C is NLM (0-500), B is 0-2000, and Flight A is unlimited.

Holiday Party—December 12

Next NVBA Sectional—February 6-9

President's Message

by Bruce Culmer

Holiday Party: Winter is here and it is time for the annual holiday party at the Unit game at Beth El on December 12. The party will start at 6 pm. Mark your calendars. Charlanne (Charlie) Gregory has graciously agreed to coordinate the party once again. She can be reached at 703-815-7018 if you have any questions about what to bring or want to help with setup and decorating. The Unit will purchase barbecue chicken and beef and asks players to contribute appetizers, salads, side dishes and desserts. Please plan on bringing something special (no pork or shellfish products), and come and enjoy some good food and a fun evening of bridge. A

word to the wise—there will be a \$5 surcharge if you come for dinner and don't contribute a food item.

Did you ever want to be a President? A Treasurer? The NVBA Board is looking for persons who would be willing to serve as Board members or officers. Please let any Board member know that you would be willing to serve so that we can enter your nomination for election next May. Officers and Board members are elected for a two-year period. There are ten subsidized dinner meetings a year to discuss Unit business and advise District 6 and MABC representatives. If you have the time, consider giving a little bit of it to the Unit.

Give the Gift of Bridge!

Back by popular demand, Ron Kral will be starting a new series of Easybridge! 1 classes in February 2003. The first of 15 sessions will start on Thursday, February 6th at 10AM at the First Presbyterian church at 601 N. Vermont Street, Arlington. The church is one block from the Ballston Mall. Tell your friends. Tell your enemies! **NO** prior bridge or card playing experience is required. Come alone or with a partner. The cost is only \$5 a week payable at the door. The optional award winning book may be purchased separately for \$10. Better yet, give a friend the gift of bridge – buy the whole set of lessons *and* the book as a holiday gift for your favorite person for just \$70 and save \$15 over the week-to-week cost. Give someone a lifetime of enjoyment. Space is limited to 10 tables and preference will be given to those who pay in advance. We'll even supply a gift certificate. Great way to get a new partner!

For those who have taken Easybridge! 1 or 2 and wish to continue, Ron will be holding Easybridge! 3 at the Reston Community Center starting in February. These sessions will be on Fridays at 12:30. Contact the Reston Community Center at (703) 476-4500 for more information and to sign up.

If you have any questions or want to buy a gift certificate, contact Ron Kral at 703-478-0077 or e-mail Ron at easybridge@NVBA.org.

Club Updates

- There's a new location for the Virginia Suburban DBC Monday game. It's now being held at the Elks Club, 8421 Arlington Boulevard, Fairfax. This is less than a mile from the Beltway—on Route 50 between Gallows Road and Prosperity. Go West on Arlington Boulevard (Rt. 50) and look for the huge American Flag. Game time is 10 am. For more information, please call Marilyn Golias at 703-385-3825.

- And, starting January 2, there will be a new game in town—the Thursday Morning Bridge Club. It will have both an Open and a 199er game. And to celebrate the event, all players will play *free* on January 2nd. Location: the First Presbyterian Church (601 Vermont Avenue, Arlington); start time: 10 am. Scoring will be available at mybridgeclub.com following the game, so if you can't stay to see the results, you can get all the details when you get home and log on to your PC. For more information, please call Carole Grob at 703-361-3716.

NVBA Milestones

New Junior Masters

Ted Bradley	Clara Miller	Rajkumar Rajeswaran
Rilda Chatfield	David Miller	Josh Remington
Wendy Daunheimer	Nancy Miller	Jenny Shaefer
Mary Maahs	Richard Ott	Nancy Vuley

New Club Masters

Patricia Boudinot	Mary Ann Gaydos	Prehalad Rajkumar
Margaret De Butts	Katherine Loh	Mary Tubbs

New Sectional Masters

Kim Bingman	Patricia Needham	Aloha South
Elva Grillo	Gerald Pittler	Susan Strauss
Phyllis Kurle	David Schultz	Phyllis Talley
Martha Mangano	Dallas Shawkey	

New Regional Masters

Donald J. Berthrong	Huailin Chen	Barbara DiCicco
Samuel Bowlin		

New NABC Masters

David Chechelashvili	Mary Ann Craft	Doris Knief
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New Life Masters

Paul Keshishian

New Bronze Life Masters

Pat Winterbauer

Unit Game Updates

by Marshall Kuschner

At the unit game, time is a precious commodity. We have an 11 PM out-of-the-building curfew, and in order to meet that curfew, we do not allow a board to be started after 10:30. Therefore, it is imperative that we stay on schedule. Save the perpetrators, nobody likes slow play, but in our case, it cannot be tolerated. One thing that can help is claiming. First, no defender (or declarer) wants to watch you cash winners when you have the rest of the tricks. Simply claim the rest, or claim conceding an unavoidable loser, and go on to the next hand.

A few hints about claims may be helpful to our newer players. First, when an opponent claims, you have two options, and, trust me, saying “play it out” is not one of them. When a claim is made, play irrevocably ceases. Furthermore, any subsequent play will be voided by the director. Your two options are to accept the claim or to dispute it. If you wish to challenge the validity of a claim, you should simply put your hand in the air and summon the director, who will adjudicate. Avoid blurting out your objection. Saying “I still have a trump” or “your clubs are not good” can only help the claimer. When the director arrives, the claimer may be allowed to clarify, not alter, his claim statement. If the claimer convinces the director that he/she knew what was going on, the claimer will not be forced into an inferior play. Law 70A states that any doubtful points shall be resolved against the claimer. That means if you simply say “my hand is good”, you don’t get to pull an outstanding trump.

If there is a legitimate way for the opponent to score the trump, one or more tricks will be awarded to the nonclaimers. Or is it claimees?

That brings us to the claiming side. The laws not only allow claiming, they encourage it. That said, claiming is only a valuable time-saver when your claim is valid. A story from the recent Lancaster regional may prove illustrative. At trick eleven of a heart contract with declarer on lead, RHO claimed (yes, defenders may also claim) the last three tricks tabling the good Queen of spades and the 10 6 of hearts. Declarer, holding the good Jack of clubs and the K 8 of hearts, properly called the director. Clearly, since declarer held the high trump, RHO was not entitled to the three remaining tricks. The director, now dictating the play to the detriment of the claimers, had declarer lead the Jack of clubs and forced LHO to ruff with the Jack of hearts (RHO had missed that one also). With RHO pitching his spade on trick eleven, whatever his partner led at trick twelve would coup him. So he who claimed the last three tricks wound up with none of them.

The morals of the story are claim when you can, be sure when you claim, and let’s get out of Dodge on time. See you Thursday.

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Committee Action XLI

by Rich Colker
(rcolker@worldnet.att.nat)

In the second qualifying session of the Life Master Open Pairs here in Washington last July you pick up, as dealer with neither side vulnerable, ♠8 ♥853 ♦QJ983 ♣AK74. You pass and LHO opens 1♠. Partner bids 3♥ (preemptive) and RHO bids 3♠. What is your call?

Some players might try a lead-directing 4♣. Still others might try 3NT (minors?). You bid a rather pedestrian 4♥ and the auction continues: 4♠-Pass-Pass. Now what? Well, it isn't as though this turn of events comes as a surprise to you. After all, 4♥ frequently acts as a "transfer" to 4♠—for the opponents—in auctions like this. Your options seem to be Pass, 5♥, or a lead-directing 5♣. Well?

Consider your prospects in 5♥ at this vulnerability. If partner has a "normal" 3♥ bid such as ♠Jxx ♥KQ109xx ♦x ♣xxx you will go down two tricks in 5♥ (doubled) even if the opponents allow partner to ruff his two losing spades in dummy (easily prevented by ace and another trump at tricks two and three). After a diamond lead partner threatens a diamond ruff (or two) if declarer fails to draw trumps immediately, which of course would prevent him from ruffing his losers in dummy.

Reverse partner's minor-suit holdings and now we have five likely losers (surely the opponents can obtain their diamond ruff) and the opponents will be off two clubs and a ruff before they know what happened, and they may also have a heart loser. Change partner's hand again, this time to two-two in the minors, and there's still the

issue of the spade losers to deal with. Setting up a diamond winner for a spade pitch requires losing the lead twice, and by then the opponents will probably be able to cash a second spade. All things considered, 5♥ will not be a bargain (−300 is virtually certain and −500 a real possibility) and in many cases 4♠ will be going down as well.

Of course if partner has a side four-card minor such as ♣QJxx or ♦Kxxx, your offensive prospects in 5♥ would increase dramatically, as would the opponents' prospects in 4♠ or even 5♠. Maybe bidding 4♣ or 3NT would have worked out better, allowing partner to express a second opinion over 4♠. Is there any doubt that you have a real problem here and that any of the options mentioned earlier (Pass, 5♣ and 5♥) could work out well or very poorly?

Well, if you haven't guessed it yet partner huddled over 4♠. Now what are your options? First, we must determine what partner's huddle means. Could he have been thinking about doubling 4♠? Hardly, unless he has found an extra couple of aces since he bid his preemptive 3♥. So partner must have been thinking about bidding 5♥. But that must mean that partner has either extra heart length (most likely seven of them) or a secondary four- or five-card minor or both, all of which make a further bid by you (5♣ or 5♥) much more attractive. And since Pass is a logical alternative to either of those actions you are obliged to Pass.

Can't you just bid 5♣ or 5♥ if you are willing to pay the piper later if your

bid works out well and the opponents call the Director? Absolutely not. Law 73C says: “When a player has available to him unauthorized information from his partner, as from a remark, question, explanation, gesture, mannerism, special emphasis, inflection, haste or hesitation, he must carefully avoid taking any advantage that might accrue to his side.” If you go ahead and bid on after partner’s hesitation you could be subject to a procedural penalty for your disregard of your obligations under the laws, not to mention having your score adjusted to “the most unfavorable result that was at all probable.” That means that if beating 4♠ would have been pretty routine but there’s also a slight chance that you might have misdefended, allowing 4♠ to make, your score will be adjusted to 4♠ making. Wouldn’t you rather pass and preserve your chance to beat it legitimately at the table?

Here’s the entire deal:

Bd: 24 ♠ A109632
 Dlr: West ♥ K
 Vul: None ♦ AK5
 ♣ 932

♠ 8	♠ J5
♥ 853	♥ AQ109762
♦ QJ983	♦ —
♣ AK74	♣ QJ108

♠ KQ74
 ♥ J4
 ♦ 107642
 ♣ 65

West	North	East	South
Pass	1♠	3♥	3♠
4♥	4♠	Pass ¹	Pass
5♣	Pass	Pass	5♠
Pass	Pass	6♣	Dbl
6♥	Dbl		All Pass

¹ Break in tempo.

At the table 6♥ doubled made six, +1210 for E/W. The Director was called after West’s 5♣ bid and again at the end of play. N/S believed East took about 7-10 seconds to pass 4♠ (much slower than his 3♥ bid) while East thought his pass took only 3 seconds (right!) and West said she didn’t notice any hesitation at all (were these guys playing the same board at the same table here?). The Director ruled that a hesitation had occurred which demonstrably suggested not passing, and that passing 4♠ was a logical alternative for West. The contract was changed to 4♠ down two, +100 for E/W.

E/W appealed the Director’s ruling (or we wouldn’t be discussing this, would we?) and of course West claimed that her 5♣ bid was made because of her hand and that there had been no break in tempo. The Director, who had listened to the players’ statements, concluded that a hesitation had occurred. No new evidence was presented to impeach that decision. Therefore, the Committee (properly) decided that there had been a break in tempo (Duh! Just look at East’s hand!) and that the unauthorized information it conveyed demonstrably suggested West’s action. So the 5♣ bid was canceled and the contract changed to 4♠ by North. But what score should be assigned?

The Committee observed that while perfect defense would lead to down three (via ♥A; a club to the king; a small diamond, ace, ruff; a club to the ace; ♦Q, king, ruff; and a diamond still to come for the defense), that defense did not meet either the “likely” standard for the non-offenders or the “at all probable” standard for the of-

fenders. The contract was then changed to 4♠ down one, +50 for N/S.

The Committee was basically on the right track but they erred by assigning the score for 4♠ down only one. While it's true that the defense for down three was quite improbable, there are several lines of defense which easily produce down two. For example, after the ♥A lead East shifts to the ♣Q. A second club goes to West's king and now a switch to the ♦Q is pretty automatic. When East ruffs out one of declarers top diamond honors the defense must still get another diamond trick. Therefore, I would have assigned both sides the result for 4♠ down two, +100 for E/W. (Down one requires the defense to be just too incompetent. However, I might

be willing to consider it for the offenders, E/W.)

Oh, and I'd also have issued E/W a nice procedural penalty for West's flagrant action in bidding after East's huddle.

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It's GNT Time Again!

Time to qualify to play in the Grand National Team District 6 playoffs and, if you win there, qualify for a subsidized trip to the 2003 Summer Nationals in Long Beach, California. But first you have to qualify at a club game. (See the white insert pages in the November issue of *The Bridge Bulletin* for the Conditions of Contest and detailed information on the District playoffs—some of which start in February!) If you have further questions, the District 6 GNT Coordinator is Rae Dethlefsen (703-709-5205 or raed@erols.com).

Here's a list of clubs that are sponsoring GNT qualifying games in January and February:

- **January 13** (Monday) at 10 am at the First Presbyterian Church (601 N. Vermont St., Arlington)—Bill Gress

- **January 13** (Monday) at 7 pm at Montebello (5905 Mount Eagle Dr., Alexandria)—Norma Pierzchala

- **January 14** (Tuesday) at 7 pm at the First Presbyterian Church (601 N. Vermont St., Arlington)—Bill Gress

- **January 15** (Wednesday) at 10 am at the First Presbyterian Church (601 N. Vermont St., Arlington)—Alan Breed

- **January 21** (Tuesday) at 10 am at the Knights of Columbus (5115 Little Falls Rd., Arlington)—Marshall Kuschner

- **January 22** (Wednesday) at 7:30 pm at the Reston Community Center (Hunters Woods Village Ct., Reston)—Candy Boughner

- **January 23** (Thursday) at 7 pm at the NVBA Unit Game (Beth El Hebrew Congregation, 3830 Seminary Rd., Alexandria)

- **February 13** (Thursday) at 7 pm at the NVBA Unit Game (Beth El Hebrew Congregation, 3830 Seminary Rd., Alexandria)

Bridge and Bowling

The annual Bridge and Bowling event is being planned for January 25, 2003—mark your calendars for that afternoon and/or evening.

The bowling will take place in the afternoon at a bowling alley still to be determined. Teams are formed using handicaps established in previous years, or an estimated handicap for newcomers.

The evening bridge game will be a Grand National Team qualifier—but it is a unique event where players sign up to play ahead of time, and teams are formed combining experts, intermediate players and novices who haven't played together as partners previously. The game will be held at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Arlington. Monique Smith has graciously agreed to oversee the formation of the bowling and bridge teams once again this year.

You can register your interest in the bowling and/or bridge with her at 703-532-2359 after January 1.

Ask the Director: Claiming

by Terry Lavender

There seems to be confusion about claims at both sides of the table. What should you know?

Claiming is part of the game. It does require full disclosure from the claimer. Yes, even a defender may claim. When you face your cards, now is the time to promptly make your statement. Mention the outstanding trump(s), your winners, losers and line of play. Be careful here! For the most part, the director cannot accept a new line of play you might want to substitute if a helpful opponent challenges your first statement.

Now for the defenders. Once there has been a claim, **Play Ceases!** There is **NO** “play it out”. Subsequent “play” is the explanation of the claimer who will tell you what would have happened had he “played it out”. Give the claimer his opportunity to speak! If he is in the act of facing his cards and saying, “the rest are”...let him finish! You might actually agree with him, and he is required to make his statement. Of course if the stated line doesn’t work or he doesn’t mention a trump or any other material card call the director. Holding a trump or a King not mentioned by the claimer doesn’t mean you automatically score it but a doubtful point will be resolved against the claimer.

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Hail, and Farewell

We'd like to welcome the following new ACBL members into our Unit:

Madhu Bhatia	Adele Lichtenberger	Taraneh Shahin
Helen Bowers	Barbara Lofton	Louis Shine
Albert Casabona	Jacqueline Mosher	Anne Thompson
Mary Jane Garner	Rajkumar Rajeswaaran	Dortha Tripp
Dan Heldman	George Selzer	Lilla Wolfman
Susan Jenkins	Bahman Shahin	Lee Youkeles

The following persons have transferred out of our Unit:

Ana Adum	Margaret Jordan	Avril Rodney
Margaret Barusch	Gil Keyworth	David Rodney
Mary Bussey	Dayle Masumura	Rita Shaw
Ryan Connors	Marie Ploe	Michael Schatz
Anna Desalvo	Gregory Price	Daniel Sheinin
Philomena Healy	Sven Pride	
Thomas Herzog	Fran Robbins	

And we'd like to welcome the following new transfers into the Unit:

Gene Boggs	Henry Eskew	David Schultz
Dorothy De Doelder	Curtis Hastings	Kathryn Stewart
Freda Engle	Ruth Quinio	Dorothy Wile

And we'd like to note the passing of five of our members:

Donna Beckner	Katherine Ives	Julia Macy Thompson
Dan German	Sally Krebs	

Parade of Winners

NVBA Sectional (September 19-22)

Thurs A/X Pairs (55 Pairs)

1 Kenneth Davis - Donald Geerhart
2 1 Michael Polunin - Sulaiman Ghassay
2 Bob Kerchner - Kenneth Katzner

Thurs B/C Pairs (56 Pairs)

1 Robert Hartmann - Ronald Spieker
2 Paul Krueger - James Stormes
1 John Christensen - Robert Wissman
2 Leo Cardillo - Frank Cardillo

Thurs 200/100/50 Pairs at WBL (17 Pairs)

1 1 T. Stewart - Alexander Vortmeyer
2 2 1 Tim Houck - Steve Shushner
2 Daniel Kelleher - Stephen Weiner

Thurs 300/200 Pairs at NVBA (7 Pairs)

1 1 Edward Molnar - Kathrine Loh
2 2 Raymond Hall - Stephen Araps

Fri Aft Open Pairs (40 Pairs)

1 Kenton Schoen - Elizabeth Nelson
2 M. Kuschner - Sumner Steinfeldt
1 John Lawrence - Charity Sack
2 Mirta Halperin - L. Yarmowich
1 James Geist - Dayle Masumura
2 Eugene Pelton - Marilyn Thomas

Fri Aft 300/200/100 Pairs (18 Pairs)

1 Pamela Stark - Bonnie Brocies
2 1 David Schultz - Bonnie Polk
2 1 Cherie Charles - Monica Shumann
2 Susan Strauss - Richard Slater

Fri Eve Open Pairs (36 Pairs)

- 1 Shou-Ling Wang - Hailong Ao
- 1 1 Eugene Pelton - Marilyn Thomas
- 2 John Korfonta - Sam Westgate
- 2 Roger Held - Helen Held

Fri Eve 300/200 Pairs (8 Pairs)

- 1 1 Helene Ramo - Barry Smith
- 2 Martha Lackey - Barbara DiCicco
- 2 Margaret Freitag - Christine Brooks

Sat AM Senior Pairs (32 Pairs)

- 1 Jean Levin - Carolyn Gibson
- 1 1 Phyllis Sonen - Hilda Getz
- 2 Chas Fain - Barbara Hincken
- 2 Constance Fullerton - W. DeGraf

Sat AM 100/50/20 Pairs (13 Pairs)

- 1 Mary O'Shea - Marvin Burstein
- 2 1 Jack Beatty - Mary Beatty
- 2 Anne Medlin - Margaret De Butts
- 1 Joan Fitzpatrick - Gail Morgenweck
- 2 David Banh - Ben Pollack

Sat Aft A/X Pairs (28 Pairs)

- 1 Ann Schwartz - Alan Schwartz
- 2 Margot Hennings - Prahalad Rajkumar
- 1 Weizhong Bao - Kefu Xu
- 2 Sam Westgate - Danijel Zenko

Sat Aft B/C Pairs (24 Pairs)

- 1 1 Robert Wissman - John Christensen
- 2 2 Eugene Fisher - Adrienne Fisher

Sat Aft 300/200/100 Pairs (16 Pairs)

- 1 Thomas Gallagher - John Lowe III
- 2 1 1 Candace Carlton - Terry Carlton
- 2 William Colket - Doreen Colket
- 2 Kevin Acker - Donald Peck

Sat Mid-Aft Senior Pairs (20 Pairs)

- 1 1 Samuel Mills Jr - Michael Polunin
- 2 Al Duncker - Jay Cohen
- 2 1 Gene Gallagher - Shirley Lafferty
- 2 Constance Fullerton - W. DeGraf

Sat Eve A/X Pairs (22 Pairs)

- 1 1 Weizhong Bao - Kefu Xu
- 2 William Brown - James Gumbert
- 2 Rae Dethlefsen - Michael Cheng

Sat Eve B/C Pairs (18 Pairs)

- 1 Eugene Pelton - Marilyn Thomas
- 2 Leonid Fastovsky - John Hudson

Sat Eve 199er Pairs (6 Pairs)

- 1 Ali Al-Aref - Terry Jones
- 2 Pat Schaf - Juanita Beeson

Sun A/X Swiss (14 Teams)

- 1 Harry Gellis - Dewayne Jones - Fred King - Jim Houghton
- 2 1 Jason Meyer - Lloyd Rawley - Millard Nachtwey - John Lawrence
- 2 Bruce Houston - Donald Van Arman - Steve Bunning - Kris Miller

Sun B/C Swiss (18 Teams)

- 1 1 Stephen Goldstein - Richard Cassell - Gordon Hatheway Jr - Mitchell Karlick
- 2 Morris Umansky - Pat Winterbauer - Julia Brown - Eva Shaffer
- 2 Gene Gallagher - Shirley Lafferty - Hannah Moore - Mildred Hartshorn

Sun AM 300/200 Swiss (8 Teams)

- 1 Ibrahim Mady - Khaled Mostafa - Jay Kelkar - Mahadeo Patwardhan
- 2 Duke Wilson - William Prosser - Daniel Weinberg - Walton Francis
- 1 Franz Delahan - Madeline Delahan - Reni Malloy - Margaret Rose

Sun Aft 300/200 Swiss (6 Teams)

- 1 Ibrahim Mady - Jay Kelkar - Mahadeo Patwardhan - Khaled Mostafa
- 2 1 Franz Delahan - Madeline Delahan - Margaret Rose - Reni Malloy

**Virginia Beach Regional
(November 4-10)**
Tues Bracketed KOs**—Bull Moose Bracket (16 Teams)**

- 2 Steve Robinson - Barbara Shaw - Mark Shaw - William Cole - Eric Rodwell

—Green Bracket (12 Teams)

- 1 Robert Walsh - Alan Breed - Robert Berringer - Marjorie Berringer

—Libertarian Bracket (12 Teams)

- 1 Rusty Vilk - Clare O'Brien - Kathy Schultz - Pat Kuch

Eve YMCA Open Pairs (34 Pairs)

- 2 Ed Gofreed - Jack Armstrong

Open Pairs—Two Session Event (44 Pairs)

- 2 Vonnice Lavender - Enid Asherman
- 2 Martha Lackey - Marilyn Thomas

Tues Eve Open B-A-M (14 Teams)

- 1 Peggy Allen - Jeff Roman - Curtis Cheek - Billy Miller
- 2 Geoffrey Mallette - La Quitta Talbot - Jean Mayo - Mark Tonnesen

Wed Bracketed KOs**—Fog Bracket (9 Teams)**

- 2 Peggy Allen - Jeff Roman - Hugh Grosvenor - Curtis Cheek - Billy Miller

—Rain Bracket (16 Teams)

- 1 Jackie Thompson - Avinash Bhagwat-Mita Banerjee - Joan Shields

—Snow Bracket (16 Teams)

- 2 Marilyn Thomas - Martha Lackey - Edward Rodrigues - Marsha Sirkin

Senior KO Teams (7 Teams)

1 John Barnicle - Natalie Barnicle - Al Duncker - Charles Boteler, Jr.

AM Thimble Shoal Side Pairs (24 Pairs)

2 Samuel Bowlin - Franklin Silver

Aft 299er Pairs (28 Pairs)

1 Constance Fullerton - Marilyn Schwaner

Open Pairs—Two Session Event (56 Pairs)

2 Alan Breed - Bob Walsh

Wed A/X Swiss (15 Teams)

2 M. Dahl - D. Butler - M. Low - S. Low - James Murphy - Ed Lewis
1/2 Geoffrey Mallette - Jean Mayo - Mark Tonnesen - La Quitta Talbot

Fri Aft Middle Ground Side Pairs (18 Pairs)

1/2 Andre L'Heureux - Susan Strauss

Wolf Trap Bracketed KOs —Bracket 2 (16 Teams)

1 Ken Davis - John Ashe - Mark Tonnesen - Geoff Mallette

—Bracket 4 (16 Teams)

1 John Lawrence - Dayle Masumura - David Sarten - Susanne Sarten

Fri Open B-A-M Teams (28 Teams)

2/4 Mary Ann Craft - Pat Beebe - Elizabeth Hayes - Joseph Seubert

Fri Open Pairs—Two Session Event (44 Pairs)

2 David Jackson - Marty Zupan

Fri Eve Middle Ground Side Pairs (28 Pairs)

2 Swapan Sen - Marilyn Schwaner

Eve 299er Swiss (6 Teams)

2 1 Maggie Cramer - Joy Bonney - Jane Bauserman - Samuel Bowlin

Sat Jones Point Bracketed KOs —Dam Neck Bracket (14 Teams)

1 John Lawrence - Dayle Masumura - David Sarten - Susanne Sarten

Morn Thimble Shoal Side Pairs (22 Pairs)

1 Ken Davis - John Ashe

Sat Eve Open B-A-M (18 Teams)

1 Peggy Allen - Curtis Cheek - Billy Miller - Hugh Grosvenor
2/4 Kathryn Kiley - Lucy McCoy - Betty Bursey - M. Cassandra Smith

Sat Eve Side Pair Game (10 Pairs)

1 Gerald Seixas - Michael Cheng
2 Samuel Reddick - Jean Mayo

Stratflighted Open Pairs—Two Session Event—A/X (30 Pairs)

2 Helene Bauman - Jim Wakefield

Sat Late ZIP KOs (9 Teams)

2 Peter Haglich - Lucy McCoy - Mary Anne Geppert - Robert Geppert

Sun Swiss A/X (24 Teams)

2 Barbara Ames - Ellen Cherniavsky - Tom Musso - Kathy Paramore

Sun Swiss B/C/D (44 Teams)

1 Richard Pekruhn - Pauline Pekruhn - Robert Padgett - Linda Padgett

Sun Aft Side Pair Game (10 Pairs)

1 Lucy McCoy - Kathryn Kiley
2 1 Betty Bursey - M. Cassandra Smith

Middle Ground Side Series Pairs (156 Players)

1/2 Andre L'Heureux

1/2 Susan Strauss

**WBL Sectional
(November 21-24)**

Fri AM Strat Pairs (34 Pairs)

2 Aron Chrapp - Irving Lessin
2 2 Todd Zimnoch - Joe Ogulin

Fri PM Strat Pairs (36 Pairs)

2 Robert Hopkins, Jr. - John Klayman
1 Mike Polunin - Glenn Young

Fri PM 0-300 Pairs (8 Pairs)

2 David Raley - Ali Al-Aref

Sat Aft A/X Pairs (40 Pairs)

2 1 Diane Walker - Stan Schenker
2 Steve Bunning - Kris Miller

Sat Aft Senior Pairs (26 Pairs)

2 Seymour Baden - Don Geerhart

Sat Aft 0-300 Pairs (17 Pairs)

2 1 1 Donald Peck - Kevin Acker

Sat Eve B/C Pairs (22 Pairs)

2 2 Mahadeo Patwardhan - Jay Kelkar

Sat Eve 0-300 Pairs (14 Pairs)

1 Sam Bowlin - Wanda Avila
2/3 William Mendez, Jr. - Michael Goldman

Sun B/C Swiss Teams (20 Teams)

1 Sheldon Richter - Roland Gray - Ruby Eisenbach - Anne Goldstein
2 Morris Umansky - Pat Winterbauer - Julia Brown - Eva Shaffer
1 Marc Cassell - Richard Cassell - Stephen Goldstein - John McCann
2 Michelle Cantave - David Hamilton - Jay Kelkar - Khaled Mostafa

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ALL VIRGINIA EVENTS AT KOCH

THURSDAY, 6 FEBRUARY

Knights of Columbus Hall, Arlington, VA (NVBA)

Christ the King Church, Chevy Chase, MD (WBL) (one block south of East-West Highway; turn right on Grubb, and Colston Dr. is first left)

	NVBA (KOCH)	WBL
STRATAPLIGHTED PAIRS (A/X 3000+0-3000; B/C 2000/750)	7:00 p.m.	7:30 p.m.
299ER PAIRS (300/200/100)	7:00 p.m.	
199ER PAIRS (200/100/50)		7:30 p.m.
EASYBRIDGE! PAIRS	7:00 p.m.	

FRIDAY, 7 FEBRUARY (NOTE EARLIER EVENING START TIME)

		<i>Mid-Chart conventions shall be permitted in all Flight A, Flight B and Open Stratified events</i>
STRATIFIED OPEN PAIRS (2000+2000/750)	2:00 p.m.	
299ER PAIRS (0-300)	2:00 p.m.	
MINI-STRATIFIED PAIRS (100/50/20)	2:00 p.m.	
STRATIFIED OPEN PAIRS (2000+2000/750)	7:50 p.m.	
INTERMEDIATE STRATIFIED PAIRS (300/200/100)	7:50 p.m.	
49ER PAIRS (50/20/5)	7:50 p.m.	

SATURDAY, 8 FEBRUARY

**Novice/Intermediate Lecture (Jeff Roman)	10:00 a.m.	
MINI-STRATIFIED PAIRS (100/50/20)	10:30 a.m.	
STRATIFIED SENIOR PAIRS (1500+1500/500)	10:30 a.m.	
TROPHY EVENT: WILLIAM POISSANT MEMORIAL PAIRS (2 sessions—Qualifying and Final) 1:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.		Free Snacks Every Session Snack Bar On-Site to Provide Reasonably Priced Sandwiches, Hot Dogs, Fruit, Cookies, Coffee, Sodas, Wine, and Beer
STRATIFIED SINGLE SESSION SIDE GAME (1000+1000)	1:00 p.m.	
299ER PAIRS (0-300)	1:00 p.m.	
MINI-STRATIFIED PAIRS (100/50/20)	1:00 p.m.	
EASYBRIDGE! PAIRS	1:00 p.m.	
STRATIFIED SENIOR PAIRS (1500+1500/500)	3:00 p.m.	
STRATIFIED OPEN CONSOLATION (2000+2000/750)	7:00 p.m.	
INTERMEDIATE STRATIFIED PAIRS (300/200/100/50)	7:00 p.m.	

SUNDAY, 9 FEBRUARY

FLIGHT A/X (3000+0-3000 MPB) BOARD-A-MATCH TEAMS	11 a.m.	
FLIGHT B/C (2000/750) SWISS TEAMS	11 a.m.	
Both A/X B&M and B/C Swiss are 2-session events, with one 30-minute break. Box lunch available.		
299ER SWISS TEAMS (0-300)	11 a.m.	
MINI-STRATIFIED SWISS TEAMS (100/50/20)	11 a.m.	
STRATIFIED 299ER SWISS TEAMS (300/200/100)	3:15 p.m.	

Directions: From Rte. 465 (the Railway) or north West of the Railway, take Rte. 46 East to the Washington Boulevard/Lee Highway exit. At the light at the end of the exit ramp, turn left onto Lee Highway. Go approximately 1.5 miles and turn left onto Harrison Street. Go .5 miles and turn right onto Little Falls Road. The KOCH is on your left. 2 of a mile down Little Falls. From D.C. or Arlington, take Rte. 49 West to the Spyanore Street exit. At the end of the exit ramp, turn right onto Spyanore. At the second light, turn right onto Lee Highway and go a little over 1 mile and turn left onto Harrison Street. Follow the above directions from that point. OR from D.C., go straight across Chain Bridge and then loop left to stay on Glebe Road. From the light at the end of Chain Bridge, proceed 1.8 miles and turn right onto Little Falls Road (the second right past the light at Williamsburg Lane). Cross Old Dominion (.3 miles) at the stop sign and proceed on Little Falls another .3 miles to the KOCH on your right. Also from Arlington or Falls Church, simply take Lee Hwy. to Harrison, from McLean, use Rte. 66 B&M or you can take Rte. 123 to Old Dominion and stay on Old Dominion, turning right onto Little Falls just after you pass Williamsburg. From all directions, turn up the drive and circle past the stone lodge. Follow signs for visitor parking. The tournament will be held in the brick building marked "KOCH 2477" down the hill to your right.

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