

Congratulations to our District Six NAP Qualifiers!

CONGRATULATIONS to the top finishers in the District 6 North American Pairs Finals! **Ellen Klosson and Brad Theurer**, Dave Abelow and Dick Wegman, and Barry Falgout and NVBA member Rusty Krauss will represent District 6 in the North American Open Pairs National Final at the Spring NABC. NVBA members **Jay Kelkar and Shuba Dey**, John Lein and Steve Sperry, and Larry Kahn and John Edmunds will represent District 6 in the 0-2000 NAP National Final. **Craig and Teresa Caplan**, Murat Berk and Larry Gebbie, and Prem Garg and Shyam Giridharadas will represent District 6 in the Non-Life Master NAP National Final. Good luck to all of you at the NABC in St. Louis in March!

Start planning now to play in next year's event to win a trip to the Detroit NABC to represent District 6 in the National Finals. Club qualifying will take place in June, July and August 2007. The District Finals are tentatively scheduled for October 13-14. Top finishers in each section of this year's competition were:

DISTRICT SIX NORTH AMERICAN OPEN PAIRS

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| 1 Ellen Klosson – Brad Theurer | 7 Hal Hindman – Mark Chen |
| 2 David Abelow – Richard Wegman | 8 Mark Dahl – David Butler |
| 3 Barry Falgout – Rusty Krauss | 9 Harry Gellis – Dewayne Jones |
| 4 Hailong Ao – Yi Zhong | 10 Andrew Gofreed – Alan Tenenbaum |
| 5 Clyde Kruskal – Donna Rogall | 11 Gil Cohen – Marty Nelson |
| 6 Noble Shore – Michael Gill | |

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Of Special Interest:

- WBL Sectional, Jan. 4 – 7
- Bridge & Bowling, Feb. 3
- NVBA Sectional, Feb. 8 – 11
- GNT Qualifiers Feb. 10 – 11, Feb. 17 – 18, Mar. 3 – 4
- Wilmington, NC REGIONAL, Feb. 19 – 25
- 199er Birthday Party, Feb. 22
- St. Louis, NABC, Mar. 8 – 18
- District 6 STaC, Mar. 19 – 25

President's Message

By Leo Cardillo



THIS MAY WELL BE a Bad News/Good News column! The bad news is that winter arrived with cold temperatures and blustery winds on 4 December. The good news is that we enjoyed balmy weather and warm breezes on 3 December!

The November 2006 NVBA Sectional is another such story. The good news is that attendance reached a record 415.5 tables for the Sectional that historically has always been the lowest in attendance for the NVBA. The bad news is that KOCH has decided that they need to dramatically increase the rental structure for both Sectionals and the Annual Meeting.

While discussions are still in progress, there appears to be no way that the NVBA can continue to hold Sectionals after April 2007 or be able to hold the Annual meeting at the KOCH in May 2007. Although Sectional rent has been about \$3,300 per tournament for one evening plus three full days the last few years, KOCH increased our rent to \$4,000 for the first two Sectionals in 2007. This increase is not too difficult to absorb. But for the remainder of 2007 and beyond, KOCH wants about \$8,000 per tournament. The NVBA cannot absorb that increase. The situation with the Annual Meeting is even worse. Last year KOCH charged about \$1,600 for the Annual Meeting and did not charge for the playing space. In 2007, KOCH has proposed a contract that would cost almost \$4,000, charging both for food and rent. For just the use of the hall alone on a random Thursday night, KOCH has raised the rent from about \$300 to \$1,300. The NVBA Board understands the need of KOCH management to increase revenues to meet its escalating taxes, but these enormous increases are simply not reasonable or acceptable. Despite our nearly ten-year presence at KOCH, the NVBA Board has been left with no choice but to find a new location for the Annual Meeting and the Sectionals.

At this time, the plan is for the Annual Meeting for 2007 to be held at Beth El on May 17, and we will have our usual, if somewhat different, delicious free dinner for all of our members. The Board will consider other locations that might provide an enjoyable change in venue such as the KOCH barbecue picnic offered, but for the moment the plan is to use Beth El for the 2007 Annual Meeting. I encourage all of you to offer suggestions for alternate locations for the Annual Meeting.

The situation with the Sectionals is more critical. The Sectionals are extremely popular with our members and those of the WBL, and have been growing steadily in attendance over the last few years. And the Sectionals are the single bridge venue that enjoys a modest profit.

I would welcome input from any of our readers about possible playing sites for future Sectionals. The Sectionals require enough floor space to set up a minimum of 85 tables, plus the food/information tables, the entry sales table, and the Directors' scoring/supply table. In terms of square footage required, the KOCH main hall is about 6,000 square feet, not counting the area of the stage at the front of the hall. In addition, NVBA needs about 300 parking spaces to accommodate the Sectionals. It would be ideal to find a location that has a space to store card tables, and for the host to provide the chairs that are necessary to seat as many as 350 players at one time. We also need to be able to serve refreshments at the Sectional venue without paying an exorbitant fee

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Upcoming NVBA Games & Special Events

Jan. 4	Beth El WBL Sectional
Jan. 11	Beth El 7:00 Stratified Unit Championship
Jan. 18	Beth El 7:00 Stratified Grand National Swiss Teams
Jan. 25	Beth El 7:00 Stratiflighted Unit Championship
Feb. 1	Beth El 7:00 Stratiflighted Unit Championship
Feb. 8	KOCH 7:00 NVBA Sectional (note game is at KOCH, not Beth El)
Feb. 15	Beth El 7:00 Stratified Grand National Swiss Teams
Feb. 22	Beth El 7:00 Stratified Unit Championship & 199er Birthday Party
Mar. 1	Beth El 7:00 Stratiflighted Unit Championship
Mar. 8	Beth El 7:00 Stratiflighted Junior Fund Game Pairs
Mar. 15	Beth El 7:00 Stratified Unit Championship
Mar. 22	Beth El 7:00 Stratified STaC Pairs
Mar. 29	Beth El 7:00 Stratified Unit Championship

Stratification Limits:

Open Stratified Games: 0-750, 750-2000, 2000+
 Stratiflighted Games: A/X: 0-3000/3000+; B/C: 0-750, 750-2000
 All NVBA Unit Games include a separate Stratified 199er game.
 Players with 0-5 MPs play free every Thursday
 For the Grand National Teams qualifying games, the stratification is:
 0-500 (NLM), 500-2000, 2000+.
 For the March STaC, the stratification is: 0-500, 500-1500, 1500+
 GNT qualifying period is October 15, 2006 – April 15, 2007.

Upcoming Sectionals

NVBA
 February 8-11, 2007
 April 19-22, 2007

WBL
 January 4-7, 2007
 May 3-6, 2007

For information on Tournaments – Cancellations – Special Events – Club game
 NVBA on the Internet: <http://www.nvba.org>
 NVBA Bridge Information Line: 703-204-0848
 NVBA Partnership Cell Phone: 703-869-0852.

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for doing so. (Fees for serving refreshments are part of what make using hotel ballrooms/conference centers so expensive for holding small tournaments.)

As most of you know, the NVBA holds four Sectionals per year and coordinates those dates with those of the WBL. Typically, the NVBA Sectionals are held in February, April, September and October/November. Each Sectional runs from Thursday evening through Sunday evening. For its part, the Board will be looking at public schools, county recreational resources, corporate facilities, conference centers, hotels, American Legion Posts, Elk Lodges, etc. If you have any suggestions, or if you have any questions, please contact any member of the Board.

On a happier note, I am pleased to report that my sixth year as the Advisor to the Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology is off to a great start! From a modest beginning of four or five tables and a single classroom, the T.J. Bridge club has grown over the years to an average of about 16 tables in three classrooms, with a fourth classroom available for formal bridge instruction. In addition, I am pleased to announce that Nancy Cartwright and Suzanne Abrams have been helping to manage the three-classroom environment and to provide coverage when I am not able to attend. Suzanne also manages the highly successful Bridge Club at Garfield Elementary School.

By the time this column is printed and in your hands, the NVBA Holiday Party will be in the books and the New Year will be underway. Despite the challenges posed by finding a new and larger facility for the NVBA Sectionals and Annual Meeting, I am absolutely confident that 2007 will be a banner year for the NVBA and its members.

See you at the tables!!

Best Regards,
Leo

Get Bridge Event Updates and Bridge News About District 6 Members by E-mail

If you are new to the area or have changed your e-mail address recently, please consider signing up for bridge news e-mails that Steve Robinson sends out weekly for District 6. He will be happy to add you to the distribution of these e-mails—he will never give your e-mail address to anyone. If you are interested in receiving these e-mails, just send your e-mail address to: robinswr@starpower.net.

BRIDGE & BOWLING

Mark your calendars for February 3 when the WBL will be organizing teams for bowling in the afternoon followed by a GNT qualifying game at Laurel Bridge Club. You can sign up for just bowling or just bridge. Teams will be formed for bowling, and you should provide your bowling average ahead of time. Teams are also formed for the bridge game, with experts, intermediate players and novices on each team, and players taking turns playing with each other. It is lots of fun! The bowling alley site is still to be determined. Keep an eye on the District 6 website for additional information on this fun event, or contact WBL President Fred King for more information later in January. His phone number is 703-536-1914.

The Jack of Hearts

by Marshall Kushner



A LOHA, Y'ALL. That's Hawaiian for Shalom which has no equivalent in English. Of course, had you gone to the Fall NABC you'd know that, which is why I mention it. Where were you? Yes, I know, it was far and it was expensive, but it was never closer than it was this past November and it surely was never cheaper. In fact, some of you clever people used the bridge rate at the host hotel to create a bargain vacation, playing little or no bridge. Usually when a tournament tanks it's because folks don't come. In Hawaii they came, they just didn't play. Each day the organizers prayed for rain that never came.

So since you didn't go to Hawaii, I'm going to tell you what you missed. First, you missed the most exotic venue ever for an NABC. The Hilton Hawaiian Village features six towers of guest rooms on 22 beautifully landscaped acres. In addition to a generous expanse of Waikiki Beach, it features five pools and 22 restaurants. It has an enclosure inhabited by warm-weather penguins, another featuring flamingo and ibis, and ponds of Koi swimming among huge schools of goldfish and blue cyclids. It also offered arguably the best-ever playing conditions, in marked contrast to the last two NABCs. I can't recall ever seeing one where the playing space for the regional events was every bit as luxurious as that for the national events. Both areas featured beautiful carpeting, good lighting, and excellent climate control. Of course, the latter is easy in Hawaii. All you have to do is open the doors and windows. The weather is always near-perfect with just enough breeze to make it perfect.

If you failed to leave the tables, you missed much more. You missed Kalakaua Avenue (named after the late 19th century monarch), Honolulu's Rodeo Drive, which has no equivalent in the nation's capital. You missed Hanauma Bay where the coral reefs start mere feet from the shoreline. You missed the breathtaking north shore beaches from Lanikai to Kanehoe to Punalu'u. You missed Sunset Beach and the Bonzai Pipeline. In short, you missed the consummate island paradise. Sounds cliché but it's true. You also missed interacting with the Hawaiian people. True, tourism is the leading industry in the islands and the residents know where the butter hits the bread, but they go beyond posturing. Go into a 7-Eleven for a six-pack here in Virginia and, chances are, the surly grunt who takes your money won't even thank you. Do the same in Hawaii and you'll get a sincere smile, a sincere thank you, and a sincere wish for an enjoyable visit.

Lest you get the wrong impression, there was some bridge played. It had been 23 years since the last NABC in Hawaii. That one was in the Spring and drew about 11,700 tables. If you used that as a yardstick and bought table-count futures, you took a bath. By the time the free-fall stopped, the table count was 8606. In recent years, only Birmingham and Kansas City were lower. And, yes, there were a few successes by our sparsely represented unit. Very few. In fact, we hit the board in only one national event, the Open BAM. Margot and Don Hennings and Robbie Hopkins were 12/14, eight spots ahead of Jeff Roman, who has no equivalent anywhere. We had to wait nine days to get a regional win, finally supplied by Susan L'Heureux and Richard Slater. Still, good excuses abound. Hard to play good bridge with so many distractions available. Aloha again. What a good word!

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DISTRICT SIX 0-2000 NORTH AMERICAN PAIRS (NORTH)

- 1 Jay Kelkar – Shuba Dey (first overall)
- 2 H. John Edmonds – Larry Kahn (third overall)
- 3 Robert Hartmann – Alan Breed
- 4 Mark Rosen – Eugene Fisher
- 5 Shlomit Rind – Steven Schatzow
- 6 Jason Rosenfeld – Angeliki Magklara
- 7 Jason Meyer – Lloyd Rawley
- 8 Rodney Severson – Daniel Feldman
- 9 Bruce Cheney – Irv Kipnis
- 10 Steven Fox – Albert Lauber
- 11 Robert Baer – Joel Mashbaum
- 12 Alice Wegman – John Glynn
- 13 Christopher Miller – Kevin Barnes

DISTRICT SIX 0-2000 NORTH AMERICAN PAIRS (SOUTH)

- 1 John Lien – Steve Sperry (second overall)
- 2 Charles Sadowski – Jian-Ping Chen
- 3/4 James Geist – Charity Sack
- 3/4 Suresh Agarwal – Curtis Bare
- 5 George Lewis – Mike Spooner

DISTRICT SIX NLM NORTH AMERICAN PAIRS

- 1 Craig Caplan – Teresa Caplan
- 2 Murat Berk – Larry Gebbie
- 3 Prem Garg – Shyam Giridharadas
- 4 Sorina Negulescu – Teri Harrison
- 5 Roma Chandra – Shawn Stringer
- 6 Joan White – Francesco Parisi-Presicce
- 7 Elizabeth Traylor – Cathy Stryker

Wanted: NVBA Youth Advisor

Jennifer Lin, the current NVBA Youth Advisor, has moved to Maryland and is no longer able to serve as the “Youth Advisor” to the NVBA Board. Jennifer did a great job and will be missed. As her replacement, the NVBA is looking for a Junior player (16-26 years of age) who is interested in advocating the Unit sponsorship of Junior players in national and international Junior events and/or in tournaments for bridge players among high schools/colleges in the DC area. This “Youth Advisor” is invited to attend all NVBA Board meetings (held usually every second Monday of the month except in May and sometimes August or December), as a non-voting member, to discuss ways to attract more youth to the game and ways to involve our Junior players in Unit programs. Please contact NVBA President Leo Cardillo at 703-868-6868 if you have any interest in this position.

Upcoming 199er Unit Games

Jan. 4	Beth El WBL Sectional - 199er Pairs Game
Jan. 11	Beth El 7:00 199er Pairs Game
Jan. 18	Beth El 7:00 199er Swiss Teams OR 199ers may “play up” in the Flight C Strat of the Open Grand National Teams Swiss (NLM, not to exceed 500 MPs)
Jan. 25	Beth El 7:00 199er Pairs Game
Feb. 1	Beth El 7:00 199er Pairs Game
Feb. 8	KOCH 7:00 NVBA Sectional 199er Pairs Game at KOCH (not Beth El)
Feb. 15	Beth El 7:00 199er Pairs OR 199ers may “play up” in the Flight C Strat of the Open Grand National Teams Swiss (NLM, not to exceed 500 MPs)
Feb. 22	Beth El 7:00 199er Pairs Game & 199er Birthday Party
Mar. 1	Beth El 7:00 199er Pairs Game
Mar. 8	Beth El 7:00 Club Championship - 199er Pairs Game
Mar. 15	Beth El 7:00 199er Pairs Game
Mar. 22	Beth El 7:00 STaC - 199er Pairs Game
Mar. 29	Beth El 7:00 199er Pairs Game

Stratification Limits:

All NVBA Unit Games include a separate Stratified 199er game.
 Players with 0-5 MPs play free every Thursday.
 For the Grand National Teams qualifying games, the stratification is:
 0-500 (NLM), 500-2000, 2000+.

Parade of Winners

SILVER SPRING, MD WBL SECTIONAL October 19–22, 2006

Thurs. A/X Pairs (71 Pairs)

- 1 Mike Richey – Robert Hopkins, Jr.
2 Barry Falgout – Rusty Krauss

Thurs. B/C/D Pairs (52 Pairs)

- 2 2 1 Dennis Schwanz – Susan Miskura

Thurs@NVBA 0-199er Pairs (20 Pairs)

- 1 1/2 1/2 Peyton Wynns – Sharon Wynns
1/2 1/2 1 John Holt – Tom Feick
2 Mary Edge – Peggy Errington

Fri. Eve. A/X IMP Pairs (22 Pairs)

- 2 Monique Smith – Robert Krueger

Fri. Eve. B/C/D Pairs (18 Pairs)

- 1 1 1 Leo Cardillo – Frank Cardillo

Sat. AM B/C/D Pairs (57 Pairs)

- 2 2 1 Shawn Stringer – William Gurley

Sun. A/X Swiss (24 Teams)

- 1/3 Earl Glickstein – Dewayne Jones –
Ai-Tai Lo – Alan Schwartz
1/3 David Abelow – Dick Wegman –
Mark Chen – Hal Hindman
1/3 1 Prah Rajkumar – Rag Rajkumar –
Michael Gill – Noble Shore

Sun. B/C/D Swiss (21 Teams)

- 1 David Grabiner – Penny Stoeber –
Suzanne Abrams – Herb Rogall
2/3 Steven Schatzow – Rod Severson –
Daniel Feldman – Jerry Miller
2 Susan Miskura – William Prosser –
Daniel Weinberg – Paul Gayer –
Dennis Schwanz

Sun AM 0-300 Swiss (12 Teams)

- 1 1 Eric Poskanzer – Larry Gebbie –
Amy Bloom – Linda Clover

OCEAN CITY REGIONAL October 23–29, 2006

Charity 0-300 Pairs (22 Pairs)

- 2 Larry Gebbie – Linda Clover

Kickoff KO Bkt. 2 (10 Teams)

- 2 Jesse Cheng – Helen Cheng –
Elaine Jacobson – Sharon Hurd

Kickoff KO Bkt. 5 (15 Teams)

- 2 Dorothy Bechtle – Margaret Storey –
Nancy Detweiler – Elizabeth Parker

Tues. Senior Swiss (36 Teams)

- 1 Sumner Steinfeldt – Ken Davis –
Ed Bissell – Tony Aukstikalnis

Tues. Aft. 0-300 Pairs (14 Pairs)

- 2 2 Larry Gebbie – Linda Clover

Tues. Eve. BAM (15 Teams)

- 2/4 1/2 Marilyn Smebakken – Elizabeth Traylor –
Helene Cooper – Cathy Stryker

Ocean Downs Compact KO Bkt. 1 (9 Teams)

- 1 Ken Davis – Robert Hollow –
Tony Aukstikalnis – Ed Bissell

Ocean Downs Comp KO Bkt. 3 (16 Teams)

- 1 Dorothy Bechtle – Margaret Storey –
Elizabeth Parker – Nancy Detweiler

Marlin KO Bkt. 2 Perch (12 Teams)

- 2 Steve Czecha – John Lowe III –
Carl Noller – Francesco Parisi-Presicce

Marlin KO Bkt. 4 Salmon (16 Teams)

- 1 Kevin O'Brien – Beverly Geurin –
Mike Frosch – Bob Allard –
James Oarr – Kathryn Ritterbush

Wed. BAM (16 Teams)

- 2 Dorothy Bechtle – Margaret Storey –
Nancy Detweiler – Elizabeth Parker

Lighthouse Comp KO Bkt. 3 (14 Teams)

- 1 Helene Cooper – Cathy Stryker –
Marilyn Smebakken – Elizabeth Traylor

Shorebirds Thurs. Aft. Side Game (22 Pairs)

- 2 2 Marilyn Smebakken – Elizabeth Traylor

Thurs. BAM (10 Teams)

- 1 1 1 William Gurley – Barbara Stevenson –
Lois Geer – Bryan Geer

Ocean City AM KO Bkt. 1 (9 Teams)

- 2 Lynda Flanger – William Gurley –
Francesco Parisi-Presicce –
Amal Dasgupta

Ocean City AM KO Bkt. 2 (13 Teams)

- 1 Neal McKinney – Holly Wills –
Lynette Vanderschaaf –
Frances McNaught

Boardwalk Fri. AM Side Game (22 Pairs)

- 1 Jennifer Koonce – Zeke Letellier
- 2 Ruth Potter – Jeff Roman

Fri. BAM (12 Teams)

- 1/2 1 1 Shawn Stringer – William Gurley –
Jeffrey Boak – Paul Kobrin

Fri. Eve. 0-500 Pairs (16 Pairs)

- 1 1 1 Marilyn Armon – Jane Farthing

Blue Crab KO Claws Bkt. I (10 Teams)

- 1 Travis Crump – Michael Lucy –
Stan Schenker – David Milton

Blue Crab KO Fins Bkt. III (12 Teams)

- Jeffrey Boak – Paul Kobrin –
William Gurley – Shawn Stringer

Blue Crab KO Shells Bkt. IV (9 Teams)

- 2 Kevin O'Brien – Mike Frosch –
Robert Ripley – Judy Ripley

Sat. Aft. Side Game (24 Pairs)

- 2 1 Mary Ellen Lyon – Ellie Clark

Sat. Eve. Side Game (16 Pairs)

- 2 Bob Walsh – Alan Breed

Sun. A/X Swiss (22 Teams)

- 1 Tom Musso – Kathy Paramore –
Ellen Cherniavsky – Barbara Ames

Sun. B/C/D Swiss (36 Teams)

- 2 Carl Noller – Francesco Parisi-Presicce –
Lynda Flanger – Ellie Clark

**ARLINGTON, VA NVBA SECTIONAL
November 9-12, 2006**

Thurs. A/X Pairs (70 Pairs)

- 1 Helene Bauman – Kefu Xu
- 2 1 Deb Dhar – Jay Kelkar

Thurs. Eve. B/C Pairs (60 Pairs)

- 1 1 Carl Gutschick – Anita Gutschick
- 2 Bob Kerchner – Michael Polunin
- 2 Elizabeth Parker – Nancy Gamber

Thurs. 199er@NVBA (26 Pairs)

- 1 1 1 Peter Pecori – Robert Dorosin
- 2 David Fitzwilliam – Lorraine Tyler
- 2 John Donohue – Charles Shank
- 2 Gary Hinson – Bruce Kasold

Thurs. 0-5 Pairs@NVBA (7 Pairs)

- 1 Brigit Mc Laughlin – Elizabeth Silvius
- 2 Max Schmitz – Alicia Rubio

Fri. Aft. Open Pairs (74 Pairs)

- 1 Lucy McCoy – Lorraine Yarmowich
- 1 1 George Green – Ellie Clark

Fri. Aft. 299er Pairs (22 Pairs)

- 1 1 1 Helen Long – Alfred Liepold
- 2 Nancy Cartwright – Richard Leonardon
- 2/3 Fran Sherwood – Arthur Sherwood
- 2/3 2 Roger Laumark – Jose Porres
- 2 Elizabeth Huffman – Mary Ann Kral

Fri. Aft. 49er Pairs (6 Pairs)

- 1 Lawrence Shuman – Deanna Shuman
- 2 Richard Wessman – Ellinor Legg

Fri. Eve. Open Pairs (46 Pairs)

- 1 Stan Schenker – David Milton
- 2 Cecily Kohler – James Gumbert
- 1 Abigail Nichols – Jay Cherlow
- 2 Carl Noller – Francesco Parisi-Presicce
- Prah Rajkumar – Rag Rajkumar

Fri. Eve. 299er Pairs (20 Pairs)

- 1 Michael Sneed – Frank Alden
- 2 1 John Donohue – Charles Shank
- 2 1 Bruce Kasold – Gary Hinson
- 2 Spencer Berg – Phyllis Berg

Sat. AM Open Pairs (46 Pairs)

- 1 1 Noble Shore – Jim Geist
- 2 2 Jeff Kosnett – Steven Ivins
- 1 Steve Forsythe – Sandra Forsythe
- 2 Rama Kapur – Joe Lentz

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Sat. AM 299er Pairs (16 Pairs)

- 1 Ednamae Trevey – Linda Clover
- 2 1 1 John Donohue – Charles Shank
- 2 Gil Krawitz – Willis Paley Hume
- 2 Linda Burton – Phyllis Isler

Sat. AM 49er Pairs (14 Pairs)

- 1 Erika Emery – Jerome Gumbiner
- 2 1 Pat Lonergan – Lawrence Hiemenz
- 2 1 Rosemary McDonald – Linda Griffith
- 2 Susan Holbeck – Anne Menkens

Sat. Aft. A/X Pairs (31 Pairs)

- 1 1 Noble Shore – Michael Gill
- 2 David Fleischer – Ken Davis
- 2 Scott Ruegg – Terry Van Wyck

Sat. Aft. B/C Pairs (58 Pairs)

- 1 Ben Stauss – Robert Ellis
- 2 Anthony Toogood – Irene Toogood
- 1 Craig Olson – Michael Lawrence
- 2 Ed Heberg – Gene Gallagher

Sat. Aft. 299er Pairs (22 Pairs)

- 1 Maribel Newby – Pat Lonergan
- 2 1 Larry Gebbie – Murat Berk
- 2 Ellen Kelley – M. Josette Johnson
- 1 Rod Spicer – Peggy McCarter
- 2 Jerren Gould – Marsha Gould

Sat. Aft. 49er Pairs (12 Pairs)

- 1 Edward Jaffe – Barry Feldman
- 2 Yoshiko Langer – Chieko Franck
- 1 1 Walt Pumo – Janice Pumo – Vivian Young – Carolyn Uber
- 2 Jeanne Haji – Abdul Haji

Sat. Eve. Open Pairs (32 Pairs)

- 1 1 1 Eva Klivington – Kevin O'Brien
- 2 Prah Rajkumar – Raghavendra Rajkumar

Sat. Eve. 299er Pairs (12 Pairs)

- 1 1 1 Rod Spicer – Peggy McCarter
- 2 Steve Montague – Ron Ozarka
- 2 2 Spencer Berg – Phyllis Berg

Sun. A/X Swiss (10 Teams)

- 1 Michael Lucy – Travis Crump – Stan Schenker – David Milton

Sun. B/C Swiss (34 Teams)

- 1 Steven Schatzow – Shlomit Rind –

Rod Severson – Dan Feldman

- 1 Daniel Weinberg – Dennis Schwanz – Susan Miskura – William Prosser
- 2/3 Kevin O'Brien – Mike Frosch – Francesco Parisi-Presicce – Carl Noller
- 2/3 Jean Phillips – Carol Mumma – Joe Lentz – Rama Kapur

Sun. AM 299er Swiss (12 Teams)

- 1 1 Jeanne Haji – Abdul Haji – Tom Feick – Paula Cloyd
- 2 2 1 Sidney Graves – Phyllis Isler – Linda Burton – Jan Potter
- 2 Sara Goodwin – Kathryn Miller – Sorina Negulescu – Teri Harrison

Sun. Aft. 299er Swiss (9 Teams)

- 1 1 1 Helen Long – Alfred Liepold – Damian Kulash – Marjorie Kulash
- 2 2 Jeanne Haji – Abdul Haji – Tom Feick – Paula Cloyd

**HONOLULU, HI FALL NABC
November 16–26, 2006**

Sun. B/C/D Pairs (60 Pairs)

- 2 Gloria Halstead – June Lucas

Sun. Fast Open Pairs

- 2 1 Jeffrey Klemm – Joe Freeman

Mon. Eve. Side Game (74 Pairs)

- 1 Helene Bauman – David Stevenson

Victor Mitchell National BAM (40 Teams)

- 12/14 Margot Hennings – Don Hennings – Robert Hopkins, Jr. – Joan Lewis
- 20 Jeff Roman – John Fout – Zygmunt Marcinski – Nicolas L'Ecuyer

Shizue Palmer Fast Pairs (24 Pairs)

- 1 Jeffrey Klemm – Richard Gross

Edith Van Neff B/C/D Swiss (24 Teams)

- 2 Gloria Halstead – Randall Roberts – Ricki Rogers – Joe Murray

Thanksgiving Comp. Cons KO-7 (7 Teams)

- 2 Gloria Halstead – Randall Roberts – Shirley Lundstrom – Susan Bussan

Fri. Aft. 20/50 Pairs (10 Pairs)

- 2 2 Bernadine – Vincent Rice

Thurs./Fri. Side Game Series (68 Pairs)

2 Gloria Halstead – Randall Roberts

North American Swiss Teams (37 Pairs)

14/15 Prah Rajkumar – Raghavendra Rajkumar –
G. Venkatesh –
Kanningat Krishnakumar
28/29 Helene Bauman – David Stevenson –
Arnie Frankel – Jim Wakefield –
Paul Lamford – Stefanie Rohan

Fri./Sat. AM Cons Bkt. 2 (6 Teams)

2 Terry Jones – Liz Holey –
J. Willard Williams – Jack Buchanan

Fri. Zip KO (12 Teams)

2 Terry Jones – Jeff Roman –
Barry Margolin – Nathan Glasser

Waikiki KO Bkt. 5 (16 Teams)

1 Susan L'Heureux – Richard Slater –
Dennis Kovach – David Logan

Hawaii's Aloha Cons Bkt. 4 (6 Teams)

2 Gloria Halstead – Randall Roberts –
Ricki Rogers – Joe Murray

HAIL AND FAREWELL

**We would like to welcome
the following new members
into our Unit:**

Nancy E. Catron
John Holt
Craig Jennings
Dr. Howard Van Horn
Henry C. Ruempler
George W. Stone
Patricia F. Stone
Mehul P. Vora
John F. Weiler

**We would like to welcome
the following transfers
into our Unit:**

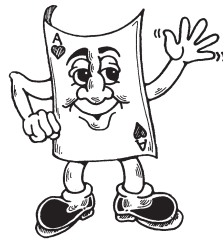
Martin Aronovitch
Jim Ashooh
Philip F. Bach
Eunice Carlson
Beth E. Cook
Brett A. Crouse
Rita R. Duffy
Marta Escobar
Roberta Y. Mansfield
Marcia M. Rubin
Craig S. Smith
Anne Tonks
Randi R. Vickers
James Warren

**We give our regards to the
following people who have
transferred out of our Unit:**

Graham Barron
Sam Bowlin
Donald Brown
William Dewitt
Oleg Dolgikh
Don Henry
Gerald Hoisington
Ken Irish
Margaret Irish
Margaret Jordan
Fred Lamm
Jennifer Lin
Bruce Waters

**We are sorry to note the
passing of three of our members:**

Robert J. Bielefeld
Catherine R. Grieshaber
James E. Zenith



Grand National Teams 2006-2007

YOU MUST PRE-REGISTER!

IT'S TIME to get out to your local club and qualify to win a subsidized trip to Nashville, TN, at the Summer 2007 NABC to represent District 6 in the national finals of this grassroots competition.

ALERT: Due to more stringent residency requirements, any individual who is unsure which District he/she is a resident of as of September 1, 2006, must seek clarification from the ACBL Credentials Committee prior to the start of the event.

The club qualification period begins on October 15, 2006 and extends through April 23, 2007. District-level competition for all flights except the 0-5000 flight begins in February. So make sure you qualify early. However, you can go out and play as often as you want with whomever you want!!

Once again, the competition will contain four flights at the District level. The Open Flight is open to all players; Flight A is limited to players with 0-5000 master points; Flight B is limited to players with 0-2000 master points; and Flight C is limited to Non-Life Masters with fewer than 500 masterpoints. Master point eligibility is determined by the ACBL as of August 6, 2006. At the club level, the Open and A flights will be combined.

Masterpoints awarded at the club level are half red—an easy way to earn colored points without traveling or changing your normal local playing habits. In the District level competition, the match awards are red and the overall awards are gold (Flight C awards 25 percent gold and 75 percent red).

Remember, players qualify as individuals at the club level and may form new teams with qualified players for the District phase of the competition. What this means is that you can play with all of your friends at the club level, no matter what their flight eligibility, and then form one or more teams to compete in one or more flights at the District level. So y'all come out and play!

Call your club manager to find out when the club is holding qualifying games. As club dates are made available to the District GNT Coordinator, they will be posted on the District 6 web site, www.districtsix.org.

We will be holding the first weekend of the District finals of Flights B and C at separate northern and southern sites on different weekends, and for the first time ever, two different southern sites. Site 1 will be in Charlottesville, and Site 2 will be in Newport News. Both will be on the same weekend. To start your planning process, the dates for the District competition are as follows:

<u>Flight</u>	<u>1st Weekend</u>	<u>2nd Weekend</u>	<u>Location</u>
Open	Feb. 17-18	Mar. 3-4	Wheaton Community Center
A (0-5000)	Apr. 28-29	May 5-6	Christ the King Church
B/Site1	Feb. 10-11	Mar. 3-4	Best Western Cavalier
B/Site2	Feb. 10-11	Mar. 3-4	Peninsula Bridge Club
B/N	Feb. 17-18	Mar. 3-4	Wheaton Community Center
C/Site2	Feb. 10-11	Mar. 3-4	Peninsula Bridge Club
C/N	Feb. 17-18	Mar. 3-4	Wheaton Community Center
C/Site1	Feb. 10-11	Mar. 3-4	Best Western Cavalier

YOU MUST PRE-REGISTER TO PLAY. PRE-REGISTRATION ENDS MID-NIGHT ON THE THURSDAY BEFORE THE EVENT STARTS. Entry fee is \$96 per team for the first two sessions. Send check and names of team members to Lynn Jones, 10 Tenby Court, Timonium, MD 21093. If you have any questions, feel free to contact Lynn Jones, District 6 GNT Coordinator, at 410-560-3244 or by email at bridgelynn@comcast.net. The Conditions of Contest and Frequently Asked Questions and the Club Qualifying Schedule will be available at www.districtsix.org.

DIRECTIONS TO THE PLAYING SITES:

Wheaton Community Center, 11711 Georgia Ave., Wheaton, MD

Take Capital Beltway to Georgia Avenue (exit 31A/ MD Rte 97) north towards Wheaton. Stay on Georgia Ave. about 2.6 miles, crossing Viers Mill Rd and University Blvd. The Center is just past Arcola Rd on the right.

Christ the King Church, 2301 Colston Drive, Silver Spring, MD

Capital Beltway to Connecticut Ave. South. Left on East-West Hwy. Right on Grubb Rd. 1st left on Colston. Church is on the left before the next intersection.

Peninsula Duplicate Bridge Club, 640A 79th Street, Newport News, VA 23605

From Interstate 64 (either East or West) take exit 263 (James River Bridge – US 258 South – Mercury Blvd West). Proceed 2.5 miles on Mercury Blvd. To Newmarket Dr. (Sears shopping center is on your right; Wendy's is on your left.) Turn left (South) onto Newmarket Dr. and proceed to 79th Street (first traffic signal – about 1/4 mile). Turn right onto 79th St. into an old (circa 1964) strip shopping mall. Bridge Club is located about 200 yards away next to U.S. Post Office.

Note: Bridge Club is identified with large letters on the awning.

Best Western Cavalier, 105 N. Emmett St. (Corner Rt. 29/Rt. 250 Business), Charlottesville, VA 22903

From I-64, Exit 118B (29 bypass); then exit on Rt. 250 Business; turn right. The hotel is one mile on the left. Free underground parking is available. Contact: Henny Dorsman 540-886-1822.

You Can Help!! You Can Make the Difference!!

Where would you like us to hold a Sectional?

In his President's column on page 2 of this Newsletter, Leo discusses the current situation with KOCH and its imposition of untenable rent increases beyond April 2007 for our Sectional tournaments, and, unfortunately, for all Thursday nights as well.

For many years, KOCH has been a most popular venue for our players—Arlington appears to be a location that is easy not only for our members but for many WBL members who “cross the river” to come and play at our tournament site. It will be difficult to find a replacement and we need your help!

If any of you or anyone you know has any contacts with Arlington or Fairfax County or the City of Alexandria (for schools, senior centers, etc.), or a membership organization, such as the Elks or American Legion post, or a corporate entity, church/synagogue community centers, or anywhere else that we have not yet thought of that might have suitable space for our tournaments, **please** let us know! Those of you who play at the WBL Sectionals know that they use a combination of churches, congregations and senior centers for their bridge tournaments, and we just need to find some places like that in Northern Virginia—with “just” being the operative word!

To summarize the requirements for sectionals:

- Availability Friday afternoon through Sunday early evening for sure,
and from Thursday evening if possible
- Approximately 6,000 square feet of usable space
- Storage for 90-100 card tables
- 300-350 chairs for our use
- Parking in a lot with additional street parking as needed for about 300 cars

As your Tournament Chairs, Kathryn Kiley and I are committed to finding a suitable location for our Sectionals from September 2007 and beyond, but we could sure use your help and ideas in coming up with potential locations to contact and explore. The NVBA Board has already spent considerable hours to locate alternative Thursday night locations when Beth El is unavailable to us due to religious holidays. As we searched and discussed possibilities, we kept in the back of our minds whether any of the locations we were considering would be able to hold a Sectional as well, and the answer so far has been “no.” It is a difficult task, and we ask for your help in meeting the challenge!

Many thanks to you all,
Margot Hennings

MILESTONES

Congratulations to the following players who have reached these new milestones!

♠♦ NEW JUNIOR MASTERS ♣♥

Sally H. Bear
Charles C. Ellis
Diane Gooding
William Hughes
Jo Ann Hutchison
Steve Morse
Robert O'Toole
David S. Rubin
Eleanor L. Schwartz
Taraneh Shahin
Tomoko Shibukawa
Deanna Shuman
Dr. Lawrence Shuman
Bettye Walker
Kathryn Weyers
Rollie D. Winter

♠♦ NEW CLUB MASTERS ♣♥

Neal L. Cooper
Daniel J. Graham
Jacquelin B. Graham
Barbara Hodges
Phyllis R. Isler
Mike Patel
Neil Selvin
Kiyomi Shiba
Rod Spicer
Donald M. Szyszka



♠♦ NEW SECTIONAL MASTERS ♣♥

Tobi B. Bear
Margaret D. Cross
Joyce Currie
Mary Hinkley
Susan Klaber
Peggy M. McCarter
James P. Rose
Leslie A. Rose
Janice Smith
Peyton L. Wynns

♠♦ NEW REGIONAL MASTERS ♣♥

George R. Green
Prem Gupta
Peter B. Mirsky
Dr. Francesco Parisi-Presicce
Eric P. Poskanzer
Larry G. Settle
Norma Tolmach

♠♦ NEW NABC MASTERS ♣♥

Donald E. Brown
Ellie Clark
Linda D. Clover
Ned Griffith
Luther P. Hampton
Maribel L. Newby
Carl W. Noller
Cathy J. Stryker
Jeff Youngen

♠♦ NEW LIFE MASTERS ♣♥

David H. Banh
Martha D. Bley
Ross A. Bley
Nancy Detweiler
William C. Gurley
Martha S. Mangano
Kevin R. O'Brien
Elizabeth Schepps
Col. Madison Schepps
Nancy Young

♠♦ NEW BRONZE LIFE MASTERS ♣♥

David H. Banh
Mary Ann Dinger

♠♦ NEW SILVER LIFE MASTER ♣♥

John Hamilton

♠♦ NEW GOLD LIFE MASTER ♣♥

Carole Grob

“Multi” 2♦ Opening Bid *by Stan Schenker*

The 2♦ opening bid has long been the red-headed stepchild of bids. It has been used as a strong and natural bid, as an artificial bid to show a strong hand, as a bid to show a 3-suited hand (Roman), as a weak hand with a long diamond suit, as a hand with 11-15 HCP and 5 hearts/4 spades (Flannery), and a multitude of other uses. Not satisfied with one of these single uses, some people play the 2♦ bid as having multiple meanings. There are a wide variety of meanings, but in its simplest form (which will be discussed in this article), “multi,” as it is known, shows a weak 2 bid in either major. By using 2♦ to show both of these hands, you then free up 2♥ and 2♠ to show other hand types.

A typical hand you would open a “multi” 2♦ with is:
KQ109xx / 862 / K5 / 74

The long major suit can be either hearts or spades.

Once a player opens 2♦, there are a number of responses available to their partner. If they have a hand that would pass a weak 2 bid in either major, they bid 2♥ and opener will pass or correct to 2♠. If the responder has a hand that would raise only one major, they bid 2 of the other major. For example, when responder holds:

5 / KQ86 / AJ432 / A63

If partner opened 2♥, responder would raise to 4♥. However, if he opened 2♠, responder would want to play only 2♠. The solution is to bid 2♠. If the opener has hearts, he will bid 3♥, and responder will raise to 4♥. With spades, the opener will just pass responder’s 2♠ bid.

If responder has an invitational hand, they bid 2NT. This asks partner to clarify his hand. There are a variety of response schemes, but one of the most common is:

- 3♣ – a good hand with hearts
- 3♦ – a good hand with spades
- 3♥ – a bad hand with hearts
- 3♠ – a bad hand with spades

Responder can decide how to proceed based on these answers. Other responses to 2♦ that are less common are:

- Pass – a bad hand with diamonds
- 3♣ – natural and non-forcing
- 3♦ – invitational with diamonds
- 3♥ – pass or correct
- 3♠ – pass or correct
- 3NT to play.

Higher-level responses will be addressed in future articles.

The advantages of playing “multi” are: they allow you to describe different hand types with one bid, they allow other hand types to be shown, and it makes it difficult for the opponents to bid. The disadvantages are that partner does not know your exact hand, sometimes making it difficult to compete when the opponents bid, and you can sometimes get to the wrong contract.

Please remember that “multi” is allowed only in games where ACBL Mid-Chart conventions are permitted. If you have any questions about its use in the particular event you are playing in, please ask the Director before you use “multi.” Whenever you do use it, you must pre-alert it and provide suggested bidding defenses to the opponents. Standard defenses are available from the ACBL website.

199er Unit Game Party!**199er Unit Game Party!

Beth El Temple, 3830 Seminary Rd, Alexandria, VA.

As a gesture of appreciation to all the people who've supported this game, we're going to have a BIRTHDAY PARTY, cake and all, as we celebrate the three-year anniversary of the 199er Unit Game!



**MARK YOUR CALENDAR NOW
AND DON'T MISS THE FUN!**

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 22,
2007**

PARTY AT 6:30 P.M., BRIDGE AT 7

Every person who comes and plays in the birthday bash 199er appreciation game on February 22, 2007, will get a **FREE ENTRY** to a **FUTURE** 199er Unit Game.

Bring your friends and favorite partner. **FREE** parking – **FREE** food – **FREE** cake – **FREE** bridge lesson, and, best of all, a **FREE ENTRY** for a future game! We guarantee partners so come alone if you prefer, but, please come.

Questions, call RON KRAL AT 703-478-0077.

Better Basic Bridge: Third Hand Play

by Ron Kral

IN THIS SERIES OF ARTICLES, I use the concept of Pareto's principle as applied to bridge. Pareto's principle is the "80/20 rule" or the idea of "a significant few and the trivial many". In the non-bridge world, this means that if you're faced with a problem 100 times, usually *just one* of the possible solutions will solve the problem 80 percent of the time. All the other solutions must be known and understood to solve the other 20 percent.

In this series, I present a rule for you to follow 100 percent of the time. If you heed this advice, you'll get the correct answer at the bridge table 80 percent OR MORE of the time. Of course, bridge is a complex game where a variety of different plays may be correct in any given situation. As you progress, you will discover the times when it's correct to violate the "rule". But if you start out simply, you can work your way up to more complex cases.

Here's the rule:

NEVER PREEMPT OVER AN OPPONENT'S PREEMPT.

Let's say you're dealt:

♠ AQxxxx
♥ xx
♦ xx
♣ Qxx

You're about to open 2♠ when you hear your RHO open 2♥. DO NOT BID 2♠! When you bid over an opponent's preempt, you're promising a GOOD hand, NOT garbage. Partner with three spade cards and 12 HCP will bid game and you'll likely go set.

This is the kind of hand partner expects from you if you overcall 2♠ over 2♥:

♠ AQxxx
♥ xx
♦ KQxx
♣ Kx

If you hold this hand and partner bids 4♠ holding three spades and 12 HCP you're likely to make it for a positive score. When the opponents preempt, they're making you and your partner guess what to do. You don't want to "sell out" to a preempt if your side has cards, but how can your partner ever intelligently decide what to do if you overcall a preempt with an extremely wide variety of hands from garbage to a very good hand?? If you bid this way, YOU'RE adding to partner's woes by making HIM guess what YOU have in addition to guessing what the opponents hold!

A corollary to the "never preempt over a preempt" concept:

NEVER BID AGAIN AFTER YOU PREEMPT.

Once you preempt, YOU'RE DONE BIDDING! You've accomplished your goal by making the opponents guess what to do. Many times they'll guess wrong, but often

they'll guess right, particularly if they're better players with more table time and experience. I often see less experienced players bid again after their original preempt in the belief that since the opponents have "guessed right," our side should take a sacrifice. **THIS IS WRONG!** You have no idea if the opponents have guessed right!

Let's say you preempt by bidding 3♥. The opponents have numerous contracts available to them: 5♠, 4♠, 3NT, 4♣, 4♦, 5♣, 5♦, a small slam, a grand slam or doubling you. **ONLY ONE OF THESE CONTRACTS/BIDS IS "CORRECT"!** You've made them guess, and the odds are they've guessed wrong. If you bid again, you've eliminated at least one of their guesses and you've given them a second "bite at the apple" and a second chance to guess right. They're **MUCH** more likely to guess right the second time around! And if they do, you've lost the benefit of your original preempt.

Another corollary is:

AS RESPONDER TO THE PREEMPTER, YOU GET EXACTLY ONE CHANCE TO BID.

Say your partner opens with a preemptive 3♣ bid, your RHO doubles, and you hold:

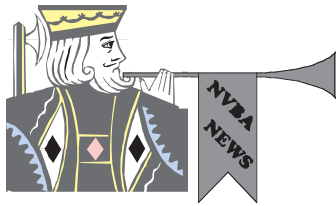
♠ xx
♥ xx
♦ KQxxx
♣ Kxxx

It's pretty clear they belong in either 4♥ or 4♠ (or even 6♥ or 6♠ or maybe even 3NT). You as responder now get **ONE** chance to bid. You can PASS, bid 4♣, 5♣ or even 6♣ depending on the vulnerability and your partner's sense of humor. **BUT**, whatever you decide to do, **YOU MUST THEN PASS ON ALL SUBSEQUENT ROUNDS OF BIDDING.** No "buyer's remorse". If, for example, you decide to add to the preempt and bid 4♣ and now LHO bids 4♠. You should **NOT** think, "Well, they've clearly guessed right and are making 4♠. So, I'll take the profitable sacrifice at 5♣." You and your partner have made the opponents guess. They may have guessed right and they may have guessed wrong—*no one* at the table really knows for sure what's going on. **DO NOT** bid again and give them a second chance to guess correctly. If you wanted to sacrifice at 5♣, you should have done it **IMMEDIATELY**. You didn't then, and you shouldn't now. Recently even I have fallen into this trap and took two bids after a preempt by my partner only to hear the opponents bounce from game into slam and make it. They had guessed wrong and to my regret and dismay, I gave them a second chance. Lo and behold, they then guessed right! They had thought about bidding slam, but had settled for game. I had a good matchpoint score in hand, and I tossed it away by bidding again. Don't make the same mistake I did!

Further reading about preempts:

Takeout Doubles – Michael Lawrence
Balancing – Michael Lawrence
Bridge Basics II, Competitive Bidding – Audrey Grant
An Expert's Guide to Improving Your Bidding Skills – Edwin Kantar
Matchpoints – Kit Woolsey
Washington Standard – Steve Robinson
The Law of Total Tricks – Larry Cohen

The above books are available at www.BaronBarclay.com with an ACBL member 10 percent discount.



***LOOKING FORWARD.....**

After 17 years as NVBA Regional Tournament Chair for the 4th of July Regionals, Margot Hennings is stepping down and the NVBA is looking for a replacement to chair the 2008 Regional in its new Reston location. Anyone interested in this volunteer position should be detail-oriented, enjoy working with people (from ACBL and MABC officials to hotel staff to the players themselves), and be able to devote a great deal of time prior to and during the tournament to its organization. Interested parties are urged to read the Policies document on the MABC web site at www.mabcbridge.org and to contact Kathryn Kiley at 703-758-0366 for more information.

***NEW!! NVBA CELL PHONE – CALL FOR PARTNERS**

The NVBA has acquired a cell phone on a business account to support the Partnership Chair (PC) of the Unit Game and the PC of the Sectionals. Currently, Leo Cardillo is the PC for the Unit Game and Mary Ann Kral is the PC for the Sectionals. The NVBA PC cell phone number is 703-869-0852, repeat 703-869-0852.

Whenever a player needs a partner for an event, he/she may simply call the NVBA PC cell phone and leave a message with your name, phone number, the event(s) you want to play in—the date, morning/afternoon/evening game, pairs or team game—if team, how many more players you need to form a team, and specify Flight A, B or C. In addition, a player may also call this cell phone to announce that they might be late in arriving at an event, or even unable to make the event. The PC will do their best to alert the Director or the player's partner, as appropriate. We are on a limited minute plan, so would appreciate your sticking to just the facts please.

The NVBA PC cell phone replaces the 703-868-6868 cell phone number, which is the personal cell phone of Leo Cardillo. Please call 703-869-0852 if you have any partnership requirement or question for an NVBA event!!

***MORE SECTIONAL NEWS.....**

As noted elsewhere in this Newsletter (see page 14), the NVBA is looking for a new venue in which to hold its sectional tournaments, beginning with the September 2007 sectional. In anticipation of the rent increases that will occur beginning in February 2007 while we are still at the Knights of Columbus in Arlington and to stave off entry fee increases as long as possible, the NVBA Board has voted to discontinue awarding prizes to open events at its sectionals. Prizes will continue to be awarded to overall and section top winners in the 299er games and below—i.e., to players in all 0-5, 0-20, 0-49, 0-99, 0-199, and 0-299 events.

***CHEER & SYMPATHY CHAIR**

The NVBA Board would like to remind members that if you know of a member who has undergone a major operation, fallen seriously ill, or lost someone close to them, please notify the NVBA Cheer & Sympathy Chair. She is Virginia Fletcher, 703-750-9199, email address: vcfletcher@msn.com. She will send a card or flowers as appropriate to the NVBA member on our behalf.

BRIDGE CLUB RESULTS POSTED ON THE INTERNET:

Director: Carole Grob – *Games:* Ballston Bridge Club – Monday, 10:00 AM; Thursday Morning Bridge Club, 10:00 AM

URL: <http://www.mybridgeclub.com/virginia/virginia.htm>

Director: John Mason – *Game:* Montebello DBC – Monday 7:00 PM

URL: <http://members.cox.net/jsm36/bridge/bridgehome.htm>

Director: John Mason/Dale Dallaire – *Game:* First Christian Church – Friday, 10:00 AM

URL: <http://members.cox.net/jsm36/bridge/bridgehome.htm>

Director: Bernie Oetjen – *Games:* KOCH – Monday, 7:00 PM; KOCH – Saturday, 1:00 PM

URL: <http://www.bridge-results.com/results/5011/cal.html>

Director: Candy and Marshall Kushner – *Games:* KOCH – Tuesday, 10:00 AM; Reston – Wednesday, 7:30 PM

URL: <http://www.bridge-results.com/results/5016/cal.html>

Director: Gene Schuyler – *Games:* If It's Tuesday BC – Tuesday 7:00 PM

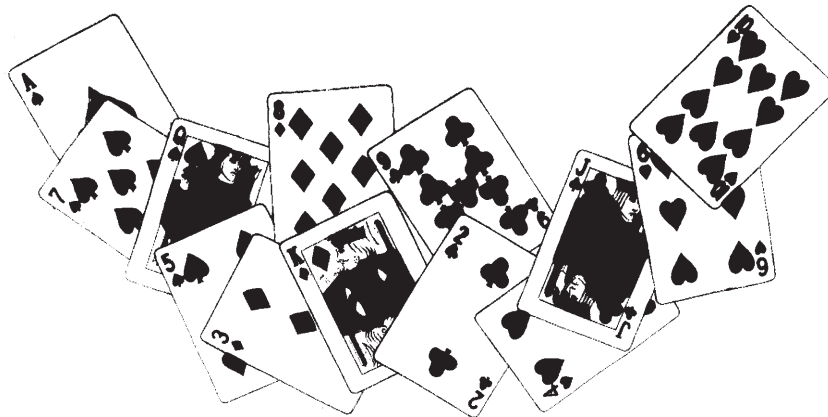
URL: <http://members.cox.net/carlinspringsbc/index2.htm>

Director: Norma Pierzchala – *Games:* Ballston – Wednesday 10:00 AM; KOCH - Saturday, 9:00 AM –

URL: <http://www.bridge-results.com/results/5021/cal.html>

Director: Louise Sellers – *Games:* Jewish Community Center (JCC) – Wednesday, 11:00 AM, Sunday, 1:00 PM; Vienna Bridge – Thursday, 10:00 a.m. –

URL: <http://members.cox.net/bridge.jcc.vdbs>



SILVER SPRING, MD: JANUARY 4-7, 2007

45th Annual Presidential Tournament

THURSDAY, JANUARY 4

- ♣ StrataFlighted Open Pairs (A/X unlim/3000, B/C/D Separate 1500/1000/500) (both sites); Stratified NLM Pairs (NLM/100/50) & 0-20 Pairs (Christ the King Church only); Stratified 199er Pairs (Beth El only)

Beth El Congregation, 3830 Seminary Rd, Alexandria 7:00pm

Christ the King Church, 2301 Colston Drive, Silver Spring 7:30pm

Capital Beltway to Connecticut Ave. South. Left on East-West Hwy. Right on Grubb Rd. 1st left on Colston. Church is on the left before the next intersection.

Friday—at Christ the King Church Only

FRIDAY, JANUARY 5

- ♦ Stratified Pairs (2000+/1000/500) 10:00am
- ♥ StrataFlighted A/X (unlim/3000) & B/C/D Pairs (1500/1000/500) ... 2:00pm
- ♠ **Sur-Prize™ Special Open Pair Game TBA** 7:30pm

Friday nights are your chance to try a different form of the game. Look for upcoming announcements of this night's game (along with outstanding special refreshments) in the next issues of *TableTALK*, the *WBL Bulletin*, or on the web at www.districtsix.org.

- ♣ Intermediate/Novice Pairs (300/200/100/50/20) (single sessions) 10:00am, 2:00pm, 7:30pm

◇ **SAT. & SUN. ONLY** at the **Margaret Schweinhaut Senior Center** ♥

1000 Forest Glen Road, Silver Spring, MD: From Beltway exit Georgia Avenue north (toward Wheaton). Turn right at first traffic light onto Forest Glen Rd. The Senior Center is .7 mile on your right.

♥ **Panel Show & Party** **SATURDAY, JANUARY 6**
to Honor New Life Masters between sessions

- ♣ StrataFlighted A/X (unlim/3000) & B/C/D Pairs (1500/1000/500) (single sessions) .. 11:00am, 3:30pm
- ♦ Intermediate/Novice Pairs (300/200/100) (single sessions) 11:00am, 3:30pm
- ♥ Newcomer Pairs (50/20/5) (single sessions) 11:00am, 3:30pm

SUNDAY, JANUARY 7

WBL Trophy Race Winners' Presentation between sessions

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

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

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



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lunch free of charge. Chair: **Nadine Wood**, 301-565-9555, woodthere@comcast.net. Volunteer

Coordinator: **Barbara Summers**, 301-598-5838, jimbarb1184@aol.com Hospitality: **Kitty**

Gottfried, 301-587-3981, kgottfried@hotmail.com Partnerships: **Barbara Doran**, 301-608-0347, Sectional

Partner@DistrictSix.org or try the easy **Online Partnership Bulletin Board**: www.WashingtonBridgeLeague.org

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WASHINGTON BRIDGE LEAGUE SECTIONAL

♠ **Arlington, VA** ♣ **FEBRUARY 8-11, 2007** ♦

**NVBA WILLIAM POISSANT
MEMORIAL TOURNAMENT**

Knights of Columbus Hall (KOCH)
5115 Little Falls Road, Arlington, VA ♦ 703-536-9656

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 8

Knights of Columbus Hall (KOCH), Arlington, VA (NVBA)
Christ the King Church, one block south of East-West Highway on
Colston between Washington and Grubb, Chevy Chase, MD (WBL)

**NOTE: ALL VIRGINIA
EVENTS ARE AT KOCH**

****Novice/Intermediate Lecture** 6:30 p.m.**
STRATIFIED OPEN PAIRS (2000+/2000/750) 7:00 p.m. 7:30 p.m.
NVBA 199ER PAIRS (200/100/50/20); WBL NLM PAIRS (NLM/100/50) .. 7:00 p.m. 7:30 p.m.
NEWCOMER PAIRS (0-5) 7:00 p.m.

NVBA (KOCH) WBL

...REST OF TOURNAMENT AT KOCH...

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 9

STRATIFIED OPEN PAIRS (2000+/2000/750) 2 p.m.
299ER PAIRS (300/200/100) 2 p.m.
49ER PAIRS (50/20/5) 2 p.m.
STRATIFIED OPEN PAIRS (2000+/2000/750) 7:30 p.m.
299ER PAIRS (300/200/100) 7:30 p.m.

*Championship
Events and a Full Schedule
of 299er Events for Novice
and Intermediate Players!
Players with 0-5
Masterpoints play for
free in all games!*

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 10

STRATIFIED OPEN PAIRS (2000+/2000/750) 9:30 a.m.
STRATIFIED SENIOR PAIRS (2000+/2000/750) 9:30 a.m.
299ER PAIRS (300/200/100) 9:30 a.m.
49ER PAIRS (50/20/5) 9:30 a.m.
NEWCOMER PAIRS (0-5) 9:30 a.m.
TROPHY EVENT: **WILLIAM POISSANT MEMORIAL PAIRS**
(2 SESSIONS - Qualifying And Final) 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.
STRATIFIED OPEN PAIRS (2000+/2000/750; Single session) ... 2 p.m.
Combines Senior pair & Open side games into one for more Masterpoints!
299ER PAIRS (300/200/100) 2 p.m.
49ER PAIRS (50/20/5) 2 p.m.
STRATIFIED OPEN CONSOLATION (2000+/2000/750) ... 7:30 p.m.
299ER PAIRS (300/200/100) 7:30 p.m.

**Mid-Chart Conventions
permitted in all A/X &
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Tournament Chairs

Margot Hennings,
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Kathryn Kiley,
703-758-0366

Partnership Chair

Mary Ann Kral,
703-437-0342

..or check out our

*On-line Partnership "Desk"
at www.nvba.org*

Next NVBA Sectional:

**April 19-22,
2007**

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11

****Novice/Intermediate Lecture (Jeff Roman)** 10:15 a.m. **
FLIGHT A/X (3000+/3000) BOARD-A-MATCH TEAMS 11:00 a.m.
FLIGHT B/C (2000/750) SWISS TEAMS 11:00 a.m.
BAM & Swiss: both 2-session events, with one hour break
299ER SWISS TEAMS (300/200/100; Single session) 11:00 a.m.
49ER SWISS TEAMS (50/20/5; Single session) 11:00 a.m.
299ER SWISS TEAMS (300/200/100/50; Single session) 3:15 p.m.

DIRECTIONS: From Rte. 495 (the Beltway) or points West of the Beltway, take Rte. 66 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. 66 West** to the Sycamore Street exit. At the end of the exit ramp, turn right onto Sycamore. 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 keep 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 Blvd.). Cross Old Dominion (.3 miles) at the stop sign and proceed on Little Falls another .3 miles to the KOCH on your right. **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 2473" down the hill to your right.

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