Northern Virginia Bridge Association

# Newsletter

July – September 2007

### Congratulations to our Trophy and Medal Winners!

THE NVBA HELD its Annual Meeting on May 17 to elect Board members, recognize new Life Masters and honor NVBA trophy winners, Ace of Clubs winners and Mini-McKenney winners. The winners of the NVBA trophies for 2006 were:

Woman of the	Year: Janet Gookin
<b>Rush Buckley:</b>	Bob Silverstein

Man of the Year: Ken Davis Rookie of the Year: Nagy Wehbe

The NVBA congratulates these winners and wishes them continued success at the bridge table.

In addition, Ed Gofreed was announced as the recipient of the fourth annual Dave Murray award. Ed well deserves this award, which is given to a player who is not only skilled at bridge, but is also known for his/her good sportsmanship at the table. Congratulations Ed!

See page 6 for photos of these winners.

The 2007-2008 Board with its newly elected members is:

President: Leo Cardillo Secretary: Marge Gazzola Vice President: Margot Hennings Treasurer: Dale Dallaire

Executive Directors: Ed Brawn, Herb Fallin, Jr., Carole Grob, Bruce Houston, Ron Kral

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#### Of Special Interest:

- Bethesda, MD REGIONAL, July 2-8
  Nashville, TN Summer NABC, July 19-29
- WBL Sectional, Aug. 9-12
- Hunt Valley, MD REGIONAL, Aug. 13-19
- NVBA Sectional, Sep. 6-9
- ACBL Instant Matchpoint Game, Sep. 19
- NAP District Finals, Sep. 29-30

**REMINDER!** For four Thursdays— August 9, and September 13, 20, and 27—the NVBA Unit Game will be at the First Presbyterian Church near Ballston!!

# President's Message

By Leo Cardillo



HE SIZZLING SUMMER DAYS are just ahead, and if there is anything hotter than the Washington Summer it is the bridge at the NVBA! Spring came in with a roar as the NVBA held a very successful and final Sectional at KOCH, with attendance reaching 434.5 tables. The NVBA will miss the KOCH environment, but KOCH management left us no choice but to move on. The next NVBA Sectional will be held September 6-9. Please note the changes in venues! **The Thursday night game on September 6 will be at Beth El, and the games Friday-Sunday will be held at the Elks Lodge # 2188**, which is located on the south side of Route 50, just outside the 495

Beltway, going towards Fairfax, Virginia. All of the Board is excited about the new location, which promises to be superior to KOCH in every possible way. Additional information on the new location is included in the tournament ad in this Newsletter, in the District 6 Table Talk magazine, and on the NVBA website.

In fact, please note: **the NVBA Unit games on September 13, September 20 and September 27 will be at First Presbyterian Church in Ballston**, due to unavailability of the Beth El temple those weeks.

Also, please note that the NVBA portion of the Thursday night game of the upcoming WBL Sectional—August 9 of the August 9-12—part of the WBL Sectional that starts that night—will be held at the First Presbyterian Church. This brings to four the number of games that will be held at the church in August and September.

Because of the loss of KOCH, the NVBA Annual Meeting was held at Beth El and attendance was a very robust 43 tables. Margot Hennings, Marge Gazzola, Carole Grob, Ron Spieker, Lucy McCoy, Barry Sparks and Mary Mudd did a magnificent job on the hospitality!! The Popeyes' chicken, grilled vegetables, Margot's homemade chicken Caesar salad and blanched asparagus, plus the new Life Master cakes and the STRAWBERRIES, were bountiful and absolutely first class!! Marshall and Candy Kuschner and Gene Schuyler did a great job as Directors, and the members enjoyed duplicated hands compliments of the soon famous "Schuyler 5000"!

The Annual meeting is also the time for the NVBA elections, and we were pleased that we had a very talented slate of volunteers and enjoyed the fact that we actually had to cast ballots and count the votes. Marge and I ran unopposed as Secretary and President, respectively. Ron Kral, Herb Fallin, Bruce Houston and Ed Brawn were elected to fill the four Executive Director positions.

Paul Krueger was not re-elected to the Board, but will join Kathryn Kiley and John Mason, who chose not to run for another Board term, as a volunteer. Paul will serve as the NVBA Technical Advisor, Kathryn will continue as Co-Tournament Chair with Margot, and John will continue as NAP/GNT and Club Coordinator and assistant webmaster.

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### **Upcoming NVBA Games & Special Events**

\*\*Please check the calendar closely – in September three Unit games will be held at First Presbyterian Church, 601 N. Vermont St., Arlington, VA 22203 not at Beth El. Also, the Thursday night game of the WBL Sectional in August will be held at First Presbyterian Church, and there is no game scheduled during the weeks of MABC Regionals.\*\*

#### Jul. 5 Game closed – Bethesda REGIONAL

Jul. 12 Beth El – 7:00 Stratified North American Pairs (NAP)

Jul. 19 Beth El – 7:00 Stratified Upgraded Club Championship Pairs

Jul. 26 Beth El – 7:00 Stratified Unit Championship

Aug. 2 Beth El – 7:00 Stratified Unit Championship

Aug. 9 First Presbyterian Church – 7:00 WBL Sectional

Aug. 16 Game closed – Hunt Valley REGIONAL

Aug. 23 Beth El – 7:00 Stratified North American Pairs (NAP)

Aug. 30 Beth El – 7:00 Stratified Charity Pairs

Sep. 6 Beth El – 7:00 NVBA Sectional

Sep. 13 First Presbyterian Church – 7:00 Stratified Membership Pairs

Sep. 20 First Presbyterian Church – 7:00 Stratiflighted Unit Championship & 49er NAP

Sep. 27 First Presbyterian Church – 7:00 Stratiflighted Club Championship

Oct. 4 Beth El – 7:00 WBL Sectional

### **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. For the North American Pairs (NAP) qualifying games, the stratification is: 0-500 (NLM), 500-2000, 2000+. Players with 0-5 MPs play free every Thursday in any game.

The NAP District Finals are scheduled for September 29-30.

### **Upcoming Sectionals**

### <u>NVBA</u>

**WBL** 

September 6-9, 2007 October 18-21, 2007 February 21-24, 2008 April 10-13, 2008 August 9-12, 2007 October 4-7, 2007 January 3-6, 2008 March 27-30, 2008

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I welcome all the Board members, past and present, and the other volunteers as we start another successful year at the NVBA!

Two weeks after the Annual meeting, the Life Master/Non-Life Master (LM/NLM) game was held on May 31, and it was an enormous success with a record turnout of 39.5 tables! As a special inducement, the Board voted to run this event as a FREE event for all players, and the membership responded with great enthusiasm and cooperation. Thanks to the many, many hours of hard work by Ron Kral, about 150 of the total of 158 players were pre-registered and assigned a partner by Ron. In addition, Ron notified all the pre-registered pairs by email so that they could have a chance to discuss their playing conventions, et al, before the night of the event. As always, there were a few folks who registered but could not make the event. There were about an equal number of folks who did not pre-register, but showed up to play anyway. I have had the pleasure of vigorously supporting the LM/NLM game for the last five years, and of watching as the NVBA volunteers continue to adjust and improve the event with each passing year. This year continued that successful trend. Almost without exception, Ron and I have been delighted with the many compliments and expressions of approval and enjoyment by the participants. The essence of this event is the simple fact that one night of the year the NVBA asks every LM to set aside their normal partners and play and mentor and encourage a NLM. This special evening is not about winning points or even breaking new ground in teaching bridge. Most of these folks will play together this one night, and then will never play together in the future. No Matter. For many NLM's, this night will be forever remembered as a milestone in their bridge career, even as it is in my own (Thank you, Fred King!). Some will even develop new partnerships. On this special night, all of the players will participate in one game-THREE SECTIONS! For most, but not all, the pairings will be with new partners, lending to the "mixer" aspect of the event, and further breaking down the barriers that normally separate the Open players from the 199er players. For one night of the year, every LM has an opportunity to work with the NVBA Board and donate an evening of bridge towards the development and support of the up and coming NLM players. My thanks to all who chose to participate and further develop this wonderful evening of bridge.

Ron Kral has graciously agreed to be the Event Coordinator for the 2008 LM/NLM. Next year, as always, the preferred method of partnership will be for each player to preregister and allow Ron to assign the pairings, allowing for the "mixer" factor. Next year, as always, a few pairs will ask to make their own LM/NLM pairing. While these few self-made pairings will be discouraged, but allowed, Ron and I will ask for those folks to avoid "established" partnerships. Next year, as always, there will be a number of last minute pairings to be accomplished, and the NVBA will do its best to accommodate those needs, or offer a Free Play for a future Unit Game. Next year, as always, I will pitch all the LM's, especially our new LM's, to show up in numbers to be sure that we can guarantee every NLM a LM partner. And finally, next year, as always, I am confident that I will report yet again another extraordinary, record-breaking, and memorable evening of bridge at the conclusion of the 2008 LM/NLM. Be there!!

See you at the tables!!

# The Jack of Hearts

#### by Marshall Kuschner

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**Q**: In which major U.S. city can you stand in the heart of downtown and be in the middle of nowhere?

#### A: St. Louis.

OPS, I DID IT AGAIN! With a National tournament there every ten years, I forget in between times that the natives never say St. Louis. It's always Saint Louis. Now Saint Louis was never a garden spot, but it was a reasonable venue with good playing space, lots of good restaurants, and, of course, the Arch. Well, the Arch is still there, and it is spectacular. The views, both of

and from it, are remarkable and well worth visiting. However, the thing about the city that really impressed me in 1997 was the widespread presence of live music. Almost every place we dined featured at least a pianist or a duo. At the Adam's Mark hotel, site of their previous Nationals, a jazz quartet performed at their Sunday brunch. It still may, but most of the live music has vanished, as have many of the restaurants. Downtown Saint Louis is undergoing what may be euphemistically termed "urban renewal." If we return in 2017, it may once again feel festive, but right now, it doesn't. The Marriott Renaissance hotel and the neighboring convention center are both brand new, but they sit in an area that is showing its age. Most of the surroundings are in varying stages of demolition and/or reconstruction. As a result, there's a lot missing. Forget your deodorant? Get ready to smell bad because the nearest drugstore is an eight-minute cab ride. Want dinner? Plan a lot of time because service in Saint Louis is universally abominable.

With tourism a non-factor, we hoped for good bridge. Ai-Tai Lo and Alan Schwartz made the round of 16 in the Vanderbilt before finishing 9th in the Open Swiss. Jeff Roman exited the Vandy a round earlier and hit the board in the Open Swiss. The brothers Rajkumar (Prahalad and Raghavendra) scratched in the Open Pairs, as did Jim Dick in the Mixed, Vonnie Lavender in the Women's, Barry Spector with Helene Bauman in the Open Swiss, and Jay Kelkar with Shuba Dey in the Flight B NAP. Regional wins went to Bruce Houston, Sumner Steinfeldt, Rusty Krauss, Dick Wieland, and Vonnie Lavender with Mu-wah, all in KOs. Attendance rebounded to finish at 10,232 tables, 312 fewer tables than the Regional in Gatlinburg had a month later in four fewer days.

While I got a non-stop flight coming home, I had to connect through Chicago on the way out. When we pulled into the gate in Saint Louis, a lady in the row in front of me, who apparently had also originated in another time zone, turned on her cell phone and said to her friend, "The time display will be all wrong." "No, it won't." replied the friend, "Verizon will show Chicago time." "What good is that?", asked the cell phone lady. "We're in Saint Louis!"

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The Dave Murray award winner from left to right, NVBA President Leo Cardillo, Sumner Steinfeldt – one of Ed's favorite partners and Ed Gofreed

The trophy winners from left to right, Bob Silverstein, Nagy Wehbe, Ken Davis, Janet Gookin (and Bobby Gookin holding her plaque)





New Life Members Ross and Martha Bley

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# Upcoming 199er Unit Games

Jul. 5	Game closed – Bethesda REGIONAL
Jul. 12	Beth El – 7:00 199er Pairs Game or 199ers may play in
	Flight C of NAP qualifier
Jul. 19	Beth El – 7:00 Club Championship – 199er Pairs Game
Jul. 26	Beth El – 7:00 199er Pairs Game
Aug. 2	Beth El – 7:00 199er Pairs Game
Aug. 9	First Presbyterian Church, (601 N. Vermont St.,
	Arlington, VA 22203) – 7:00 WBL Sectional – 199er Pairs Game
Aug. 16	Game closed – Hunt Valley REGIONAL
Aug. 23	Beth El – 7:00 199er Pairs Game or 199ers may play in
	Flight C of NAP qualifier
Aug. 30	Beth El – 7:00 199er Charity Pairs Game
Sep. 6	Beth El – 7:00 NVBA Sectional – 199er Pairs Game
Sep. 13	First Presbyterian Church – 7:00 Membership Game
	– 199er Pairs Game
Sep. 20	First Presbyterian Church – 7:00 199er Pairs Game
	& 49er NAP Pairs
Sep 27	First Presbyterian Church – 7:00 199er Pairs Game
Oct. 4	Beth El – 7:00 WBL Sectional – 199er Pairs Game
	Stratification Limits:

All NVBA Unit Games include a separate Stratified 199er game. Players with 0-5 MPs play free every Thursday in all scheduled events For the North American Pairs qualifying games, the stratification is: 0-500 (NLM), 500-2000, 2000+.

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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# **Parade of Winners**

#### ST. LOUIS NABC March 8–18, 2007

Sun. Swiss Teams (9 Teams) 1 Joyce Currie – Larry Gebbie – Amy Bloom – Lori Lerner

First Sun. A/X Swiss Teams (19 Teams) 1 Jim Dick – Linda Dick – Nicholas France – Rolf Paul

Silodor Open Pairs (182 Pairs)

Alan Schwartz – Ai-Tai Lo
 Raghavendra Rajkumar – Prah Rajkumar

#### Comp KO #4 (16 Teams)

2 Don Van Arman – Bruce Houston – Harley McCabe – Janet Neel Fleenor

Sat. Comp Cons KO #3 (8 Teams) 1 Marshall Kuschner – David McLellan – Paul Bubendey – William Treble

Leventritt Silver Ribbon Pairs (130 Pairs)5Cecily Kohler – Andy Avery

Mon.–Tues. Senior KO #1 (7 Teams) 1 Bruce Houston – Don Van Arman – Janet Neel Fleenor – Harley McCabe

Rockwell Mixed Pairs (338 Pairs) 27 Jim Dick – Mary Vickers

#### Vanderbilt KO (82 Teams)

9/16 Bill Cole – Alan Schwartz – Ai-Tai Lo – Mark Dahl – David Butler

17/32 Jeff Roman – John Fout – Nicolas L'Ecuyer – Zygmunt Marcinski

Wed. Open Pairs (124 Pairs)

2 Robert Brady – Raghavendra Rajkumar

#### Russell Strover KO #3 (16 Teams)

1 Sumner Steinfeldt – Rusty Krauss – Barry Falgout – Kent Hartman

#### Wed. Comp KO #3 (16 Teams)

Ruth-Anne Mazer – Allan Mazer – Marshall Kuschner – Vonnie Lavender 2nd Fri. AM 100/200/300 (21 Pairs)2Larry Gebbie – Murat Berk

Lebhar Imp Pairs (156 Pairs)42Jeff Roman – John Fout

Fri. Comp KO #3 (12 Teams) 2 Ruth-Anne Mazer – Allan Mazer – Candace Kuschner – Marshall Kuschner

Fri. Comp KO #6 (16 Teams) 1 Jadwiga Polujan – Jonathan Ernest – Dick Wieland – Charles Newton Jr

Whitehead Women's Pairs (102 Pairs) 36 Vonnie Lavender – Lee De Simone

Fri. Comp KO Cons #8 (8 Teams) 1 Jim Dick – Linda Dick – Ronnie Frank – Rochelle Popkin

**Golder North American Pairs – Flight B (28 Pairs)** 11 Jay Kelkar – Shuba Dey

Fri.–Sat. AM Cons KO #3 (8 Teams) 2 Julie Hubbard – Maryellen Nifong – Lori Lerner – Lynda Flanger

#### Jacoby Open Swiss Teams (120 Teams)

- 9 Alan Schwartz Ai-Tai Lo Mark Shaw – Bill Cole
- 16 Jeff Roman John Fout Mitch Dunitz Wafik Abdou
- Randy Thompson Barry Spector –
   Phil Hook Phillip Kielpinski –
   Helene Bauman David Stevenson

#### GATLINBURG REGIONAL April 9-15, 2007

#### Mon.-Tues. KO Bkt. #3 (16 Teams)

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Tom Lavender – Lawrence Lau – John Klayman – Fred King

#### Mon.-Tues. KO Bkt #16 (16 Teams)

 Neal McKinney – Richard Higgins – Gerry Higgins – John Miles

#### Clingman Dinner Bell IV (16 Teams)

- Neal McKinney Gerry Higgins -Richard Higgins – John Miles
- Elkmont Late Compact KO #1 (11 Teams) Marshall Kuschner - Candy Kuschner -2 Bobbie Gomer - Gail Bell

#### Elkmont Late Comp KO #2 (12 Teams) Pete Hughes - Nancy Motes -2

A. Joan Fischer - Marvin Raines

#### Laurel Falls AM Comp KO #3 (16 Teams)

Kevin O'Brien - Milton Gottlieb -2 Bob Allard - Donald Rizer

#### Laurel Falls AM Cons KO #4 (8 Teams)

2 Jane Gregory - Mary Jane Lackey -Ed Rodrigues – Helen Dodge

#### Tues.-Wed. KO Bkt. #6 (16 Teams)

- Gary Spongberg Lucy Spongberg -1 Chuck Pecarro - Wayne Hersey
- Wed. Aft. Side Game (112 Tables) 1 Neal McKinney - John Miles

#### Wed. KO Bkt #3 (16 Teams)

Tom Lavender - John Klayman -1 Lawrence Lau - Fred King

#### Thurs. Eve. B/C/D/ Swiss (106 Teams)

2 1 Roma Chandra - Lois Geer -Bryan Geer - Kevin O'Brien

#### Thurs. Zip KO Bkt. #1 (12 Teams)

- David Legrow Pam Schaffer -1 Livingston Johnson - O. Gordon Lien, III
- Fri.-Sat. Comp KO IV (16 Teams) Mike Smith - Steven Donaldson -1 Kevin O'Brien - Bowen Asserson, Jr.

#### Fri. KO Bkt. IV (16 Teams)

Chuck Pecarro - Mickey Hughes -2 Wayne Hersey - Don Sondergeld

#### Sat. AM Side Game (114 Pairs) 1 Neal McKinney - John Miles

#### Sat. Eve. Side Game (62 Pairs)

2 Carolyn Gibson - Jean Levin

#### Sat. Zip KO Green Bkt. (16 Teams) Lucy McCoy - Betty Bursey -2

Kathryn Kiley - Marlys Moholt

#### Sun. Comp KO Bkt. #2 (16 Teams) Chuck Pecarro - Mickey Hughes -1 Gary Spongberg – Lucy Spongberg

#### NVBA SPRING SECTIONAL April 19-22, 2007

#### Thurs. Eve. A/X Pairs (68 Pairs)

- Arnie Frankel Helene Bauman 1
- 2 1 Jay Kelkar - Shuba Dey
- Deb Dhar Dhirendra Ghosh 2

#### Thurs. 199er Pairs @ NVBA (32 Pairs)

- Larry Taylor David Meadows 1
- 2 1 Gerald O'Dell - Ed Maixner
  - Peyton Wynns Sharon Wynns 2
  - 1 Kimberly Ferguson Jo Ann Hutchinson
  - 2 Neal Cooper Robert Dorosin

#### Fri. Aft. Open Pairs (62 Pairs)

- Sumner Steinfeldt Sarah Anne Cressy 1
- 2 1 1 Richard Cassell Alan Dockterman 2 Deb Dhar – Jay Kelkar

#### Fri. Aft. 299er Pairs (27 Pairs)

2 2 William Woodward – John Menzel

#### Fri. Eve. Open Pairs (46 Pairs)

2 Elliot Itkin – Henry Nelson 2 Kevin O'Brien - Mike Frosch

#### Fri. Eve. 299er Pairs (16 Pairs)

- Blair Curry Judith Curry 1 1
  - 1 Charles Ellis Sheila Ellis

#### Sat. AM Open Pairs (63 Pairs)

Janet Gookin - Bobby Gookin 1 2 Martha Mangano - Pat Beebe

#### Sat. AM 299er Pairs (20 Pairs)

- 1 1 William Woodward - John Menzel
- Gil Krawitz Willis Paley Hume 2 2
  - 2 Randolph Elkins Gerald O'Dell

#### Sat. AM 49er Pairs (6 Pairs)

- William Hohe Egbert Abiad 1 1
- 2 Erika Emery – Jerome Gumbiner 2
  - Kimberly Ferguson Alan Walter

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#### Sat. Aft. B/C Pairs (48 Pairs)

- Madison Schepps Elizabeth Schepps 1 1 2
  - Henry Nelson Elliot Itkin 2 Susan Miskura - Dennis Schwanz

#### Sat. Aft. 299er Pairs (32 Pairs)

- Owen Frisby Robert Frisby
- Andrew Thomas Josh Remington 2 1 1 Kenneth Duggin - Robert Hollohan 2 Michael Watts - Sheila Kaplan

#### Sat. Aft. A/X Pairs (36 Pairs)

Margot Hennings - Don Hennings 1

#### Sat. Eve. Open Pairs (36 Pairs)

- Hal Hindman Sumner Steinfeldt 2 2 Ron Kral – Mike Spooner
  - 1 Donald Brown Cathy Stryker
  - 2 Nancy Detweiler Marshall Fite

#### Sat. Eve. 299er (10 Pairs)

- 1 1 1 Charles Ellis Sheila Ellis 2
  - Joan White Jo Ann Hutchison
  - 2 Seth Chamberlain - Albert Dimillio 2 Linda Szyszka – Donald Szyszka

#### Sun. A/X Swiss (15 Teams)

- James Geist Tom Musso -1
- Charity Sack Angeliki Magklara Betty Bursey - Sam Westgate -2 Bernard Oetien - Dave Grier

#### Sun. B/C Swiss (32 Teams)

- 1 1 Nancy Detweiler - Donald Brown -Elizabeth Parker - Marshall Fite
- Kevin O'Brien Mike Frosch -2 2 Cherie Charles - Beverly Geurin

#### Sun. AM 299er Swiss (22 Teams)

- Neil Selvin Howard Grunin -1 Barry Kerne – Rob Van Dyke
- Helen Long Alfred Liepold -2 Carl Noller – Martha Kendall
  - Charles Allport Sandra Allport -1 Howard Schuyler - Catherine Smith
  - Seth Chamberlain Albert Dimillio -2 Carol Williams - Mary Jo Swain
  - Norman Sweed Ronnie Sweed -1 Tobi Bear - Susan Klaber

#### Sun. Aft. 299er Swiss (16 Teams)

1 Neil Selvin - Howard Grunin -

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#### Barry Kerne - Robert Van Dyke

William Woodward - Robert Hollohan -2 1 John Menzel - Kenneth Duggin

- 2 Stephen Weiner - Louis Coccodrilli -Joav Steinbach - Amy Bloom
- William Hughes Barbara Hodges -1 Darlene Thom - Neal Cooper
- 2 Michael Watts Sheila Kaplan -Stanley Katzman - Ronnie Loeser

#### WBL SECTIONAL May 3-6, 2007

#### Thurs. Eve. A/X Pairs (78 Pairs)

- Helene Bauman Alan Kleist 1
- Steve Bunning Kris Miller 2 1
- Michael Stafford Robert Boyd 2

#### Thurs. NVBA 0-200 Pairs (23 Pairs)

- 1 1 Rod Spicer Peggy Mc Carter
- 2 2 1 Deanna Shuman Hilda Sheffer
- 2 Linda Szyszka Donald Szyszka

#### Fri. AM Open Pairs (35 Pairs)

2 1 Douglas Fox - Larry Moran

#### Fri. AM NLM Pairs (22 Pairs)

2 James Biss - Pat Lonergan

#### Fri. Aft. A/X Pairs (20 Pairs) 1

Ruth Potter - Jeff Roman

#### Fri. Aft. B/C/D Pairs (28 Pairs)

1 1 1 Mike Frosch - Francesco Parisi Presicce

#### Fri. Aft. NLM Pairs (24 Pairs)

- 1 1 1 Gerald O'Dell Annapurna Satpathy
- 2 Neil Selvin - Howard Grunin

#### Sat. Aft. A/X Trophy Consolation (16 Pairs)

2 1 Tom Musso – Ellen Cherniavsky

#### Sat. Aft. B/C/D (31 Pairs)

1 1 1 Jeff Youngen - Terry Jones 2 Carl Noller - Martha Kendall

#### Sat. Aft. 0-NLM Pairs (26 Pairs)

- Mary Ann Kral Linda Burton
- 1 1 Amanda Carter Janet Henrichsen

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

Irvin Eberlin - Joyce Currie -2 2 Jeff Youngen - Terry Jones

1 Nancy Cartwright – Maribel Newby – Kiyomi Shiba – Roberta Feldman

#### Sun. AM NLM Swiss (13 Teams)

- Neil Selvin Seth Chamberlain Howard Grunin – Terence McCarthy
- 2 1 William Carr Christine Carr Alan Walter – Kimberly Ferguson

#### Sun. Aft. NLM Swiss (7 Teams)

1 Paul Chassy – Reina Chassy – Linda Clover – Amy Bloom

#### RICHMOND REGIONAL May 22-28, 2007

Tues. Aft. Charity Open Pairs (66 Pairs)2Al O'Malley – Neal McKinney

Tues. Aft. Charity 0-300 Pairs (24 Pairs) 1 Rod Spicer – Peggy McCarter

Midlothian KO Bkt. #5 (16 Teams) 1 Donald Brown – Daniel Rumble – Nancy Sook – Brenda McLean

#### Wed.-Thur. AM KO Bkt. #2 (15 Teams)

- 1
   Amy Bloom Marvin Raines –

   Marguerite Crews Corbin Rankin

   2
   Yvonne Markell Lenore Ward –
- Mary Meadows Laverne Gobs

#### Wed. AM Side Game (21 Pairs)

1 Rod Spicer – Peggy McCarter

#### Wed. Aft. Side Game (16 Pairs) 1 Helen Dodge – Ed Rodrigues

Wed. Eve. Side Game (42 Pairs) 2 Mike Frosch – Ellie Clark

#### Wed. Eve. Side BAM Teams (16 Teams)

- Paul Benedict Lynn Jones Tom Cogan – Ron Sukoneck
- 2 Dick Pellerin Margaret Storey Dorothy Bechtle – Susan Slattery

#### Hanover KO Bkt. #1 (11 Teams)

1

2 George Bloomer – Judith Bloomer – Ken Davis – Sumner Steinfeldt

#### Hanover KO Bkt .#2 (14 Teams) 1 Helen Cheng – Jesse Cheng – Darrell Elder – Mac McIntyre

### Thurs. Aft. Side Game (23 Pairs)

2 1 Sam Coleman – Mike Spooner

#### **Thurs. Open Pairs (48 Pairs)** 1 Ed Lewis – Charles Yau

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- Ashland Thur.–Fri. KO 2 (12 Teams) 2 Lucy McCoy – Kathryn Kiley –
- Martha Lackey Marsha Brown

#### Ashland Thur.-Fri. KO 5 (16 Teams)

2 Daniel Rumble – Polly Arnold – Nancy Sook – Brenda McLean – Donald Brown – Elizabeth Parker

#### Fri. AM Side Game (30 Pairs)

Ken Davis – Mark Tonnesen
 1 Al O'Malley – Neal McKinney

## Fri. Aft. 0-50 Pairs (12 Pairs) 2 Loretta Mathews – Susan Pettit

#### Hopewell Compact KO - IV (13 Teams)

2 Eberhard Jehle – James Dunlop – Cathy Baker – Bea Suskin

#### Hopewell Compact KO – V (12 Teams) 1 Cathy Stryker – Marilyn Smebakken – Nancy Gamber – Ednamae Trevey

#### Hopewell Compact KO – VI (16 Teams) 1 Marvin Raines – Peggy Rossman – Wayman Rossman – Eric Poskanzer

### Hopewell Cons KO – III (6 Teams)

 Lynda Flanger – Gloria Halstead – Luisa Valdes – John McNaney

#### Hopewell Cons KO – IV (6 Teams)

2 Dick Pellerin – Margaret Storey – Dorothy Bechtle – Susan Slattery

#### Hopewell Cons KO – VI (8 Teams) 2 Philip Kopala – William Whit

Philip Kopala – William White – Howard Schuyler – Catherine Smith

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Fri. Open Pairs (44 Pairs)2Ken Davis – Bruce Houston

**Fri. Eve. Side Series (42 Pairs)** 1 Ed Godlove – Julia Brown

#### Fri. BAM Teams (20 Teams)

- 1 Kevin O'Brien Francesco Parisi-Presicce Judy Bates – Jane Bauserman
  - Neil Selvin Maida Crocicchia Reni Malloy – Howard Grunin
     Barbara DiCicco – John Mason –
  - Louise Oetjen Gregory Oetjen

#### James River Cons KO (6 Teams) 2 Joyce Currie – Ellen Lusti

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Sat. AM 299er (20 Pairs) 2 2 Loretta Mathews – Susan Pettit

Sat. Open Pairs (36 Pairs)1Marty Nelson – Gil Cohen

Sat. Eve. 299er (20 Pairs) 2 Loretta Mathews – Susan Pettit

Sat. Eve. Side Series (26 Pairs)1Bruce Houston – Ken Davis

#### Mechanicsville KO - Bkt. 2 (12 Teams)

- 1 Diane Alexander M Webster Ewell, Jr. –
- Michael Klein Maria Mitchum 2 Matt Meckstroth – David Banh –
- Helene Bauman Jim Wakefield

#### Mechanicsville KO – Bkt. 5 (16 Teams)

2 Kevin O'Brien – Mike Frosch – Eberhard Jehle – Michael Kelley

- Sat. Zip KO (10 Teams) 2 Trevor Houghton – Meg Massie-Taylor – Ahren Ames – David Banh
- Sun. AM Side Game (26 Pairs) 1 Lucy McCoy – Betty Bursey

Sun. Open Prs (48 Pairs) 2 Janet Gookin – Robert Gookin

Sun. Aft. Side Game (24 Pairs) 1 Betty Bursey – Martha Lackey

Sun. Eve. Side Game (20 Pairs) 1 1 Robert Walsh – Alan Breed

Sun. Eve. 0-300 Pairs (18 Pairs) 2 Pat Lonergan – Tom Lonergan

#### Short Pump KO Bkt 1 (12 Teams)

2 Tom Musso – Ellen Cherniavsky – Katherine Paramore – Joe Wallen

#### Sun. Eve. Zip KO (8 Teams)

1

Matt Meckstroth – David Banh – Trevor Houghton – James Geist

#### Flight A/X Swiss (23 Teams)

2 John Glynn – Ellen Glynn – Judy Weisman – Carl Weisman

#### B/C/D Swiss (32 Teams)

2 J. Willard Williams – John (Jack) Buchanan – Barbara DiCicco – John Mason

#### Mon. AM Side Game (14 Pairs)

2 Ed Rodrigues – Helen Dodge

Correction to NVBA Cell Phone number printed in Apr-Jun 07 issue: Correct number for NVBA Cell Phone is 703-869-0852.

### **NVBA** Newsletter

# Worth the Risk

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By Prahalad Rajkumar

Here is a declarer play problem from a par contest. South is declarer, the contract is  $6\frac{1}{2}$ , and the opening lead is a low trump, East following. Plan the play.

North AKJ73 J6 642 AK3 South Q10954 AQ AQJ5 65

If either red suit finesse works, then, of course, declarer loses only one of the red suit Kings, and the contract makes. In case West holds both red suit Kings, you need to figure out a way to play the diamonds to be able to pitch a heart from the North hand and guarantee the contract. Before playing the red suits, win the trump lead and pull the other trump, leaving three trump in each hand. Now eliminate the club suit by playing AK of clubs and ruffing a club. If the diamonds split 3-3, and West has the  $\diamond$ K, dummy's heart loser can be discarded on the thirteenth diamond. There is an extra chance available if the  $\diamond$ K is doubleton with West (or in the East hand so that by leading towards the  $\diamond$ QJ5, you can set up a pitch for the possible heart loser, and avoid taking the heart finesse). One possible line of play, therefore, is to cash the  $\diamond$ A, enter dummy with a trump, and play a diamond towards the  $\diamond$ QJ5. If West has the doubleton  $\diamond$ K, he is endplayed and has to lead into your Ace-Queen of hearts or give you a ruff and discard. If the  $\diamond$ K is in the East hand, you can now discard the losing heart on a high diamond in the South hand.

When this hand came up, the declarer was playing against a rival. Declarer realized that since this was a par event, the problem setter would want to punish all the declarers who routinely take the diamond finesse, and reward the winning line of play. Therefore, the problem setter must have given West the  $\diamond$ K doubleton. This is because if West had been given K9x of diamonds or if East had been given the  $\diamond$ K, then the declarers who take the diamond finesse would succeed too. Having reasoned as such, declarer pulled trump, played the AK of clubs, ruffed a club in his hand, and then played a low diamond! If West has the  $\diamond$ K10 doubleton, then he either has to return a heart, give declarer a ruff/sluff in clubs, or lead his  $\diamond$ K, and the possible heart loser goes away on the  $\diamond$ AQJ. In this particular hand, West held  $\diamond$ K9 doubleton. On the lead of the low diamond, the East player's eyes lit up—the old boy had lost it at last—he overtook West's  $\diamond$ 9 with the  $\diamond$ 10 and fired back a heart. Declarer went up with the  $\checkmark$ A, and played the  $\diamond$ A dropping the  $\diamond$ K (no, he did not smirk when the  $\diamond$ K dropped), and claimed his contract to achieve par. True, he had unnecessarily risked his contract, but the bewildered look on East's face was worth the risk.

# Elementary Bridge Club Continues To Entice Garfield Students

The Garfield Elementary School Bridge Club in Springfield, Virginia is proud to have its second year underway with 19 fourth and fifth grade students participating. The club, which began last year under the direction of school psychologist Suzanne Abrams, herself an accomplished bridge player, is the only elementary school in the Greater Washington, D.C. metropolitan area with a Bridge Club. Every Friday afternoon from 4:00-5:00, the children learn new concepts and compete in this exciting game.

A generous donation by American Contract Bridge League has supplied lesson plans, T-shirts, a trophy, and certificates for the participants. In addition, the Northern Virginia Bridge Association unit has supplied snacks for the children every Friday. Students have been motivated and excited by the lessons. Sadaf shared that "My grades went up. I am learning to think better." Tacera told us that "I like bridge because it's unique. There is all this stuff to learn, like trump."

In addition to learning logic, judgment, and increasing memory, students also enjoy the social aspects of the game. They learn and practice good sportsmanship, conversation skills, and overall have a fun time. "You can be partners with different people and learn about them," according to Xavier. Many children also realize that they can continue to play beyond Garfield. Michelle realized the impact on her life when she stated "It's awesome. You can play all your life and when you get old." It is just this impact that Garfield and Ms. Abrams hoped to have on the lives of these wonderful children.



From left to right, Kimberly, Gavy, Daniel and Tacera.



From left to right, Keon, Kevin, Jenna and Xavier

# MILESTONES

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

#### **♦♦ NEW JUNIOR MASTERS ♥**

Christine H Carr William G Carr Randolph Elkins Janet Henrichsen Margaret C Hinson John W Holt Jason Y Ji Janice Pumo Walt Pumo Henry C Ruempler Robert C Staiman Abby Yager

#### **♦♦ NEW CLUB MASTERS ♥**

Kenneth D Duggin Charles C Ellis Kimberly S Ferguson Robert T Hollohan William E Hughes Jo Ann Hutchison Bruce E Kasold Col Robert B Magruder Josh L Remington Eleanor L Schwartz Nancy N Sweatt

#### **♦♦** NEW SECTIONAL MASTERS **♥**

Robert N Dorosin Thomas W Feick Jr Pat A Lonergan Margaret A McClung Neil Selvin Rod Spicer Shirley Stauffacher Mary Jo Swain Linda L Szyszka Carol A Williams Parween E Yunus

### **★**♦ NEW REGIONAL MASTERS **★**♥

Gerard M Brannon Joyce E Currie Judith Curry Lois A Gregg Phil Zamboni

#### **♦♦ NEW NABC MASTERS ♣♥**

Francesco Parisi-Presicce Rajkumar Rajeswaran Monica Shumann

#### **♦♦ NEW LIFE MASTERS ♣♥**

William Bailey Carolyn Becraft Cherie Charles John Miles Susan C Slattery Wanda Worsham

#### **♦♦ NEW BRONZE LIFE MASTERS ♣♥**

Helene S Cooper Barbara A DiCicco Kathrine Loh Kevin R O'Brien Paul Stygar Nancy Young

▲◆ NEW SILVER LIFE MASTER ▲♥ Glenn Young

**♦♦ NEW GOLD LIFE MASTERS ♦♥** Kris Miller

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# HAIL AND FAREWELL

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

Carl L. Barber Judith P. Bruce Hermana M. Bus John G. Canyock Eileen B. Claussen Diane R. Cohen Joseph W. Drodge Linda R. Griffith Marlene Gross Parvindokht Hasheminejad William T. Hohe Jane Jones Richard D .Jones Edward D. Jordan Gail M. Keller Ronald E. Knudsen Charles H. Leven Paul M. Levit Judy A Light Linda L Mason Wayne A McPherson Lolly O. Mixter Sherry Nanna Dr. William J. Nanna Mary M. Niebuhr Sharon C. Perryman Col. Elwyn D. Post Iovce T. Post Frances I. Randol Nvnette Rourke Lvnn M. Rubin David M. Soukup Dennis K. Sponloltz Toby J. Urbach Marilee J. Van Arsdale Jacobus A. Vanderweel Dr. Susan F. Wagner Ruth A .Warren Barbara M. Weaver

We would like to extend a special welcome back to Gale Clarke and the following transfers into our Unit:

Eileen Aronovitch Russell Baum Donald E Brown John Carle Oleg A. Dolgikh Shirin N Farkhan Edith C. Grady Lei Gu Michael L. Hampton Margaret T. Jordan Dr. Martha Kendall Matt A. Meckstroth William A. Nicolai Charles C. Pecarro Marvin Raines Rajeswaran Rajkumar Beth M. Riedl Dora Rutman Elizabeth Settle Sandra K. Shafer Betty T. Simpson Homa Soltany Marie Stonesifer Maher E. Tadros Robert A. Weeks James R. Wade

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

Mary F. Aurillo Ralph L. Aurillo Deborah Branch Paula Engle Marta M. Escobar Melissa Gumbert Sam Gumbert Bill Hardgrave Kathleen M. Hottell Richard Hottell Jackie Jones Lawrence C. Klingensmith S. Nathan Krishnan Enid Levine Matthew J. Marino Nancy Parker Bernadine P. Rice Vincent N. Rice Michael B. Richev Sandi Wallace William I. White Gay Yelverton

#### We are sorry to note the passing of one of our members:

Edward Raleigh

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# Congratulations to our Ace of Clubs Winners for 2006!

Some of the masterpoint races were pretty close.

#### 0 to 5 MPs

Joanne Stewart Kiyomi Shiba Rod Spicer

#### 5 to 20 MPs

Nagy Wehbe 69.19 Albert Dimillio 42.43 Raman Kelkar 24.42

#### 20 to 50 MPs

Joan White 36.95 Eric Poskanzer 31.21 Seth Chamberlain 28.71

#### 50 to 100 MPs

Ellie Clark	47.94
Ednamae Trevey	38.32
Joe Lentz	32.68

#### 100 to 200 MPs

Elizabeth Huffman 65.91 Mary Aurillo 61.40 Elizabeth Parker 58.95

#### 200 to 300 MPs

Abdul Etemadi 62.15 Ed Brawn 55.87 Anthony Cincotta 52.24

#### 300 to 500 MPs

Bob Boyd 101.52 Neal McKinney Richard Hesse

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#### 500 to 1000 MPs

Salam Saidi 112.42 Ed Rodrigues 95.91

Doris M. Knief 1000 to 2500 MPs	68.58
Robert Hartmann	119.95
Robert Walsh	94.75
Herbert Fallin, Jr.	91.02

#### 2500 to 5000 MPs

Don Geerhart	203.11
Tom Cogan	162.91
Ed Gofreed	135.88

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#### 5000 to 7500 MPs

Ken Davis	304.48
Andy Gabrilovitch	135.62
Lowell Sawyer	128.99

#### 7500 to 10,000 MPs

Jett Roman	97.95
Don Probst	43.22

#### Over 10,000 MPs

Robert Gookin 111.76 Ed Lewis 107.84



From left to right, Bobby Gookin, Bob Boyd, Nagy Wehbe, Salam Saidi, Joanne Stewart, Ellie Clark, Don Geerhart, Ken Davis

# Congratulations to our Mini-McKenney Winners for 2006!

#### 0 to 5 MPs

Kiyomi Shiba 53.46 Pat Lonergan 42.72 Joanne Stewart 39.72

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#### 100 to 200 MPs

William Gurley 208.62 Elizabeth Parker 207.87 Nancy Detweiler 197.78

#### 200 to 300 MPs

Martha Bley 179.98 Helen Dodge 143.94 Ed Brawn 137.41

#### 300 to 500 MPs

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#### 500 to 1000 MPs

David Schultz	317.15
Martha Lackey	281.24
Frank Cardillo	275.28

#### 1000 to 2500 MPs

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Tom Cogan 36	59.65
Bruce Houston 34	19.42

#### 5000 to 7500 MPs

Ken Davis	809.30
Helene Bauman	339.31
Robert Hopkins, Jr.	240.27

#### 7500 to 10,000 MPs

Jeff Roman	497.15
Alan Schwartz	306.48

#### Over 10,000 MPs Е

Ed Lewis	346.96
Robert Gookin	265.12



From left to right, Sumner Steinfeldt, William Gurley, Eric Poskanzer, Martha Bley, Kyomi Shiba, Herb Fallin, Kevin O'Brien, Ken Davis, Ed Lewis

### **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

*Director:* Gene Schuyler – *Game:* Montebello DBC – Monday 7:00 PM *URL:* http://members.cox.net/carlinspringsbc/index2.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

*Directors:* Candy and Marshall Kuschner – *Games:* KOCH – Tuesday, 10:00 AM; Reston – Wednesday, 7:30 PM *URL:* http://www.bridge-results.com/results/ 5016/cal.html

*Director:* Gene Schuyler – *Game:* Carlin Springs BC – Tuesday 7:00 PM *URL:* htm http://members.cox.net/carlinspringsbc/index2.htm

*Directors:* Alan Breed; Norma Pierzchala – *Games:* Arlington County DBC – Wednesday 10:00 AM; KOCH – Saturday, 9:00 AM *URL:* http://www.bridge-results.com/results/ 5021/cal.html

*Directors:* Louise Sellers and Gene Schuyler – *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.vdbc

*Director:* Dale Dallaire – *Game:* First Christian Church – Friday, 10:00 AM *URL:* http://funfridaybridge.com

*Director:* Terry Jones – *Game:* Falls Church BC – Saturday, 7:00 PM URL: http://fallschurchbridgeclub.com/Scores/html





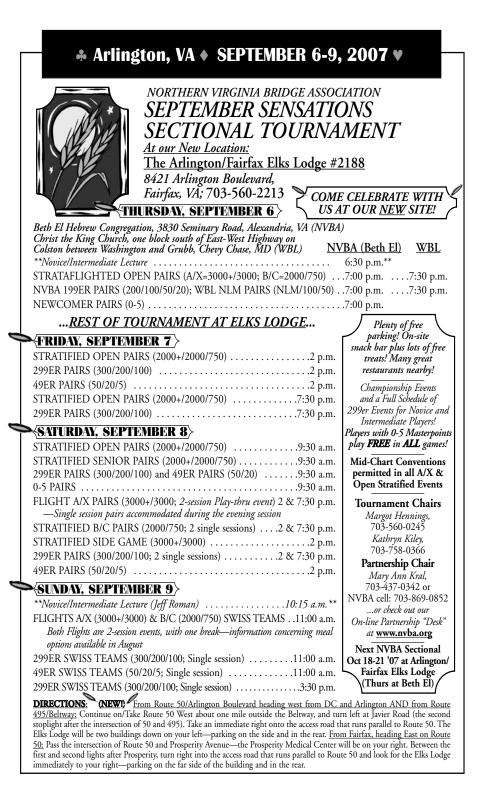




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