Northern Virginia Bridge Association

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TJ Teenagers Win National 99er Pairs

tephen Drodge of McLean, VA and Andrew Rodriguez of Annandale, VA, who are both seniors at the Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology in Alexandria, Virginia, posted two strong sessions in the Boston Fall NABC's National 99er Pairs event to comfortably win the contest, which is restricted to players with fewer than 100 masterpoints. The classmates scored 66.29 percent in the morning game and followed up with a 61.74 percent in the afternoon. "We learned bridge because there was nothing to do on the bus," quipped Drodge, who taught himself to play from reading about the game in books and on the Internet. He then introduced the game to Rodriguez.

"I taught him to play during class instead of paying attention."

It is the first NABC for either player; they have been playing together for a year and a half.

In second place were Sandra Naber of Victoria, BC and her son John Naber, who is a student at MIT.

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Of Special Interest:

- WBL Sectional, Jan. 8-11
- Charlottesville, VA REGIONAL, Jan. 12-18
- International Fund Game, Jan. 31
- Bridge & Bowling, Jan. 31
- NVBA Sectional, Feb. 5-8
- NVBA 199er Anniversary Party, Feb. 12
- Wilmington, NC REGIONAL, Feb. 16-22
- WBL Sectional, Feb. 26 Mar. 1
 Houston, TX, Spring NABC, Mar. 12-22

President's Message

By Leo Cardillo



he New Year is underway and I hope that you all enjoy a happy, healthy and prosperous 2009. Without a doubt 2008 presented us with one of the most turbulent and challenging financial crises that this nation and the world has ever experienced. Despite the terrible losses in the stock market and many financial institutions, or perhaps because of them, folks kept playing bridge. Whatever the reason, the NVBA attendance at Sectionals and Unit games remained very strong.

While not quite prosperous, the NVBA fiscal year has four months remaining and indications are that this year we will most likely break even, and possibly come out on the positive side of the ledger. The NVBA Board and the Finance Committee of Alan Breed, Herb Fallin and Jennifer Nisenoff worked long and hard to scrub the Unit expenditures to produce a budget that strives to yield a small surplus by year's end. As we near the end of the fiscal year, 30 April 2009, the Board will re-check the numbers and set a budget in place for 2009-2010 that continues the flow of black ink. The Treasurer is a key player in the Unit finances, and beginning in September 2008, Livingston Johnson volunteered to be the Unit Treasurer, replacing Dale Dallaire, who stepped down.

In my last column I spoke of a possible re-vitalization of the NVBA Round Robin, similar to the one that exists in the WBL. For a variety of reasons, this Round Robin did not gather enough support and momentum to become a reality. Maybe next year?

I had a chance to enjoy a few days at the Boston Fall NABC. The crowds seemed enthusiastic at the tables and the various events. Look for some of the highlights featuring local players elsewhere in this newsletter. I am especially pleased to note that Stephen Drodge and Andrew Rodriquez won the National 99er pairs in Boston! Stephen and Andrew are students at Thomas Jefferson High School (TJ), and the NVBA has been an active supporter of the TJ Bridge Club for many years. Suzanne Abrams is the current Bridge Advisor to TJ, and Nancy Cartwright is her principal assistant and cookie buyer. Congratulations to Stephen and Andrew!!

The continued success of the NVBA depends upon the hard work and excellent support of its professional Directors and many volunteers. There are many activities that can always use additional volunteer support, and one of them is operating the duplicating machine for the Unit Game and Sectionals. Gene Schuyler has fulfilled this responsibility for many months, but occasionally finds that his professional work responsibilities limit the time that he has available to duplicate boards for the Unit Sectionals. This is a task that occurs four times per year and requires the duplication of about 25 sets of boards. Each set takes about 20 minutes to duplicate, give or take a few minutes. The NVBA pays the machine operator \$9 per set to perform the duplication. The operation of the duplicating machine is relatively simple and quite reliable. If you are interested in

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Upcoming NVBA Games & Special Events

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Jan. 1 Closed
Jan. 8 WBL Sectional – Stratiflighted Pairs
Jan. 15 Beth El – 7:00 Stratified Unit Championship
Jan. 22 Beth El – 7:00 Stratiflighted Unit Championship
Jan. 29 Beth El – 7:00 Stratified Grand National Swiss Teams
199er ACBL Charity Pairs
Feb. 5 Beth El – 7:00 NVBA Sectional – Stratiflighted Pairs
Feb. 12 Beth El – 7:00 Stratified Grand National Swiss Teams
199er Junior Fund Game & Anniversary Party
Feb. 19 Beth El – 7:00 Stratified Unit Championship
Feb. 26 Beth El – 7:00 WBL Sectional – Stratiflighted Pairs
Mar. 5 Beth El – 7:00 Stratified Grand National Swiss Teams
199er ACBL Charity Teams
Mar 12 Beth El – 7:00 Stratiflighted Unit Championship
Mar. 19 Beth El – 7:00 Stratified D6 Charity Game
Mar. 26 Beth El – 7:00 Stratiflighted Unit Championship
Apr. 2 Beth El — 7:00 Stratified Grand National Swiss Teams
199er ACBL Charity Teams

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 Grand National Swiss Teams qualifying games, the stratification is: 0-500 (NLM), 500-2000, 2000+.

Upcoming Sectionals

<u>NVBA</u>

<u>WBL</u>

February 5 – 8, 2009 April 23 – 26, 2009 January 8 – 11, 2009 Feb. 26 – Mar. 1, 2009

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

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occasionally assisting with the duplication of boards for the Unit Sectionals, let me or any member of the Board know of your interest.

Looking ahead to the April - June 2009 Newsletter, that is the edition in which interested NVBA members present their candidacies for the positions on the Board that are up for election at the Annual Meeting in May. The NVBA Board consists of nine members that are elected to serve for two years, with half elected in alternating years. This election year, the President and Secretary positions, as well as those of three Executive Directors, will be up for election. While I can hope for appropriate continuity on the Board, I also know that it is equally important to keep bringing fresh folks, energy and ideas to the Board. I encourage all of you to consider serving on the NVBA Board and to let your interest be known to any member of the Board.

Finally, I just want to remind you that the ACBL Summer North American Bridge Championships (NABC) return to D.C. this year and that Washington NABC Tournament Chair Margot Hennings and Assistant Chair Fred King and all of the volunteers are working very hard to bring you the best and most enjoyable National event. There are many opportunities and ways to support this National. Please contact Margot if you want to become involved. Let's make this tournament the best Summer NABC ever!!

See you at the tables!!

BRIDGE CLUB RESULTS POSTED ON THE INTERNET:

Director: Carole Grob – *Game:* Ballston Bridge Club – Monday, 10:00 AM; *URL:* http://www.mybridgeclub.com

Director: Jim Dick– *Game:* Montebello DBC – Monday 7:00 PM *URL:* http://mysite.verizon.net/resymzgl/jccsundayafternoonbridge

Director: Gene Schuyler – *Game:* Carlin Springs BC – Tuesday 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: Alan Breed – *Game:* Arlington County DBC – Wednesday 10:00 AM; *URL:* http://www.bridge-results.com/results/5094/2008/0910M.html

Director: Norma Pierzchala – *Games:* Thursday Morning Bridge Club, 10:00 AM; KOCH – Saturday, 9:00 AM; *URL:* http://www.bridge-results.com/results/5021/cal.html

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The Jack of Hearts

by Marshall Kuschner



he Spring NABC was undersubscribed, presumably because no one wanted to go to Detroit. Las Vegas was over 19,000 tables but still a disappointment, presumably because gas was over \$4 a gallon and air fares were outrageous. Now gas is below \$2 a gallon (and air fares are still outrageous) but Boston took a beating. The final total was 10,636 tables, some 2,000 below estimate and folks were trying to figure out why. Well, let's see. The market is down about 40 percent on the year and suddenly folks who were on the brink of retirement are deciding they need to work another five years. Maybe \$150 a night for a decent hotel and \$18 a session to play bridge aren't as attractive as they were a year ago. Ya think? (FYI, ACBL has raised

the entry fees in 2009 for National events with no upper master point limitto \$20.00.) Boston wasn't cheap but you have to look beyond the price to the value received. My personal favorite was the \$65 Thanksgiving buffet at one of the city's finest restaurants where we were treated to processed turkey roll. With all the trimmings, of course. All in all, I decided that if you're looking for a good meal, you need to leave Boston. Surprisingly, the hospitality got high marks for both quality and quantity.

Our last column poked fun at Detroit and Las Vegas but what can you say about Boston? Well, there is the language barrier, which is quite a challenge when you're playing cads. That's right, cads. I know it comes too late to help but here are some of the new words we learned.

Hot – a hot is a cad that isn't a club, diamond, or spade

Connah – where your potnah sends you if you play poorly

Pack – a place with lots of grass and trees. Alternatively, the station where the red and green lines intersect.

Won Foddy – the score for making three of a major

Potty - a social gathering, often requesting you to BYOB

To think that this neck of the woods is our nation's birthplace! Pretty scary! Say what you will about Boston, it did produce a national championship for our unit. Two of our I/N players, teenagers Andrew Rodriguez and Stephen Drodge won the National 99er Pairs. Watch out for these guys! After that the list of those with national overalls is pretty brief. Alan Schwartz and Ai-Tai Lo were 10th in the Blue Ribbon after hitting the board in the Open BAM. Margot and Don Hennings and Steve Reed and Jeff Roman also placed in the Blues while Vonnie Lavender ranked in the baby Blues. Those with regional wins were Helene Bauman, Lynda Flanger and Virginia Gibbons, all in Compact KOs. A short list, to be sure, but I may have an explanation. It was nine years ago in Boston that bridge became a truly international game and the influx of foreign players has exploded since then. Over one third of the pairs in the Blue Ribbon overalls hails from outside ACBL-land. Therefore, if I move overseas and come back for the NABCs, I should play better, right?

The C files: On the way to work one day, we were listening to an update about Hurricane Ike. "What do you suppose they'll name the next one?", I mused. "Juanita?" To which my bride replied, "Why would they go from I to W?" Say goodnight, Gracie.

Attention All Players With Fewer Than 200 Masterpoints!

2009 is 5th anniversary of the NVBA unit's 199er game, and we're still going strong! We've tried some new stuff along the way and will continue to do more in 2009. BUT, we'd still like to take a moment to savor our success with our annual 199er anniversarv party! Ron Kral and Gene Schuvler will be your hosts. As part of the celebration, there will be plenty of cake and treats. EVERYONE who attends the party gets a FREE gift (a free play to a future game). Come one, come all and please bring your friends! Save the date: Thursday night, February 12, 2009. The party starts at 6:00 p.m. and the game starts at 7:00 pm (no lesson this week). There will be door prizes and awards, so don't miss this opportunity to celebrate with your bridge playing friends. As usual, if you have less than 5 masterpoints, YOU ALWAYS PLAY FREE! There will be guaranteed partners available, so come even if you can't find a partner ahead of time. Mark it on your calendar NOW:

Thursday night, February 12, 2009 starting at 6:00 p.m. Beth El Temple, 3830 Seminary Road, Alexandria, VA 22304-1733

Questions or comments, please contact: Gene Schuyler – 703-286-5459 – Eschuyler5905@aol.com Ron Kral – 703-478-0077 – RonKral@gmail.com

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Director: Jim Dick – *Game:* Jewish Community Center (JCC) – Sunday, 1:00 PM; *URL:* http://mysite.verizon.net/resymzgl/jccsundayafternoonbridge/index.html

Directors: John Mason, Jim Dick, Livingston Johnson – *Game:* First Christian Church – Friday, 10:00 AM; *URL:* http://members.cox.net/jsm36/bridge/FunFriday/funfridayjsmhome.htm

Director: Terry Jones – *Game:* Falls Church Bridge Club – Saturday, Jan. 24 and Saturday, Feb. 21, 7:00 PM; *URL:* www.fallschurchbridgeclub.com

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IN MEMORIAM

Samuel Westgate III

Retired diplomat, Samuel Shelton Westgate III, passed away Oct. 13, 2008, surrounded by family and friends.

Born in 1944 to Samuel Shelton Westgate Jr. and Lillian Lohn Westgate in Grafton, Dr. Westgate spent his childhood in Wyoming and Alaska, before returning to Bismarck in 1954. Debate team member, Boy's State representative and editor of the school newspaper, the Hi-Herald, Dr. Westgate was co-valedictorian, graduating summa cum laude with honors from Bismarck High School in 1962. After receiving a B.A. from Stanford University and a Ph.D. from U.C. Berkeley, Dr. Westgate taught at King Faisal University in Saudi Arabia. Sponsorship by North Dakota Senator Quentin Burdick brought Dr. Westgate to the State Department's U.S. Information Agency as a foreign service officer, serving 22 years in Thailand, Switzerland, Czechoslovakia, Ethiopia and Germany. Dr. Westgate spoke seven languages, was a member of Mensa with an IQ of 176 and was a Silver Master in Bridge.

Internationally renowned pianist, Don Wetzel, wrote, upon learning of the former Consul General's passing, "He was surely one of the most highly respected and beloved of U.S. Diplomats who had ever served in Southwest Germany."

Prior to retirement, upon returning to Washington, D.C., Dr. Westgate served as United States Acting Deputy Director for Public Affairs for the African Nations. His voice was heard over "Voice of America" lending to the outcry about Darfur.

Dr. Westgate is survived by his wife of 26 years, Pummarie Summondis Westgate; their sons, Guy and Geoff; and siblings, Leanne, Lorinda, Bill and Jenette. He was 64.

Gale Clarke

ANGELA (GALE) M. CLARKE (Age 87) of McLean, VA died Friday, October 24, 2008. She had complications from Alzheimer's disease. Her husband of 63 years, Col. Harry J. Clarke, died in 2007. Survivors include her children, T. Michael, Jeffrey, and Marilou Shotwell, five grandchildren, three great grandchildren, two sisters-in-law, and eleven nieces and nephews. Inurnment will be May 29, 2009, at Arlington National Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Alzheimers Association in her name.

Gale was born in Meadow Lands, PA, and moved to the Washington area in the early 1950s. She was a competitive bridge player here in the 1960s and 1970s, won the Women's Pairs at the North American Bridge Championships in Cleveland in 1969, and competed for the United States in international championships held in Sweden, Bermuda and the Canary Islands. She taught bridge in Fairfax County during the 1970s and became a senior instructor before she retired.









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Parade of Winners

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NVBA SEPTEMBER SENSATIONS SECTIONAL

September 4-7, 2008

Thurs. Eve. A/X Pairs (65 Pairs)

- Rusty Krauss Barry Falgout 1
- Tom Musso Charles Yaple 2 2 Anthony Cincotta - James Augustine

Thurs. Eve. B/C Pairs (56 Pairs) Alan Gordon - Clifford Feldman 1 1

Robert Padgett - Linda Padgett 2

Thurs. 199er Pairs @ NVBA (23 Pairs)

- Marco Latini Amanda Carter 2 2
 - 2 Dan Emmons Karen Emmons

Fri. Aft. Open Pairs (68 Pairs)

- Candyce Clanton Mickie Kivel 2
 - Salam Saidi Kamel Tabbara 1
 - 2 1 Richard Leonardon -Peggy Thomas-Cousins
 - 2 Clifford Feldman Howard Bender

Fri. Aft. 299er Pairs (37 Pairs)

Terry Mitchell – Albert Dimillio 1 1 2 Shirley Prikals - Kathy Dunkerley

Fri. Aft. 49er Pairs (8 Pairs)

- Bill Murphy Robert Abbo 1
- Churchill Blakey Gretchen Blakey 2 1 2 Charles Luria - Annette Luria

Fri. Eve. Triple Nickel Swiss (25 Teams)

- Barry Falgout Helene Bauman -Kenton Schoen - Diane Walker
- Fred King David Rodney -2 Stan Schenker - David Milton
 - Barbara DiCicco Allan Sitterson -1 Jeffrey Boak - Shawn Stringer
 - 2 1 Phyllis Talley Joan McQuaid -Marilyn Golias - Nancy Senger
 - 2 Norman Sweed Ronnie Sweed -Ioan White - Alan Gordon

Fri. Eve. 299er Pairs (27 Pairs)

2 2 2 Robert Van Dyke - Michael Marcotte

Sat. AM Open Pairs (58 Pairs)

- Ken Davis Bruce Houston
- Al O'Malley Neal McKinney 2

Sat. AM 299er Pairs (40 Pairs)

1 1 1 Kathy Dunkerley - Shirley Prikals 2 2 2 Sidney Graves - Jan Potter

Sat. A/X Pairs (30 Pairs)

- Rusty Krauss Barry Falgout
- John Klayman Tom Lavender
- 2 Kevin O'Brien - Francesco Parisi-Presicce 1

Sat. Aft. B/C Pairs (34 Pairs)

Susan Miskura - Dennis Schwanz 1

Sat. Aft. Side Game (12 Pairs)

Martha Lackey - Bob Hartmann 1 1

Sat. Eve. B/C Pairs (11 Pairs)

- Marilyn Golias David Banh
- Susan Miskura Dennis Schwanz 2 1

Sat. Eve. 299er (16 Pairs)

- George Green Eleanor Schwartz 1 1
 - Bahman Shahin Taraneh Shahin
 - 2 Gary Hinson Bruce Kasold

Sun. A/X Swiss (15 Teams)

Jason Meyer - Lloyd Rawley -2 Larry Kahn - H. John Edmonds

Sun. B/C Swiss (34 Teams)

- David Loken Richard Barth -1 Gretchen Handwerger - Danijel Zenko
- 2 David Mead - Kathleen O'Toole -Joyce Currie – Jim Wildey

Sun. AM 299er Swiss (17 Teams)

- Amanda Carter Kimberly Ferguson -1 1 Marco Latini - Alan Walter
- 2 2 Ann Atcheson - David Soukup -Cathy Vivona - Jenny Shaefer 1 Gerald Stone - Donna Stone -Shirley Prikals - Mary McFadden

Sun. Aft. 299er Swiss (14 Teams)

- David Fitzwilliam Lorraine Tyler -Bruce Kasold - Gary Hinson 2
 - William Woodward John Menzel -Robert Hollohan - Kenneth Duggin
 - 1/2 Charles Shank John Donohue -Patricia Stone - George Stone
 - 1/2 Richard Wedgewood Rachelle Sladoff -Mavis Walters - Rochelle Hilton

WBL SECTIONAL October 2-5, 2008

Thurs. Eve. B/C/D Pairs (34 Pairs)

Susan Miskura – Dennis Schwanz 1/2Clifford Feldman - Alan Gordon 2

Thurs. Eve. 0-200 Pairs@NVBA (15 Pairs)

- Larry Taylor Albert Stolpe 1 1 2 2 Bruce Kasold - Gary Hinson,
 - 1 Walt Pumo Janice Pumo
 - 2 Deanna Shuman Lawrence Shuman

Fri. Aft. A/X Pairs (30 Pairs)

Margot Hennings - David Milton 1

Fri. Aft. B/C/D Pairs (26 Pairs)

- 1 1 1 Douglas Fox Larry Moran
- 2 2 Craig Olson Michael Lawrence

Fri. Eve. Open Pairs (40 Pairs)

- 2 1 Ned Griffith Albert Lauber
- 2 Irv Kipnis Terry Jones

Sat. AM A/X Pairs (40 Pairs)

- Barry Falgout Rusty Krauss 1
 - James Geist Kiyomi Shiba 1
 - 2 Jane Shaw - Hope Watts

Sat. AM 0-300 Pairs (37 Pairs)

Terry Mitchell - Albert Dimillio 1 1 1 Catharine Fisher – John Fisher

Sat. Aft. A/X Pairs (38 Pairs)

Kenton Schoen - Diane Walker 1 1 Rod Severson - Daniel Feldman

Sat. Aft. B/C/D (44 Pairs)

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Linda Dick – Jim Dick 2 2 Eric Poskanzer - Francesco Parisi-Presicce

Sat. Aft. 0-NLM Pairs (28 Pairs)

1 1 Terry Mitchell – Albert Dimillio

Sun. A/X Swiss (17 Teams)

- Michael Gill Noble Shore -1 Hal Hindman – Mark Chen
- Leon Letwin David Rodney -2 Avril Rodney – Don Berman

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

- 2 David Grabiner - Robert Padgett -Linda Padgett – Suzanne Abrams
 - Chuck Adelman Jennifer Nisenoff -2 Gloria Halstead - Thomas Din

Sun. AM NLM Swiss (12 Teams)

- Amanda Carter Marco Latini -1 1 Bruce Kasold - Gary Hinson
- 2 David Fitzwilliam - Lorraine Tyler -Anne Vaeth - Ed Krest

Sun. Aft. NLM Swiss (10 Teams)

- Amanda Carter Marco Latini -1 1
- Bruce Kasold Gary Hinson 2 David Fitzwilliam - Lorraine Tyler -
- Anne Vaeth Ed Krest 2/3 Charles Shank - William Hughes -
- John Donohue Barbara Hodges
- 2/3 1 Nabil Ahmed Dan Emmons -Alan Walter - Joseph Pregosin

NVBA FALL SECTIONAL October 23-26, 2008

Thurs. Eve. A/X Pairs (58 Pairs)

2 Rusty Krauss - Barry Falgout

Thurs. Eve. B/C Pairs (70 Pairs)

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1 1 Parween Yunus – Abdul Etemadi
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Thurs. 199er Pairs @ NVBA (23 Pairs)

1 1 1 Ewing Walker - Marguerite Salah

Fri. Aft. Open Pairs (59 Pairs)

- Janet Gookin Robert Gookin 1 2
- Martha Boyd Bob Boyd
- 2 1 Eberhard Jehle Joan White 2 Eric Poskanzer - Pat Lonergan

Fri. Aft. 299er Pairs (33 Pairs)

1 1 1 William Woodward – John Menzel

Fri. Aft. 49er Pairs (8 Pairs)

2 Diane Cohen – Mignon Williams

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Fri Eve. Triple Nickel Swiss (25 Teams)

- 1 Nadine Wood Al Duncker –
- Ann Lindley Margot Hennings 2 Terry Lavender – Thomas Lavender – John Klayman – Jeff Roman
 - 1/2 1 Phyllis Talley Nancy Senger Marilyn Golias – Joan McQuaid
 - 1/2 Barbara DiCicco Allan Sitterson Irv Kipnis – Terry Jones
 - 2 Maribel Newby Pat Lonergan Tobi Bear – Susan Klaber

Fri. Eve. 299er Pairs (23 Pairs)

- 1 1 George Green Eleanor Schwartz
- 2 Michael Lusick Freeman Adkins
 - 2 1 Janet Henrichsen Dennis Sponholtz
 - 2 Jonathan Haley Tim Rauen

Sat. AM Open Pairs (62 Pairs)

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- Robert Boyd Carole Grob
- 2/3 1/2 Marvin Raines Linda Burton
- 2/3 1/2 Clifford Feldman Howard Bender

Sat. AM 299er Pairs (25 Pairs)

2 2 Lynne Beresford – Eleanor Schwartz 2 Kimberly Ferguson – Chuck Kasten

Sat. AM 49er Pairs (8 Pairs)

- 1 M. Amey David Amey
- 2 1 Margaret Mastran Donna Setzer
 2 James Shoenhard Diane Godding

Sat. Aft. A/X Pairs (48 Pairs)

- 1 Ed Lewis Don Geerhart
- 2 Ken Davis Sumner Steinfeldt
 - 1 Bob Hartmann Mirta Halperin
 - 2 Steven Schatzow Martha Lackey

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

2 1 Donald Brown – Susan Slattery

Sat. Aft. 49er Pairs (10 Pairs)

1M. Amey – David Amey2James Shoenhard – Diane Godding

Sat. Aft. 299er Pairs (36 Pairs)

- 1 1 George Green Alan Walter
- 2 John Hudson Marilyn Golias
 - 2 Dick Verdow Jean Verdow
 - 1 Amanda Carter Susan Pettit
 - 2 Patricia Needham Lucy Scheer

Sat. Aft. 49er Pairs (8 Pairs)

2 Harry Davies – Hilda Sheffer

Sat. Eve. Open Pairs (34 Pairs)

- Thierry Poirey Daniel Feldman
 Weizhong Bao Hailong Ao
 - Weizhong Bao Hailong Ao Linda Marshall – Monique Smith Terry Jones – William DeGraf

Sat. Eve. 299er (14 Pairs)

- 2 2 Albert Stolpe Amanda Carter
 - 1 James Shoenhard Diane Godding
 - 2 Ike Oren Georgette Weiss

Sun. A/X Swiss (17 Teams)

- Gil Cohen Marty Nelson -
- Janet Gookin Robert Gookin
- 1 Mel Yudkin Hongmo Wang Frank Cardillo – Leo Cardillo

Sun. Flight B Swiss (30 Teams)

Bracket 1 (8 Teams)

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1/2 Mike Frosch – Francesco Parisi-Presicce – Ellie Clark – Beverly Geurin

Bracket 2 (8 Teams)

- 1 Doris Knief Norman Cowen M.D. –
- Abdul Etemadi Youssof Seraj 2 Ed Brawn – Susan Brawn – Martha Bley – Ross Bley

Bracket 3 (14 Teams)

- 1 Jerry Nolte Elizabeth Nolte Gil Krawitz – Willis Paley Hume
- 2 Azmat Ali Bernadette Merceron Bob Blodgett – William Hohe

Sun. AM 299er Swiss (12 Teams)

- 1 1 David Fitzwilliam Lorraine Tyler Ed Krest – Anne Vaeth
- 2/3 Roy Robson Kenneth Marshall Pat Lonergan – Tom Lonergan
 - 2 Richard Wedgewood Rachelle Sladoff Patricia Mitchell – Rochelle Hilton

Sun. Aft. 299er Swiss (9 Teams)

1 1 Barbara Hodges – Charles Shank – William Hughes – John Donohue

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2/3 2 Amanda Carter – Marco Latini – Taraneh Shahin – Bahman Shahin

- 2/3 Rosanne Kistler Stephen Colevas Roy Robson – Kenneth Marshall
 1 Dan Emmons – Kathryn Miller –
 - Mary McFadden Ike Oren

VIRGINIA BEACH REGIONAL November 3-9, 2008

Mon. Aft. Educ 0-300 Pairs (28 Pairs) 2 2 Phyllis Isler – Morton Isler

Lake Smith KO Bkt. 1 (12 Teams) 2 Tim Crank – Fred King –

Tim Crank – Fred King – Robert Gookin – Janet Gookin

Tues. AM Side Game (11 Pairs) 2 Sam Mills, Jr. – Bob Walsh

Tues. Eve. BAM (18 Teams) 1 Elizabeth Traylor – Marilyn Smebakken – Helene Cooper – Youssof Seraj

Lynnhəven KO Bkt. 1 (12 Teams) 1 George Bloomer – Judith Bloomer – Ann Lindley – Al Duncker – Linda Smoak – Fletcher Smoak

Wed.-Thurs. AM Comp KO Bkt. 1 (9 Teams) 1 Amal Dasgupta – Dave Grier – Bernie Oetjen – Bill Mannschreck

Wed.-Thurs. AM Comp KO Bkt. 4 (16 Teams) 1 David Fitzwilliam - Lorraine Tyler – Virginia Cash – Diane Banks

Lake Holly Thurs.-Fr.i Comp. KO Bkt. 3 (14 Teams)

1 Janice Davis – Jamie Sue Schmidt – Peggy Young – George Green

Thurs. A/X Swiss (29 Teams)

2 Lucy McCoy – Kathryn Kiley – Betty Bursey – Chuck Pecarro

Thurs. Aft. Side Game (20 Pairs)

- 2 Bob Hartmann Martha Lackey
- 2 Constance Fullerton Mary Ann Craft
- Thurs. Aft. 0-300 Pairs (24 Pairs) 1 Phyllis Isler – Morton Isler

Thurs. Eve. 0-300 Pairs (15 Pairs) 1 Richard Leonardon – Joyce Stone

Thurs. Eve. Little Creek Side Game (22 Pairs) 2 1 Arnold Kritz – John S. Mason Jr

Fri.-Sat. Great Dismal Swamp Compact KO – Bkt. I (9 Teams)

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Mark Tonnesen – Ken Davis – Kelley Hwang – Lawrence Harding

Fri.-Sat. Great Dismal Swamp Compact KO – Bkt. 2 (9 Teams)

- 1 John S. Mason Jr. Dennis Schwanz Susan Miskura – Arnold Kritz
- 2 Kevin O'Brien Francesco Parisi-Presicce Beverly Geurin – Ellie Clark

Fri. AM Side Game (24 Pairs)

1 Marge Gazzola – Bob Hartmann

Fri. Aft. Side Game (20 Pairs)

- 2 2 Judy Weisman Carl Weisman
 - Helene Cooper Youssof Seraj
 Elizabeth Traylor Marilyn Smebakken
 - 2 Elizabetii Itayioi Mariiyii Siilebakko

Fri. Eve. Swiss (32 Teams)

 Steve Robinson – Peter Boyd – Bill Cole – Jeff Roman
 Nancy Cartwright – Maribel Newby – Richard Leonardon – Virginia Stewart

Fri. Eve. Side Game (24 Pairs)

- Sam Mills, Jr. Bob Walsh
- 2 Joyce Currie Lee Lampton

Fri. Eve. 0-300 Bracketed Pairs/Teams (10 Pairs/Teams)

- 2 Donna Stoker Sandi Henshaw
- 2-4 Donna Stoker Sandi Henshaw -
 - Rosa Lee Gregory Elinor Uhrig

Fri.-Sat. Back Bay KO – Bkt. 2 (12 Teams)

- 1 Jason Meyer Ellen Cherniavsky Tom Musso – Kathy Paramore
- 2 David Rodney Avril Rodney Ron Spieker – Bruce Culmer

Fri.-Sat. KO – Bkt. 4 (16 Teams)

 Kevin O'Brien – Francesco Parisi-Presicce – Beverly Geurin – Ellie Clark

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Sat. Aft. Side Game (20 Pairs)

- Helen Dodge Edward Rodrigues 1
- 2 Constance Fullerton Mary Ann Craft
- Sat. Aft. 0-300 Pairs (8 Pairs)
- Phyllis Isler Morton Isler 1

N Landing KO - Bkt. 1 (11 Teams) Robert Hopkins, Jr. - Joan Lewis -Margot Hennings - Don Hennings

N Landing KO – Bkt. 2 (9 Teams) Ellen Glynn - John Glynn -Judy Weisman - Carl Weisman

Sat. Zip KO (6 Teams) Roma Chandra - Lynda Flanger -Holly Wills - Cherie Charles

- Sun. A/X Swiss (27 Teams)
- Jason Meyer Ellen Cherniavsky -Tom Musso - Kathy Paramore

Sun. AM 0-300 Swiss (4 Teams) 1

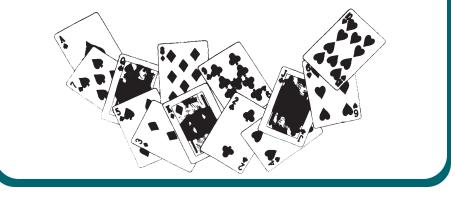
Dick Verdow - Jean Verdow -Taraneh Shahin – Bahman Shahin

The Moral Is...

TRUE STORY: You know you are playing with Slow Teammates when you pass 6 boards in a KO match and get one back-only to find that board was Passed Out!

NOT SO TRUE STORY: I was playing against two ladies when my RHO opened 1NT. My LHO studied her hand for a bit then raised to 2NT, raised to 3NT by RHO. I led and dummy hit the table with a pair of Jacks, 4-3-3-3. When asked why she had raised her partner to 2NT with that terrible hand she responded: "My partner always says 1NT is the hardest contract to play".

THE MORAL OF THE STORY IS: Be careful what you ask for - you just might get it.



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Bridge and Bowling Saturday, January 31, 2009

Sign up now for WBL's Superbowl Saturday tradition, Bridge and Bowling.

First, we will bowl a three-game tournament with pre-formed, balanced teams at Laurel Lanes.

Then we will have dinner at Sullivan's Steak and Beverage Co.

Finally, we will play a GNT qualifier at the Laurel Bridge Club with pre-formed, balanced teams.

Sign up to participate in one, two, or all three events.

BOWLING: Meet at 1:30 p.m. at Laurel Lanes, 15013 Baltimore Avenue North, Laurel, MD, (301) 490-6006.

Teams will be formed in advance based on bowling skill as indicated on the registration form or by past results in bridge and bowling.

We will play a three-game tournament. The cost for bowling is \$15 (payable when you sign up), plus the cost of shoe rental if you don't bring your own bowling shoes.

DINNER: Meet at 5:30 p.m. at Sullivan's Steak and Beverage Co., 9624 Fort Meade Road (Rte. 198), Laurel, MD, (301) 498-7427.

We will have dinner to celebrate (or commiserate) after bowling and get ready for a fun evening of bridge.

No advance payment is required. However, please let us know if you plan to attend so we know how many people to expect.

BRIDGE: The game (a GNT qualifier) will start at 7:30 p.m. at the Laurel Bridge Club, 8654-A Laureldale Drive, Laurel MD, (301) 395-6810.

You can come with your own team, but the real fun of this event is playing on a team with members that span the range of bridge experience from world class on down. The cost is \$9 per person (\$36 per team).

You must register and pay in advance to be assigned to a Bowling or bridge team.

SIGN UP: Give this registration form, with payment (\$15 for bowling, \$9 for bridge), to Don Berman, Steve Robinson, or Linda Marshall, or mail this form to:

Linda Marshall, 6303 Redwing Road, Bethesda, MD 20817.

Make checks payable to Washington Bridge League. Please sign up no later than January 29th.

Name_____ Bowling average ____ Masterpoints _

I will participate in: Bridge _____ Dinner _____ Bowling _____

NVBA Newsletter

MILESTONES

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

♦♦ NEW JUNIOR MASTERS ♣♥

Kenneth Cohn Peggy Comerford Jonathan Haley Cloe Ingram Harvey Lipsher Judith Michaels Tim Rauen Kumkum Ray Dr. Roy Robson Betsy Rock Andrew Rodriguez James Shoenhard Marilee Van Arsdale Karl Van Newkirk Dr. Susan Wagner Kathryn Ward-Johnson Dene Williams

♦♦ NEW CLUB MASTERS ♥

M.R. Amey D.r Michael Canes Stephen Drodge Kathy Dunkerley Daniel Emmons Alina Galaszewska William Glen Diane Godding Jaishree Gupta Ann Jennings Joan Kindle Janice Pumo Walt Pumo Alexander Robertson Dr. Roy Robson Marguerite Salah Benjamin Sharp David Soukup Albert Stolpe George Stone Kathryn Weyers Jean Williams

♦♦ NEW SECTIONAL MASTERS ♦♥ Randolph Elkins

Kenneth Arnold Janet Henrichsen Bruce Kasold Bill Murphy Ruth Rosenberg Dr. Dennis Sponholtz

William Hohe Tom Lonergan Shirley Prikals

♦♦ NEW REGIONAL MASTERS ♥

Catharine Fisher Virginia Gibbons Dr. Saroj Gulati William Hughes Corinne Mertes W. T. Morgan Nancy Senger Taraneh Shahin

John Fisher Sidney Graves Joe Hertz Phyllis Isler Andree Mirza Ron Ozarka Dr. Bahman Shahin Parween Yunus

♦♦ NEW NABC MASTERS ♥

Sara Goodwin

♦♦ NEW LIFE MASTERS ♣♥

Abdul Etemadi Maribel Newby Neil Selvin

Mary Ann Kral Marvin Raines

Susan Slattery

Susan Klaber

♦♦ NEW BRONZE LIFE MASTERS ♥♥

Dr. Howard Bender Donald Brown Joyce Currie

♦♦ NEW SILVER LIFE MASTERS ♥♥

Aquil Ahmed Leo Cardillo Neal McKinney

♦♦ NEW GOLD LIFE MASTERS Bob Hartmann

Marcia Stein Bob Walsh

♦♦ NEW EMERALD LIFE MASTER ♣♥ Jack Armstrong

HAIL AND FAREWELL

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

Roseann D. Andersen Marsha Ann Brown Robert S. Dickinson Patsy V. Hawks Ken Kimball Don M. McKenzie Yaeko N. Perera Cynthia A. Richmond Bill R. Teer George B. Wright Holly H. Wright

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

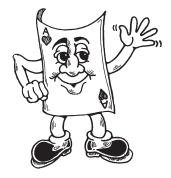
Charles B. Barnett James A. Calvert Karen W. Emmons Sandra .J Ferretti Jeanne E. Fulford Prem Gidwani Dr. Karen D. Gray Laura Hamke Kathryn W. Larsen Carole A. Lee Juliana Madan Ruth F. Slutsky Beth Watson Bennett C. Whitlock

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

Sitala Cheevasart Sunisa Chodchoy Frances N Freedman Greg J Hobart Paul K Krueger M Jane Legault Richard R Legault Ronald T Marton Jarrett Schaffer Kiyomi Shiba Emily C Simpson

We are sorry to note the passing of two of our members:

Gale Clarke Sam Westgate



The 2009 District 6 GNT

It's time to get to your local club and qualify to win a partially subsidized trip to Washington, D.C. at the Summer 2009 NABC. You will represent District 6 in the national finals of this grassroots competition. The club qualification period began on September 1, 2008 and will continue until April 2, 2009. District level competition for the 0-5000 flight will begin in February (see chart below). This is a different time table than in previous GNT District qualifiers. Make sure you qualify early. You can go out and play as

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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 masterpoints. Flight B is limited to players with 0-2000 master points. Flight C is limited to Non-Life Masters with fewer than 500 masterpoints. Masterpoint eligibility is determined by the ACBL as of September 1, 2008. At the club level, the Open and A flights will be combined. Masterpoints awarded at the club level are half-red, so it's an easy way to earn red points without traveling or changing your local partners or 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 your flight eligibility and then form one or more teams to compete in one or more flights at the District level. So, 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 or District webmaster, they will be posted on the District 6 website at 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. The southern sites will be Charlottesville, VA and Newport News, VA. Both will be on the same weekend. You must pre-register to play. Pre-registration ends midnight on the Thursday before each event begins. To pre-register, send \$96/team in a check made out to District 6, provide the names of all team members, the ACBL numbers for team members, and captain's e-mail address to Lynn Jones, 10 Tenby Court, Timonium, MD 21093. Any questions please contact Lynn Jones at 410-560-3244 or **bridgelynn@comcast.net**.

The 2009 District 6 GNT Qualifying Schedule is as follows:

Open Bracket

First Weekend Saturday, April 4, Noon Christ The King Church

Second Weekend Saturday, May 2, Noon Christ The King Church

Bracket A (0-5000 MP)

First Weekend Saturday, Feb.14, Noon Viers Mill Center

Second Weekend Saturday, February 28, 11 a.m. Margaret Schweinhaut Center Sunday, April 5, 11 a.m. Site to be announced

Sunday, May 3, 11 a.m. Laurel Bridge Club

Sunday, February 15, 11 a.m. Laurel Bridge Club

Sunday, March 1, 11 a.m. Margaret Schweinhaut Center

Bracket B (0-2000 MP)

First Weekend—Northern Sites Saturday, April 4, Noon Christ The King Church

First Weekend—Southern Sites Saturday, April 4, Noon Comfort Inn, Charlottesville and Peninsula Bridge, Newport News

Second Weekend (qualified teams) Saturday, May 2, Noon Christ The King Church

Bracket C (0-500 MP)

First Weekend—Northern Sites Saturday, April 4, Noon Christ The King Church

First Weekend—Southern Sites Saturday, April 4, Noon Comfort Inn, Charlottesville and Peninsula Bridge, Newport News

Second Weekend

(Semifinals/Final, 1 day only) Saturday, May 2, Noon Christ The King Church

DIRECTIONS AND ADDRESSES FOR PLAYING SITES:

Viers Mill Center, 4425 Garrett Park Road, Wheaton, MD – Take the Capital Beltway to the Rockville Pike North exit. Stay to the right and turn left on Beach Drive. When Beach Drive ends, turn right on Garrett Park Road.

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 left.

Margaret Schweinhaut Center, 1000 Forest Glen Road, Silver Spring, MD – From Beltway exit Georgia Avenue North

Sunday, April 5, 11 a.m. Laurel Bridge Club

Sunday, April 5, 11 a.m. Comfort Inn, Charlottesville and Peninsula Bridge, Newport News

Sunday, May 3, 11 a.m. Laurel Bridge Club

Sunday, April 5, 11 a.m. Site to be announced

Sunday, April 5, 11 a.m. (if 2nd session needed) Comfort Inn, Charlottesville and Peninsula Bridge, Newport News

> towards Wheaton. Turn right at first traffic light onto Forest Glen Rd., Senior Center is .7 miles on your right. Laurel Bridge Club, 8564-A Laureldale Drive, Laurel, MD. – Baltimore-Washington Parkway to Laurel exit, 2 miles to Laureldale Drive. Right hand turn.

> Peninsula Bridge Club, 2097 Inn Drive, Newport News, VA - Take 1-64E towards Norfolk/VA Beach. Take exit 255 towards Jefferson Ave. Drive 7.6 miles, turn left onto 79th St.

Comfort Inn, 2097 Inn Drive, Charlottesville VA – From Louisa Rd (VA-22) go 5.4 mi to Richmond Rd (US-250). Go1.8 miles, turn right on north Hill, and then left on Inn Drive.

♣ Fairfax, VA ♦ FEBRUARY 5-8, 2009 ♥		
NVBA WILLIAM POISSANT MEMORIAL TOURNAMENT		
The Arlington/Fairfax Elks Lodge #2188 8421 Arlington Boulevard, Fairfax, VA 703-560-2213		
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≺THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 5≻		
Beth El Hebrew Congregation, 3830 Seminary Road, Alexandria, VA (NVBA)	
Christ the King Church, one block south of East-West Highway on Colston between Washington and Grubb, Chevy Chase, MD (WBL) <u>NV</u>	<u>'BA (Beth El)</u> <u>WBL</u>	
Novice/Intermediate Lecture	6:30 p.m.	
STRATAFLIGHTED OPEN PAIRS (A/X=3000+/3000; B/C=2000/750) NVBA 199ER PAIRS (200/100/50/20); WBL NLM PAIRS (NLM/100/50) .		
NEWCOMER PAIRS (0-5)		
<u>REST OF TOURNAMENT AT ELKS LODGE</u>	Director of free	
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 6	Plenty of free parking! On-site	
STRATIFIED OPEN PAIRS (2000+/2000/750) 2 p.m. 299ER PAIRS (300/200/100; 2 single sessions) 2 & 7:30 p.m.	snack bar plus lots of free treats! Many great	
49ER PAIRS (50/20/5)	restaurants nearby!	
TRIPLE NICKEL SWISS (STRATIFIED 2000+/2000/750)7:30 p.m.	Championship Events	
—5 rounds, 5 boards, 5 minutes a board	and a Full Schedule of 299er Events for Novice and	
STRATIFIED OPEN PAIRS (2000+/2000/750)9:30 a.m.	Intermediate Players! Players with 0-5 Masterpoints	
299ER PAIRS (300/200/100) and 49ER PAIRS (50/20)9:30 a.m.	play FREE in ALL games!	
0-5 PAIRS	Mid-Chart Conventions	
TROPHY EVENT: WILLIAM POISSANT MEMORIAL PAIRS (2 SESSIONS – Qualifying And Final)	permitted in A/X 6-board+ team events only	
STRATIFIED OPEN PAIRS (2000+/2000/750; Single session)2 p.m.	Tournament Chairs	
299ER PAIRS (300/200/100; 2 single sessions)	Margot Hennings,	
49ER PAIRS (50/20/5)	703-560-0245 Partnership Chair	
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 8>	Mary Ann Kral,	
**Novice/Intermediate Lecture (Jeff Roman)	703-437-0342 or NVBA cell: 703-869-0852	
FLIGHT A/X (3000+/3000) BOARD-A-MATCH TEAMS 11:00 a.m. & TBA	or check out our	
FLIGHT B/C (2000/750) SWISS TEAMS11:00 a.m. & TBA BAM & Swiss: both 2-session events. Box lunch sandwiches available on-site	On-line Partnership "Desk" at www.nvba.org	
during the break.	Next NVBA Sectional	
299ER SWISS TEAMS (300/200/100; Single session)	Apr. 23-26 '09 at Arlington/ Fairfax Elks Lodge	
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.	(Thurs at Beth El)	
DIRECTIONS: From Route 50/Arlington Boulevard heading west from DC and Arlington AND from Route 495/Beltway: Continue on/Take Route 50 West about one mile outside the Beltway, and turn left at Javier Road (the second stoplight after the intersection of 50 and 495). Take an immediate right onto the access road that runs parallel to Route 50. The Elks Lodge will be two buildings down on your left—parking on the side and in the rear. From Fairfax, heading East on Route 50: Pass the intersection of Route 50 and Prosperity Avenue—the Prosperity Medical Center will be on your right. Between the first and sec- ond lights after Prosperity, turn right into the access road that runs parallel to Route 50 and look for the Elks Lodge immedi- ately to your right—parking on the far side of the building and in the rear.		



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