Northern Virginia Bridge Association

Newsletter April – June 2009

NVBA Annual Meeting, Awards and Bridge

May 7, 2009

his year's annual meeting, awards night and election of new members to the Board is being held May 7, 2009. We'll gather starting at 5:30 p.m. at the Beth El Hebrew Congregation, 3830 Seminary Road, Alexandria, Virginia. The evening will start with a dinner, which is free for NVBA members (\$7.00 for non-members). The Annual Meeting will begin at 6:30 p.m. Following the Treasurer's report and a "State of the Unit" report by the President, new Life Masters will be recognized, and the NVBA President will present the Mini-McKenney and Ace of Clubs awards in each category, as well as the trophies for NVBA Man and Woman of the Year, the Rush Buckley award, the NVBA Rookie of the Year, and the sixth annual Dave Murray award.

After the annual meeting ends, circa 7:30 p.m., the 12th annual Pat Eyman Strawberry Pairs will be held. It will be an NABC FUNd Game with a surcharge to support the Summer 2009 NABC in Washington, DC. There will be an Open game, a 0-199er game, and a separate 0-5 game if enough players come who fall in that category. The fee for the NABC Fund game is \$9.00 for the Open game and \$8.00 for the 199er game. New Life Masters and players with 0-5 MPs play for free. The offices of President and Secretary, and three Executive Director positions are up for election. Listed below you will find candidates listed for President and Secretary and four Executive Director positions because Jennifer Nisenoff is resigning her position as an Executive Director one year early in order to run for the position of Secretary. All candidates who have not yet declared their candidacy must have a petition signed by 20 NVBA members submitted

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Of Special Interest:

- Open, Flt B, Flt C GNT (1st weekend), April 4-5
- GATLINBURG, TN REGIONAL, April 13-19
- NVBA Sectional, April 23-26
- Open, Flt B, Flt C GNT (2nd weekend), May 2-3
- NVBA Annual Meeting, May 7
- NABC FUND Game Week, May 4-10
- WBL Sectional, May 14-17
- RICHMOND, VA REGIONAL, May 19-25
- NVBA LM/NLM game, June 4
- GREENVILLE, SC REGIONAL, June 8-14
- D6 STaC week, June 15-21

President's Message

By Leo Cardillo



ven as northern Virginia struggles to recover from a heavy snow storm and frigid temperatures in early March, spring is clearly on its way to Washington, with the Cherry Blossoms due to peak in less than three weeks! The global financial disaster of 2008 continues unabated in 2009, with the S&P Index suffering its worst two month decline in history. Through it all, the bridge players have stayed at the tables, with record attendance at our William Poissant Sectional of 478.5 tables. I firmly believe that the country and the world will recover from this financial tailspin, and I am equally confident that the NVBA will continue to prosper.

This will be my last column that I write to you as the President of the NVBA. In May, the NVBA will hold its annual election and the Nominating Committee, headed by Vice President Alan Breed, has assembled a great bunch of folks to serve in the place of those of us who are retiring from the Board. Each of these new candidates has submitted a brief bio which may be found elsewhere in this newsletter. As President, I personally spoke to each of these folks and I am most pleased that they have offered to serve on the Board and I am confident that they will continue the growing prosperity of the NVBA.

In this election cycle, five Board members are up for election: The President (Yours Truly), the Secretary (Marge Gazzola), and three Executive Directors (Herb Fallin, Bruce Houston and Ron Kral). Collectively these five folks have served more than 24 years on the Board. Bruce will stay on to serve another term, while the other four will retire.

Bob Boyd, a past NVBA Board member, will return to the Board as President. Bob has done a terrific job as the Unit Recorder and we will need to find a suitable replacement for him in that capacity. Jennifer Nisenoff, a current Board member, will resign as an Executive Director (as required by the Bylaws) so that she may immediately return as the Secretary, replacing Marge Gazzola. Paul Black, currently the Chairman of the Conduct & Ethics Committee, will continue in that capacity and will also join the Board as an Executive Director. David Banh and Virginia Gibbons will join the Board and, together with Paul, will fill the vacancies created by the departure of Herb Fallin and Ron Kral, and the transition of Jennifer from Executive Director to Secretary. Because this transition will represent an uncontested election, the approval of the new Board members will be obtained by acclamation at the Annual meeting on 7 May.

As I reflect back on my six years as the president of the NVBA, I first want to thank all of the Board members, volunteers, professional staff and you, our loyal members, for all of your terrific support and patience over those six years. I had a lot to learn when I began this journey as your "rookie" President in April 2003, and I could not have made the journey without all of your unfailing expertise and support. Thanks to all!

The NVBA has made substantial progress in these six years, including the steady and continuing increase in attendance at the Unit Game and the Sectionals. In addition, the

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Upcoming NVBA Games & Special Events

PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF LOCATION OF GAME ON APRIL 9 AND MAY 28

Apr. 2 Beth El – 7:00 Stratified GNT Swiss Teams

Apr. 9 Fairfax Elks – 7:00 Stratified Club Championship

Apr. 16 Beth El – 7:00 Stratified Unit Championship

Apr. 23 Beth El - 7:00 NVBA Sectional - Stratiflighted Pairs

Apr. 30 Beth El – 7:00 Stratiflighted Membership game

May 7 Beth El - 7:00 Annual Meeting/DC Summer 2009 NABC Fund Game

May 14 Beth El - 7:00 WBL Sectional - Stratiflighted Pairs

May 21 Beth El – 7:00 Stratified Unit Championship

May 28 First Presbyterian Church – 7:00 Stratiflighted Unit Championship

Jun. 4 Beth El – 7:00 LM/Non-LM pairs (Stratified Unit Championship)

Jun. 11 Beth El – 7:00 Stratiflighted Unit Championship

Jun. 18 Beth El – 7:00 D6 Stratified STaC Pairs

Jun. 25 Beth El – 7:00 Stratiflighted North American Pairs (NAP)

Stratification Limits:

All NVBA Unit Games include a separate Stratified 199er game. For the North American Pairs qualifying games, the stratification is: 0-500 (NLM), 500-2000, 2000+.

For the D6 STaC, the stratification is: 0-500/500-1500/1500+

Upcoming Sectionals

NVBA

WBL

April 23 – 26, 2009

May 14-17, 2009

For information on Tournaments - Cancellations - Special Events - Club game

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NVBA successfully re-located the Sectional venue – per force – from the Knights of Columbus in Arlington to the Fairfax Elks location. Under the guidance of Ron Kral, the NVBA established an enduring 199er game, with an annual birthday party and a brilliant policy that allows all players with 0-5 master points to play for free!

In the Unit Game and Sectionals we have introduced new capital equipment, including a new computer for the Unit, and a duplicating machine, which greatly enhances the quality and efficiency of the game. Also at both of these forums, and thanks to a suggestion from Norma Pierzchala, the NVBA continues to lead the field with its innovative Guaranteed Partner (GP) program. The GP program has firmly established the NVBA as a friendly place to play and one that fully and articulately supports partnership requirements at all levels of pairs and teams play. Our members know that they merely have to show up and they are guaranteed a suitable partner.

In a similar vein, the NVBA sponsors a Life Master/Non-Life Master (LM/NLM) game every year and offers it as a free game for all participants. I have happily witnessed the growth of the LM/NLM game from 25+ tables to an all-time Beth El record of close to 50 tables in 2008! The LM/NLM event celebrates support and cooperation across all levels of players and provides an annual dividend to the playing membership for all to enjoy. This is good stuff.

At the Unit Game on March 5, the Unit paid tribute and respect to its departing Chief Director, Marshall Kuschner. Some months ago, Marshall asked the Board to facilitate his orderly departure from the Unit Game so that he and Candy could pursue other activities. Over the following months, Marshall and Gene Schuyler - the succeeding Chief Director - worked cooperatively to ensure an orderly transition. In turn, Marshall and Gene worked with Susan L'Heureux to prepare her to take over for Gene as the Assistant Chief Director. I count it as part of the legacy of these last years that the NVBA accomplished this critical transition in an outstandingly successful, professionally cooperative and expert fashion. We all owe Marshall a great debt of gratitude for all the work he has done as the Chief Director. In addition, I am most pleased that it was Marshall who suggested and created the Dave Murray Award. I consider the Dave Murray Award as the most prestigious and coveted of all of the annual awards that the NVBA distributes at the Annual meeting. Marshall is not completely gone from the Unit. He will work with Gene as necessary and appropriate in the future to cover the big games or any time that Gene might be absent. Marshall thanks for a job well done and best of success in your future endeavors!!

It is always difficult for me to leave a position that I greatly value and enjoy. My departure pains will be eased by the fact that the Bylaws allow the Immediate Past President to serve one year as a fully-vested Executive Director of the Board. While my wife, Bobbee, and I will be busy with our new summer home in Maine, I intend to continue to support the Board and the Unit to the best of my abilities. I thank all of you for your patience and support over these last six years and I assure you that the best days of the NVBA are yet to come!!

See you at the tables!!

Upcoming 199er Unit Games

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Apr. 2 Beth El – 7:00 199er ACBL Charity Pairs Game

Apr. 9 Fairfax Elks – 7:00 199er Pairs Game

Apr. 16 Beth El – 7:00 199er Pairs Game

Apr. 23 Beth El - 7:00 NVBA Sectional 199er Pairs

Apr. 30 Beth El - 7:00 199er Pairs Game

May 7 Beth El – 7:00 Annual Meeting - 199er DC Summer 2009

NABC Fund Game

May 14 Beth El – 7:00 WBL Sectional – 199er Pairs

May 21 Beth El – 7:00 Club Championship – 199er Pairs game

May 28 First Presbyterian Church – 7:00 199er Pairs Game

Jun. 4 Beth El – 7:00 LM/Non-LM Pairs Game – Stratified

Unit Championship

Jun. 11 Beth El – 7:00 199er Pairs Game

Jun. 18 Beth El – 7:00 D6 STaC - 199er Pairs Game

Jun. 25 Beth El – 7:00 199er Unit Championship Pairs

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 D6 StaC, the stratification is: 0-500/500-1500/1500+

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NVBA

WBL

April 23 – 26, 2009

 $\overline{\text{May } 14 - 17,2009}$

For information on Tournaments - Cancellations - Special Events - Club game

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to the Nominating Committee chaired by Alan Breed (703-538-5844 or adbreed@verizon.net), or to NVBA Secretary Marge Gazzola (gazzolml@aol.com), no later than April 24 in order to get their name on the ballot. The dinner, the annual meeting, recognition of new Life Masters and awards to our top players in all categories, plus bridge will make this a fun evening for everyone...Please plan to attend.

The Candidates for NVBA Officers and Executive Director positions for the NVBA 2009-2010 Board of Directors are:



Candidate for President

Bob Boyd

I began playing duplicate bridge while stationed in Germany in the 1970s. I was active in the European Armed Forces Bridge League, so it was natural that I volunteer in the NVBA after moving to Dale City, VA in 1977. During the next decade I was an NVBA board member,

novice game director and instructor, Unit Game director, and sectionally-rated tournament director. The press of family and job responsibilities caused me to give up the game in 1986. After retiring as director of the Air Force Intelligence Analysis Agency in 2005, I returned to bridge. I play at most daytime club games and the Unit Game. I am currently the NVBA Recorder.

When I got back into the game, I was a Life Master and tournament director with the skill of a novice. Now that I've gotten my game back in order, I am ready to resume my service to the NVBA. I feel that Leo Cardillo's leadership over the past six years has returned the Unit to a sound financial footing and has created a volunteer spirit and working relationships that are the envy of anyone who served in the 1980s. I look forward to building on his legacy in order to enhance everyone's enjoyment of the game and to expand our outreach to youth.



Candidate for Secretary

Jennifer Nisenoff

Over the last year I have served as an Executive Director on the NVBA Board and had the opportunity to meet a lot of new people and learn a lot of new things about the management and organization of bridge events in the Washington, DC area. One thing I've learned is how

much effort it takes to keep everything in our Unit operating well. I am running for Secretary this year so that I can use some of this acquired knowledge to help our Unit grow and succeed. I think bridge is fun, and I look forward to working closely with the new Board, the ACBL, and the members of our Unit to ensure that we can all continue to enjoy this great game throughout Northern Virginia.



Candidate for Executive Director

Paul Black

I have been a bridge player since learning the game during my freshman year in college, and I began playing in ACBL events soon afterwards. During my thirty-year Air Force career as a military attorney, I played, albeit infrequently, during most of my eleven assignments.

When I retired from the Air Force and accepted a civilian position with the Department of Defense in this area, I began to play more often.

When Unit President Leo Cardillo asked me to Co-Chair the Unit's Conduct and Ethics Committee, I accepted because the Unit is dependent on volunteers to function, and it was past time for me to give something back to the game I so enjoyed. On occasion I have substituted as the partnership arranger or as a GP at the Unit game. I intend to increase my contributions of giving back to bridge as a Board member.



Candidate for Executive Director

Gini Gibbons

I am a retired government attorney, (GWU, JD, '76), having spent most of my career with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. I live alone at home with my cat. I try to keep my body fit with Pilates and my mind sharp with bridge. My experience in the bridge world is

somewhat limited. I played a bit in college and law school but did not join the ACBL until September 2007. Hopefully my lack of experience is my biggest strength: I have the eyes and experience of a "newbie" to the game; with less than two years ACBL experience and less than 150 MPs, what else could I be? However, I'm not afraid of hard work; I actually enjoy it. I am full of gratitude towards my mentors, teachers and partners, and I have learned so much in such a little time. I would like to give a little back to the game that has given me so much.

Candidate for Executive Director

Bruce Houston

Photo not available

I am currently an Administrative Law Judge with the U.S. Postal Service. This is career #2, after 25 years as an Air Force Judge Advocate. I have been playing semi-serious bridge in Northern Virginia for about 12 years. I have served one term on the Board now and would like to

continue my volunteer work for the Unit in this capacity.

I welcome the opportunity to contribute to the Unit's continued success.

Candidate for Executive Director

David Banh

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In my eight years of playing bridge in the Northern Virginia area, I have been active as a player at the local, regional, national and international level and in promoting bridge to youths and juniors nationally and to all players locally. I previously served on the board as the Youth

Adviser and have worked with other present and past members in organizing local and sectional events. I am particularly interested in encouraging younger players in the area and setting up competitions designed to encourage younger players to participate more in club and sectional events. I am also committed to maintaining the quality of bridge services provided by the NVBA, particularly ensuring the best and most efficient arrangement of events on the Unit Game calendar and monitoring and increasing table count in all Northern Virginia games.

Parade of Winners

WBL SECTIONAL

January 8-11, 2009

Thurs. Eve. B/C/D Pairs (54 Pairs)

- William Nicolai Lynda Flanger
 - 2 Susan Miskura Dennis Schwanz
 - 2 Fred Gramlich James Raber

Thurs. Eve. 199er Pairs@NVBA (24 Pairs)

- 1 1 1 Kenneth Linder James Hewitt
- 2 2 Thomas Feick, Jr. Stefan Popoveniuc
 - 2 Jim Shoenhard Diane Godding

Fri. AM Open Pairs (51 Pairs)

2 1 1 Douglas Fox – Larry Moran

Fri. Aft. B/C/D (34 Pairs)

- 1 1 Douglas Fox Larry Moran
 - 2 Mary Ann Kral Elizabeth Huffman

Fri. Aft. NLM Pairs (22 Pairs)

- 2 Al Stolpe Amanda Carter
 - 2 M. Amey David Amey

Fri. Eve. IMP Pairs (24 Pairs)

- 1 Irv Kipnis Terry Jones
- 2 Steve Reed Richard Ferrin

Sat. AM A/X Pairs (44 Pairs)

- 2 Ron Kral Eugene Kales
 - 2 Steve Reed Richard Ferrin

Sat. AM B/C/D Pairs (64 Pairs)

- 2 Susan Miskura Dennis Schwanz
 - 1 Ned Griffith Albert Lauber

Sat. AM NLM Pairs (34 Pairs)

- 1 1 Terry Mitchell Albert Dimillio
 - 2 Richard Leonardon Stephen Colevas

Sat. AM A/X Pairs (46 Pairs)

2 Don Probst – Lowell Sawyer

Sat. Aft. B/C/D (40 Pairs)

- 1 Jay Cherlow Abigail Nichols
 - 2 Michael Lawrence Craig Olson

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

2 1 Terry Mitchell - Albert Dimillio

Sun. Swiss

Bracket 2 (8 Teams)

Jose Cortina – Jeffrey Boak –
 Jim Allen, Jr. – Shawn Stringer

Bracket 3 (8 Teams)

- Daniel Feldman Rod Severson Steve Schatzow – Daniel Koch
- John Lowe, III Mohsen Esfandiary –
 Audrey Stern Ed Rodrigues

Bracket 4 (8 Teams)

- Rex Settle Robert Schwab Anne Derbes – Gail Zamboni
- John S. Mason, Jr. Dennis Schwanz –
 Susan Miskura Katherine Rabenstein

Bracket 5 (8 Teams)

- 1/2 Aaron Navarro Tobi Bear –Susan Klaber Howard Bender
- 1/2 Mike Frosch Joan White Francesco Parisi-Presicce – Eric Poskanzer

Sun. AM NLM Swiss (12 Teams)

- Gary Hinson Bruce Kasold Marco Latini – Amanda Carter
- David Fitzwilliam Lorraine Tyler –
 Ed Krest Anne Vaeth
 - 2/3 Bahman Shahin Taraneh Shahin Christine Brooks – Eleanor Schwartz

Sun. Aft. NLM Swiss (12 Teams)

2 2 Gary Hinson – Bruce Kasold – Marco Latini – Amanda Carter

CHARLOTTESVILLE REGIONAL January 12-18, 2009

Mon. Aft. 0-300 Charity Pairs (28 Pairs)

2 2 David Amey – M. Amey

Cavalier KO Bkt. 1 (9 Teams)

2 George Bloomer – Judith Bloomer – Al Duncker – Ann Lindley – Linda Smoak – J. Fletcher Smoak

Cavalier KO Bkt. 3 (15 Teams)

2 Ed Rodrigues – Helen Dodge – Willis Paley Hume – Paul Stygar

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Tues. AM Side Game (10 Pairs)

1 1 Margaret Storey – William Fitch

Tues. AM 0-300 Pairs (10 Pairs)

1 David Amey - M. Amey

Tues. Comp KO Bkt. 1 (10 Teams)

- Bruce Houston Don Van Arman Ken Davis – John Ashe
- 2 Ron Kral Mike Spooner Jeffrey Boak – Paul Kobrin

Tues. Comp KO Bkt. 2 (9 Teams)

Dick Verdow – Jean Verdow –
 Catharine Fisher – John Fisher

Tues. Eve. BAM (12 Teams)

- 2 Ron Kral Mike Spooner Suzanne Abrams – Mike Zane
 - 2 2 Helene Cooper Susan Slattery Carolyn Becraft – Donald Brown

Tues. Eve. Side Game (36 Pairs)

1 1 1 Robert Brady – Raghavendra Rajkumar

Tues. Eve. 0-300 Swiss Teams (5 Teams)

Dick Verdow – Jean Verdow –
 Catharine Fisher – John Fisher

Wed. AM Side Game (21 Pairs)

- 1 Amanda Carter Al Stolpe
- 2 Robert Dorosin Neal Cooper

Wed. Comp KO Bkt. 1 (9 Teams)

2 Martha Lackey – Bob Pfeiffer – Herb Fallin, Jr. – La Quitta Talbot

Wed. Comp KO Bkt 3 (16 Teams)

1 Col. Anthony Russo – Judith Russo – Judy Braddy – Deanna Larus

Wed. Open Pairs (28 Pairs)

- 2 Vonnie Lavender Robert Gookin
 - 1 Suzanne Abrams Mike Zane
 - 2 Maureen Shea William Bailey

Jefferson KO Bkt. 2 (16 Teams)

2 Neal McKinney – John Miles – Steve Rothman – Bruce Bucklinger

Jefferson KO Bkt. 3 (14 Teams)

 Howard Wachtel – Brian Snyder – Mike Frosch – Joan White

Jefferson KO Bkt. 4 (14 Teams)

Youssof Seraj – David Fitzwilliam – Neal Cooper – Lorraine Tyler

Wed. Eve. Swiss (23 Teams)

- Dick Verdow Jean Verdow Catharine Fisher – John Fisher
- 2/3 John Pritchard Gerald Botkin Janet Henrichsen – Dennis Sponholtz

Thurs. AM Side Game (16 Pairs)

- Bruce Houston Don Van Arman
- 2 1 1 Maureen Shea William Bailey
 - 2 Kevin O'Brien Francesco Parisi-Presicce

Thurs. Open Pairs (52 Pairs)

2 Suzanne Abrams – Mike Zane

Thurs. Aft. 0-300 Prs (21 Pairs)

2 2 Terry Mitchell - Albert Dimillio

Thurs. Aft. Side Game (25 Pairs)

2 Susan Slattery - Carolyn Becraft

Thurs. Eve. BAM (15 Teams)

- Ken Davis Bruce Houston –Don Van Arman Mark Tonnesen
- 2 George Bloomer Janet Case Al Duncker – Ann Lindley
 - 2 2 Marina Kotch Dorothy Bechtle Elizabeth Traylor – Marilyn Smebakken

Thurs. Eve. 0-300 Pairs (10 Pairs)

1 1 Terry Mitchell – Albert Dimillio

Thurs. Eve. 0-300 Swiss (8 Teams)

- 1 Mel Walger Robert Mintz –
 Kimberly Ferguson Amanda Carter
 - 2 John Pritchard Gerald Botkin Janet Henrichsen – Dennis Sponholtz

Thurs. Eve. Side Game (21 Pairs)

- 1 1 1 Al Lauber Ned Griffith
- 2 Ed Lewis Ed Lewis, III

Fri. AM Side Game (18 Pairs)

2/3 Marilyn Smebakken – Elizabeth Traylor

Fri. Open Pairs (26 Pairs)

- Carolyn Gibson Gene Schuyler
- 2 Ed Lewis Ed Lewis, III

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Parade of Winners – continued from page 9

Fri. 0-750 Pairs (48 Pairs)

Al Lauber - Ned Griffith

Fri. Eve. Side Game (16 Pairs)

2 1 Youssof Seraj – Helene Cooper

Fri. Eve. Swiss (23 Teams)

- David Milton Stan Schenker -Margot Hennings - Donald Hennings
- 1/2 1 Dennis Schwanz Susan Miskura -Arnold Kritz - Nan Massie
 - 2 Joyce Currie William Gurley -Fred Lopp – Dale Dallaire

Fri.-Sat. AM Compact KO - Bkt. I (9 Teams)

Martha Lackey - Herb Fallin, Jr. -Bob Pfeiffer - La Quitta Talbot

Fri.-Sat. AM Compact KO - Bkt. II (15 Teams)

- H. Tyler Franks Christopher Marks -Ibrahim Mady – Omar Okaily
- John S. Mason, Jr. Dennis Schwanz -Susan Miskura – Arnold Kritz

Fri.-Sat. KO Bkt 3 (16 Teams)

- Roy Perry Barbara Rhoades -Omar Okaily - Ibrahim Mady
- 2 Neal McKinney – John Miles – Steven Rothman - Bruce Bucklinger

Fri. Zip KO (8 Teams)

- Albert Lauber Merril Hirsh -Walter Smith, Jr. - Ned Griffith
- Amanda Carter Kimberly Ferguson -Steve Reed - Terry Jones

Sat. AM Side Game (14 Pairs)

Lynda Flanger - William Fitch

Sat. AM Swiss (15 Teams)

Mark Tonnesen - Bill Mannschreck -Ken Davis - Bruce Houston

Sat. Open Pairs (28 Pairs)

- Ed Lewis Ed Lewis, III
 - 2 Al Lauber Ned Griffith

Sat. Aft. 0-300 Pairs (24 Pairs)

Robert Hollohan - Kenneth Duggin

Sat. Eve. BAM (20 Teams)

David Milton - Joan Lewis -Robert Hopkins, Jr. - Stan Schenker

Sat. Eve. Side Game (16 Pairs)

Dennis Schwanz - Susan Miskura

Sat. Eve. 0-300 Pairs (10 Pairs)

- Jenny Shaefer Bob Clark
 - Roy Robson Kenneth Marshall

Shenandoah Compact KO Bkt. 3 (12 Teams)

Fred Lopp - Dianne Morton -Ludwig Coco - William Gurley

Sat. Zip KO (6 Teams)

- Ed Lewis, III Matthew Waterman -Betty Bursey - Marsha Brown
- Albert Lauber Merril Hirsh -Walter Smith, Jr. - Ned Griffith

Sun. B/C/D Swiss (28 Teams)

- H. Tyler Franks Christopher Marks -Ibrahim Mady - Omar Okaily
 - 2 Kimberly Ferguson Amanda Carter -Marco Latini - Gerald O'Dell

Sun. AM Side Game (19 Pairs)

2 2 2 Taraneh Shahin – Bahman Shahin

NVBA SECTIONAL February 5-8, 2009

- Thurs. Eve. A/X Pairs (74 Pairs) Earl Glickstein – Bob Bell
- Mickey Hughes Andre L'Heureux

Thurs. Eve. B/C Pairs (56 Pairs)

Lynda Flanger - William Nicolai

Thurs. 199er Pairs @ NVBA (27 Pairs)

- Gary Hinson Bruce Kasold
- Sidney Graves Jan Potter
- 1 1 Roy Robson Ken Marshall
- Jim Sprung Alexander Shafer
- Georgette Weiss Ike Oren

Fri. Aft. Open Pairs (63 Pairs)

- Leo Lasota Barbara Shaw
- 2 Marsha Brown - Zeke Letellier
 - Robert Padgett Linda Padgett Suzanne Abrams - Mike Zane
 - - Linda Burton Marvin Raines
 - 2 Martha Mangano Malvern Sheffield, Jr.

Fri. Aft. 299er Pairs (31 Pairs)

- 1 Joan Kindle Katherine Koch
- 2 William Woodward John Menzel
 - 2 1 Al Stolpe Larry Taylor
 - 2 Roy Robson Ken Marshall

Fri. Aft. 49er Pairs (6 Pairs)

- 1 M. Amey David Amey
- 2 1 Ron Klar Deborah Klar
 - 2 Cloe Ingram Hilda Sheffer

Fri. Eve. Triple Nickel Swiss (36 Teams)

- Joan Lewis Robert Hopkins, Jr. Jeff Roman – Tom Lavender
- 2/3 Lucy McCoy Bill Cole Ron Kral – Gene Kales
- 2/3 Margot Hennings Nadine Wood Ann Lindley –Al Duncker

Fri. Eve. 299er Pairs (15 Pairs)

- 1 1 1 Al Stolpe Kathryn Miller
- 2 2 Bahman Shahin Taraneh Shahin
 - 2 Marguerite Salah Ray Bostow

Sat. AM Open Pairs (59 Pairs)

- 2 Don Probst Lowell Sawyer
 - 2 Bernice Hacke Jean Schoepe
 - 2 Martha Mangano Malvern Sheffield, Jr.

Sat. AM 299er Pairs (36 Pairs)

- 1 1 1 Shirley Prikas Kathy Dunkerley
- 2 2 Phyllis Isler Morton Isler
 - 2 Kim Ferguson Chuck Kasten

Sat. AM 49er Pairs (6 Pairs)

- 1 Bill Teer Pat Teer
- 2 Cloe Ingram Clara Miller

Sat. William Poissant Trophy Pairs (44 Pairs)

- 1 Weizhong Bao Hailong Ao
- 2 David Milton Stan Schenker

Sat. Aft. Open Pairs (65 Pairs)

- 1 Carolyn Gibson Chuck Pecarro
- 2 Steve Ivins Jean Levin

Sat. Aft. 299er Pairs (46 Pairs)

- 1 M. David Jackson Rosanne Kistler
- 2 1 Farideh Makhzani Parween Yunis
- 2 1 Marguerite Salah Virginia Ivin
 - 2 Roy Robson Ken Marshall

Sat. Aft. 49er Pairs (8 Pairs)

- 1 1 1 James Lynch Tamara Vetter
- 2 2 2 Carol Warlick David Warlick

Sat. Eve. Consolation Pairs (24 Pairs)

- Bob Bell Fred King
- 2 Leon Letwin David Rodney
 - 1 William Nicolai Lynda Flanger
 - 2 Abigail Nichols Jay Cherlow
 - 1 Marco Latini Amanda Carter
 - 2 Joyce Currie Don Brown

Sat. Eve. 299er (12 Pairs)

- Margaret Gurley Eleanor Schwartz
- 2 Sara Goodwin Jenny Shaefer
- 1 Roy Robson Ken Marshall
- 2 Jonathan Haley Tim Rauen

Sun. A/X BAM (19 Teams)

- Prah Rajkumar Raghavendra Rajkumar Noble Shore – Michael Gill
 - 2 Steven Schatzow Thierry Poirey Daniel Koch – Dan Feldman

Sun. B/C Swiss (33 Teams)

- Gretchen Handwerger Richard Barth David Loken – Danijel Zenko
- 2 2 Joyce Currie Jim Wildey Don Brown – Dave Tonnesen

Sun. AM 299er Swiss (22 Teams)

- 1 1 Alan Munro Kathryn Miller Al Sullivan – Bill Murphy
- Janet Henrichsen Dennis Sponholtz Joan Kindle – Katherine Koch
 - 2 2 Sidney Graves Jan Potter Elizabeth Nash – Amelia Montjoy

Sun. Aft. 299er Swiss (16 Teams)

- Herman Bluestone Morton Isler –
 Phyllis Isler Robert Kubal
- 2 1 Ann Atcheson Jenny Shaefer Sharon Perryman – Richard Padgett
- 2/3 Sidney Graves Jan Potter Elizabeth Nash – Amelia Montjoy
- 2/3 Dan Emmons Joseph Pregosin Alan Walter – David English
 - 1 George Stone Patricia Stone Rebecca Cardozo – Patricia Mitchell

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CAPE FEAR REGIONAL, WILMINGTON, NC

February 16-22, 2009

Wed. AM Side Game (20 Pairs)

2 Rochelle Simon – Jean Schoepe

Wed. AM 0-300 Pairs (22 Pairs)

1 1 Richard Romaniw - Kathryn Miller

Wed. Eve. 0-300 Pairs (8 Pairs)

2 1 Richard Romaniw - Neal Cooper

Wed. A/B Open Pairs (18 Pairs)

1 Suzanne Abrams – Ronald Kral

Riverboat KO Bkt 4 (16 Teams)

2 Berry Craven – Maxine Cunningham – Barbara DiCicco – Mary O'Shea

Shell Island Comp KO Bkt 2

 Helene Cooper – Neal McKinney – Donald Brown – Daniel Rumble

Fri. AM Side Game (31 Pairs)

2 Rochelle Simon – Jean Schoepe



IN MEMORIAM

Mel Welles

Mark Blumenthal, a member of the famous "Aces" bridge team and winner of two Vanderbilts, wrote in his blog about NVBA member and Conduct & Ethics Committee Chair Mel Welles, who passed away from heart failure at the age of 90 on January 28, 2009. Here are some of Mark's comments: I knew Mel since I started playing bridge in the city of Washington in the early '60's. He was at one time the chief administrative judge of the National Labor Relations Board. He was a competent player who had played since the 1940's with some success. He played with and was a frequent partner and friend of Supreme Court Justice John Paul Stevens. Also a big baseball fan, Mel thought that he and Joe DiMaggio were the only people to have been at both Lou Gehrig and Cal Ripken's 2,130th consecutive games (1939 and 1995, respectively).



Congratulations to this year's Poissant Trophy winners Weizhong Bao and Hailong Ao!

ANNUAL LIFE MASTER/NON-LIFE MASTER GAME – JUNE 4

It's that time of year again... Mark your calendar – Thursday night, June 4, is the annual NVBA Life Master/Non-Life Master (LM/NLM) game. This is four weeks after the Annual Meeting at Beth El Hebrew Congregation.

Again this year, everyone who participates in this event plays **FREE**. Last year was a huge success with 48.5 tables in play. The pre-matching worked extremely well, so we're going to do that again this year. As much as possible, Ron Kral is going to match people up in advance so you know who your partner is before you arrive and can discuss bidding conventions and style. Ron will email you your partner's information as much in advance as possible. In the spirit of the LM/NLM game, we'd prefer that everyone go through the matchup process and play with someone new. However, if you wish to BYOP (Bring Your Own Partner) it's OK as long as one member is an LM and the other partner is a NLM. Please let Ron know if you plan to attend with a pre-match for our planning purposes.

WE NEED BOTH LMs AND NLMs to come out for this event. This is a fun event where you get to meet new people from the "other" game. We'll have signup sheets at the NVBA Sectional Thursday night game on April 23 and at the Annual Meeting on May 7. It's especially important for LMs to sign up to ensure we have someone for every NLM who wants to play. Questions or want to register? Send an email to **Newsletter@NVBA.org** or **RonKral@gmail.com** or call Ron Kral at (703) 478-0077.

MILESTONES

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

♦♦ NEW JUNIOR MASTERS **♣♥**

Diane R. Cohen Paul J. Hyman Eleanor A. Miller Michael A. Murphy Sherry Nanna Lorraine S. Shumaker Jacob N. Steinhardt Ruth A. Warren

♦♦ NEW CLUB MASTERS **♣♥**

David G. Amey Joy E. Brennen Stephen J. Colevas Mark Jones Onorica Luculescu Andrew M. Rodriguez

♦♦ NEW SECTIONAL MASTERS ♣♥

Edith Z. Berman Stephen J. Drodge Robert M. Huley Marjorie A. Motheral

♦♦ NEW REGIONAL MASTERS ♣♥

Clifford I. Feldman Gary S. Hinson Richard E. Leonardon Alan B. Munro Charles R. Skillern Larry R. Taylor Darlene M. Thom

♦♦ NEW NABC MASTERS ♣♥

Amanda Carter Michael K. Osborn Dick L. Verdow

♦♦ NEW LIFE MASTERS ♣♥

Linda A. Burton Willis Paley Hume Joan McQuaid Judith A. Russo Youssof Seraj

♦♦ NEW BRONZE LIFE MASTERS ♣♥

William Bailey
Carolyn H. Becraft
Larry S. Galvin
Ned Griffith
Dr. Barbara M. Macknick
John R. Miles
Francesco Parisi-Presicce
Bob Silverstein
Holly Wills

♦♦ NEW DIAMOND LIFE MASTER **♣♥**

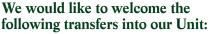
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HAIL AND FAREWELL

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

Julie Agarwal Stephanie W Bao Elaine C Beller Linda H Bestimt William J Bestimt Louis Drummond Jeri Eaton Beth Fricano Anne B Harrington Ricki Kanter Pat O Kibler Jayne Lynch Richard J Mackinnon Peter P McGuirk Mary Lou McMorrow Marymargaret E Meadows Roger L Normand Joanna K Rieth Marjorie M Somers Jewell Diane Stevens Pat I Teer Reiko Van Gelder Tamara Vetter Marilyn J Wilson Carol A Wrable Alice Y Zhang



Gisela H Browne Dr James C Buford Sara R Buford Michael W Dolan Jackie B Hascall Jeff A Hepner Harry Jacks Rachel M Speelman Det S Whedon Robert L Whedon

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

Janet S Becker Raymond S Becker III Seth P Chamberlain Jean B Rachner Dale E Schweinsberg Brian K Sims Rachel M Speelman Randi R Vickers

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

Pearl Bostow Mel Welles

Congratulations to these players representing District 6 at the North American Pairs competition at the Houston NABC:

Flight A:

- 1. Mark Shaw-Leo LaSota
- 2. Steve Robinson-Peter Boyd
- 3. Diane Walker-Kenton Schoen

Flight B:

- 1. Robert Stearns–William Goldman
- 2. Jerry Barker–Dale Fiebelkorn
- 3. H John Edmonds-Larry Kahn

Flight C

- 1. Calvin Konner–Jose Porres
- 2. Robert Matheson–Margaret Matheson
- 3. Mary Ann Kral-Linda Burton

PLEASE TAKE NOTE OF CHANGE IN UNIT GAME LOCATION ON APRIL 9 AND MAY 28, 2009

APRIL 9 GAME WILL BE AT FAIRFAX ELKS LODGE #2188, 8421 ARLINGTON BLVD. (RT. 50), FAIRFAX, VA.

MAY 28 GAME WILL BE AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 601 N. VERMONT ST., ARLINGTON, VA (OFF OF WILSON BLVD. NEAR BALLSTON MALL)

FOUND

At the February NVBA Sectional, someone left a plastic grocery bag filled with coins and memorabilia at the Elks Lodge.

To retrieve these belongings, please contact

Tournament Director Terry Lavender at 703-486-1530.

THINK GREEN (OR BLUE) – PLEASE RECYCLE AT THE UNIT GAME

In case you aren't aware, we have separate containers for recycling and for trash at the Unit game on Thursday evenings. So when you have an aluminum can or plastic bottle to dispose of, please place it in the blue recycling container. When you have cups, napkins, uneaten food, and so on to dispose of, please do NOT place them in the blue recycling container.

THANK YOU!









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

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 – *URL:* www.fallschurchbridgeclub.com



♠ Fairfax, VA ♣ APRIL 23-26, 2009 ♦

NORTHERN VIRGINIA BRIDGE ASSOCIATION PRING SECTIONAL TOURNAMENT

The Arlington/Fairfax Elks Lodge #2188

8421 Arlington Boulevard, Fairfax, VA; 703-560-2188

THURSDAY, APRIL 23>

Beth El Hebrew Congregation, 3830 Seminary Road, Alexandria, VA (NVBA)				
Christ the King Church, one block south of East-West Highway on				
Christ the King Church, one block south of East-West Highway on Colston between Washington and Grubb, Silver Spring, MD (WBL)	NVBA (Beth El)	$\underline{\text{WBL}}$		
Novice/Intermediate Lecture	6:30 p.m.			
STRATAFLIGHTED OPEN PAIRS (A/X=3000+/3000; B/C=2000/750	0)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.			

...<u>REST OF TOURNAMENT AT ELKS LODGE</u>...

FRIDAY, APRIL 24>

STRATIFIED OPEN PAIRS (2000+/2000/750)	2 p.m.
299ER PAIRS (300/200/100) and 49ER PAIRS (50/20/5)	2 p.m.
TRIPLE NICKEL SWISS—5 rounds, 5 boards, 5 minutes a board	7:30 p.m.
299ER PAIRS (300/200/100)	7:30 p.m.

SATURDAY, APRIL 25>

STRATIFIED OPEN PAIRS (2000+/2000/750)9:30 a.m.
299ER PAIRS (300/200/100) and 49ER PAIRS (50/20)9:30 a.m.
NEWCOMER PAIRS (0-5)9:30 a.m.
NEW!! BRACKETED COMPACT KO2 and 7:30 p.m.
Four 12-board matches starting Sat aft ending Sat eve.
All teams will play first two matches.
STRATIFIED OPEN PAIRS (2000+/2000/750) 2 p.m.
299ER PAIRS (300/200/100) and 49ER PAIRS (50/20/5) 2 p.m.
STRATIFIED OPEN PAIRS (2000+/2000/750)7:30 p.m.
299ER PAIRS (300/200/100)

SUNDAY, APRIL 26>

J	**Novice/Intermediate Lecture (Jeff Roman)	10:15 a.m.**
	FLIGHTS A/X (3000+/3000) SWISS TEAMS	
	& BRACKETED FLIGHT B TEAMS (0-2000)	
	B Teams Bracketed by Total Team Masterpoints: three overall	! places in each.
	Both Flights are 2-session events, w/one 30-minute break—o	
	299ER SWISS TEAMS (300/200/100) (Single session)	
	49ER SWISS TEAMS (50/20/5) (Single session)	11:00 a.m.
	299ER SWISS TEAMS (300/200/100) (Single session)	

Plenty of free parking! On-site snack bar plus lots of free treats! Many great restaurants nearby!

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

Mid-Chart Conventions permitted in all A/X & Open Stratified Events

Tournament Chair

Margot Hennings, 703-560-0245

Partnership Chair

Mary Ann Kral, 703-437-0342 or NVBA cell: 703-869-0852 ...or check out our On-line Partnership "Desk" at www.nvba.org

Next NVBA Sectional Sept. 10-13 at Arlington/ Fairfax Elks Lodge (Thurs at Beth El)

DIRECTIONS: (NEWI) 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 second lights after Prosperity, turn right into the access road that runs parallel to Route 50 and look for the Elks Lodge immediately to your right—parking on the far side of the building and in the rear.

SILVER SPRING, MD: MAY 14-17, 2009

Take a String Holiday in Potomac Val



THURSDAY, MAY 14

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, Alexandria7:00pm 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, MAY 15

IMP Pairs StrataFlighted A/X (unlim/3000) & B/C/D (1500/1000/500) 7:30pm The Friday Night IMPs are back! Friday nights are your chance to try a different form of the game. With IMP pairs, you only need one partner, but it scores like a team game. Your result on each board will be IMPed against all the other results from your direction, then averaged for your final score.

SAT. & SUN. ONLY at the Margaret Schweinhaut Senior Center V

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.

SATURDAY, **May 16**

Potomac

Valley

Tournament

- 6th Annual: Washington Bridge League Trophy Pairs11:00am & 3:30pm Two session Open Pairs, qualifying and final. Single session entries available.

- Intermediate/Novice Pairs (300/200/100) or Newcomer Pairs (50/20/5) (single sessions) 11:00am, 3:30pm

SUNDAY, MAY 17

- B/C/D Swiss Teams, VPs (3000/1000/500, 7 round playthru w/short break)11:00am & TBA

♣ Full Schedule of Intermediate and Novice Events ♥

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

Famous Washington Hospitality includes snacks, drinks and Friday, Saturday and Sunday 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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