

Holiday Party

Thanks to a December snowstorm, we had only 28 tables at the NVBA Holiday Party. The good news was that the expected parking problems did not materialize, making parking coordinator Paul Black perhaps the happiest NVBA member at the party.

Virginia Gibbons did an amazing job of coordinating the food, and her scalloped potatoes proved she is an excellent chef in her own right. Virginia was ably assisted by Avril Rodney and chefs Jeff Roman, creator of an excellent beef stroganoff, and Tim Smith, who came through the blizzard all the way from District 4 to make his vegetarian chili (being Virginia's brother may have had something to do with it).

Our tournament director, Doug Grove, applied his considerable talents for leadership and problem-solving to kitchen chores. All the people who brought food have never had such clean dishes to take home.

Thanks to all the volunteers who made this snowy night one to remember.

The highlight of the evening was the presentation of awards. The Sara Goodwin Award is given to the NVBA member who plays the most number of NVBA sessions. It was named for Sara after her untimely death in a year where she was going to win the award. The 2010 winner was Ken Davis, who not only plays in almost every session, but doesn't leave many points for the rest of us! Congratulations, Ken.

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Of Special Interest:

- WBL Sectional, Jan. 13-17

- Wilmington, NC REGIONAL, Jan. 24-30
- Bridge & Bowling, Feb. 5
- Flight A GNT Qualifier, Feb. 12-13
- NVBA Sectional, Feb. 24-27
- Flight A GNT Finals, Feb. 26-27
- Wilmington, NC REGIONAL, Feb. 16-22
- D6 and Delaware STaC, Feb. 28-Mar. 6
- Open, Flight B, Flight C GNT Qualifiers, Mar. 5-6
- Louisville, KY, Spring NABC, Mar. 10-20
- Open, Flight B, Flight C GNT Finals, Mar. 26-27

State of the Unit

By Bob Boyd
NVBA President



As we close out the year and I begin the last six months of my term as President, it's a good time to give you a snapshot of the health of the unit and what the future holds in store.

NVBA is a "non-profit" organization, not a "for-loss" organization. We have been operating in the red or on the margin for some time. Your board has made some hard decisions in the past year or so, and they are beginning to pay off.

In this discussion, I'm going to use round numbers so we don't get bogged down in minutiae, but any member interested in details may ask Lynda Flanger, NVBA Treasurer, lflanger01@comcast.net) for copies of our balance sheets and budget performance.

Our income and expenses are nearly balanced. With one month to go, Lynda has us \$100 in the red. My rounded-off calculations put us \$100 in the black. Wouldn't it be great if generating real income were that simple! The Holiday Party and other expenses will probably leave us \$800-1,200 in the red for 2010.

Increasing the Unit Game entry fee has had beneficial impact, although the Unit Game is still not self-supporting. So far this year Unit Game income has been \$33,500 against expenses of \$34,500 (including the annual meeting and LM/NLM game). Eliminating free sodas and reducing food expenses have kept that \$1,000 deficit from being worse. A nagging problem is the continuing slight decline in table count. Reasons for that include aging and death of regulars and the worsening traffic mess west of the Beltway.

Sectional tournament income this year has been \$67,400 against expenses of \$63,000, leaving a welcome profit of \$4,400. We were hoping for more. It was a surprise to see significant declines from last year's record attendance despite adding Thursday morning sessions to our sectionals.

We had other income of \$6,700, primarily our share of ACBL membership fees. Other expenses included \$8,000 for the newsletter and \$2,000 for membership services. In summary:

	<u>Income</u>	<u>Expense</u>	<u>Difference</u>
Unit Game	33,500	34,500	- 1,000
Sectionals	67,400	63,000	+ 4,400
Other	6,700	10,000	- 2,400
TOTAL	107,600	107,500	+ 100

This margin, whether it is plus \$100 or minus \$1,000, is too thin. It leaves us vulnerable to unanticipated declines in attendance and increased expenses. The only expense that we can minimize to achieve significant savings is the newsletter, so some changes in distribution are necessary.

This is the last newsletter with the primary means of delivery as hard copy. Effective with the next issue, e-mail will become the primary delivery method. Of our 1,438 NVBA members, 1,016 have e-mail addresses registered with the ACBL. Of those, only 616 are "public" and provided to us by ACBL. To ensure continued receipt of the newsletter, please send to Newsletter@NVBA.org your e-mail address if you do not

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Upcoming NVBA Games & Special Events

Jan. 6 Beth El – 7:00 Stratiflighted Unit Championship
Jan. 13 Beth El – 7:00 WBL Sectional – Stratiflighted Pairs
Jan. 20 Beth El – 7:00 Stratified Grand National Teams
Jan. 27 Beth El – 7:00 Stratiflighted Unit Championship
Feb. 3 Beth El – 7:00 Stratified Grand National Teams
Feb. 10 Beth El – 7:00 Stratiflighted Unit Championship
Feb. 17 Beth El – 7:00 Stratiflighted Unit Championship
Feb. 24 Beth El – 7:00 NVBA Sectional – Stratiflighted Pairs
Mar. 3 Beth El – 7:00 District 6 STaC Stratified Pairs
Mar. 10 Beth El – 7:00 Stratiflighted Unit Championship
Mar. 17 Beth El – 7:00 Stratiflighted Unit Championship
Mar. 24 Beth El – 7:00 Stratiflighted Unit Championship:
A/X BAM Teams; B/C Stratified Pairs
Mar. 31 Beth El – 7:00 NVBA Sectional – Stratiflighted Pairs
<p>Stratification Limits: Stratiflighted limits are: A/X Unlimited/3000; B/C: 2000/750 For the Grand National Teams qualifying games, the stratification is: 0-500 (NLM), 500-2000, 2000+ STaC: Unlimited/1500/500 All NVBA Unit Games include a separate Stratified 199er game. New players with 0-5 MPs play free every Thursday in all scheduled events.</p>

Upcoming Sectionals

NVBA

February 24-27, 2011
 March 31-April 3, 2011

WBL

January 13-16, 2011

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already receive the newsletter by e-mail and would like to receive a notice of when a new newsletter is available on the website. We will print a few hundred hard copies for those members who do not use e-mail. These will be available at the Unit Game. If you need a copy sent to you by mail, please notify the editor, Lucy McCoy lucymccoy@verizon.net, or 3553 Taleen Ct., Annandale, VA 22003, or at 703-848-2331).

The content of the newsletter will remain the same, with Sectional tournament schedules, articles, and lists of winners. Moving to e-distribution will save the unit \$3,000-4,000, enabling us to be financially viable.

Because our efforts to bring income and expenses into line have not yet been entirely successful, Temple Beth El has kindly agreed to rescind a planned rent increase in 2011. This means the Unit Game can remain at the finest facility of any area club. If you see any temple staff when you come to the unit game, a “Thank You” would be in order.

We are undertaking two other initiatives that will further improve the budget picture. Jim Dick is leading an effort to identify Unit Game expenses that can be minimized. The other is a transition to wireless scoring at the Unit Game. It is premature to assign dollar values to these savings, but I expect to end 2011 a few thousand dollars in the black.

When I took over as President in May 2009, my first objective was to enhance the popularity of bridge among youth. Unfortunately, due to our chronic lack of money, I will end my term having failed to make any progress towards my most important goal. On the other hand, the Unit is now on course to have funds that can be targeted for promotion of the game, so perhaps my successor can achieve it.

Wireless scoring is an issue separate from the budget. It is becoming standard at most tournaments and has proven popular with the great majority of players. The problems with wireless scoring when it first came out have largely been solved.

The NVBA is joining the Washington Bridge League and area clubs in a purchase of Bridgemate II equipment to get the lowest possible price. Our share of 50 scoring devices and two servers should be delivered early in 2011. This will suffice for our Unit Games, and NVBA and WBL will pool their devices for Sectional tournaments. We are also considering how to make NVBA scoring devices available to local club directors for a nominal fee. The cost for unit wireless scoring is \$5,600. That sum will be paid from our credit union reserve fund, which is currently \$21,000. Wireless scoring will save a considerable amount on caddy expenses. A healthy Unit bottom line and rental income from local clubs will enable us to maintain and replace the systems as necessary.

In closing, the Unit’s financial position is now healthy and our efforts to enhance the NVBA bridge experience are bearing fruit. Support the Unit by playing and volunteering. See you at the table!

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The Dave Murray Award is named for one of the finest gentlemen who ever played the game. The winner is expected to be, like Dave, an accomplished player who is unfailingly courteous to partners and opponents and is regarded by peers as an ideal partner. The 2010 winner fits that description to a T—Congratulations, Norma Pierzchala!

Upcoming 199er Unit Games

Jan 6 Beth El – 7:00 199er Pairs Game
Jan 13 Beth El – 7:00 WBL Sectional - 199er Pairs Game
Jan 20 Beth El – 7:00 199er Pairs Game
Jan 27 Beth El – 7:00 199er Club Championship Pairs Game
Feb 3 Beth El – 7:00 199er Pairs Game
Feb 10 Beth El – 7:00 199er Pairs Game
Feb 17 Beth El – 7:00 199er Pairs Game
Feb 24 Beth El – 7:00 NVBA Sectional - 199er Pairs Game
Mar 3 Beth El – 7:00 District 6 STaC 199er Pairs Game
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The Jack of Hearts *By Marshall Kushner*



"I'll take NABC attendance for \$400, Alex."

"OK, the answer is 1982."

"Well, there are actually two questions: 1) What was the last year the aggregate attendance at Nationals fell below 30,000 tables? and 2) What was the last year that none of the Nationals reached 10,000 tables?"

"That's correct." Drum roll, applause.

"I'll try NABC attendance for \$600."

"Great! The answer is 2010."

"Hmmm, that's a tough one." Cue the timing chimes.

"Sorry, time's up. The question is: In what year did each National exceed 10,000 tables yet fall below expectations?"

Yes, it's true. Reno disappointed and everyone pointed at the tired venue. New Orleans fell short, and they blamed the weather. Besides, everyone was saving up to go to Orlando. Surely, Orlando would hit 15,000. Wrong. Try 12,647.5. Spectacular venue, great weather. What went wrong? The tournament didn't even go across Thanksgiving like the last one which drew 14,641. The coffee and orange juice still flowed freely (except between noon and 1 PM when you needed it most), the sun still shone, and the Worlds (Disney and Sea) still beckoned. Despite all that, we dropped 2,000 tables. Ah, well, one of these times we'll be pleasantly surprised. Probably not in Louisville.

But enough about quantity, let's talk about quality. Our prize performers were Robert Brady, who was 2nd in the Open BAM, John Miller and Jay Kelkar 3rd in the 0-5000 Blue Ribbon, and Vonnie Lavender and Sarah Cressy 6th in the Women's LM Pairs. Others with national overalls were Prahalad Rajkumar, John Miller, and Stephen Drodge (Open BAM), Robert Brady (Blue Ribbon), Robbie Hopkins, John Miller, and Rusty Krauss (North American Swiss (NAS)), and Helene Bauman (also NAS). In regional events, Helene Bauman won two Compact KOs, as did Herb Fallin. Lynda Flanger won a Compact KO and a two-day KO, Ann Atcheson and David Jackson won a 0-750 Pairs, and Jeff Roman scored in a KO. My best day was the final Sunday when I tied for first in the directors' football pool.

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So your dad's the District Caddy Master and you're 13 years old. What are the chances that you escape caddying? Slim and none. So you caddy through high school, maybe a little beyond. Caddies make what? \$25-35 a session? Chump change but easy money for a high school kid. But what about life after caddying? You're good with computers. Maybe you get an idea for an Internet enterprise. Maybe you become a gazillionaire. Maybe your name is Mark Zuckerberg and your little idea was Facebook. Maybe your face is on the cover of *Time* magazine as the 2010 Person of the Year. And your dad is still the District 3 Caddy Master.

Photographs from the Annual Meeting



**Dave Murray Award Winner
Norma Pierzchala receives trophy
from President Bob Boyd**



**Sara Goodwin Award Winner
Ken Davis receives trophy
from President Bob Boyd**

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ATTENTION NVBA MEMBERS: As a cost a saving measure, the board has decided to print Newsletters only for those members who advise that they want to receive a paper copy.

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Parade of Winners

NVBA SEPTEMBER SENSATIONS SECTIONAL September 23-26, 2010

Thurs. AM Open Pairs (40 Pairs)

- 1 Bob Boyd – Steve Schatzow
- 2 Stephen Drodge – John Miller
 - 1 Salam Saidi – Carlene Garrigus
- 2/3 Ralph Bayrer – Steven Ivins
- 2/3 Michael Gottesman – Silas Wasserstrom –
John Hornbeck – Peter Mirsky
- 2 Anne Medlin – Joyce Wiley

Thurs. AM 299er Pairs (6 Pairs)

- 1 Patricia Stone – George Stone
- 2/3 Diane Cohen – Janet Henrichsen

Thurs. Eve. A/X Pairs (62 Pairs)

- 1 Stephen Drodge – Dan Emmons
- 2 Craig Olson – Michael Lawrence

Thurs. 199er Pairs @ NVBA (18 Pairs)

- 1 1 Thomas Jennings – Larry Taylor
- 2 1 1 Joan Axilbund – Mary Lou McMorrow
- 2 Linda Szyszka – Donald Szyszka
- 2 Gayle Tomasetti – Rose Marie Sanders

Fri. Aft. Open Pairs (68 Pairs)

- 2 Joseph Carlomagno – Edward Brennan
- 1 Robert Silverblatt – Clifford Feldman

Fri. Aft. 299er Pairs (35 Pairs)

- 1 1 1 Diane Godding – Ray Bostow
- 2 Kimberly Ferguson – Al Stolpe
- 2 Bill Teer – Pat Teer

Fri. Aft. 49er Pairs (12 Pairs)

- 1 1 Glenn Terrell – Dorothy Terrell
- 2/3 Joan Axilbund – Mary Lou McMorrow

Fri. Eve. Triple Nickel Swiss (30 Teams)

- 1 Shuba Dey – Jay Kelkar – David Milton –
Stan Schenker
- 2 Kenton Schoen – Diane Walker –
Barry Falgout – Helene Bauman
- 1 William Kingery, Jr. – Irv Kipnis –
Gloria Halstead – Terry Jones
- 2 1 Joe Hertz – Murat Berk –
Martin Brennan – Mary Ann Kral

- 2/3 Jan Rusu – Albert Casabona –
Mary Jo Swain – Richard Ott
- 2/3 Kimberly Ferguson – Chuck Kasten –
Gary Hinson – Adam Winsler

Fri. Eve. 299er Pairs (16 Pairs)

- 2 2 2 James Gerding – James Mentzer

Sat. AM Open Pairs (52 Pairs)

- 1 John Klayman – Thomas Lavender
- 2 Don Probst – Lowell Sawyer
- 1 Al O'Malley – Gordon Youngwood

Sat. AM 299er Pairs (26 Pairs)

- 1 Phyllis Isler – Morton Isler
- 2 Thomas Jennings – Larry Taylor
 - 1 Joy Brown – Akiko Yamashita
 - 2 James Mentzer – James Gerding

Sat. AM 49er Pairs (14 Pairs)

- 1 1 1 James Eaton – Joseph Faudale
- 2 Barbara Brennan – Ann Hunter
- 2 2 Betty Murray – Nancy Turaj

Sat. Aft. A/X Pairs (33 Pairs)

- 2 David Milton – Zeke Letellier

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

- 1 Mike Frosch – Jennifer Nisenoff
- 1 Phillip Tseng – Hsiaosu Hsiung
- 2 Clifford Feldman – Robert Silverblatt

Sat. Aft. A/X Side Game (14 Pairs)

- 2 Marcia Stein – Enid Hughes
- 1 Kamel Tabbara – Salam Saidi

Sat. Aft. 299er Pairs (36 Pairs)

- 1 1 Barbara Sadick – Elsa Angrist
- 2 2 Sharon Perryman – Ann Atcheson
 - 1 Daniel Graham – Jacquelin Graham
- 2/3 James Mentzer – James Gerding
- 2/3 Ray Bostow – Diane Godding

Sat. Aft. 49er Pairs (12 Pairs)

- 2 2 Jayne Lynch – Tamara Vetter

Sat. Eve. B/C Pairs (16 Pairs)

- 1 Jeanie Estes – Gordon Ginsburg
- 1 Michael Osborn – Joe Hertz
- 2 Nancy Senger – Marilyn Golias

Sat. Eve. 299er (20 Pairs)

- 1 1 Onorica Luculescu – Alina Galaszewska
 2 Marguerite Salah – Cloe Ingram

Sun. A/X Swiss (20 Teams)

- 1/2 Ai-Tai Lo – Alan Schwartz –
 Hailong Ao – Jian-Jian Wang
 1/2 Lyle Poe, Jr. – Ed Lewis – Arnie Frankel –
 Helene Bauman
 1 Ron Kral – David Fleischer –
 Shuba Dey – Jay Kelkar

Sun. Flt. B Bkt. 1 (8 Teams)

- 2/3 Steve Reed – Stephen Drodge –
 Kiyomi Shiba – Melanie Manfield
 2/3 John Lowe, III – Bruce Bucklinger –
 Neil Selvin – Howard Grunin

Sun. Flt. B Bkt. 2 (8 Teams)

- 1 Robert Schwab – Anne Derbes –
 William Mendez, Jr. – Michael Goldman
 2 Albert Lauber – James Beller –
 Ned Griffith – Behnaz Fardshisheh

Sun. Flt. B Bkt. 3 (7 Teams)

- 1 Lynne Beresford – Ruth Woods –
 Eleanor Schwartz – Ann Seeboth
 2 Jeff Youngen – Mary O'Shea –
 Terry Carlton – Candace Carlton

Sun. AM 299er Swiss (13 Teams)

- 1 William Hughes – Barbara Hodges –
 Neal Cooper – Michael Canes
 2 1 Richard Leonardon – Stephen Colevas –
 M. David Jackson – Andrea Stanley-Miller
 2/3 1 George Stone – Patricia Stone –
 Linda Lee Harp – Susan McCarthy
 2/3 Reiko Lynch – Mary Edge –
 Bob Patel – Chieko Franck
 2 Louis Drummond – Wendy Shapiro –
 Maggie Eckman – James Mentzer

Sun. Aft. 299er Swiss (7 Teams)

- 1 Richard Leonardon – Stephen Colevas –
 J.J. Jayaraman – Andrea Stanley-Miller
 2 Joan Kindle – Dennis Sponholtz –
 Onorica Luculescu – Alina Galaszewska
 1/2 Edith Berman – Cloe Ingram –
 William Hohe – Bob Blodgett
 1/2 1 Walt Pumo – Janice Pumo –
 Bill Teer – Pat Teer

**VIRGINIA BEACH REGIONAL
November 8–14, 2010****Mon. Aft. Ed Found Pairs (44 Pairs)**

- 1 Dwayne Hoffman – Larry Lowell, Jr.

Mon. Eve. Side Game (47 Pairs)

- 1 Dorothy Bechtle – Margaret Storey

Mon.–Tues. KO Bkt. 1 (10 Teams)

- 2 Ken Davis – Bruce Houston –
 Tim Crank – Fred King

Mon.–Tues. KO Bkt. 6 (16 Teams)

- 2 James Shoenhard – Roy Robson –
 M. David Jackson – Gerald Botkin

Tues. Aft. Side Game (24 Pairs)

- 2 Phyllis Isler – Morton Isler

Tues. 750–300 Pairs (66 Pairs)

- 2 Penelope Paddock – Louise Hayes

Tues. Eve. BAM (24 Teams)

- 1 Robert Clark – Barbara DiCicco –
 Eva Shaffer – Al Sitterson

Tues.–Wed. Comp KO Bkt. 1 (9 Teams)

- 1 Al Duncker – George Bloomer –
 Tony Aukstikalnis – Ed Bissell

Tues.–Wed. KO Bkt. 4 (16 Teams)

- 2 Wanda Worsham – Monica Shumann –
 Chloe Johnson – Susan Slattery

Wed. Eve. Side Swiss (42 Teams)

- 1 Yvonne Markell – Elaine Rowe –
 Kathleen Goss – Lenore Ward

Wed. Eve. Side Game (26 Pairs)

- 2 Marilyn Smebakken – Elizabeth Traylor

Wed.–Thurs. KO Bkt. 1 (9 Teams)

- 2 Jeff Roman – Steve Reed –
 John Markey, II – Kevin Dwyer

Wed.–Thurs. KO Bkt. 2 (9 Teams)

- 2 Chuck Pecarro – Alan Breed –
 Lucy McCoy – Betty Burse

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- 1 Dick Verdow – Jean Verdow –
Catharine Fisher – John Fisher

Thurs.–Fri. Comp KO Bkt. 2 (9 Teams)

- 1 Leonard Ellis – Jay Cherlow –
James Mullen – Allen Smith
2 Helene Cooper – Neal Cooper –
Marilyn Smebakken – Elizabeth Traylor

Thurs. AM Side Game (24 Pairs)

- 1 Fred Gramlich – James Raber

Thurs. Open Pairs (40 Pairs)

- 2 Wanda Worsham – Chloe Johnson

Thurs. BCD Swiss (72 Teams)

- 2/3 Susan Miskura – Dennis Schwanz –
Robert Padgett – Linda Padgett

Thurs. Eve. BAM (24 Teams)

- 2 James Mullen – Leonard Ellis –
Allen Smith – Jay Cherlow

Thurs. Eve. Side Game (19 Pairs)

- 1 Ed Rodrigues – Helen Dodge

Fri. Aft. Side Game (26 Pairs)

- 2/3 Robert Brady – Marie Hudick

Fri. 750/500 Pairs (46 Pairs)

- 1 1 Joan Kindle – Dennis Sponholtz

Fri. Eve. Side Swiss (30 Teams)

- 1 Richard Hartman – Dorothy Lorenz –
Taraneh Shahin – Bahman Shahin

Fri.–Sat. KO Bkt. 2 (16 Teams)

- 2 Chuck Pecarro – Alan Breed –
Lucy McCoy – Betty Bursey

Fri.–Sat. KO Bkt. 4 (16 Teams)

- 2 Susan Dunbar – Virginia Stewart –
Donna Stoker – Judith Mannschreck

Sat. AM Side Swiss (13 Teams)

- 2/3 James Mullen – Leonard Ellis –
Allen Smith – Jay Cherlow

Sat. AM Side Game (20 Pairs)

- 1/2 Elizabeth Traylor – Marilyn Smebakken

Sat. A/B Open Pairs (41 Pairs)

- 2 Ron Spieker – Steve Swearingen

Sat. Aft. Side Game (31 Pairs)

- 2 Robert Brady – Marie Hudick

Sat. 750/500 Pairs (45 Pairs)

- 2/3 John Fisher – Catharine Fisher
2/3 Stephen Colevas – M. David Jackson

Sat.–Sun. KO Bkt. 3 (16 Teams)

- 1 Barry Anderson – Suzanne Abrams –
Robert Padgett – Linda Padgett

Sun. A/X Swiss (14 Teams)

- 2 Mark Dahl – David Butler –
Robert Hopkins, Jr. – John Miller
1 Tom Musso – Kathy Paramore –
Ellen Cherniavsky – Barbara Ames –
Ralph Hoffman – Joe Wallen
2/3 David Rodney – Avril Rodney –
Don Hennings – Margot Hennings

**NVBA FALL SECTIONAL
October 28–31, 2010****Thurs. AM Open Pairs (36 Pairs)**

- 1 Bob Boyd – Steve Schatzow
1 Salam Saidi – Carlene Garrigus
2 Dick Thomas – Andres Doernberg
1 Marty McGowan – Cordellia Scruggs
2 Bahman Shahin – Taraneh Shahin

Thurs. AM 299er Pairs (36 Pairs)

- 1 Thomas Jennings – Phyllis Dean-Simpson
2 Nancy Thomas – Marlene Gross

Thurs. Eve. A/X Pairs (77 Pairs)

- 2 Sven Pride – Mark Chen

Thurs. 199er Pairs @ NVBA (16 Pairs)

- 1 Thomas Jennings – Larry Taylor
2 Hannelore Suffridge –
Dianne Derbogolian
1 James Gerding – James Mentzer
2 1 Pat Kibler – Donald Smith
2 Joan Axilbund – Mary Lou McMorrow

Fri. Aft. Open Pairs (62 Pairs)

- 2 Margot Hennings – Nadine Wood
- 1 Martha Mangano – Malvern Sheffield, Jr.
- 2 David Loken – Kathrine Loh
- 1/2 Neil Selvin – Howard Grunin

Fri. Aft. 299er Pairs (29 Pairs)

- 1 Thomas Jennings – Phyllis Dean-Simpson
- 2 Katherine Culp – Jo Ann Hutchison
- 1 Walt Pumo – Janice Pumo
- 2 Donna Setzer – Ruth Glen

Fri. Aft. 49er Pairs (12 Pairs)

- 1 Jean Barquin – Kumkum Ray

Fri. Eve. Triple Nickel Swiss (30 Teams)

- 1 Earl Glickstein – Bob Bell –
John Klayman – Robert Hopkins, Jr.
- 2 Steven Schatzow – Bruce Houston –
Ken Davis – Bob Boyd
- 1/2 1/2 Nancy Senger – Phyllis Talley –
Martin Aronovitch – Eileen Aronovitch

Fri. Eve. 299er Pairs (16 Pairs)

- 1 1 James Raber – Fred Gramlich
- 2 2 1 William Starosta – Kiran Starosta
- 2 Patricia Stone – George Stone

Sat. AM Open Pairs (52 Pairs)

- 2 Bruce Houston – Ken Davis
- 2 Terry Jones – Gloria Halstead
- 2 Neil Selvin – Howard Grunin

Sat. AM 299er Pairs (26 Pairs)

- 1 1 Alan Munro – John Hudson
- 2 Kimberly Ferguson – Chuck Kasten

Sat. AM 49er Pairs (12 Pairs)

- 1 1 Brigitte Joan Axilbund –
Mary Lou McMorrow
- 2 2 Lynn Frankenfield – Debby Bailine
- 1 Elizabeth Reed – Rex Reed
- 2 Betty Murray – Nancy Turaj

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

- 1 Ron Kral – Gene Kales
- 2 Marcia Stein – Vonnie Lavender
- 1 Phillip Tseng – Timothy Smith
- 2 Kamel Tabbara – Salam Saidi

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

- 1 Jean Valentine – Helene Cooper
- 2 Steve Reed – Jim Dick
- 2 Kim Sanders – Jean Schoepe

Sat. Aft. 299er Pairs (50 Pairs)

- 1/2 1/2 1/2 Ray Bostow – Diane Godding

Sat. Aft. 49er Pairs (10 Pairs)

- 1 1 1 James Eaton – Joseph Faudale

Sat. Eve. Open Pairs (50 Pairs)

- 1 Candy Clanton – Paul Robb
- 2 Kenton Schoen – Diane Walker
- 1 1 Willis Paley Hume – Cathy Stryker
- 2 Steve Reed – Jim Dick
- 2 Brian Snyder – Carl Noller

Sat. Eve. 299er (10 Pairs)

- 2 2 Diane Godding – Ray Bostow

Sun. A/X Swiss (18 Teams)

- 1 Ken Davis – Steven Schatzow –
Al Duncker – Ann Lindley
- 2 Arnie Frankel – Helene Bauman –
Diane Walker – Kenton Schoen
- 1 Rusty Krauss – John Miller –
Jay Kelkar – Stephen Drodge
- 2 John Klayman – Tom Lavender –
Avril Rodney – David Rodney

Sun. Flt. B Bkt. 1 (8 Teams)

- 2 Kevin O'Brien – Dennis Schwanz –
Susan Miskura – Lynda Flanger

Sun. Flt. B Bkt. 2 (8 Teams)

- 1 Jeff Youngen – Mary O'Shea –
Candace Carlton – Terry Carlton
- 2 Bernice Hacke – Jean Schoepe –
Carol Aitken – Maureen Shea

Sun. Flt. B Bkt. 3 (9 Teams)

- 1 Lynne Beresford – Ruth Woods –
Eleanor Schwartz – Betsy Cox

Sun. Aft. 299er Swiss (12 Teams)

- 1 1 James Gerding – James Mentzer –
Sidney Graves – Janet Smith Bourne
- 1 Walt Pumo – Janice Pumo –
Bill Teer – Pat Teer
- 2 Joy Brown – Akiko Yamashita –
Marguerite Salah – Cloe Ingram

Lifetime Learning – Teaching Kids Bridge

*By Terry Jones, Education Chair,
NVBA, with contributions from
Fred Gramlich, Craig Olson
and Suzanne Abrams*

As our theme of lifetime learning continues, we are going to look at some amazing volunteers who are making significant contributions to the development of young bridge players. First, though, I want to congratulate Amanda Carter who successfully passed the director's course in Orlando. Well done, Amanda!

Volunteers have been active for several years in various school programs, including two Fairfax County schools, Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology, and Garfield Elementary. This article is going to focus on the program at Garfield Elementary. If anyone would be interested in starting a program at a different school, please contact me or any of the individuals currently involved with existing programs. There are many resources and materials available to help you get started, and the experience will be very fun and rewarding.

Credit goes to WBL member Suzanne Abrams for initiating the bridge program for Garfield Elementary School in 2006. Suzanne has been active with schools both professionally as a psychologist, and as a bridge teacher. Thanks to her efforts, bridge at Garfield Elementary School will begin its sixth year in 2011. It began with a very spontaneous opportunity when Suzanne was working at Garfield as a school psychologist. The principal, Maureen Marshall, happened to mention that the school had received a grant for money for snacks for after school programs. Suzanne said "You know...", Maureen said, "You want to do a bridge club?" and the rest is history!

Maureen is proud of the success of the bridge program for the young students in grades 4-6, commenting "We are very fortunate to have such dedicated volunteers to sponsor the club and work with our students. It continues to be a smashing success!" Fred Gramlich became involved and helped Suzanne beginning in the spring of 2008. He and Craig Olson took the program over the next year while Suzanne moved on to hosting of the youth national ACBL tournament held in Washington DC in the summer of 2009. Fred and Craig continued the program this past year, joined by Alan Dockterman in May.

The first year had three tables. The program is very popular and has grown so much that now there is a limit on the number of students. Participants in the bridge club are hand selected by staff. This past year the kids were even polite enough to write thank you "cards" for the volunteers.

The program is continuing now into the spring semester for 2011. It is held after school from 3:45-5:00 pm each Thursday (February-May) in the carpeted school library. Twenty kids are selected by the school to participate each year, drawn equally from grades 4-6. This past year one third of the group returned from participating in the prior year. There is no charge for the program. Parents simply have to ensure a ride home for their kids after the program lets out.

The goal of the program is to teach kids the basic rules of bidding, play, and scoring. By

the end of the first session, they are already bidding and playing a no trump contract! Each subsequent week begins with 5-10 minutes of instruction, initially on playing suit contracts, followed by doubling, and then later on with bidding or play suggestions (e.g., finesses) or a brief quiz. Bidding boxes are very helpful.

In each hand, the kids play and earn standalone points which are totaled for that session, which results in a rank ordering of each student's performance for that week. A cumulative tally of their average weekly rank is kept and eventually determines the season's champion and trophy winner. This format rewards them for getting in as many hands as they can during each session. The kids are really excited to learn each week's new rank orderings. At the end of the semester, a tournament is held and the winners receive trophies that are given out at an awards program.

There is noise, but it is not excessive, and the kids respond to reminders to lower the noise level. The format works even when only a single adult is present. Additional adults naturally help keep the games moving along and, also, if the adults know bridge, provide occasional brief commentary. Anyone is welcome who would be interested to come and watch and/or help out. Guests can stop by at any session even if there is no intention to come again. Just let one of the volunteers know ahead of time.

For anyone interested in helping start up a program elsewhere, whether for grades 4-6 such as at Garfield ES, middle school 7-8, or high school 9-12 as in Thomas Jefferson HSST, the main challenge is to find a school principal that is supportive of the idea. The Garfield program has been fortunate to have Maureen Marshall as principal. She has been very active in promoting and supporting the program at Garfield. The volunteers would be particularly happy if the Garfield program can help other programs get started. Potential "instructors" are welcome to observe and other school principals are encouraged to communicate with Ms. Marshall about the utility of such a program. It has been a fun and very rewarding experience for everyone involved.

So who are these dedicated volunteers, and how did they get started teaching bridge to kids? Fred Gramlich retired in March 2008, and was interested to get involved with teaching kids. He went to the Spring NABC in Detroit that March both to take a course on teaching bridge and to meet with Patty Tucker, who is a big time teacher of kids in Atlanta. Fred loves working with the kids and giving back to the bridge community. In his words, "It's been great fun, and I would like to do more. The trick is a) gaining entrée with a sympathetic principal and/or school teacher contact point, and b) having enough adult help so that there is some guidance."

Craig Olson is a retired State Department Foreign Service officer and former English teacher who has played bridge all over the world. Craig likens the experience of working with the Garfield kids to be similar to his background with the Foreign Service, explaining "I almost feel like I'm back at work in the after school bridge program because the Garfield kids seem to come from all over the world. I think they could teach our diplomats a thing or two about how to get along across nationalities." For Craig, one of the highlights of the program occurred in 2009 during the summer nationals in Washington. He picked up several of the kids at Garfield and drove them

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In Memoriam

BARBARA MACKNICK

Originally from Chicago, Illinois, NVBA member Barbara Macknick died of cancer on September 7, 2010 in Alexandria, Virginia. She had a wide and varied range of interest and achievements. Among those that brought her most joy were earning a PhD in Education (Marquette University, 1975), graduation from the Army War College (Carlisle Barracks, 1999), and attaining American Contract Bridge League Life Master status in 2003. Barbara had a large number of bridge-playing friends, singing companions from Potomac Harmony Chorus, and former military colleagues who all miss her now very much.

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downtown to compete in the Youth portion of the ACBL Nationals. A surprise for the students was meeting Bill Gates who was competing in the tournament and came to talk to them!

Alan Dockterman, an attorney and former Peace Corps volunteer, also loves working with the kids. He is very enthusiastic about the program and is having a great time. He observed: "The first time there, I was hooked! The kids appreciate spending time together, the attention and respect they receive from Fred and Craig, and the game of bridge."

Invariably, after each session, the volunteers come away amused by something someone said or did. According to Fred, "It became clear we're in this partly just to mess with the kids for our own yuks. They're such fun. Naturally they love to trump others' tricks and capture a king with an ace and tell us about it later. Some of them, though by no means all, concentrate REALLY hard, and it's cute to watch. The kids are very uninhibited. One of the better players, at the time a 4th grade girl, got in the habit of opening 2NT on as low as 5-7 points because a couple of the times she did this, she got rewarded with a strong holding in partner's hand, and they made game. Fortunately, with time, she got feedback which has led her to discard this practice, but I used to kid her about this, and a big grin would break out on her face when I did."

Remember – bridge is lifetime learning. It's never too early to start learning bridge, and it's never too late! This is a great time to approach schools about starting a program in the spring.

Feel free to contact me or any of the Garfield volunteers with questions or comments. You don't need a teaching background to help out, just a love of bridge and a desire to share your experience with some very enthusiastic kids. We have a variety of teaching materials and resources available to help you. Fred's email is fmgramlich@cox.net and my email is terry@fallschurchbridgeclub.com.

Thank you so much to these great volunteers for making such a difference, and thank you to Garfield principal Maureen Marshall for being so supportive of the program! See you at the bridge table!

MILESTONES

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

♠♦ NEW JUNIOR MASTERS ♣♥

Yuen E. De Anda
Karen D. Casey
Louis Drummond
James Eaton
Joanne B. Falkowski
Andrea L. Fritz
Ann K. Hunter
Elisa Luk
Jayne Lynch
Stephanie Schader
Tamara Vetter
Dinnie Whitson

♠♦ NEW CLUB MASTERS ♣♥

Joan H. Axilbund
Jeremy Billones
Ken C. Casey
John Downing
Dr. Ira D. Godwin
Jean H. Godwin
Linda Lee Harp
Mary Lou McMorrow
James B. Mentzer
John E. Metzler
George A. Parkins
Donald R. Smith
David E. Street

♠♦ NEW SECTIONAL MASTERS ♣♥

Richard L. Clark
Saadollah Ghaussy
Ruth Glen
Thomas P. Jennings
Jacqueline J. Mosher
Sandra K. Reavey
Donna C. Setzer
Bushra Shamma
Pat J. Teer
W. Karl Van Newkirk
Akiko Yamashita

♠♦ NEW REGIONAL MASTERS ♣♥

Elsa F. Angrist
Charles C. Ellis
Rochelle Hilton
Katherine B. Koch
Margaret A. Mastran
Penelope B. Padd
Alexander Shafer
Patricia F. Stone
Eva Vorndran

♠♦ NEW NABC MASTERS ♣♥

Martin J Brennan
Stephen J. Colevas
Janet Henrichsen
Gary S. Hinson
Alan B. Munro
Nancy Senger
Adam Winsler

♠♦ NEW LIFE MASTERS ♣♥

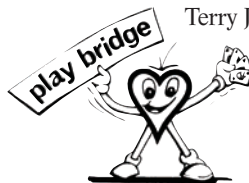
Virginia Gibbons
Elizabeth Nolte
Jerry Nolte
Phyllis Talley
Jean Verdow

♠♦ NEW BRONZE LIFE MASTERS ♣♥

Stephen J. Drodge
Sulaiman Ghaussy
Barbara Pepelko

♠♦ NEW SILVER LIFE MASTERS ♣♥

Dr. M. Webster Ewell, Jr.
Barb Hincken
Terry Jones



HAIL AND FAREWELL

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

Warren L. Beeton
Elizabeth C. Bolton
Barbara L. Caputo
Vicki B. Chubin
Betsy C. Cooke
Adrienne A. Downs
Joseph A. Faudale
Andrea M. Field
Debabrata Ghosh
Peggy A. Hill
Adam R. Imran
Wayne L. Kinsey
Richard D. Long
Elisa Luk
Brenda McCormick
William McLeese
Ed Mentz
Asher Morse
Robert L. Niemeyer
Doudou K. Osman
Brennan T. Price
Rozelin Prochaska
Steven A. Weiler

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

Edward J. Brennan
Mike Cappelletti, Sr.
James Eaton
Edward L. Golding
Saeko M. Hammaker
Deborah A. Hoveland
Pradeep Joshi
Elliott S. Turley
Dr. Lynn Weidman
Claudia E. Wood
William J. Young

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

Becky Carter
Brian C. Hamrick
Asa M. Janney, III
Peter W. Kauffman
Hannah A. Moore
Cathy L. Palermo
Thomas L. Potter
Glenda Singleton
Robert V. Van Dyke
Carol S. Warlick
David C. Warlick

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

Dr. Barbara M. Macknick



NVBA BRIDGE CLUB WEB SITES:

Director: Jim Dick – *Games:* Beth El – Sunday, 1:00 PM; Montebello – Monday, 7:00 PM
URL: <http://clubresults.acbl.org/getClubs.php>

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

Director: Terry Jones – *Game:* Falls Church Bridge Club – Saturday, 7:00 PM
URL: <http://www.fallschurchbridgeclub.com>

Directors: Candy and Marshall Kuschner – *Games:* KOCH – Tuesday, 10:00 AM;
 Reston – Wednesday, 7:30 PM
URL: <http://clubresults.acbl.org/getClubs.php>

Directors: John Mason, Jim Dick – *Game:* Fun Friday Bridge Frolic – Friday, 10:00 AM
URL: <http://members.cox.net/jsm36/bridge/FunFriday/funfridayjsmhome.htm>

Director: Bernie Oetjen – *Games:* KOCH – Monday, 7:00 PM;
 KOCH – Saturday, 1:00 PM
URL: <http://clubresults.acbl.org/getClubs.php>

Director: Norma Pierzchala – *Games:* Norma's Game – Thursday, 10:00 AM;
 Norma's Game – Saturday, 9:00 AM
URL: <http://clubresults.acbl.org/getClubs.php>

Director: Gene Schuyler – *Games:* Carlin Springs BC – Tuesday, 7:00 PM; Arlington
 DBC – Wednesday, 10:00 AM; Lyon Park Money Bridge – Friday, 10:00 AM; Jewish
 Community Center (JCC) 0-500 – Sunday, 3:30 PM
URL: <http://www.geneschuyler.com/>

Congratulations to Margot Hennings, our new D6 Representative on the ACBL Board of Directors!

The NVBA would like to congratulate our own Margot Hennings on her election to the position as Director for District 6 on the ACBL Board of Directors. District 6 encompasses all of Virginia, Maryland and the District of Columbia. Margot replaces WBL member Nadine Wood who held this position for 18 years. Margot assumed her new responsibilities on January 1, 2011. For the next three years, she will be attending meetings at the three NABCs each year and providing guidance to the ACBL on many aspects of duplicate bridge play, including events to be held, conditions of contest, masterpoint stratifications and awards, bridge education and youth programs, and conduct and ethics issues. Please bring any topics you would like the ACBL to address to Margot's attention. Her effectiveness will be increased if she is able to bring issues important to YOU—and not just her own opinions—to the attention of the National Board.

Grand National Teams 2010-2011 The Time Has Arrived!!!!

You can still qualify to win a partially subsidized trip to Toronto, Canada at the Summer 2011 NABC. Your team will represent District 6 in the National Finals of this competition.

The club qualification period began on September 1, 2010 and will continue until February 24, 2011. Remember, you can go out and play as often as you want with whomever you want.

The competition contains four flights at the District level. The Open flight is open to all players. Flight A is limited to players with 0-5000 master points. Flight B is limited to players with 0-2000 master points. Flight C is limited to Non-Life Masters with fewer than 500 master points. Master point eligibility is determined by the ACBL as of September 1, 2010. At the club level, the Open and A flights will be combined.

We will be holding the first weekend of the District finals of Flights B and C at a separate northern and a southern site. **THIS YEAR THE RICHMOND AREA WILL BE THE NEW SOUTHERN SITE FOR B AND C TEAMS.**

You must pre-register to play. Pre-registration ends Midnight on the Thursday, one week before the event. * This is one week earlier than in previous years. The entry fee is \$100/team and covers both sessions on the first day of play. Send a check made out to District Six, and the names and ACBL numbers of all team members, playing site, Flight, and email address of captain to Lynn Jones, 10 Tenby Court, Timonium, MD 21095.**

Any questions, please contact Lynn Jones

at 410-560-3244 or bridgelynn@comcast.net

***Conditions of Contest, directions to sites, and where to qualify at www.districtsix.org.

Open Bracket

First Weekend:

Saturday, March 5, 12 Noon
Newport Mill Middle School
Sunday, March 6, 11A.M.
Newport Mill Middle School

Second Weekend: For teams who have qualified

Saturday, March 26, 12 Noon
Newport Mill Middle School
Sunday, March 27, 11A.M.
Laurel Bridge Club – Finals

A Bracket (0-5000 MP)

First Weekend:

Saturday Feb. 12, 12 Noon
Newport Mill Middle School
Sunday, Feb. 13, 11A.M.
Laurel Bridge Club

Second Weekend: For teams who have qualified

Saturday, Feb. 26, 12 Noon
Arlington-Fairfax Elks Lodge
Sunday, Feb. 27, 11A.M.
Arlington-Fairfax Elks Lodge – Finals

B Bracket (0-2000 MP)

First Weekend: Northern Site

Saturday, March 5, 12 Noon
Newport Mill Middle School
Sunday, March 6, 11A.M.
Newport Mill Middle School

First Weekend: Southern Site
 Saturday, March 5, 12 Noon
 Glen Allen, VA, Tuckahoe
 Moose Lodge
 Sunday, March 6, 10:30 A.M.
 Glen Allen, VA, Tuckahoe
 Moose Lodge

Second Weekend: For teams who have qualified

Saturday, March 26, 12 Noon
 Newport Mill Middle School
 Sunday, March 27, 11A.M.
 Laurel Bridge Club – Finals

C Bracket (0-500 MP)

First Weekend: Northern Site
 Saturday, March 5, 12 Noon
 Newport Mill Middle School
 Sunday, March 6, 11A.M.
 Newport Mill Middle School

First Weekend: Southern Site
 Saturday, March 5, 12 Noon
 Glen Allen VA, Tuckahoe
 Moose Lodge
 Sunday, March 6, 10:30 A.M.
 Glen Allen, VA, Tuckahoe
 Moose Lodge

Second Weekend: For teams who have qualified

Sunday, March 27, 11A.M.
 Laurel Bridge Club – Finals

Directions to playing sites:

Arlington-Fairfax Elks Lodge: 8421
 Arlington Blvd. (Rte. 50), Fairfax, VA
 22031

Take I-495 to the U.S. 50 West exit in VA. Take U.S. 50 West towards Fairfax. Turn left at the second stoplight past the Beltway on Javier Rd. Take an immediate right onto the access road. The Elks Lodge is two buildings down on your left.

Laurel Bridge Club: 8564-A Laureldale Drive, Laurel, MD 20724

Coming north or south on I-95: Take exit to Rt. 198 east, through Laurel. Cross Route 1 and continue straight for 1.5 miles to light at Laureldale Dr. (Acura/Nissan car dealership on left). Turn left and proceed to third speed bump.

Coming north or south on BW Parkway: Take exit for Rt. 198 West. Proceed west on Rt. 198, pass firehouse on right to Laureldale Dr. (Acura/Nissan car dealership on right). Turn right and proceed to third speed bump.

Newport Mill Middle School: 11311
 Newport Mill Road, Kensington, MD

Take the Beltway (I- 495) to the Georgia Ave. Exit (31A) towards Wheaton. Go 1.8 miles, then take a slight left onto Viers Mill Road. Turn left on Newport Mill Road. The school will be on your left about .3 miles.

Tuckahoe Moose Lodge: 4366 Springfield Road, Glen Allen, VA 23060

From either direction on I-64, take the Gaskins North exit. Cross Broad Street, and then take a right on Springfield Road. The playing site is on the right.



NVBA to Hold a Split-Site Unit Game on Thursday Evening

ATENTION ALL PLAYERS IN THE MANASSAS/
GAINESVILLE/CENTREVILLE AREA

NVBA announces a Western Site Unit Game to be held in conjunction with the Thursday night Unit game in Alexandria, beginning February 10, 2011, at 7:00 p.m. The new game will be held at Heritage Hunt Clubhouse, 6901 Arthur Hills Drive, Gainesville VA 20155. This location is in a gated community. If you are interested in playing there, drive up to the Visitors gate, and simply tell the guard that you are attending the Bridge game at the Clubhouse and sign in.

The unit is launching this game as an opportunity for many who are unable to commute to the Unit Game at Beth El to participate in a Unit sponsored bridge game each week. We hope this will allow more of our members to participate actively in unit activities and make a sanctioned game available in a new area. All games held at this site will be rating point games only. The site will not participate in any Unit Sectionals, NAP or GNT qualifiers or any other "special" types of games.

Please watch the unit website www.nvba.org for detailed directions to the game. For additional information, ride share arrangements, or partners, contact Lynda Flanger at lflanger01@comcast.net or leave a message at 703-244-2363.

NVBA Caddy Master

NVBA Caddy Master Stan Schenker recently asked to step down after handling Caddy Master duties for several years. The NVBA would like to express its appreciation to Stan for all the work he and his family have put into supporting the caddy functions at the Unit Game, NVBA Sectionals, and local Regionals. Stephen Drodge has volunteered to be the new Caddy Master. If you know any family members or friends who would be interested in caddying, please put them in touch with Stephen at 202-495-0661 or tehminkeh@gmail.com.

Bridge and Bowling

This year the annual WBL-sponsored Bridge and Bowling event will be held, Saturday, Feb 5. The bowling will be at Laurel Lanes, dinner at Sullivan's, and bridge at Laurel Bridge Club. You can attend any or all of the events. To find out the time and sign up for bowling, contact Linda Marshall at 301-620-3057. To get the time/address for dinner and/or to sign up for bridge – it is a GNT qualifier and teams are composed ahead of time – contact Don Berman at 301-776-3581, or at DonBerman@verizon.net.



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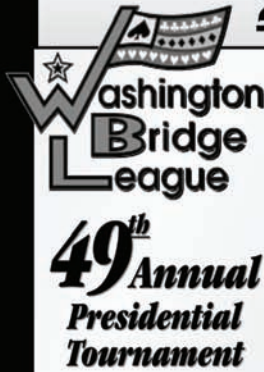
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2011... Cheers to a New Year & a New Deal!

THURSDAY, JANUARY 13

- ♣ Stratified Open Pairs (unlim/1500/500)11:15am
Rockville Duplicate Bridge Club, 301-503-3348 (Mark Lavine)
St. James Episcopal Church, 11815 Seven Locks Rd., Rockville
- ♦ 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 (Ohr Kodesh Congregation only); Stratified 199er Pairs (Beth El only)
Beth El Congregation, 3830 Seminary Rd, Alexandria7:00pm
Ohr Kodesh Congregation, 8300 Meadowbrook Ln., Chevy Chase7:30pm
I-495 to Connecticut Ave. South. 4th light left E-W Hwy 410. Left Meadowbrook Ln. 1st left Freyman Dr. Parking lot on left. No outside food allowed.

FRI, SAT & SUN AT THE KENSINGTON TOWN HALL/ARMORY

495 Beltway Exit 33, Connecticut Ave. North (Rt. 185N—to Kensington). 1.5 miles, right at light—Knowles Ave. 1st right at stop—Armory Ave. 1st left at stop—to 3710 Mitchell St. & parking lot on right. Additional parking in nearby lots—see website maps.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 14

- ♥ Stratified Pairs (unlim/2000/500)10:00am
- ♣ StrataFlighted A/X (unlim/3000) & B/C/D Pairs (1500/1000/500)2:00pm
- ♦ **IMP Pairs** StrataFlighted A/X (unlim/3000) & B/C/D (1500/1000/500)7:30pm
It's the Friday night IMPs! With only one partner, it scores like a team game. To get your IMP score on a board, we take your result and IMP it against each result at the other tables, then get the average.
- ♣ Intermediate/Novice Pairs (300/200/100/50/20) (single sessions)10:00am, 2:00pm, 7:30pm

♥ Panel Show & Party to Honor New Life Masters between sessions

SATURDAY, JANUARY 15

- ♦ **Special! JOINT ABA/ACBL** StrataFlighted A/X (unlim/3000) or B/C/D Pairs (1500/1000/500) 11:00am
- ♥ StrataFlighted A/X (unlim/3000) or B/C/D Pairs (1500/1000/500)11:00am, 4:00pm
- ♣ Intermediate/Novice Pairs (300/200/100) or Newcomer Pairs (50/20/5) (single sessions) 11:00am, 4:00pm

SUNDAY, JANUARY 16

WBL Trophy Race Winners' Presentation

- ♣ **1-Day Bridge Class:** 2 sections; *Start to Play or Advance Your Game*10:30am
- ♦ **Bracketed Teams.** (2 session playthru w/short break)11:00am & TBA
Check out this format! Each bracket of eight teams (by masterpoints) will play a complete round robin. *Each team plays all of the other teams in its bracket!* The top bracket will hold an unlimited number of teams and will play a Swiss format. Your team may choose to play up—but only into the top bracket. *If you like playing A teams, you can—otherwise, play against your peers!*
- ♥ 300/100/50 Swiss Teams, VPs (single sessions)11:00am, 3:00pm

♣ Full Schedule of Intermediate and Novice Events ♥

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



Famous Washington Hospitality includes snacks, drinks and Friday and Sunday lunch free of charge. Chair: **Nadine Wood**, 301-565-9555, woodthere@verizon.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, SectionalPartner@DistrictSix.org

Mid-chart allowed in all events except I/N

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♣ **Fairfax, VA ♦ FEBRUARY 24-27, 2011 ♥**

**NVBA WILLIAM POISSANT
MEMORIAL TOURNAMENT**

The Arlington/Fairfax Elks Lodge #2188
8421 Arlington Boulevard, Fairfax, VA ♦ 703-560-2213

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 24

STRATIFIED OPEN PAIRS (2000+/2000/750) & 299ER PAIRS (300/200/100)10:00 a.m.
Norma's Game: First Presbyterian Church, 601 N. Vermont St., Arlington, VA 22203, 703-892-1292
Evening games at: NVBA: Beth El Hebrew Congregation, 3830 Seminary Road, Alexandria, VA or
WBL: Obr Kodesh Congregation, 8300 Meadowbrook Ln, Chevy Chase, MD — E-W Hwy 410 E., left
Meadowbrook, left Freyman, lot on left.—No outside food. **NVBA (Beth El) WBL**
****Novice/Intermediate Lecture (Jeff Roman) 6:30 p.m.****
STRATAFLIGHTED OPEN PAIRS (A/X=3000+/3000; B/C=2000/750) ...7:00 p.m.7:30 p.m.
NVBA 199ER PAIRS (200/100/50/20); WBL NLM PAIRS (NLM/100/50) ..7:00 p.m.7:30 p.m.

...REST OF TOURNAMENT AT ELKS LODGE...

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 25

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, FEBRUARY 26

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.
TROPHY EVENT: **WILLIAM POISSANT MEMORIAL PAIRS**
(2 SESSIONS – Qualifying and Barometer Final)2 & 7:30 p.m.
STRATIFIED OPEN PAIRS (2000+/2000/750; Single session) ...2 p.m.
299ER PAIRS (300/200/100) and 49ER PAIRS (50/20/5)2 p.m.
STRATIFIED OPEN CONSOLATION (2000+/2000/750) ...7:30 p.m.
—Open to Non-Qualifiers and New Entrants.
299ER PAIRS (300/200/100)7:30 p.m.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 27

FLIGHT A/X (5000+/5000) BOARD-A-MATCH TEAMS ...11 a.m. & TBA
FLIGHT B/C (2000/750) SWISS TEAMS11 a.m. & TBA
BAM & B/C Swiss are 2-session events, with a brief break in-between
—food available on-site.
299ER SWISS TEAMS (300/200/100) (Single session)11:00 a.m.
49ER SWISS TEAMS (50/20/5) (Single session)11:00 a.m.
299ER SWISS TEAMS (300/200/100) (Single session)3:15 p.m.

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 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.

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!

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