



# NVBA Newsletter

January–March 2014

Northern Virginia Bridge Association

## Holiday Party - Awards and Recognition

We hope those of you who attended the holiday party had a wonderful time. Players contributed a wonderful array of appetizers, side dishes and desserts to augment the barbecue from Red, Hot and Blue. Sheryl McEwan, Livingston Johnson and Ron and Mary Ann Kral did much of the behind-the-scenes preparations to make the party a success. THANK YOU ALL!

The Holiday Party is when the NVBA presents the Dave Murray award to a player who exhibits good will and good sportsmanship at all times at the bridge table as well as skill in playing the game. This year the award went to Mike Cappelletti, Sr. posthumously. A winner of national-level events, he enjoyed playing with all levels of players and treated all his partners and opponents with courtesy and respect.

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### Of Special Interest

- WBL Sectional, Jan. 2-5
- Bridge and Bowling, Jan. 25
- HILTON HEAD, SC REGIONAL, Feb. 3-9
- Flight A GNT Qualifiers, Feb. 8-9
- D6 and Unit 190 STaC, Feb. 11-17
- NVBA Sectional, Feb. 20–23
- Flight A GNT Finals, Feb. 22-23
- WILLIAMSBURG, VA REGIONAL, Feb. 24- Mar. 2
- Open, Flight B, C GNT Qualifier, Mar. 8-9
- ACBL-wide International Fund Game, Mar. 13
- Dallas, TX Spring NABC, Mar. 20–30

## The NVBA Unit Game

by Ron Kral, NVBA President



“ want to thank everyone who has worked hard over the past two years to enhance the bridge experience at the NVBA-sponsored events and to increase the number of teaching programs in Virginia schools.”

The NVBA is very lucky to have such a vibrant Unit Game. I ask others when I go to NABC's about their unit and unit game and often get the answer “Our unit game died years ago.”, or “Our unit game gets maybe 5-6 tables a week”, or “We only have a unit game once a month”. They are amazed when I tell them we get about 25 tables EVERY WEEK! Not to mention that the WBL runs THEIR Unit Game the same evening and they often get 35+ tables.

All that said, I'm worried. Our financial break-even point is about 25 tables. Our rent at Beth El is high. Due to the excellent volunteer corps, we provide a VERY nice “snacking” table at reasonable cost. We also pay directors' salaries, ACBL table fees and supplies out of the money collected for entry fees.

The NVBA Board has done lots of things over the years to help improve attendance: the 199er game, newcomers and ACBL members with 0-5 MPs play free, the free 199er lesson, and establishing the B/C section.

Another new thing we've recently implemented is the “Common Game.” This is a service provided by Jay Whipple, ACBL District 9 director. The same hands we play on Thursday night are played by other clubs around the country. You can get online to [www.TheCommonGame.com](http://www.TheCommonGame.com) and check out how your results stack up against many other people who played the same hands. Sometimes there's commentary available for some of the hands. Best of all, the Common Game provides “Instant Results.” The director submits the ACBLScore file immediately after the game. If you've registered your email address, you'll receive an email before you get home with the results of the game. If you are not getting your instant results, you need to register.

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**Upcoming NVBA Games & Special Events**

Jan 2	Beth El	7:00	WBL Sectional - Stratiflighted Pairs
Jan 9	Beth El	7:00	Stratiflighted Grand National Swiss Teams
Jan 16	Beth El	7:00	Grass Roots Fund Game– Stratiflighted Pairs
Jan 23	Beth El	7:00	Stratiflighted Grand National Swiss Teams
Jan 30	Beth El	7:00	Stratiflighted Unit Championship
Feb 6	Beth El	7:00	Stratiflighted Grand National Swiss Teams
Feb 13	Beth El	7:00	District 6 STaC Stratified Pairs
Feb 20	Beth El	7:00	NVBA Sectional - Stratiflighted Pairs
Feb 27	Beth El	7:00	Junior Fund Game Stratiflighted Pairs
Mar 6	Beth El	7:00	Stratified Unit Championship
Mar 13	Beth El	7:00	Education Fund–Stratiflighted Pairs
Mar 20	Beth El	7:00	Stratified Unit Championship
Mar 27	Beth El	7:00	Stratiflighted Unit Championship

**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.  
*Stratiflighted* limits are A/X: Unlimited/3000 and B/C: 2000/500.  
*Stratified* events are: Unlimited/2000/500; *STaC*: Unlimited/1500/500  
 For the Grand National Swiss Teams qualifying games, the stratification is:  
 0-500 (NLM), 500-2500, 2500+

**Upcoming Sectionals**

<b>N</b>	February 20-23, 2014	<b>W</b>	January 2-5, 2014
<b>V</b>	April 10-13, 2014	<b>B</b>	August 7-10, 2014
<b>B</b>	September 18-21, 2014	<b>L</b>	October 9-12, 2014
<b>A</b>	October 23-26, 2014		

For information on Tournaments - Cancellations - Special Events -  
 Club games NVBA on the Internet: <http://www.nvba.org>

## The Jack of Hearts by Marshall Kushner

They call it the Valley of the Sun. Some who live there, as I once did, call it the Valley of Too Much Sun. From late May through September, temps are well into triple digits. During June and July, going outdoors is like walking into a blast furnace. During August and September, it's like walking into a sauna. That said, during the rest of the year it's quite pleasant, making it a popular destination for snowbirds. This year it was also one for bridge players. Lots of bridge players. However, it seems the ACBL doesn't recognize its popularity. The last time we were here was 2002. Some less popular cities have hosted two NABCs in that span. Voting with one's feet has a negative connotation but in Phoenix, the feet were definitely inbound. 12,565 was the final table count (about 1300 higher than estimate), and it seemed a good time was had by all. So why don't we go back there real soon, say five or six years? One reason is that the NABCs are booked solid for the next five years. The first opportunity would be Spring 2019. The other reason is they may not want us back. Sorry to say, a few boorish, arrogant, rude people in our game did their best to spoil things for the rest of us, abusing hotel staff and stealing from the concession stands. But on to more pleasant subjects.

Arizona is a fascinating state. Phoenix has become a bustling metropolis featuring freeways, high rises, and an ever-expanding array of golf courses and housing developments. The lettuce, soy, and sorghum fields when I lived there have given way to suburbs with all the attendant support systems. Still, it's a relatively short drive to reach the wide open spaces and desert vistas and only a slightly longer drive to the mountains. You see, Arizona is a split-level state. Its North-South axis is bisected by a geological phenomenon known as the Mogollon (pronounced muggy-own) Rim. If you're travelling North on I-17 a series of 6-8% grades quickly take you from the desert floor into forested mountains. Another hour and a half and you're at the awe-inspiring Grand Canyon. Three hours east and you're on the Navajo Reservation. Arizona is home to more Native Americans than any state save Oklahoma and California. My personal favorite was the Navajo jewelry maker wearing a T-shirt picturing three heavily armed natives. The caption read, "Homeland Security. Fighting terrorism since 1492".

As popular as Phoenix was, it was not so much with NVBAers. Few were spotted at the tables and even fewer in the daily bulletins. Top 10 NABC finishers included the seldom-seen Peter Lesnik who was 4th in the North American Swiss and 5/8 in the Senior KO, and James Mosley and Harry Potter who were third in the NLM Pairs. Others with national overalls were Ai-Tai Lo, Helene Bauman, Margot Hennings, and Rob Brady. Regional wins were recorded by Jeff Roman, the quartet of Ann Atcheson, Sheryl McEwan, George Parkins, and Dennis Sponholtz all in KOs and James Mosley -Harry Potter won a Gold Rush Pairs.



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## Upcoming NVBA 199er Unit Games

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Jan 9	Beth El	7:00	Stratified 199er Pairs
Jan 16	Beth El	7:00	Grass Roots Fund Game - 199er Pairs
Jan 23	Beth El	7:00	Club Championship - 199er Pairs
Jan 30	Beth El	7:00	Unit Championship - 199er Pairs
Feb 6	Beth El	7:00	Stratified 199er Pairs
Feb 13	Beth El	7:00	District 6 STaC - 199er Pairs
Feb 20	Beth El	7:00	NVBA Sectional - 199er Pairs
Feb 27	Beth El	7:00	Junior Fund Game - 199er Pairs
Mar 6	Beth El	7:00	Unit Championship - 199er Pairs
Mar 13	Beth El	7:00	Educational Fund - 199er Pairs
Mar 20	Beth El	7:00	Unit Championship - 199er Pairs
Mar 27	Beth El	7:00	Unit Championship - 199er Pairs

### Stratification Limits:

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

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*Holiday Party(Continued from page 1)*

This year there was a three-way tie for the Sara Goodwin award, which goes to the player(s) who played in the most NVBA-sponsored events from December 2012-November 2013. Our loyal players are: Eric Poskanzer, Jim Dresser and Kathleen LaMarre. The NVBA greatly appreciates the support Eric, Jim, Kathleen and all of you give to the NVBA Unit Game and Sectionals.

Happy New Year from the NVBA!

Sara Goodwin award winners: Eric Poskanzer  
Jim Dresser (not pictured, Kathleen LaMarre)

Dave Murray award winner Mike  
Cappelletti, Sr.



*President's Message(Continued from page 2)*

There are two ways:

Send an email from your email account to [Info@TheCommonGame.com](mailto:Info@TheCommonGame.com). Put your ACBL member number in the subject line.

Go to [www.TheCommonGame.com](http://www.TheCommonGame.com) and register

All of these things have helped, but we're still on a very fine line financially.

Do you know of anyone new you could bring to the game? If you do, please bring them, and we'll award BOTH of you a free play for a future game. Just tell the director or me. Do you have any ideas that could help boost attendance? I'm at the Unit Game almost every week. Would moving the game to a spot near the Elks Lodge make the game more or less attractive to you? Please catch me and give me your ideas. If you're not now attending the Unit Game, what would entice you to participate? Send me an email to [RonKral@gmail.com](mailto:RonKral@gmail.com) and let me know your thoughts.

Hope to see you there!

## What The Common Game Gives Us

From Kevin O'Brien

The NVBA Unit Game has been participating in The Common Game since October. For all pairs games except STaCs and WBL and NVBA Sectionals, we play the same boards as over a dozen other club games across North America. This has no effect on our Masterpoint awards, and the only difference you may have noticed is the e-mail in your inbox when you get home with a link to your results. But there is much more available!

The best place to check your Unit Game results is at The Common Game. Just head for the Common Game at Nite page at <http://www.thecommongame.com/NiteIndex.html> on Friday during the day; click on "Latest Common Game" to see how you did against your peers ("Latest 299ers Common Game" if you played in the 199er game). For how the more experienced players did, 199ers should click on "Latest Open Common Game."

The best part of this is when you scroll to the bottom, and find Board 1. You'll see how many pairs got each score, which will give you a good idea how well your results stack up against experienced opposition. Then with the help of the hand records, you can look at each less-than-optimal result and search out how you could have improved. Having a 100-results field against which to compare, instead of a 25-results field, gives you a much better idea of how you are doing.

Don't want or finished with Board 1? Just above it, there's a spot to click on the next board you want to examine. Go for it! Might as well take advantage of the tools you are given!

As for your individual results, if you have given The Common Game (same people as FastResults) your e-mail address, just click on the "Personal Results" link in your e-mail. You can also get to the board-by-board results (for the 299er games if you played in our 199er game) from there, by clicking on the board numbers in the left column. If you aren't signed up for receiving your results by email, you can always visit your personal results page by going to [www.TheCommonGame.com](http://www.TheCommonGame.com) and typing in your ACBL number on the top right hand corner and clicking login. This page has all your past play information, play analytics, etc.

For the Unit Game open and 199er results in ACBLMerge format, check out <http://thecommongame.com/clubwebhost/139840/> for all games since the first of the preceding month; click on the game you want to see from that list.

The Common Game gives us this superb analysis tool, if you want to study your game and see how to improve it, use the tool!

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## Climbing the Ladder

### New Junior Masters

Elfreda M Baptist  
Jeb S Gaul  
William Harris  
Joshua Holtzman  
Elaine Kendrick  
Wendy Lippincott  
Rick Mattson a  
Thomas R Moffett  
Nancy F Oday  
John Peterson  
Tami Reitan  
Joan Rineberg  
Stuart Scott  
Dr Dorothy U Seyler  
Barbara Show  
Dr Gordon K Soper

### New Club Masters

Elfreda M Baptist  
Jeb S Gaul  
William Harris  
Joshua Holtzman  
Elaine Kendrick  
Wendy Lippincott  
Rick Mattson a  
Thomas R Moffett  
Nancy F Oday  
John Peterson  
Tami Reitan  
Joan Rineberg  
Stuart Scott  
Dr Dorothy U Seyler  
Barbara Show  
Dr Gordon K Soper

### New Sectional Masters

Jean Feighery  
Patricia A Fitzgibbons  
Andrea L Fritz  
Adam M Gann  
Susan J Gruskiewicz  
Jon B Guyton  
Dr Michael R Kappel  
David Lindley  
Richard D Long  
Yaeko N Perera  
Rozelin Prochaska  
Juliet Schoeberlein  
Hilda A Sheffer  
Betty B Stearn  
Robert L Vence

### New Regional Masters

Joan H Axilbund  
Ramsey E Bordcosh  
Ken C Casey  
Anne B Harrington  
Armanda Henderson  
Donna Hickling  
Alice C Ling  
Asim K Mandal  
Daniel F Morgan  
James M Mosley  
Dr William J Nanna  
Lorraine S Shumaker

### New Gold Life Master

Monique J Smith

### New NABC Masters

Joy R Brown  
Brian G Brunsvold  
Peggy Comerford  
Ann O Jennings  
John H Merold  
W T Morgan  
Kay W Rogers  
Virginia Rowen  
Donna Sinrud  
Donald R Smith  
Andrea S Stanley-Miller  
Elizabeth M Whitlock

### New Advanced NABC Masters

James Biss

### New Life Masters

Catherine S Bardsley  
Benazir Ghaussy  
Fred Gramlich

### New Bronze Life Masters

Elias Arbel  
Neal L Cooper  
Michael L Hampton  
Terry Mitchell  
David M Soukup  
Parween E Yunus

### New Silver Life Masters

Susan Brawn  
Marilyn Smebakken

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Learn more about it -- check out the top of the ACBL merge-formatted page; on the top right they have a "Tutorials" button -- see the short tutorials on YouTube. On the top left there is a link to "Explanation of report features." Check this out to learn about the various things that are displayed. Just underneath that, see the "Download hands" links. You may have software that can look at .pbn format hand records, like Bridge Composer -- or at .gib format. More ways to explore and learn!

Be sure to take a break from the computer screen to rest your eyes every hour or so! :)



## Hail and Farewell

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

Shahla Batmangheijdj  
Carole M Compton  
Susan Craig  
Flossie Delaney  
Deanna Doubledee  
William Dvoranchik  
Becky Eason  
Phyllis P Ginger  
Barbara K Johnson  
Shelly Kaplan  
Early Losey  
Deborah McCune  
Julia M Michaels  
Carolyn Mooney  
Michael O'Brien  
Bin Ouyang  
Rebecca Pick  
Nancy Prolman  
Jonathan L Ramseur  
Diana S Reyher  
Marion Richter  
Nathan Rosenbaum  
Dr Basil A Schiff  
Lois C Schiff  
Susan Schultz  
Shiv Seth  
Philip Simons  
Tova K Tabori

Jeanne L Theis  
Phil Theis  
Sherry Will

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

Ted Austin  
Mike Cappelletti Sr.  
Jean Levin  
William R Prosser  
Charles Sampson

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

Rick P Bingham  
Stan Bliss  
Paul Block  
Jack Fehra  
Thomas Foley  
Michael Gibson  
Nancy Morrow  
Snehal Oberai  
William E Offutt III  
Cathy Powers  
J Robert Powers  
Ralph E Russo  
Raman Srivastav  
Noi West

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

Judy Bush  
Diana R Clive  
Peter D Clive  
Ruth Glen  
William Glen  
Bette Gordon  
Nancy J Griewahn  
Bradford M Herrington  
Deborah A Hoveland  
Gary Johnson  
Ebba E Meinecke  
Andrea T Phaneuf  
Dan Regan  
Veronica Reinhardt  
Jeff Roman  
Nancy Senger  
William J Young  
William Zane

*Jack of Hearts (Continued from page 4)*

The C files 1 - One evening at dinner I advised C that in Phoenix, formal summer wear for men was simply a short-sleeved dress shirt and a tie. I added that men who wore suits in the summer were viewed as pretentious, to which she replied, "unless it's gazpacho". Huh? I'll give you a minute to puzzle that one.

The C files 2 - My son visited a few months back and one evening decided to cook dinner. He asked C for a knife sharpener and she pulled out a long-forgotten relic with the admonition that it probably wouldn't work very well. It worked just fine so, of course, she asked my son how he had done it. "Just followed the directions", he replied. Picking up the device she said, "What does this even mean? It says Draw This Knife Way."

Back to C files 1 - You see, I said "wore suits," and she heard "ordered soup". Makes perfect sense.

## Parade of Winners

### NVBA September Sensations Sectional September 19-22, 2013

#### Thurs AM Open Pairs (30 Pairs)

- 1 John Miller - Sylvia Shi
- 2 Bob Boyd - Ron Kral
- 2 Mildred Hartshorn - John Kinsey
- 1 John Merold - Carolyn Baird
- 2 Tony Robson - Hal Jones Jr

#### Thurs AM 499er Pairs (14 Pairs)

- 1 Neal Cooper - Michael Canes
- 2 1 1 Barbara Walton - Linda Lee Harp
- 2 Donna Hickling - Linda Thomas

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

- 2 1 Sven Pride - David Genne
- 2 James Beller - Thierry Poirey

#### Thurs Eve B/C Pairs (50 Pairs)

- 1 Steven Fox - Jon Farber
- 2 Kellen Leister - Paul Setzer

#### Thurs 199er Pairs @ NVBA (20 Pairs)

- 1 Pat Kibler - Donald Smith
- 2 1 Alice Ling - Eleanor Linde
- 2 1 Wendy Lippincott - Juliana Madan
- 2 Patricia Greason - Rebecca Sekse

#### Fri AM Open Pairs (26 Pairs)

- 1 John Miller - Sylvia Shi
- 2 1 Abigail Nichols - Jay Cherlow
- 2 1 James Augustine - Roy Robson
- 2 Kellen Leister - Wayne Bardsley

#### Fri AM 299er Pairs (18 Pairs)

- 1 W Morgan - William Nanna
- 2 Marguerite Salah - Donna Hickling
- 1 1 Brian Detter - Donald Beyer

#### Fri Aft A/X Pairs (29 Pairs)

- 1 John Miller - Robert Hopkins Jr
- 2 1 Marge Gazzola - Joan Mitchum
- 2 Phillip Tseng - Kiyomi Shiba

#### Fri Aft B/C Pairs (26 Pairs)

- 1 1 Ramsey Bordcosh - Gretta Bordcosh
- 2 2 Robert Poriss - Thomas Grahame

#### Fri Aft 299er Pairs (25 Pairs)

- 1 1 Sharon Perryman - Richard Padgett
- 2 2 Patricia Cook - John Cook
- 2 Lilla Wolfman - Jacqueline Mosher

#### Fri Aft 49er Pairs (8 Pairs)

- 2 2 Francesca Mazarella - William Lowry

#### Fri Eve Triple Nickel Swiss (29 Teams)

- 1 Mark Chen - Sylvia Shi - Alexander Prairie - John Adams
- 1 Carl Noller - Eric Poskanzer - Rich Ardini - Joan Axilbund
- 2 Helen Dodge - Ed Rodrigues - Nancy Loomis - Emerita Hayward
- 1 Wayne Bardsley - Catherine Bardsley - Paul Setzer - Kellen Leister
- 2 John Merold - Dorothy Black - Sharon Suttan - John Meade

#### Fri Eve 299er Pairs (15 Pairs)

- 1 1 1 Francesca Mazarella - William Lowry
- 2 2 Daniel Morgan - Jonathan Ramseur
- 2 Joyce Farley - Nora Klein

#### Sat AM A/X Pairs (14 Pairs)

- 2 2 Mickey Hughes - Andre L'Heureux

#### Sat AM B/C Pairs (36 Pairs)

- 1 1 George Parkins - Dennis Sponholtz
- 2 2 Ron Sutter - Yuen De Anda

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- 1 1 1 Stephen Black - Dorothy Seyler
- 2 Lorraine Shumaker - Ann Hunter
- 2 Ann Wagner - Joyce Farley

**Sat AM 49er Pairs (15 Pairs)**

- 1 Eric Cassel - Enrica Frost
- 2 1 Duncan Wainwright - Joyce Wainwright
- 2 1 Toni Dahmer - Philip Baridon
- 2 Joan Rineberg - Charles Becker

**Sat Aft/Eve A/X Pairs (22 Pairs)**

- 1 Bob Boyd - Jay Kelkar
- 2 Adair Gellman - Vincent Bartone

**Sat Aft B/C Pairs (42 Pairs)**

- 2 Shirley Lafferty - Gene Gallagher
- 1 Terry Klein - Duncan Thompson

**Sat Aft Side Game (18 Pairs)**

- 2 1 Kevin O'Brien - Rich Ardini
- 2 Kamel Tabbara - Jinane Tabbara

**Sat Aft 299er Pairs (35 Pairs)**

- 1 Katherine Culp - Dottie Terrell

**Sat Aft 49er Pairs (8 Pairs)**

- 1 1 Patricia Greason - Rebecca Sekse
- 2 Diana Jarrett - Jon Guyton
- 2 Francesca Mazarella - William Lowry

**Sat Eve Side Game (6 Pairs)**

- 1 John Miller - Marilynn Schuyler
- 2 Howard Grunin - John Lowe III

**Sat Eve B/C/299er Pairs (18 Pairs)**

- 1 1 M. David Jackson - Ann Atcheson
- 2 2 Rich Ardini - Hal Jones Jr
- 1 Amy Elmore - James Connor
- 2 Marlene Gross - Eva Vorndran

**Sun A/X Swiss (20 Teams)**

- 2 Alan Schwartz - Noble Shore - Michael Gill - Ai-Tai Lo
- 1 David Grabiner - Suzanne Abrams - Susan Miskura - Dennis Schwanz
- 2 Lloyd Rawley - Merrill Hirsh

Monique Smith - Michael Richey

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

- 1 Jay Cherlow - Walter Smith Jr - James Beller - Hadi Abushakra
- 2. John Mattioli - Eva Klivington - Howard Bender - Suellen Garrison

**Sun Flt B Bkt 2 (15 Teams)**

- 1 Alan Munro - W Morgan - William Nanna - Georgette Weiss
- 2 Neal Cooper - Michael Canes - Ron Sutter - Yuen De Anda

**Sun AM 299er Swiss (14 Teams)**

- 1 Robert Staiman - Alexander Shafer - Lawrence Shuman - Deanna Shuman
- 2 Marilyn Batra - Evelyn Conover - Claudette Bell - Nancy Tarlano
- 1 John Cook - Patricia Cook - Bob Patel - Asim Mandal
- 2 Eileen Street - David Street - Joyce Farley- Ann Wagner
- 1 Alice Ling - Eleanor Linde - Ruthjoy Leventhal - Sarah Jenkins

**Sun Aft 299er Swiss (12 Teams)**

- 2 Sharon Rosendhal - Bushra Shamma - Marguerite Salah - Donna Hickling
- 1 John Cook - Patricia Cook - David Street - Eileen Street
- 2 Patricia Stone - George Stone - Pat Teer - Bill Teer

### WBL Sectional October 3-6, 2013

**Thurs Eve B/C/D Pairs (60 Pairs)**

- 2 2 1 Ramsey Bordcosh - Fadi Eidi

**Thurs Eve NLM Pairs (26 Pairs)**

- 2 1 Joseph Lebaron - Norman Kittrell
- 2/3 Julie Marquette -Yaeko Perera

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*(Continued from page 11)***Thurs Eve 0-200 Pairs @ NVBA  
(18 Pairs)**

- 1 Donald Smith - Pat Kibler
- 2 1 1 John Peterson - Richard  
Poznanski
- 2 Jeffrey Yutzler - Mary Frances  
Jetton
- 2 Juliana Madan - Wendy Lippicott

**Fri AM A/X Pairs (16 Pairs)**

- 2 Robert Gookin - Ann Lindley

**Fri AM B/C/D Pairs (23 Pairs)**

- 111 Yuen De Anda - Ron Sutter

**Fri Aft A/X Pairs (26 Pairs)**

- 1 David Loken - Katherine Loh

**Fri Aft NLM/200/100 Pairs (16  
Pairs)**

- 2 2 Sharon Suttan - Donna Sinrud

**Fri Eve A/X IMP Pairs (21 Pairs)**

- 2 Mark Chen - Alexander Prairie

**Fri Eve B/C/D Pairs (14 Pairs)**

- 2 Donna Setzer - Paul Setzer

**Sat AM A/X Pairs (33 Pairs)**

- 1 William Hacker–Benjamin Brill

**Sat AM B/C/D Pairs (38 Pairs)**

- 1 1 Eleanor Schwartz - Amelia Monjoy
- 1 Duncan Thompson - Terry Klein

**Sat Aft A/X Pairs (28 Pairs)**

- 1 Ron Kral - Eugene Kales
- 2 Monique Smith - James Geist

**Sat Aft B/C/D Pairs (20 Pairs)**

- 111 Donna Setzer - Paul Setzer

**83rd DC Championship Pairs (42  
Pairs)**

- 1 Steven Schatzow - Ken Davis

**Sun Swiss Bkt 2 (8 Teams)**

- 2 Aaron Navarro - Jerry Miller -  
Howard Bender - Margie Coccodrilli

**Sun Swiss Bkt 3 (8 Teams)**

- 2 Kim Sanders - Neal McKinney -  
Rama Kapur - Kathryn Miller

**Sun Swiss Bkt 4 (16 Teams)**

- 2 Paul Setzer - Kellen Leister -  
Catherine Bardsley - Wayne Bardsley

**Sun NLM Swiss (5 Teams)**

- 2 Margaret Whilden - Phyllis  
Hendler - Reina Lerner - Sharona  
Sapoznikow

**NVBA Fall Sectional  
October 24-27, 2013****Thurs AM Open Pairs (28 Pairs)**

- 1 Steven Schatzow - Ken Davis
- 2 1 John Miles - Joan Mitchum
- 2 Youssof Seraj - Dave Tonnesen

**Thurs AM 499er Pairs (27 Pairs)**

- 1 Yuen De Anda - Ron Sutter
- 2 John Merold - Dorothy Black
- 1 1 Brigitte Friedman - Ronald  
Friedman

**Thurs Eve A/X Pairs (57 Pairs)**

- 2 Barry Falgout - Rusty Krauss

**Thurs Eve B/C Pairs (58 Pairs)**

- 2 1 Howard Stevens - Helen Marek

**Thurs 199er Pairs @ NVBA (26  
Pairs)**

- 1 James Hewitt - Kenneth Linder
- 2 Cathy McGarrigan - Sherry Griffin
- 1 1 John Peterson - Richard  
Poznanski
- 2 Amy Elmore - James Connor
- 2 Patricia Greason - Rebecca  
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**Thurs Eve NLM Pairs @ WBL (17 Pairs)**

- 1 Norman Kittrell - Joseph Lebaron

**Fri AM Open Pairs (44 Pairs)**

- 1 Steven Schatzow - Al Duncker  
 2 Norma Pierzchala - Ed Heberg  
 2 1 James Augustine - Roy Robson  
 2 1 Gordon Youngwood - Al O'Malley  
 2 Herman Bluestone - Stephen Fitzgerald

**Fri AM 299er Pairs (21 Pairs)**

- 2 2 Patricia Cook - John Cook  
 1 Susan McCarthy - Adrienne Downs

**Fri Aft A/X Pairs (24 Pairs)**

- 1 Bruce Houston - Ken Davis  
 1 Debnarayan Dhar - Mel Yudkin  
 2 Joan Mitchum - Marjorie Gazzola

**Fri Aft B/C Pairs (32 Pairs)**

- 2 George Parkins - Dennis Sponholtz

**Fri Aft 299er Pairs (38 Pairs)**

- 1 John Merold - Dorothy Black  
 2 1 Sharon Suttin - Donna Sinrud  
 2 William Starosta - Kiran Starosta

**Fri Aft 49er Pairs (8 Pairs)**

- 1 1 Romey McPherson - Rosamond Niemeyer  
 2 Francesca Mazarella - Donald Pape  
 2 Libby Eckert - Gary Eckert

**Fri Eve Triple Nickel Swiss (31 Teams)**

- 1 Ken Davis - Linda Marshall - Steve Schatzow - Bruce Houston  
 2 Al Stolpe - Carolyn Baird - Betsy Eliot - Julia Brown  
 2/3 1/2 Alan Munro - William Nanna - W Morgan - Bill Murphy

**Fri Eve 299er Pairs (12 Pairs)**

- 1 1 Pat Kibler - Donald Smith

- 2 Glenn Terrell - Dottie Terrell  
 2/3 Ken Kimball - Tamara Vetter  
 2/3 1/1a Shah - Vinood Shah  
 2/3 David Lindley - Kathleen LaMarre  
 2/3 Eric Cassel - Richard Long

**Sat AM A/X Pairs (18 Pairs)**

- 1 1 Jim Dick - Steve Reed  
 2 Mehmet Goncer - William Toufectis

**Sat AM B/C Pairs (42 Pairs)**

- 1 1 Donna Stoker - Anne Harrington  
 2 2 Joel Cox - William Pepelko

**Sat AM 299er Pairs (30 Pairs)**

- 1 1 Sharon Suttin - Donna Sinrud  
 2 2 Linda Szyszka - Mary McFadden  
 1 Ann Wagner - Joyce Farley

**Sat AM 49er Pairs (12 Pairs)**

- 1 1 Jack McCalman - Nancy Prolman  
 2 2 Eileen McKinney - Barbara Show

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

- 1 Bob Boyd - Steven Schatzow  
 2 1 Jim Dick - Steve Reed  
 2 Hal Hindman - Robert Asher

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

- 1 Marilyn Smebakken - Elizabeth Traylor  
 2 Donald Brown - Monica Shumann  
 1 Donna Stoker - Anne Harrington  
 2/3 Louise Hayes - Penelope Paddock  
 2/3 John Gauss - Carolyn Baird

**Sat Aft 299er Pairs (20 Pairs)**

- 1 1 Randolph Elkins - Curtis Sandler  
 2 Margie Mastran - Thomas Keslin  
 2 John Schoeberlein - Juliet Schoeberlein

**Sat Aft 49er Pairs (10 Pairs)**

- 1 1 Bruce Diamond - Karen Diamond  
 2 2 William Starosta - Kiran Starosta

**Sat Eve Open Pairs (22 Pairs)**

- 1 Ron Kral - Eugene Kales  
 2 Helene Bauman - Mickie Kivel  
 2 1 Rich Ardini - Parween Yunus

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2 Adam Winsler - Gary Hinson

**Sat Eve 299er (16 Pairs)**2 2 Deanna Shuman - Lawrence Shuman  
2 John Schoeberlein - Juliet Schoeberlein**Sun A/X Swiss (14 Teams)**2 Sylvia Shi - John Adams - Alexander Prairie - Stephen Drodge  
1 Parween Yunus - Sung Mae Bleck-Rich Ardini - Raman Kelkar  
2/3 Craig Olson - Michael Lawrence - Charles Young Jr - Lynn Boardman  
2/3 John Christensen - Mel Yudkin - Walter Smith Jr, - Hadi Abushakra**Sun Flt B Bkt 1 (8 Teams)**

2 Carolyn Becraft - Donald Brown - Susan Slattery - Mary Ann Kral

**Sun Flt B Bkt 2 (8 Teams)**1 George Parkins - Dennis Sponholtz - M. David Jackson - Ann Atcheson  
2 John Mattioli - Howard Bender - John McCormick - Larry Wallace**Sun Flt B Bkt 3 (12 Teams)**1 Alan Munro - W Morgan - Joan Axilbund - Bill Murphy  
2 Dorothy Black - John Merold - Kim Sanders - Jean Schoepe**Sun AM 299er Swiss (16 Teams)**1 Marlene Gross - Eva Vorndran - Patricia Cook - John Cook  
2 Michael Canes - Joan Rineberg - Lyudmila Shuller - Kathryn Miller  
1 Eileen Street - David Street - Joyce Farley- Ann Wagner  
2 Asim Mandal - William Starosta - Lorraine Shumaker - Andrea Fritz  
1 Bill Holtzman - Joshua Holtzman - Arthur Ditzel - Douglas Cotter  
2/3 Maryellen Leister - Cathy Vivona - Jeanette Schneiders - Debby Bailine  
2/3 Elizabeth Burroughs - Patricia Corish - Elaine Kendrick - Beth

Fricano

**Sun Aft 299er Swiss (12 Teams)**1 Bob Hartsell - Nathalie Kaye - Frants Lasse Becker - Carolyn Landis  
1 David Lindley - Kathleen La-Marre - David Street - Eileen Street  
2 Tamara Vetter - Jayne Lynch - Pat Kibler - Donald Smith**CAMBRIDGE, MD REGIONAL  
November 11-17, 2013****Mon Aft Charity Open Prs (34 Pairs)**

2 2 1 Nancy Loomis - Farideh Makhzani

**Mon Aft Charity 299er Prs (20 Pairs)**1 Michael Canes - Andrew Foth  
2 Brian Detter - Donald Beyer**Mon Aft Charity Swiss (31 Teams)**

1 Dennis Schwanz - Susan Miskura - Mike Frosch - Francesco Parisi-Presicce

**Mon Eve Charity Open Pairs (50 Pairs)**

2 Sheryl McEwan - Margie Mastran

**Mon Eve Charity 299er Prs (22 Pairs)**

2 2 2 Brian Detter - Donald Beyer

**Mon-Tues KO Bkt 3 (13 Teams)**

2 Al Stolpe - Julia Brown - Margaret Storey - Dorothy Bechtle

**Tues AM Side Game (10 Pairs)**

1 Sharon Suttan - Donna Sinrud

**Tues 300/750 Gold Rush Prs (60 Pairs)**

2 Sharon Suttan - Donna Sinrud

**Tues Aft 299er Pairs (12 Pairs)**

1 1 Francesca Mazarella - Robert

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**Tues Aft 49er Pairs (12 Pairs)**

1 1 Virginia Halloran - Kathleen Parkins

**Tues Eve BAM (16 Teams)**

1 1 Jeffrey Boak - Steven Rothman - Roma Chandra - Neal McKinney  
2 Carolyn Baird - Betty Ladd - Mike Ladd - John Gauss

**Tues-Wed AM Comp KO Bkt 1 (9 Teams)**

2 Mike Frosch - Francesco Parisi- Presicce - George Subt - Gail Levy

**Tues-Wed KO Bkt 3 (16 Teams)**

1 Jerry Nolte - Elizabeth Nolte - Tony Robson - James Augustine

**Wed A/X Pairs (32 Pairs)**

1 Bob Kerchner - Enid Hughes

**Wed 300/750 Gold Rush Prs (92 Pairs)**

2 Carolyn Baird - John Gauss

**Wed Aft Side Game (42 Pairs)**

1 1 1 Wayne Bardsley - Kellen Leister  
2 Martha Lackey - Dalia Kende

**Wed Eve Side Swiss (25 Teams)**

1 Martha Lackey - Dalia Kende - Mirta Halperin - Betty Bursey  
1 Betsy Eliot - Lenore Ward - Sara Hilgartner - Donna Hildebrand  
2 Tom Jennings - Elaine Conway - Suzanne Floyd - Georgette Weiss

**Wed Eve Side Game (28 Pairs)**

1 Kathryn Kiley - Lucy McCoy  
2 Jerry Snow - Francesca Mazzarella

**Wed-Thu AM Comp KO Bkt 1 (9 Teams)**

2 Peter Hughes - Ken Davis - Philip Tseng - Mark Tonnesen

**Wed-Thu AM Comp KO Bkt 2 (15 Teams)**

2 Tom Jennings - Georgette Weiss

- Susan Slattery - Carolyn Becraft

**Wed-Thurs KO Bkt 3 (9 Teams)**

2 Steven Rothman - Neal McKinney - David Bilek - Sharon Bilek

**Thurs AM 299er Pairs (14 Pairs)**

2 1 Arthur Ditzel - Douglas Cotter

**Thurs AM Side Game (30 Pairs)**

2 1 1 M. David Jackson - Ann Atcheson  
2 Sheryl McEwan - Margie Mastran

**Thurs A/X Pairs (14 Pairs)**

2 Jim Wakefield - Helene Bauman  
2 Sylvia Shi - John Miller

**Thurs 300/750 Gold Rush Prs (56 Pairs)**

1 Louise Hayes - Penelope Paddock  
2 Yuen De Anda - Ron Sutter  
1/2 Marge Amey - David Amey  
1/2 Christine Brooks - Helen (Susie) Tinney

**Thurs A/X Swiss (25 Teams)**

2 Matt Granovetter - Pamela Granovetter - Kevin Dwyer - Kevin Wilson - Peter Lesnik

**Thurs Flt B Swiss Bkt 1 (8 Teams)**

1/2 Jack Williams - Roy Larson - Leonard Ellis - Jay Cherlow

**Thurs Flt B Swiss Bkt 2 (8 Teams)**

1/3 Youssef Seraj - Benazir Ghaussy - Nancy Loomis - George Subt  
1/3 Susan Slattery - Carolyn Becraft - Monica Shumann - Donald Brown

**Thurs Flt B Swiss Bkt 4 (8 Teams)**

2 James Gerding - Sidney Graves - Thomas Jennings - Georgette Weiss

**Thurs Flt B Swiss Bkt 5 (8 Teams)**

1 Carolyn Baird - Betty Ladd - Mike Ladd - John Gauss

*(Continued from page 15)***Thurs Flt B Swiss Bkt 6 (8 Teams)**

2/3 Peggy Comerford - Joan O'Connor - Gail Ginsburgh - Jane Miller

**Thurs Aft Side Game (16 Pairs)**

1 Terry Vann - Art Hartstein  
2 James Augustine - Tony Robson

**Thurs Eve 299er Pairs (8 Pairs)**

1 Patricia Cook - John Cook

**Thurs-Fri AM Comp KO Bkt 1 (9 Teams)**

2 Dennis Schwanz - Susan Miskura - Mike Frosch - Francesco Parisi-Presicce

**Fri AM 299er Pairs (18 Pairs)**

1/2 Eileen McKinney - Barbara Show

**Fri A/X Pairs (32 Pairs)**

2 John Klayman - Thomas Laverder

**Fri Aft Side Game (40 Pairs)**

2 Suzanne Abrams - David Loken  
2 Georgette Weiss - Tom Jennings

**Fri Aft 299er Pairs (18 Pairs)**

1 Patricia Cook - John Cook  
2 1 1 Yaeko Perera - Julie Marquette

**Fri Eve Swiss (25 Teams)**

1 Ann Lindley - Al Duncker - Linda Marshall - Steven Schatzow  
2 Kathrine Loh - Steven Rothman - David Loken - Suzanne Abrams  
2 James Gerding - Sidney Graves - Thomas Jennings - Georgette Weiss

**Fri Eve 299er Pairs & Bkt Teams (14 Pairs)**

2 1 Patricia Cook - John Cook - Doris Cannon - Andrew Birznieks  
2 1 Bruce Diamond - Karen Diamond - Susan Chambers - Joan Park Buckle

**Fri-Sat AM Comp KO Bkt 3 (16 Teams)**

2 Ken Davis - Mark Tonnesen - Franklin Daringer - Steven Schatzow

**Fri-Sat KO Bkt 2 (12 Teams)**

1 Annie Schwartz - Alan Schwartz - Judy Fox - James Fox

**Fri-Sat KO Bkt 4 (12 Teams)**

2 Jerry Nolte - Elizabeth Nolte - Michael Osborn - Joe Hertz

**Sat AM Swiss (16 Teams)**

1 1 1 Wayne Bardsley - Catherine Bardsley - Kellen Leister - Fred Gramlich  
2/3 Terry Vann - Jo Ann Ream - Virginia Brooks - Art Hartstein

**Sat Aft 299er Pairs (10 Pairs)**

2 2 1 Bruce Diamond - Karen Diamond  
2 Yaeko Perera - Julie Marquette

**Sat Eve BAM (13 Teams)**

1/2 Monique Smith - M Webster Ewell Jr - Merril Hirsh - Michael Klein

**Sat Aft 299er Pairs (6 Pairs)**

2 1 Yaeko Perera - Julie Marquette  
2 Bruce Diamond - Karen Diamond

**Sat-Sun KO Bkt 2 (14 Teams)**

1 Leonard Ellis - Jay Cherlow - Walter Smith Jr - Hadi Abushakra  
2 Gene Kuehneman - Adrienne Kuehneman - Avril Rodney - David Rodney

**Sun A/X Swiss (28 Teams)**

1 Judy Fox - James Fox - Annie Schwartz - Alan Schwartz

**Sun Flt B Swiss Bkt 2 (8 Teams)**

2 Kathrine Loh - Steven Rothman - David Loken - Tom Jennings  
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**Sun Flt B Swiss Bkt 3 (8 Teams)**  
 2 John McCormick - Larry Wallace  
 - John Mattioli - Eldon Compton

**Sun Flt B Swiss Bkt 5 (8 Teams)**  
 1 Ernie Schuler - Robert Sturm -  
 Thomas Grahame - Robert Poriss

**Sun Flt B Swiss Bkt 6 (9 Teams)**  
 1 Marlene Gross - Rochelle Hil-

### **Grand National Teams 2013-2014 New Site for 0-6000!!!!**

It is time to play in the GNT District 6 qualification and finals. The Flight A qualifiers begin on February 8, and the Flight B, C and Open qualifiers begin on March 8. If you win, you will represent District 6 in the national finals of this grassroots competition at the Summer NABC in Las Vegas, Nevada.

The club or unit game qualification period began on September 1, 2013 and will continue until March 5, 2014. Make sure you play. There is still time to go out and qualify for the Open, B, and C brackets. You can play as often as you want with whomever you want.

Once again, the competition contains four flights at the District level. In the Open flight, all players may enter. Flight A is limited to players with 0-6000 masterpoints. Flight B is limited to players with 0-2500 masterpoints. Flight C is limited to Non-Life Masters with fewer than 500 masterpoints. Masterpoint eligibility is determined by the ACBL as of September 1, 2013. At the club level, the Open and A flights are combined.

Masterpoints awarded at the club or unit level are half-red and half black. These masterpoints are an easy way to earn colored points without traveling or changing your local partners or playing habits. At the District-level competition, the match awards are red and the overall awards are gold (Flight C awards 25% gold and 75% red).

We will be holding the first weekend of the District finals of Flights B and C at one northern and one southern site.

You must pre-register to play. Pre-registration ends Midnight on the Thursday, nine days before the event. Cost per team is \$100. This pays for the first day (2 sessions). To pre-register, send a check for \$100.00 payable to District 6 to Lynn Jones, 10 Tenby Court, Timonium, MD 21093. \*\*\*Please include player's names and ACBL numbers and a contact e-mail address for the Team Captain.

Any questions please contact District 6 GNT Coordinator Lynn Jones at 410-560-3244 or [bridgelynn@comcast.net](mailto:bridgelynn@comcast.net). You can find Conditions of Contest, directions to sites, and where to qualify at [www.districtsix.org](http://www.districtsix.org).

**GNT SCHEDULE****A Bracket (0-6000 MP)****First Weekend:**

Saturday, February 8 12 Noon  
 White Oak Community Center  
 Sunday February 9 11 A. M.  
 Laurel Bridge Club

**Second Weekend:**

Saturday February 22 12 Noon  
 Sunday, February 23 11 AM  
 Elks Club, Fairfax, VA

**Open Bracket****First Weekend:**

Saturday March 8 12 Noon  
 Sunday March 9 11 A. M.  
 Newport Middle School

**Second Weekend for qualifiers:**

Saturday May 3 12 Noon  
 Sunday May 4 11 A. M.

**B Bracket (0-2500 MP)****C Bracket (0-500 MP)****First Weekend Northern Site**

Saturday March 8 12 Noon  
 Sunday March 9 11 AM  
 ( C Flight if needed)  
 Newport Middle School

**First Weekend Southern Site  
 Charlottesville, VA**

Saturday March 8 12 Noon  
 Sunday March 9 11 AM  
 (C Flight if needed)  
 Cavalier Inn Charlottesville, VA

**Second Weekend for qualifiers**

**B FLIGHT ONLY SATURDAY  
 BOTH FLIGHTS SUNDAY**  
 Saturday May 3 12 Noon  
 Sunday May 4 11 A. M.  
 Laurel Bridge Club

**Directions to GNT Sites****White Oak Community Center, 1700 April Lane, White Oak, MD 20904**

From the North: Take Route 29 south. 1 mile past Industrial Parkway, turn left on Stewart Lane. In 1/3 mile Turn left on April Lane. The Community Center is on the left.

From the South: Take Route 29 north. 1/3 mile past New Hampshire Ave., turn right on Stewart Lane. In 1/3 mile turn left on April Lane. The Community Center is on the left.

**Laurel Bridge Club, 8564-A Laureldale Dr, Laurel, MD 20724**

Coming north or south on I-95: Take exit 33A 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 198, pass firehouse on right to Laureldale Dr (Acura/Nissan car dealership on right). Turn right and proceed to third speed bump.

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## In Memoriam – Mike Cappelletti Sr

Mike Cappelletti Sr. passed away November 14, 2013 after a brief illness associated with his recent diagnosis of multiple myeloma.

Mike had a distinguished career as a bridge player and was also a world-class poker player. He was especially knowledgeable about the variant called Omaha poker, and was a long-time columnist for The Card Player magazine.

Mike's bridge career of firsts spanned 46 years. He won his first national championship in 1967 in the Master Mixed Teams as that event was known at the time, playing with his then wife Kathie, and won his second national championship this past spring in St. Louis with Dick Wieland in the Silver Ribbon Pairs. Mike also achieved seven second-place finishes in national events including the Reisinger and the Blue Ribbon Pairs, two of the ACBL's most challenging national events. Internationally, Mike was a bronze medalist and achieved a sixth-place finish in two world bridge championship events. A fine player by all accounts, Mike was a Grand Life Master with over 24,000 masterpoints.

Being a great bridge player is truly an accomplishment, but Mike's contributions went further—he believed in volunteerism and in giving back to the game he so loved. In addition to serving on numerous national committees for the ACBL over the years, Mike was President of the Mid-Atlantic Bridge Conference, the host organization for many wonderful regionals; President of District 6; and President of both the Washington Bridge League and the Northern Virginia Bridge Association.

We will remember the cigar and the twinkle in his eye. There is a great story about Mike and how broad his grin was when he overheard a first-time regional player who was quite new to the game excitedly tell her friend after she had left his table,  
“You will never guess what just happened! I just played two boards against a bridge convention!”

As you continue to play bridge, think about Mike and emulate his love of the game.

## Message from Ron Kral, President NVBA

I was very saddened to hear of Mike Cappelletti's passing. Mike was of course a great player, but he was also determined to “give back” to the Bridge community. Over the years he was President of the WBL, District 6 representative to the ACBL and, finally, President of the NVBA, a record unlikely to be repeated. One of his passions was youth bridge. Every year when I was arranging partnerships for the annual LM/NLM game, he always said to me “give me a kid.” His dream was to find a sponsor and to start and expand a collegiate program in our area. I will miss him as a partner, friend and enthusiastic bridge supporter.

**In Memoriam - Jean Levin**

From her longtime friend and bridge partner, Carolyn Gibson

Jean Levin, an excellent bridge player and even better friend, passed away on December 5 after a long battle with cancer. She was widowed more than 35 years ago and took up bridge as a social and therapeutic answer to her new status. Through bridge she met another bridge player, Don Geerhart, whom she adored and argued with for the last 20 years. They traveled many times together to play in bridge tournaments in the U.S., Toronto and Bermuda.

Jean was a good friend who still had a heavy "New York" accent no matter how long it had been since she lived elsewhere. Anyone who sat down at her table was greeted warmly; she loved people and it showed. Besides her son, Bradley, her daughter-in-law Debbie and two perfect grandchildren (Natasha and Nathaniel), she left behind many good friends who will miss her smile and quirky sense of humor. For her skill at bridge and good sportsmanship and friendliness to all, the NVBA awarded Jean the Dave Murray Trophy in 2009.

At her request, there will be no memorial or service. There doesn't need to be -- she will always be in our memories.

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**Newport Mill Middle School, 11311 Newport Mill Rd, Kensington MD 20805**

Take the Beltway (I-495) to the Georgia Ave exit (Exit 31A, MD 97) North (towards Wheaton). Go 1.6 miles then bear left onto Viers Mill Rd. Go 1.0 miles then turn left onto Newport Mill Rd. Go 1/4 mile to school on left.

**The Arlington/Fairfax Elks Lodge, 8421 Arlington Blvd. Fairfax, VA 22030**

From Route 50/Arlington Blvd. heading west from DC and Arlington AND from I-495 (Beltway): Continue on/take Route 50 West about one mile outside Beltway, and turn left at Javier Road (the second stoplight after the intersection of 50 and I-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 is on the side and in the rear. From Fairfax City, heading East on Route 50: Pass the intersection of Route 50 and Prosperity Ave—the Prosperity Medical Center will be on your right. Between the first and second lights after Prosperity, turn right into the entrance to the Elks Lodge—parking is on the side of the building and in the rear.

## NVBA Club Websites

Director	Game	Website/Contact Info
Jim Dick	Beth El—Sunday 1:00 PM	<a href="http://clubresults.acbl.org/getClubs.php">http://clubresults.acbl.org/getClubs.php</a>
Gene Schuyler	KOCH—Monday 10:30 AM St. Andrew's Episcopal Church - Wednesday, 10:30 AM	<a href="http://www.geneschuyler.com/">http://www.geneschuyler.com/</a>
Kevin O'Brien	Montebello - Monday, 7:00 PM	<a href="http://clubresults.acbl.org/getClubs.php">http://clubresults.acbl.org/getClubs.php</a>
Livingston Johnson	Salvation Army Fairfax—Tuesday, 10:30 AM, Open and NLM	<a href="http://clubresults.acbl.org/getClubs.php">http://clubresults.acbl.org/getClubs.php</a>
Candy and Marshall Kuschner	KOCH - Tuesday, 10:30 AM, Open and NLM Reston - Wednesday, 7:30 PM, Open and 299er	<a href="http://clubresults.acbl.org/getClubs.php">http://clubresults.acbl.org/getClubs.php</a>
Bernie Oetjen	KOCH - Monday, 7:00 PM, Open and NLM KOCH - Saturday, 1:00 PM	<a href="http://clubresults.acbl.org/getClubs.php">http://clubresults.acbl.org/getClubs.php</a>
Norma Pierzchala	KOCH - Thursday, 10:30 AM, 0-1500 KOCH - Saturday, 9:00 AM	<a href="http://clubresults.acbl.org/getClubs.php">http://clubresults.acbl.org/getClubs.php</a>
Louise Sellers	JCC of No. VA - Wednesday, 11:00 AM Vienna DBC - Thursday, 10:30 AM	<a href="http://clubresults.acbl.org/getClubs.php">http://clubresults.acbl.org/getClubs.php</a>
Lenore Ward	Cascade Seniors - Monday, 11:00 AM Thursday, 1:00 PM	<a href="http://clubresults.acbl.org/getClubs.php">http://clubresults.acbl.org/getClubs.php</a>
Terry Jones	Falls Church Bridge Club Saturday, 7:00 PM	<a href="http://clubresults.acbl.org/getClubs.php">http://clubresults.acbl.org/getClubs.php</a>
Clubs with No Websites		
Marilyn Golias	Bridge Club of Northern Virginia - Saturday, 7:00 PM, Sunday, 1:30 PM	Various locations in the Northern Virginia area; Tel: 703-629-8932; Email: <a href="mailto:double7nt@aol.com">double7nt@aol.com</a>

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**2014...  
Cheers to a  
New Year &  
a New Deal!**

(Stratification by avg. masterpoints of the team or pair.)

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 2**

- ♣ Stratified Open Pairs (unlim/1500/500) ..... 11:15am
- ♣ Rockville Duplicate Bridge Club, 301-503-3348 (Mark Lavine) **NO ENTRY TILL 11AM**  
St. James Episcopal Church, 11815 Seven Locks Rd., Rockville
- ♣ Stratified Open Pairs (A/X unlim/3000, B/C/D Separate 2000/1000/500) (both sites); Stratified NLM Pairs (NLM/100/50) & 0-20 Pairs (Kensington Armory only); Stratified 199er Pairs (Beth El only)
- ♣ Beth El Congregation, 3830 Seminary Rd, Alexandria ..... 7:00pm
- ♣ Kensington Town Hall/Armory ..... 7:30pm

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 3**

- ♣ \*Stratified A/X (unlim/3000) & B/C/D Pairs (2000/1000/500) (single sessions) 10:00am, 2:00pm
- ♣ **IMP Pairs A/X** (unlim/3000) ..... 7:15pm **← EARLIER START!**
- ♣ **It's the Friday night IMP!** 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.
- ♣ B/C/D Pairs (2000/1000/500) ..... 7:15pm
- ♣ Intermediate/Novice Pairs (300/200/100/50/20) (single sessions) ..... 10:00am, 2:00pm, 7:15pm

**Panel Show & Party to Honor New Life Masters between sessions** **SATURDAY, JANUARY 4**

- ♣ **Special JOINT ARA/ACBL** Stratified A/X (unlim/3000) or B/C/D Pairs (2000/1000/500) 11:00am
- ♣ Stratified A/X (unlim/3000) or B/C/D Pairs (2000/1000/500) ..... 4:00pm
- ♣ Intermediate/Novice Pairs (300/200/100) or Newcomer Pairs (50/20/5) (single sessions) 11:00am, 4:00pm

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 5**

**WBL Trophy Race Winners' Presentation**

- ♣ **Bracketed Teams**, (2 session playthru w/short break) ..... 11:00am & TBA
- ♣ **Check out this format!** Each bracket of eight teams (by average masterpoints) 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.
- ♣ 300/100/50 Swiss Teams, VPs (single sessions) ..... 11:00am, 3:00pm

**♣ Lots of Intermediate & Novice Events with Silver Points! ♡**

Separate IN events & strata as advertised as attendance allows. (Director's discretion.)

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\*Strata flighted if attendance warrants—otherwise combined into Stratified Pairs (unlim/2000/500)  
Directions to the Kensington Town Hall/Armory: 495 Beltway Exit 33, Connecticut Avenue North (Rt. 185N—to Kensington). 1.5 miles, right at light—Knowles Ave. 14 right at stop—Armory Ave. 14 left at stop—to 3710 Mitchell St. & parking lot on right. Additional parking in nearby lots—see website maps.

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### THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 20

STRATIFIED OPEN PAIRS (2000+/2000/750) or 500/300/200 PAIRS ..... 10:30 a.m.  
*Norma's Game: K of C Hall, 5115 Little Falls Rd., Arlington, VA, 703-892-1292*  
*Evening games at: NVBA: Beth El Hebrew Congregation, 3830 Seminary Road, Alexandria, VA or*  
*WBL: Old Koshah Congregation, 8300 Montebello Ln, Chevy Chase, MD NVBA (Beth El) WBL*  
*Intermediate/Newcomer Lecture ..... 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.

### FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 21

*Gene's Friday Morning Game at KOGEL ..... 9:30 a.m.*  
STRATIFIED OPEN (2000+/2000/750) & 299ER (300/200/100) PAIRS  
**...REST OF TOURNAMENT AT ELKS LODGE...**  
*Intermediate/Newcomer Lecture ..... 1:15 p.m.*  
STRATAFLIGHTED A/X (3000+/3000) or B/C (2000/750) PAIRS 2 p.m.  
299ER PAIRS (300/200/100) or 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 22

STRATAFLIGHTED A/X (3000+/3000) or B/C (2000/750) PAIRS 9:30 a.m.  
299ER PAIRS (300/200/100) or 49ER PAIRS (50/20) ..... 9:30 a.m.  
NEWCOMER PAIRS (0-5) ..... 9:30 a.m.  
*Intermediate/Newcomer Lecture ..... 1:15 p.m.*  
**TROPHY EVENT: WILLIAM POISSANT MEMORIAL PAIRS**  
**(2 SESSIONS – Qualifying and Banometer Final) ..... 2 & 7:30 p.m.**  
STRATIFIED OPEN PAIRS (2000+/2000/750) Single sessions ..... 2 p.m.  
299ER PAIRS (300/200/100) or 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 23

FLIGHT A/X (5000+/5000) BOARD A MATCH TEAMS ..... 11 a.m. & TBA  
BRACKETED FLIGHT B TEAMS (no single player >2000) ..... 11 a.m. & TBA  
*B Teams Bracketed by Total Team Masterpoints: three overall places in each.*  
*BAM & B/C Teams: 2-session events, a brief break & food available on-site.*  
299ER SWISS TEAMS (300/200/100) (Single sessions) ..... 11 a.m. / 3:15 p.m.  
49ER SWISS TEAMS (50/20/5) (Single sessions) ..... 11 a.m.

**STRATIFICATION** of events is based on average masterpoints of the team or pair. In any event or flight with an upper limit, no individual's total Masterpoint holding may exceed that upper limit.

**DIRECTIONS:** From Route 50/Arlington Boulevard heading west from DE and Arlington AND from Route 495/Leesburg. Continue on/Take Route 50 West about one mile outside the Beltway and turn left at Javier Food (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 fire 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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*All-Chair Concessions permitted in all ALL Events*

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