

October—December 2014

Northern Virginia Bridge Association

Come to the Annual NVBA Holiday Party December 18, 2014

THE ANNUAL NVBA HOLIDAY PARTY, which includes dinner and a bridge game, will be held on Thursday, December 18, 2014, at the Beth El Congregation, 3830 Seminary Rd. in Alexandria, VA. As in the past, the holiday party is part "catered" and part "pot luck." Everyone is asked to contribute a food dish....appetizer, salad, casserole or dessert. The NVBA will provide main courses and beverages, including eggnog (spiked and unspiked). REMEMBER, no pork or shellfish can be brought into the temple, PLEASE! If you are unable to bring an item (or forget), you will be asked to donate \$5.00 towards party expenses. Dinner will begin at 5:30 PM.

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The 199er Game

By Ron Kral, NVBA President



"In January and February 2015 any player with less than 200 masterpoints can player in the 199er game at Beth El for just \$1!" One of the things I tell people is 'A' players don't grow on trees. Everyone starts out with zero masterpoints at some time. Getting newer players into the game and keeping the Thursday night 199er game healthy is very high on my priority list. The NVBA has an enormous number of 0-200 players. I'd love for ALL of them to play in our weekly Thursday night Unit Game at Beth El Congregation on Seminary Rd. in Alexandria, VA!

In addition, it's very important way to attract new players to the game. Once people start playing and discover the game's fascination, they become enamored with it and continue to play. But there are so many leisure time activities these days. Bridge has to provide entertainment and fun that outweighs other amusements. Like any business or product that wants to grow, an incentive is sometimes needed to get people to try it out.

There are many people in northern Virginia who I believe would enjoy a weekly night of bridge, but for one reason or another have not come to play in our Thursday night Unit Game. To entice these people, the NVBA Board wants to give them an incentive to try it out. In January and February 2015 any player with less than 200 master points can play in the 199er game at Beth El for just \$1.00! Non-ACBL members are welcome too! The only date that's not included in this offer is our February Sectional, Thursday, February 19. 2015. BUT, if you DO come that night, you'll get a ½ price coupon for any other Sectional event on Friday 2/20, Saturday 2/21 or Sunday 2/22. I hope you will take advantage of this special offer and bring your friends out and give our game a try.

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Upcoming NVBA Games & Special Events

Oct 2	Beth El	7:00	D6 STaC Stratified Pairs
Oct 9	Beth El	7:00	WBL Sectional - Stratiflighted Pairs
Oct 16	Beth El	7:00	Stratified Club Appreciation Swiss Teams
Oct 23	Beth El	7:00	NVBA Sectional - Stratiflighted Pairs Rest of Sectional at Fairfax Elks Lodge
Oct 30	Beth El	7:00	Stratiflighted Club Appreciation Pairs
Nov 6	Beth El	7:00	Stratified Grand National Swiss Teams
Nov 13	Beth El	7:00	Stratiflighted Unit Championship
Nov 20	Beth El	7:00	Stratiflighted Unit Championship
Nov 27	CLOSED	7:00	Closed—Thanksgiving Day
Dec 4	Beth El	7:00	Stratified Grand National Swiss Teams
Dec 11	Beth El	7:00	D6 STaC Stratified Pairs
Dec 18	Beth El	7:00	Stratiflighted Unit Championship - Holiday Party
Dec 25	CLOSED	7:00	CLOSED—Christmas Day

Stratification Limits:

All NVBA Unit Games include a separate Stratified 199er game.

Stratiflighted limits are A/X: Unlimited/3000 and B/C: 2000/500.

STaC: Unlimited/1500/500

For the GNT qualifiers, the stratification is: 0-500 (NLM), 0-2500, Unlimited

	Upcoming Sectionals					
N V B A	October 23-26, 2014 February 19-22, 2015 April 23-26, 2015	W B L	October 9-12, 2014 January 8-11, 2015 April 9-12, 2015			

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

The Jack of Hearts

by Marshall Kuschner

Las Vegas (LV) is dead! Well, maybe not dead but certainly on life support. Vegas has long been the most popular of NABC destinations, and it still is, but it has fallen a long way. I began playing bridge in Los Angeles in 1979. There was a National in Las Vegas that summer, and everyone was pretty excited about it. I didn't even know what a National was, so I was one of the few who didn't go. Attendance was over 18,500 tables. By the time the next one rolled around in 1985, I was on board, and folks were even more excited. The over/under was 20,000 tables and LV hoped to be the first to hit that mark. Ooooh, just missed. The final count was 19,827.5. Las Vegas was disappointed. It was even more disappointed the following year when Toronto racked up 21,075 tables. Vegas was determined to take back the title when their next turn came in 1991, and take it they did. That NABC set a mark that will never be broken: 24,221 tables. Optimism for the future was high, but then two things happened. The first was that Las Vegas didn't want us back. You see, in those days, gambling was Vegas' lifeblood. NABCs took up two weekends, and bridge players, by and large, were not gamblers. Lots of room nights taken up with non-players.

It was ten years before they agreed to host another National with two provisos. First, it would be in the Fall and, second, it would span only one weekend. The ACBL juggled the schedule to work around one weekend, but before the tournament could take place, the second thing happened. 9/11. Folks were now goosey about flying. Vegas plummeted to 16,818. Not bad when you can drop 8,000 tables and be the largest Fall National ever. Nevertheless, Vegas was depressed. Now we don't know what negotiations took place or what 9/11 did to Vegas, but in 2008 they agreed to have us back in the Summer and on our normal schedule. Optimism soared and it was hoped that Vegas would, once again, hit 20,000. Ooooh, just missed at 19,720.



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Upcoming NVBA 199er Unit Games

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Oct 9	Beth El	7:00	WBL Sectional - 199er Pairs
Oct 16	Beth El	7:00	Stratified Club Appreciation 199er Pairs
Oct 23	Beth El	7:00	NVBA Sectional - 199er Pairs
Oct 30	Beth El	7:00	Stratiflighted Club Appreciation Swiss Teams
Nov 6	Beth El	7:00	Charity 199er Swiss Teams
Nov 13	Beth El	7:00	Unit Championship 199er Pairs
Nov 20	Beth El	7:00	Unit Championship 199er Pairs
Nov 27	CLOSED	7:00	Closed—Thanksgiving Day
Dec 4	Beth El	7:00	Club Championship 199er Pairs
Dec 11	Beth El	7:00	D6 STaC 199er Pairs
Dec 18	Beth El	7:00	199er PairsUnit Championship Holiday Party
Dec 25	CLOSED	7:00	CLOSED—Christmas Day
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Stratification Limits:

ALL NVBA Unit Games include a Stratified 199er game.

New Players and ACBL Members with 0-5 MP's play free every Thursday in all scheduled events.

Upcoming Sectionals

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Interesting Hands from the World Youth Bridge Team Championships in August from David Soukup, our NVBA Player on the USA2 Team and from the Daily Bulletin

Istanbul: gateway to the East, capital of the Ottoman Empire, and, from August 13-23, 2014, mecca of youth bridge. Teams from 26 countries converged on the city to compete in the 15th World Youth Bridge Team Championships. There were four divisions of competition: under-26 (Juniors), under-21 (Youngsters), Girls, and a new event, under-16 (Kids). The competition in the Youngsters group, where NVBA player David Soukup competed on Team USA2, was tough. Here is one of the hands David found interesting during the round-robin stage:

> Dummy: 43 ΑT QJT64 7432

> > Your hand: J96 KJ87 AK9 JT8

The auction was quick: declarer, who was dealer, opened 1NT, raised to 2NT, which was passed out. David's partner led a fourth-best ♠5, and his ♠J loses to the ♠Q.

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NVBA member David Soukup (4th from right) and partner Hakan Berk (3rd from right) with the USA2 U21 Squad.

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In addition to the holiday festivities, the NVBA Board will present two trophies at this party. One is the Sara Goodwin trophy, which goes to the NVBA member who has participated in the most NVBA events (Unit game and Sectionals) between the dates of December 1, 2013 and November 30, 2014. The other is the presentation of the Dave Murray award, which recognizes an NVBA player who demonstrates good bridge skills and great sportsmanship at the bridge table. Trophy presentations will take place at 6:30 PM, followed by the game at 7:00 PM.



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This year we were back, but no one was expecting records to fall. I guess the economy was a factor. The host hotel was showing its age and had been sold since 2008. About three weeks before the National, it was sold again. Estimates were around 16,500 and were spot on. The actual was 16,616.5. Hospice was summoned. But hope springs eternal. The next Las Vegas Summer NABC will be in 2019 at the new Cosmopolitan Hotel. Long live Las Vegas!

On the field of battle Robert Brady led the way with a second place finish in the Mixed BAM as well as a 7^{th} in the 0-10,000 Pairs. Those who followed the way included Helene Bauman with Jim Wakefield (0-10,000 Pairs), Ann Lindley with Al Duncker (Senior Swiss & Mixed BAM), Jay Kelkar (Open Pairs), Monique Smith (Mixed BAM), Jeffrey Schwartz (Mini-Spingold II), Ai-Tai Lo (Fast Pairs) and Stephen Drodge and Tom Musso (0-10,000 Mixed Swiss). Me? Mostly I worked, I played one day with my grandson, and the rest of the time I played with other directors. I can only do so much.

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The C Files: One evening at dinner someone was going into excessive detail about a personal issue. Candy's take was, "That's too much TMI." From the Department of Redundancy Department.

Climbing the Ladder

New Junior Masters

Chris C Betsold Matthew Glassman David Goldfrank Ellen K Haines Joyce A Hellems Syed R Khan Kathy Langan Andrea Phaneuf Lyle E Priddy Nooreen Razi Nathan Rosenbaum Jo Ann E Ruffin Nicole M Swain Jeanne L Theis Phil Theis Richard Thrift David F Zook

New Club Masters

Elfreda Baptist Phyllis R Bowman Shiang Chen Palmer C Demeo Richard Fecher Mary Jane Garner Flash G Helm Anita Lancaster Jonathan Macks Avrum Marks Jovica Medic Kathleen Parkins Janice K Scavongelli Dr Gordon K Soper Steve Y Tai Tova Katy Tabori Yen Wu

New Sectional Masters

John Blackwell
Joanne Falkowski
Dr Ira D Godwin
Jean H Godwin
Patricia M Greason
Helen Hyman
William I Lowry
Reginald Newell
Rebecca C Sekse
Gail Stanley
D M Woodworth

New Regional Masters

Marcia Boynton Kenneth Cohn David Lindley Saadollah Ghaussy Linda Lee Harp Dr Michael Kappel Joseph Lebaron John Metzler Joan O/Neill Gale Rogers George W Stone Yaeko Perera

New NABC Masters

Frants Lasse Becker Dr Michael Canes Dr John Cook Kathy Dunkerley Gail Harrison Armanda Henderson Donna Hickling Nathalie H Kaye Ken Kimball Jeffrey Schwartz

New Advanced NABC Master John Merold

New Life Masters

Dorothy Black Kimberly Ferguson Marguerite Salah Glenn Terrell

New Bronze Life Masters

James Augustine Tobi Bear Fred Gramlich Larry Settle Richard L Slater

New Silver Life Masters

Wayne Bardsley Marie-Beth Hall Mel Yudkin

New Gold Life Master

Norma Pierzchala

New Diamond Life Master

Enid Hughes

Hail and Farewell

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

Arlene Braff Joan S Carter Shiang Chen James A Deckant Sharon A Douaire Dr Robert L Durfee Edward B Eisen Sondra Eisen Dee Ann Gretz Holly R Hunsberger E Lorraine Kent Syed R Khan **Betty Leadley** Dick Leadley Isin Ludlow Kiran Malhotra Farida Nazhar John L Nelson Laurel C Olsen Peggy Randall Bill Westman Suryun Yoo

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

Robert F Baltz Bill Brushwood Colin B Calvert Richard L Clark Jack W Fehrs Luther P Hampton Anthony Hawks Patsy Hawks Tom Herzog Nazan Kirdar Joanne Lilore Kathrine Loh Dr Basil A Schiff Peyton L Wynns Sharon M Wynns Akiko Yamashita

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

Joia M Hertz
Jacob G Hornberger
Pamela Kelly
Thomas J Keslin
Glenn R Maneval
Joanne D Maneval
Marjorie D Martin
Leslie A Powell
Nooreen Razi
Catalina Rivas
Jeboa Strong
Jenna Strong
Angelo Zuccaro

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

Abdallah El Attrash Larry Clandorf Carolyn Cooper Virginia Cordle Bob Walsh Leonard S Weiss

In Memoriam - LARRY CLANDORF

Although he may not have won many masterpoints to put him at Sectional Master, you could not have found a much more enthusiastic player than Larry. Even while toiling away at his custom furniture business in New York City, Larry found the time and energy to learn bridge "for retirement." Party bridge soon gave way to duplicate bridge.

Once he did retire, he played duplicate at a Bayside country club. Then upon moving to Virginia, because of severe leg problems, he approached duplicat

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Parade of Winners

BETHESDA, MD REGIONAL June 30 - July 6, 2014

Mon Aft Educational Foundation Pairs (40 Pairs)

Esfandiar Khazai - Mirta Halperin
 1/2 Fred Gramlich - Catherine Bardsley
 1/2 Hal Jones Jr - Nancy Golden

Mon Aft Educational Foundation Swiss (30 Teams)

- 1 Al Duncker Ann Lindley -Bill Pettis - Steve Schatzow
- 1 Helene Cooper Al Sitterson -Betsy Eliot - John Korfonta
- 2 Alan Munro W Morgan Sidney Graves James Gerding

Mon Aft 299er Pairs (30 Pairs)

- 2 Craig Jennings Ann Jennings
- 1 Alice Ling Eleanor Linde

Mon Eve Side Charity Pairs (58 Pairs)

William Zane - Ed Lewis
 1 Kathleen LaMarre - David Lindley
 2 Onorica Luculescu - Alina Galaszewska

Mon Eve 299er Pairs (24 Pairs)

- 2 2 Mary Lou McMorrow Joan Axilbund
 - 1 Patricia Greason Rebecca Sekse

Mon-Tues KO Bkt 2 (9 Teams)

1 Alan Breed - Marge Gazzola - David Loken - Richard Barth 2 Mary Ann Kral - Elizabeth Huffman - David Jackson - Ann Atcheson

Mon-Tues KO Bkt 3 (10 Teams)

- 1 Al Stolpe John Gauss Benazir Ghaussy - Bernice Hacke
- 2 Calvin Konner Alan Skvirsky -Yasmin Jiwa - Art Hartstein -Garry Grossman - Larry Wallace

Tues AM 299er Pairs (20 Pairs)

1 1 Linda Lee Harp - Barbara Walton

Tues AM 49er Pairs (14 Pairs)

1 1 Tami Reitan - Lari Lopp 2 2 1 Lyle Priddy - Rick Mattson

Tues Daylight Open Pairs (57 Pairs)

1 Bruce Houston - Ken Davis 2 Hal Jones Jr - Cliff Feldman

Tues A/X Pairs (32 Pairs)

1 Ron Kral - Jose Cortina

Tues Aft Side Game (32 Pairs)

2 Gretta Bordcosh - Ramsey Bordcosh

Tues Aft 49er Pairs (22 Pairs)

- 1 1 Kimberlee Grindstaff Chris Betsold
- 2 2 1 Sudha Garg Farida Marhar

Tues Eve BAM (16 Teams)

- 1 Fred King David Milton Stan Schenker - Barry Bragin
- 2/4 James Bridges Maxwell

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Hughes - Amanda Carter - Perry Mitchell

2/4 Louise Hayes - Tanya Rodich -PenelopePaddock - Louise Hellwig2 James Gerding - Sidney Graves -

Alan Munro - W Morgan

Tues Eve Side Game (32 Pairs)

2 1 1 James Mosley - Harry Potter 2 Hakan Berk - David Soukup

Tues Eve 299er Pairs (14 Pairs)

2/3 2 2 Patricia Greason - Rebecca Sekse

Tues-Wed KO Bkt 1 (12 Teams)

1 Robert Hopkins Jr - Joan Lewis -Brad Theurer - Lyle Poe

Tues-Wed KO Bkt 3 (10 Teams)

1 Phillip Tseng - Martha Lackey -Betty Ladd - Mike Ladd

2 Monica Shumann - Donald Brown- Susan Slattery - Georgette Weiss

Tues-Wed KO Bkt 4 (16 Teams)

1 William Mendez Jr - Michael Goldman - Michael Barth - Richard McMillan, Jr

Susan Klaber - Tobi Bear - BruceKasold - Gary Hinson

Wed AM Side Game (22 Pairs)

1 Michael Corrigan -Donna Hickling

Wed AM 299er Pairs (24 Pairs)

2 2 2 Ann Hunter - Lorraine Shumaker

Wed AM 49er Pairs (8 Pairs)

- 1 1 Gordon Soper William Lowry
- 2 2 Wendy Morrison Nicole Swain

Wed A/X Pairs (36 Pairs)

2 Bobby Gookin - Mickie Kivel

Wed Daylight Pairs (58 Pairs)

1 Enid Hughes - Bob Kerchner1 James Sandefur - Douglas Fox

Wed Gold Rush Pairs (66 Pairs)

2 James Mosley - Harry Potter

Wed Aft Side Game (38 Pairs)

2 Amanda Carter - James Bridges

Wed Aft 299er Pairs (27 Pairs)

1 1 Randolph Elkins - Curtis Sandler2 Elfreda Baptist - Mary Jane Gamer

Wed Aft 49er Pairs (12 Pairs)

- 2 Gordon Soper William Lowry
- 1 1 Chris Betsold Marcia McMahon

Wed Eve Swiss (22 Teams)

3/4 2 1 Paul Setzer - Catherine Bardsley - Wayne Bardsley - Fred Gramlich

Wed Eve Side Game (28 Pairs)

1 1 Amanda Carter - Steve Reed 1 Andrea Stanley-Miller - Eleanor Schwartz

Wed Eve 299er Pairs (10 Pairs)

- 1 Joe Lebaron Norman Kittrell
- 1 Chris Betsold Marcia McMahon

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Wed Eve 299er Swiss (5 Teams)

- 1 1 Eleanor Linde Alice Ling Thomas Keslin - Margie Mastran
- 2 James Mosley Harry Potter -Adam Winsler - Glenn Preston

Wed-Thurs AM Comp KO Bkt 1 (9 Teams)

2 Peter Schiff - Michael Gottesman- Silas Wasserstrom - Kiyomi Shiba

Wed-Thurs KO Bkt 2 (11 Teams)

1 Ednamae Trevey - Bruce Bucklinger - David McIntyre - Peter McGuirk

Wed-Thurs KO Bkt 3 (9 Teams)

- 1 Carl Noller Brian Snyder Tom Jennings - Joyce Wiley
- 2 Jerry Nolte Elizabeth Nolte Tony Robson - James Augustine

Wed-Thurs KO Bkt 4 (12 Teams)

Anne Harrington - George Caley - Mary
 Ann Kral - Donna Stoker

Thurs AM Side Game (22 Pairs)

2 Mildred Hartshorn - John Kinsey

Thurs AM 299er Pairs (26 Pairs)

- 1 1 1 Carol Kuehl Barbara Walton
- 2 2 Barry Kerne Linda Thomas 2 Ewing Walker -Timm Abendroth
- Thurs A/X Swiss (33 Teams)

1 Robert Hopkins Jr - Joan Lewis -Brad Theurer - Lyle Poe

2 1 Monique Smith - Linda Marshall - Tracy Brines - Maurine Brines

Thurs Flt B Swiss Bkt 1 (8 Teams)

1 Mel Yudkin - Steve Bunning -Jose Cortina - Dhirendra Ghosh

2 Michael Mullendore - Paul Irvine

- Margaret Irvine - Aquil Ahmed

Thurs Flt B Swiss Bkt 2 (8 Teams)

 Neil McKinney - Louise Sellers -Maxwell Hughes - Perry Mitchell
 Michael McCombie - Barbara McCombie - Michael Ford - Walter Mitnick

Thurs Flt B Swiss Bkt 3 (8 Teams)

1 Ken Hopke - John Hamilton -Robert Krueger - Priscilla Krueger

Thurs Flt B Swiss Bkt 4 (8 Teams)

1 Ron Sutter - Yuen De Anda - Bernice Hacke - Benazir Ghaussy

Thurs Flt B Swiss Bkt 5 (8 Teams)

1 Ron Friedman - Brigette Friedman -Barry Fratkin - Winnie Fratkin

Thurs Flt B Swiss Bkt 6 (8 Teams)

2 Gail Harrison - Brian Brunsvold - Ken (Continued on page 13)

Parade of Winners

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Flt B SwisThurs s Bkt 7 (15 Teams)

2 Randolph Elkins - Francesca Mazarella - Sherry Griffin - George Schropp

Thurs Aft 299er Pairs (24 Pairs)

2 2 Barry Kerne - Linda Thomas

Thurs Aft 49er Pairs (10 Pairs)

2 2 1 Kathleen Parkins - Becky Kilbourne

Thurs Eve BAM (12 Teams)

1 1 Sven Pride - David Genne - Richard Ferrin - James Geist 2 2 1 Adam Winsler - Gary Hinson - Harry Potter - James Mosley

Thurs Eve 299er Pairs (24 Pairs)

Joe Lebaron - Norman Kittrell1 Jovica Medic - Duncan Wainwright

Thurs-Fri AM Comp KO (13 Teams)

2 Don Brown - Georgette Weiss - Ruth Woods - Ann Seeboth

Fri A/X Pairs (53 Pairs)

1 Michael Klein - Judith Shulman

Fri Gold Rush Pairs (66 Pairs)

1 1 Duncan Thompson - Terry Klein

Fri Aft 299er Pairs (16 Pairs)

2 Janice Scavongelli - Gary Scavongelli

Fri Eve Swiss (19 Teams)

2 Arnold Kritz - Lynda Flanger -John Mason - Glen Perry 1 James Gerding - Sidney Graves -Bill Teer - Pat Teer

Fri Eve Side Game (20 Pairs)

1 Barbara Pepelko - William Pepelko

Fri-Sat AM Comp KO Bkt 1 (6 Teams)

2 Arnold Kritz - Lynda Flanger -John Mason - Glen Perry

Fri-Sat KO Bkt 3 (9 Teams)

- Phillip Tseng Martha Lackey Mike
 Ladd Betty Ladd
 Barry Fratkin Winnie Fratkin -
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 Brigette Friedman Ron Friedman

Sat AM Swiss (13 Teams)

1 1 1 Adam Winsler - Gary Hinson - Harry Potter - James Mosley

Sat AM 299er Pairs (27 Pairs)

1 1 1 Jack McCalman - Douglas Cotter 2 2 John Schoeberlein - Julie Schoeberlein

2 Ellen Haines - Cynthia Larre

Sat Daylight Pairs (74 Pairs)

1 Steve Bunning - Jose Cortina

Sat A/X Pairs (38 Pairs)

- 1 Hailong Ao Jiang Gu
- 1 Dan Feldman Sorina Negulescu
- 2 Jeffrey Schwartz Annie Schwartz

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Sat Gold Rush Pairs (40 Pairs)

Paul Setzer - Donna SetzerJeff Yutzler - Norman Kittrell

Sat Aft Side Game (38 Pairs)

1 1 1 Carolyn Baird - Dean Baird 2 Samir Haddad - Michael Eidi

Sat Eve BAM (13 Teams)

1 Ai-Tai Lo - Alan Schwartz - Lou Reich - Jeffrey Juster

2 Susan Klaber - Tobi Bear - Elizabeth Nolte - Jerry Nolte

Sat Eve Side Game (29 Pairs)

1 1 1 Randolph Elkins - Alexander Salpeter

Sat-Sun KO Bkt 3 (11 Teams)

1 John Merold - Dorothy Black -Kathy Dunkerley - Gale Rogers

Sun AM Side Game (20 Pairs)

1 1 1 Raman Srivastav - Steven Mendelsohn

Sun AM 299er Pairs (13 Pairs)

2 2 Toni Sandler - Eleanor Linde

Sun A/X Swiss (32 Teams)

1 Mohsin Chandra - Jay Kelkar - Muhammad Abedi - Fred King

1 David Rodney - Avril Rodney - John Klayman - Tom Lavender

Sun Bracketed B Swiss Bkt 1 (8 Teams)

1 Jay Cherlow - Al Lauber - Susan

Miskura - Dennis Schwanz

2 Jim Dick - Kamal Tabbara - Amanda Carter - Chuck Pecarro

Sun Bracketed B Swiss Bkt 3 (8 Teams)

2 Robert Padgett - Linda Padgett - Barbara Kolodkin - Patricia Murty

Sun Bracketed B Swiss Bkt 4 (8 Teams)

1 Carl Noller - Robert Poriss - Robert Finkelstein - Eva Klivington

Sun Bracketed B Swiss Bkt 5 (8 Teams)

1 Ron Orr - Shiang Chen - Donna Heinsbroek - Jon Hundertmark

2 Marvin Raines - Linda Burton -Hal Jones Jr - Paul Block

Sun Bracketed B Swiss Bkt 6 (8 Teams)

1 Aaron Navarro - Howard Bender -Susan Klaber - Tobi Bear

Sun Bracketed B Swiss Bkt 8 (8 Teams)

1 Diane Cohen - Hank Lavender - Marge Amey - David Amey

Sun Bracketed B Swiss Bkt 9 (15 Teams)

1 Joseph Lebaron - Blake Schwartzbach- Norman Kittrell - Forest Montgomery

Sun Aft Side Game (25 Pairs)

1 Alice Ling - Eleanor Linde

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2 John Blackwell - Alexander Salpeter

1 William Lowry - Gordon Soper

Hunt Valley Regional August 11-17, 2014

Mon Aft Ed Foundation Pairs (42 Pairs)

2 Louise Hayes - Penelope Paddock

Mon Aft Edu Foundation Swiss (27 Teams)

2 Helene Cooper - Michael Anesko -Betsy Eliot - John Korfonta2 Calvin Konner - Jay Gibbons -

Mon Eve Charity Pairs (67 Pairs)

2 Ron Kral - Ralph Russo

Terry Vann - Art Hartstein

2 Eva Klivington - Parween Yunus

Mon-Tues KO Bkt #2 (16 Teams)

2 Amanda Carter - Charles Pecarro -John Hornbeck - Dave Tonnesen

Tues Senior Swiss (35 Teams)

2 Enid Hughes - Peter Hughes - Bob Kerchner - Bruce Houston 2/4 Clifford Feldman - Thomas Jennings - Carl Noller - Robert Finkelstein

2/4 2 Calvin Konner - Jay Gibbons -Terry Vann - Art Hartstein

Tues Eve Side Swiss (28 Teams)

1 1 Randolph Elkins - Francesca Maza-

rella - Ann Seeboth - Ruth Woods

Tues - Wed Compact KO #1 (9 Teams)

1 Ed Spitzer - Arnold Kritz - Neal McKinney - Roma Chandra

Tues - Wed Compact KO #2 (9 Teams)

Donna Stoker - George Caley -Stuart Horwitz - Mary Ann Kral

Wed AM Side Game (26 Pairs)

2 Terry Vann - Art Hartstein

Wed Daylight Open Pairs (57 Pairs)

1 Enid Hughes - Bob Kerchner

Wed Gold Rush Pairs (90 Pairs)

- 1 John Gauss Michael Canes
- 2 Yuen De Anda Ron Sutter

Wed Aft Side Game (32 Pairs)

22 Jim Dick - Ronnie Robinson

Wed Eve Open Pairs (58 Pairs)

2 Vonnie Lavender - Sarah Anne Cressy

Wed Eve Side Game (31 Pairs)

2 Monica Shumann - Susan Slattery

Wed - Thurs KO Teams #3 (13 Teams)

2 Carl Noller - Thomas Jennings -Clifford Feldman - Brian Snyder

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Wed - Thurs KO Teams #4 (16 Teams)

1 Carl Ingebretsen - William Leishear - Donald Freedman - Frantz Lasse Becker

Wed - Thurs AM Compact KO #1 (9 Teams)

1 Real Fradette - Elaine Clair -Mitchell Snyder - Shian Chen

Wed - Thurs AM Compact KO #2 (12 Teams)

2 John Hombeck - Shaye Hester - Thayer Baine - Dave Tonnesen

Thurs Aft Side Game (12 Pairs)

111 Barbara Pepelko - William Pepelko

Thurs Aft 299er Pairs (34 Pairs)

2 Lynn Frankenfield - Debby Bailine

Thurs Bracketed Swiss B-1 (8 Teams)

2 Jerry Miller - Dennis Schwanz - Susan Miskura - Daniel Feldman

Thurs Bracketed Swiss B-2 (8 Teams)

Kenneth Hopke - John Hamilton - Pamela Bowman - Nancy Kramer
 Neil Selvin - John Lowe III - Howard Grunin - Alfred Caponiti

Thurs Bracketed Swiss B-4 (8 Teams)

2 Wayne Bardsley - Catherine Bardsley - Steve Reed - Fred Gramlich

Thurs Bracketed Swiss B-5 (8 Teams)

1 Ron Sutter - Yuen De Anda - Bernice Hacke - Benazir Ghaussy

Thurs Bracketed Swiss B-6 (8 Teams) 2 Eberhard Jehle - Alice Ling -

Thomas Grahame - Speed Larsen

Thurs Bracketed Swiss B-8 (8 Teams)

1 Anne Morris - Loretta Westler -Joe Hertz - Kimberly Ferguson

Thurs Bracketed Swiss B-9 (8 Tables)

1 Glenn Terrell - Dottie Terell -Pamela Schwikert - Don Schwikert

Thurs A/X Swiss (32 Teams)

2 Lynn Jones - Ken Davis - Sumner Steinfeldt - Paul Benedict

Thurs Open Pairs (30 Pairs)

1 Jay Cherlow - Albert Lauber1 Sulaiman Ghaussy - Sandollah Ghaussy

Thurs Eve 299er Pairs (14 Pairs)

11 Julie Marquette - Yaeko Perera

Thurs - Fri AM Compact KO #1 (9 Teams)

1 Wayne Bardsley - Catherine Bardsley -Steve Reed - Fred Gramlich

Thurs - Fri AM Compact KO #2 (12

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Teams)

1 William Pepelko - Barbara Pepelko -Susan Perl - Ellen Goldman

Thurs - Fri AM Compact KO #3 (10 Teams)

2 Julie Marquette - Yaeko Perera - Prabhakar Tamboli - Albert Pike III

Fri AM Side Game (36 Pairs)

- 1 Thomas Jennings Ken Davis
- 2 Neil Selvin Howard Grunin 1 Kim Sanders - Parween Yunus

Fri AM 299er Pairs (28 Pairs)

2/3 1 1 Michael Miyazaki - Robert Fleming2/3 Hank Lavender - D Woodworth

Fri Aft Side Game (28 Pairs)

2 Ruth Williams - Kim Sanders

Fri Aft 299er Pairs (30 Pairs)

2 Randolph Elkins - Francesca Mazarella

Fri Eve Side B-A-M Teams (20 Teams)

- 1/2 Martin Reed Neil Selvin Howard Tash Howard Grunin
- 1/2 George Parkins Ann Atcheson Dennis Sponholtz Sheryl McEwan

Friday Gold Rush (61 Pairs)

2 Jeffrey Yutzler - Donna Hinkling

Fri Eve 299er Pairs (8 Pairs)

2 1 Deanna Shuman - Lawrence Shuman

Fri - Sat KO Bkt #3 (13 Teams)

1 Jay Cherlow - Hadi Abushakra - Albert

Lauber - Ned Griffith

Fri - Sat KO Bkt #4 (13 Teams)

1 Albert Stolpe - Carolyn Baird - Dean Baird - Julia Brown

Fri - Sat AM Compact KO #1 (9 Teams)

1 Mark Tonnesen - DaveTonnesen - Lynda Flanger - Glen Perry

Fri - Sat AM Compact KO #2 (10 Teams)

1 Al Stolpe - Dean Baird - Carolyn Baird -Julia Brown

Sat AM 299er Pairs (20 Pairs)

2 Michael Miyazaki - Robert Fleming

Sat AM Side Swiss (21 Teams)

- 2 1 1 Cathy McGarrigan Ruth Woods Nancy Loomis Ann Seeboth
- 2 Jay Cherlow Hadi Abushakra Albert Lauber - Ned Griffith

Sat Aft Side Game (24 Pairs)

2 Eleanor Schwartz - Mary Ann Kral

Sat Eve Side Swiss (22 Teams)

- 1 Lynn Jones Sumner Steinfeldt Hal Hindman - Paul Benedict
- 2 Robert Brady Dori Bymes Mark Dahl- Mark Shaw
- 1 Vince De Pasquale Elfreda Baptist -Mary Jane Gamer - Barbara Fallone

Sat - Sun KO Bkt #1 (16 Teams)

1 Sylvia Shi - Alexander Prairie - Brad

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In Memoriam - Bob Walsh

Our dear friend and bridge partner Bob Walsh passed away on September 13, 2014. I say "our" bridge partner because Bob played with just about everyone. He especially loved to help new players earn their "gold". He was a kind, supportive bridge partner and always a gentleman.

Besides bridge, Bob loved his family, Ireland, and discount shopping. He loved getting a bargain, especially with a coupon.

Bob was a genuine, good honorable person. He will be missed by all his friends in Northern Virginia bridge.

"Into every Life a little rain must fall"

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Theurer - Mark ChenSunday Flt A/X Swiss (38 Teams)

2 1 Ron Kral - Bob Boyd - Jay Kelkar - William Young

Sunday Bracketed B Teams -1 (8 Teams)

1 Robert Graves - Edward Borodkin -Donna Graves - Gail Brooks

Sun Bracketed B Teams - 2 (8 Teams)

1 Ronald Orr - Shiang Chen - Jeffrey Jones - Michael Zeller

Sun Bracketed B Teams - 4 (8 Teams)

- 1 Howard Grunin Martin Reed HowardTash James Wisman
- 2 Daniela Tunsanu Radu Tunsanu -Sorina Negulescu - Daniel Feldman

Sun Bracketed B Teams -10 (8 Teams)

1 Ken Kimball - Brian Brunsvold -Tamara Vetter - Jayne Lynch

Congratulations to the NVBA Players Representing D6 at the North American Pairs at the Spring NABC in New Orleans, LA!

Finishing 3rd overall and representing us in Flight A: Hailong Ao and Jian-Jian Wang

Finishing 1st overall in Flight B: Mel Yudkin and Deb Dhar

Finishing 1st overall in Flight C: Adam Gann and Blake Schwartzbach Finishing 3rd overall in Flight C: Rick Bingham and Dean Baird

NVBA Club Websites

Director	Game	Website/Contact Info
Jim Dick	Beth El—Sunday 1:00 PM	http://clubresults.acbl.org/ getClubs.php
Gene Schuyler	KOCH—Monday 10:30 AM St. Andrew's Episcopal Church - Wednesday, 10:30 AM KOCH—Friday 10:00 AM	http://www.geneschuyler.com/
Kevin O'Brien	Montebello - Monday, 7:00 PM	http://clubresults.acbl.org/ getClubs.php
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Bernie Oetjen	KOCH - Monday, 7:00 PM, Open and NLM KOCH - Saturday, 1:00 PM	http://clubresults.acbl.org/ getClubs.php
Norma Pierz- chala	KOCH - Thursday, 10:30 AM, 0-1500 KOCH - Saturday, 9:00 AM	http://clubresults.acbl.org/ getClubs.php
Louise Sellers	JCC of No. VA - Wednesday, 11:00 AM Vienna DBC - Thursday, 10:30 AM	http://clubresults.acbl.org/ getClubs.php
Lenore Ward	Cascade Seniors - Monday, 11:00 AM Thursday, 1:00 PM	http://clubresults.acbl.org/ getClubs.php
Terry Jones	Falls Church Bridge Club Saturday, 7:00 PM	http://clubresults.acbl.org/ getClubs.php
	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: double7nt@aol.com

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Declarer then played the ϕ 5 to the ϕ 10 and ϕ A, partner contributing the ϕ 3, upside-down count. After you win the ϕ A (it makes no difference if the first diamond is ducked), what do you lead?

If partner has led spades from ATxxx, he will be chomping at the bit for a spade return, but if he has some helpful holding in hearts (Q9x would do it) the seven of hearts is called for. Even a club could be right, if partner was only looking for your suit with his spade lead and is sitting on AQ9x. However, since six tricks are needed to defeat the contract, whatever black-suit lead must be made can wait until you get in again with the \bullet K, and by then partner will have made a helpful discard on the third round of diamonds. In the meantime, however, dummy's diamond suit looms as a source of tricks for declarer, with the \bullet A as a certain entry. Better to attack that entry now - but a low heart back is not good enough, as declarer will simply insert the \bullet Q (or win dummy's \bullet 10.) The only shift to kill dummy's diamonds is the \bullet K!

David reports that most of the defenders in the field found this *Merrimack Coup*, named after a Confederate ironclad that was scuttled in 1862 in order to prevent the ship from falling into Union hands. In the same way, declarer can now either win the \$\Psi\$ or see it driven out by a subsequent heart lead. Either way, dummy is now dead after a diamond duck.

In the Youngsters division, USA1 performed quite well, capturing a silver medal for the second year in a row. USA2, David's team, hovered near the brink of contention, but was unfortunately not able to make a decisive push to achieve qualifying position, finishing about 9.5 VPs out of a knockout berth. Nevertheless, David says everyone involved had a wonderful time in Istanbul, and all are looking forward toward to the 2016 championships in Italy.

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Another interesting hand played at 50 different tables with a variety of auctions that Phillip Alder wrote up in the Daily Bulletin of this World Youth Team event was:

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AQ74
A97542
K2
9
K1098632
Q83
6
A2
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North opens 1 \P , East overcalls 2NT (showing the two lower unbid suits), and West shows some enthusiasm for the minors. If you are North-South and end up in 6 +, what would you do after West leads: (1) a low diamond, or (2) the \P K, or (3) the \P J?

This was the full deal:

Dealer West. N-S Vul.

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AQ74
A97542
K2
9
J5 -
K J106
Q9853 AJ1074
J10865 KQ743
K1098632
Q83
6
A2
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How do East-West get on in clubs or diamonds and North-South in hearts or spades?

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This deal was played at 50 tables. In the 25 matches, the total number of IMPs scored was 231 -- an average of 9.24 IMPs per match. Three times the board was flat. In one of the Girls' matches, both sides made five of a major exactly. In two Junior matches, once both North-South pairs went one down in six spades (and both could have made their contract!), and once both declarers made five spades exactly.

Have you worked it all out? In clubs, which would probably be played by West if East bid an Unusual 2NT over 1♥, North must lead a diamond to hold the contract to 10 tricks. When South gets in with the ♣J, he leads a heart to his partner's ace and receives a diamond ruff. No pair found that defense. In diamonds, again probably by West, the defenders can take three tricks: the ♥A, the ♣A and a club ruff. In hearts, the defenders will get one heart and one diamond. Last, but most definitely not least, in spades, if South is the declarer, West, to defeat the contract, must lead either the ♥K or a diamond. If a diamond, East must win as cheaply as possible and then either try to cash another diamond or switch to exactly the ♥6. If 6♠ is played by North (presumably after a start of 1♥-(2NT)-3♦ by South showing spades (if you play "Unusual over Unusual"), East must lead precisely the ♥6 to defeat the contract!

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games at a senior center and private residences. Severe peripheral vascular disease caused him to lose both legs above the knees, but did not dampen his willingness to try bridge on the computer, until he was able to get to games once more. Just shortly before his demise on February 14, 2014, he was still playing.

Hopefully there is a place up in the skies where he will be able to resume playing with his beloved partner Oscar Pultz.

In loving memory, Wanda Clandorf

KENSINGTON TOWN HALL/ARMORY

3710 Mitchell St, Kensington, MD ~ (except where noted)

(Stratification by avg. masterpoints of the learn or pair.
—No individual may exceed the event's upper limit.)

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 9

- Rockville Duplicate Bridge Club, 301-503-3348 (Mark Lavine) NO ENTRY TILL 11AM St. James Episcopal Church, 11815 Seven Locks Rd., Rocketlle
- ◆ StrataFlighted 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) Kensington Town Hall/Armory 7:30pm

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 10

- *StrataFlighted A/X (unlim/3000) & B/C/D Pairs (2000/1000/500) (single sessions) 10:00am, 2:00pm
- Come out for this popular team game!—5 rounds, 5 boards a round, 5 minutes a board.

ALERT! NEW Earlier Start Times Saturday & Sunday-both sessions

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 1

- *StrataFlighted A/X (unlim/3000) or B/C/D Pairs (2500/1000/500) (single sessions) 10:00am, 3:00om
- Intermediate/Novice Pairs (300/200/100) or Newcomer Pairs (50/20/5) (single sessions) 10:00am, 3:00pm
- ▼ Machlin Sportsmanship Award Presentation & Panel Show between sessions

▲ Eynon Tropby

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 12

Pirst awarded in 1931—Try to add your name to the famous names inscribed beret Bracketed Teams, (2 session playthru w/break) 10:00am & 3:00om 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 (which awards the trophy).

♣ Lots of Intermediate & Novice Events with Silver Points! ♥

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

Hospitality includes snacks, drinks, & Friday lunch free of charge. Chair: Steve Schatzow, 202-332-3729, sschatzow@his.com. Volunteer Coordinator: Barbara Summers, 301-598-5838, jimbarb1184@201.com; Hospitality Chair: Mthe Zane, 301-653-1215, Mthezane@msn.com; H.C. Emeritus: Kitty Gottfried; Partnerships: Barbara Doran, 301-608-0347, barb doran@verizon.net

*StrataFlighted 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. 1st right at stop—Armory Ave. 1st left at stop—to 3710 Milchell St. & parking lot on right. Additional parking in nearby lots—see website maps.

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NVBA FALL SECTIONAL TOURNAMENT

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THURSDAY, OCTOBER 23>

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 24

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 25>

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 26>

STRATIFIED OPEN (2000+/2000/750) or I/N (500/300/100) PAIRS 7:30 p.m.

 Pleney of free parking! On-site smack bar plus loss of free treats! Many great residurants nearby!

Champtonshtp Evens and a Full Schedule of 299er Evens for Novice and Invermeditate Players! Players with 0-5 Masserpotrus play FREE tn ALL games!

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Partnership Chair Mary Ann Kral, 703-608-6846

Mid-Chart Conventions permitted in all A/X Events

Next NVBA Sectional Feb 19-22 at Arlington/ Fairfax Elks Lodge (Thurs at Beth El)

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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 sotal Masterpoint holding may exceed that upper limit.

DIRECTIONS: From Route 50/Arlington boulevard heading work 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 reat. From Fairfas, heading East on Route 50. The Elks Lodge will be two buildings down on your left—parking on the side and in the reat. From Fairfas, heading East on Route 50. The Elks Lodge intersection of Route 50 and Prosperity Average—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.

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