

NVBA Newsletter

April–June 2015

Northern Virginia Bridge Association

NVBA Annual Meeting, Awards and Bridge May 7, 2015

This year’s annual meeting, awards night and election of new members to the Board is being held May 7, 2015. We’ll gather starting at 5:30 p.m. at the Beth El Hebrew Congregation, 3830 Seminary Road, Alexandria, Virginia. The evening will start with a dinner catered by Picante, which is free for ACBL members (\$10.00 for non-members). The Annual Meeting will begin at 6:00 p.m. Following the “State of the Unit” report by the President and the Treasurer’s report, all players who became Life Masters in 2014 will be recognized,

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Of Special Interest

WBL Sectional, April 9-12
NVBA Sectional, April 23-26
GATLINBURG, TN REGIONAL, April 13-19
Richmond NLM Sectional, May 2-3
Open, Flight B & C GNT, 2nd Weekend, May 2-3
D6 StaC week, May 4-10
NVBA Annual Meeting, May 7
Cambridge, MD Sectional May 13-15
Winchester, VA Sectional May 14-16
RICHMOND, VA REGIONAL May 19-25
Baltimore Sectional June 5-7
GREENVILLE, SC REGIONAL June 8-14
NVBA LM/NLM Game, June 18
D6 NABC FUNd Week, June 23-29
RESTON, VA REGIONAL July 6-12

BE PART OF THE SOLUTION, Not Part of the Problem

By John Mason

My early days of bridge were in Colombia - Cali and Bogotá - during the 1960s. Down there one didn't belong to an organization, as we do here with the NVBA and the ACBL. Instead, you joined the local club and paid monthly dues, rather than a fee at each game. (It's still the same, half a century on. This April, when I hope to go for a visit, the Bogotá bridge club has cordially invited me to play under a temporary guest membership.)

At the Club de Bridge Santiago de Cali, our president was Pastora Saenz de Obregón. She ruled with a velvet glove and an iron hand. She was a favorite partner, gladly filling in with anyone who needed one. At the same time, she came down like the wrath of God on misbehavior. No one dared cross her. There were squabbles at the tables of course, but nothing the director couldn't handle. Zero tolerance may have been far in the future back then, but the director didn't need it. He always had Pastora Saenz de Obregón standing by.

More than anything else, it was her capable stewardship that made the club prosper. There was a waiting list to join.

The club occupied a residential house, rearranged to accommodate bridge tables. In the kitchen we had a combination butler and short-order cook. Pastora's pet peeve was inconsideration of the butler/cook by players leaving trash around and/or complaining about the food. Because of her, in fact, the club rarely saw bad manners of that sort. Everyone remembered the famous incident when she hauled her cousin Mercedes ("Merches") on the carpet for harassing the butler. "You can mistreat your maids at home all you like," roared Pastora, "but you will not mistreat the staff here."

Sad to say, we have all too much of that sort of inconsiderate behavior in the NVBA bridge clubs. At many of the locations where we play, our reputation with the office and the staff is one of bad mannered, ill-tempered slobs. Because of it, several club directors now suspect that the rent increases they're being charged may be owing in part to annoyance at our behavior. We've already lost one good location (First Presbyterian, in Ballston) because we kept parking where we shouldn't. More recently, just this past month, we antagonized another host - our backup location on Leesburg Pike - in the same heedless way.

At the tables, it's bad enough that we leave detritus for someone else to pick up. Worse yet, players accost the maintenance people with whining complaints, and even barge into the office with them.

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Upcoming NVBA Games & Special Events

Apr 2	Beth El	7:00	District Six Charity Pairs - Stratified Pairs
Apr 9	Beth El	7:00	WBL Sectional - Stratiflighted Pairs
Apr 16	Beth El	7:00	Stratified Unit Championship
Apr 23	Beth El	7:00	District 6 STaC Stratified Pairs
Apr 30	Beth El	7:00	Stratiflighted Unit Championship
May 7	Beth El	7:00	Annual Meeting - District 6 STaC - Stratified Pairs
May 14	Beth El	7:00	Grass Roots Fund Game - Stratiflighted Pairs
May 21	Beth El	7:00	Stratified Unit Championship
May 28	Beth El	7:00	Stratiflighted Unit Championship
Jun 4	Beth El	7:00	7:00 Stratified North American Pairs
Jun 11	Beth El	7:00	Stratiflighted Unit Championship
Jun 18	Beth El	7:00	LM/NLM Pairs - Stratified Upgraded Club Championship
Jun 25	Beth El	7:00	NABC Fund Game - Strataflighted Pairs

Stratification Limits:

All NVBA Unit Games include a separate Stratified 199er game.
 New Players and ACBL Members with 0-5 MPs play free every Thursday in all scheduled events.
Stratiflighted limits are A/X: Unlimited/3000 and B/C: 2000/500.
STaC: Unlimited/ 1500/500
 For the NAP qualifiers, the stratification is: 0-500 (NLM), 0-2500, Unlimited

Upcoming Sectionals

N V B A	April 23-26, 2015	W B L	April 9-12, 2015
	September 24-27, 2015		July 30—August 2, 2015
	October 22-25, 2015		October 8-11, 2015

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The Jack of Hearts

by Marshall Kushner

It's official. I'm old. For years I have laughingly referred to myself as a geezer but no more. New Orleans made it clear to me that I have arrived at my dotage. How? Well, New Orleans' primary industry is tourism and the number one attraction of that industry is debauchery. Folks arrive in New Orleans, their bags packed, not with clothing, but with liquor. They come with a singular purpose: to get hammered. Once inebriated they crawl through the French Quarter wearing T-shirts proclaiming things like, "I'm home. Take me drunk." or "Drunk chicks think I'm hot," or other messages unfit for a family column. And many of the women are not as well dressed. Like most places, New Orleans has an open container law but theirs has a twist. It demands that you carry one. On a festive evening, it's rare to see anyone on the street without a drink in hand. Of course, there's music, but while it once came from the many night clubs in the Quarter, it now emanates from car stereos, at thunderous volume. In my younger days, I probably had a greater appreciation for loud music and scantily clad women. But no more. Debauchery has lost its appeal. Therefore, I am old.

It was small wonder the music couldn't be heard in the playing area, since the host hotel was located on Canal St. at the edge of the Quarter. Did you know that Canal St. is the widest street in the world? How wide is it? Wide enough to allow the Clerkin brothers to walk side by side. Seriously, there are three lanes of traffic plus an intermittent parking lane in each direction sandwiching a neutral ground (that's what they call a median strip in New Orleans) housing trolley tracks with a generous apron on either side. So that's a total of about 12 lanes. Of course, the food is wonderful as ever.



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Upcoming NVBA 199er Unit Games

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Apr 9	Beth El	7:00	WBL Sectional - 199er Swiss Teams
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Apr 23	Beth El	7:00	NVBA Sectional - 199er Swiss Teams
Apr 30	Beth El	7:00	Unit Championship – 199er Pairs
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by Marshall Kushner

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There is no such thing as too much gumbo. The same could be said of oysters. One evening, we went to dinner with a friend who ordered half a dozen on the half shell, followed by an oyster salad, and a seafood stew containing yet more oysters.



This New Orleans NABC was historic for two reasons. There used to be an unwritten rule that nationals could not return to a city in fewer than six years. That got scrapped in 2012, when San Francisco was revisited after an absence of just five years. Now New Orleans lowered the bar a bit more, the last one being in Summer of 2010. The other reason is that New Orleans became the first city, in the modern era, to host a national in all three seasons. See how much you're learned reading this column! New Orleans also reversed a recent trend by being successful. It hosted 11,402 tables, almost a thousand more than the estimate. There must be a reason. I ran into a New York-based pro in the airport on the way home. He said, "Back to boring tournaments in boring cities with boring food."

I know, you're all dying to hear who did what. Top ten finishers were Deb Dhar and Mel Yudkin, 5th in the Flight B North American Pairs, Robert Brady 9th in the Platinum Pairs, and Gil Cohen 8th in the Silver Ribbon. Others with national overalls were Robbie Hopkins (Silver Ribbon), Rick Bingham and Dean Baird (Flt. C NAP), Helene Bauman (Mixed and Fast Pairs), Ai-Tai Lo and Alan Schwartz, Rob Brady (Open Swiss). Regional winners were John Glynn, Amanda Carter, Wayne Bardsley, Jerry and Elizabeth Nolte, Jim Augustine, Tony Robson. I, as usual, have nothing to show, but what can you expect? I'm old.

"..but what can you expect? I'm old."

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and the NVBA President will present the 2014 ACBL Mini-McKenney and Ace of Clubs awards in each category, as well as the trophies for NVBA Man and Woman of the Year, the Rush Buckley award and the NVBA Rookie of the Year trophy. We ask that recipients of awards be present by 6:30 PM in order to receive their awards before game time.

After the Annual Meeting ends, circa 7:00 p.m., the 18th annual Pat Eyman Strawberry Pairs will be held. New Life Masters in 2014 and players with 0-5 MPs play for free. The offices of President and Secretary, and two Executive Director positions are up for election. Listed below you will find candidates listed for these positions. All interested candidates who have not yet declared their candidacy must have a petition signed by 20 NVBA members submitted to the Nominating Committee chaired by Leo Cardillo or to NVBA Secretary Alan Dockterman (703-525-4798 or asdok@aol.com) no later than April 22 in order to get their name on the ballot. To date there is one candidate for each open position, so if no other NVBA members present themselves for candidacy, there will be no ballot, but instead a vote will be held at the Annual Meeting to accept the proposed slate by acclamation.

The candidates to date for NVBA Officer and Executive Director positions for the 2015-2016 Board of Directors are:

Candidate for President

Ron Kral



As President, I continue to have two objectives:

- 1) Engage more of the NVBA membership to participate, in particular the non-life masters. We have many members who are on the rolls but not active players. A subset of this is increasing our Unit's commitment to Bridge-in-Schools.
- 2) Increase the number of volunteers. At present, too few people are doing too much. Many hands make light work.

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Candidate for Secretary

Donna Hickling



I always knew I would play bridge once I retired, as my parents were avid duplicate players. Sure enough I started taking lessons with Marilyn Golias in January 2012, my first official retirement month, and played my first duplicate game in April. As have so many people before me, I quickly became addicted to the game. Now that I am starting my fourth year as a bridge player, I would like to contribute to the Unit in the role of Secretary.

Candidates for Executive Director

Jim Gerding

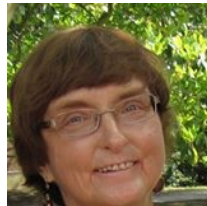


I first learned to play bridge as a child, and I'm still enjoying it. Having fun is what bridge is all about for me. Doing well and earning points are great, but they are meaningless unless you are enjoying it. I have been supporting Youth Bridge within NVBA, and think bridge is a great tool to help develop young minds. It also is a great tool for maintaining the minds of those of us getting older, so I have also supported the program at Sunrise. While on the Board, I will work to ensure the continued health of Unit 218 and look for ways to bring more folks, young and old and in between, out to play duplicate bridge, and to ensure we all can enjoy the game.

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Susan Miskura



I started learning bridge upon arriving in the area in 1970 for work. I played for 15 years, took a 20-year hiatus, and returned to the table 10 years ago. I've helped with teaching bridge in schools, and along with husband/partner Dennis, with partnerships at Regionals and hospitality at the Unit Game. Goodwill, and sustaining and growing our game, are clear priorities. And, oh, I'm still learning.



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If you can't contain yourself, at least keep your outbursts in the family (so to speak). Complain to the game's director if you must. He or she is a fellow bridge player and can take it. But do him/her and everyone else a favor by not complaining to our landlords and hosts.

One day soon we need to talk about bridge etiquette at the table, i.e. when you have cards in your hand. But that's a separate matter. Ron Kral has written excellent articles about proper table etiquette. We are happy to republish them if you are new to bridge in our area and aren't familiar with some of the standard courtesies. A couple of the main ones are that if you are on lead, you should make your lead before you write the contract down, so that dummy can face his cards and declarer can take a minute to think about the play of the hand. Also, it is best to make a practice of leading face down so that if you have made a lead out of turn, you and you partner won't be penalized for doing so. Another issue is how much space each player takes up at the table with their drink/food/convention card, etc. It is best not to put drinks on the table to avoid spilling coffee/water/soda all over the playing cards, boards, table mats and your convention card and those of others. If you put drinks on the floor or in a holder that attaches to the table, they will do much less damage if they spill and are easier to clean up. You also

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Climbing the Ladder

New Junior Masters

Dr. Georgia A Booker
Dewey Calderwood
Carmen Clelland
Dr. Robert L Durfee
Betsy Lauer
Kiran Malhotra
*Farida Nazhar

New Club Masters

John J Daly
George S Fleeson
*Nooreen Razi
Libby L Rook
*Robert E Wickham

New Sectional Masters

Ved B Gupta
Lucinda P Mann
*John A Meade
Richard J Poznanski
*Kermit Quick
Betsy R Rock
*James G Sprung
William E Swanson
*Noi West

New Regional Masters

*Susan E McCarthy
*Mary Lou McMorrow

New NABC Masters

Anne B Harrington
Marjorie A Motheral
*Tamara Vetter
*Jeffrey Yutzler
William H Zietz

New Advanced NABC Masters

Donna Hickling
Sharon Suttten

New Life Masters

Joy R Brown
Donald M Freedman

New Bronze Life Masters

Lorraine M Deblasio
Donald F Moen Jr
Elizabeth S Schepp

New Silver Life Masters

Ann Atcheson
Gisela H Browne
Jerry Nolte
George A Parkins
Eleanor L Schwartz
Richard A Thomas

New Gold Life Masters

Dennis Schwanz

(*) NVBA congratulates the above players who are recent recipients of Certificates of Achievement and free plays at the 199er game.

We encourage these players to pick up their awards and stay and play free at the Unit game

Hail and Farewell

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

Cynthia Baskin
 Bob Coffin
 Beverly L. Dowell
 Tina Doyle
 Nicholas H Fritz
 Elizabeth Gibbens
 Ruth E Hansen
 Dan Heily
 Linda D Henderson
 Douglas E Lahammer
 Florence K Levine
 Abigail C Magnani
 Steven R Mead
 Peter Michelman
 Lawrence I Plotkin
 Doug Price
 Marilyn Stone
 Thomas D Wainwright

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

Dr Jeanne B Bradley
 James P Challender
 Ved Gupta
 William B Hammett
 Cecilia D Haynes
 Shirley Ann Leonard
 Johnny M Marsh
 David Roskind
 Ginny T Shoemaker

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

William Holloran, Jr
 Jocelyn Huang
 Marjorie Lewis
 Sheryl McEwan
 Richard Rowen
 Virginia Rowen
 Mary Jane Stutz
 Tova Katy Tabori

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

Nancy Cartwright
 Larry Gebbie
 Daniel Graham
 Gay Sullivan

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want to be sure you don't take up so much space with your possessions that your right-hand opponent and left-hand opponent don't have room to make their bids and/or to lay down their hand if they are dummy. If you finish your round early, be courteous to the players at the next table and don't ask them for boards until there are 2-3 minutes left in the round, and if you can, don't ask them for boards at all if they are concentrating on playing and defending a hand. Please wait until the hand is over.

In sum, please be neat and courteous and mind your manners at the places where we play. We're guests there.

Parade of Winners

WBL Sectional January 8-11, 2015

Thurs AM Open Pairs (28 Pairs)

1 Steven Schatzow - Ken Davis

Thurs Eve B/C/D Pairs (42 Pairs)

1 Robert Poriss - Eva Klivington
2/3 Onorica Luculescu - Alina Galszewska
2/3 Hal Jones Jr - Jeremy Billones

Thurs Eve 0-200 Pairs @ NVBA (10 Pairs)

1 Thomas Keslin - Carol Goldstone
2 1 1 Gary Scavongelli - Janice Scavongelli
2 2 Gordon Soper - William Lowry

Fri AM A/X Pairs (12 Pairs)

2 Fred Gramlich - Catherine Bardsley

Fri AM 299er Pairs (32 Pairs)

1 1 Richard Long - Eric Cassel

Fri Aft A/X Pairs (24 Pairs)

1 1 Jeffrey Schwartz - Annie Schwartz

Fri Aft 299er Pairs (18 Pairs)

1 1 1 Gordon Soper - William Lowry
2 2 2 Richard Long - Eric Cassel

Fri Eve Triple Nickel Swiss (24 Teams)

2 Raymond Gallucci - Sym Gallucci - Syed Khan - Nooreen Raz
2 Thomas Grahame - Dale Dallaire - Terence McCarthy - Robert Poriss

Sat AM 299er Pairs (31 Pairs)

1 1 Richard Long - Eric Cassel

Sat Aft A/X Pairs (37 Pairs)

2 1 Mel Yudkin - Deb Dhar
2 Albert Lauber - Jay Cherlow

Sat Aft B/C/D Pairs (29 Pairs)

1 Thomas Jennings - Clifford Feldman

Sun Swiss Bkt 1 (15 Teams)

1 Robert Hopkins Jr - Joan Lewis - Barry Falgout - Lyle Poe Jr

Sun Swiss Bkt 3 (8 Teams)

1 Phillip Tseng - Barbara Hodges - Thomas Jennings - Carl Noller

Sun Swiss Bkt 4 (8 Teams)

1/2 Hal Jones Jr - Jeremy Billones - Jay Simon - Mark Jones

Sun AM 299er Swiss (10 Teams)

2 Kaye Appleman - Sarah Watson - Samir Haddad - Michael Eidi

MABC Charlottesville

January 12-18, 2015

Mon Eve Charity Pairs (30 Pairs)

2 Fred Gramlich - Catherine Bardsley

Tues-Wed Compact KO (12 Teams)

2 Kenneth Davis - Mark Tonnesen - Marie Duval - Frederic Pollack

Tues Open Pairs (16 Pairs)

1 Ronald Kral - Kay Rogers
2 Thomas Jennings - Betty Burse

Tues Evening B-A-M (11 Teams)

2 Patti Martin - Betsy Eliot - Donna Sinrud - Lenore Ward

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Parade of Winners

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Wed Aft Side Game (35 Pairs)

- 1 Jim Wakefield - Helene Bauman

Wed Eve Side Swiss (38 Teams)

- 2 Mark Tonnesen - Kenneth Davis -
Marie Duval - Frederic Pollack
2/3 Dennis Schwanz - Susan Miskura -
Leonard Ellis - Jay Cherlow

Wed-Thurs Morn Compact KO #1 (12 Teams)

- 2 James Gerding - Sidney Graves -
Linda Burton - Marvin Raines

Wed-Thurs Morn Compact KO#2 (11 Teams)

- 1 Jeffrey Yutzler - Donna Hickling -
Thomas Jennings - Nan Massie

Thurs A/X Swiss Teams (18 Teams)

- 2 Frederic Pollack- Marie Duval -
John Glynn - Ellen Glynn

Thurs Bracketed B #2 (8 Teams)

- 1 James Gerding - Sidney Graves -
Linda Burton - Marvin Raines

Thurs Bracketed B #5 (8 Teams)

- 1 Christine Brooks - Carolyn Wood -
Joy Brown - Margaret Johnson

Thurs Eve Open (12 Pairs)

- 1 Bob Boyd - Jay Kelkar
2 Louise Hayes - Penelope Paddock

Thurs Eve Gold Rush (28 Pairs)

- 1/2 John Henderson - Armanda Hen-
derson

Thurs-Fri Morn Compact KO #2 (9 Teams)

- 2 Cathy McGarrigan - Lynne Beres-
ford -
Nancy Loomis - Ann Seeboth

Fri Eve Open Pairs (32 Pairs)

- 2 Dalia Kende - Lucy McCoy

Fri Even Side Pairs (23 (Pairs)

- 2 Joan Lewis - Robert Hopkins Jr.

Fri Eve IMP Pairs (18 Pairs)

- 2 Jim Wakefield - Helene Bauman

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

- 2 Jerry Nolte - Elizabeth Nolte -
Mike Ladd - Betty Ladd

Fri-Sat KO #3 (12 Teams)

- 1 Ann Atcheson - Sheryl McEwan -
Louise Hayes - Penelope Paddock
2 Kenneth Hopke - John Hamilton -
Elizabeth Nolte - Jerry Nolte

Sat Morn 299er Pairs (10 Pairs)

- 2/3 Susan McCarthy - Adrienne Downs

Sat Aft Open Pairs (28 Pairs)

- 1 John Kloke II - Jim Dick
2 Hadi Abushakra - Mel Yudkin

Sat Aft Gold Rush (56 pairs)

- 1 Nooreen Razi - Syed Khan
2 Alina Galaszewska - Onorica Lu-
culescu

Sat Eve Side Game (30 Pairs)

- 2 Allan Sitterson - Peter Harrington
1 Nooreen Razi - Syed Khan

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Sat Eve B-A-M (18 Teams)

- 1 Leonard Ellis - Jay Cherlow -
Dennis Schwanz - Susan Miskura
- 2/4 2 1 Carolyn Baird - Dean Baird -
Betty Ladd - Mike Ladd
- 2/4 Ralph Russo - Mike Spooner -
Ron Kral - Bob Pfeiffer

Sat - Sun KO Bkt #2 (9 Teams)

- 2 David Fleischer - Barbara Doran -
Richard Ferrin - Joe Hertz

Sun A/X Swiss Teams (18 Teams)

- 2 Stan Schenker - David Milton -
David Rodney - Avril Rodney

Sun Bracketed Teams B #1 (8 Teams)

- 2 Mel Yudkin - Hadi Abushakra -
William Young - Deborah Hoveland

Sun Bracketed Teams B #2 (8 Teams)

- 2 Jerry Nolte - Elizabeth Nolte -
Kenneth Hopke - John Hamilton

Sun Bracketed Teams B #4 (8 Teams)

- 2 Mike Ladd - Betty Ladd -
Carolyn Baird - Dean Baird

Sun Bracketed Teams B #6 (8 Teams)

- 2 Gail Harrison - Brian Brunsvold -
Kathleen Zellmer - Charles Dearolf

Sun Bracketed Teams B #7 (8 Teams)

- 2 John Cook - Pat Cook -
David Street - Eileen Street

NVBA September Sensations Sectional

February 19-22, 2015

Thurs AM Open Pairs (30 Pairs)

- 1 Salam Saidi - Dalia Kende
- 2 1 Bernice Hacke - Georgette Weiss
- 1 John Kinsey - Jeffrey Klemm
- 2 Michael Canes - Michael Kappel

Thurs AM 0-500 Pairs (18 Pairs)

- 1 1 Thomas Keslin - Barbara Teng
- 2 2 Harvey Lipsher - Nadia Potter
- 2 Debby Bailine - Barbara Goldlust

Thurs Eve A/X Pairs (54 Pairs)

- 1 Monique Smith - Merril Hirsh
- 1 Dean Baird - Rick Bingham

Thurs Eve B/C Pairs (46 Pairs)

- 2 M. David Jackson - Ann Atcheson

Thurs 199er Pairs @ NVBA (20 Pairs)

- 1 1 Gayle Tomasetti - Pratt Bronaugh
- 2 2 1 Ellen Haines - Cynthia Larre
- 2 Duncan Wainwright - Jovica Medic

Fri AM Open Pairs (28 Pairs)

- 1 Mark Tonnesen - Ken Davis
- 2 Vonnie Lavender - Robert Gookin
- 1 Tom Jennings - Salam Saidi
- 1 Yuen de Anda - Ron Sutter
- 2 Tony Robson - James Augustine

Fri AM NLM Pairs (18 Pairs)

- 2 1 1 Debbie Massey - Sally Schlein
- 2 Donna Hickling - Linda Thomas
- 2 Charles Ellis - Joan Axilbund

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Parade of Winners

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Fri Aft A/X Pairs (28 Pairs)

- 2 1 Ron Kral - Kay Rogers
- 2 Jinane Tabbara - Kamel Tabbara

Fri Aft B/C Pairs (17 Pairs)

- 1 Al Sitterson - Peter Harrington
- 2 Amy Brisson - Margaret Whilden

Fri Aft 499er Pairs (42 Pairs)

- 1 1 1 William Starosta - Kiran Starosta
- 2 Charles Ellis - Joan Axilbund
- 2 Mary McFadden - Alice Burin

Fri Eve Triple Nickel Swiss (28 Teams)

- 1 Lucy McCoy - Bill Cole - Vincent Wilmot Jr - Carole Banks
- 2/3 Ken Davis - Jay Cherlow - Steve Schatzow - Linda Marshall
- 2/3 1 Wayne Bardsley - Catherine Bardsley - Amanda Carter - Fred Gramlich
- 2/3 Al Sitterson - Peter Harrington - Louise Hayes - Penelope Paddock
- 2/3 1 Gary Hinson - Bruce Kasold - Andrea Stanley-Miller - Eleanor Schwartz

Fri Eve 499er Pairs (16 Pairs)

- 1 1 1 Cathy Walton - Brian Lamm
- 2 2 Pat Teer - Bill Teer
- 2 Jeanne Theis - Phil Theis

Sat AM A/X Pairs (12 Pairs)

- 2 Betty Bursey - Esfandiar Khazai

Sat AM 499er Pairs (40 Pairs)

- 1 1 Gail Wollenberg - D Woodworth
- 2 Marge Amey - David Amey
- 2 Tamara Vetter - Jayne Lynch

Sat Aft Open Pairs (22 Pairs)

- 1 1 Amanda Carter - Wayne Bardsley
- 2 Bruce Houston - Ken Davis
- 2 Gary Hinson - Bruce Kasold

Sat Aft 499er Pairs (12 Pairs)

- 1 1 Joe Lebaron - Norman Kittrell
- 2 2 June Gladding - Janelle Gmitter
- 1 Rebecca Sekse - Patricia Greason
- 2 Kendrea Delauter - Donna Sherrard

Sun A/X BAM (11 Teams)

- 1 1 Mark Chen - Michael Gill - Sylvia Shi - Alex Prairie
- 2 Vonnie Lavender - Diane Walker - Richard Ferrin - Gene Kales
- 2 Margot Hennings - Shawn Stringer - Don Berman - Rose Berman

Sun Flt B Bkt 1 (8 Teams)

- 2 Jay Cherlow - David Loken - Walter Smith Jr - Hadi Abushakra

Sun Flt B Bkt 2 (8 Teams)

- 1 Youssef Seraj - Dave Tonnesen - Donna Stoker - Asim Mandal
- 2 Alex Salpeter - Eva Klivington - Nancy Lea Ross - James Dresser

Sun Flt B Bkt 3 (13 Teams)

- 1/2 John McCormick - Shiang Chen - Adam Gann - Blake Schwartzbach
- 1/2 Jeffrey Yutzler - Francesca Mazzarella - Norman Kittrell - Donna Hickling

Sun AM 499er Swiss (11 Teams)

- 1 Joan Axilbund - Rebecca Sekse - Patricia Greason - Sheila Ellis

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Parade of Winners

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Sun Aft 499er Swiss (9 Teams)

1 Brian Lamm - Cathy Walton - Kathy Dunkerley - Shirley Prikals

WBL NLM Sectional

March 19-22, 2015

Fri NLM Pairs (47 Pairs)

2 Michael Corrigan - Donna Hickling

2 1 Peter Michelman - Gary Scavongelli

Sat AM NLM Pairs (74 Pairs)

1 Shiang Chen - Blake Schwartzbach

Sat Aft NLM Pairs (60 Pairs)

1 John Blodgett - Daniel Morgan

Sun NLM Stratified Swiss (19 Teams)

2/3 Michael Beaghen - Jonathan Holland - Edward Rejuney - Debra Graham -
John Jordan



The Search for a 7x24 NVBA Bridge Facility

The NVBA is in the early stages of a process to locate and rent space for a suitable bridge facility in Northern Virginia that would be dedicated to bridge 7 days a week/24 hours a day. An ideal facility would accommodate 100 tables and provide adequate parking, kitchen and toilet facilities. Such a facility might accommodate the NVBA Sectionals, the Unit Game and any Club Games that were interested.

The informal Search Committee consists of Leo Cardillo, Francesca Mazarella, Amanda Carter and Jim Dick. Please contact any of these individuals or any member of the NVBA Board if you have any information regarding a possible site for such a facility.

199er Game Lecture Series (subject to change)

Apr 2	Overview of Swiss Teams 1. <i>Swiss and Round-Robin theory and movements</i> 2. <i>head-to-head (only one opponent vs Matchpoints where everyone seated in your direction is your opponent),</i> 3. <i>Scoring IMPS vs Matchpoints,</i> 4. <i>IMPS translated to Victory Points to further reduce the impact of big swing boards</i> 5. <i>How the scoring and scorecard work</i>
Apr 9	Convention Card Revisited <i>some of what we didn't cover March 19</i>
Apr 16	Matchpoints vs IMPs (Team tactics) -- <i>declaring and defending differences from Matchpoints, incl safety plays</i>
Apr 23	Convention Card Revisited <i>most (?) of what we didn't cover March 19 and April 9</i>
Apr 30	What the NVBA Does, what its Board does
May 7	Annual Meeting - No Lecture
May 14	Planning the Play at a NT Contract -- <i>Counting winners & losers, fast vs slow losers, where you get your tricks before they get theirs</i>
May 21	Opening Lead at a NT Contract -- <i>what's your goal, what do you tell by the lead</i>
May 28	Planning the Defense at a NT Contract -- <i>your aim, where you see your tricks, where you see Declarer's tricks, how you get your tricks before they get theirs</i>
Jun 4	Major Suit Opening Bid, Responder's Bid -- <i>What you tell, what you want to know</i>
Jun 11	Major Suit Opener's Rebid -- <i>Game Tries in a Major Suit</i>
Jun 18	LM/NLM Pairs Game - No Lecture
Jun 25	Review of 2 or 3 hands from LM/NLM Game, or "Expert Panel"

NVBA Club Websites

Director	Game	Website/Contact Info
Jim Dick	Beth El—Sunday 1:00 PM KOCH - Monday, 7:00 PM, Open and NLM	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	Messiah Lutheran Church - Monday, 7:00 PM	http://clubresults.acbl.org/ getClubs.php
Livingston Johnson	Salvation Army Fairfax— Tuesday, 10:30 AM, Open and NLM	http://clubresults.acbl.org/ getClubs.php
Candy and Marshall Kuschner	KOCH - Tuesday, 10:30 AM, Open and NLM Reston - Wednesday, 7:00 PM, Open and 499er	http://clubresults.acbl.org/ getClubs.php
Bernie Oetjen	KOCH - Saturday, 1:00 PM	http://clubresults.acbl.org/ getClubs.php
Norma Pierzchala & Bernie Oetjen	KOCH - Thursday, 10:30 AM, 0-1500 KOCH - Saturday, 9:00 AM	http://clubresults.acbl.org/ getClubs.php
Louise Sellers	JCC of No. VA -Wed, 11:00 AM Vienna DBC - Thurs, 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
Yvonne Markell	Leesburg Senior Center – Fri- day 12:45 PM	http://clubresults.acbl.org/ getClubs.php
Clubs with No Websites		
Marilyn Golias	Bridge Club of Northern Vir- ginia - Saturday, 7:00 PM, Sun- day, 1:30 PM	Various locations in the Northern Virginia area; Tel: 703-629-8932; Email: double7nt@aol.com
Elliot Itkin	Carver Community Center Purcellville—Wed, 2:00 PM	Tel: 703-727-5062 Email: elliottitkin@yahoo.com

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THURSDAY, APRIL 9

- ♣ Stratified Open (unlim/2000) or 1000/500/300 Pairs 11:15am
- Rockville Duplicate Bridge Club, 301-503-3348 (Mark Levine) **NO ENTRY TILL 11AM**
St. James Episcopal Church, 11815 Seven Locks Rd., Rockville
- ♣ Stratified Open Pairs (AX unlim/3000, B/C/D Separate 2000/1000/500) (both sites); Stratified NM 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 Night Special!

—Play at 2pm and the Triple Nickel is half price!—

FRIDAY, APRIL 10

- ♣ *Stratified AX (unlim/3000) & B/C/D Pairs (2000/1000/500) (single sessions) 10:00am, 2:00pm
- ♣ **Stratified Triple Nickel Swiss Teams** (unlim/2000/750) ... **Post-Game Party!** ... 7:15pm
—5 rounds, 5 boards a round, 5 minutes a board. **with beer, wine & desserts**
- ♣ Intermediate/Novice Pairs (300/200/100/50/20) (single sessions) 10:00am, 2:00pm, 7:15pm

SATURDAY, APRIL 11

Win upgraded (more) masterpoints today! \$1 additional fee supports Grass Roots events.

- ♣ *Stratified AX (unlim/3000) or B/C/D Pairs (2000/1000/500) 10:00am, 3:00pm
- ♣ Intermediate/Novice Pairs (300/200/100) or Newcomer Pairs (50/20/5) (single sessions) 10:00am, 3:00pm

SUNDAY, APRIL 12

- ♣ **Bracketed Teams**, (2 session play thru w/break—**lunch available for purchase**) 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

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Partnerships: **Barbara Doran**, 301-608-0347, barb.doran@verizon.net

*Stratified if attendance warrants—otherwise combined into Stratified Pairs (unlim/2000/500) Stratification by avg. masterpoints of the team or pair. No individual may exceed the event's upper limit.

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NORTHERN VIRGINIA BRIDGE ASSOCIATION
SPRING SECTIONAL TOURNAMENT

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

Thurs. NVBA 199ers now teams ***REVISED*** Sun. flight B limit raised: 2500
 February snow moves William Poissant Memorial Pairs to Saturday

THURSDAY, APRIL 23 - STRATIFIED OPEN (2000+/2000/750) or 500/300/100 PAIRS . . . 10:30 a.m.
 Norm'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: Chr Kodesh Congregation, 8300 Meadowbrook 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 SWISS TEAMS (200/100/50/20); WBL NLM PAIRS (NLM/100/50) 7:00 p.m. 7:30 p.m.

FRIDAY, APRIL 24
 Gene's Friday Morning Game at KQCH: 9:30 a.m.
 STRATIFIED OPEN (2000+/2000/750) or 500/300/100 PAIRS (NLMs only)
 ...**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.
 I/N (500/300/100) or 49ER (50/20/5) PAIRS 2 p.m.
 TRIPLE NICKEL SWISS—5 rounds, 5 boards, 5 minutes a board . . . 7:30 p.m.
 I/N (500/300/100) PAIRS 7:30 p.m.

SATURDAY, APRIL 25
 STRATAFLIGHTED A/X (3000+/3000) or B/C (2000/750) PAIRS 9:30 a.m.
 I/N (500/300/100), 49ER (50/20) or NEWCOMER (0-5) PAIRS . . . 9:30 a.m.
 Intermediate/Newcomer Lecture 1:15 p.m.
ALL events on Sat. afternoon & evening award REGIONALLY RATED SILVER POINTS—an additional \$1 will be added to your entry fee to support Grass Roots events in our local area!—Details at www.nvba.org.
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.
 I/N (500/300/100) or 49ER (50/20/5) PAIRS 2 p.m.
STRATIFIED OPEN CONSOLATION (2000+/2000/750) 7:30 p.m.
 —Open to Non-Qualifiers and New Entrants.
 I/N (500/300/100) PAIRS 7:30 p.m.

SUNDAY, APRIL 26
 FLIGHTS A/X (5000+/5000) SWISS TEAMS 11 a.m. & TBA
 BRACKETED FLIGHT B TEAMS (no single player >2500) . . 11 a.m. & TBA
 B Teams Bracketed by Total Team Masterpoints: three overall places in each.
 Swiss & B/C Teams: 2-session events, a brief break & food available on-site.
 I/N (500/300/100) SWISS TEAMS (Single sessions) . . 11 a.m. / 3:15 p.m.
 49ER (50/20/5) SWISS TEAMS (Single session) 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 Masterpoints holding may exceed that upper limit.

DIRECTIONS: From Route 50/Arlington Boulevard heading west from DC and Arlington AND from Route 495/Belway: Continue on/Take Route 50 West about one mile outside the Belway, 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.

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Join us for a
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to raise funds for
Alzheimer's Research
on The Longest Day.



3-18 board games ♣ Upgraded MPs ♡ 10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Beth El Temple, 3830 Seminary Road, Alexandria, VA 22304

The Longest Day

is a sunrise-to-sunset event to raise funds to fuel the care, support and research efforts of the Alzheimer's Association. Held on the summer solstice, the longest day of the year, this event challenges participants to push their limits and complete approximately 16 hours of a consecutive activity – such as playing bridge. It's one day to honor the strength, heart and endurance displayed by people with Alzheimer's and their caregivers every day.

▶ BRIDGE HEROES UNITED celebrates and promotes bridge for all ages in Northern VA and MD. A super alliance between NVBA, WBL and RBA raised over \$23,000 for Alzheimer's Research last year!

▶ On June 21, Bridge Heroes United is participating in The Longest Day, holding a 3 session bridge-a-thon to raise funds to support Alzheimer's research. *There will be pizza and upgraded Masterpoints!* Each game is 18 boards. This event is held at **Beth El Hebrew Congregation**, 3830 Seminary Road, Alexandria, VA 22304. There is no charge to play. We welcome your generous contributions.

▶ This is also a culmination of the school year for FCPS students from Sunrise Bridge, a year round enrichment program with a service learning component. Play bridge. Do good. It doesn't get any better than that.

▶ **RSVP to Livingston Johnson at snowpusher@cox.net**

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