



NVBA Newsletter

July–September 2015

Northern Virginia Bridge Association

Congratulations to our 2014 Award Winners!

At the Annual Meeting on May 7, 2015, NVBA President Ron Kral recognized new Life Masters and presented trophies and medals to NVBA trophy winners, Ace of Clubs winners and Mini-McKenney winners.

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Of Special Interest

D6 NABC FUNd Week, June 23-29
RESTON, VA REGIONAL July 6-12
WBL Sectional, July 30 - Aug 2
Chicago, IL Summer NABC Aug 6-16
Hunt Valley, MD REGIONAL Aug 11-17
Atlanta, GA REGIONAL, Sep 1-7
WBL NLM Sectional, Sep. 1-7
D6 NAP Finals, Sep. 19-20
NVBA Sectional Sep. 24-27
D6 STAC, Sep. 28-Oct 4

ZERO TOLERANCE

By Ron Kral, NVBA President



I teach lots of beginners. When I ask them why they don't play duplicate, by far the most common answer I get is "duplicate players are SO rude and mean." Many of us have become toughened up and blasé about bad behavior at the table, and simply let it go over our heads. Many of us work very hard to get new people into the game, and it's often years before they will tentatively take their first step. If, after all that work, they have a bad experience early on, they often just quit and never come back. An example is a lady who took many years of lessons from both me and other teachers. She's a very intelligent and a well respected educator. She finally decided to try playing on Bridge Base Online (BBO). She picked up with someone and played two hands. They "yelled" at her and she just logged off. Her comment to me was "I'll never do THAT again!" Luckily, her mother dragged her off to play bridge face-to-face, and she ended up a regular player, but the game very nearly lost a budding new duplicate enthusiast.

If you haven't done so recently, do some self-introspection and examine your own behavior. Here's some do's and don'ts. Ask yourself, "Am I doing any of these things? How can I change for the better?" Here are a few concrete suggestions:

- SMILE at your partner and your opponents! I'm personally accused of not doing this. I'm intent and focused on the game, and many people take this as being unfriendly. I'm working on this. We handed out "Smile, your partner will play better" buttons at the recent Reston Regional. We have leftovers, and if you want one, ask Mary Ann or me, and we'll be happy to give you TWO, one for you AND one for your partner!

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Upcoming NVBA Games & Special Events

Jul 2	Beth El	7:00	Stratified North American Pairs
Jul 9	CLOSED	7:00	RESTON REGIONAL
Jul 16	Beth El	7:00	Stratified Unit Championship
Jul 23	Beth El	7:00	Stratified North American Pairs
Jul 30	Beth El	7:00	WBL Sectional—Stratiflighted Pairs
Aug 6	Beth El	7:00	Stratified North American Pairs
Aug 13	Beth El	7:00	Stratiflighted Unit Championship
Aug 20	Beth El	7:00	Stratified Unit Championship
Aug 27	Beth El	7:00	Stratified North American Pairs
Sep 3	Beth El	7:00	Stratiflighted Unit Championship
Sep 10	Beth El	7:00	Stratified Grand Natl Swiss Teams
Sep 17	Beth El	7:00	Membership Game - Stratiflighted Pairs
Sep 24	Beth El	7:00	NVBA Sectional - Stratiflighted Pairs
Oct 1	Beth El	7:00	District 6 STaC—Stratified 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

Upcoming Sectionals

N V B A	September 24-27, 2015	W B L	July 30–August 2, 2015
	October 22-25, 2015		Sept 10-12, 2015 (NLM)
	February 19-22, 2016		October 8-11, 2015
	April 21-24, 2016		January 7-10, 2016

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Bridge In Colombia

by John Mason

In April, 2015, my wife Linda and I took a 12-day trip to Colombia. I lived, worked, and played bridge there from 1965-1971, and until now had not been back. A month before the trip, I got in touch by email with the local bridge people, thinking they would prove useful contacts while we were there. They responded promptly and helped make our visit a memorable one.

Colombia's capital city Bogotá is 8,700 feet above sea level -- more than half again higher than Denver. The savannah of Bogotá is an expanse of tableland high in the Andes, nestled in clouds. Its climate is damp, chilly and rainy. But when the night sky is clear, you can go up into the mountains to where there's no glare from city lights, and see the stars ablaze in a velvet black sky. At this time of year the Southern Cross is just above the horizon.

It takes a day or two to get acclimated to the altitude and catch your breath. Your metabolism is readjusting. That process affects some people in odd ways, such as brief memory lapses. Once you're acclimated, though, there's one effect that everyone appreciates. You can eat as much as you like and your new metabolism won't let you gain weight. During this trip each of us lost five pounds, while most assuredly not stinting ourselves at mealtimes.

Colombia has always had bridge players and clubs. Back in my day I played from time to time in Bogotá, and regularly in Cali.

Colombia belongs to the World Bridge Federation (as does the ACBL). C.f. Mexico, which belongs to the WBF and the ACBL both.

In Bogotá there are at least two clubs with regular games: the Bogotá Country Club and El Club de Bridge Almirante Colón. Vera Rosebusz, President of the Colombian Bridge Federation, kindly put me in touch with this club, well in advance of our visit, so I could go there and play.

The club occupies the entire second floor of the Almirante Colón building, the rest being doctor's offices. It's next door to a hospital. (The building is named for Admiral Christopher Columbus (in Spanish: Cristóbal Colón -- the nation's namesake). Members join by invitation and pay dues. Not all members are bridge players. Some use it as a luncheon or supper club. In addition to member activities, the club earns income from special events such as business

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Upcoming NVBA 199er Unit Games

Jul 2	Beth El	7:00	Stratified 199er ACBL Charity Swiss Teams
Jul 9	CLOSED	7:00	RESTON REGIONAL
Jul 16	Beth El	7:00	Unit Championship –199er Pairs
Jul 23	Beth El	7:00	Stratified 199er Pairs
Jul 30	Beth El	7:00	WBL Sectional –199er Swiss Teams
Aug 6	Beth El	7:00	Unit Championship –199er Pairs
Aug 13	Beth El	7:00	D6 Foundation Charity Swiss Teams
Aug 20	Beth El	7:00	Unit Championship –199er Pairs
Aug 27	Beth El	7:00	Stratified 199er Pairs
Sep 3	Beth El	7:00	Unit Championship –199er Pairs
Sep 10	Beth El	7:00	Unit Championship --199er Pairs
Sep 17	Beth El	7:00	Membership Game - Stratified 199er Pairs
Sep 24	Beth El	7:00	NVBA Sectional 199er Swiss Teams
Oct 1	Beth El	7:00	District 6 STaC–Stratified 199er Pairs

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meetings and receptions. In essence, it's more like a West End club in London than what we know in the States as a bridge club. A day or two after we arrived, I played in a duplicate game there, partnered by one of the directors. (My wife didn't play, and spent the afternoon shopping.) Astonishingly, one player remembered me from half a century ago in Cali. She boasted that she was now 86 years old. After the game I tried to find her to ask for a game, but she had drawn the last sitout and was long gone.



One of the card-playing areas. Behind the far wall is a private dining room. To the left, past a corridor, is the club's kitchen, which is as large as the one at Knights of Columbus Hall in Arlington.

A week later I played a second time there, with the club's president, Glenn Lawson, an American married to a Bogotana. Glenn, like me, used to work in insurance. Though he and I had never met (I left Colombia shortly before he arrived), we knew most of the same people back then and had much to gossip about.

Colombian bridge is influenced to some extent by Bridge Base Online. At club games they play Standard American or "dos sobre uno" (Two-Over-One). And they still play "la Biblia," the home-

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grown system I recalled from years gone by. It's based on five-card majors, and dates from when Goren and four-card majors were still common. Everyone I asked acknowledged that their "Bible" had been a precursor of Two-Over-One and Precision, but no one would go so far as to say it was an ancestor.

I found etiquette at their bridge tables more relaxed, more cordial than we're used to. No one makes opening leads face down or asks for questions. Nor did I see any convention cards on display. On my lead out-of-turn, when I tried to put it out as a penalty card, the opponents said go ahead and pick it up, adding in English, "This is a friendly game." To be sure, these were only weekly club games; their sectionals and regionals may well not be that casual.

I asked at length about rules and behavior, looking for differences between there and here. Their games are governed by the WBF's laws, of course, which are very similar to the ACBL's, if not verbatim. What does differ is the WBF's manner of addressing bad behavior, which the ACBL deals with in its Zero Tolerance policy. The WBF, instead of laying down policy, gives guidelines for what its National Bridge Organizations' (NBOs') policies should be.

In Colombia there doesn't seem to be much need for official rules in this regard. I asked three directors -- two in Bogotá and one in Cali -- how they dealt with squabbles at the table. Each laughed, and said that on those rare occasions all they had to do was take the miscreants aside and "talk to them."

Fifty years ago, behavior and discipline were enough of an issue that directors did not allow husbands and wives to partner each other. Things seem to have changed. My impression was that behavior at their bridge games today may even be better than ours in the ACBL.

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The director's table at the Almirante Club. In the background is a dining area, and a balcony beyond that.

To score games, in both Bogotá and Cali they use old desktop computers running Windows XP and the DOS version of ACBLscore software. They don't use Bridgemates. It's shuffle and play, with traveler slips for scoring and no hand records. But they tell me Medellín's bridge club does have electronic scoring.

Several other cities have bridge activity. Vera included me on her email of a flyer announcing a tournament in Bucaramanga, the center city of Colombia's petroleum industry (they're a petroleum exporter).

Clubs in Colombia play more rubber bridge than we do up here. In my day we played for a peso a point. Back then the peso was twenty to the dollar, or worth a nickel. Today it's around 2,300 the

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dollar, so the stake in a rubber bridge game might be 100 or 200 pesos a point.

Colombia's second city, Cali, styles itself as "la Sultana del Valle," referring to its hinterland, the agriculturally rich Cauca River Valley. At 3,200 feet above sea level, its climate is sultry and tropical, yet pleasant and springlike. Palm trees and flowering jacarandas sway softly in breezes perfumed with a hint of jasmine. As its sobriquet suggests, Cali radiates the charm of an exotic, seductive empress.

My bridge home-base in Colombia used to be the Club de Bridge Santiago de Cali. It's still there, 45 years later, but not in the same location. As before, it occupies a residential house with its floor space arranged for two or more games of 10-12 tables.

Elsa de Castillo, whom Vera introduced to me as Cali's bridge commissar, opened the door to a game there. As in Bogotá, there are at least two clubs. One of them plays at the Club Campestre (Country Club), where "social" (i.e. rubber) bridge is the norm. That's where a four-day national tournament will be in August of this year. Usually it's pairs only, but this year they've added team events. The Club Campestre has five-star hotel facilities, which is a great convenience, since the Club is somewhat distant from the hotels in downtown Cali. Elsa says she'd love to see lots of "forasteros," or visitors from afar, in attendance.

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The snack table, before a game.



At the club in Bogotá, you're welcome to visit the snack table, but you don't have to. During play a waiter comes by each table taking orders. The menu is prepared in the kitchen by the club's staff. Typically it's hors d'oeuvres and baked sweets such as cookies, merengues, or a cake.

(Here's one big difference Anglo grocery shoppers would find in Colombia. There aren't many prepared foods to buy. If you want cookies, crackers, spreads and things of that sort, you make them yourself at home, from scratch. You won't find many such things in grocery stores-- only the ingredients.)

The snack I ordered was pan de bono -- biscuits made with flour from yucca rather than wheat, and some cheese baked in. That's a Colombian favorite of mine. Having it at the bridge table in Cali was a nostalgic ritual, taking me back half a lifetime.

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In those days we had duplicate games every Tuesday night. There were no masterpoints of course. Instead the winners got plaques, or little silver-plate trophies. I treasure mine as much as all my gold points with the ACBL.



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The winners of the NVBA trophies for calendar year 2014 were:

Woman of the Year: Mary Mudd



Man of the Year: Ken Davis
(pic via Colorado Springs Bridge)



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- Playing North/South, greet people when they come to your table. A “good evening” starts the round on a positive note. “Welcome to Table 10” is a bit much for me, but goes over well with some folks.
- Do not give unsolicited lessons to the opponents OR your partner. I used to offer advice, but soon found out it offended people. I’m delighted to answer bridge questions, but only WHEN I’M ASKED. I no longer say anything to my partner at the table because for the most part, it only embarrasses them in public and makes them play worse not better. The time for discussion is AFTER the round or game is over.
- Don’t admonish your partner or point out the opponents’ mistakes. EVERYONE makes mistakes at the bridge table, and they are many and varied. No convention card? Ask about their agreements. Point out in a friendly way that they need to have a completed convention card on the table. Disagreement about tricks won? Calmly go over the hand card by card or call the director.
- When asking about a convention or the bidding, do so in a level, neutral tone of voice. Yes, you’re entitled to the information. Yes, they may have missed an alert. Yes, you may call the director if you think you’ve been damaged. But using an angry or upsetting tone doesn’t help or change the situation. It will get resolved. It’s only a game and only one board. Take the opponent’s errors calmly and in stride.
- Avoid sarcasm to your partner and the opponents. It hurts everyone’s feelings, and it’s an embarrassment and discomforting to all.

A final example. A pet peeve of mine is when someone turns over a bidding box, then picks it all up, dumps it on a table, picks up a fresh one and continues as if nothing has happened. I think to myself “Didn’t your mother teach you to clean up your own messes?!” At the Reston Regional, I saw a brand-new I/N player do just that. I was momentarily annoyed, but realized he just didn’t know better. We finished early and I went and picked up the box and cards. I took them back to his table and said, “Let me show you how to reassemble a bidding box.” He was understanding and grateful to learn something new and will likely fix his own bidding boxes from this point on. My showing my annoyance would not have helped at all.

Climbing the Ladder

New Junior Masters

Michaele S Battles
 Mary J Berry
 Rebecca V Bostick
 Amy R Brisson
 David J Delzingaro
 Barbara H Dupont
 Glenn Heidbreder
 Dan Heily
 Dr Robert D Hood
 Jacqueline Hoyle
 E Lorraine Kent
 Becky A Kilbourne
 Kathy L'Hommedien
 Douglas E Lahammer
 Mimi Levine
 Ellen R Marcus
 Romey A McPherson
 Mary Mitchelson
 Carolyn J Mooney
 Craig L Pritzker
 Evelyn J Reneer
 Nancy S Smagala
 Sheila R Soper
 Nadia C Stanfield

New Club Masters

Brian Detter
 Jacqueline Hoyle
 Lari E Lopp
 Debbie Moore
 Betty M Quirk
 Dr Dorothy U Seyler
 Christina E Starr
 Nancy Turaj
 Cathy Walton
 Suryun Yoo

New Sectional Masters

Sherry R Bortnick
 Pratt S Bronaugh
 Barbara Butow
 Barbara L Caputo
 Richard W Fecher
 George S Fleeson
 Diana F Jarrett
 Jeffrey M Kayden
 Nora M Klein
 Anita R Lancaster
 Dr Leonard Levine
 Gary P Oliver
 Kathleen Parkins
 Dr William J Starosta
 Duncan Wainwright

New Regional Masters

John E Blackwell
 Jo Ann Herr
 Robert M Huley
 John A Kinsey
 Jayne Lynch
 Gerald S McGowan
 Phyllis Schultze

New NABC Masters

Shiang Chen
 Michael Corrigan
 Francesca E Mazarella
 Michael Sofocleous

New Life Master

Dean Baird

New Bronze Life Masters

Phyllis E Hendler
 Michael K Osborn
 Jenny L Shaefer
 Jay Simon
 Mary Jo Swain

New Silver Life Masters

Carolyn W Baird
 Linda K Dick
 John B Mattioli
 Youssof Seraj
 Margaret A Storey
 Frank E Wirsch

New Gold Life Master

Robert A. Brady

Hail and Farewell

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

David P Angwin
Emelia Anne Arnhart
Mona S Bamehrez
Dave Blanchard
Jane Blanchard
Mahin A Bouroumand
Anne W Bradford
Joshua W Chung
Leslie Dailey
Robert L Deichmeister
Lynette W Demarest
Anna T Evans
Dr Robert L Evans
Francine H Fairfax
Dr Ruth E Fischer
Richard L Grauel
Robert M Greenburg
Joan E Hogan
Shirley A Jarecki
Diane M Kazuba
Zvenka V Kleinfeld
Eula M Lovett
James E Martin
Brian Moriarty
Robert E Morrison
Germaine L Mulvey
Judith L Oates
Annette D Reilly
William D Reilly
Christine H Rollins
Rosalind Rosenberg
Amitabh Saran
Yvonne Shang
Patricia A Shaulis
Peter F Shaulis
Baria Sibay
Denise D Taylor
Michael R Taylor
Susan W Torok
Mary Ellen H Weber
Margaret Wholey

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

Robert Bailey
Maryellen Cheetham
Karen P Columbo
Leslee A Friedman
Jocelyn Huang
Phyllis Kaufman
Rose Lomangino
Ruth McDonald
James Mentzer
Kathleen F Smith
Dr Ruth Ann Verell

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

E. P Baker
Thomas G Bauer
Lynn Griffin
Josephine T Hirsch
Patrick A King
Robert Kraemer
Christine L Kroepel
Robert L Kutz
Shirley Ann Leonard
Betty C Long
Cdr Thomas F Musso
Robert Poriss
Dr Terry A Purvis-Smith
Molly Ray
Eileen Smith
Maurice Turcotte
Marian C Van Ryne
Virginia J Ward
Larry W Yatsko
Col Glenn R Zauber

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

Robert Bailey
Robert Kastenmeier
Joyce Robinson

Parade of Winners

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

Sat 49er Pairs (18 Pairs)

- 2/3 2/3 1 Michael Battles - Carolyn Mooney

Sun NLM Stratified Swiss (19 Teams)

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

WBL Sectional

April 9-12, 2015

Thurs AM Open Pairs (32 Pairs)

- 2 2 Suzanne Abrams - Steven Rothman

Thurs Eve Open Pairs (66 Pairs)

- 1 Mark Chen - Donna Rogall

Thurs Eve B/C/D Pairs (18 Pairs)

- 1 Mary Mudd - Barry Sparks
2 Donald Beyer - Brian Detter

Thurs Eve 0-20 Pairs (10 Pairs)

- 2 2 2 Kate Beardsley - Mary Mitchelson

NVBA 199er Swiss (6 Teams)

- 1 1 1 Kathleen Parkins - Evelyn Reneer - Mary Frances Jetton - Ellen Marcus
2 2 John Peterson - Richard Poznanski - Deanna Shuman - Lawrence Shuman

Fri AM Open Pairs (14 Pairs)

- 1 John Miller - Robert Hopkins Jr

Fri AM B/C/D Pairs (20 Pairs)

- 2 2 Ron Sutter - Yuen De Anda

Fri Aft Open Pairs (26 Pairs)

Richard Wegman - Robert Hopkins Jr

Fri Aft B/C/D Pairs (20 Pairs)

- 1 1 Douglas Fox - Larry Moran

Fri Eve 299er Pairs (6 Pairs)

- 2/3 Pat Kibler - Donald Smith
2/3 Pratt Bronaugh - Gayle Tomasetti

Fri Eve Triple Nickel Swiss (20 Teams)

- 1 Alexander Prairie - Sylvia Shi - Mark Chen - Michael Gill
1 Raymond Gallucci - Sym Gallucci - Syed Khan - Nooreen Razi
2 Catherine Bardsley - Wayne Bardsley - Fred Gramlich - Amanda Carter

Sat AM Open Pairs (42 Pairs)

- 2 Margot Hennings - Robert Bell

Sat Aft A/X Pairs (39 Pairs)

- 2 Dale Sanders - Shiang Chen

Sat Aft B/C/D Pairs (35 Pairs)

- 1 1 M David Jackson - Ann Atcheson
2 John Blodgett - Daniel Morgan

Sun Swiss Bkt 1 (12 Teams)

- 1 Mark Chen - Alexander Prairie - Sylvia Shi - Noble Shore - Michael Gill
2 Steve Robinson - Peter Boyd - William Cole - William Pettis - Ai-Tai Lo

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Sun Swiss Bkt 2 (8 Teams)

- 1 Richard Ferrin - Paul Block - Joe Hertz - James Geist
- 2 Daniela Tunsanu - Radu Tunsanu - Robert Rovner - Daniel Feldman

Sun AM 299er Swiss (7 Teams)

- 1 1 Prabhakar Tamboli - Yaeko Perera - Barbara Gifford - Geri Elias

NVBA Spring Sectional April 23-26, 2015

Thurs AM Open Pairs (26 Pairs)

- 1 Yuen de Anda - Ron Sutter
- 2 Marcia Stein - Ram Sarangan
- 2 1 Phillip Tseng - Barbara Hodges
- 2 Mildred Hartshorn - John Kinsey

Thurs AM 0-500 Pairs (23 Pairs)

- 1 1 Linda Thomas - Bushra Shamma
- 2 2 Harvey Lipsher - Nadia Potter

Thurs Eve A/X Pairs (62 Pairs)

- 1 1 John Glynn - Ellen Glynn

Thurs Eve 199er Swiss @ NVBA (9 Teams)

- 1 1 1 Pat Tylander - Judy Retchin - Betsy Deering - June Gladding
- 2 2 Jeanne Theis - Phil Theis - Deanna Shuman - Lawrence Shuman
- 1 Jovica Medic - Duncan Wainwright - James Connor - Amy Elmore
- 2 David Delzingaro - Valerie Sudick - Rebecca Sekse - Patricia Greason

Fri AM Open Pairs (42 Pairs)

- 1 Tom Jennings - Martha Lackey
- 2 Jay Kelkar - Robert Levey
- 1 Neal McKinney - Ednae Trevey

Fri AM 0-500 Pairs (35 Pairs)

- 2 2 Deanna Shuman - Helen Hyman
- 1 Mimi Levine - Leonard Levine

Fri Aft A/X Pairs (30 Pairs)

- 1 Jay Kelkar - Andy Gofreed
- Dean Baird - Carolyn Baird
- Esfandiar Khazai - Marcia Stein

Fri Aft B/C Pairs (26 Pairs)

- 1 Ann Atcheson - George Parkins
- 2 John Gauss - Alexander Salpeter

Fri Aft 499er Pairs (41 Pairs)

- 1 Sharon Suttan - Donna Hickling

Fri Aft 49er Pairs (12 Pairs)

- 1 Jack McCalman - Nancy Prolman
- 2 1 Carmen Clelland - Kathy Sullivan
- 2 Pamela Yood - Cynthia Larre

Fri Eve Triple Nickel Swiss (23 Teams)

- 1 Ken Davis - Jay Cherlow - Steve Schatzow - Linda Marshall
- 2 Al Sitterson - Peter Harrington - Helene Cooper - John Korfonta
- 1 Shiang Chen - Richard McMillan Jr - Terry Klein - Dale Sanders
- 2 Jeffrey Yutzler - Parween Yunus - Donna Hickling - Benazir Ghaussy

Fri Eve 499er Pairs (12 Pairs)

- 1 1 Blair Curry - Judith Curry
- 2 David Lindley - Kathleen LaMarre
- 1 William Starosta - Kiran Starosta
- 2 Nora Klein - Joyce Farley

Sat AM A/X Pairs (14 Pairs)

- 2 Neal McKinney - Norma Pierzchala

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Sat AM B/C Pairs (24 Pairs)

- 1 Julia Brown - Betsy Eliot
- 2 1 Terry Klein - Duncan Thompson
- 2 Donald Freedman - Frants Lasse Becker

Sat AM 499er Pairs (40 Pairs)

- 1 1 John Blodgett - Daniel Morgan
- 1 Rita Schug - Elaine Wolfson

Sat AM 49er Pairs (10 Pairs)

- 1 1 Jeanne Theis - Phil Theis

Sat AM Yuen's Game (5 Pairs)

- 1/2 Joan Hogan - Judy Oates
- 1/2 Gary Bangs - Maribel Bangs

William Poissant Pairs (20 Pairs)

- 1 Bruce Houston - Ken Davis
- 2 Mohsin Chandna - Jay Kelkar

Sat Aft Open Pairs (40 Pairs)

- 1 Lucy McCoy - Grace Cohen
- 1 1 Terry Klein - Duncan Thompson
- 2 Ron Sutter - Yuen DeAnda
- 2 Sara Hilgartner - Jacob Hornberger

Sat Aft 499er Pairs (52 Pairs)

- 1 1 1 Sandra Harding - Robert Durfee
- 2 2 Phyllis Schultze - Reginald Newell
- 2 Jon Guyton - Diana Jarrett

Sat Aft 49er Pairs (15 Pairs)

- 2 Becky Kilbourne - Carol Romberg

Sat Eve Open Pairs (28 Pairs)

- 1 Margot Hennings - Don Berman
- 2 Kamel Tabbara - David Loken
- 2 1 Donald Freedman - Eva Vorndran
- 2 George Parkins - Helen(Susie) Tinney

Sun A/X Swiss (18 Teams)

- 1 Robert Brady - Barry Bragin - Leo

LaSota - Brad Theurer

- 2 1 David Rodney - Avril Rodney - Alan Tenenbaum - Mary Tenenbaum
- 2 Debnarayan Dhar - Mel Yudkin - Jeffrey Kosnett - Eugene Fisher

Sun Flt B Bkt 1 (8 Teams)

- 1 Steve Reed - Wayne Bardsley - Carol Crawford - Ryan Connors
- 2 Lenore Ward - Betsy Eliot - Yvonne Markell - Julia Brown

Sun Flt B Bkt 2 (8 Teams)

- 1 Mike Ladd - Betty Ladd - Dean Baird - Carolyn Baird
- 2 Ron Sutter - Yuen De Anda - Bernice Hacke - Benazir Ghaussy

Sun Flt B Bkt 3 (12 Teams)

- 1 Alan Munro - Bud Morgan - Susan Klaber - Tobi Bear
- 2 John Gauss - Kenneth Cohn - Alexander Salpeter - Michael Canes

Sun AM 499er Swiss (17 Teams)

- 1 1 1 John Peterson - Richard Poznanski - Nancy Tarlano - Rozelin Prochaska
- 2 Betty Murray - Nancy Ward - Lari Lopp - Tami Reitan

Sun Aft 499er Swiss (12 Teams)

- 2/3 2/3 David Street—Eileen Street—Sharon Rosendhal—Martin Lichtenstein

- 2/3 2/3 1 Bob Coffin - Nancy Smagala - John Schoeberlein - Julie Schoeberlein

- 2 John Peterson - Richard Poznanski - Nancy Tarlano - Rozelin Prochaska

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Richmond Regional May 19-25, 2015

Wed Open Pairs (28 Pairs)

2 Dalia Kende - Carole Grob

Wed Aft Side Game (26 Pairs)

1 William Pepelko - Barbara Pepelko

Wed Eve BAM (24 Teams)

1 Rochelle Hilton - Ted Van Dyke -
Hugo Van Dyke - Franny Van Dyke

Thurs AM Side Game (28 Pairs)

2/3 2/3 1/2 William Pepelko - Barbara Pepelko

Thurs Open Pairs (40 Pairs)

1 Jim Wakefield - Helene Bauman

Thurs Aft Side Game (54 Pairs)

1 Joy Brown - Chieko Franck

Thurs Eve Side Game (28 Pairs)

1 1 Carolyn Baird - Julia Brown
1 Jacob Hornberger - Sara Hilgartner

Thurs-Fri Compact KO#1 (9 Teams)

1 Patti Martin - Barbara Taychert -
Marie Hudick - Neal McKinney

Thur-Fri KO #4 (12 Teams)

1 Rochelle Hilton - Ted Van Dyke -
Hugo Van Dyke - Franny Van Dyke

Fri Bracketed B Swiss #1 (8 Teams)

1 Dennis Schwanz - Susan Miskura -
Leonard Ellis - Jay Cherlow
2 Steven Rothman - Linda Padgett -
Suzanne Abrams - Robert Padgett

Fri Bracketed B Swiss #2 (8 Teams)

2 Howard Grunin - Neal McKinney -
Julia Brown - Carolyn Baird

Fri Bracketed B Swiss #4 (8 Teams)

1 Jerry Nolte - Elizabeth Nolte -
Mike Ladd - Betty Ladd

Fri Eve Open (18 Pairs)

2 Joan Lewis - Robert Hopkins Jr

Fri-Sat KO #1 (6 Teams)

1 Dewayne Jones - Marc Warner -
Steve Reed - Jeff Roman
2 Dennis Schwanz - Susan Miskura -
Leonard Ellis - Jay Cherlow

Fri-Sat KO #2 (14 Teams)

1 Bushra Shamma - Linda Thomas -
Jayesh Kapadia - Sadu Kapadia

Sat Aft 49er Pairs (12 Pairs)

2 Susan Austin - Micky Goldstein
2 Ellen Haines - Cynthia Larre

Sat Eve Swiss (14 Teams)

1 Robert Padgett - Linda Padgett -
Alice Wegman - Eileen Houghton

Sat Eve 299er Pairs (9 Pairs)

1 Ellen Haines - Cynthia Larre

Sat-Sun Compact KO (9 Teams)

2 Alan Blachman - Evelyn
Blachman - Mike Ladd - Betty Ladd

Sat - Sun KO Bkt #2 (9 Teams)

2 Robert Hopkins Jr - Joan Lewis -
Barry Bragin - Brad Theurer

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Parade of Winners

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Sat - Sun KO Bkt #3 (9 Teams)

2 Allan Sitterson - Peter Harrington - Betsy Eliot - Helene Cooper

Sat - Sun KO Bkt #5 (15 Teams)

1 Tim Musick - Evelyn Jackson - David Banh - Thomas Meyer

Sun AM Swiss (7 Teams)

1 Dennis Schwanz - Susan Miskura - Leonard Ellis - Jay Cherlow

Sun AM 299er Pairs (14 Pairs)

1 Susan Austin - Micky Goldstein



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Rush Buckley Award: Richard Bingham

(pic via Colorado Springs Bridge)



Rookie of the Year: Jeanne Theis



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The NVBA congratulates these winners and wishes them continued success at the bridge table.



NVBA Mini-McKenney winners - 2014
Ron Kral, Francesca Mazarella, Dean Baird, Donna Hickling,
Ron Sutter, George Parkins, Ken Davis



NVBA Ace of Clubs winners - 2014
Dean Baird, Ron Kral, Helene Cooper, John Blackwell,
Tom Jennings, Francesca Mazarella, Ron Sutter, Donna Hickling,
Ken Davis, Bruce Houston, Angelo Zuccaro

NVBA Mini-McKenney Final Standings—2014

0-5

Shiang Chen	213.34
John Blackwell	75.33
Noi West	46.61

5-20

Richard Fecher	40.41
William Lowry	38.92
Flash Helm	38.51

20-50

Francesca Mazarella	132.51
D Woodworth	73.69

50-100

Dean Baird	164.17
Michael Corrigan	111.12
Jeffrey Yutzler	94.54

100-200

Donna Hickling	250.56
Donald Freedman	164.17
Armanda Henderson	146.53

200-300

Donna Slnrud	173.89
John Merold	157.70
Warren Beeton	110.14

300-500

Ron Sutter	277.62
Yuen De Anda	273.74
Catherine Bardsley	264.13

500-1000

George Parkins	295.53
Carolyn Baird	290.49
Dennis Sponholtz	260.11

1000-2500

Robert Brady	439.10
Helene Cooper	361.98
Jay Cherlow	355.77

2500-5000

Ron Kral	425.23
Bob Boyd	334.15
Monique Smith	307.43

5000-7500

Sumner Steinfeldt	518.80
Jay Kelkar	367.97
Vonnie Lavender	298.09

7500-10000

Robert Hopkins Jr	419.59
Helene Bauman	303.21
Angelo Zuccaro	211.34

10000+

Ken Davis	805.31
Alan Schwartz	348.05
Ed Lewis	236.79

NVBA Ace of Clubs Final Standings—2014

0 to 5 MPs

John Blackwell	46.55
Noi West	40.37
Shiang Chen	38.64

5 to 20 MPs

Flash Helm	36.15
Richard Fecher	33.40

20 to 50 MPs

Brian Detter	24.56
Martin Cargas	8.02
Bruce Diamond	6.65
Karen Diamond	6.65

50 to 100 MPs

Dean Baird	68.86
Michael Kappel	55.80
Jeffrey Yutzler	44.80

100 to 200 MPs

Donna Hickling	99.33
Gretta Bordcosh	76.45
Armanda Henderson	66.93
John Henderson	66.93

200 to 300 MPs

John Merold	96.07
Warren Beeton	82.56
Donna Sinrud	63.67

300 to 500 MPs

Ron Sutter	149.43
Yuen E De Anda	145.55
John Gauss	76.69

500 to 1000 MPs

Thomas P Jennings	148.26
Carolyn Baird	108.55
Phillip Tseng	92.93

1000 to 2500 MPs

Helene S Cooper	141.36
Jay R Cherlow	135.72

2500 to 5000 MPs

Bob Boyd	213.17
Marcia Stein	170.63
Pete Hughes	165.74

5000 to 7500 MPs

Bruce R Houston	187.81
Carolyn V Gibson	176.50
Vonnie Lavender	144.71

500 to 10,000 MPs

Angelo Zuccaro	162.45
Robert W Hopkins Jr	117.73
Helene Bauman	59.62

Over 10,000 MPs

Kenneth B Davis	404.46
Ltc Ed R Lewis	128.97
Robert W Gookin	69.64

199er Game Lecture Series

Jul 2	Kevin O'Brien	"What Events Shall We Play at the Regional?"
Jul 9	None	No Game. Play at the Reston Regional!
Jul 16	Kevin O'Brien	"Expert Panel"
Jul 23	None	None
Jul 30	Kevin O'Brien	Uncontested Major Suit Auctions
Aug 6	Jim Gerding	Minor Suit Openings
Aug 13	Jim Gerding	Responses to Minor Suit Openings
Aug 20	Kevin O'Brien	They Opened–Takeout Doubles, Responding to Pard's takeout double.
Aug 27	Kevin O'Brien	They Opened–Overcalls, responding to Pard's Overcall
Sep 3	Jim Gerding	Weak Two Bids, responding to Pard's Weak Two
Sep 10	Jim Gerding	Bidding over Opener's Weak Two Bid
Sep 17	Kevin O'Brien	Pre-emptive openings/overcalls
Sep 24	Jim Gerding	Introduction to Slam Bidding

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	http://clubresults.acbl.org/getClubs.php
Mike Zane	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 Mon, 11:00 AM , Thurs, 1:00 PM	http://clubresults.acbl.org/getClubs.php
Yvonne Markell	Leesburg Senior Center – Friday 12:45 PM	http://clubresults.acbl.org/getClubs.php
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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SEPTEMBER SENSATIONS
SECTIONAL TOURNAMENT**

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

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

STRATIFIED OPEN (2000+/2000/750) or 500/300/100 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: Ohr 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, SEPTEMBER 25

Gene's Friday Morning Game at KOCH: 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, SEPTEMBER 26

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. **
 FLIGHT A/X PAIRS (3000+/3000; 2-session Play-thru event) 2 & 7:30 p.m.
 —Single session pairs accommodated during the evening session
 STRATIFIED B/C PAIRS (2000/750; 2 single sessions) . . . 2 & 7:30 p.m.
 STRATIFIED SIDE GAME (3000+/3000) 2 p.m.
 I/N (500/300/100) or 49ER PAIRS (50/20/5) 2 p.m.
 I/N (500/300/100) PAIRS 7:30 p.m.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

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.

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