



Newsletter

July–September 2016

A New Game for New Players

by Ron Kral



Two of my favorite sayings are “A players don’t grow on trees” and “Everyone started out with zero masterpoints at some point in their life.” NVBA loves the Intermediate and Newcomer players. We’re always trying to find innovative new ways to encourage people to learn to play and to come play in our Thursday night unit game once they do. Our research has shown that many, if not most, new players find duplicate a daunting prospect for many reasons. There are bidding boxes, boards, serious players, too many hands to play, finding a

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Of Special Interest:

WBL Sectional, July 7-10
Washington, DC Summer NABC, Jul. 21-31
Hunt Valley, MD REGIONAL, Aug. 15-21
Atlanta, GA REGIONAL, Aug. 30 - Sep. 5
NVBA Sectional, Sep. 8-11
D6 NAP Finals, Sep. 24-25

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partner etcetera. And, worst of all, they might do something to embarrass themselves.

To address these concerns, many places have had success by starting a “true” newcomer game. One of the NVBA board members, Kevin O’Brien, proposed to the board that we try to replicate these successes by starting our own newcomer game. His proposal was accepted and this new game is starting in August on Thursday nights at Beth El. Here’s how it will work:

- The game will be limited to people with less than 20 masterpoints.
- There will be a half-hour lesson every week promptly at 6:30 covering bridge basics (see *page 6 for lecture schedule*).
- The first night a person plays is free. So, the first night, August 4, everyone plays free!
- People with 0-5 masterpoints play free always.
- The cost for all others will be a modest \$5/person.
- The game will be short—14 boards at most—and will run from 7:00 until 9:00.
- The director/lecturer will be available to answer bridge questions **DURING THE PLAY**.
- Masterpoints will be awarded.

This is an ideal environment for social bridge and other new players to come out and try duplicate in a totally non-threatening atmosphere. Existing players are our best salesmen! Please, please take the time to tell your friends about this marvelous new opportunity.



Upcoming NVBA Games & Special Events

all games 7:00 pm at Beth El, 3830 Seminary Road, Alexandria, Va.

July 7	WBL Sectional—Stratiflighted Pairs
July 14	Stratified North American Pairs
July 21	Closed—Washington DC NABC
July 28	Closed—Washington DC NABC
Aug 4	Stratiflighted Unit Championship
Aug 11	Stratified North American Pairs
Aug 18	Stratified Unit Championship
Aug 25	Stratified North American Pairs
Sep 1	Stratiflighted Unit Championship
Sep 8	NVBA Sectional —Stratiflighted Pairs
Sep 15	Stratified Grand National Swiss Teams
Sep 22	International Fund Game —Stratiflighted Pairs
Sep 29	Stratiflighted Upgraded Club Championship
Oct 6	WBL Sectional —Stratiflighted 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 sections are A/X: Unlimited/3000 and B/C: 2000/500.

Stratified limits are Unlimited/2000/500;

For the North American Pairs and GNT qualifying games, the stratification is:
0-500 (NLM), 500-2500, 2500+

Upcoming Sectionals:

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WBL: July 7-10; October 6-9; January 5-8, 2017

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The Jack of Hearts *by Marshall Kushner*

This was a different Reno and the reason was clear. For as far back as I can remember all the Reno, NV NABCs and regionals were played at the giant monolith about 1.5 miles east of downtown. It began as the MGM Grand and then morphed into Bally's, Hilton, and, finally, the Grand Sierra Resort (GSR). Prior to our last visit in 2010, it was decided that the venue was dated and that a change was in order so this time we were headquartered at the Silver Legacy downtown. There were two problems with this. First, while we were hosted at the Legacy, we also played at the El Dorado, Circus Circus and an offsite Reno Ballroom that hosted all the national and some regional events. This caused chaos. It was probably two days before players began to adapt. My first four days I played in four different venues. Once we learned to navigate, we realized that to get from your room to any playing area required walking through at least one casino. It turns out that few gamble without drinking, and no one gambles without smoking. I submit that we should not have to traverse an indoor area in which smoking is allowed in order to play bridge. Just my two cents, but I know I have a lot of company. By contrast, the casino at the old place was located such that one need not enter it to reach the playing areas. True, there were more dining choices within walking distance downtown but the GSR offered a downtown shuttle every ten minutes in addition to a large assortment of eateries onsite.

Reno also continued a disturbing trend of declining attendance. After setting a Spring record of 13,967 in 1998, and holding at 12,196.5 in 2010, we slipped to 11,642.5 in 2016. Some say Reno is a second-tier destination making travel difficult, but it always has been so, yet it still holds the record. Reno isn't the problem. We are. Our little subculture has an aging population and attrition is working against us. So if you'd like to help, please stay alive. When you start to feel that you're not up to going out to play, fight it. Remember, if you're playing bridge, you're still breathing. That said, logic tells us that we should be in for a revival. Boomers are hitting retirement age and due to be seeking leisure activities.

Among the few NVBAers that made the trip, several fared better than the Donner party. We had to wait until the last day to hit the winners circle but Gil Cohen got there in the Fast Pairs. Others with national overalls include Sumner Steinfeldt and Ken Davis (IMP Pairs), Margot Hennings (10K Swiss and Women's LM Pairs), Gil Cohen (Silver Ribbon), Steve Bunning and Jose Cortina (Fit. B NAP), Ai-Tai Lo (Open Pairs), Jay Kelkar (Fast Pairs), and Ron Kral (Fast & Open). This is where we usually list regional winners, but there weren't any. Not a one. Closest we got was yours truly with two seconds. Does that count?

The C files: When her brother announced that his new security code was 1949 she said, "I get 49. That's the year you were born. But what's the 19 for?"

Upcoming 199er NVBA Games

*all games 7:00 pm at Beth El, 3830 Seminary Road, Alexandria, Va.
preceded by lecture at 6:30 pm*

July 7	WBL Sectional—199er Swiss Teams
July 14	Unit Championship—Stratified 199er Pairs
July 21	Closed—Washington DC NABC
July 28	Closed—Washington DC NABC
Aug 4	Unit Championship—Stratified 199er Pairs
Aug 11	Unit Championship—199er Swiss Teams
Aug 18	ACBL Charity Game—Stratified 199er Pairs
Aug 25	Unit Championship—Stratified 199er Pairs
Sep 1	Unit Championship—Stratified 199er Pairs
Sep 8	NVBA Sectional —199er Swiss Teams
Sep 15	Unit Championship—Stratified 199er Pairs
Sep 22	International Fund Game —199er Pairs
Sep 29	Upgraded Club Championship—Stratified 199er Pairs
Oct 6	WBL Sectional —199er Swiss Teams

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New Players and ACBL members with 0-5 MPs play free every Thursday in all scheduled events.

Starting August 4, NVBA is running a **0-20 MP Newcomer game** for players new to duplicate. As always, players with 0-5 MPs who play in this game will play for free. See pages 1 and 6 for more information.

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Newcomer Game Lecture Schedule

As Ron Kral explains on page 1, the NVBA Unit Game on Thursday evening will include, starting August 4, a Newcomer Game section for players with 0-20 masterpoints. The game will provide a friendly and encouraging learning environment for players who know the basics of bridge but want to get a taste for the duplicate game.

Be sure to tell all your social bridge-playing friends and your family members, co-workers, and neighbors who have expressed interest in improving their game.

The inaugural game, on August 4, will be free for everyone. After that the fee will be \$5 per player, but free for any first-time player and any ACBL member with less than 5 masterpoints.

For more information, contact Kevin O'Brien, newcomergame@nvba.org

Aug 4	Takeout doubles and responses
Aug 11	The 'fat-free' convention card; keeping your private score
Aug 18	Attitude signals—what they are, when to use them
Aug 25	The Stayman convention—finding a major suit when partner opens 1NT
Sept 1	Count signals—what they are, when to use them
Sep 8	Q&A—lectures, games, specific hands— what do you want to know
Sep 15	The weak 2-bid and responses
Sep 22	Open 2 clubs with most strong hands—and responses
Sep 29	Suit preference signals—what they are, when to use them



Climbing the Ladder

New Junior Masters

Virginia L Bertness
Linda K Bumbalo
Chuck Caputo
Vijay Chandra
Flossie Delaney
Dr Robert L Evans
Dee Ann Gretz
Ruth E Hansen
Terry K Holmer
Daniel H Hoyle
Aydin Kaya
Early H Losey
Raisa Mikhelson
Norma E Morganbesser
Corinna Muzic
Stephen L Parker
John C Stewart
Sheila R Zedlewski

New Club Masters

Elaine M Barca
Michael Beaghen
Patricia Corish
Sharon A Douaire
Barbara H Dupont
Edward B Eisen
Sondra Eisen
Richard L Grauel
Joia M Hertz
Dan Heily
Barbara Norton
Evelyn J Reneer
Nathan Rosenbaum

New Sectional Masters

David C Butow
James A Deckant
Adrienne A Downs
Charlton E Gnad Jr
Becky A Kilbourne
Michael P Miale
Eric Newton
Craig L Pritzker
John A Wertman

New Regional Masters

Patsy V Hawks
Nancy S Morrow
Rozelin Prochaska
Gary E Scavongelli

New NABC Masters

Debbie S Massey
Daniel Morgan

New Advanced NABC Masters

Sandra M Harding
Yaeko N Perera
Jeffrey Yutzler

New Life Masters

Rick P Bingham
Armanda Henderson
Bruce E Kasold
Sharon Suttan

New Bronze Life Masters

Rick P Bingham
Hussein Ali Maarouf
W G Taschek

New Silver Life Masters

Catherine S Bardsley
Susan T Deporte
Helen R Dodge
M David Jackson
Betty Ladd

New Gold Life Master

Amanda Carter

New Ruby Life Masters

Martha D Bley
Ross Bley
Fred P Hahn Jr
Richard P Kekic

New Sapphire Life Masters

Michael A Klein
Monique Smith

New Diamond Life Masters

Peter J Hughes
Ron Kral

New Platinum Life Master

Robert Hopkins Jr

New Grand Life Master

Gil Cohen

Hail and Farewell

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

Dr Jyoti S Amin
 Michael R Arietti
 Anneke Bullock
 Athena M Burkett
 Paul L Brennan
 Janet Crist
 Maria Dowsett
 Bill Ellis
 Phillip L Fraas
 Stacia A Hylton
 Catherine Iadaluca
 Amy M Kales
 Dr Arthur N Kales
 James T Kindle
 Meggan M Klippen
 Mary Lieurance
 Eva Marar
 Linda N Mitchell
 James C Nesbitt
 Suzanne S Nessel
 David Parkinson
 Marie T Petersen
 Robert C Randolph
 Paul D Roche
 Betty Seybold
 Thomas C Shooltz
 Albert R Sperling
 Hugh T Stevenson
 Judy Stuber
 Rachel Welch

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

Patrick J Herbst
 Eric Newton
 Cindy Ray
 John E Stanley
 Holly R Thomas
 Norman H Thomas
 Victor W Weedon
 Janet C Williams

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

Vincent J Bartone
 John L Capelle
 Ellen Carlos
 Eric Chufar
 David Delzingaro
 Nancy Goff
 Thad T. Konopnicki
 Thomas A Mueller
 William M Pruiett
 Barry D Sackin
 Richard A Thomas
 Hope Watts

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

David Roskind
 Andrew Sheren



Parade of Winners

WBL Sectional, April 7-10, 2016

Thurs AM A/X Pairs (28 Pairs)

- 2 Robert Hopkins Jr–Brad Theurer

Thurs Eve A/X Pairs (64 Pairs)

- 1 Sumner Steinfeldt–Hal Hindman
2 Robert Hopkins Jr–Joan Lewis
2 Jay Cherlow–David Loken

Thurs Eve B/C/D Pairs (44 Pairs)

- 2 Sandra Harding–David Harding

Thurs Eve 0-200 Swiss @ NVBA (9 Teams)

- 1 1 James Connor–Debbie Moore–Jovica Medic–Duncan Wainwright
2 2 Gary Scavongelli–Janice Scavongelli–David Delzingaro–Craig Pritzker
1 Anna Evans–Bob Evans–JoAnn Stewart–John Stewart

Fri Aft A/X Pairs (24 Pairs)

- 1 Fred Gramlich–Catherine Bardsley

Fri Eve Triple Nickel Swiss (13 Teams)

- 2 Helene Bauman–Jim Wakefield–Carole Banks–Vince Wilmot Jr
1 1 Brian Sutton–Rich Ardini–Eric Newton John Lewis

Sat AM A/X Pairs (38 Pairs)

- 2 Jay Kelkar – Mohsin Chandna
1 Alex Prairie – Mark Chen
2 Adam Gann – Zachary Madden

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

- 2/3 2/3 1/2 Donna Hickling–Michael Corrigan

Sat AM 299er Pairs (34 Pairs)

- 2 2 1 Ellen Haines – Amy Elmore

Sat AM 49er Pairs (8 Pairs)

- 2 Andrea Weiswasser – Ann Lawrence
2 Elizabeth Jones – Carmen Clelland

Sat Aft B/C/D Pairs (34 Pairs)

- 1 1 1 Donna Hickling–Michael Corrigan

Sat Aft 299er Pairs (22 Pairs)

- 1 1 1 Michael Miale–Pamela Yood
2 Gary Scavongelli–Janice Scavongelli

Sun A/X Swiss (18 Teams)

- 2 1 Stephen Drodge–Alex Prairie–Mark Chen–Adam Gann
2 Jason Meyer–James Geist–Monique Smith–Merril Hirsh

Sun Swiss Flt B Bkt 1 (8 Teams)

- 1 Mike Ladd–Betty Ladd–Thomas Jennings–James Augustine

Sun Swiss Flt B Bkt 2 (8 Teams)

- 2 William Mendez Jr–Michael Goldman–David Benson–Jill Benson

Sun Swiss Flt B Bkt 3 (8 Teams)

- 1/2 Jeffrey Yutzler–Michael Corrigan–Donna Hickling–Sharon Suttan
1/2 Tina Brinsfield–David Handwerker–Bill Murphy–Jack Teller

Sun AM 299er Swiss (10 Teams)

- 1 1 1 Michael Miale–Pamela Yood–Cynthia Larre – Diana Jarrett
2 2 2 John Wertman–Joia Hertz–Amy Elmore Ellen Haines

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NVBA Sectional, May 12-15, 2016

Thurs AM Open Pairs (34 Pairs)

- 1 Al Duncker–Bob Boyd
- 2 1 Carolyn Baird–Dean Baird
- 2 1 Michael Corrigan–James Metzger

Thurs AM 499er Pairs (15 Pairs)

- 2 Ellen Marcus–Mary Frances Jetton

Thurs Eve A/X Pairs (69 Pairs)

- 1 Deb Dhar–John Christensen

Thurs Eve B/C Pairs (60 Pairs)

- 1 Cliff Feldman–Tom Jennings
- 1 John Mattioli–Timothy Stewart

Thurs 199er Teams @ NVBA (9 Teams)

- 1 1 1 John Wertman–Joia Hertz–Amy Elmore
Ellen Haines
- 2 2 2 Ruth Hansen–Lawrence Plotkin–John
Peterson–Richard Poznanski

Fri AM Pairs (40 Pairs)

- 1 1 David Loken–Steve Rothman
- 2 Lucy McCoy–Steve Swearingen
- 2 Shirley Lafferty–Frances McNaught
- 1 Michael Canes–John Gauss
- 2 Daniel Weinberg–Lynn Weidman

Fri Aft A/X Pairs (26 Pairs)

- 1 Jeanie Ginsburg–Gordon Ginsburg
- 2 Doug Grove–Susan Bowles

Fri Aft B/C Pairs (24 Pairs)

- 1 1 Peter Harrington–Jacob Hornberger

Fri Aft I/N Pairs (42 Pairs)

- 1 1 Sharon Perryman–Richard Padgett
- 1 Robert Greenburg–Darlyn Counihan

Fri Aft 49er Pairs (8 Pairs)

- 1 Karen Columbo–Alda Herold
- 2 1 Elizabeth Jones–Carmen Clelland
- 2 Patricia Smith–Deborah Forbes

Fri Eve Triple Nickel Swiss (23 Teams)

- 1 Dennis Schwanz–Susan Miskura–
Martha Bley–Ross Bley
- 2 Jim Wakefield–Helene Bauman–Vince
Wilmot Jr–Barry Falgout
- 1 Betsy Eliot–Julia Brown–Michael
Anesko–Carolyn Baird
- 2 Jacob Hornberger–Sara Hilgartner–
Marguerite Salah–Emerita Hayward
- 1 David Lindley–Amy Brisson–Eva
Vorndran–Michael Heald

Fri Eve I/N Pairs (20 Pairs)

- 1 Rich Ardini–Jeremy Billones
- 2 1 1 Gordon Soper–William Lowry
- 2 Jack McCalman–Carole Compton

Sat AM A/X Pairs (26 Pairs)

- 1 Angelo Zuccaro–William Zane

Sat AM B/C Pairs (30 Pairs)

- 1 Mary Mudd–Barry Sparks
- 2 1 Hal Jones Jr–Janet Williams
- 2 Duncan Thompson–Terry Klein

Sat AM I/N Pairs (40 Pairs)

- 2 Ken Kimball–Tamara Vetter
- 2 William Swanson–Richard Fecher
- 1/2 1/2 James Connor–Debbie Moore

Sat AM 49er Pairs (11 Pairs)

- 2 2 1 John Lee–Emily Langhorne
- 2 Mary Higgins–Paul Higgins

Sat Aft A/X Pairs (36 Pairs)

- 1 1 Adair Gellman–Vincent Bartone
- 2 Jay Kelkar–Mohsin Chandna

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Sat Aft B/C Pairs (22 Pairs)

- 1 1 Duncan Thompson–Terry Klein
- 2 Cliff Feldman–Howard Bender
- 2 David Bear–Tobi Bear

Sat Aft I/N Pairs (46 Pairs)

- 1 Howard Stevens–Michael Canes
- 2 Marlene Gross–Julia Michaels
- 1/2 1 Robert Greenburg–Darlyn Counihan
- 2 David Butow–Barbara Butow

Sat Aft 49er Pairs (12 Pairs)

- 1 1 Ruth Hansen–Lawrence Plotkin
- 2 2 Mary Jo O'Connor–Dee Ann Gretz

Sat Eve Open Pairs (21 Pairs)

- 2 Mark Chen–Donna Rogall
- 2 1 David Lindley–Kathleen LaMarre
- 2 Jayne Lynch–M David Jackson

Sat Eve 499er Pairs (14 Pairs)

- 1/2 1 1 Janice Scavongelli–Gary Scavongelli

Sat Bracketed KO (10 Teams)

- 1 Rusty Krauss–Stephen Drodge–Alex Prairie–Barry Falgout
- 2 Steve Reed–Carol Crawford–Matthew Lahut–Juan Pablo Quizon

Sun A/X Swiss (17 Teams)

- 1/2 Stan Schenker–David Milton–Rusty Krauss–Barry Falgout
- 1 Stephen Drodge–Alex Prairie–Mark Chen–Adam Gann
- 2 Tracy Brines–Maureen Brines–Carol Crawford–Steve Reed

Sun Fit B Swiss Bkt 1 (8 Teams)

- 1 Gil Krawitz–Willis Paley–Hume–Jerry Nolte–Elizabeth Nolte
- 2 Joe Leighton–Barbara Hodges–Ron Sutter–Yuen DeAnda

Sun Fit B Swiss Bkt 2 (13 Teams)

- 1 Bill Murphy–Alan Munro–Bud Morgan–Tobi Bear
- 2 Franny Van Dyke–Ted Van Dyke–Hugo Van Dyke–Rochelle Hilton

Sun AM I/N Swiss (11 Teams)

- 1 1 1 John Wertman–Joia Hertz–Ellen Haines–Amy Elmore
- 2 2 David Street–Eileen Street–Joyce Farley–Ann Wagner

Sun Aft I/N Swiss (7 Teams)

- 1 1 Sheila Ellis–Charles Ellis–Joan White–Michael Miale
- 2 2 1 David Street–Eileen Street–Elaine Wolfson–Rita Schug

WBL Sectional, July 7-10, 2016

Thurs AM A/X Pairs (25 Pairs)

- 2 John Gauss–Barbara Teng

Thurs Eve A/X Pairs (70 Pairs)

- 2 Charles Yaple–Sarah Anne Cressy
- 1 Mel Yudkin–Jay Cherlow
- 2 Alex Prairie–Stephen Drodge

Thurs Eve B/C/D Pairs (55 Pairs)

- 1 Eleanor Schwartz–Eva Klivington
- 2 Linda Burton–Marvin Raines
- 1 1 Daniel Morgan–Jonathan Ramseur
- 2 Francesca Mazarella–John Mattioli

Thurs Eve 0-200 Swiss @ NVBA (8 Teams)

- 1 1 Gary Scavongelli–Janice Scavongelli–Charles Van Horn–Craig Pritzker
- 2 2 James Connor–Robert Morrison–Jovica Medic–Duncan Wainwright
- 1 Kathleen Parkins–John Wertman–Jack McCalman–James Vandeusen

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2/3 Fred Gramlich-Catherine Bardsley

Fri AM 299er Pairs (16 Pairs)

2 2 2 Ann Lawrence-Andrea Weiswasser

Fri Aft A/X Pairs (23 Pairs)

1 Brad Theurer-Robert Hopkins, Jr
 1 Craig Olson-Michael Lawrence
 2 Fred Gramlich-Catherine Bardsley

Fri Eve Triple Nickel Swiss (11 Teams)

1 Linda Marshall-Bruce Houston-Ken Davis-Steven Schatzow
 2 Alan Schwartz-Ann Schwartz-Bill Cole Brad Libros

Fri Eve 299er Pairs (8 Pairs)

2 1 Harry Potter-James Mosley

Sat Steve Robinson Trophy A/X Pairs (20 Pairs)

1 Al Lauber-Jay Cherlow

Sat AM B/C/D Pairs (44 Pairs)

1 1 1 Donna Hickling-Jeff Yutzler
 2 Hal Jones Jr-Christine Chai

Sat AM 299er Pairs (28 Pairs)

2 1 1 Ellen Haines-Joan Axilbund
 2 2 Robert Greenburg-Darlyn Counihan

Sat AM 49er Pairs (8 Pairs)

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 2 Elizabeth Jones-Carmen Clelland

Sat Aft A/X Pairs (18 Pairs)

1 1 Joe Hertz-Richard Ferrin

Sat Aft B/C/D Pairs (32 Pairs)

1 1 1 Duncan Thompson-Terry Klein
 2 2 Wanda Worsham-Pat Kuch
 2 Kathy Dunkerley-Gale Rogers

Sat Aft 299er Pairs (19 Pairs)

2 1 Ann Hunter-Lorraine Shumaker
 2 1 Ellen Haines-Joan Axilbund

Sun A/X BAM (12 Teams)

1/2 Alan Schwartz-Robert Bell-Ai-Tai Lo-Fred King
 1 Mark Chen-Donna Rogall-Monique Smith-Merril Hirsh

Sun Swiss Flt B Bkt 1 (8 Teams)

1 Mel Yudkin-Jay Cherlow-Dennis Schwanz-Susan Mlskura

Sun Swiss Flt B Bkt 2 (11 Teams)

1 Michael Corrigan-Terry Mitchell-James Metzger-Donna Hickling
 2 John Gauss-Lawrence Fox-Barbara Teng-Bob Lawrence

Sun AM NLM Swiss (10 Teams)

1 1 1 John Wertman-Joan Axilbund-Amy Elmore-Ellen Haines

Sun Aft NLM Swiss (5 Teams)

1 1 Diana Jarrett-Cynthia Larre-Pamela Yood-Michael Miale



The Northern Virginia Bridge Association
is pleased to announce



The Newcomer Game

especially for players with less than 20 masterpoints!

If you know the basics of bridge and want to try duplicate in a friendly and encouraging learning environment...

...this is the game for you!



Starts August 4!

6:30 pm every Thursday at:
Beth El Hebrew Congregation
3830 Seminary Road
Alexandria, VA 22304

At the Newcomer Game you will have:

- A half-hour lecture at 6:30 pm
- A short game, from 7:00 pm until around 9:00 pm
- Ability to ask questions and get help during bidding and play

The inaugural 0-20 game on August 4 will be free for everyone. After that the fee will be \$5 per player, but still free for first-time players and for any American Contract Bridge League (ACBL) member with less than 5 masterpoints.

Questions? Contact Kevin O'Brien at newcomergame@nvba.org

♠ **Fairfax, VA** ♣ **SEPTEMBER 8-11, 2016** ♦



NORTHERN VIRGINIA BRIDGE ASSOCIATION
SEPTEMBER SENSATIONS
SECTIONAL TOURNAMENT

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

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

STRATIFIED OPEN (2000+/2000/750) or 500/300/100 PAIRS10:30 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 Lecture6:30 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 9

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 Lecture1:15 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) PAIRS2 p.m.
 TRIPLE NICKEL SWISS—5 rounds, 5 boards, 5 minutes a board .7:30 p.m.
 I/N (500/300/100) PAIRS7:30 p.m.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

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 Lecture1:15 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) PAIRS7:30 p.m.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

FLIGHTS A/X (5000+/5000) SWISS TEAMS11 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.
A/X 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 Masterpoint holding may exceed that upper limit.

DIRECTIONS: From Route 50/Arlington Boulevard heading west from DC and Arlington AND from Route 495/Beltway: Continue on/Take Route 50 West about one mile outside the Beltway, and turn left at Javier Road (the second stoplight after the intersection of 50 and 495). Take an immediate right onto the access road that runs parallel to Route 50. The Elks Lodge will be two buildings down on your left—parking on the side and in the rear. From Fairfax, heading East on Route 50: Pass the intersection of Route 50 and Prosperity Avenue—the Prosperity Medical Center will be on your right. Between the first and second lights after Prosperity, turn right into the access road that runs parallel to Route 50 and look for the Elks Lodge immediately to your right—parking on the far side of the building and in the rear.

Plenty of free parking! On-site snack bar plus lots of free treats! Many great restaurants nearby!

Championship Events and a Full Schedule of 299er Events for Novice and Intermediate Players! Players with **0-5 Masterpoints** play **FREE** in ALL games!

Tournament Chair

Margot Hennings,
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♠ **Fairfax, VA** ♣ **OCTOBER 20-23, 2016** ♦

NVBA FALL SECTIONAL TOURNAMENT

The Arlington/Fairfax Elks Lodge #2188

**8421 Arlington Boulevard,
Fairfax, VA; 703-560-2213**

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 20

STRATIFIED OPEN PAIRS (2000+/2000/750) or 500/300/100 PAIRS10:30 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: Obr Kodesh Congregation, 8300 Meadowbrook Ln, Chevy Chase, MD **NVBA (Beth El) WBL**

Intermediate/Newcomer Lecture6:30 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, OCTOBER 21

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 Lecture1:15 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) PAIRS2 p.m.

TRIPLE NICKEL SWISS—5 rounds, 5 boards, 5 minutes a board7:30 p.m.

I/N (500/300/100) PAIRS7:30 p.m.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 22

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) PAIRS9:30 a.m.

Intermediate/Newcomer Lecture1:15 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.**

STRATAFLIGHTED A/X (3000+/3000) or B/C (2000/750) PAIRS2 p.m.

I/N (500/300/100) or 49ER (50/20/5) PAIRS2 p.m.

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

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 23

FLIGHTS A/X (5000+/5000) SWISS TEAMS11 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.

A/X 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 Masterpoint holding may exceed that upper limit.

DIRECTIONS: From Route 50/Arlington Boulevard heading west from DC and Arlington AND from Route 495/Beltway: Continue on/Take Route 50 West about one mile outside the Beltway, and turn left at Javier Road (the second stoplight after the intersection of 50 and 495). Take an immediate right onto the access road that runs parallel to Route 50. The Elks Lodge will be two buildings down on your left—parking on the side and in the rear. **From Fairfax, heading East on Route 50:** Pass the intersection of Route 50 and Prosperity Avenue—the Prosperity Medical Center will be on your right. Between the first and second lights after Prosperity, turn right into the access road that runs parallel to Route 50 and look for the Elks Lodge immediately to your right—parking on the far side of the building and in the rear.

Plenty of free parking! On-site snack bar plus lots of free treats! Many great restaurants nearby!

*Championship Events and a Full Schedule of 299er Events for Novice and Intermediate Players! Players with 0-5 Masterpoints play **FREE** in **ALL** games!*

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