



# Newsletter

October–December 2016

## Holiday Party—December 15, 2016

THE ANNUAL NVBA HOLIDAY PARTY, which includes dinner and a bridge game, will be held on Thursday, December 15, 2016, at the Beth El Congregation, 3830 Seminary Rd., Alexandria, VA. That week is a Sectional Tournament at Clubs (STaC) week, so the game will be held with STaC strats (0-500/1500/1500+), and silver masterpoints will be awarded for placing in this game.

As in the past, the holiday party is part catered and part pot-luck. The NVBA will provide main courses from The Italian Store, to include meat and vegetable lasagna, chicken cacciatore and eggplant parmigiana. Everyone is asked to contribute a food dish: appetizer, salad, vegetable casserole or dessert. We will have the usual sodas available and eggnog (spiked and

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### Of Special Interest:

WBL Sectional, Oct. 6-9
<b>NVBA Sectional, Oct. 20-23</b>
Charlotte, NC REGIONAL, Oct. 24-30
D6 STaC, Nov .7-13
Norfolk/VA Beach, VA REGIONAL, Nov. 14-20
Orlando, FL Fall NABC, Nov. 24-Dec. 4
<b>NVBA Holiday Party, Dec. 15</b>
Charleston, SC REGIONAL, Dec. 27-Jan. 2
WBL Sectional, Jan. 5-8, 2017

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unspiked). **REMEMBER, no pork or shellfish can be brought into the temple, PLEASE!** If you are unable to bring an item (or forget), you will be asked to donate \$5.00 towards party expenses. Dinner will begin at 5:30 pm.

In addition to the holiday festivities, the NVBA Board will present three trophies at this party. One is the Sara Goodwin trophy, which goes to the NVBA member who has participated in the most NVBA events (Unit game and Sectionals) between the dates of December 1, 2015 and November 30, 2016. The others are the Dave Murray award, which recognizes an NVBA player who demonstrates good bridge skills and great sportsmanship at the bridge table, and the Ron and Mary Ann Kral trophy, inaugurated by the NVBA Board to recognize players in the 0-199er game on Thursday nights at Beth El who everyone would like to partner, who strive to improve their bridge skills, who support the game with their volunteerism, and who exhibit proper bridge etiquette at the table, including friendliness towards their opponents and partner at the game. Trophy presentations will take place at 6:30 pm, followed by the game at 7:00 pm.

## Newcomer Game Lecture Schedule

Thurs. 6:30 pm at Beth El

Oct 6	Bridge Etiquette—How to keep the game pleasant when you're playing
Oct 13	How to Play Faster and Have More Bridge in the Same Time!
Oct 20	How to Read the Recap Sheet
Oct 27	Consider Playing Up! ( <i>guest lecturer Joe Hertz</i> )
Nov 3	Counting Tricks—solid suit, promotion, long suit
Nov 10	Counting Losers—and where you can eliminate some
Nov 17	How to Read Your Common Game email and results
Nov 24	<i>No lecture—closed for Thanksgiving</i>
Dec 01	No Trump Play—Get your tricks before they get theirs
Dec 08	The Opening Lead—First move for the defense
Dec 15	<i>No lecture—Holiday Party</i>
Dec 22	The ACBL Masterpoint System
Dec 29	Using Inferences from the Auction and the Opening Lead

## Upcoming NVBA Games & Special Events

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

Oct 6	<b>WBL Sectional</b> —Stratiflighted Pairs
Oct 13	<b>Club Appreciation Swiss Teams</b>
Oct 20	<b>NVBA Sectional</b> —Stratiflighted Pairs
Oct 27	<b>Club Appreciation Pairs</b> —Stratiflighted Pairs
Nov 3	<b>Grand National Swiss Teams</b> —Stratified
Nov 10	<b>District 6 STaC</b> —Stratified Pairs
Nov 17	Stratified Unit Championship
Nov 24	Closed—Thanksgiving
Dec 1	<b>Local Charity Game</b> —Stratiflighted Pairs
Dec 8	<b>Grand National Swiss Teams</b> —Stratified
Dec 15	<b>Holiday Party—D6 STaC</b> —Stratified Pairs
Dec 22	Stratiflighted Unit Championship
Dec 29	Stratiflighted Unit Championship

### **Stratification Limits:**

All NVBA Unit Games include a separate Stratified 199er game and a 0-20 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

STaC: Unlimited/1500/500

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

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## The Jack of Hearts *by Marshall Kushner*

Washington has always been high on the list of desirable NABC destinations. There are lots of restaurants nearby, and lots to do when you're not playing bridge. This year we even had something we didn't have in 2009. A winning baseball team. As I predicted then, the Half Street Horrors have become the Half Street Heroes. The hospitality was great and the organizers and volunteers all did their usual great job. The Marriott and the ACBL, not so much.

The Marriott, for reasons unknown, kept the playing areas as cold as meat lockers. Had they been renting sweaters, I would have understood, but no such luck. As for ACBL, when I played IMPs the final weekend, I found playing cards that seemed to have been left over from the Reagan Administration. It occurred to me that they might have been pristine at the start, but I decided that they could not have sustained that much damage in so short a time. That's like saying Betty White was a teenager last week. And even if that were somehow true, why weren't they replaced? But that was one of ACBL's lesser sins. Attendance, as it has been for some time, was down in Washington. When searching for reasons, you might speculate that simple folk balk at shelling out \$25 a session for national events. Why not go to a regional and pay \$11 with lower hotel rates? Are Platinum points really worth all that? Then you might wonder why the League is persecuting the pros, their best customers. Not only are the fees up, but teams now must pay extra for additional players. So a six-man team which played in the Spingold a few years back for \$160 a day must now cough up \$300.

Still, with a National in our back yard, locals attended by the Metro carload and with more attendance comes more success. It started when Alex Prairie and Stephen Drodge led D6 to victory in the Flight A GNT for the second year in a row. And no sooner had they departed the Winners Circle than Rusty Krauss and David Rodney arrived having won the 10K Pairs with Jay Kelkar 2nd, Helene Bauman 4th, and Barry Spector 6th. Al Sitterson and Pete Harrington were 10th in the 0-5000 LM Pairs with Betty and Mike Ladd 7th in the 0-1500 LM Pairs. And that was just the first weekend! Things slowed dramatically thereafter but the team of Deb Dhar, Jose Cortina, Mel Yudkin, and Steve Bunning finished 9/16 in the Mini-Spingold, and Jim Wakefield and Helene Bauman were 7th in the 10K Swiss with Lucy McCoy, David Fleischer, and Angelo Zuccaro 10th. Others with national overalls include Hal Hindman, Annie Schwartz with David Fleischer, and Mark Chen all in the 10K Pairs. David Milton and Stan Schenker, Michael Klein, Jose Cortina and Ron Kral, and Gene Schuyler and Bob Boyd scored in the LM Pairs. Chuck Pecarro and Mark Tonnesen (0-5000 LM Pairs), John Gauss and Lawrence Fox (0-1500 LM Pairs), Margot Hennings and Cecily Kohler (Senior Swiss), Li Yiting (Mixed BAM), Ryan Connors (Red Ribbon), and Stephen Drodge (Open Swiss) round out the list. Sorry but we're out of space for regional winners. Now, to paraphrase Gen. Custer, on to Orlando and glory!

## Upcoming 199er NVBA Games

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

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## NVBA Needs You!

*by Ron Kral*



Until I got involved with the NVBA Board of Directors and running tournaments, I really had no idea how much work is involved in “running” bridge. For a sectional tournament, there’s the Tournament Chair who oversees and coordinates the entire event, starting with contracting with a site for a place to play, determining the schedule of the time and types of games to be held and finishing up with ensuring the playing site is left clean and no personal possessions or bridge materials are left behind. Then there’s the hospitality people who help with the food, and the Partnership Chair who shows up for every session and coordinates matching people up and locating and scheduling the Guaranteed Partners. And of course there’s the Intermediate-Newcomer lecturers and the folks who schlep the supplies, bidding boxes and boards to and from the playing site. The paid positions include the Directors and Caddies. The rest are volunteers, some of whom receive a token free play for their efforts and some who are unpaid.

The above is just for the four annual NVBA sectionals. There’s also the Thursday night NVBA Unit game, the annual regional, and, of course, the recently held DC Metro area NABC. There are special annual events where volunteers give their time – the annual meeting, the holiday party and the Lifemaster/Non-Lifemaster game. There are 9 board members who meet once a month to address issues and keep the Unit running smoothly.

The bottom line is that your entry fee would rise dramatically if we paid everyone who works behind the scenes to make your bridge experience enjoyable. What is needed are MORE VOLUNTEERS! Would you be willing to sign up to do ONE task every few months? Are you willing to caddy one day of a tournament, or do you know someone who would like to – family member, or neighbor/friend? Could you handle partnerships one or two weeks a year at the Thursday night Unit game or at a tournament? We offer free plays to players who help out with partnerships. How about bringing refreshments to the Unit game once every two months, for example. If you are willing to pitch in some in any way, WE NEED YOU! Please catch one of the NVBA Board members (Ron Kral, Leo Cardillo, Donna Hickling, Ann Atcheson, Jim Gerding, Francesca Mazarella, Susan Miskura, Kevin O’Brien, David Lindley) at the Unit game or NVBA Sectional Tournament Chair Margot Hennings at a tournament and volunteer your services. Many hands make light work!

## Climbing the Ladder

### New Junior Masters

Cynthia Baskin  
Arvind G Bhand  
Madan M Gupta  
Frances E Hitch  
Beth F Maline  
Joseph M Maline  
Philip A Odeen  
Laurel C Olsen  
Mary L Pike  
Lawrence I Plotkin  
Monica Prasad  
Jonathan L Ramseur  
Rosalind Rosenberg  
Atish Sanyal  
Patricia Y Smith  
Denise D Taylor  
Maureen Taylor  
Michael R Taylor

### New Club Masters

Chris C Betsold  
Betsy C Cooke  
Matthew Glassman  
Michael A Heald  
Glenn Heidbreder  
David J Maddrell  
Eileen McKinney  
Donald Morello  
Diana S Reyher  
Joan Rineberg  
James M Vandusen

### New Sectional Masters

Claudette F Bell  
Donald S Beyer  
James N Bexfield  
David Goldfrank

Virginia Gray-Roddy  
Ellen K Haines  
Cynthia Larre  
Ann P Lawrence  
Joyce Perl  
Nancy J Prolman  
Arlene M Schettler  
Cynthia A Stenholm  
Steve Y Tai  
Robert E Wickham  
Elaine R Wolfson  
Dr Phyllis M Woodring  
Yen Wu  
Pamela A Yood  
Sheila Zadd

### New Regional Masters

Amy R Brisson  
George S Fleeson  
Mary Jane Garner  
Robert M Greenburg  
Guisevil Korman  
Kenneth Kraus  
Douglas E Lahammer  
Richard D Long  
Pat H Nevin  
Kathleen Parkins  
Janice K Scavongelli  
David Sedney

### New NABC Masters

Lawrence Fox  
Brigette Friedman  
Ronald Friedman  
Jacob Hornberger  
Dr Michael Kappel  
James M Mosley  
Harry Potter

Alexander Shafer  
Bill R Teer  
Pat J Teer  
Noi West  
Suryun Yoo  
Martha Zier

### New Advanced NABC Master

Gretta Bordcosh

### New Life Masters

Virginia Ivin  
Bill Murphy  
Yaeko N Perera  
Bushra Shamma

### New Bronze Life Masters

Christine C Brooks  
Jeffrey Schwartz

### New Silver Life Masters

Srinivas Kachibhatla  
Susan Klaber  
Jeffrey Klemm  
Rick A Uhrig

### New Ruby Life Master

Tom Jennings

### New Gold Life Master

Stephen Drodge  
Esfandiar Khazai

### New Sapphire Life Master

Dr Hal Hindman



## Bridge in Colombia

*by John S. Mason*

In August of 2016, the week before Hunt Valley, I went to Cali, Colombia, to play in a bridge tournament.

The trip actually began a year before. In April, 2015, my wife Linda and I had visited Colombia, where I lived and worked in the 1960s. That was my first time back, and Linda's first time ever. To prepare for it I emailed the World Bridge Federation's representative asking for information and contacts. The Colombian Federation's President, Vera Rosebusz, put me in touch with a club in Bogotá and introduced me to Elsa de Castillo, Cali's "bridge commissar."

Elsa answered with a date for me to play at the Club de Bridge Santiago de Cali. This was where I had first played serious bridge fifty years ago. Elsa herself was my partner that day, and we had an excellent game. After it she insisted that I come back for Cali's big tournament in August, which she organizes. I couldn't manage a second trip that soon, and had to decline.

This year it was a different story. Elsa sent a renewed invitation, and when Linda saw it she said emphatically that I could not refuse. She volunteered to stay home so I could make the trip unencumbered.

The tournament's venue was Cali's Club Campestre (country club), a manicured tropical oasis in the midst of urban sprawl. The club has full-service hotel accommodations with twenty rooms, which Elsa had reserved for players from abroad and from elsewhere in Colombia.

The club's public areas are open to the outdoors. No air conditioning or insect screening is needed, and I did not see one single mosquito the entire week—only bumble bees. Colombian coffee, black, tastes as though it's sweetened with sugar. It even fools bees. I had to rescue one or two from drowning in my cup each morning.

Caleños complained all week about the heat, by which they meant it might reach ninety degrees Fahrenheit at mid-afternoon. I took great pleasure in telling them how hot it was up here right then.

The tournament began on Friday evening, followed by two more sessions Saturday and Sunday afternoons. Each session was 36 boards at matchpoint pairs.

On Thursday our TD, Fernando González, arrived from Bogotá. He is a WBF director who works tournaments throughout South America. The afternoon before, a shipment of Bridgemates had come, on loan from Medellín. Elsa asked me to help Fernando with them if he needed it.

He did. The units were Bridgemate Pro's—the old, original model, which he and I were unfamiliar with. For guidance, I tried emailing Joe Steele, the expert on whom

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### Battling the Bridgemates

everyone in the States relies. But my online email accounts were unavailable, so I ended up using the Club Campestre's address. That worked. Joe responded with the advice we needed. Here's Fernando, working with the units in the Club's sporting events office. The table is set for our lunches.

There was an aftermath. Last year while in Bogotá, I had used my email accounts via the Internet. This year, when I tried that from Cali, my service providers did not like the looks of where the login came from and shut down my accounts

forthwith. Once home, I needed hours on the phone to convince them that I had not been the mother of all hackers from some god-forsaken place.

On Friday evening the tournament was officially inaugurated. Colombia's national anthem was sung. Then came some boilerplate oratory by Cali's mayor and another dignitary. At this juncture Elsa had me say a few words on behalf of attendees there from Chile, Argentina, Uruguay, Ecuador, as well as me from los EEUU. To flesh it out, I ventured a couple of lame jokes. One of them fell flat, and the other got a good laugh. Colombia had not yet heard it.

The table count was twenty, down from the expected 22 or 23, owing to last-minute cancelations. Tournaments being expensive, and given Latin America's level of bridge activity, this attendance was not disappointing. Bear in mind that outside the ACBL, masterpoints are largely unknown. Instead, winners are awarded trophies.

I'm tempted to think that if WBF members such as Colombia had masterpoints, more players might be attracted to their games. To put it another way, I shudder to think what attendance in North America would be, playing for trophies instead of masterpoints.



### Trophies and Relics

My partner and I started out like a house afire, with a 63.49 percent game on Friday night. Alas, we could not keep up that pace. By the time friendly hostilities concluded on Sunday, we ended up in the middle of the field.

Last year in the NVBA Bulletin I outlined Colombia's bidding styles. This year I saw some more conventions worth mentioning. Many top players (such as Elsa) have a card that we would easily recognize. Two over one; new minor forcing; support doubles; Smolen; Lebensohl; puppet; upside-down; Cappelletti or DONT; and so forth. Other top players prefer such things as a variant of Exclusion, in which a double jump asks for key cards, excepting the ace of the bid suit. For example, 1S-4H; ..., asks for RKC responses leaving out the ace of hearts. A single jump, 1S-3H; ..., is a splinter. Thus natural jump shifts, both weak and strong, are given up in exchange for this treatment.

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And then there was an example of what George S. Coffin, in a book seventy years ago, called “hoppity skippity” bidding. Having done a Jacoby transfer, if Responder continues with a second suit, he isn’t just showing extra strength. He’s forcing slam, asking Opener to choose which suit he wants to play it in. This may reflect the fact that much of what they play down there is rubber bridge for a nickel’s worth of pesos a point.

There was an incident Saturday evening. My partner, Guillermo Hurtado, made three hearts doubled. “Making three?” he asked. His RHO nodded tentatively and picked up her cards. As she did, so did Guillermo and LHO, the doubler, who said, “Down one.”

An uproar ensued. Fernando came, ascertained the facts, and told us to get onto the next board while he studied the deal. Shortly after, he ruled in our favor, judging that for the contract to go down would have needed a serious blunder by Guillermo, whom he knew well enough to discount that. The ruling itself aside, what stood out for me was how smoothly Fernando quelled the uproar. It was a display of cool, professional aplomb, and an excellent lesson for club directors like me to see.



**la subasta**

Such was the tenor of the tournament that there were no more than half a dozen director calls, including this one, in all three sessions (not counting pleas for help with the *Bridgemates*).

You might be interested to know a Spanish bridge word or two. The ace is “el as.” The King, Queen and Jack are called, “la K, la Q y la J” respectively (la kah, la koo, ee la hota). Face cards and the ace are called “figuras.” Void and singleton are “fallo” and “semifallo” (from the verb “fallar,” i.e. to fail). I meant to find out if anyone down there calls a semifallo “un tieso,” i.e. a stiff, as A-strat people do up here. But I forgot.

To tell East-West to skip a table at the next round, the director says, “Favor saltar una mesa a la siguiente ronda.” That verb, “saltar” (to jump) is the same as the French verb from which we get the cooking word “sauté.” Or if there is no skip and someone asks, the answer might be, “No hay brinco.” (“Brinco” is what a bucking bronco does.) The auction is “la subasta,” and a bid is “una voz” (literally, a voice). To call for a ruff in dummy, Declarer says, “corta,” i.e. cut it. Unlike the names of the four suits, which can change from one country to another, the foregoing words stay the same pretty much everywhere.

The festivities culminated Sunday night with a gala banquet and the awarding of prizes. There was live music, singing and dancing. Golden oldies were played at dessert time, which the youngsters sang along with their grandparents. Popular dance music followed. As one lively number struck up, I was hauled out onto the dance floor for a cumbia (the real, authentic thing—Colombia’s famous folk dance). I

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had not attempted any such exertion in years, and ended up stiff and sore the next day.

Hours before dawn the next day, Monday, 15 August, my flight home was aloft. In all my life it has never failed. Leaving Colombia saddens me.

Here's something about bridge that may not have occurred to you. As players, we're assured of ready access to games and a warm welcome wherever we go. Moreover, bridge isn't just a passport. Connecting with other players can lead to quite unexpected surprises. As an example, two days after my arrival, Elsa invited me to go looking for the house where I had lived fifty years ago. After an hour of crazy-cruising we finally found where it had been.

As we went, recalling neighbors and people I had known, no doubt all gone by now, I mentioned one in particular: Ernesto DeLima. Elsa exploded. Not only was Ernesto still very much alive, he was her husband's golf partner and one of their closest friends. Right then and there she cell phoned him to arrange a meeting.

Not having seen each other for so long, we had a great deal of gossip to catch up on. That reunion was the highlight of my week.

The tournament, meanwhile, although badly upstaged by this get-together, did have a few special moments of its own. One of them came on the final day.

In an article for the NVBA Bulletin last year, I mentioned the outstanding president that the Cali bridge club had back then. She was renowned, feared, for maintaining law and order at the tables with no more than a withering look. But in that article I had her name wrong—confused with someone else's. Was that Alzheimers? I'm going to hope not, because as soon as I saw the name in print I knew I was mistaken.

Since then I've asked down there for the correct name. Record keeping at the club so long ago was haphazard; no one could come up with it. Finally, before the Sunday game, Elsa located a distinguished old lady, well over ninety, who remembered. The long-ago president I had in mind, she said, was Doña Soledad Fajardo de López. Hers was a name, she added, that absolutely should not be forgotten, and complimented me for bringing it up. I told her what I had written in praise of Soledad's commanding presence and steady hand at the helm. I hoped that I had not gone overboard, and asked my informant if she concurred.

"No, Young Man," she said. "You understated it."



**Ernie and JSM**



## Hail and Farewell

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

Dr Kianoush Alem  
 Sartaj Alag  
 Leeda Allen  
 Matthew Bacon  
 Char Beales  
 Hu Benton  
 John Boyer  
 Kathy Boyer  
 Patricia Bradley  
 Florence Brodkey  
 Christine Brooks  
 Lauren I Brown  
 Bill Bryant  
 Dr Gary Burin  
 Virginia V Carroll  
 Kevin Cho  
 Paul J Cincotta  
 Anne Clark  
 Brenda Egeland  
 Jane H Evans  
 Xiaoran Han  
 Anne Hastings  
 Liam Johansson  
 Matt Jordan  
 Barbara Kernus  
 Dr Mary Anne R Kidwell  
 Dr Jon Labadie  
 Sujata Lamba  
 Jo Leir  
 Rachel Li  
 William Li  
 Shirley Long  
 Avinash C Malhotra

Eileen Marean  
 Denis McMullan  
 Jean P McNeal  
 Mark Orms  
 Dr Valsala S Pal  
 Phyllis Peterson  
 Dr Willa Pickering  
 Aidan San  
 Marydith Sanders  
 Rabi H Shatila  
 Ellen Simonoff  
 Dr Baikunth Singh  
 Babette Smith  
 Gretchen Spencer  
 Elizabeth Tarpley  
 Lauren J Vine  
 Grant Wang  
 Julia Wannamaker  
 Thomas Will  
 Mary Jane Wisniewski  
 Haoyu Cindy Wu  
 Bryan Xu  
 Tianxiao Yang

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

Ruth Balton  
 Robert H Bailey  
 Ann G Grant  
 James D Grant  
 Gerhard F Heiche  
 Becky I Kaplan  
 Barry C Ko  
 Robbie Laursen  
 Xiaolei Liu

Peggy A Lottman  
 Eldrid Maaseide  
 Dionne D McNamee  
 Patrick McNamee  
 Lance D Miller  
 Jacquellinn J Mooney  
 Polly M Tindal-Beaucham  
 Jean B Rachner  
 Ed Smith

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

John E Blackwell  
 Jody J Daniels  
 Jim B Dick  
 Linda Dick  
 George J Fenzl  
 Paul Ferman  
 Helen J Hyman  
 Charlotte H Lopp  
 Lari E Lopp  
 Ibrahim R Mady  
 Jane M Richter  
 Bob Silverstein  
 Elliot T Simon  
 Aloha South  
 Mary Alice Vogt  
 Bill Westman

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

Lynne Beresford  
 Virginia Gibbons



## Parade of Winners

### Hunt Valley Regional, August 15-21, 2016

#### **Tues AM Side Game (11 Pairs)**

- 2 1 Shirley Lafferty – Frances McNaught

#### **Tues Stratified Swiss (45 Teams)**

- 1 Jeffrey Klemm – M Borinsky – Dian Petrov – Val Jakobowitch

#### **Tue Aft 499er Pairs (21 Pairs)**

- 2 John Schoeberlein – Julie Schoeberlein

#### **Tues Eve Steeplechase Gold Pairs (58 Pairs)**

- 2 Anita Lancaster - Sandra Harding

#### **Tues Eve Side Game (20 Pairs)**

- 2 2 Linda Burton – Marvin Raines

#### **Mon-Tues KO Bkt 4 (16 Teams)**

- 2 John Gauss - Michael Canes - Barbara Teng - Bob Lawrence

#### **Tues-Wed AM Compact KO Bkt 2 (9 Teams)**

- 1 Ann Atcheson – George Parkins – Robert Wilke – Bill Kutrzyba  
2 Mike Ladd - Betty Ladd - Thomas Jennings - James Augustine

#### **Tues-Wed KO Bkt 1 (11 Teams)**

- 2 Robert Hopkins Jr – Lyle Poe – Barry Falgout – Brad Theurer

#### **Wed AM Side Game (12 Pairs)**

- 2 Cathy McGarrigan – Ann Seeboth

#### **Wed Aft Side Game (17 Pairs)**

- 2 Linda Burton – Marvin Raines

#### **Wed Eve BAM (18 Teams)**

- 1 Linda Burton – Marvin Raines – Catherine Bardsley – Fred Gramlich

#### **Wed Eve Gold Rush Pairs (88 Pairs)**

- 1 Onorica Luculescu – Alina Galaszewska

#### **Wed Eve Side Game (23 Pairs)**

- 1 Ruth Woods – Ann Seeboth

#### **Wed Eve 499er Pairs (8 Pairs)**

- 2 2 1 Ruth Fischer – Alison Taylor

#### **Wed-Thurs AM Compact KO Bkt 2 (10 Teams)**

- 2 Tamara Vetter – Jayne Lynch – Donald Smith – Pat Kibler

#### **Thurs AM 499er Pairs (21 Pairs)**

- 1 Ruth Fischer – Alison Taylor

#### **Thurs Open Pairs (30 Pairs)**

- 1 Kiyomi Shiba – Deb Dhar

#### **Thurs A/X Swiss (24 Teams)**

- 1/2 Vonnie Lavender – Sarah Cressy  
Mita Banerjee – Ron Spieker

#### **Thurs Bracketed B Swiss – Bkt 1 (8 Teams)**

- 1 Jay Cherlow – Hadi Abushakra – Al Lauber – Ned Griffith

#### **Thurs Bracketed B Swiss – Bkt 3 (8 Teams)**

- 1 Kenneth Hopke – Robert Krueger – Jerry Nolte – Elizabeth Nolte

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### **Thurs Bracketed B Swiss – Bkt 5 (8 Teams)**

- 1 Ruth Woods – Ann Seeboth – Cathy McGarrigan – Sherry Griffin

### **Thurs Bracketed B Swiss – Bkt 6 (8 Teams)**

- 2 Jenny Shaefer – Alice Ling – Walter Cederholm – Becky Cederholm

### **Thurs Eve Side Swiss (5 Teams)**

- 1 Ann Atcheson – George Parkins – Blanche Eaton – David Eaton

### **Fri AM 499er Pairs (14 Pairs)**

- 2 Phyllis Schultze – Martha Daley

### **Fri Aft Open Pairs (44 Pairs)**

- 1 Vonnie Lavender – Sarah Cressy

### **Fri Eve BAM (10 Teams)**

- 2 1 Dean Baird – Carolyn Baird – Al Stolpe  
Tom Jennings

### **Fri-Sat AM Compact KO Bkt 1 (13 Teams)**

- 1 James Augustine – Tom Jennings – Jerry Nolte – Elizabeth Nolte

### **Fri-Sat KO Bkt 2 (9 Teams)**

- 1 Lucy McCoy – Dalia Kende – Renate Conlon – Ron Conlon

### **Sat AM Swiss (15 Teams)**

- 1/2 1/2 James Rachiele – Ann Latta – Bud Morgan – Alan Munro

### **Sat AM 499er Pairs (16 Pairs)**

- 1/2 1/2 1 John Wertman – Kathleen Parkins

### **Sat Daylight Open Pairs (54 Pairs)**

- 2 Gil Cohen – Marty Nelson  
2 Catherine Bardsley – Fred Gramlich

### **Sat Aft Open Pairs (44 Pairs)**

- 2 Stan Schenker – David Milton

### **Sat Eve Swiss (19 Teams)**

- 2 1 Alan Munro – Bud Morgan – William Belanich – Gerald Botkin

### **Sat-Sun KO Bkt 2 (12 Teams)**

- 2 Dean Baird – Carolyn Baird – Al Stolpe  
Tom Jennings

### **Sun AM 499er Pairs (12 Pairs)**

- 2 Phyllis Schultze – Martha Daley

### **Sun A/X Swiss (34 Teams)**

- 1 Alexander Prairie – Stephen Drodge – Mark Chen – Donna Rogall  
2 Michael Mullendore – Paul Irvine – Eva Klivington – Eleanor Schwartz

### **Sun Bracketed B Swiss – Bkt 2 (8 Teams)**

- 1/2 Steve Reed – Carol Crawford – Matthew Lahut – Juan Pablo Quizon

### **Sun Bracketed B Swiss – Bkt 4 (8 Teams)**

- 1 Glenn Terrell - Dottie Terrell - Mike Ladd - Betty Ladd

### **Sun Bracketed B Swiss – Bkt 6 (8 Teams)**

- 1 Alan Munro – Bud Morgan – Sam Stein- John Dickman

**Parade of Winners...****NVBA Fall Sectional, September 8-11, 2016****Thurs AM Open Pairs (28 Pairs)**

- 1 Ken Davis – Steve Schatzow
- 2 Gene Schuyler – Carolyn Gibson
  - 1 Hal Jones Jr – Kevin O'Brien
  - 2 Grace Cohen – William Schoder
    - 1 Tony Cincotta – Mary Jeanne Cincotta
    - 2 Peter Schiff – Michael Kappel

**Thurs AM 0-500 Pairs (22 Pairs)**

- 2 Michael Canes – Kenneth Cohn
  - 2 Kenneth Kraus – Darleen Cors

**Thurs Eve A/X Pairs (58 Pairs)**

- 1 Sarah Anne Cressy – Charles Yaple
- 2 Jay Kelkar – Jim Wakefield

**Thurs Eve B/C Pairs (53 Pairs)**

- 2 Sheila Ellis – Charles Ellis

**Thurs Eve 199er Swiss @ NVBA  
(9 Teams)**

- 1 1 Jeanne Theis – Phil Theis – Cordellia  
Scruggs – Arlene Schettler
- 2 2 1 John Wertman – Joia Hertz – Ellen  
Haines – Amy Elmore

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

- 2 Bruce Houston – Steve Schatzow

**Fri AM NLM Pairs (25 Pairs)**

- 1 Mary Tubb – Julia Michaels
- 2 1 Susan McCarthy – Kathryn Ward-Johnson
  - 1 Stephen Black – Dorothy Seyler
  - 2 Ro Niemeyer – Romey McPherson

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

- 2 Helene Bauman – Jim Wakefield
  - 1 Hal Jones – Kevin O'Brien
  - 2 Carolyn Baird – Dean Baird

**Fri Aft B/C Pairs (22 Pairs)**

- 1 Tom Jennings – James Augustine
- 2 George Parkins – Ann Atcheson
  - 1 John Gauss – Barbara Teng

**Fri Aft 0-500 Pairs (46 Pairs)**

- 1 1 Harvey Lipsher – Donald Businger
- 2 2 1 William Starosta – Kiran Starosta
  - 2 Cynthia Larre – Pamela Yood

**Fri Aft 0-50 Pairs (16 Pairs)**

- 2 2 Gary Scavongelli – Janice Scavongelli
  - 1 John Wertman – Joia Hertz
  - 2 William Starosta – Kiran Starosta

**Fri Eve Triple Nickel Swiss (25 Teams)**

- 2 Alexander Prairie – Mark Chen – Stephen  
Drodge – Donna Rogall
  - 1 Mike Ladd – Betty Ladd – Elizabeth Nolte –  
Jerry Nolte
  - 2 Dean Baird – Carolyn Baird – Betsy Eliot –  
Julia Brown
  - 1 Eva Vomdran – Michael Heald – Robert  
Greenburg – Robert Morrison

**Fri Eve 0-500 Pairs (16 Pairs)**

- 2 2 Gary Scavongelli – Janice Scavongelli
  - 1 John Wertman – Joia Hertz
  - 2 William Starosta – Kiran Starosta

**Sat AM Open Pairs (19 Pairs)**

- 1 Marcia Stein – Vonnie Lavender
- 2 Ryan Connors – Peter Boyd

**Sat AM B/C Pairs (25 Pairs)**

- 1 Terry Jones – Jean Jones
- 1 Katy Culp – Stephen Gold

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## Parade of Winners

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### Sat AM 0-500 Pairs (36 Pairs)

- 1 1 1 Joyce Wainwright – Duncan Wainwright
- 2 Michael Sofocleous – Hannelore Sofocleous

### Sat AM 0-50 Pairs (14 Pairs)

- 1 Kathy Langhan – Arlene Braff
- 2 Kathy Sullivan – Nancy Smagala
- 2 1 Sherry Will – Thomas Will
- 2 Beverly Smedberg – Edwin Smedberg

### Sat A/X Pairs (24 Pairs)

- 2 Barry Falgout – Rusty Krauss
- 1 Monique Smith – Michael Richey

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

- 2 1 Daniel Morgan – John Blodgett

### Sat Aft 499er Pairs (50 Pairs)

- 2 Donald Smith – Pat Kibler
- 2 John Schoeberlein – Julie Schoeberlein
- 1 Dionne McNamee – Patrick McNamee
- 2 Ann Lawrence – Darlyn Counihan

### Saturday Side Game (16 Pairs)

- 1 1 Kamel Tabbara – Salam Saidi
- 2 2 Catherine Bardsley – Fred Gramlich

### Sat Eve B/C Pairs (10 Pairs)

- 1 George Parkins – Ann Atcheson
- 2 1 Bushra Shamma – Rich Ardini
- 2 Daniel Morgan – John Blodgett

### Sat Eve 499er Pairs (14 Pairs)

- 2 2 1 Charles Ellis – Sheila Ellis

### Sun A/X Swiss (18 Teams)

- 1 Rusty Krauss – Barry Falgout – Robert Hopkins Jr – Joan Lewis
- 2 1 Monique Smith – Linda Marshall – Merrill Hirsh – Lloyd Rawley

### Sun Fit B Bkt 1 (8 Teams)

- 2 Betsy Eliot – Julia Brown – Yvonne Markell – Lenore Ward

### Sun Fit B Bkt 2 (8 Teams)

- 1 William Mendez Jr – Jeffrey Halle – Emerita Hayward – Michael Goldman
- 2 Ron Sutter – Yuen DeAnda – Joe Leighton – Suryun Yoo

### Sun Fit B Bkt 3 (8 Teams)

- 1 Alan Munro – Bud Morgan – Tobi Bear – Robert Ohora

### Sun AM 499er Swiss (10 Teams)

- 1 1 1 Jack McCalman – James Vandeusen – Gary Thomas – Nancy Smagala

### Sun Aft 499er Swiss (7 Teams)

- 1 Harry Potter – James Mosley – Sharon Perryman – Richard Padgett
- 2 1 George Fleeson – Nancy Smagala – William Starosta – Kiran Starosta





♠ **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 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: Obr 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, 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 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, 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) 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](http://www.nvba.org).\*\*

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.

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 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.*

*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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*Mid-Chart Conventions permitted in all AX Events*

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2017...  
Cheers to a  
New Year &  
a New Deal!

THURSDAY, JANUARY 5

- ♣ StrataFlighted A/X (unlim/2000) & B/C/D (1000/500/300) Pairs ...11:15am  
**Rockville Duplicate Bridge Club**, 301-503-3348 (Mark Lavine) **NO ENTRY TILL 11AM**  
*St. James Episcopal Church, 11815 Seven Locks Rd., Rockville*
- ♦ StrataFlighted A/X (unlim/3000) & B/C (2000/750) Pairs (both sites), Intermediate/Novice Pairs (500/300/100) & 0-20 Pairs (Ohr Kodesh only) & Stratified 199er Swiss Teams (Beth El only)  
**Beth El Congregation**, 3830 *Seminary Rd, Alexandria* ..... 7:00pm  
**Ohr Kodesh Congregation**, 8300 *Meadowbrook Ln., Chevy Chase* 7:30pm  
I-495 to Connecticut Ave. S. 4<sup>th</sup> light left E-W Hwy 410. Left Meadowbrook Ln. 1<sup>st</sup> left Freyman Dr. Parking lot on left. No outside food allowed.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 6

- ♣ \*StrataFlighted A/X (unlim/3000) & B/C Pairs (2000/750) (single sessions) .....10:00am, 2:00pm
- ♦ **Stratified Triple Nickel Swiss Teams** (unlim/2000/750) ..... **Post-Game Party!** ..... 7:30pm  
*with beer, wine & desserts*
- ♠ Intermediate/Novice Pairs (500/300/100) & 49er Pairs (50/20/5) (single sessions) ..10am, 2pm, 7:30pm

♥ **Panel Show & Party** ♥



SATURDAY, JANUARY 7

to Honor New Life Masters between sessions

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

- ♣ \*StrataFlighted A/X (unlim/3000) & B/C Pairs (2000/750) (single sessions) .....10:00am, 3:00pm
- ♦ Intermediate/Novice Pairs (500/300/100) & 49er Pairs (50/20/5) (single sessions) ..... 10:00am, 3:00pm

SUNDAY, JANUARY 8

**WBL Trophy Race Winners' Presentation** —Lunch available for purchase—

- ♠ Flights A/X (unlim/5000) Swiss Teams (2 session playthrough w/break) .....11:00am & TBA
- ♣ Bracketed Flight B Teams (no single player >3000) (2 session playthrough w/break) ..11:00am & TBA  
B Teams Bracketed by total team masterpoints; three overall places in each.
- ♦ 300/100/50 Swiss Teams, VPs (single sessions) .....11:00am, 3:00pm

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

Separate I/N events & strata as advertised as attendance allows. (Director's discretion.)

**Hospitality** includes snacks, drinks, & **Friday lunch & evening party.** Sunday lunch available for purchase.  
**Tournament Chair: Brad Theurer**, 301-527-8819, [batheurer256@gmail.com](mailto:batheurer256@gmail.com); **Hospitality Manager: Mike Zane**; **Volunteer Coordinator: Barbara Summers**, 301-598-5838, [jimbarb1184@aol.com](mailto:jimbarb1184@aol.com); **Partnerships: Barbara Doran**, 301-608-0347, [barb.doran@verizon.net](mailto:barb.doran@verizon.net), **Online Partnership Desk** available.

\*StrataFlighted 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.

**Directions to the Margaret Schweinhaut Senior Center**, 1000 Forest Glen Rd, Silver Spring, MD: I-495 to Georgia Avenue North (toward Wheaton). 1<sup>st</sup> light right on Forest Glen Rd. The Center is .7 mile on right.

**NVBA Club Games**More details at [www.nvba.org/html/clubs.html](http://www.nvba.org/html/clubs.html)

Director	Game	Website/Contact Info
Steve Reed	Mon. 7 pm: KOCH, Open & 499er	<a href="http://www.qbridgeva.org">www.qbridgeva.org</a>
Gene Schuyler	Mon. 10:30 am: KOCH, Open & 0-600. Wed. 10:30 am: St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, Open & NLM Fri. 10 am: KOCH, Open & NLM	<a href="http://www.geneschuyler.com">www.geneschuyler.com</a>
Kevin O'Brien	Mon. 6:30 pm: Messiah Lutheran Church	<a href="mailto:BelleViewDBC@gmail.com">BelleViewDBC@gmail.com</a> (703) 524 4788
Lenore Ward	Mon. 11 am & Thurs. 1 pm: Cascade Seniors Sun. 1 pm: Lansdowne OTP	<a href="mailto:lennie20@comcast.net">lennie20@comcast.net</a> (703) 723 8614
Livingston Johnson	Tues. 10:30 am: Salvation Army, Fairfax, Open & 0-499	<a href="mailto:snowpusher@cox.net">snowpusher@cox.net</a> (703) 591 0014
Candy & Marshall Kuschner	Tues. 10:30 am: KOCH, Open & 0-750 Wed. 7 pm: Reston, Open & 499er	<a href="mailto:candy.kuschner@gmail.com">candy.kuschner@gmail.com</a> (703) 758 0906
Louise Sellers	Wed. 11 am: JCC of No. VA – Thurs. 10:30 am: Vienna DBC– Sun Trust Bank	<a href="mailto:louisellers2@aol.com">louisellers2@aol.com</a> (703) 281 5576
Norma Pierzchala & Bernie Oetjen	Thurs. 10:30 am: KOCH, Open & 0-500	<a href="mailto:normattp@verizon.net">normattp@verizon.net</a> (703) 909 9742
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Mike Zane	Wed. 10 am; Aurora Hills Senior Center Sat. 9 am: KOCH, 0-1500	<a href="mailto:dmvbridge@outlook.com">dmvbridge@outlook.com</a> (301) 919 7673
Bernie Oetjen	Sat. 1 pm: KOCH	<a href="mailto:BHOLHO@aol.com">BHOLHO@aol.com</a> (703) 216 0676
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