



Newsletter

July–September 2017

Congratulations to our NVBA Trophy and Award Winners!



At the Annual Meeting on May 4, 2017, 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 for the players who won the most masterpoints in their categories in 2016.

*Left: Woman of the Year **Helene Bauman**, with Ron Kral. Right: Man of the Year **Robbie Hopkins Jr.***



more award winners on p.2

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Of Special Interest:

Bethesda, MD REGIONAL	July 3-9
Toronto, Canada Summer NABC	July 20-30
Hunt Valley, MD REGIONAL	Aug. 7-13
WBL Sectional	Aug 24-27
Atlanta, GA REGIONAL	Aug 29–Sept 4
NVBA Sectional	Sept. 14-17
District 6 NAP Finals	Sept. 23-24



*Rush Buckley Award winner **Rick Bingham** with new NVBA President **Marty Bley***



*Rookie of the Year Winners **Larry Plotkin** and **Ruth Hansen***



***Mini-McKenney winners:** (l-r) Ken Davis (10,000 + mps), Vonnie Lavender (5000-7500), Lucy McCoy (3500-5000), Ron Sutter (1000-1500), Gretta Bordcosh (300-500), Robert Greenburg (20-50), Joia Hertz (5-20), and Stephen Parker (0-5).*

***Ace of Clubs winners**, flanked by Marty Bley and Ron Kral: (l-r) Ken Davis (10,000+ mps), Yuen DeAnda (1000-1500), Vonnie Lavender (5000-7500), Gretta Bordcosh (300-500), Angelo Zuccaro (7500-10,000) Bob Boyd (3500-5000), Robert Greenburg (20-50), Charles Van Horn(5-20), and Atish Sanyal (0-5).*



A complete listing of all NVBA Mini-McKenney and Ace of Clubs winners is on p. 13 of the April-June NVBA Newsletter.

At the Meeting, members present voted in favor of a change to the Constitution that removes the requirement that notice of the Annual Meeting should go out by mail. The Board now has the freedom to give notice of the meeting by whatever means seems most appropriate and efficient.

In addition, the Meeting elected by acclamation Marty Bley as the new President of NVBA, John Wertman as Secretary, and George Parkins and Howard Stevens as new Executive Board Members.

From the President

by *Marty Bley*



What to write? This is my FIRST one, so it has to be Excellent! It has to be funny, it has to be thought provoking, timely, interesting, it has to be DONE NOW! Oh! My! Goodness!

Why do we play bridge? Where did we learn? Why do we keep coming back to the table? How can we make the game we know and love as much fun for others as it is for us?

Answers: It is fun, thought provoking, interesting, sometimes funny and also frustrating!

At the kitchen table, in the student union, at camp, in the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines. Yes, Marines!

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The Education, support, and mentoring of new players is a very important aspect of this game we love. The NVBA takes it very seriously. We have big shoes to fill, because the Krals and other previous and present board members have done an excellent job of starting this task. Ross and I both played in the 0-199 room when we began playing duplicate bridge with 'real people and real cards at a real table.' The NVBA continues to support newer players, which is why the 0-20 game is working so well, and I hope will continue to work well to help newer players learn the game.

We, the Board of the NVBA need your help. We need you to volunteer, lend us a hand. Many hands make light work. We would like to get the 'partnership' piece on line. There are several in place ways to find partners using an online format, but it doesn't seem to work so well. Sure, for last minute hook ups, the 'guy/gal in the funny hat' still works. But if you KNOW you are coming, putting your name IN the queue, checking to see who else is there, making a call or sending an email, makes it easier for all concerned and gives you time to 'talk' about your convention card, fill one out and not be so rushed about it. SO, if you are interested in working on researching and implementing this issue, send me an email.

We, the Board would also like to have another 'mentor' situation. We have the LM/NLM game once a year and this year, again, it was a GREAT success! Thanks to all those hard working individuals who made it happen.

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Let's have another opportunity to mentor newer players. Team game anyone? Newer players are hesitant to play team games, the strategy is different, the results can be daunting, but it STILL the Same game! Bob Boyd set up a Mentor-type situation and for a while it worked. Ross and I both participated in it. It was fun! If you have ideas or thoughts about this opportunity for another mentoring type game, send me an email.

If you would like to talk to me about the two issues I mentioned above OR any OTHER issue pertaining to Bridge in NVBA Land. Please send me an email to this address! I have set this email up for NVBA Board business for the next 22 plus months. Please put a topic in the subject line. nvbapresident2017to2019@gmail.com is the address.

My husband Ross and I met in college at the bridge table. After we started dating, he would come over to my house for dinner. My parents played bridge. My mother would feed my poor starving college student boyfriend and after dinner we would play bridge. Always my parents played against Ross and me. We never switched partners. If Ross and I had had to pay money, like a penny a point, we would have been REAALLLYYY poor. Generally, my parents were up by 10,000 or more! One weekend we played Friday night, Saturday afternoon and evening and Sunday afternoon before dinner. For the whole time this particular weekend, whenever my father was declarer, I would lead my singleton, Ross would have the Ace, he would return my lead and I would ruff! Fast forward to Sunday afternoon. We had been playing about an hour or so; my father lands in six spades. I lead my singleton club, Ross takes the Ace, leads it back and I ruff! My father says, "\$%^ !@#\$ it Martha! You were BORN with a SINGLETON up your ^&*!" Where upon my mother said, "RAYMOND!" and turned over the card table. There was no more bridge for a couple of weeks, but there was still dinner and apple pie that night! Ross was happy!

I think that day was the day I became hooked on bridge for Real!

Hugs,

Marty Bley



Upcoming NVBA Games & Special Events

all games 7:00 pm

July/September games at Beth El, 3830 Seminary Road, Alexandria, Va

*August games at Knights of Columbus Hall, 5115 N. Little Falls Rd,
Arlington, VA 22207*

July 6	Beth El	<i>closed</i> —District 6 Regional in Bethesda, Md.
July 13	Beth El	ACBL Membership Game —Stratiflighted Pairs
July 20	Beth El	Unit Championship—Stratiflighted Pairs
July 27	Beth El	Stratified North American Pairs
Aug 3	KOCH	Club Championship—Stratiflighted Pairs
Aug 10	KOCH	Unit Championship—Stratiflighted Pairs
Aug 17	KOCH	Stratified North American Pairs
Aug 24	KOCH	WBL Sectional—Stratiflighted Pairs
Aug 31	KOCH	Stratified North American Pairs
Sept 7	Beth El	Unit Championship—Stratiflighted Pairs
Sept 14	Beth El	NVBA Sectional —Stratified Pairs
Sept 21	<i>TBD</i>	Unit Championship—Stratiflighted Pairs
Sept 28	Beth El	Grand National Teams Qualifier—Stratified Swiss Teams

Stratification Limits:

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

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

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.

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The Jack of Hearts

by Marshall Kushner

In days of old when knights were bold (we're talking 1960s here) there were no Gold points. Nor were there Red, Silver, or Platinum. There were just points, and they weren't easy to come by. I would guess that if you had a section top at your local club you might win .50. What's more, stratified games hadn't been invented, and I'm not sure limited games were offered. So, if you were a novice back in the day, your only hope of winning points was to improve your skills. This was the culture back then. Everyone tried to get better. They read, they kitized, they asked questions, they learned about card combinations. So let's say you did all that and elevated your game from zero to green. You developed some skills but you lacked judgement. As I tell my students, judgement is the product of experience. Experience is the product of bad judgement. So here you are all pumped up with a modicum of skill and a lot of determination. You play five, six times a week. You don't win but you occasionally scratch. You collect a smattering of master-points, and by sheer persistence you win eight to ten points a year.

So here come the cognoscenti. "This isn't right," they complained. "A duffer by virtue of persistence and longevity, can do this for thirty or forty years and become a Life Master (LM) without ever leaving the confines of his/her local club. They never have to attend a tournament, and they never have to achieve anything. Being an LM should mean something more." The ACBL listened and saw the light. Thus were born Gold and Red points. To get Red, you had to attend regionals and to get Gold, you had to have a section top or an overall. Now the experts were satisfied, but by the 1980s a new problem developed. Declining attendance. By then there were a plethora of limited games, but once you graduated from the highest B flight (normally 1500) you had no choice but to play Flight A where many couldn't compete. Once again, the only way to become competitive was to improve your skills even further. As a result, a lot of folks quit playing once they reached this point.

The ACBL put their heads together and came up with several ideas, some good, some not so much. The ones that endured were Stratified events and Bracketed Knockouts (KOs). In the former, you had to play against some experts, but you also faced peers and sub-peers. In the KOs at a regional of any size you played against a field of your peers, more or less. Business boomed. In 1986, Toronto held the first ever North American Bridge Championships (NABC) to exceed 20,000 tables, a record that would be obliterated five years later in Las Vegas. The ACBL was happy, but the experts, once again, were not. The high-level games they were used to were now diluted with inferior players. If green opponents didn't know what they were doing, how could the experts know? What's more, Flight C players were now winning points with well below average scores. Thus were born Stratiflighted games. The Flight A players played alone, and the Flight B's and C's played in a separate game. A few years later, Gold Rush events were devised, and

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Upcoming 199er and 0-20 NVBA Games

all games 7:00 pm preceded by lecture at 6:30 pm

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Climbing the Ladder

New Junior Masters

Marie D Bernard
 Mahin A Boroumand
 Joan S Carter
 Patti L Cooksey
 Marge Degnon
 Lee Ellis
 Kathleen Helm
 Paul M Higgins
 Charles Dunn
 Gordana Earp
 Phillip L Fraas
 Patricia Fuksa
 Dr Richard C Hart
 Betty A Hollis
 Gaby Kloiber
 Robert T Langan
 Jawahar Mehra
 Paul B Mohler
 Dean Olney
 Marie T Petersen
 Art Reynolds
 Pat Reynolds
 Christine P Rudisill
 Betty F Seybold
 Joyce Suydam
 Mark Tauber

New Club Masters

Dr Georgia A Booker
 Mary Jeanne Cincotta
 Carmen P Clelland
 Frances E Hitch
 Sharon Kellett
 Jill Norvell
 Mary L Pike

David S Rubin
 Ruth E Hansen
 Joyce A Hellems
 William D Reilly
 Dr Susan D Schultz
 Patricia Y Smith
 Gary Thomas

New Sectional Masters

Betsy Deering
 Dr Robert L Durfee
 Jane R Goetzman
 Jacqueline Hoyle
 Robert E Morrison
 Barbara Norton
 Nooreen Razi
 Kathy G Sullivan

New Regional Masters

Donald Businger
 Amy L Elmore
 Ann K Hunter
 Mary Frances Jetton
 Jack D McCalman
 Michael P Miale
 Shirley Stauffacher

New NABC Masters

Joan H Axilbund
 Robert M Greenburg
 Anita Lancaster

New Life Masters

Jacob G Hornberger
 Alice Ling
 Alexander Salpeter

New Bronze Life Masters

Vivek Choudhury
 Donna Hickling

New Silver Life Masters

Taraneh Shahin
 Monica M Shumann

New Ruby Life Masters

Ann Atcheson
 Susan Brawn
 Laverne Gobs
 Mike Ladd
 Peter Harrington
 Jerry Nolte

New Gold Life Masters

Salam Saidi
 Allan Sitterson

New Sapphire Life Masters

Annie Schwartz
 Kamel M Tabbara

New Diamond Life Master

Dr David Rodney



Hail and Farewell

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

Zhiqiang Bi
 Ronald Boggio
 Ishwar N Butani
 Shail J Butani
 Catherine E Byrne
 Edward Cheng
 Santosh Chokhani
 Edwin Cohen
 Helen E Critchfield
 Carolyn M Ellis
 Janet K Greene
 Ellen Hargett
 Lewis P Hill
 Sally D Kent
 Jane Keough
 Gaby Kloiber
 Diana Lawrence
 Virginia D Lezhnev
 Regina Manville
 Mar J McCoy
 Martha McCoy
 Janet L McGinnis
 Edith A Mead
 Jawahar Mehra
 Judith A Miller

Jainam H Modh
 Thierry Paradan
 Sharon H Pope
 Ben N Schuman
 Barbara Sheehan
 Joann I Stewart
 Bernita Taylor
 Jacqueline C Thomson
 Sally Via
 Stephen F Weber
 Lynn C Wilson

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

James Bonheimer
 Andras G Budinszky
 Felice Giordano
 Mary Hawkins
 Martha Kendall MD
 Charlotte Lopp
 Lari Lopp
 Ibrahim R Mady
 Anita Mishook
 Mary Lynn O'Keefe
 Andrea Phaneuf
 Roger Phaneuf
 Robin D Schwartz

Carol Thomas
 Georgette B Weiss

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

Carolyn Berger
 Charlotte Cohn
 Michael N Duniven
 Dr Robert L Evans
 James Griffith
 Robert O'Hora
 Richard J Poznanski
 Dr Peter Silversmith
 Rose Silversmith
 Gail Stanley
 Yen Wu

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

Jayne Eckert
 John Kastris
 Sam Mills Jr
 Edward Schwartz



Parade of Winners

NVBA Spring Sectional

April 27-30, 2017

Thurs AM Open Pairs (42 Pairs)

- 1 Robert Hopkins Jr–Brad Theurer
- 2 Pete Hughes–David Fleischer
 - 1 Herb Schulken–Bernie Oetjen
 - 2 Raman Srivastav–Steve Mendelsohn
- 1 Amy Brisson–M. Dave Jackson

Thurs AM 0-500 Pairs (10 Pairs)

- 2 Yasmin Jiwa–Gail Wollenberg
 - 1 Adrienne Downs–Susan McCarthy
 - 2 John Graf–Paul Mohler

Thurs Eve B/C Pairs (52 Pairs)

- 1 1 Tamara Vetter–Ken Kimball
- 2 Eric Poskanzer–Francesco Parisi–Presicce
 - 2 Sartaj Alag–Shyam Giridharadas

Thurs Eve 199er Swiss @ NVBA (9 Teams)

- 1 1 1 Jon Guyton–Pam Yood–Faith Klein–Ellen Simonoff
- 2 Gary Scavongelli–Janice Scavongelli–Craig Pritzker–Charles Van Horn
 - 2/3 John Wertman–Joia Hertz–Ellen Haines–Amy Elmore
 - 2/3 2 James Vandeusen–Robert Morrison–Norman Blahuta–Mary Lou Henry

Thurs Eve 0-20 Pairs (17 Pairs)

- 1 1 1 Ishwar Butani–Shail Butani
 - 2 Charles Dunn–Sandra Dunn

Fri AM Open Pairs (40 Pairs)

- 1 1 Esfandiar Khazai–Gretta Bordcosh
- 2 Vonnie Lavender–Robert Gookin
 - 2 Edwin Brawn–Suzy Brawn
 - 2 Donna Hickling–James Metzger

Fri AM NLM Pairs (27 Pairs)

- 1 Linda Thomas–Yasmin Jiwa
- 2 1 Becky Kilbourne–Tami Reitan
 - 2 Sandra Harding–Robert Durfee
 - 1 Libby Eckert–Romey Mcpherson

Fri Aft A/X Pairs (25 Pairs)

- 1 Ken Davis–Angelo Zuccaro
 - 1 Al Lauber–Jay Cherlow

Fri Aft B/C Pairs (16 Pairs)

- 1 Ann Atcheson–George Parkins
- 2 1 Donna Hickling–Michael Corrigan
 - 2 Francesca Mazarella–Rich Ardini

Fri Aft 499er Pairs (34 Pairs)

- 1 1 Pamela Yood–Jon Guyton
- 2 2 1 Sharon Kellett–Betsy Rock

Fri Aft 99er Pairs (14 Pairs)

- 1/2 1/2 1/2 Jon Labadie–Susan Sonnthal

Fri Eve Triple Nickel Swiss (20 Teams)

- 1 Ken Davis–Bruce Houston–Steve Schatzow–Linda Marshall
- 2 Amanda Carter–Deborah Cobb–David Fleischer–Mark Lavine
 - 1 1 Eleanor Schwartz–Francesca Mazarella–Donna Hickling–Michael Corrigan
 - 2 Howard Grunin–John Lowe III–Clayton Eisinger–Susie Eisinger

Fri Eve 499er Pairs (16 Pairs)

- 1 Tamara Vetter–Ken Kimball
- 2 David Street–Eileen Street
 - 1 Joan White–David Goldfrank
 - 1 Gayle Tomasetti–Sally Hottle
 - 2 Evelyn Reneer–Janyce Cone

Sat AM A/X Pairs (20 Pairs)

- 1 Marcia Stein–Vonnice Lavender
- 2/3 Stan Schenker–David Milton
- 2/3 1 Matthew Lahut–Alex Prairie
 - 2 Andrew Lipps–Eric Branfman

Sat AM B/C Pairs (21 Pairs)

- 1 1 John Gauss–Barbara Teng
- 2 Joe Leighton–Suryun Yoo
 - 2 Donna Hickling–Michael Corrigan

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*Parade of Winners...**(Continued from page 10)***Sat AM 499er Pairs (40 Pairs)**

- 1 1 Cathy Walton–Brian Lamm
- 2 2 Jack McCalman–Nell Lance
 - 1 John Peterson–Robert Morrison
 - 2 Sharon Kellett–Betsy Rock

Sat AM 49er Pairs (14 Pairs)

- 1 1 Jon Labadie–Mark Orms
- 2 2 Michaele Battles–Tina Doyle
 - 1 Charles Dunn–Sandra Dunn
 - 2 Judith Oates–Joan Hogan

Sat Aft A/X Pairs (34 Pairs)

- 2 Jay Kelkar–Mohsin Chandna
- 2 Andrew Lipps–Eric Branfman

Sat Aft B/C Pairs (32 Pairs)

- 1 Clifford Feldman–Howard Bender
- 2 1 John Blodgett–Daniel Morgan
- 2 Onorica Luculescu–Alina Galaszewska

Sat Aft 499er Pairs (50 Pairs)

- 1 1 Craig Pritzker–Susan Pettit
- 2 Alexander Shafer–Suryun Yoo
 - 2/3 1 Libby Eckert–Nancy Turaj
 - 2/3 Andrea Weiswasser–Ann Lawrence
 - 2 Jeanne Theis–Phil Theis

Sat Aft 49er Pairs (16 Pairs)

- 1 Atish Sanyal–Arvind Bhand
- 2 1 Sandra Novack–Albert Novack
- 2 1 Jon Labadie–Mark Orms
- 2 Joan Carter–Sharon Bisdee

Sat Eve Pairs (22 Pairs)

- 1 Amanda Carter–Clifford Feldman
- 2 John Blodgett–Daniel Morgan

Sun A/X Swiss (17 Teams)

- 1 Robert Hopkins Jr–Joan Lewis–Barry Falgout
Vincent Wilmot Jr
- 2 Robert Padgett–David Maddrell–William
Fitch–Their Andino
- 2 Elliot Itkin–Helene Cooper–Dennis Schwanz–
Susan Miskura

Sun Fit B Bkt 1 (7 Teams)

- 1 Mike Ladd–Betty Ladd–Dean Baird–
Carolyn Baird

Sun Fit B Bkt 2 (8 Teams)

- 1 Jay Simon–Rich Ardini–Martha Bley–
Ross Bley
- 2 Joe Leighton–Amy Brisson–Ron Sutter–Yuen
DeAnda

Sun Fit B Bkt 3 (8 Teams)

- 1 Howard Stevens–Cathy Walton–Brian
Lamm–Helen Marek
- 2 James Mosley–Harry Potter–Richard
Padgett–Francesca Mazarella

Sun AM 499er Swiss (15 Teams)

- 1 1 1 Jack McCalman–Nancy Prolman–
George Fleeson–Victor Weedn

Sun Aft 499er Swiss (3 Teams)

- 1 1 1 Bill Teer–Pat Teer–Linda Thomas–
Victor Weedn

**Richmond Memorial Day
Regional
May 23-29, 2017**

Tues Open Pairs (32 Pairs)

- 1 Peter Lesnik–Pamela Granovetter

Tues-Wed KO Bkt #2 (12 Teams)

- 1 Dean Baird–Carolyn Baird–Betsy Eliot
Julia Brown

Tues-Wed KO Bkt #3 (16 Teams)

- 2 Hal Jones Jr - George Parkins–Alan
Godes–Dave Jackson

Wed Aft Side Game (22 Pairs)

- 1 Rick Deyerle–Neal McKinney

Wed Open Pairs (42 Pairs)

- 2 John Glynn–Ellen Glynn
- 2 Fred Gramlich–Catherine Bardsley

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Parade of Winners...

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Wed-Thurs Compact KO Bkt #2 (9 Teams)

- 2 Hal Jones Jr-George Parkins-Susan Wesley-Annette Deleot

Wed-Thurs KO Bkt #1 (9 Teams)

- 2 Annie Schwartz-Alan Schwartz-Judy Fox-James Fox

Thurs AM Side Game (20 Pairs)

- 2 1 1 Katy Culp-Amy Brisson

Thurs Aft 499er Pairs (34 Pairs)

- 1 1 1 Betsy Rock-Sharon Kellett

Thurs Aft Side Game (29 Pairs)

- 1 Carolyn Gibson-Mark Tonnesen

Thurs-Fri KO Bkt #2 (12 Teams)

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

Thurs-Fri KO Bkt #3 (9 Teams)

- 1 Joe Leighton-Joyce Currie-Amy Brisson-Arnold Hoffman

Thurs-Fri Open Swiss Teams (12 Teams)

- 2 1 Jay Cherlow-Al Lauber-Dennis Schwanz-Susan Miskura

Thurs - Fri Gold Rush Swiss Teams (15 Teams)

- 1 Jenny Shaefer-Alice Ling-Linda Angel-Carol Stone
- 2/3 1 Sharon Kellett-Betsy Rock-Susan Portnoy-Marci Yunes

Fri AM 499er Pairs (26 Pairs)

- 2 Micky Goldstein-Susan Austin

Fri Open Pairs (24 Pairs)

- 2 Betty Bursey-Marsha Brown
- 1 Ken Hopke-John Hamilton
- 1 Donna Hickling-Jeff Yutzler

Fri Midflight Swiss (27 Teams)

- 2 Dean Baird-Carolyn Baird-Betsy Eliot Julia Brown

Fri Gold Rush Swiss (28 Teams)

- 1 1 John Wertman-Joan Axilbund-James Vandeusen-Robert Morrison
- 2 2 Tami Reitan-Shirley Stauffacher-Anita Lancaster-Lorraine Shumaker

Fri Aft 499er Pairs (28 Pairs)

- 2 2 Craig Pritzer-Susan Pettit
- 1 Micky Goldstein-Susan Austin

Fri Aft 49er Pairs (10 Pairs)

- 1 Atish Sanyal-Arvind Bhand

Fri Eve Side Game (24 Pairs)

- 2/3 Martha Bley-Ross Bley
- 2 Armanda Henderson-John Henderson

Fri Eve 499er Pairs (20 Pairs)

- 2 1 Thomas Stanley-Elizabeth Anderson
- 2/3 1/2 Atish Sanyal-Arvind Bhand
- 2/3 1/2 Nooreen Razi-Syed Khan

Fri-Sat Compact KO Bkt #1 (15 Teams)

- 1 Nancy Loomis-Eleanor Schwartz-William Pepelko-Barbara Pepelko

Sat AM 49er Pairs (6 Pairs)

- 1 Anneke Bullock-Melissa Fitzgerald

Sat A/X Pairs (28 Pairs)

- 2 Sumner Steinfeldt-Ken Davis
- 1 Ram Sarangan - Divakar Bhargava
- 2 Adam Gann-Zachary Madden

Sat Gold Rush Pairs (40 Pairs)

- 2 1 George Fleeson-Victor Weedn

Sat Aft 499er Pairs (22 Pairs)

- 1 1 1 Nooreen Razi-Syed Khan
- 2 2 2 Micky Goldstein-Susan Austin

Sat Eve Swiss Teams (14 Teams)

- 2 1 Steve Reed- Carol Crawford-Patti Martin-Martha Barnard

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Parade of Winners...

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Sat Eve 499er Pairs (12 Pairs)

2 2 2 Nooreen Razi–Syed Khan

Sat-Sun KO Bkt #1 (9 Teams)

2 Steve Robinson–Bill Cole–Rusty
Krauss–Barry Falgout

Sat-Sun KO Bkt #2 (13 Teams)

2 Jerry Nolte–Elizabeth Nolte–Mike Ladd
Betty Ladd

Sun Gold Rush Pairs (43 Pairs)

1 Nooreen Razi–Syed Khan

Sun AM Swiss Teams (13 Teams)

1 Hal Jones Jr - George Parkins–Craig
Huneker–Pete Ekstrand

Sun AM 499er Pairs (14 Pairs)

1 Donald Smith–Pat Kibler
2 Joyce Farley–Nora Klein
1 David Butow–Barbara Butow

Sun-Mon KO Bkt #1 (6 Teams)

1 David Rodney–Avril Rodney–Alan
Tenenbaum–Mary Tenenbaum

Mon A/X/Y Swiss Teams (13 Teams)

1 Steve Robinson–Bill Cole–Rusty
Krauss–Barry Falgout

Mon Flt B Bracketed Teams Bkt #1 (8 Teams)

1 Hal Jones Jr - George Parkins–Alan
Godes–Dave Jackson

Mon Flt B Bracketed Teams Bkt #4 (8 Teams)

1 Francesca Mazarella–Donna Hickling–
Terry Mitchell–Michael Corrigan

Mon Flt B Bracketed Teams Bkt #5 (14 Teams)

1 John Cook–Pat Cook–David Street–
Eileen Street



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this is where the culture changed. The emphasis went from improving your skills to playing in events where your meager skills sufficed. The experts now complained that a player could become a Life Master without ever playing against one. The flaw in that argument, of course, is that LMs under 750 are allowed to play in Gold Rush events. ACBL to the rescue with the newly minted Non-LM Gold Rush regional. Now the experts' complaint is fully validated. No need to long for the good old days. They're back.

The C Files: I know this will be hard to believe, but for the first eight years of her life she was a total brat. So much so that her parents decided to send her to a Catholic boarding school. One look at the stern-faced nuns and she pleaded for one more chance and became an instant angel. In her words "the threat of carnal punishment turned me right around."



♠ **Fairfax, VA** ♣ **SEPTEMBER 14-17, 2017** ♦

AN EXCITING NEW SCHEDULE! GIVE US YOUR FEEDBACK!

NORTHERN VIRGINIA BRIDGE ASSOCIATION
**SEPTEMBER SENSATIONS
SECTIONAL TOURNAMENT**

**NEW
DAYTIME
START TIMES**

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

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

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 and

WBL: Ohr Kodesh Congregation, 8300 Meadowbrook Ln, Chevy Chase, MD NVBA (Beth El) WBL

Intermediate/Newcomer Lecture6:30 p.m. 7:00 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); WBL 499ER PAIRS (500/300/100) .7:00 p.m. 7:30 p.m.

NEWCOMER PAIRS (0-20)7:00 p.m. 7:30 p.m.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

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 Lecture1:45 p.m.

STRATAFLIGHTED A/X (3000+/3000) or B/C (2000/750) ..2:30 p.m.

I/N (500/300/100) or 99ER (100/50) or 0-20 PAIRS2:30 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 16

FLIGHT A/X PAIRS (3000+/3000; 2-session Play-thru event) 10:30 a.m. & 3 p.m.

STRATIFIED B/C PAIRS (2000/750)10:30 a.m. / 3 p.m.

STRATIFIED SIDE GAME (3000+/3000)10:30 a.m. / 3 p.m.

I/N (500/300/100), 49ER (50/20) or NEWCOMER (0-5) ..10:30 a.m. / 3 p.m.

Intermediate/Newcomer Lecture2:15 p.m.

****ALL events on Sat. morning & afternoon award REGIONALLY RATED**

SILVER POINTS—an additional \$1 will be added to your entry fee to support Grass Roots events in our local area!**

STRATIFIED (2000+/2000/750) PAIRS7:30 p.m.

I/N (500/300/100) or 49ER (50/20/5) PAIRS7:30 p.m.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

FLIGHTS A/X (6000+/6000) SWISS TEAMS10 a.m. & TBA

BRACKETED FLIGHT B TEAMS (no single player >3000) ..10 a.m. & TBA

B Teams Bracketed by Total Team Masterpoints: three overall places in each.

A/X Swiss & B Teams: 2-session events, a brief break & food available on-site.

I/N (500/300/100) SWISS TEAMS10 a.m. / 2:15 p.m.

Mini-lesson: You, too, can learn to love Swiss!10 a.m.

—Followed by—49ER (50/20/5) SWISS TEAMS (18 boards)

SINGLE SESSION EVENTS are indicated by a slash (/) separating the start times.

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. Games under 500 MP limit will be stratified based on attendance and may vary.

DIRECTIONS: From Route 50/Arlington Boulevard heading west from Route 495/Beltway: Continue on/Take Route 50 West one-mile outside the Beltway, & turn left at Javier Road (the second stoplight after the intersection of 50 and 495). Take an immediate right onto the access road; the Elks Lodge will be on your left—parking on the side & in the rear. From Fairfax, heading East on Route 50: Pass the intersection of Route 50 and Prosperity Avenue & turn right where you see the Elks Lodge #2188 sign.

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

Championship Events and a Full Schedule of 499er Events for Novice and Intermediate Players!

Players with 0-5 Masterpoints play **FREE** in ALL games!

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Director	Game	Website/Contact Info
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