



Newsletter

January–March 2019

Holiday Party Awards

At the NVBA Holiday Party on Dec. 13, 2018, NVBA Vice President Georgette Weiss, with the help of Leo Cardillo, presented four awards to trophy winners. The Dave Murray award goes to a player who exhibits good will and good sportsmanship at all times at the bridge table, as well as skill in playing the game. The 2018 award was given to Kenton Schoen, pictured at right with Leo. Kenton is an accomplished long-time local player who is always pleasant to his partner and all opponents at his table.



The Ron and Mary Ann Kral award, which recognizes players in the 199er Unit game who demonstrate good sportsmanship, who strive to improve their game, and who contribute to the Unit by volunteering and helping to make the Unit game a success, was awarded to Pam Yood (at left, with Mary Ann and Ron), who is an avid participant in NVBA and District 6-sponsored events and is

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Of Special Interest:

WBL Sectional, Jan. 3-16
Non-Life Master Sectional, Charlottesville, Jan. 18-20
Flight A GNT, 1st weekend, Jan. 19-20
D6 and Delaware STaC, Feb. 4-10
WILMINGTON, NC REGIONAL, Feb. 11-17
GNT Open, Flights B & C, 1sr weekend, Feb. 16-17
NVBA Sectional, Feb. 21-24
GNT Open, Flights B & C, 2nd weekend, Mar. 9-10
MEMPHIS, TN Spring NABC, Mar. 21-31

From the President

by Marty Bley



The majority of this column for this quarter will be from past NVBA President Bob Boyd, who was the Chair of the A/X Unit Game inquiry that was held at the end of last summer. We did this to try and figure out how to help the A/X game become more vibrant. I am sure you will find Bob's committee's findings both relevant and interesting. However, the work is not finished.

First, however, I would like to acknowledge a letter that was received by Kathy Parkins, who served as a GP in the Intermediate/Newcomer room at the Reston Regional in July. Kathy partnered a person who played in a tournament for the very first time. The newcomer writes: *"Dear Kathy, You were the perfect person to partner me for my competition debut. I could not have asked for a smoother more understanding partner. I was overwhelmed and still am! The sheer magnitude of the industry and technical aspects of the computerization are amazing. When I learn to bid, I might be able to have some standing in this melee. Hugs, Mari."* Thank you to both Mari and Kathy! Mari, we hope you will come join us in the melee very soon!

Second, at the upcoming Reston Regional, which runs from July 1-7, 2019, we are planning a Learn Bridge in a Day Seminar. The first one of these was held in 2015 at Reston, so we are due for another. We need Many, Many volunteers to help with it. We are looking for people who want to brush up on their bridge or learn the basics in a hands-on opportunity for the day and then find a teacher to broaden their horizons. So, if you are a teacher, we would like to hear from you with regard to your teaching schedule for August/September/October 2019. AND if you know of someone who would like to learn to play bridge be sure to tell them about this possibility. And of course, we need you to volunteer! Our plan is to hold this seminar either on Sunday, June 30 or Monday, July 1, prior to the start of the tournament. It is a six-hour course, and we would like to follow it up with a session of 18 bridge hands for all interested participants. Right now I don't have many of the details firmed up, but I will be putting out a flyer for it early in 2019.

Third, before the start of the Reston Regional in July 2019 we would like to offer a course on being a club director. Our plan is to hold it Friday, Saturday and Sunday, with the test on Monday morning before the tournament starts. I don't have all the details worked out yet, but hopefully in the not too distant future I will, and I will keep you informed.

Hugs, Marty

Now please turn to page 4 for Bob's report....

Upcoming NVBA Games & Special Events

all games 7:00 pm

at Beth El, 3830 Seminary Road, Alexandria, VA

there will be a \$2 security surcharge for all players at Beth El

Jan 3	WBL Sectional—Stratified Pairs
Jan 10	Grand National Teams Qualifier—Stratified Swiss Teams
Jan 17	ACBL Junior Fund Game—Stratified Pairs
Jan 24	Unit Championship—Stratified Pairs
Jan 31	Grand National Teams Qualifier—Stratified Swiss Teams
Feb 7	D6 STaC—Stratified Pairs
Feb 14	Unit Championship—Stratified Pairs
Feb 21	NVBA Sectional—Stratified Pairs
Feb 28	Unit Championship—Stratified Pairs
Mar 7	Unit Championship—Stratified Pairs
Mar 14	Club Championship—Stratified Pairs
Mar 21	Unit Championship—Stratified Pairs
Mar 28	Unit Championship—Stratified Pairs

Stratification Limits:

Stratified limits are A/X: Unlimited/3000 and B/C: 2000/500

Stratified events are: Unlimited/500-2000/0-500

For GNT qualifiers the stratification is 2500+, 500-2500, 0-500 (NLM)

District 6 Sectional Tournament at Clubs (STaC) strats are : 1500+, 500-1500, 0-500

All NVBA Unit Games include a separate Stratified 1999 game and a 0-20 game

No game fee for new Players and ACBL members with 0-5 MPs.

Upcoming Sectionals:

NVBA:	Feb 21-24	WBL:	Jan 3-6
	Apr 11-14		Apr 4-7

For information on Tournaments—Cancellations—Special Events—Club games, visit the NVBA homepage: <http://www.nvba.org>

Call 571-789-8338 for late arrival, partners, and directions, or for any other issues related to the game that arise.

Enhancing the Unit Game Flight A/X Section

by Bob Boyd

At the NVBA February 2018 Sectional, there were only 5½ tables in the A/X Flight. A hitch in the movement aggravated discontent with the small size of the section. This called into question previous board actions, so the NVBA Board commissioned a survey of A/X players to be conducted by Bob Boyd, Steve Reed, Susan Miskura, and Carol Crawford. The study group and NVBA Board hope this article will elicit feedback from our membership about the A/X game and how B/C players view it. Comments should be directed to NVBA President Marty Bley (nvbapresident2017to2019@gmail.com).

Since the WBL has larger, stronger fields than the NVBA, the survey included some top WBL players to identify any aspects of their business model NVBA might adopt. Before surveying players, the team looked at facts about the two units:

- In the A/X unit games of both units, the WBL averages over twice as many tables as NVBA.
- Superficially, the two units seem comparable, with 87 WBL members having more than 2,000 masterpoints and 89 NVBA members over 2,000. The median number of points for players with 2,000+ is about 3,400 for NVBA and 3,900 for WBL, but the average numbers above that median are 6,542 and 10,795, respectively.
- The strength of the WBL field is also apparent if one looks how both units seed. Of the top 30-odd players in both units, two-thirds are WBL and one-third are NVBA. The disparity is even greater in the top bracket. Of the top ten players, only two are NVBA. WBL also has more top players who are national or world champions.

Among players who play regularly or sporadically in the NVBA A/X unit game, chief complaints are poor competition and small size. Good competition was what players most like about our A/X game. WBL players liked the good competition and its large size best about their game. These factors are more important to players with more points. The small size of the NVBA Flight A/X unit game causes us to lose players to the WBL unit game.

Responses concerning the importance of having a separate A/X game echo the responses about competition and size. Eighteen players felt it was important to have a separate A/X game, seven preferred a separate A/X section but would accept a mixed game, and twelve felt it was unimportant. The better players were most likely to want a separate game and to play more complex conventions.

A frequent comment was that if the NVBA unit game were on another night, some players would play in both, perhaps increasing NVBA's level of competition and size. Among Flight A/X players, scoring of Thursday night sectional pairs across both units is unimportant, and Wednesday seemed the evening acceptable to the most players. In case this option is considered, the unit would need to survey NVBA Flight B/C and I/N players to ensure we do not break successful games for those flights. Also, research would be necessary to determine if a good venue and staff are available. The ACBL has no problem with a change of nights, but since we now hold joint WBL-NVBA Thursday Night Sectional sessions, both unit boards should discuss this.

Some respondents lamented the decreasing quality of play by persons with large numbers of masterpoints. This is usually attributed to the inflation of masterpoint awards and

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Upcoming 199er and 0-20 NVBA Games

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

there will be a \$2 security surcharge for all players at Beth El

Jan 3	WBL Sectional—199er Pairs
Jan 10	Grand National Teams Qualifier—0-500/NLM Swiss Teams
Jan 17	ACBL Junior Fund Game—199er Pairs
Jan 24	Unit Championship—199er Pairs
Jan 31	Grand National Teams Qualifier—0-500/NLM Swiss Teams
Feb 7	D6 STaC—199er Pairs
Feb 14	Unit Championship—199er Pairs
Feb 21	NVBA Sectional—199er Pairs
Feb 28	Unit Championship—199er Pairs
Mar 7	Unit Championship—199er Pairs
Mar 14	Club Championship—199er Pairs
Mar 21	Unit Championship—199er Pairs
Mar 28	Unit Championship—199er Pairs

No game fee for new players and ACBL members with 0-5 MPs. They do, however, pay the \$2 security fee

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Apr 11-14

WBL: Jan 3-6
Apr 4-7

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availability of online player points, which create a diminishing incentive for a sustained attempt to improve play. There is also an interest in sophisticated bidding conventions to the detriment of sound declarer play and defense.

Some sort of mentoring would appear to be helpful in order to grow the game and strengthen the playing field. NVBA last tried a formal mentoring program in 2010. It did not last long because there were more players who wanted mentoring than there were LMs willing and able to mentor. Another factor was unwillingness on the part of those being mentored to put in the necessary study time. These factors do not appear to have changed. NVBA might experiment with a restricted mentoring program to see if it is sustainable in the long term. For example, the Board could invite 4-6 skilled and willing Flight A players to act as mentors and select an equal number of B/C/D players with strong potential willing to be mentored. After some time, this group could form a committee to discuss what approaches were effective and how the unit might establish a long-term mentoring program.

- The team made three recommendations to the NVBA Board on 16 July:
- In any future decisions about the Flight A/X Game, bear in mind the most important factors for those who play in it are good competition and large size.
- Establish a mentoring program to develop NVBA players.
- Look into moving the unit game to another night.

Since no decisions could be made without an assessment of the impact on other flights, the Board thanked the team and agreed to elicit suggestions from the whole unit membership. This column is the first step in that larger effort. Feedback to Board members or study team members is welcome.



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always helping out at the game. The Sara Goodwin trophy awarded to the player(s) who played in the most NVBA-sponsored events

from Dec. 2017 to Nov. 2018, went once again to Ken Davis (left). The Leo Cardillo Volunteer of the Year award went to David Lindley (right, with Leo), who sends out weekly notices of NVBA news and upcoming events, formats all the material in the NVBA newsletter and is working on a "Welcome to the NVBA" pamphlet that will provide a lot of useful information about ACBL, District 6 and Unit 218 (NVBA) events.



Congratulations to Kenton, Pam, Ken and David!!

Climbing the Ladder

New Junior Masters

Lauren I Brown
 Carol M Fink
 M 'Peggy' D Gaertner
 Olga Gavrik
 Allen C Gilmore
 Jonathan P Gressel
 Matt Jordan
 Jane Keough
 Judith A Hagaman
 Karen A Latta
 Matt Murbach
 Jag Sehgal
 Pragati Sehgal
 Daphne Sloan
 Michael E Uhrig
 Ronald L Webne

New Club Masters

Anne R Alden
 Mary E Beatley
 Dr Gary Burin
 Marian F Corey
 David M Dillard
 Gordana Earp
 Marty I Fuchs
 Rollin L Huntington
 Ronald M Klar
 Beth F Maline
 Joseph M Maline
 Sharon H Pope
 Babette Smith
 Albert R Sperling

New Sectional Masters

Michaele S Battles
 Dee Ann Gretz
 Anne Hastings
 Glenn Heidbreder
 Neil L Mark
 Marjorie H Odeen
 Donna O Sherrard
 Edwin B Smedberg
 Richard J Thrift
 Gayle Tomasetti

New Regional Masters

Elfreda M Baptist
 James L Dahlberg
 Adrienne A Downs
 Bill T Ellis
 Frances E Hitch
 Sharon Kellett
 David J Maddrell
 James M Vandeusen

New NABC Masters

Arvind G Bhand
 David Delzingaro
 Mary Jane Garner
 John Graf
 Paul B Mohler
 Robert E Morrison
 Phyllis Schultze

New Advanced NABC Master

George S Fleeson

New Life Masters

Kenneth Cohn
 Robert M Greenburg
 William I Lowry
 Craig L Pritzker
 Duncan Thompson

New Bronze Life Masters

Frants Lasse Becker
 John E Henderson
 Mark Jones
 David Lindley
 Francesca E Mazarella
 Louise H Oetjen
 Joan R White

New Silver Life Masters

Elizabeth P Anderson
 Katy S Culp

New Ruby Life Masters

Catherine S Bardsley
 Hal W Jones Jr
 Eleanor L Schwartz

New Sapphire Life Masters

Marjorie L Gazzola
 Kevin R O'Brien

New Emerald Life Master

Vonnie W Lavender



Hail and Farewell

We welcome the following new members into our Unit:

Vincent Antonelli
 Willis H Chang
 Lee Dachi
 May Geadah
 Douglas Grimsley
 Benjamin V Gutridge
 Judith A Hansen
 Shirley Lee Klein
 Erika R Konuk
 Irene Madden
 Anika Malik
 Robert Malloy
 Don E Moore
 Bruce H Parker
 Linda T Powell
 Aline O Quester
 George H Quester
 Brittany Regas
 Mary L Reid
 John G Schwitz
 Carole M Stallings
 Cole Trudo
 Mary K Weddle
 Jane Williams

We welcome the following transfers into our Unit:

Shelley Beckwith
 Dorothy R Cass
 Ellen S Dunn
 Peggy F Fleming
 Janice M Gay
 Jean H Godwin
 Ruth Guerdrum
 Donna L McGee
 Michelle A Outerbridge
 Carole Perez
 Robert S Rouffa
 Toby Spitzer

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

Cherie Charles
 Mr David Condit
 Margaret Condit
 Flossie Delaney
 Flash G Helm
 Kathleen Helm
 Ellen G Horton
 Barry C Ko

Diana Lawrence
 Dionne D McNamee
 Patrick McNamee
 Yaeko N Perera
 Andrea T Phaneuf
 Amitabh Saran
 Kurt Saunders
 Betty J Schwoebel
 Dr Dorothy U Seyler
 David M Soukup
 Victor D Van Rees

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

Jerry Jones
 Susan E Pettit
 Arlene M Schettler



Mel Yudkin at the Holiday Party

Parade of Winners

88th Annual D.C. Championships

October 11-14, 2018

Thurs AM Open Pairs (27 Pairs)

1 Robbie Hopkins Jr – Brad Theurer

Thurs AM 0-1000 Pairs (38 Pairs)

2 Carole Stringer – Joseph Lebaron

Thurs Eve A/X Pairs (53 Pairs)

1 Steve Reed – Peter Boyd

2 Deb Dhar – Sven Pride

Thurs Eve B/C Pairs (50 Pairs)

1 1 1 Vivek Choudhury – Shyam Giridharadas

2 Tamara Vetter – Ken Kimball

Thurs Eve 199er Pairs@NVBA (20 Pairs)

1 Ellen Simonoff – Ellen Haines

2 Mary Frances Jetton – Ellen Marcus

1 1 Anne Alden – Faith Klein

2 2 Ron Shoemaker – Parvine Chowfla

Fri AM B/C/D (26 Pairs)

2 Michael Corrigan – Richard Padgett

Fri AM 499er Pairs (43 Pairs)

2 2 Ann Lawrence – Andrea Weiswasser

Fri Aft A/X Pairs (19 Pairs)

1 Robert Hopkins Jr – Richard Wegman

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

2 2 2 Linda Meade – Joseph Lebaron

Fri Eve Stratified IMP Pairs/Teams (10 Teams)

2 Shuba Dey – Jay Kelkar – Mark Chen – Brad Theurer

Sat AM B/C Pairs (33 Pairs)

2 Dottie Terrell – Glenn Terrell

Sat AM 499er Pairs (67 Pairs)

1 1 William Perkey – Matt Murbach

Sat Aft B/C/D Pairs (25 Pairs)

1 Carole Stringer – Joseph Lebaron

Sat Aft 499er Pairs (43 Pairs)

2 2 2 Debra Graham – Jane Yasukawa

Sun A/X Swiss (16 Teams)

1 Mark Chen – Brad Theurer – Marty Graf – Mark Shaw

2 Ai-Tai Lo – Peter Boyd – Steve Robinson – Bill Pettis – Bill Cole

Sun Fit B Bkt 1 (8 Teams)

2 Mike Ladd – Betty Ladd – Dean Baird – Carolyn Baird

Sun Fit B Bkt 2 (8 Teams)

2 Daniel Morgan – John Blodgett – David Goldfrank – David Lindley

Sun Fit B Bkt 3 (12 Teams)

2 Gary Scavongelli – Janice Scavongelli – Charles Van Horn – Craig Pritzker

Sun AM 499er Swiss (8 Teams)

1 1 Pam Yood – Paul Mohler – Ellen Simonoff John Graf

Sun Aft 499er Swiss (7 Teams)

1 1 1 Jason Carter – James Dahlberg – Deborah Forbes – Thomas Fuller

NVBA Fall Sectional

October 25-28, 2018

Thurs AM Open Pairs (34 Pairs)

1 1 Carolyn Baird – Dean Baird

2 Ron Sutter – Gene Kales

1 Dewey Calderwood – San Chhotray

2 John Soldano – Jonathan Gressel

Thurs Eve A/X Pairs (60 Pairs)

1 David Rodney – Rusty Krauss

1 John Bakovic – Eugene Schuyler

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

2 2 Mary Ann Kral – Linda Burton

1 Michael Olmsted – James Dahlberg

2 Gary Scavongelli – Janice Scavongelli

Parade of Winners...

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Thurs Eve 199er Pairs @ NVBA (26 Pairs)

- 1 Nancy Smagala – Richard Grauel
- 1/2 Faith Klein – John Holt
- 1/2 James Vandeusen – Mark De Bernardo
 - 1 Lynn Wilson – Mary Beatley
 - 2 Neil Mark – Olga Gavrik

Thurs Eve 0-20 Pairs (15 Pairs)

- 1 Edith Mead – Rollin Huntington
- 2 Donna Sherrard – Betty Hollis
 - 1 Joseph Luchini – Victoria Luchini
 - 2 1 Don Clark – Joanne Schneider
 - 2 Joyce Johnson – Victor Gittens

Fri AM Open Pairs (31 Pairs)

- 1 Marlene Gross – Eugene Kales
- 2 Vonnie Lavender – Sarah Anne Cressy
 - 1 Yuen DeAnda – Ron Sutter
 - 2 Betty Ladd – Mike Ladd
 - 1 David Goldfrank – Amy Brisson
 - 2 Susan Sonenthal – Jenny Shaefer

Fri AM NLM Pairs (25 Pairs)

- 1 1 Phyllis Woodring – Elfreda Baptist
- 2 Sheila Ellis – Joan Axilbund
 - 2 Carole Laird – Norma Morganbesser
 - 1 Marjorie Odeen – Philip Odeen
 - 2 Robert Marino – Olga Gavrik

Fri Aft A/X Pairs (18 Pairs)

- 1 Robert Hopkins Jr – Brad Theurer
- 2 Lucy McCoy – David Fleischer

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

- 1 1 1 Benazir Ghaussy – Michael Canes
- 2 2 2 David Goldfrank – Amy Brisson

Fri Aft 499er Pairs (36 Pairs)

- 1 1 Betsy Lauer – Katherine Koch
- 2 2 Sharon Douaire – Dewey Calderwood
 - 1 Ernest Wakeham – Diane Wakeham
 - 2 Joyce Hellems – Sylvia Hill

Fri Eve Triple Nickel Swiss (13 Teams)

- 1 Robert Bell – Barry Falgout – Robert Hopkins Jr – Joan Lewis
- 2 Fred King – Brad Theurer – Robert Gookin – Richard Popper
 - 1 1 Rich Ardini – Mark De Bernardo – Terry Jones – David Delzingaro
 - 2 Georgette Weiss – Joyce Currie – Francesca Mazarella – Marsha Brown

Fri Eve 499er Pairs (15 Pairs)

- 2 1 Jill Norvell – Dewey Calderwood
- 2 Joan O'Connor – Francine Fairfax

Sat AM A/X Pairs (35 Pairs)

- 1 1 Jim Wakefield – James Lister
- Barry Falgout – Rusty Krauss
- 2 Hal Hindman – Robert Asher

Sat AM B/C Pairs (43 Pairs)

- 1 1 1 Rich Ardini – Winston Crow
- 2 Glenn Terrell – Dottie Terrell

Sat AM 499er Pairs (50 Pairs)

- 2 1 Diana Jarrett – Dee Ann Gretz
- 2 Arvind Bhand – Atish Sanyal
 - 1 Michael Battles – Tina Doyle
 - 2 Elaine Wolfson – Rita Schug

Sat AM 49er Pairs (13 Pairs)

- 2 Ernest Wakeham – Diane Wakeham
- 2 Thomas Will – Sherry Will

Sat Aft A/X Pairs (32 Pairs)

- 2 Lucy McCoy – Ron Spieker

Sat Aft B/C/D Pairs (36 Pairs)

- 1 Yuen DeAnda – Ron Sutter
- 2 1 1 Rich Ardini – Winston Crow
- 2 2 Jeff Yutzler – Rick Bingham

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Parade of Winners*(Continued from page 10)***Sat Aft 499er Pairs (33 Pairs)**

- 1 1 Arvind Bhand – Atish Sanyal
 2 2 Bob Leedom – Jacque Leedom
 1 Gayle Tomasetti – Mary Harter
 2 Donna Sherrard – Kathy Langhan

Sun A/X Swiss (9 Teams)

- 1 Steve Robinson – Ai-Tai Lo – William Pettis – Peter Boyd – Bill Cole
 1 Monique Smith – Merril Hirsh – David Genne – Vincent Wilmot Jr

Sun B Swiss Brkt 1 (8 Teams)

- 1 Rick Uhrig – William Goldman – Robert Stearns – Daniel Koch
 2 Yuen DeAnda – Ron Sutter – Amy Brisson – Joe Leighton

Sun B Swiss Brkt 2 (8 Teams)

- 2 Francesca Mazarella – Georgette Weiss – Katy Culp – Joyce Currie

Sun B Swiss Brkt 3 (15 Teams)

- 2 Bob Leedom – Jacque Leedom – Johnny Marsh – Jane Marsh

Sun AM 499er Swiss (16 Teams)

- 1 Sharon Kellett – Julie Griscom – Lee Ellis Betsy Rock
 2/3 Pam Yood – Ellen Simonoff – Cathy Walton – Brian Lamm
 2/3 2 Cynthia Larre – John Graf – Dee Ann Gretz – Paul Mohler
 1 Paul Higgins – Mary Liz Higgins – David Dillard – Marian Corey

Sun Aft 499er Swiss (9 Teams)

- 1 Thomas Stanley – Kathleen Parkins – Brian Childers – Mary Baxter
 2 John Wertman – Joia Hertz – Amy Elmore – Ellen Haines
 2/3 1 Karl Van Newkirk – Janyce Cone – Matt Murbach – Mak DeBernardo
 2/3 Adam Winsler – Francine Fairfax – Joan O'Connor – Claudette Bell

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JANUARY 3-6, 2019

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- ♣ Lots of Intermediate & Novice Events with *Silver Points!*
- ♦ *New Life Master Party* Saturday 
- ♥ 0-5 Masterpoint Players play *FREE* throughout
- ♠ Annual *WBL Trophy Race Winners'* Presentation Sunday

HOSPITALITY includes snacks, drinks, & Friday lunch (*when you play both sessions*). Sat. & Sun. lunch available for purchase.

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DIRECTIONS to the Margaret Schweinhaut Senior Center

1000 Forest Glen Rd, Silver Spring, MD: I-495 to Georgia Avenue North (toward Wheaton). 1st light, right on Forest Glen Rd. The Center is .7 mile on right.

ALERT!

THE **FRIDAY NIGHT GAMES** (7:30 PM)
HAVE BEEN **CANCELLED**

WBL PRESIDENTIAL TOURNAMENT – JAN 3-6, 2019

at the **MARGARET SCHWEINHAUT SENIOR CENTER**
1000 Forest Glen Rd, Silver Spring, MD (**Friday-Sunday only**)

EVENT SCHEDULE

THURSDAY, JANUARY 3

- ♣ StrataFlighted A/X (unlim/2000) & B/C/D (1000/500/300) Pairs.....11:15 am
Rockville Duplicate Bridge Club, 301-503-3348 (Mark Lavine)
St. Mark Presbyterian Church, 10701 Old Georgetown Rd, N. Bethesda, MD
- ♦ StrataFlighted A/X (unlim/4000) & B/C/D (2500/1500/750) Pairs (*both sites*), Intermediate/Novice (500/300/100) Pairs (*Obr Kodesh*), Stratified 199er (200/100/50) Pairs (*Beth El*), & 0-20 Pairs (*both sites*)
Beth El Hebrew Congregation, 3830 Seminary Road, Alexandria 7 pm
Ohr Kodesh Congregation, 8300 Meadowbrook Ln., Chevy Chase7:30 pm
I-495 to Connecticut Ave. S. 4th light left E-W Hwy 410. Left Meadowbrook Ln. 1st left Freyman Dr. Parking lot on left. No outside food allowed.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 4

*The Friday night games (7:30 pm) have been **CANCELLED***

- ♥ *StrataFlighted A/X (unlim/4000) & B/C/D (2500/1500/750) Pairs.....11 am, 3 pm
- ♠ Intermediate/Novice (500/300/100) & 49er (50/20/5) Pairs11 am, 3 pm

SATURDAY, JANUARY 5

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

- ♣ *StrataFlighted A/X (unlim/4000) & B/C/D (2500/1500/750) Pairs 11 am, 3:30 pm
- ♦ Intermediate/Novice Pairs (500/300/100) & 49er (50/20/5) Pairs. 11 am, 3:30 pm

SUNDAY, JANUARY 6

- ♥ Flights A/X (unlim/5000) Swiss Teams (*2 session playthrough w/break*)11 am & TBA
- ♠ Bracketed Flight B Teams (*2 session playthrough w/break*)11 am & TBA
B Teams Bracketed by total team masterpoints; no single player >3000; 3 overall places in each.
- ♣ 500/300/100 Swiss Teams, VPs11 am, 3 pm

NOTES

Stratification: Separate I/N events & strata as advertised as attendance allows. (Director's discretion.)
*StrataFlighted if attendance warrants—otherwise combined into Stratified Pairs (unlim/2500/750)
Stratification by avg. masterpoints of the team or pair. No individual may exceed the event's upper limit.

Open+Chart for all events except I/N (Basic+Chart) Events are single sessions unless indicated otherwise

♣ **Fairfax, VA** ♦ **FEBRUARY 21-24, 2019** ♥

NVBA WINTER SECTIONAL

The Arlington/Fairfax Elks Lodge #2188
8421 Arlington Boulevard, Fairfax, VA ♦ 703-560-2213

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 21

STRATIFIED OPEN PAIRS (2000+/2000/750) or 500/300/100 PAIRS10:30 a.m.
Norma's Game: K of C Hall (KOCH), 5115 Little Falls Rd., Arlington, VA, 703-892-1292
Evening games at: NVBA: Beth El Hebrew Congregation, 3830 Seminary Rd, Alexandria, VA, and
WBL: Obr 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=4000+/4000; B/C=2500/1500/750) ..7:00 p.m. 7:30 p.m.
NVBA 199ER PAIRS (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, FEBRUARY 22

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 99ER (100/50/20)2 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, FEBRUARY 23

****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!****
TROPHY EVENT: MARGOT & DON HENNINGS TROPHY PAIRS
(2 SESSIONS – Qualifying and Barometer Final) . . .10:30 a.m. & 3 p.m.
STRATIFIED OPEN PAIRS (2000+/2000/750; Single session) .10:30 a.m.
If too few pairs for separate game, pairs will be accommodated in Poissant Pairs
I/N (500/300/100) or 99ER (100/50/20) PAIRS10:30 a.m.
STRATIFIED OPEN CONSOLATION (2000+/2000/750)3 p.m.
—Open to Non-Qualifiers and New Entrants.
Intermediate/Newcomer Lecture2:15 p.m.
I/N (500/300/100) PAIRS3 p.m.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 24

FLIGHTS A/X (6000+/6000) BOARD-A-MATCH TEAMS 10:30 a.m. & TBA
BRACKETED FLIGHT B TEAMS (no single player >3000) .10:30 a.m. & TBA
B Teams Bracketed by Total Team Masterpoints: three overall places in each.
A/X BAM & B Teams: 2-session events, a brief break & food available on-site.
I/N (500/300/100) SWISS TEAMS10:30 a.m. / 2:30 p.m.
99ER (100/50/20) SWISS TEAMS10:30 a.m.

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 499er Events for Novice and Intermediate Players on Thursday and Friday!
Players with 0-5 Masterpoints play FREE in ALL games!

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*Conventions: A/X = Open+,
Stratified & 2000-750=Open,
750-3000 = Open,
100-750 = Basic+,
<100 = Basic*

**Next NVBA Sectional
Apr 11-14 at Arlington/
Fairfax Elks Lodge**

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NVBA Club Games *More details at www.nvba.org/html/clubs.html*

Day	Director	Game
Mon.	Gene Schuyler	10:30 am: KOCH, Open & 0-600. 7:00 pm: KOCH, Open & 0-600
	Kevin O'Brien	6:30 pm: The Hermitage, Alexandria
	Lenore Ward	11 am Cascade Seniors
Tues.	Livingston Johnson	10:30 am: Salvation Army, Fairfax, Open & 0-499
	Candy & Marshall Kushner	10:30 am: KOCH, Open & 0-750
	Brenda Egeland	Comics and Gaming Ctr, Gainesville, Open (1st and 3rd Tuesdays only; reservations required)
	Marty Bley	7:15 pm: Army Navy Country Club, Open
	Marilyn Golias	7:00 pm: Mt Tabor, Vienna
Weds.	Gene Schuyler	10:30 am: St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, Open & NLM
	Louise Sellers	11 am: JCC of No. VA
	Helen Brettel	Emmanuel Episcopal Church, Middleburg, Open
	Marshall Kushner	7 pm: NoVa Hebrew Congregation, Reston, Open & 499er
Thurs.	Kevin O'Brien	10:30 am: KOCH, Open & 0-500
	Louise Sellers	10:30 am: Vienna DBC—Sun Trust Bank
	Lenore Ward	1 pm: Cascade Seniors
Fri.	Gene Schuyler	10 am: KOCH, Open & NLM
	Marty Bley	10 am: Camp Springs Masonic Center
	Yvonne Markell	1 pm: Leesburg Senior Center
Sat.	Kevin O'Brien	9 am: KOCH, 0-99 1 pm: KOCH, Open
Sun.	Marty Bley	1 pm: Beth El
	Kevin O'Brien	1 pm: Bridge Club of N. Virginia (various locations) ; partnership total under 2500
	Lenore Ward	1 pm: Lansdowne OTP

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