



# Newsletter

April–June 2019

## NVBA 2019 Annual Meeting

The Northern Virginia Bridge Association will hold its annual meeting on Thursday, May 9, 2019 at the Beth El Hebrew Congregation, 3830 Seminary Road, Alexandria, Virginia. We will start at 5:30 pm with a catered meal from Valentino's New York Style Pizzeria that will include vegetarian options (free for ACBL members; \$10 for non-members). President Marty Bley will deliver the "State of the Unit" report, followed by a report from the Treasurer on the Unit finances. The official business of the meeting includes election of four NVBA members to fill the vacant positions on the Board. The Board members whose terms end in May are President Marty Bley, Secretary John Wertman, and Executive Directors George Parkins and Howard Stevens. They have all agreed to serve another two-year term. However, this does not mean we would not welcome new members on the Board. If you are interested in running for election to the Board, you just need to submit a petition signed by 20 NVBA members to the Nominating Committee chaired by NVBA Vice President Georgette Weiss (301-292-8112 or georgetteweiss@hotmail.com), or to NVBA Secretary John Wertman (703-916-1648 or jwuva99@gmail.com), no later than April 18 in order to get your name on the ballot.

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### Of Special Interest:

1	WBL Sectional, Apr 4-7
2	Flight A GNT, 2nd weekend, Apr 6-7
3	NVBA Sectional, Apr 11-14
5	Gatlinburg, TN REGIONAL, Apr 22-28
6	WBL Non-Life Master Sectional, May 4-5
7	D6 STaC week, May 6-12
8	NVBA Annual Meeting, May 9
9	Richmond Memorial Day REGIONAL, May 20-26
12	WBL Sectional, May 30-Jun 2
13	NVBA LM/NLM Game, Jun 6
14	D6 STaC week, Jun 10-16
15	Longest Week Charity Games, Jun 16-23
	Reston, VA July 4th REGIONAL, Jul 1-7

## From the President

by Marty Bley



I hope you are a little bit warmed up and perhaps dried out too. That last part doesn't sound so good, but I said it because of all the RAIN/SNOW/SLEET we have gotten over the past few months!

Let me begin with three Bridge Player Victories! Two Unit 218 Non-Life Masters won trips to North American Bridge Championships (NABCs) this year. Last Fall, Victor Weedn and George Fleeson won the Flight C North American Pairs (NAP) for our District and went to the NABC in Memphis in March to compete in the Flight C National Championships, but unluckily they were knocked out of the competition on the first day. AND in March, Victor, George, Jamie Dahlberg and Mike Olmstead won the District-level Flight C Grand National Teams (GNT) and are awarded the

honor of going to the Summer NABC in Las Vegas in July to compete in the Flight C GNT National Championships! In addition, two players who often attend our Unit Game at Beth El—WBL members Walter Smith and Albert Lauber—won the Flight B GNT District Finals, together with Ned Griffith (NVBA) and Jay Weinstein (WBL), and will also be representing District 6 in Las Vegas. We are rooting for them to do well there.

Moving on to the NVBA Unit Game. Bridge is a timed event and we have the use of Beth El from about 5:30 to 11 pm. Additionally, we like to stratify it the BEST way we can for the benefit of every level of player in all the games that are offered on Thursday nights. This can be accomplished more easily IF we know who is playing that particular evening. We are asking ALL partnerships to have at least ONE person on site and an entry purchased by 6:45 pm. In order to start promptly at 7:00, we need to STOP selling entries at 6:55 pm. IF you are running late, as in one person won't get there until after 6:45, you can CALL or text Jim Gerding at 571-789-8338 to tell him you are on your way. This will help seed the game properly, allow the directors to know WHO and HOW many pairs are going to be in each game AND also let the appropriate number of boards be given out so that ALL the games get started at 7 pm. I am talking about all sections: A/X, B/C, and 0-199. All three games can and should start promptly at 7 pm and end between 10:15 and 10:30 pm. IF we have the correct information in a timely manner, this is a no brainer and will happen quickly. However, when players are purchasing entries AFTER 7 pm or partners don't show up until 7:05, it slows down every-

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As part of the meeting, the President will recognize this year's new Life Masters and present the 2018 ACBL Mini-McKenney and Ace of Clubs awards for the Unit (see page 12 for the top three finishers in each category). She will also present the trophies for NVBA Man and Woman of the Year, the Rush Buckley Award (to the non-Life Master who won the most points in NVBA-sponsored events in 2018), and the NVBA Rookie of the Year trophy. We ask that recipients of awards be present by 6:30 PM in order to receive their awards before game time.

After the Annual Meeting, the 22<sup>nd</sup> annual Pat Eyman Strawberry Pairs will be held. Players who achieved Life Master rank in 2018 and players with 0-5 MPs play free. The security fee will not be charged for this event.

## 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*

Apr 4	WBL Sectional—Stratiflighted Pairs
Apr 11	NVBA Sectional—Stratiflighted Pairs
Apr 18	ACBL Charity Game—Stratiflighted Pairs
Apr 25	Unit Championship—Stratiflighted Pairs
May 2	District 6 Educational Fund Charity Game—Stratiflighted Pairs
May 9	Annual Meeting—D6 STaC—Stratified Pairs by STaC strats ( <i>no security fee</i> )
May 16	Grass Roots Fund Game—Stratiflighted Pairs
May 23	Club Championship—Stratiflighted Pairs
May 30	WBL Sectional—Stratiflighted Pairs
Jun 6	Annual LM/NLM Game—Upgraded Club Championship—Stratified Pairs
Jun 13	District 6 STaC—Stratified Pairs by STaC strats
Jun 20	“Longest Day” Charity Game—Stratiflighted Pairs
Jun 27	North American Pairs—Stratiflighted Pairs

### **Stratification Limits:**

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

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

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

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

### **Upcoming Sectionals:**

**NVBA:** Apr 11-14  
Sept 5-8  
Oct 3-6

**WBL:** Apr 5-8  
May 30-Jun 2  
Oct 24-27

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

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thing. We need to have all things put away, cleaned up and be gone by 11 pm. We do not want to incur extra charges because we are leaving at 11:15 or later. Another issue is that some people still have day jobs and want to get home and to bed, so they can be bright eyed and bushy tailed for work on Friday morning. So we are asking for YOUR help! In a nutshell, we need one person from the partnership to purchase an entry for the pair BEFORE 6:45. We need ALL players in their appropriate spots at 6:59 pm, so the boards can be passed out and bidding can begin by 7:01 pm. 😊 Please won't you help us accomplish this goal?

Unit Game Pre-Lessons are happening. From 6:10-6:40 pm on Thursday evenings at Beth El, there is a FREE lesson, presented by various players on various topics. Look for a list of who and what in the weekly email newsletters. I did four lessons in March on the four players seated at every bridge table: I call them Oscar the Opener, Olivia the Overcaller, Rita the Responder and Adam the Advancer. They are a LIVELY bunch! Ron Kral is presenting the first two weeks in April; the subjects of his lessons are game invitations on April 4 and transfers on April 11. David Lindley is presenting the last two weeks in April; his lessons will be on pre-empt. Vonnie Lavender will do her lessons on counting in June.

Thursday, April 11 to Sunday, April 14 is a Northern Virginia Bridge Association Sectional. It is the weekend after a Washington Bridge League Sectional...what could be better than that? TWO opportunities to play bridge against some of the BEST players in our area two weekends in a row. I hope to see you at one or BOTH places; the NVBA tournament begins Thursday morning at Kevin's game, continues Thursday evening at Beth El, and Friday morning at Gene Schuyler's game at Knights of Columbus Hall in Arlington. The remainder of the tournament is at the Elks Lodge on Rt. 50 in Fairfax, where there is a pairs game Friday afternoon and a Triple Nickel Swiss (five rounds, five boards, five minutes a board) on Friday evening. There are pair events Saturday morning and afternoon, and team games starting Sunday morning. Choose your favorite events and come out and play! 😊 You can find the full tournament schedule on p. 14 of this newsletter.

The NVBA annual meeting is May 9. The current slate of Board members has decided to 're-up'. However, if you would like to run for a position on the board, please see the instructions on how to do so in the Notice of the Annual Meeting in this newsletter. We are having pizza and other wonderful eats from Valentino's New York Style Pizzeria, a place close by Beth El, that quite a few bridge players use prior to or after bridge. Ron Kral is taking care of the arrangements along with help from Board members. Lucy McCoy is ordering the Life Master Cakes for us, and Georgette will bring the strawberries. We hope to see you there to celebrate the winners of the Ace of Clubs and Mini-McKenney races (see p. 12), the NVBA Rookie of the Year (for 2018), the Rush Buckley (NLM Award to a player who started the year with at least 20 MPs), Man of the Year, and Woman of the Year Awards that will be given out prior to the game. Dinner starts at 5:30, the Annual Meeting will begin at 6:15, followed by the presentation of the above-mentioned awards. You can buy your entry anytime between 5:15 and 6:45 that night!

The Non-Life Master/Life Master game is scheduled for June 6. This is a great event. I have participated in it almost every year that it has been held since I started playing Duplicate bridge in 2003. Look for sign-up forms at club games, the Unit Game, and the upcoming April NVBA Sectional. There is even an ONLINE way to register. Ron Kral has set it up; please find the link on the web page and register yourself, so you can be matched with a Life Master if you are a Non-Life Master, or the other way around if you are a Life Master.

On June 20, the Unit game will be a Charity Pairs game in support of the Alzheimer's Association. Livingston's Tuesday Game will benefit Alzheimer's Association for the Longest Day. Katy Culp and her team are gearing up for Livingston's game and are willing to help with

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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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## Jack of Hearts

by Marshall Kuschner



Late November gets mighty cold in Manitoba, Canada. The temperature plummets and the wind blows unimpeded across the Northern plains. It's cold enough to make the folks in Winnipeg shiver, but last November they had another reason for the shakes. If you're like me, you don't know much about Winnipeg. It doesn't likely have many claims to fame, but one it does have was in serious jeopardy. You see, Winnipeg once hosted a national bridge tournament. The ACBL nobly feels that every dog, er, district, should have its day, so, in 1985, they awarded it the Fall national. Ironically, the Spring national that year was in Montreal, and the two Canadian North American Bridge Championships (NABCs) were sandwiched around Summer in Las Vegas. Some pundits called it the year of the freeze or fry nationals. Now, the ACBL did their best, scheduling Winnipeg for the first ten days in November, before the tundra was fully frozen. Still, many thousand bridge players expressed a clear preference for the heat of Nevada. The result was a low turnout for Winnipeg. Way low. Fearless or foolish, I confess I was one of the few who ventured there. The shame is that the locals put on a very nice tournament, but their efforts were rewarded with the smallest NABC since 1962. For better or worse, it's a distinction. Notoriety trumps anonymity.

Now suppose you had a choice between spending part of November in Winnipeg or Honolulu, the site of 2018's Fall NABC. No brainer, right? Not so fast. Your airfare to Hawaii would be around \$1000 and the host hotel rates started at \$195. If you rented a car, it would cost you \$43 a day to park it. Even if you passed on the car, if you went for the whole ten days, you'd be looking at \$4000-5000 by the time you added in meals and card fees. Lots of folks did the math and decided to wait and attend the Spring NABC in Memphis in March 2019. So many didn't go to Honolulu that Winnipeg's modern low attendance record was threatened. The Daily Bulletins at NABCs don't start reporting attendance until five days are in the books, so the folks along Portage Avenue had to sweat it out until Tuesday (no mean feat at that time of year) to learn that they were safe. When the final card was played, Honolulu came in at 6034.5 tables, a hair more than 500 better than Winnipeg.

It's a long story, but Honolulu is only the second NABC that I have missed since Summer 1983. The irony is that we were vacationing on the nearby island of Kauai. As a result, my reporting will be somewhat sketchy. Near as I could tell, the only NVBAer with honors in national events in Honolulu was our District Director, Margot Hennings, with an 8th in the Senior Mixed Pairs and a 9th in the 10K Swiss. Lots of NVBA players went to Memphis, but since next year's lineup also includes Las Vegas and San Francisco, the Spring NABC might finish a distant third. Still it should be bigger than Honolulu. And Winnipeg.

## Climbing the Ladder

### New Junior Masters

John Boyer  
Kathy Boyer  
Bill B Cai  
Lee Dachi  
James S Kepler  
Terrance J Mullin  
Roy H Reuter  
Carol Voss  
Dr Margaret M Williams  
Chuck Wolfson  
Neringa H Zamani

### New Club Masters

Shelley Beckwith  
Dr Sylvester C Booker  
Brenda Egeland  
Olga Gavrik  
Linda B Goldberg  
Jonathan P Gressel  
Christopher G Hayden  
Matt Murbach  
Cindy J Nusbaum  
Art Reynolds  
Pat Reynolds  
Jag Sehgal

### New Sectional Masters

Sartaj Alag  
Rekha Arness

Dr Peter L Campbell  
Deborah K Forbes  
Henry K Goetzman  
Nancy F Harrington  
Vance E Hitch  
Robert G Mukai  
Dean Olney  
Nathan Rosenbaum  
Wolfgang Toelle  
Diance C Wakeham  
Ernest Wakeham  
Lynn C Wilson

### New Regional Masters

Barbara Butow  
Barbara Norton  
Mark Orms  
Nancy J Prolman  
Thomas A Stanley

### New NABC Masters

Eric Cassel  
James A Deckant  
Ellen K Haines  
Betsy Rock  
Victor W Weedn

### New Advanced NABC Master

Cathy Walton

### New Life Masters

Joan H Axilbund  
Bill R Teer  
Pat J Teer

### New Bronze Life Masters

Kathy Dunkerley  
David Goldfrank  
Patrick J Herbst  
Daniel F Morgan  
David E Street  
Eileen D Street

### New Silver Life Masters

Ned Griffith  
Phyllis E Hendler  
James T Sandefur  
Elizabeth S Traylor

### New Ruby Life Masters

Dean Baird  
Ryan C Connors  
Alan S Dockterman  
Donna Hickling  
Raman Srivastav

### New Gold Life Masters

J David Grier  
George A Parkins  
William K Toufectis

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other games during the week. IF, as a Director, you wish to help support Alzheimer's research, please talk to Katy. If you would like to volunteer to be a helper in Katy's group, then please do that as well. You can reach Katy at [Katyculp@gmail.com](mailto:Katyculp@gmail.com)

July 1-7 is the Reston Regional at the Hyatt Regency Reston Town Center. We have arranged for retired ACBL Tournament Director Doug Grove to teach a Director's Course June 28-30, the three days before the tournament starts. It is being held in Fort Washington, MD at Georgette Weiss's house. The Director's Test will be given at the Hyatt on the morning of July 1, AND you will be finished with the test in time to play bridge. IF you are interested in getting a little hands-on experience after you pass the test, you can shadow a director in the I/N playing area to put what you learned into practice OR see what else you need to know in order to be a director. If you are interested in taking the director's course, there are flyers with the information at the Unit game OR you can email ME ([nvbapresident2017to2019@gmail.com](mailto:nvbapresident2017to2019@gmail.com)) to register, as I am the person setting it up.

Rusty Krauss of the Krauss Investment Group of Janney Montgomery Scott is again supporting our Regional Tournament in Reston. Please thank him for his generous support when you see him!



## Hail and Farewell

**We welcome the following new members into our Unit:**

Duke Baird  
 Owen Barnett  
 Anita L De Pree  
 David Domnitch  
 Lexie Ellis  
 Janice M Fiore  
 Brenda J Frank  
 Maria Hopper  
 Peggy A Irving  
 Storm Kauffman

Carolyn Lewis  
 Kathleen A O'Brien  
 Lucy S Rhame  
 Marianne Sarich  
 Wayne S Sewell  
 Francine T Sheffield  
 Richard L Shields  
 Nettie M Smiley  
 Jill E Snyder  
 Aly Stoeger  
 Martin Suydam  
 Therese Suzuki

Margo Thorning  
 Irene Zarechnak

**We welcome the following transfers into our Unit:**

Shawn H Gundrum  
 Jean Little  
 Patricia A McAlarnen  
 Terrance J Mullin  
 Pannala V Reddy  
 Ben Umansky  
 Barry M Walpert



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

John R Ashe  
 Robert A Brennen  
 Sandy Bridges  
 Paul Gluchowski  
 Irish Grandfield  
 Betty Jean Himeles  
 David E Hohman  
 Judith E Hohman  
 Susan Jampoler  
 Flo Lippman  
 Jan Lovorn  
 Richard T Mayer  
 Mar J McCoy  
 Nancy S Morrow  
 Francine T Sheffield  
 Barbara T Steingaszner  
 Pericle Sufitchi

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

Larry J Clandorf  
 Mary Cacciatore  
 Mildred Hartshorn  
 Marija M Kotler  
 Salam Saidi

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## Parade of Winners

### 57th Annual Presidential Sectional

**January 3-6, 2019**

#### **Thurs AM A/X Pairs (28 Pairs)**

1 Ken Davis – Steve Schatzow

#### **Thurs AM B/C/D Pairs (38 Pairs)**

1 1 1 Farida Mazhar – Sudha Garg

#### **Thurs Eve A/X Pairs (56 Pairs)**

1 Mark Chen – Donna Rogall

#### **Thurs Eve B/C/D Pairs (42 Pairs)**

2 David Lindley – Kathleen LaMarre

#### **Thurs Eve 199er Pairs@NVBA (18 Pairs)**

1 Duncan Wainwright – Jovica Medic

2 Mary Frances Jetton – Ellen Marcus

1 1 Albert Sperling – Joan Isenbert

2 2 Susan Kilpatrick – Jane Stilmar

#### **Fri AM A/X Pairs (20 Pairs)**

1 Carol Crawford – Peter Boyd

2/3 Robert Gookin – Suzanne Abrams

2/31 Jay Cherlow – Barry Goulding

#### **Fri AM 499er Pairs (37 Pairs)**

2 2 Ann Lawrence – Isabelle de Zamaroczy

2 Michaela Battles – Tina Doyle

#### **Fri Aft 499er Pairs (31 Pairs)**

2 Michael Siebenhaar – Robert Morrison

2 Donna Sherrard – Kendrea Delauter

#### **Sat AM A/X Pairs (42 Pairs)**

2 1 William Hacker – Ben Brill

#### **Sat AM B/C/D Pairs (47 Pairs)**

1 1 Daniel Morgan – John Blodgett

2 2 1 Rochelle Hilton – Neil Cowie

#### **Sat AM 49er Pairs (14 Pairs)**

1 Ruth Hansen – Lawrence Plotkin

#### **Sat Aft A/X Pairs (42 Pairs)**

1 Hailong Ao – Weizhong Bao

2 Robert Gookin – Donna Rogall

1 Christine Chai – Barry Ko

2 Michael Klein – M Webster Ewell Jr

#### **Sat Aft B/C/D Pairs (33 Pairs)**

1 1 Daniel Morgan – John Blodgett

2 2 1 George Fleeson – Victor Weedn

#### **Sat Aft 499er Pairs (48 Pairs)**

1 1 Kathleen Parkins – Thomas Stanley

2 2 Sharon Douaire – Dewey Calderwood

1 Debra Graham – Jane Yasukawa

2 Edward Rejuney – Michael Beaghen

#### **Sun A/X Swiss (17 Teams)**

1 Alan Schwartz – Peter Boyd – Steve

Robinson – Beth Palmer – Bill Cole

2/3 Mark Chen – Brad Theurer – Marty Graf

Mark Shaw

2 Monique Smith – Merrill Hirsh – Jason

Meyer – Lloyd Rawley

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

1 Dean Baird – Carolyn Baird – John

McCormick – Ralph Bayrer

#### **Sun Fit B Bkt 3 (12 Teams)**

1 George Fleeson – Victor Weedn –

Elizabeth Jones – James Deckant

2 Gary Scavongelli – Janice Scavongelli –

Peter Michelman – Craig Pritzker

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

2 2 Michaela Battles – Tina Doyle – Rekha

Arness – Marge Degnon

### NVBA Winter Sectional

**February 21-24, 2019**

#### **Thurs AM Open Pairs (24 Pairs)**

1 Robert Hopkins Jr – Brad Theurer

2 1 Carolyn Becraft – Susan Slattery

2 David Goldfrank – Raman Srivastav

#### **Thurs AM 0-500 Pairs (9 Pairs)**

1 Martin Aronovitch – Eileen Aronovitch

2 1 Robert Drosdzal – Susan Drosdzal

2/3 Linda Goldberg – Jo Ann Allen

2/3 John Graf – Paul Mohler

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**Thurs Eve A/X Pairs (52 Pairs)**

- 1 Alan Schwartz – Jeffrey Schwartz
- 2 1 Sven Pride – Vince Wilmot Jr
- 2 Steve Reed – Hal Hindman

**Thurs Eve 199er Pairs @ NVBA (20 Pairs)**

- 1 1 1 Betty Hollis – Donna Sherrard
- 2 Evelyn Reneer - Cordellia Scruggs
- 2 2 Ron Webne – Chris Hayden

**Fri AM Open Pairs (34 Pairs)**

- 2 Hal Jones – Kevin O'Brien
- 1 Betty Ladd – Mike Ladd
- 2 David Goldfrank – James Sandefur

**Fri AM 499er Pairs (30 Pairs)**

- 1 1 Ken Kraus – Debbie Massey
- 2 2 Cynthia Larre – Olga Gavrik
- 1 Karen Hoffman – Susan Hutsell
- 2 Richard Thrift – Edward Maixner

**Fri Aft A/X Pairs (25 Pairs)**

- 1 1 Jay Cherlow – Albert Lauber
- 2 Carol Crawford – Peter Boyd
- 2 Esfandiari Khazai – Gretta Bordcosh

**Fri Aft B/C Pairs (16 Pairs)**

- 1 1 Asim Mandal – Arvind Bhand

**Fri Aft 499er Pairs (32 Pairs)**

- 1 1 1 Chris Betsold – Marcia McMahon
- 2 2 Olga Gavrik – Paul Mohler
- 2 Elaine Wolfson – Rita Schug

**Fri Aft 99er Pairs (11 Pairs)**

- 1 Alice Burin – Gary Burin
- 2 Alden Sherman – Neil Mark
- 1 1 Jon Labadie – Shiv Seth
- 2 2 Jane Williams – Gail Tomimatsu

**Fri Eve Triple Nickel Swiss (17 Teams)**

- 1 David Rodney – Avril Rodney – Shawn Stringer – Margot Hennings
- 2 Kenton Schoen – Ken Davis – David Fleischer – Bruce Houston
- 1 1 Eric Poskanzer – Daniel Morgan – Kimberly Ferguson – Patrick Herbst
- 2 Jerry Nolte – Betty Nolte – Betty Ladd – Mike Ladd

**Fri Eve 499er Pairs (11 Pairs)**

- 1 1 Kathy Sullivan – Dewey Calderwood
- 2 John Wertman – Joia Hertz
- 2 Pam Yood – Ellen Simonoff

**Sat AM Open Pairs (40 Pairs)**

- 2 1 Donald Brown – Georgette Weiss
- 2 Ed Heberg – Barbara DiCicco
- 1/2 Cynthia Larre – M. David Jackson
- 1/2 Ed Brawn – Manou Faily

**Sat AM 499er Pairs (52 Pairs)**

- 2 2 John Schoeberlein – Julie Schoeberlein
- 2 Debra Graham – Jane Yasukawa

**Sat AM 49er Pairs (21 Pairs)**

- 1 Ernest Wakeham – Diane Wakeham
- 2 Edwin Smedberg – Beverly Smedberg
- 1 1 Sandra Novack – Al Novack
- 2 2 Janice Linett – Wayne Sewell

**Hennings Trophy Pairs (20 Pairs)**

- 1 Mark Shaw – Leo Lasota
- 2 Carole Grob – Mark Tonnesen

**Sat Aft Consolation Pairs (44 Pairs)**

- 2 Stan Schenker – Greg Bright
- 1 Carolyn Becraft – Susan Slattery
- 1 Joan White – Ellen Simonoff
- 2 Sandy Carroll – Diane Woodworth

**Sat Aft 499er Pairs (52 Pairs)**

- 2 Kathy Sullivan – Dewey Calderwood

**Sun A/X BAM (8 Teams)**

- 1 Steve Robinson – Ai-Tai Lo – William Pettis – Peter Boyd – Bill Cole
- 2 1 Charles Yaple – Shuba Dey – Kenton Schoen – Jay Kelkar

**Sun B Swiss Brkt 1 (8 Teams)**

- 2 Mary Ann Kral – Marvin Raines – Linda Burton – Sidney Graves

**Sun B Swiss Brkt 2 (8 Teams)**

- 1 Joyce Currie – David Goldfrank – Amy Brisson – Joe Leighton
- 2 Al Stolpe – Bernice Hacke – Noi West – Holly Wills

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## Parade of Winners

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### Sun B Swiss Brkt 3 (12 Teams)

- 2 Carol Noller – Robert Finkelstein –  
Nooreen Razi – Syed Khan

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

- 1 1 George Fleeson – Victor Weedn –  
Elizabeth Jones – James Deckant  
2 2 Paul Mohler – John Graf – Mary Wyatt –  
Dorsey Mayo  
1 Jill Norvell – Mark Orms – Frances Hitch  
Vance Hitch  
2/3 Michael Miale – Pam Yood – Cynthia  
Larre – Olga Gavrik  
2/3 Molly Downs – Will Downs Jr – Joan  
O'Connor – Abhaya Schlesinger

### Sun AM 99er Swiss (9 Teams)

- 1 Edwin Smedberg – Beverly Smedberg –  
Georgia Booker – Sylvester Booker  
2/3 Alice Burin – Gary Burin – Corinna Muzic  
Marian Corey  
2/3 Winston Crow – Nancy Harrington –  
Stephen Collier – John Huffman  
1 Joan Kadonoff – Arthur Kales – Amy  
Kales – Linda Goldberg

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

- 1 Paul Mohler – John Graf – Mary Wyatt –  
Dorsey Mayo  
2 George Fleeson – Victor Weedn –  
Elizabeth Jones – James Deckant  
1 Libby Eckert – Ann Hunter – Lorraine  
Shumaker – Nancy Turaj  
2 Michael Miale – Pam Yood – Cynthia  
Larre – Olga Gavrik  
1/2 Jill Norvell – Mark Orms – Frances Hitch  
Vance Hitch  
1/2 Carol Sprague – Elaine Reynolds – Nancy  
Harrington – Winston Crow

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(see *Club Games directory*, p. 15)

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## NVBA Ace of Clubs Winners 2018

*These players won the most masterpoints in their rank in club games during 2018*

<b>0 to 5 masterpoints</b>		<b>200 to 300 masterpoints</b>		<b>2500 to 3500 masterpoints</b>	
Marty I Fuchs	25.14	Craig L Pritzker	119.71	Steve Reed	196.07
Dr Peter L Campbell	23.49	Joan H Axilbund	61.30	Al Sitterson	188.85
Jichong Chai	20.53	Kenneth Cohn	55.09	Jay R Cherlow	176.47
<b>5 to 20 masterpoints</b>		<b>300 to 500 masterpoints</b>		<b>3500 to 5000 masterpoints</b>	
Ronald Shoemaker	30.24	Douglas E Lahamm	146.44	Kenton D Schoen	201.48
Dee Ann Gretz	29.67	Robert M Greenburg	120.48	Bob Boyd	196.06
Nancy Harrington	26.60	Amy R Brisson	101.26	Marcia Stein	174.65
<b>20 to 50 masterpoints</b>		<b>500 to 1000 masterpoints</b>		<b>5000 to 7500 masterpoints</b>	
James L Dahlberg	65.84	Sharon Suttan	107.60	Vonnie W Lavend	195.28
Mark Orms	50.36	Bud Morgan	106.59	Mark J Tonnesen	193.60
Beverly H Smedberg	42.92	Gretta Bordcosh	105.24	Carolyn V Gibson	191.98
<b>50 to 100 masterpoints</b>		<b>1000 to 1500 masterpoints</b>		<b>7500 to 10,000 masterpoints</b>	
John Graf	67.69	Dean Baird	206.47	Jay R Kelkar	106.00
Paul B Mohler	58.72	Joyce E Currie	96.01	Sumner Steinfeld	101.93
Sharon Douaire	50.77	Hal W Jones Jr	90.32	Al Duncker	80.75
<b>100 to 200 masterpoints</b>		<b>1500 to 2500 masterpoints</b>		<b>Over 10,000 masterpoints</b>	
David Goldfrank	158.85	Yen E Deanda	272.90	Kenneth B Davis	437.57
Dewey Calderwood	75.06	Ron Sutter	237.86	Robert W Hopkins Jr	167.32
David J Delzingaro	71.04	Carolyn Baird	181.08	Robert W Gookin	165.91

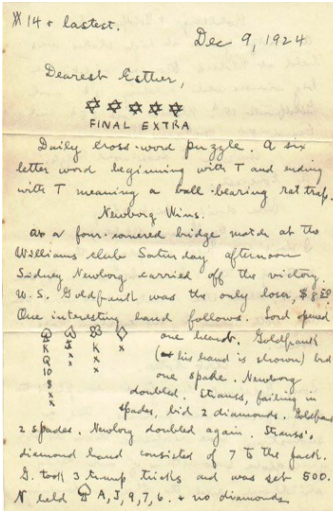
## NVBA Mini-McKenney winners 2018

*These players won the most masterpoints (excluding online points) during 2018*

<b>0 to 5 masterpoints</b>		<b>200 to 300 masterpoints</b>		<b>2500 to 3500 masterpoints</b>	
Dr Peter L Campbell	44.60	Craig L Pritzker	269.15	Jay R Cherlow	375.89
Marty I Fuchs	38.70	John A Wertman	147.59	Steve Reed	329.39
Jichong Chai	34.76	Gary E Scavongelli	120.57	Carol A Crawford	246.23
<b>5 to 20 masterpoints</b>		<b>300 to 500 masterpoints</b>		<b>3500 to 5000 masterpoints</b>	
Dee Ann Gretz	51.66	Amy R Brisson	336.35	Kenton D Schoen	437.19
Diane C Wakeham	40.62	Douglas E Lahammer	282.61	Charles J Yaple	392.01
Ernest Wakeham	40.62	Robert M Greenburg	245.02	Dr Hal Hindman	319.03
<b>20 to 50 masterpoints</b>		<b>500 to 1000 masterpoints</b>		<b>5000 to 7500 masterpoints</b>	
James L Dahlberg	99.57	Francesca E Mazarella	210.57	Jim Wakefield	433.31
Mark Orms	64.80	Barry C Ko	169.24	Vonnie W Lavender	351.43
Beverly H Smedberg	52.94	Joseph Lebaron	165.71	Rusty Krauss	333.92
<b>50 to 100 masterpoints</b>		<b>1000 to 1500 masterpoints</b>		<b>7500 to 10,000 masterpoints</b>	
Paul B Mohler	184.89	Hal W Jones Jr	474.57	Sumner Steinfeldt	499.24
John Graf	175.15	Joyce E Currie	372.28	Jay R Kelkar	330.14
Ellen Simonoff	102.89	Dean Baird	330.04	Helene Bauman	308.20
<b>100 to 200 masterpoints</b>		<b>1500 to 2500 masterpoints</b>		<b>Over 10,000 masterpoints</b>	
David Goldfrank	312.65	George A Parkins	460.70	Kenneth B Davis	985.56
Joia M Hertz	125.89	Yen E Deanda	433.87	Robert W Hopkins Jr	493.26
David J Delzingaro	110.73	Ron Sutter	400.69	Alan L Schwartz	378.61

## Becoming a Bronze Life Master: One Player's Story

David Goldfrank, Ace of Clubs and Mini-McKenney winner in the 100-200 mps category, was second nationally in the Mini-McKenney race. He wrote about taking up bridge in earnest.



Bridge goes back in my family for at least 94 years, as the attached letter from my grandfather from 1924 shows. An inveterate card player, my father started my brother Wally and me on hearts when we were 8 and 6, and bridge when we were 10 and 8—moving from Culbertson to Goren when we were about 13 and 11. As 12th-graders, a classmate and I taught two others to make a foursome, but then from age 18 to 34 (college, grad school, and until I got tenure at Georgetown University), I hardly played at all. The day after the History Dept gave me my positive vote, however, I walked into the Economics faculty lunchtime social game, and henceforth hardly ever missed a day until our game dissipated due to senior faculty attrition. Meanwhile, Math Professor Jim Sandefur, who sometimes joined us and stood at a decided level above the rest of us, taught me ACOL and urged me to play some duplicate with him. So did Wally, another excellent player, with whom I played duplicate twice (in 2006/07) which is why I qualified to be a Life Master with 300 MPs and Bronze LM with 500 MPs.

I commenced regular Monday evenings at KOCH with Jim in 2015, and by 2017 (starting with ca. 80 MPs) I had learned Two-Over-One, caught the “bug,” and on the advice of others, invariably played in top bracket games, except for regionals, etc. As 2017 was my last real teaching year, I started to play more often, and I won our Unit 218 50-100 Mini-McKenney and Helen Shanbrom Ace of Clubs awards. Subsequently, increasing the incidence of my playing, and with fine results at the Reston, Hunt Valley, and Spooky Nook regionals in 2018, I not only won these two awards for the Unit 218 in the 100-200 MP range, but was second nationally in the Mini-McKenney in this group. I crossed the 300 MP mark with all needed colors on 19 July 2018 at the Unit Game (see attached picture with Patrick Herbst, on the left, my partner that evening), and had about 485 MPs with 11 days left in December, and so decided to go online with the ‘robots’ so that by the 31<sup>st</sup> I could be done with the 500 and technically a Bronze LM—but in my eyes also a ‘legitimate’ LM for someone who really started duplicate in 2015. Yet with still so much to learn and some bad habits to kick, I certainly do not consider myself anything close to a “master.”

Life is full of ironies, some quite sad. Wally had hoped that once I retired we could become a regular pair and go to tournaments together, but cancer got him in July 2017. He was playing as much duplicate as he could right to the end, but died right before I was to play with him for a week. So I fulfill that dream with others. Maybe this is why I appreciate so immensely the Unit 218 people—those with whom I partner, those against whom I play, those whom I simply meet and greet, and, of course, those who run the games and organizations. I have learned from too many of you to mention names, and only hope that I can give back as much as I have received. And if I have offended anyone, wittingly or unwittingly, I apologize.



David Goldfrank





NORTHERN VIRGINIA BRIDGE ASSOCIATION  
**SPRING SECTIONAL TOURNAMENT**

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

**THURSDAY, APRIL 11**

STRATIFIED OPEN PAIRS (2000+/2000/750) or 500/300/100 PAIRS .....10:30 a.m.

*Kevin's Game: K of C Hall (KOCH), 5115 Little Falls Rd., Arlington, VA, 703-524-4788*

*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 Lecture .....6:30 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, APRIL 12**

*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 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) PAIRS .....7:30 p.m.

**SATURDAY, APRIL 13**

**\*\*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!\*\*

STRATAFLIGHTED A/X or B/C PAIRS .....10:30 a.m. / 3 p.m.

A/X (3000+/3000) or B/C (2000/750)

I/N (500/300/100) or 99ER (100/50/20) PAIRS .....10:30 a.m.

*Intermediate/Newcomer Lecture .....2:15 p.m.*

I/N (500/300/100) PAIRS .....3 p.m.

**SUNDAY, APRIL 14**

FLIGHTS A/X (6000+/6000) SWISS 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 Swiss & B Teams: 2-session events, a brief break & food available on-site.*

I/N (500/300/100) SWISS TEAMS .....10:30 a.m. / 2:30 p.m.

99ER (100/50/20) SWISS TEAMS .....10:30 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.**

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

Day	Director	Game
Mon.	Gene Schuyler	10:30 am: KOCH, Open & 0-600
	Dave Rubin	12:30 am: Loudoun County Senior Center, Open
	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 Kuschner	10:30 am: KOCH, Open & 0-750
	Brenda Egeland	Comics and Gaming Ctr, Gainesville, Open (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: Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Fairfax
	Helen Brettel	Emmanuel Episcopal Church, Middleburg, Open
	Marshall Kuschner	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
	Dave Rubin	12:45 pm: Loudoun County Senior Center, Open
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
	Lenore Ward	1 pm: Lansdowne OTP
Sun.	Marty Bley	1 pm: Beth El
	Kevin O'Brien	1 pm: Bridge Club of N. Virginia (various locations) ; partnership total under 2500

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