

Holiday Party Awards

At the NVBA Holiday Party on Dec. 19, 2019, NVBA President Marty Bley presented awards to three 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 2019 award was given to Rusty Krauss, who is not only always pleasant at the bridge table, but with his partner, David Rodney, won the 0-10,000 MP Fast Pairs at the San Francisco NABC (see picture on p. 6). Rusty has also been on the winning Flight A GNT team representing District 6 at the NABC

GNT competition, and has given generous financial support to the NABC in Washington and a number of East Coast regionals.



Georgia Booker with Marty



Rusty Krauss with NVBA President Marty Bley

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Of Special Interest:

WBL Sectional, Jan. 16-19
GNT Flight A, 1st weekend, Jan. 25-26
Williamsburg, VA REGIONAL, Feb. 3-9
District 6 STaC, Feb. 10-16
NVBA Sectional, Feb. 20-23
GNT Fit A, 2nd weekend, Feb. 22-23 (Elks Lodge)
GNT Open, Flts B/C, 1st weekend, Feb. 29-Mar. 1
Columbus, OH Spring NABC, Mar. 19-29
Wilmington, DE REGIONAL, Mar. 30-Apr. 5



From the President

by Marty Bley



Happy New Year! Great turnout at the NVBA Unit Game for the Holiday Party/STaC Game. Thanks to Ron Kral for getting the food from Red Hot and Blue. Thanks to Georgette Weiss for purchasing the poinsettias, which were given away to 12 lucky individuals. Thanks to David Lindley for the WITH Eggnog and the WITHOUT Eggnog! Thanks to our directing staff for 51 games of bridge throughout the year; we couldn't have bridge without you! Thanks to all the helpers in the setup and take down. AND thanks to all the players who came out to play!

Rusty Krauss received the Dave Murray Award, and Georgia Booker received the Ron and Mary Ann Kral Award. These two "sportsmanship" awards are player-nominated. Although the NVBA Board makes the final decision, Board members

always value members' input in helping us to recognize outstanding players. Ken Davis won the Sara Goodwin Award, which is given to the NVBA player who plays in the MOST NVBA games for the calendar year from December 1 to November 30. Ken played in 73 games to win the award but he had some fairly close competition this year. Cynthia Larré played in 68 games, Kenton Schoen played in 64 games, Ellen Simonoff played in 62 games, David Goldfrank played in 61 games, Francesca Mazarella played in 59, Bob Boyd and David Lindley played in 57, and Nancy Smagala played in 56 games. You all know what you have to do this year—PLAY MORE!

As always, we are looking for volunteers for a variety of tasks. Throughout the year, we need Guaranteed Partners (GPs) for the A/X, B/C/D and 199er games. If you have EVER USED a GP, you should consider being one for someone else. Recently, our GP Coordinator Francesca Mazarella had to send a player home because there was no GP for the level of player. She has also had to send a player home because they arrived LATE to the game, and she had already partnered the GP with another player. If you need a partner OR you want to be the GP, PLEASE arrive at the game 20 to 30 minutes BEFORE game time (game starts at 7 pm). It is good to send an email to Francesca (franemaz@gmail.com) ahead of time, if you need a partner or want to volunteer to be a GP; knowing who and what in advance always makes the job easier. HOWEVER, sending the email is not a GUARANTEE that you will get the GP person. When it is 6:59 pm and 30 seconds or even 6:58 pm and 30 seconds, that is the time the final arrangements are made, if they were not already made at 6:55 pm. Even if you indicated via email you wanted a partner or would be the GP, IF YOU ARE NOT THERE at the appropriate time, it is assumed you changed your mind, and we move on. The Board and Francesca feel bad when this happens, but in order to make the service work for ALL players, the rules and strategies designed to make it run efficiently must be followed.

As a GP, you receive a free play for that evening's game and another free play to play later. If you are not needed that evening, you still get a free play to use later. To volunteer you can talk to Francesca when you see her playing bridge or email her at franemaz@gmail.com.

We also need volunteers throughout the year to bring food on Thursday nights. You like having it? You partake? You should make plans to DO it one or two Thursday nights a year. Margot Hennings takes care of the Sectional NVBA and WBL Thursday nights and NVBA pro-

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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 2	Unit Championship—Stratiflighted Pairs
Jan 9	Grand National Teams Qualifier—Stratified Swiss Teams
Jan 16	WBL Sectional—Stratiflighted Pairs
Jan 23	Club Championship—Stratiflighted Pairs
Jan 30	Grand National Teams Qualifier—Stratified Swiss Teams
Feb 6	Unit Championship—Stratiflighted Pairs
Feb 13	District 6 Sectional Tournament at Clubs (STaC)
Feb 20	NVBA Sectional—Stratiflighted Pairs
Feb 27	Unit Championship—Stratiflighted Pairs
Mar 5	Unit Championship—Stratiflighted Pairs
Mar 12	ACBL Membership Game—Stratiflighted Pairs (must be ACBL member to win masterpoints)
Mar 19	Unit Championship—Stratiflighted Pairs
Mar 26	Unit Championship—Stratiflighted Pairs

Stratification Limits:

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

GNT strats are: Unllimited/500-2500/0-500

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, when attendance warrants, a 0-20 game

No game fee for first-time players and ACBL members with 0-5 MPs.

Upcoming Sectionals:

NVBA: Feb 20-23

Apr 30-May 3

WBL: Jan 16-19

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vides the entree for the Annual Meeting, with players contributing side dishes, salads and desserts. There was PLENTY to eat at the recent Holiday Party! If you brought a dish to share, thanks very much! If you didn't bring a dish, you SHOULD HAVE donated \$5.00, again thanks very much!

If you're keeping track of the math, that leaves 42 Thursday nights per year when we need volunteer caterers. If 21 people volunteered, each one would only have to do it once or twice in a YEAR! For doing it, you get reimbursed up to \$75.00 for the food you purchase and provide—the cost for the weekly Hospitality is in the BUDGET! AND you get a FREE play that evening for doing the food. If you get your regular Thursday night partner to help you, they can get a free play too! Sheila Ellis is the person who lines up the hospitality people for each week. She can give you tips on shopping and what to provide. It can be all homemade if you have the time and the inclination (ever eat any when Sheila provides it? YES, she lines up the people but she also does it herself a couple of times a year....or more!). OR you can make some items and buy some items! So the next time you have some grapes, or cheese and crackers, or chips and dip, or egg salad, or cookies or pretzels, or cut-up fruit or popcorn, etc., THINK about YOU providing it for us! We will CLAP for you at the end of the evening, when the Director thanks you for your support! It is guaranteed to put a SMILE on your face! Contact Sheila at sheilaellis01@gmail.com or talk to her before or after the game!

There are other ways to volunteer, such as helping to set up the tables each week with the table covers, putting away the bid boxes, mats, boards and table covers after the game is over. Even if all you do is YOUR table and ANOTHER table or TWO, that will be very helpful. There are some players who, every week, get up from the table they occupied all night as a North or South and walk away and leave it ALL there: trash, table mats, boards, Bridge-mates, and bid boxes for someone ELSE to take care of discarding or putting away. There are people who play East/West all night and do the same thing....some of them even leave a TRAIL of trash in their wake! How do I know this? Because I often clean it up before I leave for the night. Do I know WHO does it? Yes! Should I tell? No, but I would really like to tell! So please won't YOU consider helping to clean up and put away what you can. If you are unsure what to do, watch George Parkins or Ann Atcheson or ME or a director or any of the other people who help clean up and put away. Many Hands Make LIGHT work for all!

In May, the terms of five Board members are up. Some or all of them may be willing to serve another term. I will ask them for their intentions at the January 5, 2020 Board meeting, which, by the way, you are welcome to attend. The Board meetings are held (usually) prior to the Beth El Bridge Sunday game. We start at 10:45 sharp and are finished by noon or shortly after. Many Board members stay and play in the 1 pm game. YOU could volunteer to serve on the Board! Curious as to what happens? Come visit or ask a Board member what it is like....or ask more than one, so you get different perspectives. We are looking for people to take the place of those Board members who wish to end their time of service. Would that be YOU?

February's Board meeting is on the 9th at Beth El, the March meeting is the 15th, and at this time the April meeting is unscheduled. The Annual Meeting will be May 7th. We usually try to have one prior to that date, so late April is likely to be the time. It would be nice to see you at a meeting!

Hugs,
Marty

Upcoming 199er and 0-20 NVBA Games

*all games 7:00 pm, preceded by 6:10 pm lecture
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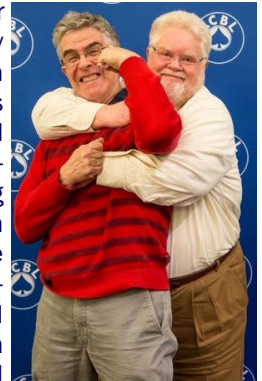
Jack of Hearts

by Marshall Kushner

Wow! It's always nice to visit San Francisco, but we did it in style this time. Rarely, if ever, has the NVBA thrown such a knockout punch at a distant NABC. More about that later. San Francisco was the same but somehow different. The cable cars still clattered, the fog still crept in late in the afternoon, and Lombard St. still snaked down the hill. One difference, I'm told, is that you now have to pay to drive the windy block between Hyde and Leavenworth. Drive another block and you can see Kim Novak's pad in the Hitchcock flick *Vertigo*. Yes, I am that old! I never did put my finger on what seemed different, but in commuting to the venue from my son's apartment, the traffic seemed way heavier. It did occur to me while we were there to wonder why San Francisco was nicknamed 'Baghdad by the Bay.' 'Paris by the Bay' I could understand. Even Rome. But Baghdad? What's so wonderful about the Iraqi capital? I've never been there, but from my limited knowledge it has little to warrant such a simile. Maybe it's just the alliteration. More allure than Brooklyn, Berlin, or Beijing? But what's wrong with Barcelona or Budapest? Too many syllables?

Actually, I may not have been the only one with this thought. Attendance was down sharply (23%) from the last SF national in 2012. That's a huge drop and one for which I have not heard an explanation. Actually, I would have thought business was booming. On the first Sunday, I played in the afternoon side game and was dismayed that our event was on the fifth floor in a distant room with no director, no Bridgemates, and no scores until the next day. But what can you expect for a mere \$40? I used to think affordability was an issue, but I have long been dissuaded of that notion. When tens of thousands are willing to pay \$2000 and more for World Series or Stanley Cup Finals tickets, I'm convinced that I am one of the non-millionaire minority. One thing is clear. Players are trending toward regionals and away from nationals.

Now the good news. Some NVBAers made the \$60 per session entry for national events worthwhile. David Rodney and Rusty Krauss won the 10K Fast Pairs, their second such win in recent years. What's even better is that Li Yiting was right behind them. She was also 3rd in the 10K Swiss and 6th in the Women's Pairs. That was quickly followed by Margot Hennings finishing second in the Senior Mixed Pairs with D7's Bob Heller. Oh, you didn't know she was a senior? Sorry, Margot. Fellow seniors Helene Bauman and Jim Wakefield were 8th. Non-LM Paul Mohler turned in a 10th place finish in the Mixed Swiss, well ahead of LM Robbie Hopkins, who finished 21st. What a haul! Maybe they should call it NOVA by the Bay. Or we should rename our unit NVB-Bay.



Climbing the Ladder

New Junior Masters

Li Chen
 Susan E Craig
 Janet Crist
 Barry Culman
 Melissa S Fitzgerald
 Benjamin V Gutridge
 Maria V Hopper
 Patricia Kalinsky
 Fanjun Kong
 Paul E Levine
 Janice C Linett
 Jacquelin J Mooney
 Joshua A Muss
 Rosanna Nosedo
 Sandra Rosenthal
 David G Settle
 Leqin Shi
 Danyi Xu

New Club Masters

Susan E Austin
 Lauren I Brown
 Dr Richard C Hart
 Harriet R Hunt
 Lewis Hutchinson
 Lillian Kaminer
 Faith N Klein
 Abhaya Schlesinger
 Daphne Sloan
 Aly Stoeger
 Joyce Wainwright
 Chuck Wolfson

New Sectional Masters

Dr Gary Burin
 Patricia Corish
 Will D Downs Jr
 Phillip L Fraas
 Linda B Goldberg
 Jacquelin B Graham
 Christopher G Hayden
 Betty A Hollis
 Joseph S Luchini
 Victoria C Luchini
 Rebecca J Pick
 Betty M Quirk
 Isabel Schell

New Regional Masters

Jo Ann Allen
 Dr Georgia A Booker
 Alice J Burin
 Dee Ann Gretz
 Edward G Maixner
 Ellen R Marcus
 Neil L Mark
 Ernest Wakeham

New NABC Masters

Janyce C Cone
 Amy L Elmore
 Olga Gavrik
 Jeff Price
 Karl Van Newkirk

New Advanced NABC Master

Arvind G Bhand

New Life Masters

James L Dahlberg
 Ronald E Friedman
 Katherine B Koch
 Andrea S Stanley-Miller

New Bronze Life Masters

Michael Corrigan
 Katherine B Koch

New Silver Life Masters

Gretta Bordcosh
 Armanda Henderson
 Joe Hertz

New Ruby Life Master

Eva Klivington

New Gold Life Master

Shuba Dey

New Sapphire Life Master

Jay R Cherlow

New Diamond Life Master

Bob Boyd



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Ken Davis with Marty

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 Georgia Booker. The Sara Goodwin trophy awarded to the player(s) who played in the most NVBA-sponsored events from December 2018 to November 2019, went once again to Ken Davis.

Congratulations to Rusty, Georgia and Ken!!

Hail and Farewell

We welcome the following new members into our Unit:

- Kelly Baker
- Seema Behl
- Kate Eisert
- Anne Flowers
- Clifton W Flowers
- Gerard W Gawalt
- James Gould
- Tresi W Griffin
- Jim Kershaw
- Elizabeth Marmion
- Arnold Meyers
- Jeanne M Murck
- Wendy A O'Meara
- William S O'Neill

- Sharon Owens
- Christopher Prawdzik
- Silvia B Sagari
- Thomas E Van Buren
- Vivian H Walton

We welcome the following transfers into our Unit:

- Luanne J Beutel
- James E Braunworth
- Ruth L Brotman
- Betty Jean
- Mary S Labernik
- Yiran Liu
- Alison Maclean
- Colin Schloss

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

- Helene Bauman
- Robin E Cavendish
- David E Milton
- Andrea T Phaneuf
- Carole M Stallings
- Robert S Vaughn
- Carol A Wrable

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

- Arlene Brecher
- Sandra H Murphy



Halloween Party, October 31 2019

Attendees included a coven of witches*



Nancy Smagala

Francesca Mazarella and Georgette Weiss



Vonnie Lavender (with finance wizard Rusty Krauss)

*assuming four is a coven quorum

Interesting Hands from an NVBA Member – Ranging from the NVBA Unit Game in 2002 to the San Francisco NABC in December 2019

by Prahalad Rajkumar

I played regularly in the Thursday night NVBA Unit games from 2002 to 2004 when I lived in Northern Virginia and attended the University of Maryland. I played regularly with Margot Hennings and my Dad played with her husband Don Hennings. I later moved to Maryland to live closer to college and work, and in 2011, I returned back home to Chennai, India. I am visiting the DC area for a few months and have played in a few NVBA Unit games, bringing back old memories. I played in the San Francisco NABC, where my partner (Richard Popper) and I reached the third day of the Blue Ribbon pairs.

Here are three hands—one from an NVBA unit game in 2002, one from a practice session leading to San Francisco, and one from the Blue Ribbon Pairs.

A Blast from the Past

I played this deal in a 2002 NVBA unit game on one of the very few occasions I played with Don Hennings. I picked up K875 AKJ10 KQ K98. Subtracting the requisite amount for the KQ doubleton but adding sufficient points for youthful exuberance, I opened 2NT. Don raised me to 3NT which became the final contract.

The ♦10 was led.

A93 Q53 J432 A104

K875 AKJ10 KQ K98

RHO won the ♦A and returned a diamond, I won perforce in hand. I now played a spade to the nine, RHO winning with the ♠J. He returned the ♥9, I won with the ♥10. I led another spade to the ace, and the queen popped from my left.

Something interesting was happening in the spade suit—neither opponent wanted to acknowledge possessing the ♠10! Either RHO won the ♠J when he could have won the ♠10, or LHO played the ♠Q from Q10 the second time. Who do I believe?

I found a line of play that obviated a guess in the spade suit. I continued with a spade to the king, LHO discarding a diamond. No problem: I continued running hearts. Both opponents followed to three rounds, but here is the position when I led the last heart:

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- - J4 A104
10
- -
98 -
J75 Q632
8 A - K98
    
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LHO had to keep his diamonds (or else dummy's ♦4 would become good), so he discarded a club. I discarded a club from dummy (a diamond is okay as well). RHO could easily spare a club to this trick. I now crossed to the ♣A and played the ♦J, turning the screws on East. East had to keep his ♠10, so he too discarded a club. I discarded the ♠8 from my hand. Now I played a club to the King, and the ♣10 took the last trick. This was a **Non-simultaneous double squeeze**.

Practice leading to San Francisco

This deal came up in a club game leading up to San Francisco. I held A2 Q3 AKQJ42 QJ2. My RHO opened 2♥. Some players who held this hand chose to bid 3NT, which is a reasonable call if partner has as little as Jxx in hearts or 10xx in hearts with LHO having Jx (plus something more that contributes to a ninth trick). I doubled. Partner bid 2♠, and I bid 3♦ showing a strong hand. Partner raised me to 4♦. There is a good case to be made for passing at matchpoints (and bidding game at IMPs), but I bid 5♦ anyway.

LHO led the ♥9.

K7653 865 853 A3

A2 Q3 AKQJ42 QJ2

The good news is that we have avoided 3NT.
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RHO won the two top hearts and led a third heart. I ruffed with the ♠A as LHO discarded a club. When I cashed two top diamonds, LHO surprised me on the second round by discarding another club, which means RHO has 3 diamonds to go with his 6 hearts.

There are three possible cases:

Case 1: Play RHO to have 3 spades and 1 club, and play Ace-King of spades and ruff a spade, with the ♣A serving as the entry to the established suit.

Case 2: Play RHO to have 3 clubs and 1 spade, and ruff a club in dummy before drawing the last trump (assuming LHO has the ♣K): ♣Q covered with the ♣K and ♣A, club to the Jack, ruff a club with the ♦8, return to the ♣A, draw the last trump and claim.

Case 3: Play for RHO to be 2-2 in the black suits and squeeze LHO in the black suits.

I rejected Case 1, for LHO was much more likely to have more than 3 spades given that he has 10 black cards. LHO's two club discards made case 3 less likely (with 5 spades and 5 clubs, he might have discarded a spade along with a club). I played for Case 3.

I played the ♣J. LHO didn't cover. So now I could make the hand even when case 2 applied, because the two threat cards against LHO are the ♣Q and dummy's spade. I played a club to the ace, and ran trumps. This was the position before I led my last trump:

	K76	-	-	-	
QJ					
-					irrelevant
-					
K					
	2	-	2	Q	

When I led my last diamond winner, if LHO discards the ♣K, my ♣Q becomes high. If he discards a spade, dummy's spade becomes high because RHO had two small spades.

San Francisco Palindrome (Almost)

Barry Rigal reported this hand from the Blue Ribbon Pairs, played by Brian Senior.

Dir: West

Vul: E-W

	A1082
	109
	K43
	Q532
QJ43	
J83	K7
QJ5	K
A76	A10876
	KJ1094
	965
	AQ76542
	92
	8

West	North	East	South
P	P	1♦	3♥
Dbl	P	4♣	P
4♦	All Pass		

“On this deal from the first semifinal session in the Kaplan Blue Ribbon Pairs, Brian Senior, playing with Nigel Bird, declared a diamond partscore and made a series of nice plays to bring home the maximum.

On the lead of the ♠8, Senior passed the first test, rising with the ace and unblocking the 9 from hand. Then he ran the ♦Q, followed by the ♦J. North covered, and Senior won in his hand, drew the last trump, and then advanced the ♥K. South won and played back a spade. Senior took the last hurdle in his stride, putting up the jack from dummy. When North played the ace, Senior dropped the king. Now he could ruff the next heart, and go to the ♠Q to pass the ♣7.

Thanks to the unblock at trick one, he could remain in dummy to repeat the club finesse and wrap up 11 tricks.”

I played this deal in 5♦, one level higher than Brian Senior, thanks to South's 4♥ call. At our table, the bidding was:

West	North	East	South
Pass	Pass	1♦	4♥
Dbl	Pass	5♣	P
5♦	All Pass		

The play at my table had a few noteworthy points as well.

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Parade of Winners

NVBA Fall Sectional

October 3-6, 2019

Thurs AM Open Pairs (32 Pairs)

- 1 Ken Davis – Steve Schatzow
 2 Mickey Hughes – Chuck Pecarro
 2 2 Onorica Luculescu – Alina Galaszewska

Thurs AM 499er Pairs (16 Pairs)

- 1 1 Dewey Calderwood – Kathy Sullivan
 2/3 1 Steve Collier – Olga Gavrik

Thurs Eve A/X Pairs (56 Pairs)

- 2/3 Robert Gookin – Sarah Cressy
 2/3 Helene Bauman – Jim Wakefield
 1 Larry Kahn – John Edmonds

Thurs Eve B/C/D Pairs (40 Pairs)

- 2 Gerald McGowan – John Adams

Thurs Eve 499er Pairs (14 Pairs)

- 1 1 1 Debra Graham – Dean Resnick

Thurs Eve 199er Pairs @ NVBA (14 Pairs)

- 1 1 Dee Ann Gretz – Arlene Braff
 2 2 1 Joan Isenberg – Albert Sperling
 2 Natasha Mullin – Marianne Sarich

Fri AM Open Pairs (38 Pairs)

- 1 Ken Davis – Kenton Schoen
 2 David Rodney – Steve Schatzow
 1 Dave McIntyre – Alan Dockterman
 2 1 Marlene Gross – Diane Woodworth
 2 Onorica Luculescu – Alina Galaszewska

Fri AM NLM Pairs (36 Pairs)

- 2 2 1 Deborah Forbes – Arlene Braff
 2 Barbara Norton – Sheila Zedlewski

Fri Aft A/X Pairs (31 Pairs)

- 2 Enid Hughes – Vonnie Lavender
 1 Bob Boyd – Francesca Mazarella
 2 Ron Kral – Kay Rogers

Fri Aft B/C/D Pairs (18 Pairs)

- 2 David Harding – Sandy Carroll

Fri Aft 499er Pairs (22 Pairs)

- 2 2 Ellen Simonoff – Olga Gavrik
 1 Christopher Hayden – Marian Corey
 2 Paul Higgins – Mary Liz Higgins

Fri Eve Triple Nickel Swiss (16 Teams)

- 1 Ron Kral – Steve Schatzow – Ken Davis –
 Kenton Schoen
 2 John Miller – Stephen Drodge – Robert
 Hopkins Jr – Joan Lewis
 1 Amanda Carter – Barbara Hodges –
 Phillip Tseng – Hal Jones Jr
 2 David Goldfrank – David Lindley – Patrick
 Herbst – Rich Ardini

Fri Eve 499er Pairs (12 Pairs)

- 1 1 1 Li Chen – Fanjun Kong
 2 Danyi Xu – Leqin Shi

Sat AM A/X Pairs (36 Pairs)

- 1 Jay Kelkar – Shuba Dey
 1 Carol Crawford – Steve Reed
 2 Mickey Hughes – Andre L'Heureux

Sat AM B/C/D Pairs (41 Pairs)

- 1 1 1 Rich Ardini – Jay Simon
 2 2 Craig Olson – Michael Lawrence
 2 Onorica Luculescu – Alina Galaszewska

Sat AM 499er Pairs (35 Pairs)

- 1 1 Michael Miale – Pam Yood
 2 2 Santosh Chokhani – Andrea Fritz
 1 Ernest Wakeham – Diane Wakeham
 2 Paul Higgins – Mary Liz Higgins

Sat AM 99er Pairs (17 Pairs)

- 1 Dan Heily – Yvonne Shang
 2 1 1 Sharon Saile- George Saile
 2 David Schell – Isabel Schell
 2 Danyi Xu – Leqin Shi

Sat Aft A/X Pairs (32 Pairs)

- 1/2 Helene Bauman – Jim Wakefield
 1/21 Mickey Hughes – Andre L'Heureux

Sat Aft 499er Pairs (29 Pairs)

- 1 Dewey Calderwood – John Graf
 2 Brian Lamm – Cathy Walton
 2 Ellen Simonoff – Olga Gavrik
 2 Debra Graham – Matt Murbach

Sun A/X Swiss (15 Teams)

- 1 Mark Chen – Brad Theurer – Leo LaSota
 David Ruderman
 2 1 Ernie Schuler – Thomas Peters – Ryan
 Connors – Rick Bingham
 2 Steve Reed – Carol Crawford – Bob Boyd
 Michael Stafford

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Parade of Winners...

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Sun B Swiss Brkt 1 (8 Teams)

- 1 Betty Ladd – Mike Ladd - Dean Baird – Carolyn Baird
2 Yen De Anda – Ron Sutter – Eleanor Schwartz – John McCormick

Sun AM 499er Swiss (11 Teams)

- 1 Cynthia Larre – Diana Jarrett – Joan Axilbund – Virginia Ivin
2 1 1 Li Chen – Fanjun Kong – Leqin Shi – Danyi Xu
2 Ellen Simonoff – James Dahlberg - Olga Gavrik – Santosh Chokhani

Sun Aft 499er Swiss (8 Teams)

- 1 Brian Lamm – Cathy Walton – Becky Kilbourne – James Hewitt
2/31/2 Paul Mohler – John Graf – Kathy L'Hommedieu – Jim Deckant
2/31/21 Michael Beaghen – Matt Jordan – Debra Graham – Dean Resnick

89th Annual D.C. Championships

October 24-27, 2019

Thurs AM B/C/D Pairs (43 Pairs)

- 2 2 2 Atish Sanyal – Arvind Bhand

Thurs Eve B/C Pairs (52 Pairs)

- 1 Mary Mudd – Barry Sparks
2 1 1 Benjamin Sharp – James Dahlberg
2 2 Brian Lamm – Cathy Walton

Thurs Eve 499er Pairs (14 Pairs)

- 1 Debra Graham – Dean Resnick

Thurs Eve 199er Pairs@NVBA (17 Pairs)

- 1 1 Dee Ann Gretz – Lynn Wilson
2 2 Phillip Fraas – Marian Corey
1 Ronald Webne – Christopher Hayden
2 Marianne Sarich – Natasha Mullin

Fri AM A/X Pairs (24 Pairs)

- 1 Kenton Schoen – Ken Davis

Fri AM B/C/D (16 Pairs)

- 1 1 1 Rochelle Hilton – Barbara Devaney

Fri Aft A/X Pairs (24 Pairs)

- 2 1 Bob Boyd – Francesca Mazarella

Fri Aft B/C/D Pairs (18 Pairs)

- 1 Yen De Anda – Ron Sutter
2 1 Marian Ewell – M Webster Ewell Jr
2 Carole Stringer – Joseph Lebaron

Fri Aft 499er Pairs (18 Pairs)

- 2 2 Betsy Rock – Sharon Kellett

Sat AM A/X Pairs (46 Pairs)

- 1 Jim Wakefield – Helene Bauman
1 Carol Crawford – Steve Reed

Sat AM 49er Pairs (8 Pairs)

- 2 Faith Klein – Chuck Wolfson

Sat Aft B/C/D Pairs (24 Pairs)

- 2 Frank Huang – Joyce Currie
2 1 Carole Stringer – Joseph Lebaron

Sat Aft 499er Pairs (22 Pairs)

- 1/2 Michaele Battles – Tina Doyle

Sun A/X Swiss (16 Teams)

- 1 1 Vince Wilmot Jr – Michael Chelst – David Genne – Sven Pride

Sun Fit B Bkt 1 (8 Teams)

- 1 Rick Uhrig – William Goldman – Robert Stearns – Daniel Koch

Sun Fit B Bkt 2 (8 Teams)

- 1 Rich Ardini – Patrick Herbst – David Goldfrank – David Lindley

Sun AM 499er Swiss (6 Teams)

- 2 Dewey Calderwood – Paul Mohler – Kathy Sullivan – John Graf

Cambridge, MD Regional

November 11-17, 2019

Mon Open Pairs (34 Pairs)

- 1 Rick Uhrig – Bill Haskitt

Mon Gold Rush Pairs (37 Pairs)

- 2 Olga Gavrik – Ellen Simonoff

Mon Aft 499er Pairs (8 Pairs)

- 2 Kathleen Parkins – Liz Jones

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*Parade of Winners...**(Continued from page 12)***Tues AM Side Game (14 Pairs)**

2 2 Marty Bley – Ross Bley

Tues AM 499er Pairs (9 Pairs)

1 1 1 Dee Ann Gretz – Selma Sawaya

Tues Open Pairs (42 Pairs)

1 Annie Schwartz – Alan Schwartz

2 1 1 Rick Uhrig – Bill Haskitt

Tues Gold Rush Pairs (56 Pairs)

1 Paul Mohler – John Graf

2 Joan O'Neill – Phyllis Schultze

1 Olga Gavrik – Ellen Simonoff

Tues Aft 499er Pairs (18 Pairs)

1 Alice Burin – Gary Burin

2 Chris Betsold – Kimberlee Grindstaff

Tues Eve 499er Pairs (9 Pairs)

2 Farida Mazhar – Gilda Rotman

1 Alice Burin – Gary Burin

Tues Eve Swiss Teams (12 Teams)1 1 Paul Mohler – John Graf - Olga Gavrik –
Ellen Simonoff**Mon-Tues KO Bkt #3 (8 Teams)**1 Alan Munro – James Dahlberg – Joyce
Currie – Amy Brisson2 Glenn Terrell – Dorothy Terrell – William
Leishear – Doug Lahammer**Tues Round Robin (9 Teams)**1 Pat Tylander – Judy Retchin – Dorothy
Hand – Francis Bizzoco2 Jay Simon – Georgette Weiss – Maureen
Brines – Phyllis Morgan**Wed AM 499er Pairs (20 Pairs)**

1 1 Linda Lee Harp – Philippa Radin

2 2 1 Chris Betsold – Phyllis Peterson

Wed A/X Pairs (34 Pairs)

2 1 Jay Cherlow – Eric Branfman

Wed Aft Side Game (11 Pairs)

1 1 Dean Baird – Carolyn Baird

Wed Eve 499er Pairs (7 Pairs)

2 2 Marcia McMahon – Marie Petersen

Wed Eve Swiss Teams (10 Teams)

2 1 David Goldfrank – Raman Srivastav –

Dennis Wick – Michael Salmon

Wed Eve Side Game (18 Pairs)

2 2 Sheila Ellis – Charles Ellis

Wed-Thurs KO Bkt #2 (8 Teams)

2 Betty Ladd – Mike Ladd – Jerry Nolte –

Betty Nolte

Wed-Thurs KO Bkt #3 (8 Teams)

1 Cathy McGarrigan – Ann Seeboth –

Georgette Weiss – Ross Bley

2 David Goldfrank – Katy Culp – Donna

Hickling – Francesca Mazarella

Wed-Thurs KO Bkt #4 (8 Teams)

1 Alan Munro – James Dahlberg – Joyce

Currie – Amy Brisson

Thurs AM 499er Pairs (12 Pairs)

2 1 1 Kimberlee Grindstaff – Marie Petersen

Thurs Aft Side Game (26 Pairs)

2 2 Catherine Bardsley – Fred Gramlich

1 Noi West – Marguerite Salah

Thurs Eve Side Game (28 Pairs)

1 Jim Wakefield – Ken Davis

2 Ron Kral – Amy Brisson

1 Noi West – Marguerite Salah

Thurs Aft 499er Pairs (20 Pairs)

1 1 1 Florence Levine – Linda Goldberg

2 2 2 Phyllis Peterson – Marie Petersen

Thurs Eve 499er Pairs (19 Pairs)

2 Georgia Booker – Marjorie Goode

Fri AM Side Game (14 Pairs)

2/3 Barbara Pepelko – William Pepelko

Fri AM 499er Pairs (18 Pairs)

1 1 1 Florence Levine – Paul Levine

Fri A/X Pairs (32 Pairs)

1 Marty Nelson – Gil Cohen

2 Jay Kelkar – Andy Gofreed

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Parade of Winners

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Fri Gold Rush Pairs (46 Pairs)

2 1 Nooreen Razi – Syed Khan

Fri Aft 499er Pairs (10 Pairs)

2 Pam Bacher – Marcia McMahon

Fri Eve Swiss (8 Teams)

2 Noi West – Marguerite Salah – Phil Theis
Jeanne Theis

Fri Eve Side Game (14 Pairs)

2 Amanda Carter – Hal Jones Jr

Fri-Sat KO Bkt #2 (8 Teams)

1 Sorina Negulescu – Michael Osborn – Joe
Hertz – David Fleischer

Fri-Sat KO Bkt #4 (8 Teams)

2 Glenn Terrell – Dorothy Terrell – William
Leishear – Doug Lahammer

Fri-Sat KO Bkt #5 (8 Teams)

1 Johnny Marsh – Jane Marsh – Bob
Leedom – Jacque Leedom
2 Howard Stevens – Helen Marek – Cathy
Walton–Stephen Parker

Sat AM 499er Pairs (16 Pairs)

1 1 1 Victor Poon – John Graf

Sat A/X Swiss (12 Teams)

2 Deb Dhar – John Christensen – Richard
Price – Melissa Price

Sat B/C/D Swiss Teams (13 Teams)

1/2 1 Alan Munro – Bud Morgan – James
Dahlberg – Robert O’Hora

Sat Eve Swiss (14 Teams)

1/2 Deb Dhar – John Christensen – Richard
Price – Hank Meyer

1/2 1 Harry Potter – James Mosley – Shirley
Churchill – Carolyn Wood

2 2 Joan Axilbund – Ellen Haines – John Graf
Paul Mohler

Sun A/X/Y Swiss Teams (23 Teams)

2 Ron Spieker – Linda Marshall – Bob
Levey – Eric Branfman

2 M Webster Ewell – Michael Klein –
Monique Smith – Merrill Hirsh

Sun Fit B Bracketed Teams Bkt #1 (12 Teams)

2 John McCormick – Terry Klein – Dale
Sanders – Eleanor Schwartz

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

2/3 Glenn Terrell – Dottie Terrell – Mike Ladd
Betty Ladd

Sun Fit B Bracketed Teams Bkt #3 (7 Teams)

2 Alan Munro – Bud Morgan – James
Dahlberg – Robert O’Hora

Sun Fit B Bracketed Teams Bkt #4 (7 Teams)

1 David Espo – William Lowry – Chris
Napjus – George Napjus



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I did not receive the singleton club lead but got the ♥A instead. After felling my ♥K, South switched to a spade at trick two. I duplicated Brian Senior's play of creating a spade entry in dummy by unblocking the ♠K from my hand when North won the ♠A. If my North had returned a heart, the deal would have been completely palindromic to Brian Senior's play, but this North mercilessly ruined my palindrome and returned a spade. I won the ♠J in dummy, and successfully ran the ♦Q. When I played the ♦J, North did not cover. If he had covered, I would have had to adopt the same play that Senior did—play ♣J to ♣A (collecting the ♣8 along the way) and run the ♣7 from dummy. As I remained in dummy, I didn't need South's singleton to be the ♣8. I took a first-round club finesse by playing a club to the jack, played a club back to the ace, and a further club to the 10, for the same 11 tricks.

More Halloween participants....



Georgia and Sylvester Booker, looking *trés distingué*



Sheila and Chuck Ellis, sporting their own version of chic

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Bridge Heroes Longest Day (week) brings in \$33,565.00.

Thanks to the entire local bridge community for your incredible generosity in donating \$33,565 to the Alzheimer's Association during "The Longest Day" (week). We finished in sixth place out of all the ACBL teams that participated this year in "The Longest Day."

A tremendous amount of work went into the success of this year's Longest Day (week), and I want to thank my incredible leadership team: Ann Atcheson (treasurer), Marty Bley (volunteer bridge player auction coordinator), Ron Kral (overall auction coordinator), Anita Lancaster (club contact/raffle coordinator), David Lindley (publicity coordinator), Georgette Weiss (food coordinator), and David Goldfrank, Joan White, Elizabeth Huffman, and Gale Rogers (goods and services auction coordinators). In addition I want to thank all of the club contacts who were invaluable to our success: Howard Bender, Julia Brown, Sandy Carroll, Joyce Currie, Dale Dallaire, Brenda Egeland, Sheila Ellis, Marlene Gross, Karen Hoffman, Susan Hutsell, Becky Kilbourne, Kathy Koch, Shirley Lafferty, Lucy McCoy, Pat Nevin, Tami Reitan, Gale Rogers, Eileen Street, Sharon Suttan, and Diane Woodworth.

I'd also like to give credit to the following individuals who raised very substantial amounts through individual fundraising on the Alzheimer's Association Bridge Heroes webpage: Sandy Carroll, Anita Lancaster, Julie Marquette and Margaret Storey, as well as to all the others who raised smaller but still helpful amounts.

The Volunteer Player bidding was highly successful this year, and I want to thank in alphabetical order all those who participated: Bob Bell, Marty Bley, Peter Boyd, Bob Boyd, Jay Chel-low, Ellen Cherniavsky, Dale Dallaire, Ken Davis, Bobby Gookin, Margot Hennings, Hal Hindman, Robbie Hopkins, Enid Hughes, Fred King, Ron Kral, Rusty Krauss, Marshall Kuschner, Terry Lavender, Vonnie Lavender, Joan Lewis, Linda Marshall, Hank Meyer, Beth Palmer, Bill Pettis, Steve Robinson, David Rodney, Jeff Roman, Steve Schatzow, Kenton Schoen, Alan Schwartz, Sylvia Shi, Monique Smith, Marcia Stein, Sumner Steinfeldt, Shawn Stringer, Brad Theurer, Mark Tonnesen, and Jim Wakefield.

Next, I want to thank all the bridge directors who held Longest Day games supporting Bridge Heroes during the longest week in alphabetical order: Marty Bley, Helen Brittell, Brenda Egeland, Jim Gerding, Marilyn Golias, Candy Kuschner, Marshall Kuschner, Kay Markell, Kevin O'Brien, Dave Rubin, Gene Schuyler, and Louise Sellers. We also want to thank all those many directors who collected monetary donations during their games, allowed raffle tickets to be sold at their games and Top Player/Silent Auction items to be displayed at their game.

Finally we want to thank both Rusty Krauss and Mark Tonnesen for super generous donations that helped with food and more at the events, and also all the donors for the Silent Auction:

Anthony's Restaurant: \$20 gift certificate
Arties/Great American Restaurants: \$75 gift certificate
Bed Bath & Beyond (Plus): \$20 Gift Card
Beyond Nails Salon and Spa: \$16 gift certificate
Bowl America: gift certificate for 6 people, 2 games and beer
Brio Tuscan Grille Fair Oaks Mall: \$25 gift certificate
Brio Tuscan Grille Tysons Corner Mall: \$50 gift certificate
Brion's Grille: two \$15 gift certificates
Cafe Renaissance: \$25 gift certificate
California Pizza Kitchen: \$15 gift certificate

Dish Garden: \$60 dish garden
Dogfish Head Alehouse Greenbrier: \$25 gift certificate
Duck Donuts: \$16 gift certificate
Duck Chang's Restaurant: \$25 gift certificate
Fat Tuesday's N'awlins Saloons: \$25 gift certificate
Gathering Grounds Café: five \$10 gift certificates
Giant Foods: three \$25 gift certificates
Glory Days Grill: five \$10 gift certificates
GMU Center for the Arts: 2 ticket \$150 gift certificate
Gordon Biersch Brewing Company: \$25 gift

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certificate

Harris Teeter: three \$10 gift cards

International House of Pancakes: \$50 gift certificate

La Cote d'Or Cafe: \$30 gift certificate

La Sandia Mexican Kitchen & Bar: \$25 gift certificate

Lash Jolie beauty studio: \$50 gift certificate

McLean Family Restaurant: \$50 gift certificate

Oh George! Taphouse: two \$25 gift certificates

Olive Garden Restaurant: \$40 gift certificate

Ornery Beer Public House: \$25 gift certificate

Ozzies/Great American Restaurants: \$25 gift certificate

P.F. Chang's Chinese Restaurant: two \$25 gift certificates

Peter Chang Szechuan Restaurant: \$20 gift certificate

Pie Tanza gourmet wood-fired pizza: \$50 gift certificate

Massage Envy: \$100 Facial gift certificate

Massage Envy: \$100 Massage gift certificate

Pot Belly Sandwich Works: four 2 sandwich

\$15 gift certificates

Pure Chiropractic: \$65 chiropractic gift bag

Safeway Supermarket: \$20 gift certificate

Silverado/Great American Restaurants: \$50 gift certificate

Tempo Restaurant: \$50 Sunday Brunch gift certificate

The Auld Shebeen (Pub): \$25 gift certificate

The Wine House Bistro: \$25 gift certificate

Trader Joe's Grocery: \$50 gift certificate

Trader Joe's: \$50 favorite snacks gift bag

Universal Mall Theater: three sets of \$20 gift certificates for 4 people

Uno Pizzeria & Grill: two \$10 gift certificates

VCA University Veterinary Clinic: \$200 cat basket

VCA University Veterinary Clinic: \$200 dog basket

Whole Foods Supermarket: \$39 Festive Gift Basket

Whole Foods Supermarket: \$50 gift certificate

In addition, many NVBA members contributed items for the Silent Auction:

Private tour of the Kreeger Museum and lunch: contributed by Nancy Arnold

3 Novels: *Don't Speak*, *The Rule of Law*, *The Divide*: contributed by Julia Brown

Crocheted Afghan 45" Circular lap throw: made by Barbara DiCicco

Crocheted Afghan 50" x 64" Beige: made by Barbara DiCicco

Crocheted Afghan 42" x 60" Moroccan tiles: made by Barbara DiCicco

Green Malachite Necklace & Earrings 25": made by Sharon Douaire

Handmade Baby Quilt 46" x 36": made by Mary Ann Kral

\$50 Silver Diner Gift Card: contributed by Anita Lancaster

Paella Cooking Set: contributed by Anita Lancaster

Handmade blue stone choker 15.5" to 19": created by Cynthia Larré

Handmade Purple Heart Quilt 65" x 65": made by Betty Ladd

Uncertainty: *The Struggle for the Soul of Physics* (six copies): contributed by David Lindley

Handmade 20 oz. Tumbler for hot or cold drinks: contributed by Margo Raines

It really does take a village! We should all feel extremely proud of the money we raised to fight Alzheimer's Disease. I apologize in advance if I've forgotten to thank anyone. All help was very much appreciated.

Katy Culp

Bridge Heroes Team Leader



SILVER SPRING, MD
JANUARY 16-19, 2020

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1000 Forest Glen Rd, Silver Spring, MD **Friday-Sunday only**

NOTES

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

Presidential Tournament — January 16-19, 2020

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

EVENT SCHEDULE

THURSDAY, JANUARY 16

- ♣ Stratiflighted A/X (unlim/2000) & B/C/D (1000/500/300) Pairs 11:15 am
Rockville Duplicate Bridge Club, 301-503-3348 (Mark Lavine)
Check the club website for location: <http://www.rockvilledbc.com/>
- ♦ Stratiflighted A/X (unlim/4000) & B/C/D (2500/1500/750) Pairs (*both sites*),
Intermediate/Newcomer (500/300/100) Pairs (*Ohr Kodesh*),
Stratified 199er (200/100/50) Pairs (*Beth El*), & 0-20 Pairs (*both sites*)
Beth El Hebrew Congregation, 3830 Seminary Road, Alexandria, VA 7 pm
Ohr Kodesh Congregation, No outside food allowed. 7:30 pm
8300 Meadowbrook Ln., Chevy Chase, MD

FRIDAY, JANUARY 17

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

SATURDAY, JANUARY 18

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

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

SUNDAY, JANUARY 19

- ♥ 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;
Multiple overalls in each bracket.
- ♦ 500/300/100 Swiss Teams, VPs 11 am, 3 pm



WinterSectional

Fairfax, VA – February 20–23, 2020

FEB 20
THURSDAY

at Knights of Columbus (Gene's Game)
10:30 am **Stratified Open Pairs**
2000+/2000/750
Limited Pairs 1000/500/200

at Beth El (NVBA Unit Game)
7:00 pm **Strataflighted Open Pairs**
A/X: 4000+/4000
B/C: 2500/1500/750
199er Pairs 200/100/50
Newcomer Pairs 0–20

at Ohr Kodesh (WBI Unit Game)
7:30 pm **Strataflighted Open Pairs**
A/X: 4000+/4000
B/C: 2500/1500/750
499er Pairs 500/300/100
Newcomer Pairs 0–20

FEB 21
FRIDAY

at Knights of Columbus (Gene's Game)
9:30 am **Stratified Open Pairs**
2000+/2000/750
Limited Pairs
600/300/100 (NLM only)

at Elks Lodge
2:00 pm **Strataflighted Open Pairs**
A/X: 3000+/3000
B/C: 2000/750
499er Pairs 500/300/100
99er Pairs 100/50/20

7:30 pm **Triple Nickel Swiss Teams**
5 rounds, 5 boards, 5 minutes a board
499er Pairs 500/300/100

FEB 22
SATURDAY

at Elks Lodge
Win upgraded (more!) masterpoints today!

10:30 am **Margot & Don Hennings Trophy Pairs**
2 sessions: Qualifying & Barometer Final

10:30 am **Stratified Open Pairs**
2000+/2000/750
499er Pairs 500/300/100
99er Pairs 100/50/20

3:00 pm **Stratified Consolation Pairs**
2000+/2000/750
open to non-qualifiers and new entrants
499er Pairs 500/300/100

FEB 23
SUNDAY

at Elks Lodge
10:30 am **Flight A/X Swiss Teams**
& TBD 6000+/6000
Bracketed Flight B Teams
No single player > 3000
Teams bracketed by average of total team masterpoints; three overall places in each.

There will be a brief break between sessions with food available for purchase on site.

10:30 am **499er Swiss Teams** 500/300/100
99er Swiss Teams 100/50/20

2:30 pm **499er Swiss Teams** 500/300/100

On-site snack bar! Plenty of free treats!
Box lunch available for pre-order Saturday and Sunday.
Silver points awarded for all events!

Plenty of free parking at all locations!
Arlington/Fairfax Elks Lodge #2188
8421 Arlington Blvd, Fairfax VA

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Beth El Hebrew Congregation
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Ohr Kodesh Congregation
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Next NVBA Sectional:
April 30 - May 3, 2020 at Elks Lodge

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Intermediate/Novice
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on reverse

www.nvba.org

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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 limited to 500 MP or less will be stratified based on attendance.

Conventions Allowed:
A/X Open+ **100-750** Basic+
Strtf'd & 750-3000 Open **< 100** Basic



WinterSectional

Fairfax, VA – February 20–23, 2020

NVBA Warmly Welcomes Novices — Intermediates — Newcomers

Silver points awarded for all events!

0-5 masterpoints? Play for free!

Thursday, February 20

at Knights of Columbus (Gene's Game)

10:30 am **Limited Pairs** 1000/500/200

at Beth El (NVBA Unit Game)

6:30pm **Seminar**

7:00 pm **199er Pairs** 200/100/50

Newcomer Pairs 0-20

at Ohr Kodesh (WBL Unit Game)

7:00 pm **Seminar**

7:30 pm **499er Pairs** 500/300/100

Newcomer Pairs 0-20

Friday, February 21

at Knights of Columbus (Gene's Game)

9:30 am **Limited Pairs**
600/300/100 (NLM only)

at Elks Lodge

1:15 pm **Seminar**

2:00 pm **499er Pairs** 500/300/100

99er Pairs 100/50/20

7:30 pm **499er Pairs** 500/300/100

Saturday, February 22

at Elks Lodge

10:30 am **499er Pairs** 500/300/100
99er Pairs 100/50/20

2:15 pm **Seminar**

3:00 pm **499er Pairs** 500/300/100

Sunday, February 23

at Elks Lodge

10:30 am **499er Swiss Teams** 500/300/100

99er Swiss Teams 100/50/20

2:30 pm **499er Swiss Teams** 500/300/100

NVBA welcomes players of all levels at our tournaments. We especially welcome novices, intermediates and newcomers with special games catered to their playing level. We proudly offer our seminar series for those interested in expanding their knowledge of the game.

Guaranteed Partners

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Seminars

Thursday, 6:30 @ Beth El

To Be Determined (check www.nvba.org)

Marty Bley

Thursday, 7:00 @ Ohr Kodesh

Responses to Opening NT

Rochelle Cohen

Friday, 1:15 @ Elks Lodge

Pass, Invite or Bid Game? Run the Numbers!

Ron Kral

Saturday, 2:15 @ Elks Lodge

Competitive Bidding: Two-Suited Bids and Responses

Ron Kral

Plenty of free parking at all locations!

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Next NVBA Sectional:

April 30 – May 3, 2020 at Elks Lodge

see reverse for full event schedule

NVBA Club Games *Full details at 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
	Kay Markell	1:00 pm: Leesburg Senior Center, Open
	Bill DeGraf	6:30 pm: The Fairfax, Fort Belvoir, Open
	Kevin O'Brien	6:30 pm: Goodwin House, Bailey's Crossroads
Tues.	Livingston Johnson	10:30 am: Salvation Army, Fairfax, Open & 0-499
	Candy Kuschner	10:30 am: KOCH, Open & 0-750
	Brenda Egeland	6:30 pm: Hampton Inn, Gainesville, Open (reservations required)
	Marilyn Golias	7:00 pm: Mt Tabor, Vienna, Open
	Edna Mae Trevey	7:15 pm: Army Navy Country Club, Open
Weds	William Zane	10:00 am: Aurora Hills Senior Center, Open
	Gene Schuyler	10:30 am: St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, Open & NLM
	Livingston Johnson	11 am: Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Fairfax, Open
	Helen Brettel	1 pm: Emmanuel Episcopal Church, Middleburg, Open
	Bill DeGraf	1 pm: The Fairfax, Fort Belvoir, Open
	Marshall Kuschner	7 pm: NoVa Hebrew Congregation, Reston, Open & 499er
Thurs.	Marty Bley	10:30 am: Camp Springs Masonic Center, Open
	Kevin O'Brien	10:30 am: KOCH, Open & 0-500
	Livingston Johnson	10:30 am: Vienna DBC, Sun Trust Bank, Open
	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, Open
	William Zane	10 am: Madison Community Center
	Kay Markell	1 pm: Leesburg Senior Center, Open
Sat	Lenore Ward	1 pm: Lansdowne Woods Clubhouse, Open
Sun.	Marty Bley	1 pm: Beth El, Open
	Kevin O'Brien	1 pm: Elks Lodge, Open (reservations required)
	Marilyn Golias	1 pm: The Virginian, Rte 50 (reservations required)

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