

Annual Meeting, Election and Bridge – May 17

PLEASE NOTE: Annual Meeting is at Beth El this year – not KOCH

Circle May 17 on your calendars. That is when the NVBA is holding its Annual Meeting, awards night and elections for the Board. We'll gather starting at 5:30 p.m. at the Beth El Hebrew Congregation, 3830 Seminary Road, Alexandria, Virginia. The evening will start with a dinner, which is free for NVBA members (\$7.00 for non-members). Voting will take place during the meal, which will be followed at 6:30 p.m. by the Annual Meeting. Following the Treasurer's report and a "State of the Unit" report, new Life Masters will be recognized, and the NVBA President will present the Mini-McKenney and Ace of Clubs awards in each category, as well as the trophies for NVBA Man and Woman of the Year, the Rush Buckley award, the NVBA Rookie of the Year, and the fourth annual Dave Murray award.

After the annual meeting ends, circa 7:30 p.m., the tenth annual Pat Eyman Strawberry Pairs will be held. It will be a Strataflighted Unit Championship Charity game. Flight A/X (3000+/0-3000) will be a separate game from the Flight B (500-2000)/C (0-500) game. We will also run a 0-199 game, and a separate 0-5 game if enough players come who fall in that category. The fee for the charity game is \$8.00. New Life Masters and players with 0-5 MPs play for free.

The offices of President and Secretary, and four Executive Director positions are up for election. All candidates who have not yet declared their candidacy must have a petition signed by 20 NVBA members submitted to the Nominating Committee of Carole

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Of Special Interest:

- Gatlinburg, TN-REGIONAL, Apr. 9-15
- NVBA Sectional, Apr. 19-22
- GNT 0-5000 Qualifiers, Apr. 28-29, May 5-6
- WBL Sectional, May 3-6
- International Fund, daytime game, May 9
- Annual Meeting, May 17
- Richmond, VA REGIONAL, May 22-28
- Worldwide Instant MP game, evening, Jun. 1
- Worldwide Instant MP game, afternoon, Jun. 2
- District 6 STaC, Jun. 11-17
- Bethesda, MD REGIONAL, Jul. 2-8

President's Message

By Leo Cardillo



The March winds continue to howl relentlessly, but the bitter cold and snow and freezing rain of late February is a fading memory. Even as the temperatures dip once more into the high teens for another bout with this hot and cold winter, I remain confident that Spring is just around the corner. Bring on the heat and humidity of Summer – this President is no friend of winter!

But February was not just marked by severe weather. The William Poissant Sectional ushered in 453.5 tables! As Doug Grove wryly noted at the microphone that Saturday, this table count was the highest ever in the 21st century! The Board and all of the volunteers and professional staff, and you the loyal membership, all deserve a standing ovation for increasing the playing numbers and nurturing the excellent, competitive and friendly playing atmosphere at the Sectionals and the Unit Game. Beyond the sheer increase in attendance and competitive spirit to yet again another record level, the proportion of 199er players was also increased to record levels. And finally, the NVBA policy of permitting 0-5 master point players to play for free at all NVBA events brought forth a slew of “newbies” to the tables. In this latter regard, the efforts of Jim Sandefur at Georgetown University’s Bridge Club in bringing out a bunch of excited and talented new college players to the Sectional were repeated from our November 2006 Sectional when they first ventured out to play “real” duplicate bridge. Good show, Jim! We hope to see you all again at our April Sectional, the last Sectional to be held at the Knights of Columbus location.

Perhaps the true icing on this marvelous attendance “cake” was the presence of David Soukup at the Sectional and at subsequent Unit Games. David, accompanied by his father, Ray, is nine years old and is a fifth grader at Barcroft Elementary School in Arlington. David began his interest in bridge by reading the newspaper column, and John Mason gets the credit for bringing this wonderful young player and his father to the NVBA. A number of NVBA volunteers are working to continue to support David’s playing needs and education. In addition, I’d like to mention WBL member Suzanne Abrams’ continued excellent results at Garfield Elementary School where 17 fourth and fifth graders compete ferociously for cookie prizes every Friday. And, of course, there is Thomas Jefferson High School and my sixth year with that Bridge Club of 16 tables of high school players every Friday, with Nancy Cartwright providing vital assistance to me. Life is good.

The Annual Meeting will be held at Beth El this year on 17 May, as NVBA brings to a close its long-standing relationship with the Knights of Columbus Hall (KOCH) in Arlington. As I wrote in my last column, the NVBA was simply not able to afford the dramatic increase in rental fees that were demanded by KOCH management. In its place, the NVBA has secured a contract with the Arlington Elks Lodge # 2188, which is located on Route 50, just west of the 495 Beltway, going towards Fairfax. We will begin holding Sectionals there in September. The Annual Meeting will include an election of four Board members, some who are up for re-election, and some of whom are new to

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Upcoming NVBA Games & Special Events

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| Apr. 5 | Beth El 7:00 Stratified Unit Championship |
| Apr. 12 | Beth El 7:00 Stratified Unit Championship |
| Apr. 19 | KOCH 7:00 NVBA Sectional (at KOCH) |
| Apr. 26 | Beth El 7:00 Stratified District-wide Charity Pairs |
| May 3 | Beth El 7:00 WBL Sectional |
| May 10 | Beth El 7:00 Stratified Unit Championship |
| May 17 | Beth El 7:00 Stratiflighted Charity Game (Annual Meeting) |
| May 24 | Beth El 7:00 Stratified Club Championship Pairs |
| May 31 | Beth El 7:00 LM / Non-LM Pairs (Upgraded Club Champ.) |
| Each pair has an LM & a NLM. Separate side game as needed. | |
| Jun. 7 | Beth El 7:00 Stratified North American Pairs (NAP) |
| Jun. 14 | Beth El 7:00 Stratified STaC Pairs |
| Jun. 21 | Beth El 7:00 Stratiflighted Unit Championship |
| Jun. 28 | Beth El 7:00 Stratified North American Pairs (NAP) |
| Jul. 5 | Beth El 7:00 Game closed – Bethesda REGIONAL |

Stratification Limits:

Open Stratified Games: 0-750, 750-2000, 2000+
 Stratiflighted Games: A/X: 0-3000/3000+; B/C: 0-750, 750-2000
 All NVBA Unit Games include a separate Stratified 199er game.
Players with 0-5 MPs play FREE in every NVBA event.

For the North American Pairs qualifying games, the stratification is:
 0-500 (NLM), 500-2000, 2000+.
 For the June STaC pair games, the stratification is: 0-500, 500-1500, 1500+

Flight A (0-5000) GNT District qualifier event is scheduled for April 28-29.
Second weekend for teams that qualify is scheduled for May 5-6.

Upcoming Sectionals

NVBA

April 19-22, 2007
 September 6-9, 2007
 October 18-21, 2007

WBL

May 3-6, 2007
 August 9-12, 2007
 October 4-7, 2007

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the NVBA Board. I welcome all the new candidates, and I encourage all of you to consider service on the Board. The election details and candidate bios are included in this Newsletter (starting on the front page).

Kathryn Kiley and John Mason are two Board members who will not be staying with the Board. Kathryn has served many years on the Board and is also the Tournament Co-Chair with Margot Hennings for the Sectionals. In addition, Kathryn has served in that same capacity, again with Margot, for the Alexandria Regional, and helped co-chair the Washington Nationals in 2002. While Kathryn will continue to serve as a Sectional Tournament Co-Chair, the Board will miss her expertise and excellent judgement that she has so generously contributed over these many years of Board service. Kathryn, thanks for all your long and expert support to the Board!

John Mason will also be stepping down after two years of Board service, and, like Kathryn, John will continue to serve in several volunteer capacities. John will remain as the Co-Website guru with the venerable Sumner Steinfeldt, and I am counting on his continued excellent support to the 199er and 0-5 Games, as his schedule permits. John, thanks from all the Board for your excellent support to the NVBA!

Looking even further ahead, the much-anticipated and annual Life Master/Non-Life Master (LM/NLM) game will be held on May 31, with Ron Kral providing pre-arranged partnerships, based on your advance notification to him that you intend to play. In a further effort to promote this annual merging of the Open and 199er playing populations, the Board has voted to make this a FREE night for all participants! Many of us believe that the LM/NLM game is a critical component in promoting the future growth and vitality of the NVBA playing membership. I ask all of the LM's to take one Thursday night in their schedule and donate it to this fun-filled, non-competitive evening of bridge! You won't regret the experience and this is an opportunity for you to forever alter and improve the playing future of a non-LM. I remember most clearly the night that, as a non-LM, I played with now WBL President Fred King (Lucy was making the partnerships that night), an unknown "Knight on a White Horse" to this then 100 master point NLM. The "quiet knight" softly and subtly and gently guided this newbie to a 65% performance and a first overall (who said it was "non-competitive"?), and I was confirmed as a staunch supporter for the LM/NLM event! I suspect that doing partnerships for the LM/NLM game has also greatly encouraged me to fully support the Guaranteed Partner Initiative, which is similar, in that we match players who haven't played together before, at the Thursday night Unit game (and at Sectionals). I know that these techniques work and help to slowly, but surely increase the playing numbers, enjoyment and development of the NVBA membership. I hope that all the LMs and NLMs will be out in force on May 31!!

See you at the tables!!

Leo

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Grob and Kathryn Kiley or to NVBA Secretary Marge Gazzola no later than May 3 in order to get their name on the ballot. Absentee ballots will be available after May 3 for any member who will miss the election and would like to vote. You may apply for an absentee ballot by writing to the Membership Secretary, Norma Pierzchala, at 2200 Columbia Pike, #1006, Arlington, VA 22204, or e-mail her at normattp@verizon.net. Ballots must be returned to Norma by noon, May 17.

The dinner, the annual meeting and awards to our top players in all categories, the election, and bridge will make this a fun evening for everyone...Please join us.

The Candidates for NVBA Officers and Executive Director positions are:

**Leo Cardillo***Candidate for President*

The four years have passed quickly since I was first elected to be President of the NVBA in May 2003. I have decided to run for a third term in order to continue and further develop the work and programs that have been so successful over these last four years. I also want to continue my direct support and leadership to my fellow Board members and all the excellent staff and volunteers that work tirelessly on behalf of the NVBA membership. Much has been accomplished, but there is still much to do. I would be pleased to be part of the Board as those future challenges and opportunities are met. I ask for your support so that I can continue the momentum and success of these last four years.

**Marge Gazzola***Candidate for Secretary*

I'm running for a second term as NVBA Board Secretary. I've loved the game of bridge since I was 16 and have thoroughly enjoyed playing duplicate bridge in Northern Virginia since I retired as a computer professional. I'm a Silver Life Master and a regular supporter of the Unit Game. In my work as Secretary I record and publish Board meeting minutes and keep permanent records of all Board business and documents. I also serve as the electronic liaison between the ACBL, the Board and NVBA clubs. I would welcome the opportunity to continue in this position. I'll support the efforts of our hard-working and dedicated Board to provide a quality bridge environment for our members. I would like to see our games and tournaments continue to grow and thrive, and I encourage NVBA members to volunteer their efforts toward this goal.

**Ed Brawn***Candidate for Board of Directors*

I am a retired Foreign Service officer who just started playing duplicate bridge four years ago. I enjoy the game very much and believe that we should all support the NVBA as much as we can. I have no particular agenda in running for the Board other than to bring the fresh insight of a newer player and to promote the growth

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and health of duplicate bridge in Northern Virginia.



Herb Fallin, Jr.

Candidate for Board of Directors

Before discovering the good life, I worked for the Department of Defense and taught part time. Overseas postings gave me the opportunity to play bridge in England, Hawaii, Belgium and Holland with different systems and in different languages. I haven't missed my first job for a heartbeat. I have been a member of ACBL for 40 years and would be happy to serve on the NVBA Board.

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Bruce Houston

Candidate for Board of Directors

I am currently an Administrative Law Judge with the U.S. Postal Service. This is career #2, after 25 years as an Air Force Judge Advocate. I have been playing semi-serious bridge in Northern Virginia for about ten years. Having been a beneficiary of the hard work of the many others who have served the Unit during that time, I welcome the opportunity to contribute to the Unit's continued success.



Ron Kral

Candidate for Board of Directors

I've been on the NVBA board for three terms now and have devoted much of my efforts to bringing more intermediate/newcomer players into NVBA events. I give informative lectures before the Thursday Unit game and serve as one of the Directors of that game. These efforts, along with bridge classes I've taught in the past, are beginning to pay off, as our 0-199er and 0-299er sections at the Unit game and Sectionals, respectively, are increasing in attendance, reversing a countrywide trend. I'd like to stay on the board another term to continue to nurture and grow our up and coming players.



Paul Krueger

Candidate for Board of Directors

During my last two years as an Executive Director of the NVBA I have tried to represent the interests of those members who have fewer than 1,000 MP. My own bridge experience is fairly wide, and I try to bring it to bear at the NVBA Board meetings. Since returning to bridge in 2000, after a 35-year absence, I have become a Bronze Life Master, represented District 6 at the "C Level" in both the North American Pairs and Grand National Teams, qualified as a director, was accredited as a teacher of EasyBridge!, actively supported the Unit I/N initiative, and was the owner/director of a bridge club in Falls Church. I believe this broad experience makes me well qualified to represent the many interests of NVBA members with under 1,000 MPs.

Upcoming 199er Unit Games

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| Apr. 5 | Beth El 7:00 199er Pairs Game |
| Apr. 12 | Beth El 7:00 199er Pairs Game |
| Apr. 19 | KOCH 7:00 NVBA Sectional – 199er Pairs Game |
| Apr. 26 | Beth El 7:00 District-wide Charity Pairs – 199er Pairs Game |
| May 3 | Beth El 7:00 WBL Sectional – 199er Pairs Game |
| May 10 | Beth El 7:00 199er Pairs Game |
| May 17 | Beth El 7:00 Annual Meeting – 199er Charity Pairs Game |
| May 24 | Beth El 7:00 199er Pairs Game & 199er Birthday Party |
| May 31 | Beth El 7:00 Life Master/Non-Life Master Pairs Game (upgraded Club Championship) |
| Jun. 7 | Beth El 7:00 199er Pairs Game or 199ers may “play up” in the Flight C strat of the North American Pairs qualifying game |
| Jun. 14 | Beth El 7:00 STaC - 199er Pairs Game |
| Jun. 21 | Beth El 7:00 199er Pairs Game |
| Jun. 28 | Beth El 7:00 199er Pairs Game or 199ers may “play up” in the Flight C strat of the North American Pairs qualifying game |
| Jul. 5 | Game closed – Bethesda REGIONAL |

Stratification Limits:

All NVBA Unit Games include a separate Stratified 199er game.
Players with 0-5 MPs play FREE in every NVBA events.
 The North American Pairs Flight C strat is for non-Life Masters with 0-500 MPs.

For information on Tournaments – Cancellations – Special Events – Club game
 NVBA on the Internet: <http://www.nvba.org>
 NVBA Bridge Information Line: 703-204-0848
 NVBA Partnership Cell Phone: 703-869-0852.

Parade of Winners

SILVER SPRING, MD WBL SECTIONAL January 4-7, 2007

Thurs. B/C/D Pairs (52 Pairs)

- 1 1 1 Susan Miskura – Dennis Schwanz
- 2 2 Silas Wasserstrom – Michael Gottesman
- 2 Carl Noller – Francesco Parisi-Presicce

Thurs@NVBA 0-199er Pairs (26 Pairs)

- 1 Rod Spicer – Peggy Mc Carter
- 2 Paula Cloyd – Tom Feick
- 2 1 Barbara Hodges – William Hughes
- 2 Pat Lonergan – Tom Lonergan

Fri. AM Open Pairs (46 Pairs)

- 2 Monica Shumann – Susan Slattery

Fri. Eve. IMP Teams (22 Teams)

- 1 Katherine Rabenstein – Albert Phillips – Prah Rajkumar – Raghavendra Rajkumar

Fri. Eve. NLM Pairs (15 Pairs)

- 2 2 Blair Curry – Judith Curry

Sat. A/X Pairs (35 Pairs)

- 2 1 Linda Marshall – Monique Smith

Sat. AM B/C/D Pairs (70 Pairs)

- 2 2 1 Michael Goldman – William Mendez, Jr.

Sat. AM 0-50 Pairs (10 Pairs)

- 1 Tom Lonergan – Pat Lonergan
- 1 Lynne Beresford – Mary Jones

Sat. Aft. B/C/D Pairs (48 Pairs)

- 1 Jackie Beecher – Juanita Fernandez

Sat. Aft. 0-300 Pairs (26 Pairs)

- 1 1 Howard Schuyler – Catherine Smith

Sun. A/X BAM (18 Teams)

- 1/2 Rusty Krauss – Barry Falgout – Robert Hopkins, Jr. – Joan Lewis
- 1 Noble Shore – Michael Gill – Raghavendra Rajkumar – Prah Rajkumar

Sun. B/C/D Swiss (27 Teams)

- 1 Deb Dhar – Jay Kelkar – Ron Kral – Shuba Dey
- 1 1 Martha Bley – Ross Bley – Joe Lentz –

Rama Kapur

- 2 James Beller – Albert Lauber – Lawrence Heinen – Ned Griffith

Sun. AM NLM Swiss (15 Teams)

- 2/4 Jose Porres – Joan White – Terry Jones – Jeff Youngen

Sun. Aft. NLM Swiss (8 Teams)

- 1 Neil Selvin – Howard Grunin – Barry Kerne – Robert Van Dyke

ARLINGTON, VA NVBA SECTIONAL February 8-11, 2007

Thurs. A/X Pairs (74 Pairs)

- 2 1 Marsha Brown – Tom Musso

Thurs. Eve. B/C Pairs (59 Pairs)

- 2 Gloria Halstead – Francesco Parisi-Presicce

Thurs. 199er@NVBA (32 Pairs)

- 2 2 1 Larry Taylor – Henry Ruempler
- 2 Catharine Fisher – John Fisher

Fri. Aft. Open Pairs (60 Pairs)

- 2 Mickey Hughes – Andre L'Heureux
- 2 Madison Schepps – Elizabeth Schepps

Fri. Aft. 299er Pairs (34 Pairs)

- 1 1 1 Rod Spicer – Peggy McCarter
- 2 2 Pat Lonergan – James Biss
- 2 William Hughes – Barbara Hodges

Fri. Eve. Open Pairs (48 Pairs)

- 1 Tom Musso – Charity Sack
- 2 Bruce Houston – Ken Davis
- 2 Anthony Cincotta – Lynda Flanger

Fri. Eve. 299er Pairs (12 Pairs)

- 1 1 Eric Beard – Joan White

Sat. AM Open Pairs (68 Pairs)

- 1 Bob Boyd – Carole Grob
- 2 Janet Gookin – Robert Gookin
- 1 Sam Westgate – Paul Black
- 2 1 Linda Marshall – Bala Chandran
- 2 Malvern Sheffield, Jr. – Cynthia Helms

Sat. AM 299er Pairs (24 Pairs)

- 1 1 1 Robert Hollohan – Ken Duggin
- 2 Susan Slattery – Lois Gregg
- 2 2 Sidney Graves – Jan Potter

William Poissant Trophy Pairs (24 Pairs)

- 1 James Gumbert – Ram Sarangan
- 2 Ben Brill – Bill Hacker

Sat. Aft. Side Game (72 Pairs)

- 1 Ed Lewis - Don Geerhart
- 2 Alan Gordon - Salam Saidi
- 1 John Hornbeck - Peter Mirsky

Sat. Aft. 299er Pairs (58 Pairs)

- 1 1 Jerry Nolte - Elizabeth Nolte
- 2 John Donohue - Charles Shank

Sat. Eve. 299er Pairs (10 Pairs)

- 2 Jerry Nolte - Elizabeth Nolte
- 1 John Donohue - Charles Shank

Sun. A/X BAM (11 Teams)

- 1 Steve Robinson – Peter Boyd – Bill Cole – Mark Shaw
- 2 Earl Glickstein – Fred Steinberg – Bob Bell – Dick Wegman
- 1 David Rodney – Avril Rodney – Don Hennings – Margot Hennings

Sun. B/C Swiss (34 Teams)

- 1 Leo Cardillo – Frank Cardillo – Bob Zier – Christon Johnson
- 2 Jay Kelkar – Shuba Dey – Ron Kral – Jose Cortina
- 1 Jeff Youngen – Nancy Young – Ed Brawn – Donor Lion
- 2 Martha Bley – Ross Bley – Rama Kapur – Joe Lentz

Sun. AM 299er Swiss (19 Teams)

- 1 1 Jerry Nolte – Elizabeth Nolte – Gil Krawitz – Willis Paley Hume
- 2 Neil Selvin – Howard Grunin – Barry Kerne – Robert Van Dyke
- 2/3 Kenneth Duggin – John Menzel – Robert Hollohan – William Woodward
- 2/3 Reiko Lynch – Elizabeth Copp – Judith Curry – Mary Tubbs
- 1 Sara Goodwin – Darlene Thom – John Donohue – Charles Shank
- 2 Norman Sweed – Ronnie Sweed – Tobi Bear – Susan Klaber

Sun. Aft. 299er Swiss (9 Teams)

- 1 1 Jose Porres – Joyce Currie – Jim Wildey – Roger Laumark

**WILMINGTON, NC REGIONAL
February 19-25, 2007**

Wilmington KO Bkt. 6 (16 Teams)

- 1 Jim Hunter – Aad Burghouwt – Maxine Cunningham – Berry Craven – Kevin O'Brien – Mike Frosch

Tues. AM Side Game (14 Pairs)

- 2 Richard Conley – George Green

Brunswicktown KO 4 (16 Teams)

- 2 Neal McKinney – Pauline Garrard – Suzanne Lilly – John Miles

Tues. Late Zip KO (4 Teams)

- 1 Carolyn Becraft – Nancy Loomis – Susan Slattery – Monica Shumann

Wed. Eve. BAM (52 Teams)

- 1/2 Carolyn Becraft – Nancy Loomis – Susan Slattery – Monica Shumann

Wed. Eve. 0-500 BAM Teams (17 Teams)

- 2 George Green – Ednae Trevey – Jeffrey Biggers – Patricia Hunter

Riverboat KO-5 Danube (16 Teams)

- 2 Kevin O'Brien – Mike Frosch – Aad Burghouwt – Jim Hunter – Maxine Cunningham – Berry Craven

Wed. Late Zip KO (4 Teams)

- 1 Lucy McCoy – Kathryn Kiley – Nancy Hayden – Susanne Kleeman

Thurs. Aft. Side Game (30 Pairs)

- 1 John Miles – Neal McKinney

Thurs A/X Swiss (31 Teams)

- 2 David Rodney – Avril Rodney – Margot Hennings – Donald Hennings

Thurs. Open Pairs (40 Pairs)

- 2 William Bailey – Maureen Shea

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Thurs. Late Zip KO (6 Teams)

2 Martha Lackey – Lucy McCoy –
Betty Bursey – Kathryn Kiley

Fri. Eve. Side Game (35 Pairs)

1 Neal McKinney - John Miles

Fri Late Zip KO (8 Teams)

1 Martha Lackey – Lucy McCoy –
Betty Bursey – Kathryn Kiley

Coastline Compact KO III (12 Teams)

2 Larry Gebbie – Joseph Deeb, Jr. –
Joseph Earl – Lori Lerner

Fort Fisher KO Bkt. 4 (13 Teams)

2 Kevin O'Brien – Mike Frosch –
Beverly Geurin – Ellie Clark

Sun. A/X Swiss (25 Teams)

1 David Rodney – Avril Rodney –
Margot Hennings – Donald Hennings

LM/NLM Game

It's that time of year again... Mark your calendar—May 31 is the annual NVBA Life Master/non-Life Master (LM/NLM) game. This is two weeks after the annual meeting on May 17 at Beth El Hebrew Congregation. **This year, everyone who participates in this event plays for free.** As much as possible, Ron Kral is going to match people up in advance so you know who your partner is before you arrive and can discuss bidding conventions and style. If you have a partner you'd like to bring, just let us know. We stratify the game so everyone has a chance to win. **WE NEED BOTH LMs AND NLMs** to come out for this. This is a fun event where you get to meet some new people in the “other” game. We'll have signup sheets at the annual meeting so we can get an idea of how many people plan to participate. Last year, we had too few Life Masters, so it's especially important for the LMs to sign up and support this event. Questions or want to register? Send an email to Newsletter@NVBA.org or RonKral@gmail.com or call Ron Kral at (703) 478-0077.

Some Bridge Terms* With Which You May Not Be Familiar:

SOS Redouble – An appeal to rescue you from a hopeless situation, often mistaken as an expression of satisfaction with that situation.

Masterpoints – A reward for the triumph of persistence over ability.

Post Mortem – An attempt to demonstrate that the unsuccessful play one has chosen is theoretically superior to the successful alternative one failed to notice.

Blackwood – A convention employed by players who compensate for their inability to bid intelligently by proving that they can count up to four.

Pre-empt – A bid intended to make it difficult for opponents, and impossible for partner, to play the contract.

Psychic Bid – A bid based on the dubious premise that opponents are more gullible than partner.

* Definitions taken from The Kings' Tales by Phillip and Robert King.

HAIL AND FAREWELL

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

John G. Blanche, III
Catherine M. Carlin
Dr. Michael E. Canes
Amanda E. Carter
Robert H. Dugourd
Michael P. Farris
Rochelle Hilton
Reuel O. Launcy
Debbie A. Nicholas
Joseph Nosari
Greg Pennington
Susan E. Prince
Mary Raether
Edwige Sacco
Betsy H. Summer
Susan C. Thompson
Ewing S. Walker
Abby Yager
Gay C. Yelverton

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

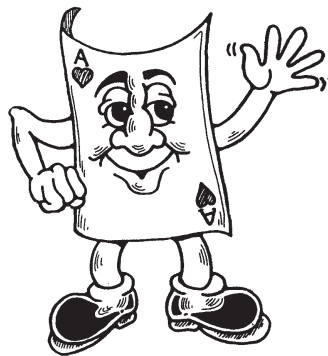
Egbert B. Abiad
James R. Bascom
Sarah M. Bascom
Susan Dubas
Anthony W. Hawks
Harold N. Marenburg
Jean W. Senseman
David A. Tepper

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

Philip F. Bach
Dr. Samir M. Badawi
Beverly A. Bertone
Paul Bubendey
Stuart L. Bunday
Sue D. Carson
Lena A. Collins
John L. Fahs, Jr.
Adrienne E. Heishman
Stanley D. Heishman
Melvin L. Lauderdale
Richard J. Mackey
David Mullins
Mary Mullins
Homa Soltany
La Quitta J. Talbot

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

Christiane Allmang
Wallace Ashby
Sally Bear
Maxine Ginsburg
Mary Schwerdtfeger
Joan Shields



A Grand Finale *By Stan Schenker and David Milton*

It's Super Bowl Sunday and you have convinced your favorite partner to forgo the ten hours of pre-game coverage to venture up to Baltimore and play in the annual Super Sectional there. Going into the final round, you are in second place, three VPs behind the leaders, (whom, on account of your 10 IMP loss to them back in round 3, you are not playing.) The first six boards have been uneventful, and on the last hand you pick up:

♠ AJ
♥ void
♦ AJ1096432
♣ A105

The opponents are silent throughout the auction. Partner opens 1♥, you respond 2♦, partner re-bids 2♥. In your methods, this only promises five cards in a suit that is good enough to play opposite Ax, Kx or Qx. You bid 3♣, (because your agreement is that 3♦ is not forcing) and partner bids 3♦. Now, many times you have told people not to bid Blackwood with a void. This time, however, you decide to ignore your own good advice and you bid 4♦ as Roman Keycard Blackwood anyway. Partner responds 5♣ (showing two keycards—in this case they have to be the ♥A and the ♦K because you have the other aces, and the ♦Q), and you bid 5♥ asking for specific kings. Partner bids 5NT showing the ♥K and you now bid 6♣, ostensibly asking about the ♣K, but really asking if partner has anything else to tell you, as a grand slam try. Partner bids 6♥, which you decide is showing the ♥Q, since partner has already shown you the ♥A and ♥K. You now can count 13 top tricks, so you bid 7♦ (although 7NT would have been marginally safer because if the hand that had all three trumps only had two hearts, you would have gone down in the diamond contract—see full deal below) and claim.

At the other table, your opponents got lost and stopped at 5♦. By bidding the grand, you win 14 IMPs and capture the event by a single victory point. Had you only bid the small slam you would have tied for first. Had you merely matched your opponent's result, bridesmaid status would have been your just reward.

Quite the ending.

The complete hand was:

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| ♠ T82 | ♠ J9653 |
| ♥ AKQT9 | ♥ 76432 |
| ♦ KQ | ♦ void |
| ♣ 1075 | ♣ QJ62 |
| ♠ KQ74 | ♠ AJ |
| ♥ J85 | ♥ void |
| ♦ 875 | ♦ AJ1096432 |
| ♣ K84 | ♣ A95 |

Note: Your partner is still upset that you caused him to miss the opening kickoff of the Super Bowl that was returned for a touchdown—but, victory heals many wounds.

How to Treat Your Partner *By Bob Boyd*

A nearly 20-year absence from competitive bridge has given me an unusual vantage point to see my fellow players. I came back with skills not much better than those of a novice, but with the experience of a Life Master, tournament director, and unit leader. The apparent change was overwhelming. One aspect that unfortunately changed little despite the Zero Tolerance policy is abuse of partners.

It usually starts with a question: "Would you like to play (sometime, next Monday, etc.)?" The question itself is evidence that the person asking evaluated the other person and found him or her to be a decent bridge player. Sometimes the question is also evidence of a satisfactory evaluation of compatibility as people. Most bridge players would probably admit to one or both reasons, since almost no one wants to play with markedly inferior players or jerks.

A duplicate bridge partnership is a rose that loses its blush more quickly than most. Bridge enthusiasts are nothing if not competitive and their humanity guarantees that mistakes will be made. It is merely a question of time before the first one occurs. Every player would do well to think of that before making or accepting an invitation to start a partnership.

We've all heard the accusatory question: "How could you have made that play?" The question is usually accompanied by an analysis of exactly how bad the play was and how the merest novice would have recognized that. The best practitioners of the art of righteous indignation make it clear that the only acceptable answer is "I'm sorry partner; I am an idiot," delivered with deference and bowed head. Woe to the idiot who attempts to justify the unjustifiable. Then the offended party will unleash his full wrath and demonstrate his intellectual superiority to everyone for several tables around. Of course, if the offense is truly horrible, such as causing a zero on a board (perish the thought), even an admission of idiocy will not be sufficient penance. Only verbal scourging and frowning and fidgeting over a period of several boards will do.

But wait. Let's look at this a bit more carefully. It all started with that simple question. That means that the loudmouth belittling his partner either asked an idiot to play or accepted an invitation from an idiot to play. Is it therefore possible that the reaction to the grievous error says at least as much about the loudmouth as about the poor soul who made the mistake?

We all know duplicate bridge is not about idiots. It's about people. Normal human beings playing a game. We don't make decisions affecting the course of the nation. We make decisions with imperfect information about which direction to take a hook, which card to lead, whether or not to bid game, and so forth.

If you're a bully who feels compelled to demean and belittle your partner, get over it. It's a game...get some perspective. And if my obvious indignation at your behavior isn't sufficient incentive to do that, let me give you some practical advice, as any good bridge columnist does.

Partners will make errors and they don't need your help to know they made them. They feel bad about them. It is far more effective to help your partner get over a mistake by being supportive than to fuss. Genuine misunderstandings can be discussed later in private. The pair needs to get over a bad board and quickly, before it poisons the whole

OPEN PLAY EVENT, \$100,000 SWEEPSTAKES ADDED TO 2007 CAVENDISH TOURNAMENT

World's Largest Money Bridge Tournament to be held in Las Vegas May 9 – 13

(Dallas, TX – February 23, 2007) – The Cavendish Invitational, the world's largest money bridge tournament, will feature two open-play events at this year's tournament, which will be held in Las Vegas at the Green Valley Ranch Resort May 9–13th.

For the first time in tournament history, both a pairs and teams event will be open to anyone who wants to compete in them, giving bridge players of all skill sets the chance to play in the historic tournament. These open-play events will run in conjunction with the invitation-only Cavendish Pairs tournament, which brings together a hundred of the world's top bridge players to compete for prize pools as high as \$1.5 million and the coveted title of Cavendish champion.

The Cavendish Invitational was first launched at New York's famed Cavendish Club in 1975 and has been managed by World Bridge Productions (WBP) since the club ceased operation in the mid-1990s. The Cavendish uses a Calcutta format, which means that each pair is auctioned off to the highest bidder—with the auction money pooled together and paid out to the owners of the top finishers. The world's top players are also invited to compete in the John Roberts Teams event, named after WBP co-founder John Roberts, who passed away in 2002.

Bob Hamman, an 11-time world bridge champion and co-founder of WBP, says his organization modeled the two open-play events after the invitation-only events to respond to the growing demand for world-class money bridge tournaments.

To kick off the 2007 Cavendish, Hamman, who also operates SCA Promotions, the world's largest provider of prize coverage for promotions, games and contests, is adding a **\$100,000 Pick-the-Winners Sweepstakes**. To participate in the sweepstakes, people need only to log onto www.cavendishinvitational.com and submit their name and email address. Contest rules will then be emailed to them.

"Bridge is, without question, the best, most challenging mind game in existence and we are excited to do our part to get the word out and build new awareness for the game," notes Hamman, who adds that sponsorship opportunities are available for the 2007 Cavendish.

About the Cavendish

The Cavendish Invitational (www.cavendishinvitational.com) is by far the largest money tournament in bridge, with prizes pools reaching as high as \$1.5 million. The tournament, always played in Las Vegas the week leading up to Mother's Day, brings together the top bridge players in the world. The Cavendish is operated by World Bridge Productions, which was founded to build on the success of the Cavendish and develop a series of world-class money bridge tournaments. In addition to the Cavendish, World Bridge Productions oversees the Buffett Cup, a new event named after avid bridge enthusiast Warren Buffett. The Buffett Cup is a U.S. vs. European challenge match modeled after golf's Ryder Cup. The inaugural Buffett Cup, won by the U.S., was held in Dublin, Ireland in the fall of 2006 to coincide with the Ryder Cup. The second Buffett Cup will be held in Louisville, Kentucky in the fall of 2008—the week preceding the 2008 Ryder Cup.

For more information, contact Ingrid Ricks at (206) 784-5856 or ingrid@rickscommunications.com.

MILESTONES

Congratulations to the following players who have reached these new milestones!

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 Pat A. Lonergan
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Frances C. McNaught

♠♦ NEW SILVER LIFE MASTERS ♣♥

Ralph L. Aurillo
 Matthew T. Mallory
 Elaine Sellman
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♠♦ NEW GOLD LIFE MASTERS ♣♥

Andre L'Heureux
 La Quitta Talbot
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♠♦ NEW REGIONAL MASTERS ♣♥

Paula Cloyd
 David A. Fitzwilliam



NVBA Members Do Well in District 6 GNT Competition!!

Congratulations to NVBA members Robert Hopkins, Jr. and Rusty Krauss on their team's win of the Championship Flight GNT competition and the right to represent District 6 in the GNT event at the Summer 2007 NABC in Nashville, TN, this July.

Congratulations also to NVBA members Ron Kral, Shuba Dey, Deb Dhar and Jay Kelkar for winning the Flight B GNT! We wish them continued success in Nashville, TN, this July.

Here are the top finishers in the Championship Flight, Flight B and Flight C competitions held March 3-4, 2007:

DIST 6 GNT CHAMPIONSHIP

- 1 Robert Hopkins Jr – Joan Lewis – Barry Falgout – Rusty Krauss
- 2 Steve Robinson – Peter Boyd – William Cole – Beth Palmer – Stephen Landen – William Pettis
- 3/4 Donna Rogall – Clyde Kruskal – Stan Schenker – David Milton
- 3/4 Noble Shore – Michael Gill – David Rodney – Jeff Roman – Don Probst

DIST 6 GNT FLIGHT B

- 1 Ronald Kral – Shuba Dey – Debnarayan Dhar – Jay Kelkar
- 2 Larry Kahn – H. John Edmonds – Michael Richey – Kenneth Kaufman
- 3/4 Paul Hartman – Nan Massie – Ann Shelton – Mary Payne – Michael Lane – Steven Rothman
- 3/4 Leo Cardillo – Frank Cardillo – Christon Johnson – Robert Padgett – James Witting – Robert Zier
- 5/9 Steve Sperry – Jacquelyn Shuman – Cathy Hunsberger – John Lien – George Lewis
- 5/9 Wrus Kristiansen – Alice Rouse – Dale Fiebelkorn – B. Adcock
- 5/9 Albert Lauber – Steven Fox – James Beller – Walter Smith, Jr.
- 5/9 Steven Shauck – Ed Lawhon – Ronald Conlon – Renate Conlon
- 5/9 Ronald Susi – Jeffrey Kosnett – Benjamin Stauss – John Glynn

DIST 6 GNT FLIGHT C

- 1 Thomas Fletcher – Ted Verhagen – William Trainer – Tony Ferroni
- 2 Thomas Fukawa – Peter Hardin – Paul Saunders – John Pinner, III
- 3/4 David Mead – Kathleen O'Toole – Murat Berk – Larry Gebbie
- 3/4 Martha Bley – Ross Bley – Luther Hampton – Michael Hampton
- 5/8 James Rucker – John Wisk – Helen Rolfe – Susan Dunbar
- 5/8 Alexander Robertson – Marguerite Robertson – Donald Lundry – Calista Graham – William Light, III
- 5/8 Neil Selvin – Howard Grunin – Seth Chamberlain – Terence McCarthy
- 5/8 Kevin O'Brien – Mike Frosch – Ellie Clark – Elizabeth Huffman – Joyce Currie – Chuck Kasten

There is still time to enter the 0-5000 Flight A GNT competition open to all players with 0-5000 MPs. The first weekend qualifier is being held April 28-29, 2007 and the

top teams will play off in the semi-finals and finals on May 5-6, 2007. The April week-end qualifier is being held at Christ the King Church, 2301 Colston Dr.

Directions: Capitol Beltway to Connecticut Ave. South. Left on East-West Highway. Right on Grubb Rd. 1st left on Colston Dr. Church is on the left before the next intersection.

You must register your team in advance. You may have up to six players on a team, as long as each player is a member of District 6 in good standing and qualified at some time since October 2006 in a club GNT game. Entry fee is \$96 per team for the first two sessions. Send check and names of team members to Lynn Jones, 10 Tenby Court, Timonium, MD 21093.

If you have any questions, please contact Lynn, who is the District 6 GNT Coordinator, at 410-560-3244, or by email at bridgelynn@comcast.net. Conditions of contest can be found on the District 6 website – www.districtsix.org.

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session. I may be not be a bridge expert, but even I know you can collect a zero or two and still win. There's no future in accusations. A calm demeanor and a platitude like "Don't worry about it" go a long way toward getting you both back on track. Think of your partner as that good player you first wanted to play with, not as an idiot.

NVBA wants your Email Address!!

The NVBA would love to have your email address. We'll use it *sparingly* to notify you of upcoming bridge events We will **NEVER** sell it or use it for anything BUT bridge related notices. We'd also like to send you the NVBA newsletter via email. This saves the unit significant time and expense. If you've already registered your current email address with the ACBL, you can stop reading now. BUT, if you haven't registered, OR you've recently changed your email address, here's how to update it—get online and go to www.ACBL.org (NOTE: **.org** NOT **.com**). In the upper left corner of the ACBL home page, click on "My ACBL". If you've never registered your information with the ACBL, click on "Click Here" in the bottom box to register. If you're already registered, sign on with your player number and password. Once signed on, click on "Change my email address" and follow the instructions. Eventually, that information will filter down to us in the unit. OR, if you DON'T want to register with the ACBL, you can send an email with your name and newsletter preferences (paper only, email only or both) to Newsletter@NVBA.org. We'll update our local database. The NVBA board encourages you to register to receive the newsletter via email only, and so we can notify you of upcoming events.

New NVBA Cell Phone 703-869-0852, Partnership Chairs and Bridge Information

By Leo Cardillo

The NVBA has acquired a new cell phone to meet all of the Unit's needs with regard to partnership requests via voice mail and/or telephone requests. The NVBA cell phone number is 703-869-0852, repeat 703-869-0852.

The new cell phone may be contacted at any time of day or night to leave a message regarding partnership needs. On Thursdays (Unit Game) and during NVBA Sectionals, the cell phone will be kept on, on vibrate during playing time of course, to receive live calls, as well. Anyone seeking a partner for an NVBA event should call this phone and leave a detailed message with your name, phone number, event(s) you want to play in, and what strat you play in.

If you get caught in area traffic and are running late for an NVBA event, you can call the NVBA cell phone and leave a message for the PC. If it is quite near to game time, the PC is likely to answer directly and can make the necessary arrangements to ensure that you still get to participate in the event, even if you are going to be a little late.

In recent years, the NVBA folks, and others, got used to calling my personal cell phone, 703-868-6868, as they had been directed, in order to seek partnership assistance. I will still monitor that number for any such messages, but I do ask everyone to make a note and get accustomed to calling 703-869-0852 for all their NVBA partnership needs. The plan is for this new cell phone to be given to whomever is handling the PC requirements for a particular event, and to free my cell phone for just my personal use. Yes!

Speaking of Partnership Chairs, the NVBA is still looking for a person to be the PC for the Unit Game. Mary Ann Kral has volunteered to handle the PC duties at the Sectionals, and I greatly appreciate her support, but the NVBA still needs a PC for the Unit game. This is a position that I have filled in addition to that of the Presidency and the Sectional PC for more than five years. I will work closely with anyone interested in arranging partnerships for as long as it takes to show that person the "ropes". I will also continue to closely support the Guaranteed Partnership Initiative (GPI), for as long as necessary.

The GPI is managed by the PC, who essentially pre-arranges several volunteer Guaranteed Partners (GP's) for any event, so that every "paying" customer is assured of a suitable partner. The GP program has been very successful in encouraging folks to just "show up" and leave the partnering to us. For any event that a GP volunteer plays with a paying customer, the GP plays for FREE and also receives a FREE PLAY for a future event of his/her choosing. If a GP is not needed for a particular event, either to partner with a paying customer, or sometimes fill the movement by playing with yet another GP, then the GP does not get to play in that event, but still receives a FREE PLAY for a future event. For those of you who don't want to be the PC, I always welcome another volunteer to sign up to be a GP now and then.

Remember, in the greater DC area, call 703-869-0852 if you have any partnership requests for the NVBA, or even if you are just running late for an event. What is that number? You got it, 703-869-0852!!

P.S. Do not confuse the new NVBA cell phone with the existing and very helpful NVBA Bridge Information Line (BIL), which is managed by Sam Coleman. The BIL is updated daily, and may be called literally 24 hours per day to find the latest on game status, weather cancellations, special event information, etc. You may also call the BIL and leave a message for Sam if you have any particular question about any bridge event. The BIL number is 703-204-0848.



BRIDGE CLUB RESULTS POSTED ON THE INTERNET:

Director: Carole Grob – *Games:* Ballston Bridge Club – Monday, 10:00 AM;
Thursday Morning Bridge Club, 10:00 AM
URL: <http://www.mybridgeclub.com/virginia/virginia.htm>

Director: Gene Schuyler – *Game:* Montebello DBC – Monday 7:00 PM
URL: <http://members.cox.net/carlinspringsbc/index2.htm>

Director: Bernie Oetjen – *Games:* KOCH – Monday, 7:00 PM;
KOCH – Saturday, 1:00 PM
URL: <http://www.bridge-results.com/results/5011/cal.html>

Directors: Candy and Marshall Kushner – *Games:* KOCH – Tuesday, 10:00 AM;
Reston – Wednesday, 7:30 PM
URL: <http://www.bridge-results.com/results/5016/cal.html>

Director: Gene Schuyler – *Game:* Carlin Springs BC – Tuesday 7:00 PM
URL: <http://members.cox.net/carlinspringsbc/index2.htm>

Directors: Alan Breed and Norma Pierzchala – *Games:* Arlington County DBC –
Wednesday 10:00 AM; KOCH – Saturday, 9:00 AM
URL: <http://www.bridge-results.com/results/5021/cal.html>

Directors: Louise Sellers and Gene Schuyler – *Games:* Jewish Community Center (JCC)
– Wednesday, 11:00 AM; Vienna Bridge – Thursday, 10:00 a.m.; Sunday, 1:00 PM
URL: <http://members.cox.net/bridge.jcc.vdbc>

Director: Dale Dallaire – *Game:* First Christian Church – Friday, 10:00 AM
URL: <http://funfridaybridge.com>

♠ Arlington, VA ♣ APRIL 19-22, 2007 ♦



NORTHERN VIRGINIA BRIDGE ASSOCIATION

SPRING SECTIONAL TOURNAMENT

Knights of Columbus Hall (KOCH)

5115 Little Falls Road, Arlington, VA; 703-536-9656

*So long, farewell, auf wiedersehen, good-bye—
Come play in the last tournament to be held at KOCH!*

THURSDAY, APRIL 19

Knights of Columbus Hall (KOCH), Arlington, VA (NVBA)
Christ the King Church, one block south of East-West Highway on
Colston between Washington and Grubb, Chevy Chase, MD (WBL)

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| **Novice/Intermediate Lecture | 6:30 p.m.** |
| STRATAFLIGHTED OPEN PAIRS (A/X=3000+/3000; B/C=2000/750) | 7:00 p.m. . . . 7:30 p.m. |
| NVBA 199ER PAIRS (200/100/50/20); WBL NLM PAIRS (NLM/100/50) | 7:00 p.m. . . . 7:30 p.m. |
| NEWCOMER PAIRS (0-5) | 7:00 p.m. |

NOTE: ALL
VIRGINIA EVENTS ARE
AT KOCH

NVBA (KOCH) WBL

...REST OF TOURNAMENT AT KOCH...

FRIDAY, APRIL 20

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| STRATIFIED OPEN PAIRS (2000+/2000/750) |2 p.m. |
| 299ER PAIRS (300/200/100) and 49ER PAIRS (50/20/5) |2 p.m. |
| STRATIFIED OPEN PAIRS (2000+/2000/750) |7:30 p.m. |
| 299ER PAIRS (300/200/100) |7:30 p.m. |

SATURDAY, APRIL 21

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| STRATIFIED OPEN PAIRS (2000+/2000/750) |9:30 a.m. |
| STRATIFIED SENIOR PAIRS (2000+/2000/750) |9:30 a.m. |
| 299ER PAIRS (300/200/100) and 49ER PAIRS (50/20) |9:30 a.m. |
| NEWCOMER PAIRS (0-5) |9:30 a.m. |
| STRATA-FLIGHTED PAIRS: Flights A/X (3000+/3000) |2 p.m. |
| Flights B/C (2000/750) |2 p.m. |
| 299ER PAIRS (300/200/100) and 49ER PAIRS (50/20/5) |2 p.m. |
| STRATIFIED OPEN PAIRS (2000+/2000/750) |7:30 p.m. |
| 299ER PAIRS (300/200/100) |7:30 p.m. |

SUNDAY, APRIL 22

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| **Novice/Intermediate Lecture (Jeff Roman) |10:15 a.m.** |
| FLIGHTS A/X (3000+/3000) & B/C (2000/750) SWISS TEAMS |11:00 a.m. |
| <i>Both 2-session events, with one hour break—food no longer available on-site</i> | |
| 299ER SWISS TEAMS (300/200/100) (Single session) |11:00 a.m. |
| 49ER SWISS TEAMS (50/20/5) (Single session) |11:00 a.m. |
| 299ER SWISS TEAMS (300/200/100) (Single session) |3:15 p.m. |

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On-line Partnership "Desk"
at www.nvba.org

Next NVBA Sectional
Sept 6-9 '07 at Arlington/
Fairfax Elks Lodge
(Thurs at Beth El)

DIRECTIONS: From Rte. 495 (the Beltway) or points West of the Beltway, take Rte. 66 East to the Washington Boulevard/Lee Highway exit. At the light at the end of the exit ramp, turn left onto Lee Highway. Go approximately 1.5 miles and turn left onto Harrison Street. Go .5 miles and turn right onto Little Falls Road. The KOCH is on your left .2 of a mile down Little Falls. From D.C. or Arlington, take Rte. 66 West to the Sycamore Street exit. At the end of the exit ramp, turn right onto Sycamore. At the second light, turn right onto Lee Highway and go a little over 1 mile and turn left onto Harrison Street. Follow the above directions from that point. OR from D.C., go straight across Chain Bridge and then keep left to stay on Glebe Road. From the light at the end of Chain Bridge, proceed 1.8 miles and turn right onto Little Falls Road (the second right past the light at Williamsburg Blvd.). Cross Old Dominion (.3 miles) at the stop sign and proceed on Little Falls another .3 miles to the KOCH on your right. From all directions, turn up the drive and circle past the stone lodge. Follow signs for visitor parking. The tournament will be held in the brick building marked "KOCH 2473" down the hill to your right.

♣ Silver Spring, MD ♦ MAY 3-6, 2007 ♥

61st Annual City of Washington Tournament

THURSDAY, MAY 3

- ♣ StrataFlighted Open Pairs (A/X unlim/3000, B/C/D Separate 1500/1000/500) (both sites); Stratified NLM Pairs (NLM/100/50) & 0-20 Pairs (Christ the King Church only); Stratified 199er Pairs (Beth El only)

Beth El Congregation, 3830 Seminary Rd, Alexandria 7:00pm
Christ the King Church, 2301 Colston Drive, Silver Spring 7:30pm

Capital Beltway to Connecticut Ave. South. Left on East-West Hwy. Right on Grubb Rd. 1st left on Colston. Church is on the left before the next intersection.




Friday—at Christ the King Church Only

FRIDAY, MAY 4

- ♦ Stratified Pairs (2000+/1000/500) 10:00am
 - ♥ StrataFlighted A/X (unlim/3000) & B/C/D Pairs (1500/1000/500) 2:00pm
 - ♠ **Barometer Pairs** StrataFlighted A/X (unlim/3000) & B/C/D Pairs (1500/1000/500) 7:30pm
- Check your scores every round!** Friday nights are your chance to try a different form of the game. This one session Barometer Pairs has no qualification necessary. Everyone plays the same boards at the same time and you can see how you're doing after every round.
- ♣ Intermediate/Novice Pairs (300/200/100/50/20) (single sessions) 10:00am, 2:00pm, 7:30pm

♦ **SAT. & SUN. ONLY** at the **Margaret Schweinhaut Senior Center** ♥

Always follow your partner's lead!



Even I can't ruff up against notrump!

1000 Forest Glen Road, Silver Spring, MD: From Beltway exit Georgia Avenue north (toward Wheaton). Turn right at first traffic light onto Forest Glen Rd. The Senior Center is .7 mile on your right.

Celebrate Cinco de Mayo...

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SATURDAY, MAY 5

- ♣ **4th Annual: Washington Bridge League Trophy Pairs** 11:00am, 3:30pm
(Two session Open Pairs, qualifying and final. Single session entries available.)
- ♦ StrataFlighted B/C/D Pairs (1500/1000/500) (single sessions) 11:00am, 3:30pm
- ♥ StrataFlighted A/X (unlim/3000) 3:30pm
- ♠ Intermediate/Novice Pairs (300/200/100) or Newcomer Pairs (50/20/5) (single sessions) 11:00am, 3:30pm

SUNDAY, MAY 6

- ♣ **Instant Bridge Player:** Turn your friends onto bridge in this 1-day seminar! 10:30am
- ♦ A/X Swiss Teams, (unlim /3000, 7 round playthru w/short break) 11:00am & TBA
- ♥ B/C/D Swiss Teams, VPs (2000/1000/500, 7 round playthru w/short break) 11:00am & TBA
- ♠ 300/100/50 Swiss Teams, VPs (single sessions) 11:00am, 3:00pm

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WASHINGTON BRIDGE LEAGUE SECTIONAL

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Georgetown Road (MD-187). Turn right on
Executive Blvd. Turn left on Marinelli Road.

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Club director's course: Saturday, June 30 and Sunday, July 1 at the
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Tournament Chair: Nadine Wood 301-565-9555, woodthere@comcast.net

Co-Chair: Fred King 703-536-1914, the5kings2@aol.com

Partnership Chair: Barbara Ames 202-439-5667, barbara@fbacpa.com

I/N Chair: Frances Burke 301-384-6103, edbfmb@comcast.net

For additional information visit: www.mabcbridge.org

Bethesda North MABC Regional – July 2–8, 2007

All KOs random draw, and include 0-300 players

Monday, July 2

Stratified Educational Foundation
Open Pairs..... 1:30
Educational Foundation 300/200/100 &
50/20/5 Pairs 1:30
Novel North Carolina Flighted KO's
Unlimited/0-3000..... 7:30
Continues 9:30, 1:30 & 7:30 Tuesday
Stratified Charity Open Pairs..... 7:30
Charity 300/200/100 & 50/20/5 Pairs 7:30

Tuesday, July 3

Tuesday-Wednesday
Side Game Series..... 9:30/1:30/7:30
(1st, 2nd, 3rd of 6)
Daylight Stratified Open Pairs 10:30 & 3:00
Soulful South Carolina Compact KO.. 1:30 & 7:30
Four 12-board matches, concludes today
I/N Stratified Pairs 300/200/100 &
50/20/5 10:30/3:00/7:30
0-5 Newcomer
Trophy Pairs (single sessions) 10:30 & 3:00
0-5 Players FREE TODAY
Stratified Open Board-A-Match Teams 7:30
0-300 Bracketed Pairs/BAM Teams 7:30

**Computer-assigned teammates –
TWO chances to win**

Wednesday, July 4

Tuesday-Wednesday
Side Game Series 9:30/1:30/7:30
(4th, 5th, 6th of 6)
Gorgeous Georgia Morning Compact KO 9:30
Two 12-board matches; concludes 9:30 am Thur.
Daylight StrataFlighted Open Pairs .. 10:30 & 3:00
I/N Stratified Pairs 300/200/100 &
50/20/5 10:30/3:00 /7:30
Terrific Tennessee
Open Bracketed KO #1 1:30 & 7:30
Continues 1:30 & 7:30 Thursday
Stratified Fast Open Pairs 1:30 & 4:30
(5 minutes per board)
Stratified Open Board-A-Match Teams 7:30

Thursday, July 5

Thursday-Friday
Side Game Series..... 9:30/1:30/7:30
(1st, 2nd, 3rd of 6)
Daylight StrataFlighted Open Pairs .. 10:30 & 3:00
I/N Stratified Pairs 300/200/100 &
50/20/5 10:30/3:00 /7:30
Vibrant Virginia
Open Bracketed KO #2 1:30 & 7:30
Continues 1:30 & 7:30 Friday
Stratified Open Pairs 1:30 & 7:30
Stratified Open Board-A-Match Teams 7:30
I/N Stratified Swiss Teams 300/100/50 7:30

Friday, July 6

Thursday-Friday Side Game Series. 9:30/1:30/7:30
(4th, 5th, 6th of 6)
Wonderful Washington, DC
Morning Compact KO #2 9:30
Two 12-board matches; Concludes 9:30 am Sat.
Daylight StrataFlighted Open Pairs .. 10:30 & 3:00
I/N Stratified Pairs 300/200/100 &
50/20/5 10:30/3:00/7:30
0-50 Trophy Pairs (single sessions). 10:30 & 3:00
Marvelous Maryland
Open Bracketed KO #3 1:30 & 7:30
Continues 1:30 & 7:30 Saturday
Stratified Open Pairs – 2000+/0-2000 . 1:30 & 7:30
Tidal Basin 750/300 Pairs –
GOLD POINTS 1:30 & 7:30
Stratified Open Board-A-Match Teams 7:30
I/N Stratified Swiss Teams 300/100/50 7:30
Lose 'n' Snooze ZIP Knockouts 11:15

Saturday, July 7

Saturday-Sunday Side Game Series.. 9:30/1:30/7:30
(1st, 2nd, 3rd of 5)
Magnificent Mid-Atlantic
One Day Bracketed Knockout..... 10:30
Three 16 board matches; Continues 1:30 and 4:00
I/N Stratified Pairs 300/200/100 &
50/20/5 10:30/3:00/7:30
0-5 Players FREE TODAY
0-20 Trophy Pairs 10:30 & 3:00
Jerry Machlin Flighted Pairs 1:30 & 7:30
*Flight A qualifying and barometer final; Flight B
playthru - separate barometer for section leaders*
Stratified Open Board-A-Match Teams 7:30
0-300 Bracketed Pairs/BAM Teams 7:30
**Computer-assigned teammates –
TWO chances to win**

Sunday, July 8

StrataFlighted A/X and B/C/D Swiss Teams 10:30
All Swiss Teams – 7 rounds with 45 minute break
Stratified Fast Open Pairs 10:30 & 1:30
(5 minutes per board)
Sat.-Sun. Side Game Series
(4th, 5th of 5) 10:30 & 2:30
I/N Stratified Pairs 300/200/100 &
50/20/5 10:30 & 2:30
I/N Stratified Swiss Teams 300/100/50. 10:30 & 2:30

- All events are 24 board/session games
- Stratified events 2000+/750 – 2000/0-750
- StrataFlighted events A/X=3000+/0-3000
B/C/D separate 1000-2000/500-1000/0-500
- Single-session players always accommodated in
Side Game Series, which are stratified
- Side Series, two best sessions count toward
overall as an individual
- I/N games may be stratified at director's discretion

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