

## Mark your Calendars for December 13

**T**HE ANNUAL NVBA HOLIDAY PARTY, which includes dinner and a bridge game, will be held on Thursday, December 13, 2007, at the Beth El Congregation, 3830 Seminary Rd. in Alexandria, VA. That week is a Sectional Tournament in Clubs (STaC) week, so silver masterpoints will be awarded for placing in this game.

Everyone is asked to contribute a food dish...appetizer, salad, casserole or dessert. The NVBA will provide beef barbecue and chicken and beverages, including eggnog (spiked and unspiked). **REMEMBER, no pork or shellfish can be brought into the temple, PLEASE!** Those who choose not to bring an item (or forget) will be asked to donate \$5.00 towards party expenses. Dinner will begin at 6 PM, followed by the game at 7 PM.

If you have any questions, or would like to help with the setting up and/or cleanup, please contact NVBA President Leo Cardillo at 703-868-6868.

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### Of Special Interest:

- D6 STaC, Oct. 8-14
- NVBA Sectional, Oct. 18-21
- Virginia Beach, VA REGIONAL, Nov. 5-11
- San Francisco, CA, Fall NABC, Nov. 22 - Dec. 2
- D6 STaC, Dec. 8-14
- NVBA Holiday Party, Dec. 13
- Myrtle Beach, SC REGIONAL, Dec. 26 - Jan. 1
- WBL Sectional, Jan. 3-6

## President's Message

*By Leo Cardillo*



**O**UR FIRST Sectional held at the Elk's Lodge was a great success and exceeded all our expectations! Even though we were at a new location, the attendance of 431.5 tables surpassed the table count of September 2006!! Equally important, I heard many folks speak in glowing terms about the excellent parking, the ease with which Maryland players could get to the site, the well-lit playing areas, etc., etc. Tournament Chairs Margot Hennings and Kathryn Kiley, and the entire staff of professional Directors and volunteers, worked very hard to bring you the best possible tournament, and your attendance and favorable comments were a sure measure of their success! In addition,

for the first time in recent history, the NVBA pre-duplicated all hands for pair games in order to get the games started promptly and increase your playing enjoyment (See below for more information on the NVBA's soon-to-arrive duplicating machine!). With this truly excellent first Sectional at the Elks under our collective belts, I am confident that future Sectionals will be ever more successful and enjoyable. See you in October at the Elks!!

With the arrival of fall, there are a growing number of bridge players that are involved in promoting bridge in local schools. I am back at Thomas Jefferson High School for my seventh academic year as the Advisor to the Bridge Club (BC). Nancy Cartwright has returned as my full-time assistant. Together with Jay Lamb, the faculty Sponsor, we all anticipate another highly successful year for the Bridge Club. This year, WBL member Suzanne Abrams, who retired last year from her job in the public school system, will also continue her sensationally effective Bridge Club at Garfield Elementary School and will serve as the Virginia focal point for new initiatives at other Virginia schools. If you have any interest in supporting a bridge program at a local school, at any level, feel free to contact Suzanne (or myself) about how to get started. Together with the WBL, the NVBA fully supports all efforts to bring bridge into the curricula of available after-school activities. I urge you to get involved – you will love every moment and it will keep you young, to boot!

The NVBA Holiday Party will be held at Beth El on December 13, 2007. The Holiday Party is always a lot of fun and has grown in attendance with each passing year. If you are interested in helping with the preparations for the Holiday Party, just let me know. The “formula” for a successful party is well-established, but there is still a great deal of enjoyment and satisfaction to be gained by the folks that actually make it happen.

The NVBA Board approved the acquisition of a duplicating machine at the August Board meeting. The technology for this equipment has improved greatly in recent years, and the cost has decreased. The NVBA machine will cost about \$3,800 and an additional \$1,000 or so will be spent to buy four complete sets of new cards, card trays and cases for the trays. The duplicating machine is capable of “dealing” a hand in about six seconds, and that includes the time to place each hand in the appropriate slot of the card tray. This machine works with any ordinary deck of cards – it does not require the

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## Upcoming NVBA Games & Special Events

<b>Oct. 4</b>	<b>Beth El</b> – 7:00 WBL Sectional
<b>Oct. 11</b>	<b>Beth El</b> – 7:00 STaC Stratified Pairs
<b>Oct. 18</b>	<b>Beth El</b> – NVBA Sectional (rest of Sectional at Arlington/ Fairfax Elks Lodge)
<b>Oct. 25</b>	<b>Beth El</b> – Stratified Club Appreciation Swiss Teams
<b>Nov. 1</b>	<b>Beth El</b> – Stratified Club Championship Pairs
<b>Nov. 8</b>	<b>Beth El</b> – Stratified Unit Championship
<b>Nov. 15</b>	<b>Beth El</b> – Stratified Grand National Swiss Teams
<b>Nov. 22</b>	<b>Closed – Thanksgiving</b>
<b>Nov. 29</b>	<b>Beth El</b> – Stratified Unit Championship
<b>Dec. 6</b>	Stratified Grand National Swiss Teams
<b>Dec. 13</b>	<b>Holiday Party – Stratified STaC Pairs</b>
<b>Dec. 20</b>	<b>Beth El</b> — Stratified Grand National Swiss Teams
<b>Dec. 27</b>	<b>Beth El</b> — Stratified Club Championship Pairs

### Stratification Limits:

NVBA Stratified Pair strats are: Unlimited/750-2000/0-750  
 All NVBA Unit Games include a separate Stratified 199er game.  
 Players with 0-5 MPs play free every Thursday in all scheduled events.  
 For the Grand National Teams qualifying games, the stratification is:  
 0-500 (NLM), 500-2000, 2000+.  
 For the STaCs, the stratification is: 0-500/500-1500/1500+

### Upcoming Sectionals

<u>NVBA</u>	<u>WBL</u>
October 18-21, 2007	October 4-7, 2007
February 21-24, 2008	January 3-6, 2008
April 10-13, 2008	March 27-30, 2008

For information on Tournaments – Cancellations – Special Events – Club game

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use of bar-coded decks. In addition, the machine is rated to prepare about 100,000 hands before it might require any significant maintenance. Even with Sectionals included, it will be a number of years (ten?) before we pre-dupe 100,000 hands. The NVBA machine should be received in the late fall. In the meantime, the NVBA will make use of a machine that club owner Carole Grob has ordered for use in her club games. Carole's machine will spare Gene Schuyler the heroic work that he has been doing for the Unit by manually pre-duping hands on what is euphemistically known as the "Schuyler 5000" duplicating machine! Thanks to Gene for all his time and hard work that bridged the gap until the technology arrived!

The NVBA is fortunate to have the support of excellent professional staff in the form of Directors at every level of play and a few bridge players who receive a modest stipend (generally in terms of free plays) for tasks requiring continued extra effort. In addition, much of the work and fun of the NVBA is fully supported by a large number of non-monetarily compensated volunteers, from the Board to Tournament Chairs to Unit Game Hospitality and many more. A complete list of the current volunteers can be found at <http://www.nvba.org/shtml/board.shtml>. Each year, it is the responsibility of the President to propose a slate of volunteers to fill these many positions, and generally speaking I have no trouble filling them. That said, there are two areas where I need some help.

In the near term, the NVBA needs a volunteer to accept the position of Partnership Chair (PC) of the Unit Game, a position that I have greatly enjoyed for many years. I will work with the volunteer to cover all the tricks of the trade. It's the best job in the NVBA, but I have to look ahead and build for the future. As in other areas of responsibility, it has been my policy to divide a job into several logical parts, if practicable, to increase the depth of the volunteer bench and to reduce the burden on any one person. Mary Ann Kral has agreed to work on the Sectional PC responsibilities, and now I really need a volunteer to do the same for the Unit Game PC responsibilities. Let me know of your interest. I guarantee that you will enjoy this job – I really do!

The second area is more strategic, and that is to look ahead to the Annual Elections and the volunteers that might serve or continue to serve on the Board. Because this Newsletter is only a quarterly publication, the time is always "now" to encourage your consideration of Board service. I have served on several Boards, besides the NVBA Board, and have a good understanding of the need to bring fresh faces to any Board at some interval of time. I am pleased that the last election brought three new members to the Board. I'd like to see that trend continue, with at least one more candidate than the minimum we need to fill the Board slate each year. If that is the case, then the voters will have a real choice and new folks will have a chance to serve on and refresh the Board.

See you at the tables!!



## Upcoming 199er Unit Games

<b>Oct. 4</b>	<b>Beth El</b> – 7:00 WBL Sectional – 199er Pairs Game
<b>Oct. 11</b>	<b>Beth El</b> – 7:00 STaC —199er Pairs Game
<b>Oct. 18</b>	<b>Beth El</b> – 7:00 NVBA Sectional (rest of Sectional at Elks Lodge)
<b>Oct. 25</b>	<b>Beth El</b> – 7:00 Club Appreciation 199er Swiss Teams
<b>Nov. 1</b>	<b>Beth El</b> – 7:00 199er Pairs Game
<b>Nov. 8</b>	<b>Beth El</b> – 7:00 199er Pairs Game
<b>Nov. 15</b>	<b>Beth El</b> – 7:00 199er Swiss Teams or 199ers may play in Flight C of GNT qualifier (NLM up to 500 MPs)
<b>Nov. 22</b>	<b>Closed – Thanksgiving</b>
<b>Nov. 29</b>	<b>Beth El</b> – 7:00 199er Pairs Game
<b>Dec. 6</b>	<b>Beth El</b> – 199er Pairs Game or 199ers may play in Flight C of GNT qualifier
<b>Dec. 13</b>	<b>Beth El – Holiday Party – 7:00 STaC —199er Pairs Game</b>
<b>Dec. 20</b>	<b>Beth El</b> – 7:00 199er Pairs Game
<b>Dec. 27</b>	<b>Beth El</b> – 7:00 Club Championship – 199er Pairs Game
<b>Jan. 3</b>	<b>Beth El</b> – 7:00 WBL Sectional – 199er Pairs Game

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## The Jack of Hearts

by Marshall Kushner



**B**EFORE WE TELL YOU about Nashville, we have to get past the language barrier. The two basic guidelines to speaking Tennessean are 1) stretch all words until they occupy the maximum number of syllables imaginable and 2) if a word won't stretch, change the vowel sound. Ergo, in Nashville, a lot of contracts were played in Fo-wer Spides. And if you play real well, you might win the Open Pay-ers. You get the gist. Then there are colloquialisms. I heard an opponent tell his partner she should have un-bared her king. It's not bad once you get the hang of it. All told, Nashville was rot nahss. They call it Music City and for good reason. Remember what I told you last time about all the music disappearing from Saint

Louis? Well, some of it might have gone to Nashville 'cause they's plenty of it there. If you walk down Broadway, the music from adjoining honky tonks blends to form a country cacophony. In fact, there's probably more music coming out of downtown Nashville at high noon on a Tuesday than in Adams-Morgan on a Saturday night. And Nashville on Saturday night? Forget about it!

The last time the ACBL visited Nashville was in 1988, when the Fall NABC was held at the Opryland Hotel. The complaint then was that it was too isolated, too far from downtown. This time we were downtown and the complaint was that it was too far from attractions. Opryland, for example. Of course, there were tours to the Opry and those who went, loved it. The Country Music Museum was close by and got rave reviews. Then there were justified complaints about the renovation going on at the hotel. And for the second straight NABC, we were in a part of town under construction/renewal. The Convention Center, which is connected to the Marriott Renaissance, got good reviews from many players, the Jack of Hearts not among them. Regional events achieved equality with national events as both were played in exhibit halls. The lighting was good, the ambience early concrete, and the design baffling. After a short indoor walk from the hotel, you arrived in a lobby two floors above the playing area. Direct routes consisted of stairs and elevators, but if you took the escalator, both legs went in the same direction and deposited you on the ground floor a healthy stroll away from the tables. The climate control also left a lot to be desired. Someday I may learn, but I didn't think to bring a jacket to Nashville in July and almost succumbed to hypothermia during the Open Swiss. That might explain my lack of success. Yeah, that's my story and I'm sticking to it.

A precious few fared better. The NABC opened with Rusty Krauss and Robbie Hopkins making to the semis in the open GNT with Jay Kelkar, Deb Dhar, Ron Kral, and Jose Cortina going out a round earlier in Flight B. Suffice it to say we peaked early as we garnered only a few scattered national overalls thereafter. They included Chuck Pecarro and Mickey Hughes (0-5000 LM Pairs), Jeff Roman and Ai-Tai Lo (Fast Pairs & Open Swiss), and Alan Schwartz (Open Swiss). Regional wins went to Stan Schenker and David Milton, Sumner Steinfeldt, Herb Fallin, and native Tennessean, Wanda Worsham. Day-amm! Not much of a haul, was it? Given the number of NVBAers there, I hoped I'd have more successes to report but they also serve who contribute to the success of others.

And lots of others there were. No one was sure what to expect from Nashville attendance-wise. It's not the draw of a Chicago, New York, or Las Vegas but it's still a Summer national and the players still came. The final table count of 12,879 exceeded expectations and that news was probably better received in Memphis than in Gatlinburg. You see, that made Gatlinburg only the second largest tournament in Tennessee this year. What's the world coming to?

## IN MEMORIAM

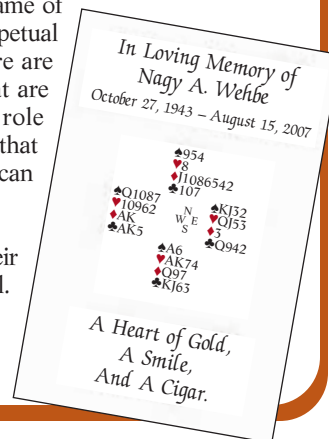
*Nagy A. Wehbe*  
*October 27, 1943 – August 15, 2007*

As President and Partnership Chair for the Unit I have had the pleasure of getting to know many players in the Unit, especially the new players or those who might need a partner. About two years ago, I had the pleasure of meeting Nagy Wehbe, a new member of the NVBA and a very seasoned player from Lebanon. Maybe the fact that I spent much of my professional career in the Middle East helped spark my immediate friendship with Nagy. Or maybe it was the fact that the talented player from another country was such a quiet, unassuming, friendly and constant supporter of the NVBA that I always enjoyed seeing his quiet smile across the room. Nagy seemed to be at every game that I might play, and he either had a partner, or was perfectly willing to play with any partner that I might find him. I don't have to tell you that some bridge partners are not a lot of fun to partner, but Nagy would always flash that little grin when I asked him to partner any person, and would simply say to me, "Sure. Sure, I can do that." And he always did it very well, to boot.

A few of us had the honor of attending his funeral—Nagy was 63 when he died. After the funeral service, I spent some time with his family and friends at Nagy's home and I came to admire all that he had accomplished in his short two years in America. Nagy had entered this country by "winning" a green card lottery where the odds were about 100 to 1. In short order he acquired his citizenship, his driver's license and his much-prized, never had a chance-to-really-use, Virginia real estate license. The week after his funeral his family moved into the new home that he bought. His oldest son told me of Nagy's life-long passion for the game of bridge, his contribution to the national team, and the perpetual cigar that he always enjoyed. I told his family that there are many good bridge players, but only a relatively few that are as passionate yet well-behaved as Nagy. Nagy was a role model in many ways. We will all miss him. I'm hoping that he will keep a seat open for me in the Big Game, and I can almost hear him saying, "Sure. Sure, I can do that."

With deepest sympathy to Nagy's family and friends for their loss, which is a loss for us in the bridge community as well.

Leo Cardillo  
 NVBA President



## Parade of Winners

### CHERRY HILL (PHILADELPHIA) REGIONAL June 18–24, 2007

#### Kickoff Open Pairs (26 Pairs)

2 Ed Gofreed – Jack Armstrong

#### Tues. Comp. KO Bkt. 5 (16 Teams)

1 Edward Mason – Linda Clover –  
Barbara Donalds – Josephine Corban

#### Wed./Thurs. KO Bkt. 5 (11 Teams)

2 Dilip Udeshi – Leon Tomaszewski –  
Beverly Geurin – Cherie Charles

#### Thurs. B/C/D Swiss (16 Teams)

2 1 Miki Turi – John Mason –  
Alice Olmsted – Franklin Olmsted  
2 1 Edward Mason – Linda Clover –  
Christine Matus – Lori Lerner

#### Fri./Sat. AM Comp KO Bkt. 2 (13 Teams)

1 Kevin O'Brien – Estelle Bogart –  
Roma Chandra – Robert Claypool

#### Fri./Sat. KO Bkt. 2 (12 Teams)

1 Dick Pellerin – Margaret Storey –  
Thomas Purl – Joseph Yamaoka

### BETHESDA, MD REGIONAL July 2–8, 2007

#### Mon. Aft. Edu. Found Open Pairs (68 Pairs)

1 1 Ellie Clark – Beverly Geurin  
2 Jeffrey Kosnett – Steve Ivins

#### Mon. Eve. Charity 0-50 Pairs (14 Pairs)

1 Kimberly Ferguson – Randolph Elkins  
2 Barbara Garrett – Eleanor Schwartz  
2 Anamas Brooks – Barbara Brooks

#### Mon. Eve. Charity 0-300 Pairs (27 Pairs)

2 Maribel Newby – Pat Lonergan

#### Mon. Eve. Charity Open Pairs (84 Pairs)

1 1 Michael Polunin – James Stormes

#### Novel NC Ft. A KO (10 Teams)

2 Clyde Kruskal – Diane Walker –  
Kenton Schoen – Michael Richey

#### Novel NC B KO Bkt. 2 (16 Teams)

2 Matt Meckstroth – Sam Katz –  
Daniel Goldfein – David Banh

#### Novel NC B KO Bkt. 4 (10 Teams)

1 Terry Jones – Joyce Currie –  
Elizabeth Huffman – Mary Ann Kral  
2 Sara Hilgartner – Norma Tolmach –  
Paul Spielberg – Mimi Spielberg

#### Tues. AM 0-500 Pairs (24 Pairs)

1 Michael Lusick – Robert Huley  
2 Stella Perry – Lois Simm  
1 Tobi Bear – Susan Klaber  
2 Eleanor Schwartz – Nancy Thomas

#### Tues. Aft. 0-500 Pairs (18 Pairs)

1 Eleanor Schwartz – Nancy Thomas

#### Tues. Eve. BAM (37 Teams)

1/2 Al Duncker – Ann Lindley –  
Judith Bloomer – George Bloomer  
1 Kamel Tabbara – Alan Gordon –  
Salam Saidi – Nagy Wehbe  
1/2 Carolyn Becraft – Anna Kearney –  
Nancy Loomis – Jerry Barker

#### Tues. Eve. Side Game (50 Pairs)

1 Edna Mae Trevey – Paul Stygar  
2 William Nicolai – Kevin O'Brien

#### Tues. Eve. 0-500 BAM (23 Teams)

2/4 Sabrina Manfield – Seth Manfield –  
Jose Porres – Eric Poskanzer

#### Tues. Eve. 0-500 Pairs (46 Pairs)

1 1 Jerry Nolte – Elizabeth Nolte

#### Soulful SC Comp. KO 2 (16 Teams)

1 Alan Breed – Martha Lackey –  
Marjorie Gazzola – Bob Hartmann  
2 Hope Watts – Lucy McCoy –  
Renate Conlon – Ron Conlon

#### Soulful SC Comp. KO 4 (16 Teams)

1 Martha Bley – Ross Bley –  
Thomas Din – Jane Frost  
2 Ed Rodrigues – Gerry Higgins –  
Helen Dodge – Donald Hunt

**Soulful SC Comp. KO 5 (16 Teams)**

- 1 Mike Frosch – Ellie Clark –  
Cherie Charles – Beverly Geurin

**Soulful SC Comp. KO 6 (14 Teams)**

- 1 Neil Selvin – Howard Grunin –  
Al Liepold – Helen Long

**4th of July Fast Pairs (40 Pairs)**

- 2 Jim Dick – Linda Dick  
2 Helene Cooper – James Warren

**Wed. AM 0-500 Pairs (26 Pairs)**

- 2/3 2/3 Larry Settle – Elizabeth Settle  
2 Sidney Graves – Jan Potter

**Wed. AM Side Game (23 Pairs)**

- 1 1 1 Owen Frisby – Robert Frisby

**Wed. Aft. 0-50 Pairs (18 Pairs)**

- 1 Randolph Elkins – Kimberly Ferguson

**Wed. Aft. Side Game (32 Pairs)**

- 2 1 1 Dev Devgon – Bill Pierce

**Wed. Eve. Side Game (26 Pairs)**

- 1/2 John Hornbeck – Peter Mirsky

**Wed. Eve. 0-500 Pairs (18 Pairs)**

- 1 1 Sara Goodwin – Lorraine Tyler  
1 Taraneh Shahin – Bahman Shahin  
2 Rachele Sladoff – Rochelle Hilton

**Wed./Thurs. AM Comp. KO Bkt. 2 (15 Teams)**

- 2 John Hornbeck – Peter Mirsky –  
Susan Grossman – Lawrence Grossman

**Wed./Thurs. AM Comp. KO Bkt. 3 (15 Teams)**

- 1 Maribel Newby – Pat Lonergan –  
Jerry Barker – Nancy Cartwright

**Terrific TN KO Bkt. 1 (15 Teams)**

- 1 Ruth Potter – John Markey, II –  
Chris Willenken – Jeff Roman  
2 Bill Pettis – Bill Cole – John Adams –  
Stephen Landen – Mark Shaw –  
Ai-Tai Lo

**Terrific TN KO Bkt. 3 (16 Teams)**

- 1 Shawn Stringer – Jeffrey Boak –  
Mike Frosch – Kevin O'Brien

**Thurs. Aft. Side Game (35 Pairs)**

- 2 2 2 Eric Poskanzer – Jourdain Patchett

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

- 1 Bruce Houston – Ken Davis  
1 Steve Bunning – Kris Miller

**Thurs. B/C/D Pairs (40 Pairs)**

- 1 1 1 William Bailey – Maureen Shea

**Thurs. Aft. 0-50 Pairs (14 Pairs)**

- 2 William Hughes – Barbara Hodges  
1 Walt Pumo – Janice Pumo

**Thurs. Aft./Eve. Open Pairs (46 Pairs)**

- 1 Alan Schwartz – Ann Schwartz

**Thurs. Eve. 0-500 Pairs (26 Pairs)**

- 1 1 Louis Coccodrilli – Randolph Elkins

**Thurs. Eve. 0-500 Swiss (7 Teams)**

- 2 1 1 Bahman Shahin – Taraneh Shahin –  
Amanda Carter – Marco Latini

**Thurs. Eve. BAM (26 Teams)**

- 1 Pat Beebe – Elaine Sellman –  
Ken Hopke – John Hamilton  
2 Eric Poskanzer – James Sullivan –  
Paul Sullivan – Emerita Hayward

**Thurs./Fri. AM Comp. KO (10 Teams)**

- 2 Jerry Nolte – Elizabeth Nolte –  
Paul Stygar – Willis Paley Hume

**Vibrant VA KO Bkt. 1 (15 Teams)**

- 2 Clyde Kruskal – Donna Rogall –  
Barry Falgout – Rusty Krauss

**Vibrant VA KO Bkt. 2 (15 Teams)**

- 1 Bob Pfeiffer – Herbert Fallin, Jr. –  
Bob Boyd – James Goodwin  
2 Ron Kral – Jay Kelkar – Deb Dhar –  
Jose Cortina

**Vibrant VA KO Bkt. 4 (12 Teams)**

- 1 John Hornbeck – Peter Mirsky –  
Susan Grossman – Lawrence Grossman  
2 Robert Henry – Arthur Weiss –  
Gretchen Handwerger – David Loken

**Vibrant VA KO Bkt. 5 (12 Teams)**

- 1 Dick Verdow – Jean Verdow –  
Catharine Fisher – John Fisher  
2 Neil Selvin – Terence McCarthy –  
Alfred Liepold – Helen Long

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**Parade of Winners** – continued from page 9**Fri. AM Side Game (19 Pairs)**

- 2 Al O'Malley – Neal McKinney
- 1 Stella Perry – Lois Simms

**Fri. A/X Pairs (37 Pairs)**

- 1 Lowell Sawyer – Don Geerhart
- 1 Michael Cheng – Helen Cheng

**Fri. B/C/D Pairs (28 Pairs)**

- 2/3 Barb Hincken – Joan Mitchum
- 2 1 Susan Miskura – Dennis Schwanz

**Fri. 3:00 0-300 Pairs (29 Pairs)**

- 1 1 Sharon Wynns – Peyton Wynns

**Fri. Aft./Eve. Open Pairs (36 Pairs)**

- 1 Stan Schenker – David Milton
- 1 Mark Kotlarsky – Harland Jones, Jr.

**Tidal Basin 0/300/750 Pairs (40 Pairs)**

- 1 Jim Sandefur – Doug Fox
- 2 1 Bob Blodgett – Jeff Youngen
- 2 Frank Alden – Stephen Montague

**Fri. Eve. BAM (16 Teams)**

- 1 Wonjoo Cho – Jackie Thompson –  
Marlys Moholt – Kathryn Kiley
- 2 1 Mike Frosch – Ellie Clark –  
Cherie Charles – Beverly Geurin

**Wonderful Wash. DC KO Bkt. 2 (12 Teams)**

- 2 Gloria Halstead –  
Francesco Parisi–Presicce –  
Juan Pardo – Tsung Lee

**Marvelous MD KO Bkt. 2 (15 Teams)**

- 2 Alan Breed – Janet Breed –  
Jean Valentine – Charles King

**Marvelous MD KO Bkt. 3 (15 Teams)**

- 1 Matt Meckstroth – Owen Lien –  
Daniel Goldfein – Tyler Eaves

**Sat. AM Side Game (20 Pairs)**

- 1 1 Joyce Currie – Michael Polunin
- 1 John Heggstad – Clifford Feldman
- 2 Gene Gallagher – Ed Heberg

**Sat. AM 0-50 Pairs (29 Pairs)**

- 1 Loretta Mathews – Susan Pettit
- 2 Taraneh Shahin – Bahman Shahin
- 1 1 Helen Hyman – Paul Hyman

**Sat. AM 0-300 Pairs (16 Pairs)**

- 1 1 1 Randolph Elkins – Kimberly Ferguson
- 2 2 2 Annapurna Satpathy – Gerald O'Dell

**Sat. Aft. 0-300 Pairs (20 Pairs)**

- 1 1 1 Linda Szyszka – Donald Szyszka

**Sat. Aft. 0-50 Pairs (18 Pairs)**

- 2 1 1 Ananias Brooks – Barbara Brooks

**Sat. Aft. Side Game (52 Pairs)**

- 1 1 David McIntyre – Carlene Garrigus
- 2 Clifford Feldman – John Heggstad

**Sat. Eve. BAM (20 Teams)**

- 2/3 Barbara Shaw – Leo LaSota –  
Kenton Schoen – Diane Walker

**Sat. Eve. BAM 0-300 (10 Teams)**

- 2 Carol Elfant – Joy Bloomfield –  
Loretta Mathews – Susan Pettit

**Sat. KO Bkt. 1 (8 Teams)**

- 2 James Murphy – Brian Schoenfeld –  
Woodruff Griffin – Ed Lewis –  
Ed Lewis, III

**Sat. KO Bkt. 4 (6 Teams)**

- 1 Michelle Cantave – Khon Lien –  
Julia Brown – Eva Shaffer

**Sat. KO Bkt. 6 (6 Teams)**

- 2 Robert Antonio – Gerald Marcovsky –  
Bill Brundick – Livingston Johnson

**Sat. KO Bkt. 7 (8 Teams)**

- 2 Maribel Newby – Nancy Cartwright –  
Cathy Stryker – Ednamea Trevey

**Sat. KO Bkt. 8 (7 Teams)**

- 1 Carl Noller – Brian Snyder –  
Philip Kopala – William White
- 2 Jerry Nolte – Elizabeth Nolte –  
Gil Krawitz – Willis Paley Hume

**Sat. KO Bkt. 9 (7 Teams)**

- 1 Dick Verdow – Jean Verdow –  
Catharine Fisher – John Fisher
- 2 Sharon Wynns – Peyton Wynns –  
Frank Hatten – Jason Stewart

**Sun. A/X Swiss (39 Teams)**

- 2 Paul Benedict – Lynn Jones –  
Tom Cogan – Ron Sukoneck

**Sun. B/C/D Swiss (62 Teams)**

- 1 Ron Kral – Jose Cortina –  
Jay Kelkar – Deb Dhar  
1 1 Dennis Schwanz – Susan Miskura –  
Paul Gayer – William Prosser –  
Walton Francis  
2 Pat Kuch – Neal McKinney –  
Abigail Nichols – Wanda Worsham

**Sun. AM Side Game (8 Pairs)**

- 2/3 2/3 Jeff Youngen – Susan Brawn

**Sun. AM 0-300 Swiss (11 Teams)**

- 1 1 Mary Ann Kral – Linda Burton –  
Amy Bloom – Roger Laumark

**Sun. Fast Open Pairs (28 Pairs)**

- 2 1 John Christensen – Hongmo Wang  
1 Nelu Schwartz – Byron Siegel  
2 Helene Cooper – James Warren

**Sun. Aft. 0-300 Swiss (15 Teams)**

- 2 2 Robert Dorosin – Joan White –  
Eleanor Schwartz – Darlene Thom  
2 Charles Shank – John Donohue –  
William Hughes – Barbara Hodges

**NASHVILLE NABC**  
**July 19–29, 2007**

**CHAMPIONSHIP FLIGHT GNT**

- 3/4 Robert Hopkins, Jr. – Joan Lewis –  
Steve Robinson – Rusty Krauss –  
Barry Falgout – Peter Boyd

**MOREHEAD FLIGHT A GNT**

- 5/8 Harvey Charkatz – Stan Schenker –  
David Milton – Mark Laken

**SHEINWOLD FLIGHT B GNT**

- 5/8 Jay Kelkar – Deb Dhar – Ron Kral –  
Jose Cortina

**First Fri. B/C/D Swiss (45 Teams)**

- 1 1 Joyce Currie – Amy Bloom –  
Lori Lerner – Estelle Bogart

**First Fri. Eve. 100/200/300 (24 Pairs)**

- 1 1 1 Pat Lonergan – Tom Lonergan

**Music City KO Bkt. 2 (16 Teams)**

- 1 Stan Schenker – David Milton –  
Harvey Charkatz – Mark Laken

**Sat./Sun. Side Game Series (68 Pairs)**

- 1 Madison Schepps – Elizabeth Schepps

**First Sat. Aft 100/200/300 Pairs (50 Pairs)**

- 1 1 1 Pat Lonergan – Tom Lonergan

**First Sat. Zip KO I (12 Teams)**

- 1 Matt Meckstroth – Howard Einberg –  
Robert Glickman – Andrew Garnett

**GRAND OLD KO Bkt. 4 (16 Teams)**

- 2 Robert Hopkins, Jr. – Joan Lewis –  
Barry Falgout – Rusty Krauss

**EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION KO V (8 Teams)**

- 2 Ron Flicker – Gloria Flicker –  
Herb Fallin, Jr. – La Quitta Talbot

**BRUCE LM 0-5000 Pairs (168 Pairs)**

- 51 Charles Pecarro – Mickey Hughes

**YOUNG LM 0-1500 Pairs (68 Pairs)**

- 11 Robert Glickman – Matt Meckstroth

**Mon. AM 100/200/300 Pairs (41 Pairs)**

- 2 Sharon Wynns – Peyton Wynns

**Mon./Tues. AM Comp KO Bkt. 2 (12 Teams)**

- 2 Herb Fallin, Jr. – La Quitta Talbot –  
Gloria Flicker – Ron Flicker

**Wed. Eve. B-A-M (92 Teams)**

- 1/4 Scott Stearns – David Banh –  
Donna Moore – Jeri Arnold

**NABC+ Fast Pairs (190 Pairs)**

- 18 John Fout – Jeff Roman  
44 Ai-Tai Lo – Fred Allenspach  
45 Doug Bullock – Kris Miller  
81 David Banh – Scott Stearns

**Thurs. Eve. 50/100/300 Pairs (31 Pairs)**

- 2 Jeff Schwartz – Kevin Rosenberg

**REMEMBER THE TITANS KO Bkt. 4 (12 Teams)**

- 1 La Quitta Talbot – Herb Fallin, Jr. –  
Bob Pfeiffer – Barbara Moomy

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**0 – 1500 MINI SPINGOLD II KO TEAMS  
(41 Teams)**

1 Matt Meckstroth – Daniel Goldfein –  
Sam Katz – Robert Glickman

**Goodbye Nashville KO Bkt. V (16 Teams)**

1 Lynda Flanger – Lori Lerner –  
Chloe Johnson – Wanda Worsham

**NABC OPEN SWISS TEAMS (128 Teams)**

22 Mark Shaw – Ai-Tai Lo –  
Alan Schwartz – William Pettis –  
Bill Cole – Dan Gerstman  
40/41 John Fout – Jeff Roman –  
Bryan Maksymetz – Zygmunt Marcinski

**WBL SECTIONAL  
August 9–12, 2007**

**Thurs. Eve. A/X Pairs (70 Pairs)**

2 Diane Alexander – Zeke Letellier

**Thurs. Eve. B/C/D Pairs (55 Pairs)**

1 Martha Bley – Ross Bley

**Thurs. 199er Pairs @ NVBA (22 Pairs)**

2 2 2 Tom Croker – Linda Croker

**Fri. AM Open Pairs (45 Pairs)**

2 Kathrine Loh – Grace Da Silva  
2 Rama Kapur – Joe Lentz

**Fri. AM NonLM Pairs (22 Pairs)**

2 Seth Chamberlain – Terence McCarthy

**Fri. Aft. A/X Pairs (24 Pairs)**

2 Hailong Ao – Mark Chen

**Fri. Aft. B/C/D Pairs (55 Pairs)**

1 1 1 Minako Komura – Kiyomi Shiba  
2 2 2 Susan Slattery – Monica Shumann

**Fri. Aft. NonLM Pairs (50 Pairs)**

2 Seth Chamberlain – Terence McCarthy

**Fri. Eve. BAM (28 Teams)**

2/4 Diane Walker – Ben Brill –  
Mike Frosch – Francesco Parisi-Presicce

**Sat. AM A/X Pairs (65 Pairs)**

2 Lowell Sawyer – Don Probst

**Sat. AM B/C/D Pairs (44 Pairs)**

1 1 Mark Rosen – Kiyomi Shiba  
2 2 Craig Olson – Michael Lawrence  
1 Ned Griffith – Albert Lauber  
2 Susan Slattery – Monica Shumann

**Sat. AM NonLM Pairs (53 Pairs)**

2 Amanda Carter – Daniel Finn

**Sat. Aft. B/C/D Pairs (54 Pairs)**

1 Jeff Youngen – Susan Brawn

**Sun. B/C/D Swiss (28 Teams)**

2 1 1 Joe Lentz – Rama Kapur –  
Anthony Cincotta – Ed Brawn  
2 William Pepelko – Jean Schoepe –  
Holly Wills – Nancy Loomis  
2 William Prosser – Paul Gayer –  
Walton Francis – Daniel Weinberg –  
Fred Gramlich

**Sun. AM NLM Swiss (14 Teams)**

2 2 2 Daniel Finn – Amanda Carter –  
Richard Majewski – Alan Walter

**Sun. Aft. NLM Swiss (10 Teams)**

2 Helen Long – Al Liepold – Neil Selvin –  
Howard Grunin  
2 Barbara Hodges – William Hughes –  
John Donohue – Charles Shank

**HUNT VALLEY REGIONAL  
August 13–18, 2007**

**Mon./Tues. Comp. KO Bkt. 2 (9 Teams)**

2 Bob Zier – Jim Witting – John Ashe –  
Robert Boyd

**Tues. Early Bird 0-300 (24 Pairs)**

2 Larry Gebbie – Mary Jo Cannizzaro –  
Marvin Raines – Linda Burton

**Tues. Aft. 0-50 (14 Pairs)**

1 Kathryn Weyers – Elizabeth Waldron

**Tues. Eve. 0-50 (16 Pairs)**

1 Kathryn Weyers – Elizabeth Waldron

**Tues. Eve. BAM (14 Teams)**

1/2 1/2 Shirley Lafferty – Hannah Moore –  
Mildred Hartshorn – Gene Gallagher

**Preakness Comp KO Bkt. 4 (12 Teams)**

- 1 Kevin O'Brien – Francesco Parisi-Presicce –  
Mike Frosch – Ellie Clark

**Preakness Comp KO Bkt. 5 (12 Teams)**

- 1 Ed Brawn – Susan Brawn –  
Lila Panahpour – Moza Panahpour

**Maryland Wed./Thu. KO Bkt. 4 (16 Teams)**

- 2 Sara Goodwin – John Mason –  
Mark Tonnesen – Dave Tonnesen

**Maryland Wed./Thu. KO Bkt. 5 (16 Teams)**

- 1 Judy Bates – Jane Bauserman –  
Mike Frosch – Francesco Parisi-Presicce

**Maryland Wed./Thu. KO Bkt. 8 (15 Teams)**

- 2 Jean Olcese – T. Olcese –  
Monica Shumann – Susan Slattery

**Wed. Eve. Side BAM Teams (40 Teams)**

- 1 James Goodwin – Bob Pfeiffer –  
Bob Walsh – Herb Fallin, Jr.

**Thurs. Aft. 0-300 Pairs (40 Pairs)**

- 1 Howard Friedel – William Murphy

**Thurs. Open Pairs (52 Pairs)**

- 1 Diane Walker – Kenton Schoen

**Thurs. Eve. Side Game (38 Pairs)**

- 2 1 Mary Edge – Betty Taff

**Thurs. Eve. BAM (52 Teams)**

- 1/3 William Foster, Jr. – Alice Brown –  
Enid Hughes – Pete Hughes  
1/2 Janice Altman – Jeffrey Klemm –  
Richard O'Keefe, Jr. – Anne Scornavacca

**Thurs. Eve. 300/200/50 Pairs (26 Pairs)**

- 1 1 Larry Settle – Elizabeth Settle  
2 David Fitzwilliam – Lorraine Tyler

**Hunt Cup KO Bkt. 7 (16 Teams)**

- 2 Neil Selvin – Howard Grunin –  
Helen Long – Alfred Liepold

**Ravens Fri. AM Side Game (22 Pairs)**

- 2 Martha Bley – Ross Bley

**Fri. Eve. BAM (20 Teams)**

- 2 David Fitzwilliam – Lorraine Tyler –  
Larry Settle – Elizabeth Settle

**Orioles Fri. Eve. Side Game (30 Pairs)**

- 1 Terry Lavender – Jeff Roman

**Fri. Senior Pairs (44 Pairs)**

- 2 George Bloomer – Vonnie Lavender

**Fri. A/X Pairs (54 Pairs)**

- 2 Gil Cohen – Marty Nelson

**Sat. AM 0-300 Pairs (30 Pairs)**

- 2 Lynne Beresford – Eleanor Schwartz

**Sat. Senior Pairs (68 Pairs)**

- 1 Carole Grob – Robert Boyd  
2 Diane Alexander – Zeke Letellier  
2 Ferne Walpert – Jerry Barker

**Black-Eyed Susan 300/750 Pairs (78 Pairs)**

- 1 Ned Griffith – Albert Lauber  
2 1 Neil Selvin – Howard Grunin

**Sat. Eve. 0-300 Pairs (17 Pairs)**

- 2 1 Rachelle Sladoff – Rochelle Hilton  
2 Eleanor Schwartz – Jared Schuller

**Weekend KO Bkt. 2 (12 Teams)**

- 1 Charles Yaple – Tom Musso –  
Don Berman – Richard Ferrin

**Weekend KO Bkt. 5 (16 Teams)**

- 2 Cathy Stryker – Donor Lion –  
Ednamae Trevey – Nancy Gamber

**Sun. A/X Swiss (32 Teams)**

- 1 Barry Falgout – Rusty Krauss –  
Robert Hopkins, Jr. – Joan Lewis

**Sun. AM 199er Pairs (16 Pairs)**

- 1 Lynne Beresford – Eleanor Schwartz

**Sun. 1st I/N Swiss (14 Teams)**

- 2/3 Azmat Ali – Al Harris –  
Susan Kolodner – Amanda Carter  
2/3 2 Jane Farthing – Veronica Reinhardt –  
Tina Hogan – Marilyn Armon

**Sun. Aft. 199er Pairs (16 Pairs)**

- 2 2 Rachelle Sladoff – Rochelle Hilton

**Sun. 2nd I/N Swiss (10 Teams)**

- 1 Al Krall – Bettijane Krall – Jerry Nolte –  
Elizabeth Nolte

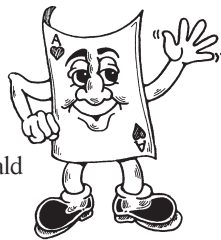
## HAIL AND FAREWELL

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

Ananies Brooks	Barbara Brooks
Karin Brosius	Constance Cahill
Peggy Comerford	Stephen Drodge
Rae Glass	John Hambric
Karen Hannon	Judith Heit
James Hewitt	Paul Hyman
Deborah Klar	Algene Kuchinka
Kenneth Linder	Fern Morrison
Andrea Stanley-Miller	Dr. Joan Turkus
Rodrigo Valderrama	Gene Venzke
Teresa Wilson	Aline Wolf
Gerald Wolf	

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

Santiago Arciniegas  
 Dr. Howard Bender  
 Thomas Bushnell  
 Gregory Christian  
 David Ellis  
 Sharon Ellis  
 Mary Evans Fitzgerald  
 Ron Glass  
 Dorothy Grosicki  
 Adrienne Heishman  
 Stanley Heishman  
 Cragg Hines  
 Jennifer D. Nisenoff  
 Marvin Raines  
 Lt. Col. Anthony Russo  
 Judith Russo  
 Darlene Thom  
 Jesse Warlick



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

Douglas Allan	Pat Beebe
Bonnie Blair	Aubrey Carlson

Mary Kay Carlson	Edmund Chaffee
Karen Chaffee	Bradley Clark
Erin Clark	Sandra Cox
Alice Davidson	Marshall Fite
Donna Fletcher	Andrew Francis
Camelia Galos	Dr. Ahmed Khalak
Beth Kinney	Robert Leach
Peggy McCarter	Helen McMaster
Mary Rich	Robert Rook
Barbara Sidler	Betty Simpson
Rod Spicer	Simone Suizzo

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

Aron Chrapp  
 Bill Gunter  
 Nagy Wehbe

### Congratulations to our NVBA members on the winning Flight A GNT Team in District 6!

In the Flight A 0-5000 GNT competition this spring, two NVBA members were on the winning team that went to the NABC in Nashville, TN to represent District 6. Congratulations to David Milton and Stan Schenker and their teammates Mark Laken and Harvey Charkatz on their win in this event against a higher-seeded team: Leo Lasota, David Abelow, Alan Tenenbaum, Michael Gill, Noble Shore and David Ruderman. David and Stan's team made it to the Round of 8 in Nashville. Way to go guys!

# MILESTONES

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

**♠♦ NEW JUNIOR MASTERS ♣♥**

Egbert B. Abiad  
 Hermana M. Bus  
 Amanda E. Carter  
 Joseph W. Drodge  
 Sherry K. Griffin  
 Rochelle Hilton  
 William T. Hohe  
 Helen J. Hyman  
 Mark Jones  
 Kenneth P. Linder  
 Joseph Nosari  
 Shirley E. Prikals  
 Jeffrey Schwartz  
 Jacobus A. Vanderweel  
 Ewing S. Walker  
 Shiela Walker



**♠♦ NEW CLUB MASTERS ♣♥**

Amanda E. Carter  
 Linda W. Croker  
 Randolph Elkins  
 Shirin N. Farkhan  
 Clifford I. Feldman  
 William C. Horne, III  
 Dr. Martha Kendall  
 Tom Lonergan  
 Susan E. Pettit  
 Dr. Bahman Shahin  
 Taraneh Shahin  
 Hilda A Sheffer

**♠♦ NEW SECTIONAL MASTERS ♣♥**

Blair H. Curry  
 Catharine B. Fisher  
 John W. Fisher  
 Gisela M. Glodeck  
 Sidney Y. Graves  
 Gary S. Hinson  
 Barbara I. Hodges  
 Mark McEnearney  
 John H. Menzel

Eleanor L. Schwartz  
 Diana G. Stein  
 Larry R. Taylor  
 Darlene M. Thom

**♠♦ NEW REGIONAL MASTERS ♣♥**

Seth P. Chamberlain  
 David H. Dove  
 Sara E. Goodwin  
 Peggy McCarter  
 Terence F. McCarthy  
 Neil Selvin  
 Kiyomi Shiba

**♠♦ NEW NABC MASTERS ♣♥**

Dr. Jose Cortina  
 Joyce E. Currie  
 Anthony W. Hawks  
 Willis Paley Hume  
 Major Howard G. Schuyler

**♠♦ NEW LIFE MASTERS ♣♥**

Ellie Clark  
 Elizabeth Huffman  
 Edward J. Mason  
 Louise H. Oetjen  
 Bob Silverstein  
 Cathy J. Stryker  
 Lenore G. Ward

**♠♦ NEW BRONZE LIFE MASTER ♣♥**

Paul L. Black  
 Martha D. Bley  
 Ross A. Bley  
 Nancy N. Loomis  
 Maureen S. Shea  
 Robert L. Tarczy  
 Lenore Ward

**♠♦ NEW SILVER LIFE MASTERS ♣♥**

Pat Beebe  
 Matt Meckstroth

## Better Basic Bridge: Opening Leads In Partner's Suit

by Ron Kral

This column is based on the concept of Pareto's principle also known as the 80/20 rule. In essence, the 80/20 rule states that 80 percent of the time, a problem can be solved using one (usually simple) specific solution. The other 20 percent of the time the problem requires any one of many other more complex solutions. If you see the same problem again and again, and start by ALWAYS applying the one simple solution, you'll get the answer right most of the time. As time goes on and you become more familiar with the problem, you'll gradually learn the other possibilities and your solution/success rate will improve. BUT IN THE MEANTIME, you've been successful in correctly solving the problem 80 percent or more of the time by simply applying the "stock" answer every time. This concept applies to bridge. By reading this series of articles and applying the suggested solutions EVERY TIME, your game will improve. Of course, 20 percent of the time the stock answer will be incorrect. At the table, when you realize that the 80 percent solution didn't work this time, look at the hand carefully and try to identify what WOULD have worked and why, AND how you could/should have recognized that the "standard 80 percent solution" was not appropriate. This is how you improve your game with more table time.

This month we're going to talk about leading your partner's suit. There are actually several rules for leading your partner's suit **at trick one**. You must memorize and practice these until they become automatic. Note that the rules are slightly different based on whether or not you've supported your partner by bidding the suit during the auction, and whether or not you're defending against a suit contract or a notrump contract. Note that these suggestions are correct even if it's not your partner's suit you're leading.

Here is a table that describes what to do. **The BOLD UNDERSCORD** card is the one to lead **at trick one**. In the middle of the hand, the rules are normally the same, but there are some more exceptions. For example, it's often right (and OK) to lead away from an Ace at a suit contract **IN THE MIDDLE OF THE HAND**. As stated above, the **BOLD UNDERSCORED** card is the right one **MOST** of the time. There **ARE** exceptions. When the card is **UNDERSCORED** but not **BOLD**, this is the recommended card to lead, BUT this is **not** a desirable lead. Remember, this is **TRICK ONE**, the opening lead. Middle of the hand leads may be different.

See notes below	You did NOT support partner during the auction	You did NOT support partner during the auction	You supported partner during the auction	You supported partner during the auction
	Suit Contracts	Notrump contracts	Suit Contracts	Notrump contracts
1)	<u>K963</u>	<u>K963</u>	<u>K963</u>	<u>K963</u>
2)	<u>Q63</u>	<u>Q63</u>	<u>Q63</u>	<u>Q63</u>
3)	<u>A6/K6/Q6/J6</u>	<u>A6/K6/Q6/J6</u>	<u>A6/K6/Q6/J6</u>	<u>A6/K6/Q6/J6</u>
4)	<u>A42</u>	<u>A42</u>	<u>A42</u>	<u>A42</u>
5)	<u>72</u>	<u>72</u>	<u>72</u>	<u>72</u>
6)	<u>983/9763</u>	<u>983/9763</u>	<u>983/9763</u>	<u>983/9763</u>
7)	<u>KQ4/QJ4/J104</u>	<u>KQ4/QJ4/J104</u>	<u>KQ4/QJ4/J104</u>	<u>KQ4/QJ4/J104</u>
8)	<u>AK3</u>	<u>AK3</u>	<u>AK3</u>	<u>AK3</u>
9)	<u>AK</u>	<u>AK</u>	<u>AK</u>	<u>AK</u>

1) K963 – An easy one. When you hold four of your partner’s suit with an honor (10 or better), lead 4th best. Do not fall into the commonly held misconception of leading “top”. If you lead top, partner will think you have a doubleton (see #4) or a sequence (see #7), AND you’ll often make declarer’s job easier.

2) Q63 – Another easy one. When you hold three of your partner’s suit with an honor, lead 3rd best. Save your honor to trap something in declarer’s hand. If declarer holds something like KJx, leading the Queen from this holding gives him a second trick in the suit he can never get for himself. Leading low saves your Queen to capture the Jack.

3) A6/K6/Q6/J6 – With a doubleton honor in partner’s suit, you must lead the highest one. Normally you have not supported partner with this holding. Leading high unblocks the suit AND tells partner you only have two cards in the suit. This is why you cannot lead high in cases 1 and 2 above – partner will THINK you have a doubleton. Unfortunately, partner may think you’re leading the top of a sequence. Hopefully the situation will become clear based on dummy and partner’s holding.

4) A42 – Leading Ace from Axx is **not** a good lead. When holding the Acethird in partner’s suit, most of the time it’s right to lead *another* suit. If you **must** lead this suit, you **must** lead the Ace at a suit contract. At no trump, it’s 50/50 whether it’s right to lead the Ace or small. A lot depends on the auction, whether partner is an opening bidder or overcaller, the level of the contract, etc. You’re probably going to get the best result most of the time by leading the Ace. Note the card is underscored, but not **BOLD** to indicate it’s a lead you’re not anxious to make. Also note that initially your partner will be confused since he will THINK you’re leading from a combination like #3 or #7. All in all, it’s better to avoid this lead if playing a suit contract.

5) 72 – With **any** doubleton in partner’s suit, lead high. Partner will treat this as a count signal (high-low from two cards) and play accordingly. It’s unlikely you’ve supported partner during the auction with two small, but there are some situations where you’ve done so (partner has rebid their suit showing six, taking a false preference after a forcing NT, et.al.). Regardless, lead high.

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6) Up to this point, the lead's been the same whether or not you've supported partner. However, with three or four small, the situation is different. If you **HAVE** supported partner, you lead HIGH. Partner already knows you have 3 or 4 cards in the suit (you supported him during the auction), so he doesn't need the count. He needs to know which cards you're holding. By leading HIGH after supporting partner, partner can tell the distribution of all the higher cards around the table. **BUT**, if you **haven't** supported partner during the auction, he doesn't know how many cards you hold, so you must lead low. **IF** you lead HIGH, partner will play you for a doubleton (see #5 above) and likely misdefend.

7) **KQ4/QJ4/J104** – From a sequence, lead top. Partner will place you with **EITHER** the card immediately below the card led (and perhaps more), **OR** a doubleton. Usually partner can tell from dummy and other clues which one it is.

8) **AK3** – From AceKing and little ones, the modern style is to lead the Ace (top of a sequence). The old style is to lead King from either **AK** or from **KQ**. When using the older style, it's often difficult for partner to know which holding you started with. Ace from **AK** is a **GOOD** lead.

9) **AK** – When holding the doubleton **AK**, lead the King first, then the Ace if your agreement is to lead Ace from **AK**. Leading them in reverse order tells your partner you have a doubleton.

Even if you follow these rules exactly, there are times when partner will find a particular card ambiguous. When partner misdefends, you can blame me and still win the post-mortem because “Ron told me to lead that card!”

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## *Q & A with David Soukup*

Ten-year old David Soukup played his first bridge game in April and has been a regular at the NVBA Unit Game ever since. He also started playing at the Wednesday club game in Ballston as part of his summer vacation activities. On August 23 he had a 62 percent game in the 199er Unit game with one of his regular partners, Jenny Shaefer, and was first in his direction and second overall. On August 30 he had a 69 percent game playing with Eric Poskanzer in the 199er game and was first overall. David's presence usually brings a number of questions from other players, so his father gave him ten questions for his first interview:

**Q.** Why are you so interested in bridge?

**A.** I am so interested in bridge because it is a game where you have a partner playing with you and because it is a social game.

**Q.** What is special about the game?

**A.** One of the special things about bridge is that you learn a complete new language. Eight months ago, a board was a billboard, a washboard, pasteboard, or wallboard to me.

**Q.** How did you learn to play?

**A.** My father taught me the basic rules. After that, he got an online bridge course. I've also learned a few conventions from books and other players.

**Q.** Where are you going to school? What grade are you in?

**A.** I am in 6th grade at Kenmore Middle School in Arlington, VA.

**Q.** What was your "most embarrassing moment" at the bridge table?

**A.** My most embarrassing moment was when I did not tell my partner that I was using a certain convention. She misinterpreted the bid and gave the opponents incorrect information. A lot of confusion followed, but I learned my lesson.

**Q.** What are your favorite bridge books?

**A.** My favorite bridge book is Modern Bridge Conventions by William S. Root and Richard Pavlicek.

**Q.** What are your other favorite activities (games, sports)?

**A.** I am intrigued by the Japanese game of Go. I also play on a baseball team in spring and fall.

**Q.** How is your style of play changing? (What are you doing differently than when you started?)

**A.** I have definitely become less afraid to declare, more aggressive, and my convention card is much more complex.

**Q.** What do you think about your father's natural talent for the game?

**A.** Well, it's enough to get through the bridge column in the newspaper ...

**Q.** What do you think about bridge players?

**A.** The bridge players here are very nice, and they have made me feel welcome. Thanks to everybody who helped me along the way, especially my partner Jenny!

**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>

*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 Kuschner – *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:* [htm http://members.cox.net/carlinspringsbc/index2.htm](http://members.cox.net/carlinspringsbc/index2.htm)

*Directors:* Alan Breed; 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; Sunday, 1:00 PM  
Vienna Bridge – Thursday, 10:00 a.m.  
*URL:* <http://members.cox.net/bridge.jcc.vdbc>

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

*Director:* Terry Jones – *Game:* Falls Church BC – Saturday, 7:00 PM  
*URL:* <http://fallschurchbridgeclub.com/Scores/html>

## Mid-Atlantic Seeks Someone To Store And Transport Tables

The Mid-Atlantic Bridge Conference Finance Committee is in the process of accepting bids for moving tables to our various tournaments in District Six. A total of about 350 card tables need to be stored and then up to 325 of them need to be transported to and from the four regionals held annually in the District. In 2008 these tournaments will be held in Williamsburg, VA, Reston, VA, Hunt Valley, MD and Virginia Beach, VA. In addition you might be able to do the tables for Raleigh, NC.

Anyone interested should contact Fred King, the subcommittee chairperson, at [fredmking@gmail.com](mailto:fredmking@gmail.com).

♣ **Arlington, VA ♦ OCTOBER 18-21, 2007 ♥**

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## NVBA FALL SECTIONAL TOURNAMENT

*At our New Location:*  
**The Arlington/Fairfax Elks Lodge #2188**  
8421 Arlington Boulevard,  
Fairfax, VA; 703-560-2213



**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 18**

*Beth El Hebrew Congregation, 3830 Seminary Road, Alexandria, VA (NVBA)  
Christ the King Church, one block south of East-West Highway on  
Colston between Washington and Grubb, Chevy Chase, MD (WBL)*

**NVBA (Beth El)    WBL**

*\*\*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.

**...REST OF TOURNAMENT AT ELKS LODGE...**

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 19**

STRATIFIED OPEN PAIRS (2000+/2000/750) ..... 2 p.m.  
299ER PAIRS (300/200/100) ..... 2 p.m.  
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, OCTOBER 20**

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.  
0-5 PAIRS ..... 9:30 a.m.  
STRATAFLIGHTED PAIRS (A/X=3000+/3000; B/C=2000/750) .. 2 p.m.  
299ER PAIRS (300/200/100; 2 single sessions) ..... 2 & 7:30 p.m.  
49ER PAIRS (50/20/5) ..... 2 p.m.  
STRATIFIED OPEN PAIRS (2000+/2000/750) ..... 7:30 p.m.

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 21**

*\*\*Novice/Intermediate Lecture (Jeff Roman)* ..... 10:15 a.m.\*\*  
FLIGHTS A/X (3000+/3000) & B/C (2000/750) SWISS TEAMS . 11:00 a.m.  
*Both Flights are 2-session events, with one break—Look for more info about lunch  
in upcoming issues.*  
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.

*Plenty of free  
parking! On-site  
snack bar plus lots of free  
treats! Many great  
restaurants nearby!*  
*Championship Events  
and a Full Schedule of  
299er Events for Novice and  
Intermediate Players!  
Players with 0-5 Masterpoints  
play **FREE** in **ALL** games!*

**Mid-Chart Conventions  
permitted in all A/X &  
Open Stratified Events**

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**Next NVBA Sectional  
Feb. 21-24 '08 at Arlington/  
Fairfax Elks Lodge  
(Thurs at Beth El)**

**DIRECTIONS: (NEW)** From Route 50/Arlington Boulevard heading west from DC and Arlington AND from Route 495/Beltway: Continue on/Take Route 50 West about one mile outside the Beltway, and turn left at Javier Road (the second stoplight after the intersection of 50 and 495). Take an immediate right onto the access road that runs parallel to Route 50. The Elks Lodge will be two buildings down on your left—parking on the side and in the rear. From Fairfax, heading East on Route 50: Pass the intersection of Route 50 and Prosperity Avenue—the Prosperity Medical Center will be on your right. Between the first and second lights after Prosperity, turn right into the access road that runs parallel to Route 50 and look for the Elks Lodge immediately to your right—parking on the far side of the building and in the rear.

**SILVER SPRING, MD: OCTOBER 4-7, 2007**



COME TO AN  
**Octoberfest  
OF Bridge!**



Washington  
Bridge  
League's  
**77<sup>th</sup> Annual  
D.C.  
Championships**

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 4**

- ♣ 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. 1<sup>st</sup> left on Colston. Church is on the left before the next intersection.

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 5**

**Friday—at Christ  
the King Church Only**

- ♦ Stratified Pairs (unlim/2000/500) ..... 10:00am
- ♥ StrataFlighted A/X (unlim/3000) & B/C/D Pairs (1500/1000/500) ..... 2:00pm
- ♠ **IMP Pairs, Beer & Bratwurst** ..... 7:30pm  
StrataFlighted A/X (unlim/3000) & B/C/D (1500/1000/500)



**The Friday Night Imps are back!** Friday nights are your chance to try a different form of the game. With IMP pairs, you only need one partner, but it scores like a team game. Your score will be averaged with all the other scores from your direction on each board.

- ♣ Intermediate/Novice Pairs (300/200/100/50/20) (single sessions) ..... 10:00am, 2:00pm, 7:30pm

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

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**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 6**

- ♣ StrataFlighted A/X Pairs (unlim/3000) (single sessions) ..... 11:00am, 3:30pm
- ♦ StrataFlighted B/C/D Pairs (1500/1000/500) (single sessions) ..... 11:00am, 3:30pm
- ♥ Intermediate/Novice Pairs (300/200/100) (single sessions) ..... 11:00am, 3:30pm
- ♠ Newcomer Pairs (50/20/5) (single sessions) ..... 11:00am, 3:30pm
- ♣ **Machlin Sportsmanship Award** Presentation & between sessions Panel Show ... 2:30pm

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 7**

♦ **Eynon Trophy**



First awarded in 1931— Try to add your name to the famous names inscribed here!

- A/X Swiss Teams, VPs (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

♣ **Full Schedule of Intermediate and Novice Events** ♥

I/N events: 0-5, 20, 50, 100, 200, 300; Stratification at Director's Discretion.



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**THURSDAY, JANUARY 3**



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**46<sup>th</sup>**  
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**FRIDAY, JANUARY 4**

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  - ♥ StrataFlighted A/X (unlim/3000) & B/C/D Pairs (1500/1000/500) . . . . . 2:00pm
  - ♠ **Bracketed IMP Pairs & computer assigned Board-An-IMP Teams** . . . . . 7:30pm
- Friday nights are your chance to try a different form of the game. This evening, there will be two ways to win playing IMPs. Come with your partner for an IMP Pair game. At the end of the evening, compare your scores as in a Swiss team game with your computer assigned teammates for an extra chance to win.
- ♣ Intermediate/Novice Pairs (300/200/100/50/20) (single sessions) . . . . . 10:00am, 2:00pm, 7:30pm

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♥ **Panel Show & Party**

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 5**

*to Honor New Life Masters between sessions*

- ♣ StrataFlighted A/X (unlim/3000) & B/C/D Pairs (1500/1000/500) (single sessions) . . 11:00am, 3:30pm
- ♦ Intermediate/Novice Pairs (300/200/100) (single sessions) . . . . . 11:00am, 3:30pm
- ♥ Newcomer Pairs (50/20/5) (single sessions) . . . . . 11:00am, 3:30pm

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 6**

**WBL Trophy Race Winners' Presentation between sessions**

- ♠ **NEW! Bracketed Teams.** (2 session playthru w/short break) . . . . . 11:00am & TBA
- Check out this new format!** Each bracket of eight teams (by masterpoints) will play a complete round robin. *Each team plays all of the other teams in its bracket!* The top bracket will hold an unlimited number of teams and will play a swiss format. Your team may choose to play up—but only into the top bracket. *If you like playing A teams, you can—otherwise, play against your peers!*
- ♣ 300/100/50 Swiss Teams, VPs (single sessions) . . . . . 11:00am, 3:00pm

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