

Annual Meeting, Election and Bridge – May 1, 2008

THIS YEAR'S ANNUAL MEETING, awards night and elections for the Board is being held May 1, 2008. We'll gather starting at 5:30 p.m. at the Beth El Hebrew Congregation, 3830 Seminary Road, Alexandria, Virginia, 22304. 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 by the President, 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 fifth annual Dave Murray award.

After the annual meeting ends, circa 7:30 p.m., the eleventh 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/C (500/2000) game. We will also run a 0-199er game, and a separate 0-5 game if enough players come who fall in that category. The fee for the charity game is \$9.00 for the A/X and B/C games and \$8.00 for the 199er game. New Life Masters and players with 0-5 MPs play for free. The offices of Vice President and Treasurer, and two Executive Director positions are up for elec-

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Of Special Interest:

- 0-5000 GNT (1st weekend),
Apr. 5-6
- 0-5000 GNT (2nd weekend),
Apr. 12-13
- NVBA Sectional, Apr. 10-13
- GATLINBURG, TN REGIONAL,
Apr. 14-20
- NVBA Annual Meeting, May 1
- NABC Promotion Week, May 5-11
- NVBA LM/NLM game, May 15
- RALEIGH, NC REGIONAL,
May 20-26
- RESTON, VA REGIONAL,
Jun. 30 – Jul 6

President's Message

By Leo Cardillo



THE WILLIAM POISSANT Memorial Sectional Tournament was held February 21-24 at the Elks Lodge on Rt. 50, and the attendance of 460.5 tables set a record, exceeding that of the February 2007 Poissant Sectional by a few tables! This new record was achieved despite an icy rain and winter weather watch on Thursday and Friday. Attendance at the Saturday afternoon session, the start of the two-session Poissant Trophy pairs competition, was another record, with 80 full tables in play – every table in the house, and the highest total for a single session in many, many years. We hope everyone had a good time and look forward to seeing you at the

April Sectional at the Elks Lodge.

Other tournament news: With regard to the Poissant, I want to offer congratulations to Gil Cohen and Marty Nelson for their excellent card-playing, which secured their names on the prestigious Poissant Trophy as the winners of the event for 2008. Another wonderful feature of this Sectional was the roast of our own Jeff Roman, deftly performed by Rusty Krauss, Jeff's brother, Matt, and supporting cast, honoring the accumulation of 10,000 master points by Jeff. These were indeed four days in February to remember. But don't worry, if you missed this Poissant extravaganza, Tournament Chair Margot Hennings has secured a contract to hold Sectionals at the Elks Lodge through 2009 at the same terms that we enjoy today. Life is good!

The NVBA Annual Meeting will occur on May 1, 2008 at Beth El Hebrew Congregation. Each Annual Meeting includes the election of Board members. This year the positions of Vice-President, Treasurer and two Executive Directors are up for election. There is information on this year's candidates elsewhere in the Newsletter, but I want to say a few words of appreciation for those who are leaving the Board. Director Carole Grob has completed two years of service and has helped with many activities, in addition to graciously arranging for the Board to hold some of its meetings at the Springfield Golf & Country Club where Carole and her husband Ron are members. Carole, along with Ron Kral, was a pioneering force in securing duplicating machines for the NVBA and for her own club, which has been a great help in speeding up the start of play of the Unit Game. During Director Ed Brawn's time on the Board, he has been a principal in handling the Club Liaison duties. In addition, Carole and Treasurer Dale Dallaire are serving as the Co-Chairs of this year's 4th of July Regional to be held at Reston Town Center on June 30 – July 6, 2008. Dale has agreed to run for another term as Treasurer.

NVBA Vice President Margot Hennings has decided to take a break after over 19 years on the Board, but continues to serve as Tournament Chair of the Sectionals. She also is undertaking the mammoth task of serving as the Chair of the 2009 Summer NABC to be held in Washington, DC on July 23 - August 2, 2009. Margot's long record of excellent service on the NVBA Board and to bridge in this area is just that – an outstanding record and one that is likely to stand for a very long time. Thanks, Margot!

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Upcoming NVBA Games & Special Events

Apr. 3 Beth El – 7:00 Stratified District-wide Charity Pairs
Apr. 10 Beth El – 7:00 NVBA Sectional (rest of Sectional at Arlington/ Fairfax Elks Lodge) Stratiflighted Pairs
Apr. 17 Beth El – 7:00 Stratified Unit Championship
Apr. 24 Beth El – 7:00 Stratified Membership game
May 1 Beth El – 7:00 Annual Meeting Stratiflighted Charity Pairs
May 8 Beth El – 7:00 Stratiflighted DC Summer 2009 NABC Promotion
May 15 Beth El – 7:00 LM/Non-LM pairs (Unit Championship)
May 22 Beth El – 7:00 Stratified Rating Point Game
May 29 Beth El – 7:00 Stratified Club Championship
Jun. 5 Beth El – 7:00 Stratiflighted North American Pairs (NAP)
Jun. 12 Beth El – 7:00 Stratified STaC Pairs
Jun. 19 Beth El – 7:00 Stratiflighted North American Pairs (NAP)
Jun. 26 Beth El – 7:00 Stratiflighted Unit Championship

Stratification Limits:

All NVBA Unit Games include a separate Stratified 199er game.
 Players with 0-5 MPs play free every Thursday and in all Sectional events.
 For the North American Pairs qualifying games, the stratification is:
 0-500 (NLM), 500-2000, 2000+.
 For the StaCs, the stratification is: 0-500/500-1500/1500+

Upcoming Sectionals

NVBA
 April 10 – 13, 2008

WBL
 August 7-10, 2008

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

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Another important aspect of the Annual meeting, in addition to all the various awards that will be presented, including my own favorite award, the Dave Murray award, is the financial report from the Treasurer. As you know, the NVBA Board has been actively trimming expenses and has also increased the playing fee at the Unit Game. With growing attendance at the Unit Game and the Sectionals, the odds are good that the bottom line will be in the black, but we are not there yet. I look forward to working with Dale and the Board on assuring the financial soundness of the NVBA.

Another important future date to mark on your calendar is the Annual LM/NLM game which will be held on May 15 at Beth El. All LM and Non-LM participants play for free. I urge all Life Masters to dedicate this one night of the year to support the developing bridge players of the Unit. The continued growth of the 199er Game and that of all non-Life Masters is critical to the survival of the great game of bridge. Be There!!

Speaking of the future, I want to strongly encourage your support for bridge youth programs in our local schools and in tournaments being held just for youth. The youth bridge movement is a strategic component of the future of bridge. In addition to the excellent work being done at Thomas Jefferson (TJ) High School by Suzanne Abrams, Nancy Cartwright and Bob Kerchner, and at Garfield Elementary School by Suzanne Abrams, Patty Tucker of District 7 is Chairing the first Youth NABC to be held in Atlanta July 3-6, 2008; the second one will be held at the Washington, DC Summer NABC in 2009. Suzanne is looking for additional volunteers to support the Garfield "graduates" as they move up to Francis Scott Key Junior High School. I also know that we could use other volunteers at various school locations. I served as Bridge Advisor for TJ's Bridge Club from September 2001 through June 2007, and I still fill in where I can. You will enjoy every moment that you spend with these fine young players and it will keep you young, to boot! It might even sharpen your game...

See you at the tables!

NOTICE – CHANGE TO BRIDGE INFORMATION LINE (BIL)

PLAYERS AND CLUB OWNERS – PLEASE TAKE NOTE! THE BRIDGE INFORMATION PHONE LINE REPORTING CLUB INFORMATION, UPCOMING EVENTS, SCHEDULE CHANGES, ETC. HAS BEEN CHANGED TO:
703-869-0852.

CLUB OWNERS/DIRECTORS: PLEASE CALL TONY CINCOTTA, 703-533-1609, WITH ANY INFORMATION YOU WOULD LIKE POSTED ON THE BIL.

PLAYERS: YOU MAY CALL THE BIL NUMBER FOR INFORMATION ON UPCOMING EVENTS AND TO REQUEST A PARTNER FOR ANY NVBA-SPONSORED GAME.

Upcoming 199er Unit Games

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Apr. 10 Beth El – 7:00 NVBA Sectional 199er Pairs (rest of Sectional at Fairfax Elks Lodge)
Apr. 17 Beth El – 7:00 199er Pairs Game
Apr. 24 Beth El – 7:00 199er Pairs Game
May 1 Beth El – 7:00 Annual Meeting – 199er Charity Pairs Game
May 8 Beth El – 7:00 199er DC Summer 2009 NABC Promotional Game
May 15 Beth El – 7:00 LM/Non-LM Pairs Game
May 22 Beth El – 7:00 Club Championship – 199er Pairs game
May 29 Beth El – 7:00 199er Pairs Game
Jun. 5 Beth El – 7:00 199er Pairs Game OR 199ers may “play up” in the Flight C of the North American Pairs (NLM 0-500 MPs)
Jun. 12 Beth El – 7:00 STaC – 199er Pairs Game
Jun. 19 Beth El – 7:00 199er Pairs Game OR 199ers may “play up” in the Flight C of the North American Pairs (NLM 0-500 MPs)
Jun. 26 Beth El – 7:00 199er Pairs Game

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tion. All candidates who have not yet declared their candidacy must have a petition signed by 20 NVBA members submitted to the Nominating Committee chaired by Herb Fallin, Jr. (703-799-2607, or brocanteworld@aol.com), or to NVBA Secretary Marge Gazzola (gazzolml@aol.com), no later than April 17 in order to get their name on the ballot. Absentee ballots will be available after April 17 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 1. 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 plan to attend.

The Candidates for NVBA Officers and Executive Director positions are:



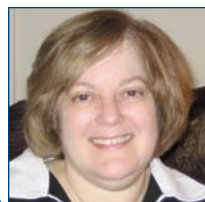
Candidate for Vice President

Alan Breed

Why do I desire to run for election as Vice President of the Board of Directors of the ACBL Unit #218? My primary reason is so I may better contribute to our efforts to keep duplicate bridge flourishing and growing in this area. Our unit's two biggest challenges are bringing into the world of duplicate bridge new players and remain financially sound.

With the aging of our current population of bridge players we will continue to dwindle in numbers unless we attract new players. At the same time dwindling numbers of members and less attendance at our unit and sectional games make it more difficult to stay financially sound.

I believe that with my experience as a player and more importantly as an owner, operator and director of one of the largest games in the area, I can help in finding solutions to the problems the unit faces today. Over the past 6 years we have built up our game from about 19 or 20 tables to over 30 tables. Two years ago we started a 299er game to attract new players and have increased the number of tables from 4-5 to 10-12. My leadership, management and problem solving skills that I honed during my 34 year career in the Coast Guard and 7 years as the Chief Operating Officer of a large not for profit organization should be useful in fulfilling my responsibilities if I am elected to serve as Vice President of the Board of Directors of Unit #218.



Candidate for Treasurer

Dale Dallaire

Hard to believe it's been four years since my husband and I moved from Michigan to Virginia. It wasn't long after I arrived that I began serving on the NVBA Board as a replacement for the previously elected Treasurer. I have been on the Board in this capacity for almost four years

and would welcome the opportunity to continue serving in this position. I have also helped out as Partnership Chair at Sectionals, am Co-Chair of the MABC Regional being held in Reston this July, and am running an Open bridge game and a 0-299er game in Falls Church on Friday mornings. As you can see, I believe bridge is more than a game and I like to be very involved.



Candidate for Executive Director

Jim Dick

Education: College of William and Mary, BA Government 1977

Personal Information: I have lived in the Washington DC area for my entire life. I have been playing bridge in the various clubs in the area since the 1970's. I am currently running the Sunday Afternoon Bridge game at the JCC on Little River Turnpike. I became a certified club director this past year and am looking to expand my involvement in the bridge community. I want to try to give something back to this game we all enjoy and look to working on the Board as a logical way to accomplish this.

I have published a website about my bridge club. I would invite everyone to visit the site and enjoy the weekly challenge.

My best bridge experience: Meeting my wife at the Boston Nationals!



Candidate for Executive Director

Jennifer Nisenoff

I moved to Northern Virginia last year and I am enjoying meeting people and playing in various bridge events in the area. I also have the opportunity to travel for business and occasionally I get to play bridge in clubs and tournaments in different areas. I'm usually so impressed by how welcoming the bridge community can be to visitors and I know how much work goes on behind the scenes to make these events successful. My goal by joining the board is to try to ensure that this tradition continues. People play bridge for many reasons—for the competition, for the joy of improving their skill, for the social aspect, and because it can be so much fun. All are important and all should be respected. Let's work together to ensure bridge continues to be vibrant in Northern Virginia!



Parade of Winners

WBL SECTIONAL January 3–6, 2008

Thurs. Eve.. A/X Pairs (79 Pairs)

- 2 2 Paul Black – Sam Westgate

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

- 1 1 Kevin O'Brien – Francesco Parisi-Presicce
2 Judy Glick – Joyce Currie

Thurs. Eve. 0–200 Pairs (22 Pairs)

- 1 1 Taraneh Shahin – Bahman Shahin
2 2 1 Alexander Shafer – Ike Oren
2 Loretta Mathews – Susan Pettit

Fri. AM Open Pairs (48 Pairs)

- 2 2 1 Kiyomi Shiba – Minako Komura
2 Douglas Fox – Larry Moran

Fri. Aft. NLM Pairs (32 Pairs)

- 1 Joe Hertz – Amanda Carter

Fri. Eve. IMP Teams (13 Teams)

- 1 Jason Stewart – Richard Jones –
Michael Lawrence – Craig Olson

Sat. AM NLM Pairs (48 Pairs)

- 1 1 1 Loretta Mathews – Susan Pettit
2 2 2 Joe Hertz – Amanda Carter

Sat. Aft B/C/D (40 Pairs)

- 1 1 Pamela Bowman – Livingston Johnson
2 2 1 Ned Griffith – Albert Lauber
2 Michael Goldman – William Mendez, Jr.

Sat. Aft. 0–NLM Pairs (39 Pairs)

- 1 1 Rochelle Hilton – Rachelle Sladoff
2 2 Donna Stoker – Edward Stoker
1 Joe Hertz – Amanda Carter

Sun. Swiss Bracket 1 (16 Teams)

- 2 Richard Ferrin – Eugene Kales –
Thomas Musso – Ellen Cherniavsky

Bracket 2 (8 Teams)

- 2 Merrill Hirsh – Robert Levey –
Carole Grob – Robert Boyd

Bracket 3 (8 Teams)

- 1 David McIntyre – Timothy Smith –
Virginia Gibbons – Lee McClary

Bracket 4 (8 Teams)

- 1 Michael Polunin – Abdul Etemadi –
Bernadette Merceron – Youssef Seraj
2 Carolyn Becraft – Nancy Loomis –
William Pepelko – Jean Schoepe

Bracket 5 (8 Teams)

- 1/2 Herman Bluestone – Robert Kubal –
Laszlo Steingaszner –
Barbara Steingaszner

Sun. Aft. NLM Swiss (5 Teams)

- 2 David Fitzwilliam – Lorraine Tyler –
Anne Vaeth – Ed Krest

WILLIAMSBURG REGIONAL January 14–19, 2008

Education Found Open Pairs (56 Pairs)

- 2 Robert Brady – Raghavendra Rajkumar

Mon. Eve. 0–300 Charity Prs (9 Pairs)

- 2 Arlen Carter – James Biss
1 Gordon Lilly – Kathryn Miller

Mon. Eve. Charity Open Prs (28 Pairs)

- 1 Edwin Lewis, III – Ed Lewis

Tues.–Wed. Compact KO Bkt. 1 (16 Teams)

- 2 George Bloomer – Ken Davis –
Peter Hughes – Al Duncker

Tues. Aft 0–300 Prs (18 Pairs)

- 2 2 David Fitzwilliam – Lorraine Tyler
1 Peyton Wynns – Sharon Wynns

Tues. Eve. Side Game (36 Pairs)

- 2 Susan Miskura – Dennis Schwanz

Tues. Eve. 0–300 Swiss Teams (5 Teams)

- 1 David Fitzwilliam – Lorraine Tyler –
Sharon Wynns – Peyton Wynns
2 Benjamin Allen, Jr. – Bea Allen –
James Biss – Walter Herrick

Kickoff KO Bkt. 4 (15 Teams)

- 2 Marvin Raines – Steve. Rothman – Linda Burton
– Dennis Sponholtz

Kickoff KO Bkt. 5 (14 Teams)

- 1 Daniel Rosenblatt – Robert Brady –
Raghavendra Rajkumar –
Virginia Stewart

Jamestown Side Game (23 Pairs)

- 1 Rich Zerilli – Bob Walsh

Wed. Open Pairs (56 Pairs)

- 2 Edwin Lewis III – Ed Lewis
- 2 Samuel Decroes – Suzanne Abrams

Wed. Eve. 0–300 Swiss (9 Teams)

- 2 David Fitzwilliam – Lorraine Tyler –
Sharon Wynns – Peyton Wynns

Wed.–Thurs. KO Bkt #2 (16 Teams)

- 2 David Watson – J. David Grier –
Bernie Oetjen – Gerard O'Malley

Wed.–Thurs. KO Bkt #3 (16 Teams)

- 1 Kevin O'Brien – Mike Frosch –
Ellie Clark – Francesco Parisi-Presicce
- 2 Nancy Loomis – Holly Wills –
Helene Cooper – Marilyn Smebakken

Wed.–Thurs. KO Bkt #5 (16 Teams)

- 1 Neil Selvin – Howard Grunin –
Terence McCarthy – Frank Alden

Thurs.–Fri. Compact KO Bkt 3 (12 Teams)

- 1 Neil Selvin – Howard Grunin –
Terence McCarthy – Frank Alden

Thurs. AM 0–300 Prs (21 Pairs)

- 2 William Hughes – Barbara Hodges

Thurs. Eve. Swiss (41 Teams)

- 1 Ed Lewis, III – Bruce Houston –
Don Van Arman – Ed Lewis

Thurs. Eve. Side Game (36 Pairs)

- 1 Rich Zerilli – Bob Walsh
- 2 1 Timothy Smith – Virginia Gibbons

Fri.–Sat. Compact KO – Bkt II (12 Teams)

- 1 Kevin O'Brien – Francesco Parisi-Presicce –
Ellie Clark – Mike Frosch
- 2 Roma Chandra – Lynda Flanger –
Robert Claypool – Joyce Currie

Fri. BAM (20 Teams)

- 2 John S. Mason, Jr. – Joan White –
Daniel Rosenblatt – Ruth Dungan

Fri. Eve. Side Game (26 Pairs)

- 1 Sam Westgate – Betty Bursay

Fri.–Sat. KO Bkt 4 (15 Teams)

- 2 David McIntyre – Lee McClary –
Timothy Smith – Virginia Gibbons

Fri.–Sat. KO Bkt 6 (16 Teams)

- 2 Casey Hourani – Jane Bauserman –
James Biss – Maggie Cramer

Fri. Zip KO (7 Teams)

- 1 Albert Lauber – Merril Hirsh –
Walter Smith, Jr. – Ned Griffith

Sat. AM Swiss (14 Teams)

- 1 Neil Selvin – Howard Grunin –
Terence McCarthy – Frank Alden

Sat. Dogwood Pairs (28 Pairs)

- 1 Ned Griffith – Albert Lauber
- 1 Joe Hertz – Amanda Carter
- 2 Terence McCarthy – Frank Alden

Sat. Eve. BAM (20 Teams)

- 1 David Milton – Bruce Houston –
Don Van Arman – Stan Schenker
- 2 Diane Walker – Kenton Schoen –
Arnie Frankel – Helene Bauman

Sat. – Sun. KO Bkt. I

- 2 Tom Musso – Katherine Paramore –
Ellen Cherniavsky – Barbara Ames –
Ralph Hoffman

Sat. – Sun. KO Bkt. 3

- 2 Robert Brady – Raghavendra Rajkumar –
David Banh – Matthew Howell

Sat. Zip KO (6 Teams)

- 1 Albert Lauber – Merril Hirsh –
Walter Smith, Jr. – Ned Griffith

Sun. A/X Swiss (19 Teams)

- 1 Gil Cohen – Marty Nelson – Janet Gookin –
Robert Gookin
- 2 1 David Milton – Bruce Houston –
Don Van Arman – Stan Schenker
- 2 Maria Mitchum – Virginia Cordle –
W. L. 'Buck' Rogers – Diane Alexander

Parade of Winners – continued from page 9**Sun. B/C/D Swiss (44 Teams)**

- 2 Howard Schuyler – Catherine Smith –
John O'Meara – Gladys O'Meara

Sun. AM Side Game (12 Pairs)

- 1 Sam Westgate – Betty Bursej
- 2 Chuck Pecarro – Chippy Lackey

**NVBA SECTIONAL
February 21–24, 2008**

Thurs. Eve. A/X Pairs (74 Pairs)

- 1 David Milton – Stan Schenker
- 2 1 Jason Rosenfeld – Prah Rajkumar

Thurs. Eve. B/C Pairs (46 Pairs)

- 2 1 Bob Silverstein – Alan Dockterman
- 2 Stella Perry – Lois Gregg

Thurs. 199er Pairs @ NVBA (30 Pairs)

- 1 Charles Shank – John Donohue
- 2 Blair Curry – Judith Curry
- 1 Ethel Hoffman – Mary Edge
- 2 Hannelore Suffridge – Virginia Ivin
- 1 M. David Jackson – Jo Ann Bussey
- 2 Patricia Stone – George Stone

Fri. Aft. Open Pairs (54 Pairs)

- 1 Ron Kral – Eugene Kales
- 2 John Klayman – Robert Hopkins, Jr.
- 1 Leo Cardillo – Frank Cardillo
- 2 Carl Noller – William Adams

Fri. Aft. 299er Pairs (24 Pairs)

- 2 1 1 Robert Hollohan – Kenneth Duggin
- 2 2 Bahman Shahin – Gary Hinson

Fri. Eve. Open Pairs (54 Pairs)

- 1 Joan Lewis – Robert Hopkins Jr
- 1 Leon Fastovsky – Jerry Barker
- 2 1 Mary O'Shea – Jeff Youngen
- 2/3 Marilyn Golias – Joan White
- 2/3 Craig Olson – Michael Lawrence

Fri. Eve. 299er Pairs (22 Pairs)

- 2 2 Robert Magruder – Eric Poskanzer
- 1 Alan Walter – Kimberly Ferguson
- 2 Michael Marcotte – Donna Barker

Sat. AM Open Pairs (48 Pairs)

- 1 Don Probst – Lowell Sawyer
- 2 Larry Kahn – James Geist

Sat. AM 299er Pairs (33 Pairs)

- 1 1 1 Amanda Carter – Joe Hertz
- 2 2 William Woodward – John Menzel
- 2 Kenneth Duggin – Robert Hollohan

Sat. AM 49er Pairs (10 Pairs)

- 1 Kenneth Duggin – Robert Hollohan
- 2 1 Joshua Holt – Timothy Holt
- 2 Robert Van Dyke – Michael Marcotte

Sat. William Poissant Trophy Pairs (44 Pairs)

- 1 Gil Cohen – Marty Nelson

Sat. Aft. Open Pairs (66 Pairs)

- 2 1 Martha Lackey – Herb Fallin Jr
- 2 Stu Fleischmann – Rod Seve.rson

Sat. Aft 299er Pairs (42 Pairs)

- 1 1 1 Amanda Carter – Joe Hertz
- 2 Marvin Raines – Linda Burton
- 2 2 William Hughes – Barbara Hodges

Sat. Aft 49er Pairs (8 Pairs)

- 1 1 James Hewitt – Kenneth Linder
- 2 2 Walt Pumo – Janice Pumo

Sat. Eve. Consolation Pairs (39 Pairs)

- 1 1 Prah Rajkumar – Raghavendra Rajkumar
- 2 2 1 Joe Leighton – Elias Arbel
- 2 Paul Stygar – Willis Paley Hume

Sat. Eve. 299er (12 Pairs)

- 1 1 Charles Allport – Sandra Allport
- 2 2 Michael Canes – Neal Cooper

Sun. A/X BAM (14 Teams)

- 1 Jim Wakefield – Charles Yaple –
Helene Bauman – Arnie Frankel

Sun. B/C Swiss (56 Teams)

- 1 Penny Stoeve.r – David Grabiner –
Jerry Barker – Emerita Hayward
- 2 1 Carolyn Becraft – Kiyomi Shiba –
Minako Komura – Nancy Loomis
- 2/3 David Bort – Michael Migdal –
Stephen Montague – Ron Ozarka
- 2/3 Jerry Nolte – Elizabeth Nolte –
Paul Stygar – Willis Paley Hume

Sun. AM 299er Swiss (25 Teams)

- 1 1 John Menzel – Robert Hollohan –
William Woodward – Ken Duggin
- 2 Taraneh Shahin – Bahman Shahin –
Nancy Senger – Dot Almassy

Sun. Aft. 299er Swiss (17 Teams)

- 1 David Fitzwilliam – Lorraine Tyler –
Anne Vaeth – Ed Krest
- 2 Neal Cooper – Halina Kulczycki –
Jayne Eckert – Sara Goodwin
- 2 Lynne Beresford – Cathy McGarrigan –
Eleanor Schwartz – Robert Magruder

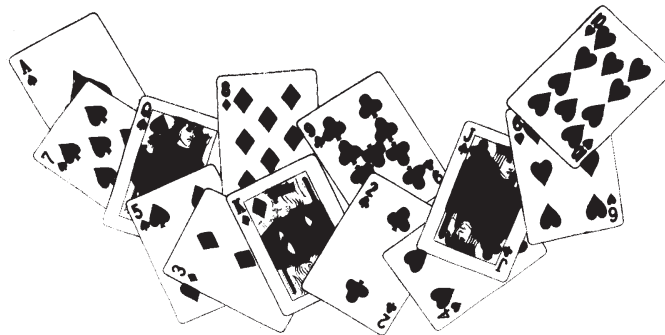
LM/NLM GAME - MAY 15, 2008

It's that time of year again... Mark your calendar—May 15 is the annual NVBA Life Master/Non-Life Master (LM/NLM) game. This is two weeks after the Annual Meeting on May 1 at Beth El Hebrew Congregation. **Again this year, everyone who participates in this event plays for free.**

Last year was a huge success with over 40 tables. The pre-matching went so well we're going to do that again this year. 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. In the spirit of the LM/NLM game, we'd prefer that everyone go through the matchup process and play with someone new. However, if you wish to BYOP (Bring Your Own Partner) it's OK as long as one member is an LM and the other partner is a NLM.

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. It's especially important for LMs to sign up to ensure we have someone for every NLM who wants to play.

Questions or want to register? Send an email to Newsletter@NVBA.org or RonKral@gmail.com or call Ron Kral at (703) 478-0077.



Do You Want to Declare or Defend?

*David Rodney,
NVBA Roving Correspondent*

In January this year I played in the Williamsburg Regional where I had a good time, though not much success. I was playing IMPs all the time, and a consistent theme was most people bidding very aggressively, resulting in lots of tough bidding decisions. Is there a strategy for how to bid in these situations?

The decision to bid aggressively needs to take into account not only the likelihood of being in a good contract, but also the ability/likelihood of the opponents to defend accurately. Here are a couple of hands:

Hand #1

Both vulnerable, East holds KQx/-/A10xx/KQJxxx and opens 1♣. LHO (yours truly) bids 2♠, West makes a negative double, and your partner bids 3♠.

If you held the East hand, what would you bid? West holds x/Axxx/K9xx/Axxx. What contract do you want to play? It's easy to say, I want to play 3NT, but suppose you declare 6♣. At our table the opponents did bid 6♣, and I (South) was on lead after the bidding has gone:

East	South	West	North
1♣	2♠	double	3♠
4♦	pass	6♣	pass
pass	pass		

I was looking at AJxxxx/Jxxx/Jx/x, and led the ♠A, which gave declarer his contract. Even if I don't lead a ♠, I need to discard carefully, and hang onto my ♥, or partner will be squeezed in the red suits.

Hand #2

Again, both vulnerable, in 3rd seat I hold K/AQxx/AKJ10x/xxx, and I open 1♦. The bidding proceeds as follows:

North	East	South	West
pass	pass	1♦	double
1♠	2♣	???	

I devalued my hand, bid 2♦, and declared 3♦ which easily made. My opponent, in my seat, bid 2♥ over 2♣, which his partner raised to 4♥!!

Suppose you are on lead against 4♥ and hold AJx/K9xx/xx/KQxx. What do you lead?

The complete hands are:

Qxxxx/J10xx/Qxx/x

AJx/K9xx/xx/KQxx

10xxx/x/xxx/AJxxx

K/AQxx/AKJ10x/xxx

The only lead to beat the contract is a diamond – it helps cut communications, thus stopping declarer from ruffing a club and drawing trumps, before running the diamonds. A diamond lead is very tough to find and our teammates, understandably, did not find it. Declarer duly made 4♥.

So, back to the original question, “do you want to declare or defend?” The above hands show that even if the contract can be beaten, the defenders will frequently not find the right defense. It’s better to bid aggressively: sometimes the contract will be cold, and even if it isn’t, the opponents don’t always defend accurately.

Rising 7th Graders ISO Bridge Teacher

For the past three years, I have had a bridge club at Garfield Elementary School in Springfield, VA. This past year, we had an astounding 29 students who have attended for the past several months. For at least six students, this is their third year, and they will be attending Francis Scott Key Middle School on Franconia Road in Springfield next fall. Every sixth grader has asked if there will be bridge at Key Middle School. Let’s make this a reality.

I am looking for a volunteer for next year. There are late buses on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday, so you could choose any of those days to hold the bridge club. If the club lasts 16 weeks, ACBL will pay a stipend. I will contact Key Middle School to obtain permission. So please contact me if you are interested. They are great kids.

Suzanne Abrams
Email: s.abrams1@att.net

Congratulations To Our NVBA Trophy Winners!

Man of the Year: Robert Gookin
Woman of the Year: Janet Gookin
Rush Buckley: Bob Silverstein
Rookie of the Year: Robert Magruder



2007 Ace of Clubs Winners

0 to 5 MPs
Shirley E. Prikals

200 to 300 MPs
Alan M. Gordon

5000 to 7500 MPs
Ken B. Davis

5 to 20 MPs
Eleanor L. Schwartz

300 to 500 MPs
Anthony V. Cincotta

7500 to 10,000 MPs
Jeff M. Roman

20 to 50 MPs
Rod Spicer

500 to 1000 MPs
Robert S. Boyd

Over 10,000 MPs
Robert W. Gookin

50 to 100 MPs
Kiyomi Shiba

1000 to 2500 MPs
Herb K. Fallin, Jr.



100 to 200 MPs
Dr. Jose Cortina

2500 to 5000 MPs
Tom J. Cogan

2007 Mini-McKenney Winners

0 to 5 MPs
Amanda E. Carter

200 to 300 MPs
Ellie Clark

5000 to 7500 MPs
Ken B. Davis

5 to 20 MPs
Eleanor L. Schwartz

300 to 500 MPs
Kevin R. O'Brien

7500 to 10,000 MPs
Jeff M. Roman

20 to 50 MPs
Neil Selvin

500 to 1000 MPs
Matt A. Meckstroth

Over 10,000 MPs
Robert W. Gookin

50 to 100 MPs
Joyce E. Currie

1000 to 2500 MPs
Herb K. Fallin, Jr.



100 to 200 MPs
Francesco Parisi-Presicce

2500 to 5000 MPs
Tom J. Cogan

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>

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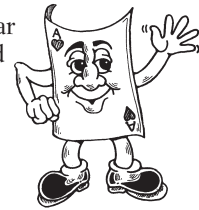
HAIL AND FAREWELL

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

David G. Amey	Alta M. Anderson
Stephen J. Colevas	Holly R. Hecker
Matthew O. Howell	Sharon Kellett
Joan A. Kindle	Nora M. Klein
Phillip Klein	Eleanor Linde
Mary T. McFadden	Judith L. Michaels
Ike Oren	Dr. Zoltan Papp
Dr. Roy A. Robson	Rose Marie Sanders
Toni Sandler	Mary E. Scanlan
Albert V. Stolpe	Gayle Tomasetti
Dr. Phyllis M. Woodring	

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

Gregory Christian
David S Hamilton
Richard Higgins
Donald A. McSparron
Barbara Nystrom
Raghavendra Rajkumar
Melanie S. Schaengold
Phillip Schaengold
Graham T. Stewart
Ewing S. Walker
Carol A. Williams



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

M. R. Amey	Sandy Bauer
Ronnie W. Hammad	Barbara L. Hoss
Mary L. O'Shea	Dan Regan
Lee L Rose	Emily C. Simpson
Catherine G. Smith	Allen H. Sparer

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

Marge Bernard
Sarah W. Francis
Nasser Makhzani
Shirley Zenith

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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>

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 Jim Dick –
Games: Jewish Community Center (JCC) – Wednesday, 11:00 AM; Sunday, 1:00 PM
Vienna Bridge – Thursday, 10:00 a.m.; *URL:* <http://mysite.verizon.net/resymzgl>

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>

MILESTONES

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

♠♦ NEW JUNIOR MASTERS ♣♥

Barbara L. Bieger
Mary Jane Brenner
Dr. Michael E. Canes
Marlene Gross
Judith A. Heit
Matthew O. Howell
Linda L. Mason
Jean B. Williams
Aline D. Wolf
Gerald P. Wolf

♠♦ NEW CLUB MASTERS ♣♥

John Carle
John Eldridge
Virginia L. Gibbons
Rochelle Hilton
Pat H. Nevin
Pamela K. O'Connor
Jan Rusu
Alexander Shafer
Deanna Shuman
Mary A. Smith
Allen H. Sparer
Dennis K. Sponholtz
Gail Stanley
A. Sullivan
John F. Weiler



♠♦ NEW SECTIONAL MASTERS ♣♥

Lovela A. Beel
Amanda E. Carter
Peggy B. Errington
Kay Flynn
William E. Hughes
Richard E. Leonardon
William A. Pierce
Jan B. Potter
Dr. Bahman Shahin

♠♦ NEW REGIONAL MASTERS ♣♥

Tobi B. Bear
Bala Chandran
Helen Lazar
Richard E. Ott
Charles C. Shank
Philip W. Slattery
Donna H. Stoker
Peyton L. Wynns
Sharon M. Wynns

♠♦ NEW NABC MASTERS ♣♥

Donald J. Hunt
Mary Ann Kral
Neil Selvin

♠♦ NEW LIFE MASTERS ♣♥

Joyce E. Currie
Howard Grunin
John W. Hornbeck
Livingston M. Johnson
Monica M. Shumann
Holly P. Wills
Jeff Youngen

♠♦ NEW BRONZE LIFE MASTER ♣♥

Nancy J. Abbott
Ellie Clark
Livingston M. Johnson
Dennis J. Schwanz

♠♦ NEW SILVER LIFE MASTERS ♣♥

Frank M. Cardillo
Debnarayan Dhar
Lynda B. Flanger
Salam A. Saidi

♠♦ NEW GOLD LIFE MASTER ♣♥

Jim Wakefield

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NORTHERN VIRGINIA BRIDGE ASSOCIATION
SPRING SECTIONAL TOURNAMENT

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

THURSDAY, APRIL 10

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, Silver Spring, 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, APRIL 11

STRATIFIED OPEN PAIRS (2000+/2000/750) 2 p.m.

299ER PAIRS (300/200/100) and 49ER PAIRS (50/20/5) 2 p.m.

TRIPLE NICKEL SWISS—5 rounds, 5 boards, 5 minutes a board . 7:30 p.m.

299ER PAIRS (300/200/100) 7:30 p.m.

SATURDAY, APRIL 12

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.

STRATAFLIGHTED 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 13

****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 2-session events, with one hour break—on-site food availability TBD

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.

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.

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All KOs bracketed, random draw every round and include 0-300 MP players.

Monday, June 30

Stratified Charity Pairs 1:30
 Charity 300/200/100 & 50/20/5 Pairs 1:30
 Arnold Open KOs
Continues 9:30, 1:30 & 7:30 Tuesday
 Monday Tuesday Side Game Series 7:30
1st of 4 sessions
 I/N Stratified Pairs 300/200/100 & 50/20/5 7:30

Tuesday, July 1

0-5 Players FREE TODAY

Clark Compact KOs 9:30
Two 12-board matches; concludes 9:30 am Wed.
 Daylight Stratified Open Pairs 9:30 & 1:30
 Monday-Tuesday Side Game Series 9:30/1:30/7:30
2nd, 3rd and 4th of 4 sessions
 I/N Pairs 300/200/100 & 50/20/5 9:30/1:30/7:30
 Greene Open KOs 1:30 & 7:30
Continues 1:30 & 7:30 Wednesday
 Stratified Open Pairs 1:30 & 7:30
 Stratified Board-A-Match Teams 7:30
 I/N Swiss Teams 300/100/50 7:30

Wednesday, July 2

Steuben Compact KOs 9:30
Two 12-board matches; concludes 9:30 am Thurs.
 Daylight StrataFlighted Open Pairs
 (0-2000, 2000+) 9:30 & 1:30
 B/C Daylight 300/750 Pairs I
 (GOLD points) 9:30 & 1:30
 Wednesday-Thursday Side Game Series
1st, 2nd & 3rd of 6 9:30/1:30/7:30
 I/N Pairs 300/200/100 & 50/20/5 9:30/1:30/7:30
 Flight A/X Swiss Teams
 (0-5000, 5000+) 1:30 & 7:30
 Bracketed B/C Teams
 (0-3000 MP tops/player) 1:30 & 7:30
*8-team brackets; GOLD to 1st, 2nd & 3rd
 in each bracket*
 I/N Swiss Teams 300/100/50 7:30

- ☆ Stratified events 2000+/750-2000/0-750
- ☆ StrataFlighted events A/X 5000+/0-5000
- ☆ B/C/D separate 1000-2000/500-1000/0-500
- ☆ Single-session players always accommodated in pair games
- ☆ Side Series, two best sessions count toward overall as an individual
- ☆ I/N games may be stratified at director's discretion

Thursday, July 3

Wayne Compact KOs 9:30
Two 12-board matches; concludes 9:30 am Friday
 Daylight StrataFlighted Open
 Pairs (0-2000, 2000+) 9:30 & 1:30
 B/C Daylight 300/750 Pairs II
 (GOLD points) 9:30 & 1:30
 Wed.-Thurs. Side Game Series 9:30/1:30/7:30
4th, 5th & 6th of 6 sessions
 I/N Pairs 300/200/100 & 50/20/5 9:30/1:30/7:30
 Knox Open KOs 1:30 & 7:30
Continues 1 & 7:30 Friday
 Stratified Open Pairs 1:30 & 7:30
 Stratified Board-A-Match Teams 7:30
 I/N Swiss Teams 300/100/50 7:30

Friday, July 4

Stratified Swiss Teams (one session) 9:30
 I/N Pairs 300/200/100 & 50/20/5 9:30/1:30/7:30
 Friday-Saturday Side Game Series .. 9:30/1:30/7:30
1st, 2nd, 3rd of 6 sessions
 Stratified Fast Open Pairs
5 minutes per board 10:30 & 1:30
 Lafayette Open KOs 1:30 & 7:30
Continues 1:30 & 7:30 Saturday
 Stratified Open Pairs 1:30 & 7:30
 Stratified Board-A-Match Teams 7:30
 I/N Swiss Teams 300/100/50 7:30
 Lose 'n' Snooze ZIP Knockouts 11:15

Saturday, July 5

One Day Open KOs 9:30/1:30/7:30
Three matches, brackets of no more than 8 teams
 Friday-Saturday Side Game Series .. 9:30/1:30/7:30
4th, 5th and 6th of 6 sessions
 I/N Pairs 300/200/100 & 50/20/5 9:30/1:30/7:30
 Jerry Machlin Flighted Pairs 1:30 & 7:30
*Flight A qualifying w/barometer finals
 Flight B playthru w/evening barometer
 for section leaders*
4th, 5th & 6th of 6
 Stratified Open Board-A-Match Teams 7:30
 I/N Stratified Swiss Teams 300/100/50 7:30

Sunday, July 6

StrataFlighted A/X and B/C/D Swiss Teams .. 10:30
7 rounds, 45-minute lunch break
 Stratified Open Pairs 10:30 & 2:30
 I/N Pairs 300/200/100 & 50/20/5 10:30 & 2:30
 I/N Swiss Teams 300/100/50 10:30 & 2:30

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