

**Congratulations to winners of the 2007  
District 6 North American Pairs Competition  
and to Jeff Roman for becoming  
a Platinum LM in San Francisco**

**C**ONGRATULATIONS to NVBA players Mark Chen and Hal Hindman for their second place finish in the Flight A North American Pairs competition this fall. They will be among those District 6 players competing against other district NAP winners in the Detroit NABC in March. Winners in all three flights were:

**Flight A**

- 1 Earl Glickstein – DeWayne Jones
- 2 Mark Chen – Hal Hindman
- 3 Alan Tenenbaum – Andy Gofreed  
Noble Shore – Mike Gill

**Flight B**

- 1 Margie Coccodrilli - Jerry Miller
- 2 Peter Haglich – Thomas Smith, Jr.
- 3 Jim Geist – Larry Kahn – Steve Sperry –  
John Lien – Richard & Melissa Price

**Flight C**

- 1 Bruce Goldstein – Bruce Roberts
- 2 Shary Schlain – Sandra Hurst
- 3 Susan & Walter Nichols – Joseph Steele –  
William Trainer – Lewis Coccodrilli – Stephen Weiner

Congratulations also to Jeff Roman for becoming a Platinum Life Master during the San Francisco NABC in November. There will be a special “roast” in Jeff’s honor fol-

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**Of Special Interest:**

- WBL Sectional, Jan. 3-6
- Williamsburg, VA REGIONAL, Jan. 14-20
- International Fund Game, Feb. 2
- Bridge & Bowling, Feb. 2
- Hilton Head, SC REGIONAL, Feb. 11-17
- NVBA Sectional, Feb. 21-24, with special roast for Jeff Roman
- NVBA 199er Anniversary Party, Feb. 28
- Detroit, MI, Spring NABC, Mar. 6-16
- WBL Sectional, Mar. 27-30

## President's Message

By Leo Cardillo



**I**N 2007 THE BIGGEST challenge for the NVBA was the requirement to locate a suitable replacement venue for the four NVBA Sectionals. The first two Sectionals at the new Elks Lodge location on Route 50 are now in the books and the players have all indicated that the new location is much to their liking. Attendance was good and many favorable comments were received from players from both sides of the Potomac. I expect the same trend to continue in the February and April Sectionals of 2008. Every aspect of the Elks location is an improvement over the former location. The Sectional Tournament Co-Chairs, Margot Hennings and Kathryn Kiley, will continue to refine the details so that the Elks location will provide the best-ever location for the NVBA Sectionals. And there is plenty of parking, to boot!!

Keeping the NVBA financially viable is our big challenge for 2008. The Sectionals are the main source of net income for the NVBA, and Sectional rent, even with the move to the Elks, increased about 35 percent. In addition, the Unit has sought to increase a number of member benefits, including a free Life Master/Non-Lifemaster game (a great success!), free play for any NVBA member with less than 5 master points, an annual Anniversary Party for the 199er Game, and a free membership Directory (printed in a flexible format with a joint NVBA/WBL version planned). Also, in 2007 the Unit had some major capital expenditures. We purchased a new PC and printer for the Unit Game (long overdue) and a duplicating machine to duplicate hands at the Unit and Sectional events (critical to the growth and management of the game). The NVBA has the resources to provide these benefits, and all of them have contributed to the quality of the NVBA bridge experience. In addition, attendance at both the Unit Game and the Sectionals has increased. That said, the combination of rising Sectional and Unit game costs in terms of rent and Director fees has to be addressed.

My goals as President include the use of NVBA resources to serve the playing membership, while maintaining adequate, but not excessive, reserves to weather any financial storm. Accordingly, the NVBA Board formed a Financial Committee (FC – Dale Dallaire, Margot Hennings and Herb Fallin, Jr.) to study and recommend an across-the-board set of options to reduce expenses and increase income. The FC has already made one presentation to the Board and several options to reduce expenses have been adopted. The Board will meet again and continue to adopt further expense reductions, while preserving those benefits that most effectively serve the membership. As we approach the end of the fiscal year (30 April 2008), the FC will have provided additional suggestions for the Board to adopt, the Sectional finances at the new Elks location will be better understood, the new lease at Beth El will be established for 2008-09 (terms and conditions have been settled and are excellent – formal signing is in process), and the Board will be able to best determine the financial plan for the coming year. After all the expense reductions have been adopted, it is likely that the Board will find it necessary to increase pricing in order to maintain and grow the quality of the

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## Upcoming NVBA Games & Special Events

**(Please note there will be a change of site on March 20!!!)**

**Jan. 3 Beth El – 7:00 WBL Sectional – Stratiflighted Pairs**

**Jan. 10 Beth El – 7:00 Stratified Grand National Swiss Teams**

**Jan. 17 Beth El – 7:00 Stratified Club Championship**

**Jan. 24 Beth El – 7:00 Stratiflighted Unit Championship**

**Jan. 31 Beth El – 7:00 Stratified Unit Championship**

**Feb. 7 Beth El – 7:00 Stratified Grand National Swiss Teams**

**Feb. 14 Beth El – 7:00 Stratified Junior Fund pairs**

**Feb. 21 Beth El – 7:00 NVBA Sectional (rest of Sectional at Arlington/  
Fairfax Elks Lodge) Stratiflighted Pairs**

**Feb. 28 Beth El – 7:00 Stratiflighted Unit Championship**

**Mar. 6 Beth El – 7:00 Stratiflighted Unit Championship**

**Mar. 13 Beth El – 7:00 Stratified Unit Championship**

**Mar. 20 TBD – 7:00 Stratiflighted Unit Championship**

**Mar. 27 Beth El -- 7:00 WBL Sectional - Stratiflighted Pairs**

### Stratification Limits:

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

#### NVBA

February 21– 24, 2008  
 April 10 – 13, 2008

#### WBL

January 3 – 6, 2008  
 March 27 – 30, 2008

For information on Tournaments – Cancellations – Special Events – Club game  
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 NVBA Partnership Cell Phone: 703-869-0852.

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NVBA bridge environment. If any of you have suggestions with regard to financial issues, please feel free to send them to any member of the Board.

In Fall 2007, Suzanne Abrams succeeded me as the primary Bridge Advisor to the Thomas Jefferson High School Bridge Club (Thomas Jefferson HS was just cited by *U.S. News & World Report* as the best high school in the entire United States!). Nancy Cartwright and Bob Kerchner assist Suzanne in this vital activity. On a time available basis, I also support the TJHS Bridge Club and Suzanne's phenomenally successful bridge club at Garfield Elementary school. For its part, the NVBA continues to provide the crucial "bridge cookies" to these young and enthusiastic bridge players of tomorrow.

Players who are 19 and under should be aware that the ACBL has established the first North American Bridge Championship for Youth, which will be held in Atlanta, Georgia July 3-6, 2008 in conjunction with an Atlanta Sectional at the Hilton Atlanta Northeast Hotel, 5993 Peachtree Industrial Blvd, Norcross, GA 30092, Tel: 770-447-4747. Sponsors of the tournament are requesting that interested players pre-register for the event at [www.youthnabc.org](http://www.youthnabc.org). Information on the schedule and pre-registration is available on the Mid-Atlantic Bridge Conference website [www.mabcbridge.org](http://www.mabcbridge.org). The second running of this Championship event will be held in conjunction with the Summer NABC here in Washington, DC in July 2009.

In the last Newsletter, I mentioned a need to find the right person to serve as the Partnership Chair (PC) for the Unit Game. Traditionally, this responsibility has been staffed by one person, the PC for the Unit Game and Sectional tournaments. In my tenure as President, this has evolved (per force) into two separate positions, one for the Sectionals (Mary Ann Kral) and one for the Unit Game (myself). Herb Fallin and Ed Brawn have helped at both functions, as have other volunteers. What I would REALLY like to find is a principal for the Unit Game PC. This is a terrific job and one that I greatly enjoy. It does require that you can attend the Unit Game and that you enjoy working with matching up players. And the Winner is.....??

Looking ahead to the Annual Meeting and the 2008 election cycle, I want to challenge all of you to consider serving on the NVBA Board. The Board meets ten times a year and recent meetings have been held at the Board Room of Springfield Golf & Country Club or International Country Club – both lovely locations with great Board Rooms. In April 2008, the positions of Vice President and Treasurer and two Board Director positions are up for election. Any NVBA member in good standing is eligible to serve on the Board. If you would like to find out more about serving on the NVBA Board, or are interested in having your name placed on the ballot, please contact Election Committee chair Herb Fallin Jr, 703-799-2607, or any Board member.

**REMINDER:** Mark your calendars for the NVBA William Poissant Sectional Tournament to be held February 21-24, 2008. See the enclosed advertisement on page 18 for additional details!!

See you at the tables!!

## Upcoming 199er Unit Games

**(Please note there will be a change of site on March 20!!!)**

**Jan. 3 Beth El – 7:00 WBL Sectional – 199er Pairs Game**

**Jan. 10 Beth El – 7:00 199er Pairs Game or 199ers may play in**

Flight C of GNT qualifier (NLM up to 500 MPs)

**Jan. 17 Beth El – 7:00 199er Club Championship game**

**Jan. 24 Beth El – 7:00 199er Pairs Game**

**Jan. 31 Beth El – 7:00 199er Pairs Game**

**Feb. 7 Beth El – 7:00 199er Pairs Game or 199ers may play in**

Flight C of GNT qualifier (NLM up to 500 MPs)

**Feb. 14 Beth El – 7:00 199er Pairs Game**

**Feb. 21 Beth El – 7:00 NVBA Sectional** (rest of Sectional at

Fairfax Elks Lodge)

**Feb. 28 Beth El – 7:00 199er Pairs Game & 199er Anniversary Party**

**Mar. 6 Beth El – 7:00 199er Pairs Game**

**Mar. 13 Beth El – 7:00 199er Pairs Game**

**Mar. 20 TBD – 7:00 199er Pairs Game**

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lowing the evening event at the NVBA February Sectional on February 23, 2008 at the Fairfax Elks Lodge. Jeff surpassed the 10,000-masterpoint milestone playing in the top bracket of the Sunday-Monday KO (which his team won). Jeff, who spent 20 years in the securities business, has played fulltime for the past eight years. His other hobbies include gourmet cooking, golf and his recent favorite, scuba diving, which he was introduced to by girlfriend Terry Jones, an expert diver and bridge player who just made Life Master at the San Francisco NABC.

## Attention All Players With Less Than 200 Masterpoints!

### THE TRADITION CONTINUES...

Believe it or not, we're coming up on the 4th anniversary of the NVBA unit's 199er game! We've been in operation 4 years and still going strong! We've tried some new stuff along the way and will continue to do more in 2008. BUT, we'd still like to take a moment to savor our success with our traditional annual 199er anniversary party! Ron Kral and Gene Schuyler will be your hosts. As part of the celebration, there will be plenty of cake and treats. EVERYONE who attends the party gets a FREE gift (a free play to a future game). Come one, come all and **please bring your friends!** Save the date: Thursday night, February 28, 2008. The party starts at 6:00 p.m. and the game starts at 7:00 pm (no lesson this week). There'll be door prizes and awards, so don't miss this opportunity to celebrate with your bridge-playing friends. As usual, if you have less than 5 masterpoints, YOU ALWAYS PLAY FREE! There will be guaranteed partners available, so come even if you can't find a partner ahead of time. Mark it on your calendar NOW:

Thursday night, February 28, 2008 starting at 6:00 p.m.

Beth El Temple, 3830 Seminary Road, Alexandria, VA 22304-1733

Questions or comments, please contact:

Gene Schuyler - 703-286-5459 - [Eschuyler5905@aol.com](mailto:Eschuyler5905@aol.com)

Ron Kral - 703-478-0077 - [RonKral@gmail.com](mailto:RonKral@gmail.com)

### TRAVEL WITH STEVE ROBINSON

World-class bridge player Steve Robinson has hooked up with Fertur Travel to organize a ten-day trip to Peru to visit Machu Picchu and other sites of interest and to provide bridge workshops along the way. The trip is planned for March 31-April 10, 2008 and tour costs are \$1,940 per person, double occupancy, which doesn't include airfares. The deadline for registering for the tour is January 31, 2008. If you are interested in signing up and/or would like more information, contact Johana Tueros at 1-877-247-0055.

## The Jack of Hearts

by Marshall Kushner



**I**F YOU ONLY WENT to one NABC in 2007, chances are it was San Francisco. And if you went, chances are even better that you weren't disappointed. What a beautiful city! The bay, the bridges, the cable cars, and so much more. Even the street names (Sutter, Kearny, etc.) evoke memories of the city's Gold Rush origins. Grab a latte and a seat by the water some morning. Listen to the gulls screeching and lines slapping against masts. Spend the day sightseeing but be sure to end up at an eastward-looking spot in the late afternoon (Twin Peaks, the Golden Gate bridge, Sausalito) and you'll be dazzled by the sight of the sun glittering off windows in the Eastbay hills. Diamonds in the dusk! And by evening,

of course, enjoy one of The City's numerous fine restaurants, many with magnificent views. In fact, the only "complaint" about San Francisco was that not enough of you did those things. So many of you spent your time playing bridge that it was difficult to make your way through the Marriott. Folks playing bridge in the hallways means business is good. They were and it was as 14,858.5 tables made San Francisco 2007 the third largest Fall national ever, behind Las Vegas (2001) and Orlando (1992).

We hadn't visited there since the last NABC eleven years ago which was entirely too long. While there, I also realized how long it had been since I had heard it referred to by the nickname, Baghdad by the Bay. A reflection of our world in the 21st century? What a pity. Detroit will host the 2008 Spring NABC. Sandwiched between San Francisco and Las Vegas, it rates to be tiny, which is too bad because those who have seen it rave about the playing venue. Which means we all should go since our chances of winning will improve. But neither early March in the Motor City nor 110 degrees in Vegas in August can compare with mid-sixties in San Francisco.

So, what did we have to show for all this bridge playing? Well, the biggest news was that Jeff Roman's win in a bracketed KO turned him Platinum as he went over 10,000 MPs. Helene Bauman was 8th in the LM Pairs for our only top ten NABC finish. National overalls also went to Sarah Cressy and Cecily Kohler (Women's Pairs), Margot and Don Hennings with Robbie Hopkins, and Ai-Tai Lo and Alan Schwartz, all in the Open BAM. In addition to Jeff, regional wins were recorded by, well, Jeff who also won an A/X Pairs, and Helene who also won a bracketed KO. I failed to win an event but I did the next best thing. I finished second in a compact KO playing with my son. It doesn't get much better than that.



## Parade of Winners

### NVBA SEPTEMBER SENSATIONS SECTIONAL September 6-9, 2007

#### Thurs. Eve. A/X Pairs (67 Pairs)

- 1 Lynn Jones – Joe Trapani –  
Margot Hennings – Cecily Kohler
- 1 Barbara Summers – William Colligan
- 2 Robert Boyd – Michael Stafford

#### Thurs. 199er Pairs @ NVBA (28 Pairs)

- 1 Mary Edge – Betty Taff
- 2 1 Peter Pecori – Robert Dorosin
- 2 1 Robert Magruder – Eleanor Schwartz
- 2/3 John Holt – Joseph Drodge
- 2/3 Ananies Brooks – Barbara Brooks

#### Fri. Aft. Open Pairs (60 Pairs)

- 1 Bruce Houston – Ed Lewis
- 2 Bob Kerchner – Terry Feetham
- 1 1 Mike Frosch – Francesco Parisi-Presicce
- 2 Martha Lackey – Herbert Fallin, Jr.

#### Fri. Aft. 299er Pairs (35 Pairs)

- 1 1 1 Patricia Stone – George Stone

#### Fri. Aft. 49er Pairs (12 Pairs)

- 1 Chieko Franck – Bob Patel
- 2 Ananies Brooks – Barbara Brooks

#### Fri. Eve. Open Pairs (44 Pairs)

- 1 1 Mark Chen – Hal Hindman
- 2 Sarah Anne Cressy – Cecily Kohler
- 2 Eric Branfman – Andrew Lipps
- 2 Francesco Parisi-Presicce –  
Eric Poskanzer

#### Fri. Eve. 299er Pairs (22 Pairs)

- 2 1 Blair Curry – Judith Curry
- 2 Carol Williams – Mary Jo Swain
- 1 Mel Walger – Shirley Kwiatkowski
- 2 Robert Magruder – Eleanor Schwartz

#### Sat. AM Open Pairs (50 Pairs)

- 1 Janet Gookin – Bobby Gookin
- 2 Ken Davis – Ann Lindley
- 2 Robin Taylor – Susan De Porte
- 2 John Hornbeck – Peter Mirsky

#### Sat. AM 299er Pairs (31 Pairs)

- 1 1 Dick Verdow – Jean Verdow
- 2 Larry Gebbie – Murat Berk
- 2 Lynne Beresford – Eleanor Schwartz

#### Sat. AM 49er Pairs (6 Pairs)

- 2 2 Ron Glass – Rae Glass

#### Sat. Aft. A/X Pairs (21 Pairs)

- 2 Don Hennings – Margot Hennings
- 2 Betty Bursey – Gabriele Nanda

#### Sat. Aft. B/C Pairs (44 Pairs)

- 1 Marie-Beth Hall – Jack Hall

#### Sat. Aft. Side Game (20 Pairs)

- 1 Enid Hughes – Peter Hughes
- 2 James Gumbert – Ram Sarangan
- 1 Herb Fallin, Jr. – Kamel Tabbara
- 2 Scott Ruegg – Terrence Van Wyck

#### Sat. Aft. 299er Pairs (31 Pairs)

- 1 1 Larry Settle – Elizabeth Settle
- 2 John Hudson – Marilyn Golias
- 2 Dick Verdow – Jean Verdow
- 1 Amanda Carter – Susan Pettit
- 2 Patricia Needham – Lucy Scheer

#### Sat. Aft. 49er Pairs (8 Pairs)

- 2 Harry Davies – Hilda Sheffer

#### Sat. Eve. B/C Pairs (16 Pairs)

- 1 1 Marilyn Golias – Leon Fastovsky
- 2 2 Amy Bloom – Joyce Currie

#### Sat. Eve. 299er (14 Pairs)

- 1 1 1 Al Kuchinka – Gerald O'Dell
- 2 2 Jerry Nolte – Elizabeth Nolte
- 2 Lynne Beresford – Eleanor Schwartz

#### Sun. A/X Swiss (13 Teams)

- 1/2 Clarice Reid – Arnie Frankel –  
Helene Bauman – Millard Nachtwey

#### Sun. B/C Swiss (31 Teams)

- 1 Ron Kral – Jay Kelkar – Frank Cardillo –  
V. S. Sharma
- 2 1 Martha Mangano – Nancy Ross –  
Jennifer Nisenoff – Terry Jones
- 2 Richard Cassell – Mitchell Karlick –  
Alan Dockterman – Bob Silverstein

**Sun. AM 299er Swiss (18 Teams)**

- 1 1 Neil Selvin – Al Liepold – Rob Van Dyke – Barry Kerne
- 2 Amanda Carter – Lynne Beresford – George Schropp – Eleanor Schwartz
- 2 1 James Rose – Leslie Rose – John Donohue – Charles Shank

**Sun. Aft. 299er Swiss (15 Teams)**

- 1 Barbara Hodges – William Hughes – Neal Cooper – Halina Kulczycki
- 2/3 2/3 Neil Selvin – Al Liepold – Rob Van Dyke – Barry Kerne
- 2/3 2/3 David Fitzwilliam – Lorraine Tyler – Larry Settle – Elizabeth Settle

**WBL SECTIONAL  
October 4–7, 2007**

**Thurs. Eve. A/X Pairs (64 Pairs)**

- 2 Sumner Steinfeldt – Ed Gofreed

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

- 1 William Nicolai – Lynda Flanger
- 2 Robert Padgett – Frank Cardillo
- 2 Walter Smith Jr – Evan Allen
- 2 Judy Glick – Joyce Currie

**Thurs. Eve. 0-200 Pairs (24 Pairs)**

- 1 1 Sidney Graves – Jan Potter
- 2 2 Robert Dorosin – Peter Pecori
- 2 Joe Hertz – Janet Henrichsen

**Fri. AM Open Pairs (40 Pairs)**

- 2 1 1 Douglas Fox – Larry Moran

**Fri. Aft. NLM Pairs (28 Pairs)**

- 1 1 Gerald O'Dell – Algene Kuchinka

**Fri. Eve. IMP Pairs (31 Pairs)**

- 1 1 Raghavendra Rajkumar – Prah Rajkumar
- 2 1 Ed Brawn – Susan Brawn

**Sat. AM B/C/D Pairs (36 Pairs)**

- 1 1 1 Susan Miskura – Dennis Schwanz
- 2 Walter Kerns – Daniel Feldman

**Sat. Aft. A/X Pairs (40 Pairs)**

- 1 Jim Wakefield – Helene Bauman
- 2 Raghavendra Rajkumar – Prah Rajkumar

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

- 1 1 1 Carl Noller – Brian Snyder
- 2 2 Walter Kerns – Daniel Feldman

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

- 1 1 1 Taraneh Shahin – Bahman Shahin
- 2 Gerald O'Dell – Algene Kuchinka

**Sun. A/X Swiss (15 Teams)**

- 2 1 Ron Kral – Jose Cortina – V S Sharma – Jay Kelkar

**Sun. B/C/D Swiss (22 Teams)**

- 2 2 Albert Lauber – Walter Smith Jr – James Beller – Ned Griffith
- 2 Maribel Newby – Nancy Cartwright – Minako Komura – Kiyomi Shiba

**Sun. AM NLM Swiss (13 Teams)**

- 2 Neil Selvin – Barry Kerne – Helen Long – Alfred Liepold

**Sun. Aft. NLM Swiss (9 Teams)**

- 2 Neal Cooper – William Hughes – Halina Kulczycki – Barbara Hodges

**NVBA FALL SECTIONAL  
October 18–21, 2007**

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

- 1 Mike Cappelletti, Sr – Bobby Gookin
- 2 Thierry Poirey – Irv Aisenberg

**Thurs. 199er Pairs @ NVBA (28 Pairs)**

- 1 Larry Taylor – David Meadows
- 2 1 1 Robert Magruder – Eleanor Schwartz
- 2 Linda Szyszka – Donald Szyszka
- 2 Marco Latini – William Hohe

**Fri. Aft. Open Pairs (58 Pairs)**

- 1 1 Terry Van Wyck – Mike Polunin
- 2 Lowell Sawyer – Don Geerhart
- 1 Malvern Sheffield, Jr. – Martha Mangano
- 2 Francesco Parisi-Presicce – Mike Frosch

**Fri. Aft. 299er Pairs (22 Pairs)**

- 1 1 1 Sidney Graves – Jan Potter
- 2 2 Blair Curry – Judith Curry

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- 2 Neil Selvin – Howard Grunin
- 2 Richard Majewski – Eric Poskanzer
- 1 Terry Vann – Art Hartstein
- 2 Catharine Fisher – John Fisher

**Sat. AM Open Pairs (65 Pairs)**

- 1 Bruce Culmer – Stephen Swearingen
- 2 Ed Lewis – Don Geerhart
- 1 Richard Ferrin – Ron Spieker
- 2 1 Elizabeth Huffman – Monica Shumann

**Sat. AM 299er Pairs (26 Pairs)**

- 1 1 Seth Chamberlain – Terence McCarthy
- 2 Farideh Makhzani – Francine Donahue
- 2 Donald Hunt – Ethel Hoffman
- 1 Linda Burton – Phyllis Isler
- 2 Charles Shank – Mary Smith

**Sat. AM 49er Pairs (6 Pairs)**

- 1 George Koch – Dennis Sponholtz

**Sat. Aft. A/X Pairs (35 Pairs)**

- 1 Jim Wakefield – Helene Bauman
- 2 Janet Gookin – Bobby Gookin

**Sat. Aft. B/C Pairs (58 Pairs)**

- 1 Malvern Sheffield, Jr. – Martha Mangano

**Sat. Aft. 299er Pairs (28 Pairs)**

- 2 2 Dick Verdow – Jean Verdow
- 1 Lynne Beresford – Eleanor Schwartz

**Sat. Eve. Open Pairs (28 Pairs)**

- 1 Hailong Ao – Weizhong Bao
- 2 Donald Hennings – Margot Hennings
- 1 Jay Cherlow – Abigail Nichols
- 1 Kevin O'Brien – Marilyn Golias
- 2 Jennifer Nisenoff – Terry Jones

**Sat. Eve. 299er (10 Pairs)**

- 1 1 Joyce Montgomery – Tina Hogan
- 2 2 Margaret Hinson – Gary Hinson

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

- 2 Gil Cohen – Marty Nelson – Janet Gookin – Robert Gookin

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

- 1 1 Albert Lauber – Walter Smith, Jr. – Steven Fox – Ned Griffith
- 2 Pitamber Devgon – Jesse Cheng – Helen Cheng – Bill Pierce

**Sun. AM 299er Swiss (16 Teams)**

- 1 1 Neil Selvin – Howard Grunin – Rob Van Dyke – Barry Kerne
- 2 1 Sidney Graves – Jan Potter – Linda Burton – Mary Ann Kral
- 2 Alfred Liepold – Helen Long – Marjorie Kulash – Damian Kulash
- 1 Gary Hinson – Bruce Kasold – Hannelore Suffridge – Janet Henrichsen

**Sun. Aft. 299er Swiss (10 Teams)**

- 1 Neil Selvin – Howard Grunin – Rob Van Dyke – Barry Kerne
- 2/3 1/2 David Fitzwilliam – Lorraine Tyler – Bahman Shahin – Taraneh Shahin

**VA BEACH REGIONAL  
November 5–11, 2007****Tues. AM 0-500 Pairs (16 Pairs)**

- 2 2 Gordon Lilly – Kathryn Miller

**Tues. Aft. Side Game (17 Pairs)**

- 2 Bob Hartmann – Martha Lackey

**Tues. Aft. 0-500 Pairs (16 Pairs)**

- 1 Dell Leist – Kathryn Miller

**Tues. Open Pairs (40 Pairs)**

- 2 Bea Suskin – Gloria Donnelly

**Lynhaven River KO Bkt. 1 (12 Teams)**

- 1 George Bloomer – Judith Bloomer – Ann Lindley – Alfred Duncker

**Wed. Open Pairs (56 Pairs)**

- 2 Charles Pecarro – Martha Lackey
- 2 Maureen Shea – William Bailey

**Wed. Eve BAM (24 Teams)**

- 2 1 Dorothy Bechtle – Margaret Storey – Monica Shumann – Susan Slattery

**Broad Bay KO Bkt. 2 (14 Teams)**

- 1 Herb Fallin, Jr. – La Quitta Talbot – James Goodwin – C. Douglas Jennings

**Thurs A/X Swiss (23 Teams)**

- 2 Fred King – Barry Bragin –  
John Klayman – Tom Lavender
- 1 Lucy McCoy – Betty Bursey –  
Chuck Pecarro – Martha Lackey

**Thurs. B/C/D Swiss (32 Teams)**

- 2 Elizabeth Traylor – Marilyn Smebakken –  
Helene Cooper – Nancy Loomis
- 2 Dorothy Bechtle – Margaret Storey –  
Monica Shumann – Susan Slattery

**Thurs. Open Pairs (38 Pairs)**

- 1 Marge Gazzola – Joan Mitchum

**Thurs. Eve. 0-300 Pairs (14 Pairs)**

- 2 Logan West – Joyce Currie

**Little Creek Thurs. Eve. Side Game (27 Pairs)**

- 1 Alan Breed – Bob Hartmann
- 2 Bernard Oetjen – Dave Grier
- 2 Louise Oetjen – James Biss

**Great Dismal Swamp Compact**

**KO – Bkt. I (9 Teams)**

- 1 George Bloomer – Ken Davis –  
Bruce Houston – Sandy McCay

**Fri. Eve. Side Game (20 Pairs)**

- 2 Andre L'Heureux – Amal Dasgupta
- 1 Ed Rodrigues – Helen Dodge

**Fri.–Sat. KO – Bkt II (12 Teams)**

- 1 Kathryn Kiley – Wonjoo Cho –  
Jackie Thompson – Marlys Moholt

**Fri.–Sat. KO – Bkt. III (14 Teams)**

- 2 John Glynn – Ellen Glynn –  
Judy Weisman – Carl Weisman

**Fri.–Sat. KO – Bkt. V (15 Teams)**

- 1 Berry Craven – Maxine Cunningham –  
Susan L'Heureux – Barbara DiCicco

**Fri. Zip KO (8 Teams)**

- 2 Joyce Currie – Amy Bloom –  
Lynda Flanger – Lori Lerner

**Sat. AM Swiss (17 Teams)**

- 1/2 David Fitzwilliam – Lorraine Tyler –  
Sandra Lee Chambers – Marsha Foster

**Sat. Aft. Side Game (25 Pairs)**

- 1 Amal Dasgupta – Andre L'Heureux

**Sat. Open Pairs (54 Pairs)**

- 2 John Korfonta – Sam Westgate

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

- 1/2 Lynda Flanger – Lori Lerner –  
Ellie Clark – Cherie Charles

**Sat. Eve. Side Game (16 Pairs)**

- 1 Andre L'Heureux – Amal Dasgupta
- 2 Helene Cooper – Nancy Loomis

**N Landing River KO – Bkt. II**

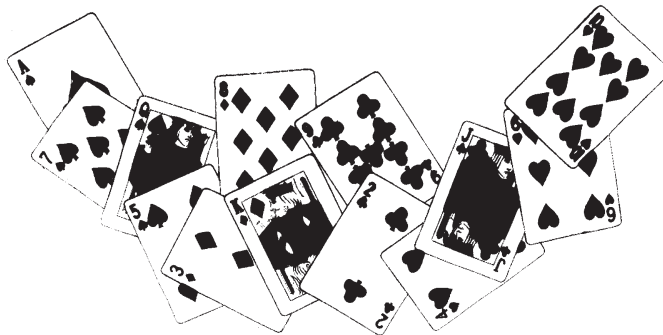
- 1 Richard Price – Melissa Price –  
John Klayman – Tom Lavender

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

- 1 Irish Grandfield – Al Sitterson –  
Lucy McCoy – Betty Bursey

**Sun. A/X Swiss (21 Teams)**

- 1 Betty Bursey – Lucy McCoy –  
La Quitta Talbot – Herb Fallin, Jr.



## BRIDGE IN MEXICO

By John Mason

EVERY YEAR in October there is an ACBL regional in Puerto Vallarta, Mexico (hereinafter “PV” for brevity). PV is on the Pacific coast, west of Guadalajara. You may know of it from the movie “Night of the Iguana,” which was filmed there. The tournament is held at the Fiesta Americana, one of PV’s luxury hotels. Its facilities, including the playing area, were as good as at any regional or NABC that I have ever seen. And the hospitality! I had thought the snack table at the Outer Banks sectional, earlier in the month, was awesome, but the gala buffet lunch they put on for us in PV during the Sunday Swiss, included in the price of your entry, outdid even North Carolina.

My wife Linda and I had accommodations nearby, in a time-share owned by Mexican friends. We arrived late Thursday, 25 October, too late and too tired to play. However, we did stop by to say hello to resident director Guillermo Poplawsky. Guillermo (hereinafter “Gmo”), in case you don’t know him, is a well-known ACBL director – a regular at the Gatlinburg Regional and at NABC’s. He is a leading bridge personality not only in Mexico but, as a World Bridge Federation delegate, throughout the Western Hemisphere. I’m an unabashed admirer, and if that shows, let’s just call it full disclosure.

Gmo – called “Memo” (the nickname for *Guillermo*) by his players – officiated with two others under Director in Charge Tom Whitesides. Only one of them besides Gmo spoke Spanish. The rest didn’t need to, although one did manage to pick up the word for pencil, after helping a technologically challenged player with a mechanical sharpener.

As Linda and I looked around on Thursday night, who to my wandering eye should appear but the NVBA’s very own Ed Lewis, partnered by his son Edwin III. Ed and Dot attend PV every year. They have a condo there.

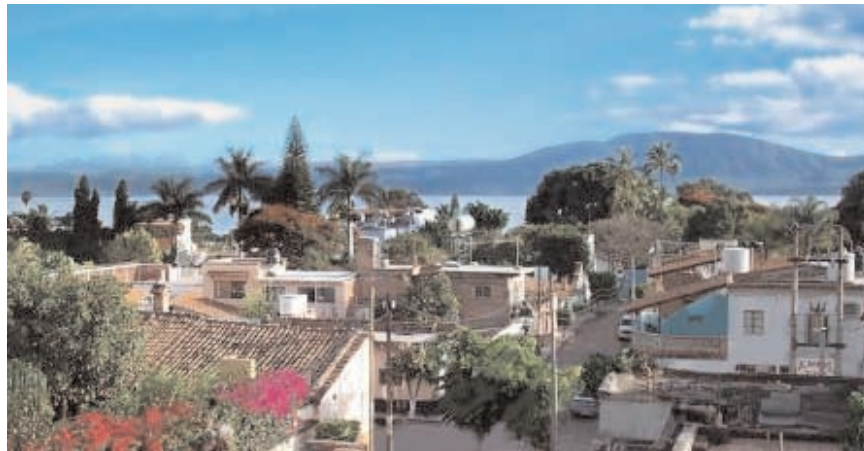
On Friday we checked in with the partnership desk, ably manned by Steve Penning, one of the many Anglos who live at Lake Chapala, in or near the town of Ajijic (ah hee HEEK), near Guadalajara. He found me an excellent partner, Lee Dorsey. Lee and I teamed up for the Friday/Saturday KO with two friends of his from Mexico City – Marylou Galindo and Lene López – with whose help we eked out a second place finish, losing in the final to a team headed by Assistant Tournament Chair Laraine Callom. On Sunday, with other teammates – Jorge Rosen and Mónica Schapira, also friends of Lee’s – we finished third in B and first in C. Jorge and Mónica are originally from Buenos Aires (i.e. are *porteños*, like Mirta Halperin).

Linda hit the jackpot with a partner from Anchorage, Alaska, Janice Tingler. The two clicked instantly and had a fine time. They made dates to play online as soon as they got home. I had to get out my slide rule to calculate the time differential for them.

The majority in attendance at PV seem to have come from outside Mexico, including large contingents from Vancouver and Fresno. Jade Barrett, a Canadian expert and professional, gave chalk talks at the tournament. With his wife Karen Lee, another expert, he provided suitable competition for players of the Lewis’s caliber.

ACBL Units 173 and 205, in District 16, are in Mexico, with a total membership of 260. In addition, Mexico has the *Federacion Mexicana de Bridge*, with about 400 members. The Federación belongs to the WBF (as does the ACBL). Most of its members feel no need to join the ACBL, but do play regularly in ACBL-sanctioned games. Thus Mexico has two parallel bridge communities, cordially coexisting, both of which were well represented at PV.

In addition to PV, Mexico has one other regional each year, in late February, at the resort-spa of Ixtapán de la Sal, not far from the capital. Mexico also holds two sectionals, one at Ajijic and the other at San Miguel de Allende, both of which are Anglo enclaves. Weekly club games are held in Ajijic, which is first in attendance. Mexico City is a close second; followed by San Miguel; Guadalajara; and Monterrey. Seasonal



activity occurs during winter months in the beach towns of Acapulco and Mazatlán. At Ajijic and San Miguel, the regulars are English-speaking, whereas everywhere else, including the capital city, the regulars are Spanish-speakers. Game schedules can be found online at <http://www.d16acbl.org/U173/index1.html>. Click on *En México*, to the left, and then on *Donde jugar*.

PV this year totaled 822 tables, up from last year's count of 599 by 37 percent, with 343 players earning 4673.47 masterpoints. Ed Lewis's teammate, Richard Potter, led the winners' list with 66.56. Ed and his son tied for eighth, with 52.48 each,

In the old days, before the Internet, duplicate players in Latin America had home-grown bidding systems such as Colombia's *La Biblia* (The Bible), during the 'sixties. That was an indigenous harbinger of 2-over-1. Nowadays though, I doubt you'd find things much different. At PV I certainly didn't. Of course, between rounds there were the usual debates about whether a double by overcaller's partner was support, or his jump to four in a new suit splinter. In short, bridge down there is much the same as up here.

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If I saw any difference at all, it was that Mexican bridge is more social. In English that means their level of intensity is slightly less than ours. Which is to say, they have more fun. Everyone knows everyone else. Each new pair that Lee and I sat down with were old friends of his. The Barretts of course were an exception, when we drew them for a match in Swiss teams. Jade and Karen may have been *forasteros*, or visitors from afar, but we howdied with them nonetheless. It's what one does down there.

You wouldn't expect multilingual situations to pose a challenge for bridge's terse vocabulary. But as you go from one Latin American country to another, the names of the suits change. Spades in most places are *espadas*, or 'swords,' while in Colombia, Argentina and elsewhere they are pique (as in French). Diamonds are *diamantes* usually, but Argentina, once again, emulates French with *carró* for that suit. Clubs are *tréboles* (i.e. the three-ball pawnshop symbol) in half the Spanish-speaking world, including Mexico, and *flores* (or 'flowers') elsewhere. The only suit whose name does not change is hearts: *corazones*. Another word that stays the same is 'suit,' which is *palo*, or tree. Thus "the deck's four suits" is *los cuatro palos de la baraja*.

Playful variations sometimes occur on the compass points. While north and south are usually *norte* and *sur*, in Bogotá I once heard a player in his cups grandly announce a two-club contract by North as *dos tréboles septentrionales*. The rest of us exchanged glances, but understood. East and West, for their part, might be *el señor Oriente* and *doña Occidente*. The basic words, *este* and *oeste*, sound so much alike that – as with 'ace' and 'eight' in English – in a noisy game you could have to point with your finger. And instead of *occidente*, in Central America you might hear West given as *poniente*, an archaic word used in the Isthmus referring to where the sun sets.

Gmo regrets to say that Mexico is not doing enough to promote the game. I told him a little – boasted, really – about what-all we're doing in the NVBA toward that end. He approved, and stressed that the most important thing any unit can do, to build for the future, is bring along new directors – recruit, train and develop them. In his experience a good club director will attract more regular players to duplicate bridge than any amount of lessons.

That's food for thought. While you're at it, try to guess how many people we have in the NVBA who hold ACBL certificates as directors. Need a hint? Well, US\$12.20 will buy you that same number of Mexican pesos, at today's exchange rate of ten.

*(An expanded version of this report, with photos, is online at [http://members.cox.net/jsm36/op\\_ed\\_misc/bridge\\_mex/pvregional2007.htm](http://members.cox.net/jsm36/op_ed_misc/bridge_mex/pvregional2007.htm)).*



## HAIL AND FAREWELL

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

Jean F. Beckwith  
Christine M. Beres  
Sitala Cheevasart  
Sunisa Chodchoy  
Virginia L. Gibbons  
Joshua S. Holt  
Cloe M. Ingram  
George Koch  
Dr. Martha E. Koopman  
Glenn D. Preston  
Betsy R. Rock  
Sue E. Sexton  
Cassandra Thurman  
Michael E. Uhrig  
Robert V. Van Dyke

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

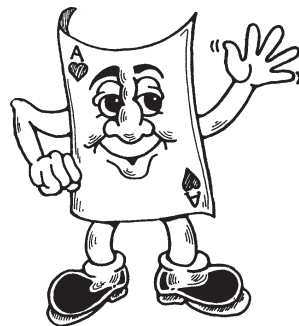
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Robert L. Bronston  
Gloria T. Brookter  
Evan G. Gay  
Jack Graham  
Robert T. Grannis, II  
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Richard Higgins  
Phyllis M. Hughitt  
Mary Jo Lockwood  
Keith Meyer  
William A. Pierce  
Florence Schlossberg  
Mary Lou Woods

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

Tom J. Cogan  
Rae Glass  
Ron Glass  
Dr. Jerren Gould  
Marsha L. Gould  
Doris Kasold  
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**We are sorry to note the passing of three of our members:**

Gerry Higgins  
Ed Mason  
Marcie M. Wagner



# MILESTONES

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

## ♠♦ NEW JUNIOR MASTERS ♣♥

Marcia Cathey  
Sunisa Chodchoy  
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Al Kuchinka  
Rosemary McDonald  
Dr William Nanna  
Alexander Shafer  
David Soukup  
Dennis Sponholtz  
George Stone  
Patricia Stone  
Pericle Sufitchi  
Betsy Summer

## ♠♦ NEW CLUB MASTERS ♣♥

Christina Burkholder  
Ervin Burkholder  
Rilda Chatfield  
Thomas Croker  
Carol Goldstone  
John Kinsey  
John Hambric  
Janet Henrichsen  
Al Kuchinka  
Clara Miller  
Bob Patel  
Eddie Timanus

## ♠♦ NEW SECTIONAL MASTERS ♣♥

Anne Brown  
Neal Cooper  
Taraneh Shahin  
Hannelore Suffridge  
Donald Szyszka  
Nancy Thomas



## ♠♦ NEW REGIONAL MASTERS ♣♥

Linda Burton  
John Donohue  
Sara Hilgartner  
Pat Lonergan  
Carol Williams  
Mary Decorps  
Marilyn Golias  
Susan Klaber  
Gerald O'Dell

## ♠♦ NEW NABC MASTERS ♣♥

James Biss  
Joe Lentz  
Marvin Raines  
Michael Hampton  
Peter Mirsky

## ♠♦ NEW LIFE MASTERS ♣♥

Donald Brown  
Nancy Gamber  
Ned Griffith  
Terry Jones  
Carl Noller  
Francesco Parisi-Presicce  
Richard Slater  
Margaret Storey  
Ednamae Trevey

## ♠♦ NEW BRONZE LIFE MASTER ♣♥

Ed Brawn  
Dev Devgon  
Christon Johnson  
Martha Mangano  
John Mason, Jr  
Marilyn Smebakken

## ♠♦ NEW SILVER LIFE MASTERS ♣♥

Carolyn Cooper

## ♠♦ NEW GOLD LIFE MASTERS ♣♥

Betty Burse

## ♠♦ NEW PLATINUM LIFE MASTERS ♣♥

Jeff Roman

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**FRIDAY, JANUARY 4**

- ♦ Stratified Pairs (unlim/2000/500) . . . . . 10:00am
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  - ♠ **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

- ♣ **Special! Joint ABA/ACBL** StrataFlighted A/X (unlim/3000) & B/C/D Pairs (1500/1000/500) 11:00am
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- ♥ 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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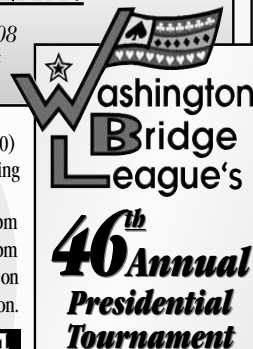
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**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 21**

*Beth El Hebrew Congregation, 3830 Seminary Road, Alexandria, VA (NVBA)*

*Christ the King Church, one block south of East-West Highway on  
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**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, FEBRUARY 22**

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, FEBRUARY 23**

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.  
**TROPHY EVENT: WILLIAM POISSANT MEMORIAL PAIRS**  
(2 SESSIONS – Qualifying And Final) ..... 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.  
STRATIFIED OPEN PAIRS (2000+/2000/750; Single session) . . . 2 p.m.  
*Combines Senior pair & Open side games into one for more Masterpoints!*  
299ER PAIRS (300/200/100; 2 single sessions) ..... 2 & 7:30 p.m.  
49ER PAIRS (50/20/5) ..... 2 p.m.  
STRATIFIED OPEN CONSOLATION (2000+/2000/750) . . . 7:30 p.m.

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 24**

*\*\*Novice/Intermediate Lecture (Jeff Roman)* ..... 10:15 a.m.\*\*  
FLIGHT A/X (3000+/3000) BOARD-A-MATCH TEAMS 11:00 a.m. & TBA  
FLIGHT B/C (2000/750) SWISS TEAMS ..... 11:00 a.m. & TBA  
*BAM & Swiss: both 2-session events. Box lunch sandwiches available on-site  
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49ER SWISS TEAMS (50/20/5; Single session) ..... 11:00 a.m.  
299ER SWISS TEAMS (300/200/100/50; Single session) ..... 3:15 p.m.

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  - ♣ **Barometer Pairs** . . . . . 7:30pm
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**SATURDAY, MARCH 29**

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

**SUNDAY, MARCH 30**

- ♣ **Instant Bridge Player: Turn your friends onto bridge in this 1-day seminar!** . . . . . 11:00am
- ♦ A/X Swiss Teams, (unlim /3000, 7 round playthru w/short break) . . . . . 11:00am & TBA
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