

Holiday Party

December 18, 2008

THE ANNUAL NVBA HOLIDAY PARTY, which includes dinner and a bridge game, will be held on Thursday, December 18, 2008, 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!** If you are unable to bring an item (or forget), you will be asked to donate \$5.00 towards party expenses. Dinner will begin at 5:30 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:

- WBL Sectional, Oct. 2-5
- NVBA Sectional, Oct. 23-26
- Special FUNd-raiser, Oct. 25 for the Summer NABC
- LANCASTER, PA REGIONAL, Oct. 27-Nov 2
- VA BEACH REGIONAL, Nov. 3-9
- BOSTON, MA NABC, Nov. 20-30
- D6 STaC, Dec. 15-21
- CHARLESTON, SC REGIONAL, Dec. 29 – Jan. 4
- WBL Sectional, Jan. 8-11
- CHARLOTTESVILLE, VA REGIONAL, Jan. 12-18

President's Message

By Leo Cardillo



PICKING UP WHERE I left off with my last column, I want to report that the 4th of July Regional held in Reston, VA for the first time in a long time, instead of in Alexandria, was a great success! Everybody loved the “new” location and attendance was terrific! Dale Dallaire and Carole Grob were the Co-Chairs, and they collectively knocked the ball out of the park. In addition, the Unit will receive a cash payment of over \$1,000 from the Mid-Atlantic Bridge Conference (MABC), based on the actual table count. As our Unit Game Director Marshall Kushner has often and astutely noted, attendance is based on past success. Good show to all who worked to make this Regional a success!

The summer months are traditionally a period of less activity at the Unit game, but I am pleased to note that Beth El attendance remained strong throughout the summer. This year, the NVBA even stayed open against the Hunt Valley Regional, mostly to make a game available for the players who might not be able to or want to go to Hunt Valley on a weeknight. Beth El attendance on this night was a very respectable 20.5 tables, and Hunt Valley also set a new attendance record. Win – Win!!

By the time that you read this column, I am hoping that the NVBA will have started a revitalized Round Robin, an activity that former MABC President and long-time NVBA Board member Bette Dudka chaired for the NVBA when she was alive. Jim Dick is the NVBA Board Sponsor and Mike Zane is the Member Sponsor. I encourage all to consider participation, and I also invite your feedback as to how we might best structure this event to appeal to the most players. Look for details at the Unit Game.

The NVBA Holiday Party will be held at Beth El on December 18, part of the Sectional Tournament at Clubs (STaC) that week. The general format and details will be the same as last year, with dinner “served” from 5:30 PM and the game scheduled to start at 7:00 PM. Folks are encouraged to bring a favorite dish to supplement the food provided by the Unit. For those, like me, who are culinary challenged, a donation of \$5 is most welcome in lieu of a prepared dish! We are expecting another big crowd for this very popular event.

The new Board has met and our principal focus is on the Unit budget and finances. The Unit has incurred losses in the last two fiscal years (1 May through 30 April), but reserves are still in excess of \$20,000. That said, there is little room to generate significantly more income, even though attendance keeps improving. Expenses will have to be cut. The new Board has appointed a Finance Committee to work with the Treasurer and make further recommendations as to where we can trim the expenses. We are making every effort not to operate in the red for the third year in a row, some of which was caused by some major capital outlays that were one-time expenses.

As I enter my final six months of my sixth year as NVBA President, I am enthusiastic

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Upcoming NVBA Games & Special Events

PLEASE NOTE GAME IS AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH IN BALLSTON ON OCTOBER 9

Oct. 2 Beth El – 7:00 WBL Sectional – Stratiflighted Pairs

Oct. 9 First Presbyterian Church – 7:00 Stratified Club Championship

Oct. 16 Beth El – 7:00 Stratified Club Appreciation Swiss Teams

Oct. 23 Beth El – 7:00 NVBA Sectional - Stratiflighted Pairs

(rest of Sectional at Fairfax Elks Lodge)

Oct. 30 Beth El – 7:00 Stratified Club Appreciation Pairs

Nov. 6 Beth El – 7:00 Stratified Unit Championship

Nov. 13 Beth El – 7:00 Stratified Grand National Swiss Teams

Nov. 20 Beth El – 7:00 Stratified Unit Championship

Nov. 27 Beth El – 7:00 CLOSED - Thanksgiving

Dec. 4 Beth El – 7:00 Stratiflighted Unit Championship

Dec. 11 Beth El – 7:00 Stratified Grand National Swiss Teams

Dec. 18 Beth El – 7:00 Stratified STaC Pairs – Holiday Party

Dec. 25 Beth El – 7:00 CLOSED - Christmas

Stratification Limits:

All NVBA Unit Games include a separate Stratified 199er game.

Players with 0-5 MPs play free every Thursday and in all scheduled events.

For the Grand National Swiss 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

October 23-26, 2008

February 5-8, 2009

April 23-26, 2009

WBL

October 2-5, 2008

January 8-11, 2009

February 26-March 1, 2009

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and excited about the NVBA and this great game of bridge that we all love and enjoy more than ever before! I have had the pleasure and honor to serve the membership and watch with pride and satisfaction as the members, volunteers and professional staff have all helped the Unit grow to new levels of success and innovation.

For myself, I still have some goals for the NVBA. I want to make sure that the Unit continues to realize increased attendance at both the Unit Game and the Sectionals. I also want to obtain a contract with a back-up facility in the unlikely event that the Elks Lodge might not be available due to an emergency situation. Looking even further ahead, I would love to establish a facility that could support bridge in the NVBA, 7 days x 24 hours. A facility that could be open and equipped every day and every night for club, Unit and Sectional use. If and when we have such a facility, we can realize great savings by using common tables, cards, etc. In addition, we can save a lot of hassle and wear and tear by avoiding all the setup and takedown that occurs at every game. I also want to increase the use of technology to facilitate the execution of the game. Electronic scoring and wireless networking will be a reality in the near future, especially at the larger forums.

Finally, I want to draw your attention to the upcoming Summer North American Bridge Championships (NABC) that will be held in Washington, DC, July 23 – August 2, 2009, and staffed by volunteers from throughout District 6 in addition to the professional ACBL staff. Margot Hennings is the Tournament Chair and Fred King is the Assistant Chair. There will be a variety of fund-raising events for this tournament between now and next July, and I encourage all of you to support these fund-raisers in anticipation of a truly magnificent and memorable Nationals. In addition, there will be a Second-ever Youth NABC that will be held during this NABC from July 31 – August 1, 2009. Patty Tucker of Atlanta, GA, who master-minded the inaugural Youth NABC this past July, and local player Suzanne Abrams are the co-Chairs of this event and, together with others, are already working hard to ensure its success. The youth players are showing up with ever-increasing numbers at every forum and that fact speaks very well indeed for the continued growth and success of bridge.

I encourage all of you to find some aspect of the Unit's activities that you want to support and get involved as a volunteer or paid staffer/Director. If we continue to combine and effectively utilize the talents and resources of the NVBA membership, there is no limit to what we can accomplish!

See you at the tables!!



Upcoming 199er Unit Games

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Oct. 9 First Presbyterian Church – 7:00 Club Championship – 199er Pairs game

Oct. 16 Beth El – 7:00 Club Appreciation Swiss Teams

**Oct. 23 Beth El – 7:00 NVBA Sectional 199er Pairs (rest of Sectional
at Fairfax Elks Lodge)**

Oct. 30 Beth El – 7:00 199er Club Appreciation Pairs Game

Nov. 7 Beth El – 7:00 199er Pairs Game

**Nov. 13 Beth El – 7:00 199er Pairs Game OR 199ers may “play up” in the
Flight C Strat of the Grand National Swiss Teams qualifier (NLM 0-500 MPs)**

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The Jack of Hearts

By Marshall Kushner



IT WAS THE BEST OF TIMES, it was the worst of times. Not really, but it was a tale of two cities. Detroit and Las Vegas, sites of the last two ACBL Nationals, were eerily similar while being totally opposite. Detroit, according to a few, was way too cold and should never again be allowed to host an NABC. Las Vegas, for almost all, was too hot, but many think it should host one every two or three years. Detroit has its People Mover, which whisks you to dining and gaming locales for 50 cents. Las Vegas has its monorail which takes you to dining and gaming locales for \$5. Detroit's attendance was disappointing at 8,553.5 tables. Las Vegas' attendance was disappointing at 19,720 tables (most of us expected 20,000+). Still, it was the fourth largest NABC ever and gave Las Vegas four of the top five. As we wrote last time, Detroit was very welcoming, featuring a beer garden named Jacoby's. Las Vegas was even more welcoming with The Donald graciously renaming his hotel the No Trump. Las Vegas encourages morality with a billboard at the south end of the Strip urging readers to remember the seventh commandment, Thou shalt not commit adultery. Detroit encourages morality with a mayor who leads by example. One thing Las Vegas had that Detroit didn't was a large group of young girls who offered their services as caddies. When told they were too young, they returned home and formed the Chinese women's Olympic gymnastic team.

As for the tournament itself, it got passing, but not great, grades. The playing areas were comfortable and, for the most part, well lit. The hospitality was adequate but there were a few nights when, if you weren't in the first wave, you didn't get any. And the heat? Well, it's a dry heat and it really does make a difference. We went to a ball game one night and when we got there, the heat was sobering, but by the time the game ended, it was almost comfy. The temperature when we left was 102 degrees!

Heat, distance, and soaring air fares, did little to stay NVBAers from their appointed games. The first cases on the docket were the GNTs where David Milton and Stan Schenker got to the semis in Flight A. Next came the LM Pairs where Elliot Itkin grabbed third in the 0-1500, while Cecily Kohler finished 7th in the 0-5000 version. Elliott was right back with 15th in the Senior Swiss, and Stan and Dave made the Round of 16 in the Mini-Spingold. Others with national overalls were David Banh (0-1500 LM Pairs), Rusty Krauss and John Miller, Barry Spector (0-5000 LM Pairs), and Al Duncker (Senior Swiss). Regional wins went to Mary Ann Kral and her teammates, who won four, count 'em, four KOs. Sumner Steinfeldt and Pat Lonergan each won two events, and Michael Klein, Web Ewell, Lucy McCoy, Betty Bursey, and Herb Fallin one each.

Of course, I would be remiss (not to mention sleeping on the couch) if I failed to mention the Mid-Atlantic sweep of the directorial awards. Terry Lavender won the Tom Weeks award for outstanding professionalism, while Candy (Kushner) took the Fred Friendly award for, uh, friendliness. Just don't cross her.

Ron Kral's Designation as A Master Teacher by the American Bridge Teachers' Association (ABTA)

By Nancy Abbott

RON KRAL, a well-known Northern Virginia teacher, was designated a MASTER TEACHER in July, 2008 in Las Vegas at the ABTA's 51st Annual Convention in Las Vegas, Nevada. This was a well-earned honor since it required detailed interviews with other ABTA Master Teachers and passing an examination on his knowledge of current topics in Bridge.

Ron has reinvigorated the Intermediate-Newcomer (I/N) program here in District Six, increasing attendance at the weekly NVBA Unit game and local Sectional and Regional tournaments. Given his past successes, we can't wait to see what he has in store as I/N Chairman for the Summer NABC here in DC in July, 2009.

Many of you may have taken his classes in Reston, George Mason University, at the Smithsonian or other venues around town. Others will have heard him speak at various Regional tournaments. Still others are playing with "your pro" in different clubs. Everyone is reading his "Better Basic Bridge" column in the NVBA Unit newsletter or "ChRONicles of Cardplay" in the District 6 Table Talk magazine. Ron excels at all these aspects of teaching.

His materials are up-to-date, drawing on the best of current sources for inspiration. Ron's well-attended classes by enthusiastic students at all levels testify to his ability to excite others about "the greatest card game on earth."

CONGRATULATIONS from the ABTA on becoming a MASTER TEACHER! All of us here in the DC metro area always knew you were.

Congratulations to Terry Lavender and Candy Kuschner on their Awards at the Las Vegas Summer NABC!

At the Las Vegas Summer NABC, local tournament directors (TD) Terry Lavender and Candy Kuschner were recognized by their peers – the Professional Tournament Directors Association – for outstanding contributions to the vocation.

Candy was chosen as this year's winner of the Fred Friendly Award, named after the late TD Paul Stehly, who was known as Fred Friendly for his demeanor with players. Terry received the Tom Weeks Award for outstanding professionalism, which Candy received at the Atlanta NABC in 2005.

Candy, a TD since 1991 and full time since 1998, said "We all love the job, and we hope we show it. Making players happy should be our highest goal."

Terry said she was delighted to be chosen for the Weeks award. "It's like getting a special birthday present from your family because the directors are my family." She has been a tournament director since the 1980s.

Parade of Winners

RESTON REGIONAL June 30–July 6, 2008

Mon. Aft. Charity Pairs (76 Pairs)

- 1 Lowell Sawyer – Charles Maplethorpe
2 2 Clifford Feldman – Howard Bender

Mon. Aft. 0-300 Pairs (46 Pairs)

- 1 1 Gerald O'Dell – Al Kuchinka
1 Bob Patel – Chieko Franck
2 Catharine Fisher – John Fisher

Mon. Eve. Side Game (44 Pairs)

- 2 Jim Dick – Linda Dick

Mon. Eve. 0-300 Pairs (26 Pairs)

- 1 1 1 William Glen – Paul Setzer

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

- 1 Charles Ellis – Sheila Ellis
2 Wolfgang Toelle – Uli Werner
1 Margaret Mastran – Donna Setzer
2 Walt Pumo – Janice Pumo

Arnold KO Bkt. 2 (12 Teams)

- 2 Dennis Wick – Elliot Itkin –
Robert Finkelstein – John Mason

Arnold KO Bkt. 3 (12 Teams)

- 2 Roma Chandra – Shawn Stringer –
Martha Bley – Ross Bley

Arnold KO Bkt. 4 (15 Teams)

- 1 Helene Cooper – Elizabeth Traylor –
Marilyn Smebakken – Donald Brown

Arnold KO Bkt. 5 (16 Teams)

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

Tues. AM 0-300 Pairs (18 Pairs)

- 1 1 1 Robert Magruder – Eleanor Schwartz
2 2 William Woodward – John Menzel,
2 Sidney Graves – Jan Potter

Tues. AM 0-50 Pairs (16 Pairs)

- 1 Gayle Reed – Harry Davies
2 1 Margaret Mastran – Donna Setzer
2 Ronald Klar – Deborah Klar

Tues. Daylight Open Pairs (36 Pairs)

- 1 Jack Armstrong – Ed Gofreed

Tues. Aft./Eve. Open Pairs (68 Pairs)

- 1 Zeke Letellier – Marsha Brown
2 David Milton – Stan Schenker
2 John Hamilton – Ken Hopke

Tues. Aft. 0-300 Pairs (39 Pairs)

- 2 2 William Woodward – John Menzel
2 Larry Taylor – Albert Stolpe

Tues. Aft. 0-50 Pairs (18 Pairs)

- 1 Lawrence Shuman – Deanna Shuman
2 1 Ronald Klar – Deborah Klar
2 Lynn Frankenfield – Debby Bailine

Mon.–Tue. Side Series (6 Pairs)

- 1 Steve Bunning – Jose Cortina
2 Mitchell Karlick – Bert Hackney

Tues. Aft. Side Game (22 Pairs)

- 2 1 1 Ling-Li Bates – Dave Tonnesen

Tues. Eve. BAM (16 Teams)

- 1 Tim Crank – Carolyn Gibson –
Nadine Wood – David Rodney
2 Tom Musso – Kathy Paramore –
Ellen Cherniavsky – Barbara Ames
1 Amy Bloom – Gregg Mullins –
Srinivas Kachibhatla – John Lippincott
1 Jeff Youngen – Mary O'Shea –
Candace Carlton – Terry Carlton

Tues. Eve. Side Game (44 Pairs)

- 2 David Banh – Joshua Holt
2 Howard Bender – Clifford Feldman

0-300 Swiss (12 Teams)

- 2 Jerry Nolte – Elizabeth Nolte –
Gil Krawitz – Willis Paley Hume
2 2 Amanda Carter – Marco Latini –
Taraneh Shahin – Bahman Shahin

0-300 Pairs (29 Pairs)

- 1 1 1 Georgette Weiss – Ike Oren
2 2 2 Harry Potter – James Mosley

Clark Tues.–Wed. Comp KO 2 (10 Teams)

- 2 Amanda Carter – Tim Smith –
Virginia Gibbons – Joe Hertz

Clark Tues.–Wed. Comp. KO 3 (10 Teams)

- 2 Ivan Pollack – Carlyn Pollack –
Pat Lonergan – Tom Lonergan

Greene Tues.–Wed. KO 2 (14 Teams)

- 2 Debnarayan Dhar – Dharendra Ghosh –
Aquil Ahmed – Emerita Hayward

Greene Tues.–Wed. KO 3 (15 Teams)

- 2 Sheldon Richter – Ruby Eisenbach –
Lorraine Kammerman –
Philip Kammerman

Greene Tues.–Wed. KO 4 (16 Teams)

- 2 Marie Nylén – Jane Friend –
Julia Nasr – Hikmat Nasr

Greene Tues.–Wed. KO 5 (16 Teams)

- 2 Roger Laumark – Alfred Liepold –
Joan White – Helen Long

Steuben Wed.–Thurs. Comp KO Bkt. 1 (9 Teams)

- 2 Bob Pfeiffer – Satinder Gupta –
Janet Coffin – Herb Fallin, Jr.

Steuben Wed.–Thurs. Comp KO Bkt. 2 (10 Teams)

- 1 Ed Brawn – Susan Brawn –
Helene Cooper – Anthony Cincotta
2 Ross Bley – Martha Bley –
Lynne Beresford – Ruth Woods

Wed. A/X Swiss Teams (28 Teams)

- 1 Bob Pfeiffer – Bill Mannschreck –
Mike Spooner – Herb Fallin, Jr.
2 Clyde Kruskal – Kenton Schoen –
Diane Walker – Mike Richey

Wed. Flt. B Swiss Teams Bkt. 1 (8 Teams)

- 1 Bob Hartmann – Martha Lackey –
Marcia Stein – Mirta Halperin
2 Steve Reed – Mickey Hughes –
Chuck Pecarro – Betty Bursley

Wed. Flt. B Swiss Teams Bkt. 2 (8 Teams)

- 2 Steve Rothman – Richard Allison –
Bruce Bucklinger – John Lowe, III

Wed. Flt. B Swiss Teams Bkt. 4 (8 Teams)

- 2 Kiyomi Shiba – Nancy Loomis –
Stephen MacArthur – Bea Suskin

Wed. Flt. B Swiss Teams Bkt. 5 (8 Teams)

- 2 Irv Kipnis – Maxwell Hughes –
Jacqualyn Newman – Terry Jones

Wed. Flt. B Swiss Teams Bkt. 6 (8 Teams)

- 1 Elizabeth Anderson – Monica Shumann –
Susan Slattery – Donald Brown
2 Amy Bloom – Jerry Barker –
Michael Neds – William Kingery, Jr.

Wed. AM 0-50 Pairs (10 Pairs)

- 1 1 1 Margaret Mastran – Karen Magley
2 Linda Griffith – Rosemary McDonald

Wed. AM/Aft. Open Pairs (30 Pairs)

- 2 Ed Lewis, III – Ed Lewis
2 Christon Johnson – Paul Krueger

Wed.–Thurs. Side Game (32 Pairs)

- 1 David McIntyre – Tim Smith
2 Michael Lawrence – Craig Olson

Wed. AM/Aft. 300/750 Pairs (44 Pairs)

- 1 Douglas Fox – Larry Moran

Wed. Aft. 0-300 Pairs (30 Pairs)

- 1 1 William Hughes – Barbara Hodges
2 Virginia Ivin – Hannelore Suffridge

Wed. Aft. 0-50 Pairs (14 Pairs)

- 1 1 1 Margaret Mastran – Ruth Glen
2 2 2 Linda Griffith – Mary McFadden

Wed. Eve. 0-300 Pairs (28 Pairs)

- 2 1 Gary Weinstein – Stanley Legum
2 Brigette Friedman – Ron Friedman

Wed. Eve. Side Game (42 Pairs)

- 1 Jim Dick – Linda Dick
2 1 Elizabeth Traylor – Cathy Stryker

Wayne Thurs.–Fri. AM Comp KO Bkt. 2 (9 Teams)

- 1 Neil Selvin – Howard Grunin –
Howard Tash – Martin Reed

Wayne Thurs.–Fri. AM Comp KO Bkt. 3 (9 Teams)

- 1 Jerry Nolte – Elizabeth Nolte –
Gil Krawitz – Willis Paley Hume
2 Maribel Newby – Nancy Cartwright –
Robert Sherman – Linda Sherman

Thurs. AM Side Game (24 Pairs)

- 2 Shirley Lafferty – Wanda Worsham

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Parade of Winners – continued from page 9**Thurs. AM/Aft. Open Pairs (24 Pairs)**

- 2 Steve Bunning – Kris Miller
- 1 David McIntyre – Carlene Garrigus
- 2 Norma Pierzchala – Carol Aitken

Thurs. AM/Aft. 300/750 Pairs (46 Pairs)

- 1 Michael Lawrence – Craig Olson
- 2 Douglas Fox – Jim Sandefur
- 2 Robert Dorosin – Eleanor Schwartz

Thurs. AM 0-300 Pairs (14 Pairs)

- 2 Linda Griffith – Janet Henrichsen

Thurs. Aft./Eve. Open Pairs (60 Pairs)

- 1 Gil Cohen – Marty Nelson

Thurs. Aft. Side Game (34 Pairs)

- 1 1 Shirley Lafferty – Wanda Worsham
- 2 Bob Hartmann – Esfandiar Khazai
- 2 James Augustine – Anthony Cincotta

Thurs. Aft. 100/200/300 (30 Pairs)

- 1 1 Larry Taylor – Albert Stolpe
- 2 Steve Graves – Thomas Feick, Jr.

Thurs. Aft. 15/25/50 (14 Pairs)

- 2 William Hohe – Jo Ann Hutchison
- 2 Linda Mason – Barbara Bieger

Thurs. Aft. Newcomer Pairs (10 Pairs)

- 1 Maxine Norris – Carollyn Brahdey
- 2 Judy Simonson – Steve Forsythe

Thurs. Eve. BAM (18 Teams)

- 1/2 William Gurley – Mike Giesler – Allison Brandt – Mary Ann Kral
- 1/2 Frank Alden – Ivan Pollack – Carlyn Pollack – Pat Lonergan

Thurs. Eve. Side Game (32 Pairs)

- 1 Gurilla Dybvik – Jim Lynch

Thurs. Eve. 0-300 Swiss (14 Teams)

- 2 2 Ann Atcheson – Kay Flynn – Cathy Vivona – Linn Duniven

Thurs. Eve. 0-300 Pairs (25 Pairs)

- 1 1 Christine Brooks – Helen(Susie) Tinney
- 2 Susan Collins – Lee Faber
- 2 Mary Alice Vogt – Margaret Gurley
- 1 Harry Potter – James Mosley
- 2 John Haberlin – Sandy Haberlin

Knox Thurs.–Fri. KO Bkt. 1 (16 Teams)

- 2 Arnie Frankel – Kenton Schoen – Diane Walker – Helene Bauman

Knox Thurs.–Fri. KO Bkt. 2 (12 Teams)

- 2 Eugene Schuyler – Diane Alexander – Ross Bley – Martha Bley

Knox Thurs.–Fri. KO Bkt. 4 (15 Teams)

- 1 Carl Noller – Neil Selvin – Howard Grunin – Brian Snyder
- 2 David Mead – Kathleen O'Toole – Cherie Charles – Joyce Currie

Fri. AM Side Game (31 Pairs)

- 2 David McIntyre – Carlene Garrigus
- 1 Peggy Morrison – Helen Lazar

Fri. AM 0-300 Pairs (26 Pairs)

- 2 Sidney Graves – Andrea Stanley-Miller

Fri. AM 0-50 Pairs (8 Pairs)

- 1 Marlene Gross – John Carle
- 1/2 Ruth Glen – Margaret Mastran

Fri. AM Swiss (23 Teams)

- 1 1 1 William Gurley – Mary Ann Kral – Tobi Bear – Susan Klaber
- 2 Dennis Wick – John Mason – Issa Dorri – Omar Okaily
- 2/3 2 Kathrine Loh – Ed Molnar, – Andrew Loh – Patricia Loh
- 2/3 Irv Kipnis – Carol Elfant – Terry Jones – Jacquelyn Newman

Fri. Aft. Side Game (36 Pairs)

- 1 1 Jeffrey Schwartz – Annie Schwartz

Fri. Aft. 0-300 Pairs (50 Pairs)

- 2 2 Christine Brooks – Helen (Susie) Tinney

4th of July Open Pairs (59 Pairs)

- 2 1 Elliot Itkin – Henry Nelson

4th of July Fast Pairs (40 Pairs)

- 2 Don Probst – Lowell Sawyer
- 2 Joan Mitchum – Barb Hincken
- 2 Mari McColl – Elizabeth Crenshaw

Fri. Eve. BAM (12 Teams)

- 2/3 Tom Musso – Barbara Ames – Kathy Paramore – Ellen Cherniavsky

Fri. Eve. 0-500 Swiss (11 Teams)

- 1 Ann Atcheson – Sheila Ellis –
Shirley Stauffacher – Jenny Shaefer

Fri. Eve. Side Game (31 Pairs)

- 1 1 1 Eva Klivington – Graham Kelly

Lafayette KO Bkt. 2 (10 Teams)

- 1 M. Webster Ewell, Jr. – Michael Klein –
Rod Severson – Steven Schatzow
2 Bob Hartmann – Martha Lackey –
Alan Breed – Marge Gazzola

Lafayette KO Bkt. 3 (12 Teams)

- 1 Robert Brady – David Banh –
Larry Lowell, Jr. – Dwayne Hoffman
2 Kevin O'Brien – Ellie Clark –
Mike Frosch – Francesco Parisi-Presicce

Lafayette KO Bkt. 4 (15 Teams)

- 1 Craig Caplan – Teresa Caplan –
William Gurley – Mary Ann Kral

Fri. Zip KO (7 Teams)

- 1 Terry Jones – Charles Ellis –
Sheila Ellis – Bryan Morgan

Sat. KO Bkt. 1 (6 Teams)

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

Sat. KO Bkt. 2 (8 Teams)

- 1 Dennis Wick – John Mason –
Issa Dorri – Omar Okaily
2 Tim Smith – Virginia Gibbons –
Beverly Geurin – Lynda Flanger

Sat. KO Bkt. 4 (8 Teams)

- 1 Robert Krueger – Priscilla Krueger –
Ken Hopke – Elaine Sellman –
John Hamilton

Sat. KO Bkt. 5 (8 Teams)

- 1 David Mead – Kathleen O'Toole –
Joyce Currie – Cherie Charles
2 Monica Shumann – Mary O'Shea –
Susan Slattery – Barbara DiCicco

Sat. KO Bkt. 6 (8 Teams)

- 1 Susan Klaber – Tobi Bear –
Katherine Koch – Ednae Trevey

Sat. AM Side Game (30 Pairs)

- 1 Bob Boyd – Steven Schatzow
2 1 Susan Brawn – Cynthia Helms

Sat. AM 0-500 Pairs (14 Pairs)

- 1/2 1/2 Terry Mitchell – Albert Dimillio
1 Rochelle Hilton – Rachelle Sladoff
2 Akiko Yamashita – Chieko Franck

Sat. AM 0-50 Pairs (22 Pairs)

- 1 1 1 Jonn O'Connor – Albert Stolpe
2 2 Georgette Weiss – Ike Oren
2 Ruth Glen – Margaret Mastran

Sat. Aft. Side Game (36 Pairs)

- 1 Ed Lewis, III – Ed Lewis
1 Nelson Waks – Shirley Lafferty
2 1 Carl Noller – Brian Snyder

Sat. Flt. B Barometer Pairs (46 Pairs)

- 1 Chuck Ellison – Louise Sellers

Sat. Flt. B Pairs (36 Pairs)

- 1 John Christensen – Hongmo Wang
2 Paul Krueger – Christon Johnson

Sat. Aft. 0-500 Pairs (42 Pairs)

- 1 1 M Leighton – Alicia Gormont
2/3 Taraneh Shahin – Bahman Shahin

Sat. Aft. 0-50 Pairs (16 Pairs)

- 1 1 1 Ruth Glen – Margaret Mastran
2 2 Linda Griffith – Rosemary McDonald
2 Jonn O'Connor – Albert Stolpe

Sat. Eve. BAM (16 Teams)

- 2 Jason Meyer – James Geist –
Jim Wakefield – Helene Bauman
1 Terry Jones – Irv Kipnis –
Barbara Israel – Jacquelyn Newman
2 1 Marvin Raines – Ruth Woods –
Margaret Gurley – Alan Walter

Sat. Eve. Side Game (38 Pairs)

- 1 1 Joe Angermeier – Ralph Angermeier

Sat. Eve. 0-500 Swiss (9 Teams)

- 2 1 Dick Verdow – Jean Verdow –
Catharine Fisher – John Fisher
2/3 Jenny Shaefer – Shirley Stauffacher –
Ann Atcheson – Sharon Perryman

Parade of Winners – continued from page 11**Sat. Eve. 0-300 Pairs (12 Pairs)**

- 1 Brian Snyder – Robert Magruder
- 2 1 1 Linda Szyszka – Donald Szyszka

Sun. AM 0-300 Swiss (13 Teams)

- 2 2 William Woodward – John Menzel – Robert Hollohan – Ken Duggin

Sun. AM 0-300 Pairs (18 Pairs)

- 1 1 Al Kuchinka – Gerald O'Dell
- 1 Georgette Weiss – Ike Oren
- 2 Ruth Glen – Alice Ling

Sun. Open Pairs (26 Pairs)

- 1 Lowell Sawyer – Don Geerhart

A/X Swiss (51 Teams)

- 1 Hal Hindman – Brad Theurer – Lyle Poe, Jr. – Mark Chen
- 1 Kenton Schoen – Diane Walker – James Geist – Jason Rosenfeld

Sun. B/C/D Swiss (65 Teams)

- 1 Michael Kitces – Maurice Kitces – Steve Bunning – Jose Cortina
- 2 Chuck Ellison – Louise Sellers – John Korfonta – Sam Westgate
- 2 1 Jerry Nolte – Elizabeth Nolte – Willis Paley Hume – Gil Krawitz
- 2 Sheila Ellis – William Hohe – Charles Ellis – Bob Blodgett

Sun. Aft. 0-300 Swiss (17 Teams)

- 1 1 1 Sidney Graves – Andrea Stanley-Miller – Eleanor Schwartz – Amelia Montjoy
- 2 Samir Haddad – Sheila Odell – Spencer Berg – Phyllis Berg

Sun. Aft. 0-300 Pairs (17 Pairs)

- 1 1 Wanda Clandorf – Larry Clandorf
- 1 Karen Magley – Alice Ling
- 2 Harry Potter – James Mosley

WBL SECTIONAL
August 7–10, 2008

Thurs. Eve. A/X Pairs (73 Pairs)

- 2 Ron Zucker – Helene Bauman
- 1/2 Bob Boyd – Carole Grob
- 1/2 Dick Wieland – Abdul Etemadi

Thurs. Eve. B/C/D Pairs (48 Pairs)

- 1 1 1 Michael Osborn – Joe Hertz
- 2 William Nicolai – Lynda Flanger

Thurs. Eve. NVBA 0-200 Pairs (22 Pairs)

- 1 1 1 Ike Oren – Georgette Weiss
- 2 Charles Allport – Sandra Allport
- 2 Virginia Ivin – Hannelore Suffridge
- 2 Nabil Ahmed – Dan Emmons

Fri. AM Open Pairs (46 Pairs)

- 2 Ellie Clark – Beverly Geurin
- 1 Douglas Fox – Larry Moran
- 2 Monica Shumann – Susan Slattery

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

- 2 1 Monica Shumann – Susan Slattery
- 2 Howard Grunin – Neil Selvin

Fri. Aft. NLM Pairs (28 Pairs)

- 1 Marvin Raines – J.J. Jayaraman

Fri. Eve. 0-1500 IMP Pairs (22 Pairs)

- 1 1 Craig Olson – Michael Lawrence
- 2 2 1 Ned Griffith – Albert Lauber

Sat. AM Open Pairs (54 Pairs)

- 1 Steven Schatzow – Bob Boyd
- 1 1 Srinivas Kachibhatla – John Montgomery
- 2 Pat Lonergan – Larry Gebbie

Sat. AM NonLM Pairs (30 Pairs)

- 2 James Biss – Jo Ann Hutchison
- 1 John Donohue – Charline Coakley

Sat. Aft. B/C/D Pairs (30 Pairs)

- 1/2 Roma Chandra – Lynda Flanger
- 2 David Banh – Stephen Drodge
- 2 Ned Griffith – Albert Lauber

Sat. Comp. KO Bkt. 2 (11 Teams)

- 2 Rita Waldack – Joe Carlomagno – RaeDonna Jones – Dev Devgon

Sat. Comp. KO Bkt. 3 (16 Teams)

- 2 Ellinor Legg – Peter Lo – Dan Emmons – Karen Emmons

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Sun. A/X BAM (15 Teams)

- 1 Jim Allen – Shawn Stringer – John Montgomery – Srinivas Kachibhatla
- 2 Ron Kral – Robert Brady – Frank Cardillo – Leo Cardillo

Sun. B/C/D Swiss (21 Teams)

- 1 John Mason – Susan Miskura –
Dennis Schwanz – Katherine Rabenstein
- 2 1 1 Carl Noller – Michael Osborn –
Neil Selvin – Howard Grunin

Sun. AM NonLM Swiss (6 Teams)

- 1 Roger Laumark – Lynne Beresford –
Eleanor Schwartz – Amelia Montjoy

Sun. Aft. 299er Swiss (9 Teams)

- 1 1 Joshua Holt – Nabil Ahmed –
Dan Emmons – Stephen Drodge
- 2 Roger Laumark – Lynne Beresford –
Eleanor Schwartz – Amelia Montjoy
- 2/3 William Hughes – Barbara Hodges –
John Donohue – Charles Shank
- 2/3 Jason Stewart – Richard Jones –
Kenneth Duggin – Virginia Gibbons

**HUNT VALLEY REGIONAL
August 11–17, 2008**

Kickoff KO Bkt. 4 (15 Teams)

- 1 John Mason – John Miles –
Stephen Wiesenfeld – Arnold Kritz

Kickoff KO Bkt. 5 (16 Teams)

- 1 Nat Zucker – Mike Frosch –
Julia Zucker – Carl Noller

Ft. McHenry Comp. KO Bkt. 3 (16 Teams)

- 2 Carol Elfant – Shyamalendu Pal –
Gail Carter – Amanda Carter

Tues AM 0-300 (20 Pairs)

- 2 1 Phyllis Isler – Morton Isler

Tues. Aft. 0-300 (33 Pairs)

- 1 1 Gail Carter – Amanda Carter

Tues. Aft. 0-50 (14 Pairs)

- 2 1 Mary Harter – Kathryn Weyers

Tues. Eve. 0-50 (14 Pairs)

- 2 2 Mary Harter – Kathryn Weyers

Tues. Eve. Side Swiss (26 Teams)

- 1 Shawn Stringer – Roma Chandra –
Ellie Clark – Beverly Geurin

Preakness Comp. KO Bkt. 2 (12 Teams)

- 2 Kevin O' Brien – John S. Mason –
Virginia Gibbons – Timothy Smith

Preakness Comp. KO Bkt. 3 (14 Teams)

- 2 Ellie Clark – Mike Frosch –
Amy Bloom – Beverly Geurin

Wed. Open Pairs (70 Pairs)

- 1 Sumner Steinfeldt – Ken Davis

Wed. AM 0-300 (22 Pairs)

- 2 1 Phyllis Isler – Morton Isler
- 2 Mary Harter – Kathryn Weyers

Wed. Aft. 0-300 (34 Pairs)

- 2 1 Gail Carter – Amanda Carter

Wed. Aft. 0-50 (19 Pairs)

- 2 2 2 Tim Rauen – Jonathan Haley

Wed. Eve. Side Swiss (52 Teams)

- 1/2 1 Donald Brown – Helene Cooper –
Marilyn Smebakken – Elizabeth Traylor

Inner Harbor Comp. KO Bkt. 3 (14 Teams)

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

Thurs. A/X Swiss (31 Teams)

- 2 1 Kenton Schoen – Mark Laken –
Harvey Charkatz – Diane Walker

Thurs. Open Pairs (52 Pairs)

- 2 Jeff Roman – Ruth Potter

Thurs. Aft. 0-300 Swiss (6 Teams)

- 2 1 Neal Cooper – Darlene Thom –
Mary Edge – Betty Taff

Thurs. Aft. 0-300 (42 Pairs)

- 1 Phyllis Isler – Morton Isler

Thurs. Aft. 0-50 (16 Pairs)

- 1 1 Tim Rauen – Jonathan Haley

Thurs. Eve. 0-50 (10 Pairs)

- 1 1 1 Tim Rauen – Jonathan Haley

Thurs. Eve. Side Game (23 Pairs)

- 2 Lynda Flanger – John S. Mason

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Parade of Winners – continued from page 13**Natl. Aquarium Comp. KO Bkt. 2 (14 Teams)**

- 1 Stephen Wiesenfeld – Arnold Kritz –
Irv Kipnis – Terry Jones

Natl. Aquarium Comp. KO Bkt. 3 (17 Teams)

- 1 Alfred Liepold – Alfred Caponiti –
Neil Selvin – Howard Grunin

Fri. AM Side Game (20 Pairs)

- 1 Ken Davis – John Ashe
2 Ron Kral – James Gullo

Fri. B/C/D Pairs (58 Pairs)

- 1 1 Marty Zupan – David Jackson

Fri. Senior Pairs (44 Pairs)

- 1 Elaine Sellman – John Hamilton

Fri. Aft. Side Game (40 Pairs)

- 1 1 Helene Cooper – Donald Brown
2 Marilyn Smebakken – Elizabeth Traylor

Fri. Eve. Side Swiss (46 Teams)

- 2 Bob Pfeiffer – Martha Lackey –
Herb Fallin Jr – Bob Hartmann
2 Jerry Nolte – Elizabeth Nolte –
Robert Krueger – Priscilla Krueger

Fri Eve 0-100 (17 Pairs)

- 2 Kenneth Duggin – Virginia Gibbons

Fri Zip KO (9 Teams)

- 2 Juan Pardo – Michael Berard –
Joyce Currie – Gloria Halstead

Sat. AM Side Game (18 Pairs)

- 2 Al Duncker – Ann Lindley

Sat. Stratified Swiss (25 Teams)

- 1 Kevin O'Brien – Beverly Geurin –
Mike Frosch – Francesco Parisi-Presicce

Sat. Aft. 0-200 (24 Pairs)

- 2 Phyllis Isler – Morton Isler

Sat. Senior Pairs (44 Pairs)

- 2 Michael Polunin – Abdul Etemadi

Sat. Eve. BAM (17 Teams)

- 1/2 Carl Noller – Thomas Din –
Neil Selvin – Howard Grunin

Sat. Eve. Side Game (18 Pairs)

- 2 Fred Hahn, Jr. – Jack Armstrong

Weekend KO – Bkt. 1 (12 Teams)

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

Weekend KO Bkt. 3 (16 Teams)

- 1 Luther Hampton – Michael Hampton –
Ross Bley – Martha Bley

Sun. A/X Swiss (34 Teams)

- 2 1 David Milton – Stan Schenker –
Harvey Charkatz – Mark Laken
2 Leo Cardillo – Frank Cardillo –
Danijel Zenko – Carole Banks

Sun. AM 0-300 Swiss (10 Teams)

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

Sun. Open Pairs (25 Pairs)

- 2 Col. Anthony Russo – Judith Russo

Sun. Aft. NLM Swiss (10 Teams)

- 2 Joan White – Robert Dorosin –
Eleanor Schwartz – Nancy Thomas



Better Basic Bridge: Cover an Honor with an Honor

By Ron Kral

This article continues the series of articles applying the concept of Pareto's principle to bridge. Pareto's principle is the "80/20 rule" – if you blindly apply the most common solution to a problem, you will get it right 80 percent of the time. All the other solutions taken together solve the problem the other 20 percent of the time.

In this article, I'm going to talk about a defensive concept that many novice players often get wrong:

COVER AN HONOR WITH AN HONOR

I'm sure you've heard this adage before. It's true, but comes with several caveats. Do you know **why** you cover an honor with an honor? The underlying purpose is to build up tricks for your side **whether they're in your hand or in your partner's**. If there's no chance to establish a trick for your side, **do not cover**. When you cover, you're getting a bargain – two for the price of one. Most of the time it's right to cover. However, there are a couple of relatively simple and obvious exceptions to the rule:

When you can see a sequence in dummy, cover the **LAST** one in the sequence, not the first.

♠1075	♠QJ94	♠K32
	♠A86	

Do not cover the Queen. If declarer has the Ace, he will win and then finesse your partner out of his (assumed to have) 10. Note that if declarer subsequently leads the Jack (and you cover) or small (and you don't), you're partner's 10 or your King becomes a trick. When you cover the Jack, if declarer has the 10, it doesn't matter – your king is dead anyway. Note that if the hands are rotated 180 degrees and declarer leads the Queen from the closed hand, you normally duck the first time and cover the second time since declarer will normally have the Jack. However, IF you **ONLY** have Kx, cover the Queen. At least you'll get SOMETHING for your King!

When you have two honors above the one led, cover immediately with your **HIGHEST** one.

♠A82	♠1096	♠KJ3
	♠Q754	

Since you have **TWO** honors above dummy, cover the 10 with the King when it's led. Then, cover the 9 when it's led later. The defenders win 3 tricks. Note that any other play nets the defenders only 2 tricks. Try it.

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It's important to realize that the 10 is an honor and if it's led from dummy you should cover with the Jack.

♠108
 ♠9543 ♠J76
 ♠AKQ2

If you do not cover the 10, declarer will win 4 tricks in the suit. If you cover, partner's 9 becomes an eventual trick. If the 8 is led from dummy instead of the 10, do not cover the 8.

Do not cover when it cannot help your side.

♠AQ106
 ♠K543 ♠J led from declarer's closed hand

Do not cover the Jack. (Also, play low smoothly! Do not hesitate! Anticipate declarer's play! Be ready!) If you cover, you establish the whole suit for declarer. If you duck smoothly, you might eventually win a trick with your King. Your 5 cannot beat dummy's 6 so covering cannot establish a trick for your side.

Here's another example of when NOT to cover:

♠Q6
 ♠982 ♠K543
 ♠AJ107

If the Queen is led from dummy, do NOT cover the Queen with the King. Declarer can only lead the suit twice from dummy so your King is safe. Covering automatically without thinking is a common and avoidable error.

Most of the time it's right to cover an honor with an honor, and if you do it ALL the time, you'll be right MOST of the time. The above are some simple and easy exceptions to the rule. There are a few much more difficult and rare cases where it appears right to cover but it's not. You can ignore these for now. If you follow the above simple rules 100 percent of the time, you will be right 80 percent or more of the time. If you're interested in learning more on this topic, here's some suggested reading material:

How to Defend a Bridge Hand – William S. Root
Introduction to Defender's Play – Edwin Kantar
Modern Bridge Defense – Edwin Kantar
Advanced Bridge Defense – Edwin Kantar

The above books are available at www.baronbarclay.com with an ACBL member's 10 percent discount.

What Does the Recorder Do?

*By Bob Boyd,
NVBA Recorder*

Ever had your concentration disrupted by someone berating his partner or opponent? How about thinking an opponent fielded her partner's psych just a little too cleanly? Or perhaps even suspecting your opponents had inside information (a "wire") on the board you just played?

It would be a rare or very new player who would answer "No" to these questions, yet the answer to the question "Have you ever made a written report to a recorder?" would be just as likely to be "No," perhaps due to unfamiliarity with the concept of the recorder.

The ACBL has three aims for the recorder system:

- Deal with complaints about conduct that do not warrant filing formal charges
- Note very serious incidents that are not yet supported by evidence necessary to bring formal charges
- Counsel or educate a subject to modify his or her behavior

The ACBL gives most responsibility to deal with behavior problems to the managers of sanctioned games. As a unit, the NVBA only has jurisdiction over boorish behavior at the Thursday Unit Game and special games held in clubs, such as STaC. However, the NVBA does have jurisdiction over allegations of unethical behavior and cheating that happen at club games. In practice, there are gray areas, and it is not necessary that a player sort out the various types of bad conduct that can make bridge unpleasant. Refer questionable behavior to the director or recorder for appropriate action, but bear this in mind: **an accusation against another player of unethical conduct may only be made to the director or recorder in private.** A public accusation of unethical conduct is itself grounds for disciplinary action.

A verbal report to the director about bad behavior may result in immediate correction or even in someone being barred from that game, but the sad truth is that if no written complaint is made in the case of suspected unethical behavior, it is as if the incident never happened.

How can that be? The ACBL has stringent rules defining ethical behavior and the penalties can be severe, so it is critical that we be scrupulously fair to the accused. Records of the allegation and investigation are essential.

To assure fairness, a recorder is not permitted to hold any other unit office or to serve on appeals committees, and has no authority to impose disciplinary penalties. Once a report is made, the recorder gathers information and then assesses what happened. If the recorder substantiates the initial report, he has three options.

- If the incident is minor, inadvertent, or correctable, he counsels the offender and makes note of it in an administrative file. This is the usual resolution, and the notes in the file may support more stringent action if the conduct happens again.

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- A more serious offense or repetition of unethical conduct may be reported to the ACBL Recorder, where it will remain on file for ten years. The league advises the unit and determines whether further action is necessary.
- The most serious immediate action the recorder can take is to file a complaint with the NVBA Conduct and Ethics Committee. This can result in a formal hearing that can impose penalties including suspension, expulsion and forfeiture of masterpoints.

As your Unit Recorder, I am trying to make the process of reporting potential issues user-friendly, as they say. Most club game directors have packets with player memos that you can fill out and hand to me or to the director. The NVBA web site has links to download a player memo or to e-mail me. Any player who wants to discuss something can see me at most daytime club games or the unit game, call me at 703-751-4774, or e-mail me at bobbyd72@aol.com. Once we talk, if there seems to be a problem I may ask you to put it in writing to use as the basis for formal action. The NVBA and the game of bridge need your help to keep our game clean and fun.

BRIDGE CLUB RESULTS POSTED ON THE INTERNET:

Director: Carole Grob – *Game:* Ballston Bridge Club – Monday, 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: 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)

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

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

Director: Alan Breed – *Game:* Arlington County DBC – Wednesday 10:00 AM;
URL: <http://www.bridge-results.com/results/5094/2008/0910M.html>

Director: Norma Pierzchala – *Games:* Thursday Morning Bridge Club, 10:00 AM;
KOCH – Saturday, 9:00 AM; *URL:* <http://www.bridge-results.com/results/5021/cal.html>

Director: Jim Dick – *Game:* Jewish Community Center (JCC) – Sunday, 1:00 PM;
URL: <http://mysite.verizon.net/resymzgl/jccsundayafternoonbridge/index.html>

Directors: John Mason, Jim Dick, Livingston Johnson – *Game:* First Christian Church –
Friday, 10:00 AM; *URL:* <http://members.cox.net/jsm36/bridge/FunFriday/funfridayjsmhome.htm>

Darn Those Computer-Dealt Hands! *By Terry Mitchell*

Players at Lenore Ward’s Cascades Seniors Club in Sterling, Virginia, ran into almost a statistically impossible series of hands at their July 28 game. In one 3-board round (of manually shuffled and dealt hands, not computer-generated), the North-South players found themselves with cards on each board that made 7NT – and none of the three hands required as much as a finesse or a normal suit break, much less a squeeze. Boards 19 and 20 produced 13 tricks with winners distributed 4-3-3-3 among the four suits. Board 21 would have produced 17 tricks off the top because of the unusual major suit distributions. North held five spades to the QJ10, while partner held the doubleton AK, and South held six hearts to the QJ10, while partner held the doubleton AK.

How did the bidding go? Five of nine pairs reached 7NT on Board 19, six reached it on Board 20, and only one reached it on Board 21 (with a second pair settling for 7♥). All of the other bidders on the three boards stopped at the 6 level. One pair (Albert DiMillio and Terry Mitchell) did reach 7NT on all three hands. One of the other players said she stopped at 6NT on the third because she “thought it was impossible to have three 7NT hands in a row.”

Oh, and East-West: The poor West players found themselves holding only one Jack (total!) over the three boards.

The hands:

Board 19 (S deals; E/W vul)

<u>North</u>		
♠ AKQ		
♥ KQxx		
♦ AQx		
♣ Kxx		
<u>East</u>		<u>West</u>
♠ Jxx		♠ 10xxxx
♥ xx		♥ 10xxx
♦ 10xxx		♦ J
♣ Jxxx		♣ xxx
<u>South</u>		
♠ xx		
♥ AJx		
♦ Kxxxx		
♣ AQ10		

Board 20 (W deals; both vul)

<u>North</u>		
♠ AQx		
♥ Qx		
♦ QJx		
♣ Qxxxx		
<u>East</u>		<u>West</u>
♠ xxx		♠ xxx
♥ Jxx		♥ xxxx
♦ xxxx		♦ xxx
♣ Jxx		♣ 10xx
<u>South</u>		
♠ KJ10x		
♥ AK10x		
♦ AK10		
♣ AK		

Board 21 (N deals; N/S vul)

<u>North</u>		
♠ QJ10xx		
♥ AK		
♦ KQxx		
♣ Kx		
<u>East</u>		<u>West</u>
♠ xxx		♠ xxx
♥ xx		♥ xxx
♦ 10xxx		♦ xx
♣ J10xx		♣ xxxxx
<u>South</u>		
♠ AK		
♥ QJ10xx		
♦ AJx		
♣ AQ		

MILESTONES

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

♠♦ NEW JUNIOR MASTERS ♣♥

Nabil Ahmed
Barbara A. Brennan
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Joan D. O'Connor
Donna C. Setzer
Andrea S. Stanley-Miller
Albert V. Stolpe

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Joseph W. Drodge	Fred Gramlich
Sherry K. Griffin	Marlene Gross
James M. Hewitt	John W. Holt
Katherine B. Koch	James M. Mosley
Ike Oren	Jeffrey Schwartz
Patricia F. Stone	Betsy H. Summer
Cathy Vivona	

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Co.l Robert B. Magruder
Paul J. Setzer



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Margaret S. Gurley	Mimi J. Spielberg
Paul J. Spielberg	Adam Winsler

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Bonnie W. Polk
Larry G. Settle
Kiyomi Shiba
Jean Verdow
Joan R. White
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Douglas R. Fox
Sulaiman Ghaussy
Barbara Griffith
Dr. Barbara M. Macknick

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Cherie Charles
Linda K. Dick
Barbara Griffith
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Terry Jones
Yvonne K. Markell
Susan M. Miskura
Steve Reed
Prof. James T. Sandefur

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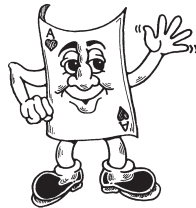
♠♦ NEW DIAMOND LIFE MASTER ♣♥

Ed Gofreed	Sumner Steinfeldt
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HAIL AND FAREWELL

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

Nabil Ahmed
 Philip P. Bellaria
 Joy R. Brown
 Brian G. Brunsvold
 Barbara Butow
 Matt L. Callahan
 Mark Cheung
 Sir Aviv R. Cukierman
 Eric R. Dale
 Jacob A. Daniels
 Peter Z. Diao
 Dan P. Emmons
 Dr. King Eng
 Joyce M. Farley
 Chris B. Gould
 Theo S. Gutman
 Linda Lee Harp
 Ronnie Hughes
 Rudy Keiser
 Kathleen A. Koritko
 Greyson R. Lewis
 Lemy Li
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 Harvey F. Lipsher
 Jinyu Liu
 Nora C. Marshall
 Betty D. Murray
 Yates Palmer
 Judy L. Redpath
 Andrew M. Rodriguez
 Nancy D. Ross
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 Norman H. Thomas
 Lorraine E. Wargo
 Evan B. Warner
 Daniel A. Wpstein
 Chris Yankson
 Renjie You



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 Alexander Robertson
 Gale Rogers
 Kathleen F. Simpson
 Stephanie Schader
 Marilyn A. Shanabrook
 Maj Henry L. Smith
 Edgar G. Taylor
 Betty H. Wear
 Judy Weisman
 Herb K. Wilson, Jr.

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

Thomas I. Bushnell
 Patricia Byrne
 Charles E. Clements
 Ludwig A. Coco
 Michael E. Craig
 Linda W. Croker
 Thomas C. Croker
 Dr. Benjamin F. Dickens
 William N. Fitch
 Gary L. Hill
 Diann J. Johnston
 Joe B. Johnston
 Philip S. Kopala
 Robert H. Kubal
 Carole A. Lee
 Robert R. O'Toole
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 W. Ward Rayner, Jr.
 Dale E. Sanders
 Patricia Tarczy
 Robert L. Tarczy
 Edward L. Teger
 William K. Toufectis
 James R. Wade
 Susan B. Waters

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

Edith Z. Berman Robert H. Graves
 Dr. Saroj W. Gulati Virginia Ivin

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

Richard D. Jones B. S. Waterman

♣ Fairfax, VA ♦ OCTOBER 23-26, 2008 ♥

Special treats and door prizes all day Saturday — certificates for reduced parking and entry fees at your 2009 Summer NABC!

NVBA FALL SECTIONAL TOURNAMENT

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8421 Arlington Boulevard,
Fairfax, VA; 703-560-2213

Fall into Fun!

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 23

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, OCTOBER 24

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 (STRATIFIED 2000+/2000/750) . . . 7:30 p.m.
—5 rounds, 5 boards, 5 minutes a board
299ER PAIRS (300/200/100) 7:30 p.m.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 25 ...Special NABC FUNd-raising Day!

STRATIFIED OPEN 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.
NABC AUCTION and RAFFLE begin! 12:30 - 2 p.m.
Support your NABC! Live auction to bid on bridge pros and play at 2 today! Silent auction for time share weeks, sports tickets, gourmet dinners, wine tastings, and more!
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.
Jackpot! STRATIFIED OPEN PAIRS (2000+/2000/750) . . . 7:30 p.m.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 26

****Novice/Intermediate Lecture (Jeff Roman)** 10:15 a.m.**
NEW! FLIGHTS A/X (3000+/3000) SWISS TEAMS 11:00 a.m.
& BRACKETED FLIGHT B TEAMS (0-2000) 11:00 a.m.
B Teams Bracketed by Total Team Masterpoints; three overall places in each bracket Both Flights are 2-session events, w/ 1 hour break—on-site food available
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) 3:30 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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All Saturday entry fees, including those for 0-5 players, include a \$1 per session surcharge to fund Washington NABC hospitality.

DIRECTIONS: 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: JANUARY 8-11, 2009



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**THURSDAY,
JANUARY 8**

- ♣ StrataFlighted Open Pairs (A/X unlim/3000, B/C/D Separate 1500/1000/500) (both sites); Stratified NLM Pairs (NLM/100/50) & 0-20 Pairs (Christ the King Church only); Stratified 199er Pairs (Beth El only)
 - Beth El Congregation, 3830 Seminary Rd, Alexandria** 7:00pm
 - Christ the King Church, 2301 Colston Drive, Silver Spring** 7:30pm
- Capital Beltway to Connecticut Ave. South. Left on East-West Hwy. Right on Grubb Rd. 1st Left on Colston. Church is on the left before the next intersection.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 9

Friday—at Christ the King Church Only

- ♦ Stratified Pairs (unlim/2000/500) 10:00am
 - ♥ StrataFlighted A/X (unlim/3000) & B/C/D (1500/1000/500) Pairs 2:00pm
 - ♠ **Champagne & IMP Pairs** StrataFlighted A/X (unlim/3000) & B/C/D (1500/1000/500) ... 7:30pm
- Friday night's special game toasts the new year 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. You win and lose IMPs when you compare your score to the average.
- ♣ Intermediate/Novice Pairs (300/200/100/50/20) (single sessions) 10:00am, 2:00pm, 7:30pm

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

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

♥ **Panel Show & Party** **SATURDAY, JANUARY 10**
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 11

WBL Trophy Race Winners' Presentation between sessions

- ♠ **Bracketed Teams**, (2 session playthru w/short break) 11:00am & TBA
- Check out this 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

♣ **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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