

NVBA Newsletter

December 2001 – January 2002

Upcoming NVBA Games and Special Events (December 2001 – February 2002)

Dec. 6	Beth El	7:00	WBL Sectional
Dec. 13	Beth El	7:00	MABC STaC; Holiday Party
Dec. 20	Beth El	7:00	Stratified GNT Qualifying (team game)
Dec. 27	Beth El	7:00	Stratified Unit Championship
Jan. 3	Beth El	7:00	Stratified Unit Championship
Jan. 10	Beth El	7:00	Stratified Unit Championship
Jan. 17	Beth El	7:00	WBL Sectional
Jan. 24	Beth El	7:00	Stratified GNT Qualifying Game (team game)
Jan. 31	Beth El	7:00	Strataflighted ACBL Charity Game
Feb. 7	Beth El	7:00	Stratified GNT Qualifying Game (tentative)
Feb. 14	Beth El	7:00	Stratified Junior Fund Appreciation Game
Feb. 21	KOCH	7:00	NVBA Sectional
Feb. 28	Beth El	7:00	WBL Sectional

Stratification Limits:

For the WBL Sectional, the strats are as follows: D is 0-500; C is 0-1000; B is 0-1500; X is 0-3000; A is unlimited.

For the STaC, the strats are as follows: C is 0-500; B is 0-2000; and A is unlimited.

For the GNT Qualifying game, see the Conditions of Contest for Flight or Stratum information.

For regular NVBA Unit Games, the strats are as follows: C is 0-500; B is 0-2000; and A is unlimited.

For the Strataflighted ACBL Charity Game, the strats are as follows: C is 0-500; B is 0-2000; A is unlimited; and X is 0-3000.

President's Message

by Bruce Culmer

Recent events have given each of us a chance to focus on the relative importance of various aspects of our lives. I realize that mistakes by my partner, the opponents, or myself at the bridge table are not, in the overall scheme of things, very important and certainly not worth a display of anger or a scream for the director. Bridge is a time for everyone to have some entertainment and enjoyment. Let us all try to contribute to that spirit at the table. When there is an irregularity, quietly summon the bridge police. But try to maintain an atmosphere that contributes to the game rather than one that diminishes the enjoyment of others or yourself.

In the October issue of ACBL's *The Bridge Bulletin*, Wayne Hascall, the interim CEO of the ACBL has a great article on volunteers. If you missed it, I would encourage you to read it. Ours is an organization that will cease to exist without volunteers. We need people that are willing to serve on the Board; help direct evening games; help at the Nationals next summer; mentor upcoming players; and assist at Easybridge! sessions. There are a great many other ways to help as well, such as picking up people who can't otherwise get to a game. If none of these appeals to you, volunteer with any group that will give you a sense of giving and participation. The rewards far outweigh what you feel you are giving up in terms of your time and energy.

NAP Winners

Congratulations to the following winners of the District 6 North American Pairs. They will be representing us in Houston at the 2002 Spring Nationals. Good luck, everyone!

Flight A:

- 1 Mark Dahl (Richmond, VA) - David Butler (Keswick, VA)
- 2 Mark Shaw (Laurel, MD) - Lyle Poe, Jr. (Columbia, MD)
- 3 Abby Heitner - Lou Reich (Wheaton, MD)

Flight B:

- 1 Jim Allen, Jr. (Montgomery Village, MD) - Jackie Thompson (Silver Spring, MD)
- 2 Yi Zhong (Fairfax, VA) - Jian-Jian Wang (Clarksville, MD)
- 3 Larry Kahn (Vienna, VA) - H. John Edmonds (Gaithersburg, MD)

Flight C:

- 1 Eugene Fisher (Potomac, MD) - Hongmo Wang (Herndon, VA)
- 2 David McVeigh - Robert Dewey (Columbia, MD)
- 3 Paul Krueger (Arlington, VA) - Melville Yudkin (Annandale, VA)

NVBA Milestones

New Junior Masters

Irene C. Dalton	Hester K. Donzinger	Marie Ploe
Margaret D. DeButts	Natalia M. King	Rhonda Wolf
Mary (Dolly) Deevy	Ellen Martel	

New Club Masters

Jane Farthing	Stella C. Perry	Richard Slater
Ann Lewis	Mrs. M.E. Schuler	Mary Alice Vogt
Terence F. McCarthy	Doris Schuster	Joyce Vogt
Joana McCracken	Lois A. Simms	

New Sectional Masters

Shantanu Chakraborty	Don M. Henry	Alfred O'Malley
David Chechelashvili	Gaye Itkin	Nancy B. O'Malley
Huailin Chen	Martha W. Lackey	Rolf Valtin
Mary G. Espy	Neal McKinney	Victor D. Van Rees
Walid Etemadi		

New Regional Masters

Leo Cardillo	Sulaiman Ghaussy	Bonnie Polk
Pitamber Devgon	Barbara Griffith	Annette F. Perrin
Donna C. Dorgan	Joan McQuaid	
John E. Dorgan	A.J. Patel	

New NABC Masters

Ryland Breen	Eliot S. Itkin	Rochelle Simon
Mary Ann Dinger	Silvia Keenan	Robert L. Tarczy
Joanne Harman	Susan L. Martin	
William Harman	Clara Siewick	

New Life Masters

Joanne Angell	Gene Gallagher	Shirley Lafferty
Lawrence Angell	Mildred Hartshorn	Hannah Moore

New Bronze Life Masters

David A. Aubel	Michael B. Richey	Mrs. B.T. Steingaszner
R. M. Kerchner	Jenny K. Rose	

New Silver Life Master

Michael L. Polunin

New Gold Life Masters

Donald W. Hennings	Sumner Steinfeldt
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New Diamond Life Masters

Sarah Anne Cressy	Andrew E. Gabrilovitch
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September's FUNdraiser

by Margot Hennings

The FUNdraiser at the NVBA September Sectional was, by all accounts, a great success! Many thanks to ALL who helped make it so—workers, experts, bidders, raffle ticket buyers, contributors, players! In addition to raising a substantial amount of money for our local NABC next summer, Kathryn and I received lots of comments from folks who said that they had a lot of fun, which was also definitely a goal of this endeavor!

Counting in all expenses (including all supplies, extra food during the Sectional, the \$150 cash prizes on Saturday afternoon, and the numerous door prizes given away during the Seniors and 99ers morning games so that they could join in the fun, too), we netted about \$7,800!! The breakout across items is shown below:

\$1,167	Raffle tickets (started at the Alexandria Regional thru the September Sectional)
\$2,200	Expert auction (11 experts)
\$3,660	Silent auction (Maui, Tahoe, Wintergreen, Meckstroth, dinner party)
\$1,032	\$2 card fee (charged to all players for all Saturday games)
<u>\$137</u>	Jackpot Saturday evening
\$95	Entry labels
\$8,291	

Alan Kleist and Leo Lasota won the first place \$100 cash prize Saturday afternoon for first overall. Sue Johnston and Mike Andrews came in second and won \$50 for this effort. Alice Yokum and Mary Dresser won the Flight A Saturday evening Jackpot game, Mary Mudd and Barry Sparks won Flight B, and Greg Belmonte and Dennis Wick won Flight C.

Raffle winners were:

Patsy Williams (Richmond Bridge Assoc.) – Redskins Tickets
Fran McNaught (NVBA) – Fitness Trainer
Paula Singer (Maryland Bridge Assoc.) – Wine Tasting
Diane Walker (WBL) – Gourmet Dinner
Melissa Borsody (NVBA) – Unit Game with Steve Robinson
Paul Krueger (NVBA) – Unit Game with Jeff Roman
Elizabeth Nelson (WBL) – OK Bridge Membership

And the winning bidders and bids in the auctions were:

Phyllis Mitchell (MBA) – Maui Time Share
Phyllis Mitchell (MBA) – Tahoe Time Share
Jane Sturgis (MBA) – Wintergreen Vacation
Don Hennings (NVBA) – NABC Game with Meckstroth
Tom Musso (NVBA) – Elegant Dinner Party

I have been asked what we will do with this money, and I think we would

like to put it against a special night of hospitality/entertainment and advertise it as “courtesy of local DC area players”—something like the Capitol Steps, a magician, or some other “headline” act. Suggestions are welcome! You helped make this possible, and we would like to hear your ideas! Please feel free to contact me or any of your NABC Co-Chairs (Kathryn Kiley, Kathy Kruskal—also in charge of hospitality suite hospitality, and Lee Jensen) or Charlie Gregory, who is head of late-nite entertainment and hotel hospitality. We welcome your input!

Thanks again, everyone!

Congratulations to
Andy Gabrilovitch,
our newest Diamond Life Master!

Unit Game Update

by David Gottfried, Chief Unit Director

The 2002 Unit Game schedule will be available at the Holiday Party on December 13, and I am pleased to report that we have taken to heart many of the comments from membership. High on the list was: “It’s Thursday night, we’ve worked all day, we just want a regular duplicate game.” As a result, for the first time in many years, we have eliminated all of the following types of games: Board-A-Match, Bracketed Pairs, Barometer Games, and all of the team games except Grand National Team Qualifiers and one Sectional Tournament at Clubs where all Thursday evening clubs are hosting a team game. Further, the Unit has opted out of the ACBL Instant Matchpoint Game, scheduled for September 12, 2002, both because of the cost (the entry fee would be \$9 a person) and because so many of you are not enchanted with the manner in which the game is scored.

While all but a few evenings next year will be good, old-fashioned stratified or strataflighted pairs games, please pick up a 2002 schedule and keep it for reference. Among other things, it will serve as a reminder that all NVBA Sectional kick-off games are at KOCH, while all WBL Sectional kick-off games will be at Beth El.

The NVBA has suspended the 199er game on Thursday nights because of a lack of interest. Unfortunately, most 199ers did not relish playing in a 3-table game, and some others preferred not to “play up” when the game wasn’t viable. The Unit is very interested in resurrecting the game if interest warrants, and I welcome all suggestions. My email address is djlawyer@aol.com.

Easybridge!

by Ron Kral

What *is* Easybridge! anyway? I've heard all kinds of different answers to this question. In fact, I didn't quite understand it until I became a certified Easybridge! presenter.

In short, Easybridge! is a revolutionary program developed by Edith McMullin that literally creates new duplicate players out of thin air! Think about that for a moment. The ACBL has tried numerous programs and techniques over the years to build membership, and all of them have failed to significantly add to the ranks of duplicate players or ACBL membership. Traditional bridge classes create *bridge* players, but not *duplicate* players. Converting party bridge players into duplicate players has historically been an extremely difficult task. However, Easybridge! *starts* new players out using duplicate methods—they're already playing duplicate as soon as they begin!

The NVBA is presently sponsoring two Easybridge! classes. They started the first week of September and will continue for 15 weeks. One class is at the Reston Community Center at 12:30 on Wednesdays. We began with 15 tables and still have 6 tables playing duplicate every week. Different players come different weeks, so this is close to 50 new players. The other class is at the Masonic Lodge on Columbia Pike in Annandale at 1:30 on Sundays. We get about 8 tables a week at that game—*another* 50 new players.

At the October NVBA Sectional, there was a 5-table Easybridge! section on Thursday night and another

5-table section on Saturday—35 new players. This was a gratifying turnout of players who have never played in a Sectional before!

So, what does all this mean to you? First and foremost, this kind of turnout adds stability and profit to our Sectionals. Everyone in the Unit needs to work to get new people into this wonderful game. If we don't, *our* opportunities to play will become fewer and fewer as games wither and die. Easybridge! has proven itself the most effective way to get new duplicate players. *But* we're just beginning. Bridge is experiencing a resurgence in popularity and the NVBA needs to capitalize on this trend by continuing and expanding the Easybridge! program. Once the current classes are completed, we need to start new ones to keep and build the momentum. The WBL is cooperating and has started an Easybridge! program on Friday nights at the New Hampshire Avenue club. I've built up a database of about 400 persons who have attended Easybridge! classes and/or have expressed an interest. Although some people have dropped out, many often come back if Easybridge! is offered again.

Can you help? YES! Become an Easybridge! certified presenter. Come out and help/observe at one of the Easybridge! classes. Fairfax County has offered to provide the facilities for more Easybridge! classes if the NVBA can furnish presenters. If you think you might be interested, please call me (703-478-0077) or email me at Easybridge@NVBA.org.

Holiday Party

You are invited to the Annual NVBA Holiday Party on December 13. Everyone is asked to bring a food contribution...appetizer, salad, vegetable, casserole, or dessert. Remember, no pork or shellfish, please! Dinner will be served from 6 to 7, with the bridge game to follow.

Players who choose not to contribute a food item will be asked to pay \$5 toward party expenses. If you have any questions or would be willing to be on the clean-up team, please call Kathryn Kiley at 703-758-0366.

Hail, and Farewell

We'd like to welcome the following new ACBL members into our Unit:

John M. Adams	Hester K. Donziger	Roger W. Kromer
Audrey R. Adlis	Charles C. Ellis	C.W. Medwedeff
Ali Al-Aref	Sheila W. Ellis	Gerald J. Miatech, Jr.
James Biss	Robert A. Fleming	Joe L. Moore
Dorothy J. Black	James Foos	Ruth Stern
Helene S. Cooper	Saadollah Ghaussy	James E. Taylor
Jean A. Davis	Jan Harrington	Jean Verdow
Chris Deringer	Elizabeth Huffman	

And we'd like to welcome the following folks who have transferred into the Unit:

Rose Baltrusaitis	David Keltner	Avril Rodney
D. Catherine Baltzell	Jay Kelkar	David M. Rodney
Mimi W. Buchanan	Carol S. Kurfees	Clara B. Sullivan
Gerry Cain-Goodwin	Jack Quinn	Phillip S. Thomas
Betina Castillo-Larsen	Reckling Renselaer	Julia Macy Thompson
Srinivas Kachibhatla	Randall E. Roberts	

The following persons have transferred out of our Unit:

Mary Jo Allman	Brenda M. Inman	Eloise K. Marshall
Robert L. Allman	Paul T. Inman	Carolyn D. Oates
Susan Avellanet	Ann Lang	William A. Pierce
Rosemary Bolletino	Francine C. Larsen	Arthur A. Pumo
Jack A. Diskin	Janet H. Lee	Barbara Sonnenblick
David L. Genne	Ambrocio Lopez	
Carol C. Hawley	Jane Y. Lopez	

And we'd like to note the passing of two of our members:

George D. Hicks, Jr.	Ann B. Wood
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Committee Action XXXVIII— A Question of Alerting (Part Two)

by Rich Colker

(Editorial note: Before returning to our discussion of alerting procedures, let's review the purposes of the Alert. First, it is to inform the opponents that a call has been made that has a hidden meaning or implication of which they may not be aware. Second, neither of the players on the alerting side is entitled to "hear" the Alert, nor is a player on a side that has failed to Alert entitled to "not hear" the Alert. Third, the laws prohibit a player from basing any call or play upon information gained from partner's answer to an opponent's question. (You are allowed to "hear" the question itself, however.) Fourth, you are required by law to correct (at the appropriate time and in the proper manner) any misinformation that might have been caused by an inappropriate Alert or failure to Alert. And fifth, proper ethical conduct begins with you recognizing your responsibility to act accordingly.)

And now, continuing with our discussion of Alerts...What about if an opponent asks a question about one or more of your bids? Can't you use partner's answer to help you clarify the auction that follows? Absolutely not! Information from the answer to an opponent's question is unauthorized to the side providing it. You *are* entitled to hear the question and use the opponent's interest in the answer to your advantage. And you may also hear the answer in case you need to correct any misinformation partner may have given to the opponents (but you must wait until your first legal opportunity—the end of the auction for the declaring side, the end of the hand

for the defenders—to make the correction). Consider the following. You pick up ♠KQxxx ♥KQx ♦Axxx ♣K and the auction proceeds:

You	Pard
1♠	2♦
3♦	4♥
5♦	5♥
5NT	6♣

Your interpretation:

- 4♥ = splinter
- 5♦ = signoff
- 5♥ = cue (void or singular Ace)
- 5NT = ♥ wastage, no ♠A
- 6♣ = further Grand Slam try

Pard's interpretation:

- 4♥ = ace asking (the suit above the agreed minor)
- 5♦ = two key cards with the ♦Q
- 5♥ = Grand Slam try (like 5NT)
- 5NT = both major suit Kings
- 6♣ = Grand Slam try

Your interpretations of the meanings of the various bids are given above. In general, they show that originally partner's splinter bid turned you off. Now, however, you are becoming more optimistic in light of partner's persistence. You have good king-queen combinations in both majors, considering your denial of both of those aces, and your ♣K and ruffing value (with four trumps) are absolutely golden.

At this point RHO begins asking partner about the auction. Partner's interpretations, revealed by his answers to RHO's questions, are also shown. In general, you and partner have been in two different galaxies.

He intended 4♥ as ace asking (Redwood or Kickback) and you showed an ace and the queen of trumps *more* than you have! True, you do have both major suit kings but that cannot make up for the previous round of the auction. You may even be overboard already. Well, what do you do?

By now you should have the hang of what is expected of you. You must bid as though partner's bids meant exactly what you thought they did all along. The information you have to the contrary has come from an unauthorized source. You are not permitted to "hear" it and certainly not permitted to act upon it. It does not matter who, you or your partner, is correct about the meanings of the various calls. All that matters is that you are not entitled to know that your interpretation is not partner's, just as if that knowledge came from partner's huddle or his inappropriate comment during the auction. It is unlawful and unethical for you to use it. You must therefore go ahead and bid the grand (7♦).

Let's try another example. You open 2♦ and partner Alerts and explains your bid as Flannery. The only problem is that you are not playing Flannery with this partner. He has you confused with one of his other partners (who, at this point, you wish was sitting precisely where you are). When and how should you correct this misinformation? First, you should do nothing during the auction. Any attempt by you to correct the opponents' wrong impression will also correct partner's wrong impression, which is illegal. Second, should you become the declaring side (declarer or dummy) you should immediately call the Director and explain what happened.

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Judith Smith and Patricia
and Dennis Scott, friends
of Marge Nystrom, who
made a contribution to the
St. Elizabeth's Bridge Club
in Marge's memory.*

The Director will then determine when and how the opponents should be appraised of the error. Should you become a defender you should do nothing until the play of the hand ends. At that point you should call the Director and proceed as above.

What if partner becomes aware of his own mistake at some time during the hand? He should immediately notify the Director (it does not matter whether he is declaring or defending) and again should proceed as above.

What if partner's explanation was correct and it is you who has forgotten what you are playing? (I know that's impossible but try to imagine it, just for the sake of this discussion.) In this case there has been no infraction. The opponents have been given an accurate explanation of your agreement and partner is in the same boat as the opponents regarding your actual hand. You should make no attempt to correct partner's explanation (which is correct as it stands) nor should you try to notify the Director (there's nothing to notify him about). The opponents are not entitled to know your hand or that you have misbid. They are only entitled to know your bidding agreements. Any attempt by you to inform them can only serve to inform partner as well, which is illegal.

In both of the above cases you

know, from partner's answers to the opponents' questions, that your actions have been misinterpreted. That knowledge is unauthorized to you and you must be careful not to base your subsequent actions on it. Remember, Alerts are for the opponents only. You must make all of your calls and plays as you would have had there been no Alert procedure in effect. That is, you must bid and play as if partner had taken the correct action at each step of the hand—either Alerted when he should have or not Alerted when there was nothing to Alert. In most cases it is clear to an experienced

Director or Committee when a player has made improper use of unauthorized information. There are few instances when a culprit is able to avoid detection.

Nevertheless, the fear of being caught must not be the primary motivation for avoiding improper actions. Rather, a desire to adhere to the highest standards of conduct should be your personal goal. It is important that we all assume personal responsibility for conduct the game under the highest ethical standards and we should expect nothing less from everyone involved in the game.

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Bridge at TJHS

by Leo Cardillo

The Bridge Club is alive and well at Thomas Jefferson High School. Building on the successful efforts of Dot Lewis, my assistant Ron Kral and I (we're known as Bat Man and Robin!) are meeting every Friday with the Sponsor, Mr. Jay Lamb, and 24 or more students. The Club meets during the 7th and 8th periods (2:20-3:00, and 3:10-3:50). Each session has about 24 students; a core of about 12 stay for both periods.

In addition to the recreational bridge format and the all-important cookies (!) of previous years, this year the Club is getting exposed to Easybridge! with Ron's instruction, and typically there are about two Easybridge! tables in the corner of the classroom. To round out the program, I have plans to introduce Advanced Topics to a group of about six students, based on material provided by NVBA and other sources.

Attendance has been excellent and has been noticed by the Sponsor. Nonetheless, last week's big Pep Rally (remember when?) displaced our Bridge Club, proving once more that today's kids are smart enough to learn a new game and still keep their "fun" priorities in order!!

Ron has written to the Education folks at ACBL and requested funds to cover boards, cards, duplicate scoring sheets, etc. We should know soon if we will get those funds. Even so, I have scrounged up about a dozen boards from Dot, and there are always plenty of old cards to go around. Stay tuned for updates!!

Board Meeting Summaries

September 10, 2001

Unit Game. It's time to replace the printer at an approximate cost of \$150.

Policies.

—Regarding 19.1 (Sectional Tournament Prizes and Trophies): The Board passed a motion to award first overall prizes for all events, a second overall scrip prize for the William Poissant pairs, and multiple Section top prizes when the game is scored across multiple sections (instead of just one overall prize). Winners on Sunday Swiss and Board-A-Match events should get their entry fees back. Prizes for 0-99ers will continue to be non-scrip awards.

—Regarding 21.4 (Systems and

Conventions): NVBA policy is that Mid-Chart conventions will be permitted in all NVBA-sponsored Flight A, A/X, Open, and Open Stratified events. Defenses to Mid-Chart conventions are available on the ACBL website, and the Board will make copies available at the Unit Game and Sectionals.

October 8, 2001

Education/Easybridge. In addition to the Easybridge! sessions being offered by Ron Kral and Frank Mackey, the Board is supporting an Easybridge! game at Thomas Jefferson High School. (See the article above.) Also, the Smithsonian

would like Ron to run two sessions of Easybridge! starting in January 2002. This is a good opportunity to develop new members for both the NVBA and the WBL. The Board voted to lend Ron up to 20 tables to use at the Smithsonian for these Easybridge! classes.

Round Robin. This year's NVBA

Round Robin has 7 A/X teams; however, no Flight B or C teams entered.

Sectionals. At Board members' request, the tournament chairs and directors are experimenting with holding 7 rounds of 8-board Swiss team matches on Sundays of NVBA Sectionals instead of the current 8 rounds, when attendance permits.

Parade of Winners

NVBA August Sectional (August 9-12)

Thurs. Eve. A/X Pairs (66 Pairs)

- 1 Janet Gookin - Robert Gookin
- 2 Jake Hudson - Bruce Culmer

Thurs. Eve. B/C Pairs (64 Pairs)

- 2 Mickey Hughes - Joan Shields

Thurs. Eve. 300/200/50 Pairs (Arl.) (22 Pairs)

- 1 1 Martha Lackey - Mary Espy
- 2 Mildred Hartshorn - Sue Carson
- 2 B. Macknick - Gregory Belmonte
- 1 Bob Armstrong - Don Henry
- 2 Lois Simms - Stella Perry

Fri. Aft. 99er Pairs (8 Pairs)

- 1 Shirley King - Frances Denney
- 2 Elizabeth Bowlin - Samuel Bowlin

Fri. Aft. 300/200/100 Pairs (24 Pairs)

- 2 2 2 Bob Armstrong - Don Henry

Fri. Aft. Open Pairs (44 Pairs)

- 1 Leo LaSota - Warren Kaufman
- 2 M. Kuschner - Vonnie Lavender
- 1 1 Robert Tarczy - Neal Walters
- 2 Robert Walsh - Alan Breed
- 2 Carl Kallina - Richard Mersch

Fri. Eve. A/B Pairs (32 Pairs)

- 1 Susan Green - Mike Cappelletti, Sr.
- 1 Quinn Bishop - Wesley Jones, Jr.
- 2 David Fleischer - Lucy McCoy

Fri. Eve. C/D Pairs (32 Pairs)

- 2 Jim Dick - Linda Dick
- 1 Joseph Ogulin - Lise Faircloth
- 2 William Colket - Doreen Colket

Fri. Eve. BAM Teams (with Bracketed Pairs) (32 Teams)

- 1/2 Martha Lackey - Mary Espy - Vonnie Lavender - Lorraine Yarmowich
- 1/2 Alexis Cicone - Thomas Cicone - Leslie Powell - Sam Coleman

Sat. Easybridge! Pairs (14 Pairs)

- 1 1 Dorothy Miller - Richard Miller
- 2 2 1 Raymond Griffin - Evelyn Ferro

Sat. Morn. Senior Pairs (41 Pairs)

- 1 Bernard Oetjen - J. David Grier
- 2 1 Sam McMillan, Jr. - Wesley Jones, Jr.
- 2 1 Lucile Arkin - Charles Luria
- 2 Gene Gallagher - Shirley Lafferty

Sat. Morn. 99er Pairs (12 Pairs)

- 1 Mary Lacey - Betty Palmer
- 2 Alfred O'Malley - Nancy O'Malley
- 1 Seraj Youssof - Terry Jones

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

- 1 Issa Dorri - Edward Heberg
- 2 Mary Ann Dinger - Clara Siewick
- 2 Victor Van Rees - Eleanor Gibson
- 1 Don Henry - David Bloom

Sat. Aft. A/X Pairs (34 Pairs)

- 1 1 Steve Bunning - Kristene Miller
- 2 James Gumbert - William Brown
- 2 Bruce Houston - Donald Van Arman

Sat. Aft. B/C Pairs (32 Pairs)

- 1 Lucy McCoy - Kathryn Killley
- 2 Jim Hahn - Andre L'Heureux
- 2 Robert Padgett - Linda Padgett

Sat. Aft. Senior Pairs (26 Pairs)

- 1 Zeke Letellier - Jennifer Koonce
- 1 Norma Pierzchala - Alan Breed
- 2 1 Mildred Hartshorn - Hannah Moore

Sat. Eve. 300/200/100 Pairs (24 Pairs)

- 2 Victor Van Rees - Eleanor Gibson
- 2 Don Henry - David Blum

Sat. Eve. Open Pairs (44 Pairs)

- 2 M. Kuschner - Candace Boughner
- 2 1 Quinn Bishop - Marilyn Thomas
- 2 Jeffrey Kosnett - Steven Ivins

Sun. A/X Swiss Teams

- 2 Kenneth Davis - Bruce Houston - M.Cassandra Smith - James Witting

Sun. B/C Swiss

- 1 Peter Hughes - Robert Hartmann - R. Shaw - M. Mudd - B. Sparks
- 1 Robert Padgett - Linda Padgett - Yi-Der Chen - Martha Chen
- 2/3 Lloyd Rawley - Aurora Nicoletti - Bruce McDonough - Rachel Bethe
- 2/3 Kira Jacobson - Mary Ellen Lyon - Micheline Heiche - P. Keshishian

Sun. Morn. 299er Swiss

- 1 Mary McGowan - Donna Fletcher - Marian Van Ryne - Nadia Potter
- 2 Pitamber Devgon - Harry Hepler - Bob Armstrong - Don Henry

Sun. 99er Swiss

- 1 S. Karen Rodina - Carl Rodina - John Dorgan - Donna Dorgan

Sun. Aft. 300/200 Swiss

- 1 1 Martha Lackey - Mary Espy - Holly Willis - Jean Schoepe
- 2 James Conrad - Louise Oetjen - Tony Gallucio - Cathy Gallucio
- 2/3 Bob Armstrong - Don Henry - Barbara DiCicco - Betty Taff
- 2/3 Richard Cassell - S. Goldstein - G. Hatheway, Jr. - Stanley Legum

Hunt Valley Regional (August 20-26)

Ripken Open Bracketed KO Teams

—Bracket 1

- 1 Ron Sukoneck - Peter Boyd - Steve Robinson - Barbara Shaw - Mark Shaw

—Bracket 3

- 1 Fred Hahn, Jr. - George Carter - John Dickman - Phyllis Ely

Tuesday Open Pairs

- 1 Ed Lewis - James Murphy

Compact KO Teams Preakness

—Win Bracket

- 1 Ed Lewis - David Klein - Michael Kovacich - James Murphy

—Show Bracket

- 1 Joanne Angell - Lawrence Angell - Issa Dorri - Edward Heberg

Maryland Open KO Teams

—Virginia Beach Bracket

- 2 Robert Hartman - Peter Hughes - Lucy McCoy - Allen Shaw

—Raleigh Bracket

- 1 Gregory Belmonte - Issa Dorri - Edward Heberg - Dennis Wick

Wednesday Open Pairs

- 1 Ed Lewis - James Murphy
1 Leo Cardillo - Melville Yudson

Open Swiss Teams

- 1 John Ashe - George Krizd - Omar Okailly - Fstrvl Trvose
- 2 L. DeBlasio - Mary Ann Dinger - Suellen Garrison - Clara Siewick

Hunt Cup Bracketed KO Teams

—Man-O-War Bracket

- 1 Steve Bunning - Bruce Houston - Kristene Miller - Donald Van Arman
- 2 Russell Delaney - Arlene Gordon - Patricia Harris - Sherman Kahan

—Point Given Bracket

- 2 Gene Gallagher - Mildred Hartshorn - Shirley Lafferty - Hannah Moore

Thursday Open Pairs

- 1 Lowell Sawyer - Harry Zhou

Stratflighted Open Pairs A/X

- 2 Robert Hopkins, Jr. - Joan Lewis
- 2 Alfred Duncker - Ann Lindley

Weekend Bracketed KO Teams

—Mighty Mouse Bracket

- 1 Dayle Masumura - John Lawrence - Kelley Hwang - Tom Gilpin
- 2 Kathryn Kiley - David Fleischer - Julian Boyce - Allen Shaw

—Yogi Bear Bracket

- 2 John Corvari - Joanne Harman - William Harman - Silvia Keenan

Sat. Open Pairs

- 1 Mark Chen - Sven Pride
- 2 Ed Lewis - Charles Yaple

A/X Swiss Teams

- 1 Janet Gookin - Robert Gookin - Stephen Swearingen - Andrew Gofreed

Atlanta Regional (Aug. 28 - Sept. 3)

Sat. Morn. Bracketed KO—Bkt. 1

- 1 Jeff Roman - D. Better - K. Collins - P. Tucker - A. Siebert - R. Pettit

Sat.-Sun. Senior KO—Bkt. 1

- 1 Jack Armstrong - H. Deal - N. Barnacle - J. Barnicle - G. Bloomer - J. Bloomer

Sat. Eve. Compact KO—Bkt. 1

- 1 Jack Armstrong - George Bloomer - Irene Adams - Henry Deal

Weekend Bracketed KO—Bkt. 1

- 1 Jeff Roman - D. Better - K. Collins - P. Tucker - A. Siebert - R. Pettit

Flight A/X Swiss Teams

- 2/3 Jeff Roman - David Better - Randall Pettit - Alan Siebert

**Pittsburgh Regional
(Aug. 28 - Sept. 3)**

Sun. B/C/D Pairs (56 Pairs)

- 2 David Aubel - Marilyn Thomas

**NVBA Sectional
(September 6-9)**

Thurs. A/X Pairs (67 Pairs)

- 2 2 Eugene Schuyler - Jean Mayo

Thurs. B/C Pairs (60 Pairs)

- 1/2 Sam Westgate - John Ferman
1/21 Leo Cardillo - Frank Cardillo

Thurs. 300/200/100 (Arl.) (21 Pairs)

- 1 1 1 Martha Lackey - Mary Espy
2 Joanne Harman - William Harman

Thurs. Easybridge! (5 Pairs)

- 1 Roger Kromer - Joe Moore
2 James Taylor - John M Adams

Fri. Aft. Open Pairs (50 Pairs)

- 1 Seymour Baden - Enid Asherman
1 Phyllis Twedt - Kamel Tabbara
2 Leon Fastovsky - Susan Dillman

Fri. Aft. 300/200/100 Pairs (21 Pairs)

- 1 1 1 Frances Denney - Shirley King
2 Norman Smith - Katherine Smith
2 2 Ram Gopalan - K Srinivas

Fri. Eve. Open Pairs (43 Pairs)

- 1 1 Eric Branfman - Andrew Lipps
2 James Mates - Thierry Poirey
1 Herman Tarnow - Diana Stein

Triple Nickle Swiss (8 Teams)

- 1 Jean Mayo - Gale Clarke - Eugene Schuyler - David Fleischer
2 Mary Mudd - Barry Sparks - Jason Meyer - Tim Crank

Fri. Eve. 199er Win-a-Star (14 Pairs)

- 1 Namit Sharma - Sukhdev Sharma
2 1 Martha Lackey - Mary Espy
2 Marilyn Armon - Tina Hogan

Sat. Morn. Senior Pairs (40 Pairs)

- 1 M. Hartshorn - Hannah Moore

Sat. Morn. 100/50 Pairs (18 Pairs)

- 1 1 Anne Medlin - Margaret De Butts
2 Neal McKinney - Marvin Burstein

Sat. Aft. Senior Pairs (26 Pairs)

- 1 1 Kim Howell - Patricia Byrne
2 David Vendittis - James Conrad

Sat. Aft. Open Pairs (82 Pairs)

- 1 Bill Blackburn - James Green
2 1 Owen Frisby - Robert Frisby
2 Danijel Zenko - John Blanchard

Sat. Aft. 200/100/50 Pairs (12 Pairs)

- 2 Victor Van Rees - Nasser Makhzani
2 James Taylor - John M. Adams

Sat. Aft. Easybridge! (5 Pairs)

- 1/2 Homa Soltany - Yoshiko Langer

Sat. Eve. Jackpot Pairs (66 Pairs)

- 1 Barry Sparks - Mary Mudd
2 1 Dennis Wick - Gregory Belmonte
2 Khon Lien - Emerita Hayward

Sat. Eve. 200/100/50 Pairs (10 Pairs)

- 1 1 Ram Gopalan - K. Srinivas
2 2 Stacia Roesler - Gordon Roesler
1/2 Jean Montague - Gueorgui Tzanov

Sun. A/X Swiss (13 Teams)

- 1 Gil Cohen - Marty Nelson - Robert Gookin - Janet Gookin

Sun. B/C Swiss (19 Teams)

- 2 Betty Bursey - Joan Shields - Mickey Hughes - Andre L'Heureux
1 Morris Umansky - Pat Winterbauer - Julia Brown - Eva Shaffer
2 Jenny Rose - Erma Price - Laszlo Steingaszner - B. Steingaszner

Sun. 299er Swiss (12 Teams)

- 1 Cynthia Cicalese - Clara Siewick - Lorraine De Blasio - Lenore Ward
2 Marc Cassell - Richard Cassell - Stephen Goldstein - Gary Weinstein
1 Neal McKinney - Bob Armstrong - Barbara DiCicco - Don Henry

Sun. Aft. 299er Swiss (5 Teams)

- 1 Marc Cassell - Richard Cassell - Gordon Hatheway, Jr. - Stephen Goldstein
2 Martha Lackey - Mary Espy - Holly Wills - Jean Schoepe

**WBL Sectional
(October 11-14)**

Thurs. A/X Pairs (76 Pairs)

- 2 2 David Rodney - Donald Hennings

Thurs. B/C Pairs (54 Pairs)

- 1 1 Aquil Ahmed - T. Ravi Arulnandhy

Fri. Aft. Open Pairs (22 Pairs)

- 1 Laurence Angell - Joanne Angell

Fri. Aft. 0-300 Pairs (16 Pairs)

- 1 William Pepelko - Barbara Pepelko

Fri. Eve. Open Pairs (46 Pairs)

- 2 Hikmat Nasr - Julia Nasr

Sat. AM Senior Pairs (20 Pairs)

- 2 Anne Stein - Jack Armstrong
- 2 David Wakefield - Gregory Mullins

Sat. Aft. B/C Pairs (22 Pairs)

- 2 Ronald Kral - Alan Breed
- 1 Hikmat Nasr - Julia Nasr

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

- 2 1 Elizabeth Bowlin - Samuel Bowlin

Sat. Eve. B/C/D Pairs (23 Pairs)

- 1 1 Hikmat Nasr - Julia Nasr
- 2 Sam McMillan, Jr. - Wes Jones, Jr.

Sat. A/X Pairs (32 Pairs)

- 1 Paul Benedict - Tom Cogan
- 2 Jim Wakefield - Ronald Burt

Sun. A/X Swiss (16 Teams)

- 1 Alfred Steinberg - Ai-Tai Lo -
W. Cole - D. Ruderman - A. Schwartz
- 1 Stan Schenker - Kenton Schoen -
R. Sarangan - Elizabeth Nelson

Sun. Morn. 0-300 Swiss (8 Teams)

- 1 1 Martha Lackey - A Patel - Bonnie
Polk - Sukhdev Sharma

Sun. Aft. 0-300 Swiss (4 Teams)

- 1 Barbara DiCicco - Paul Krueger - Frank
Cardillo - Neal McKinney

**NVBA Sectional
(October 25-28)**

Thurs. A/X Pairs (68 Pairs)

- 2 2 Thomas Lavender - Terry Lavender

Thurs. 300/100 Pairs (Arl.) (12 Pairs)

- 1 1 Neal McKinney - Barbara DiCicco
- 2 Susan Waters - Helen Dodge

Thurs. Easybridge! (10 Pairs)

- 1 1 Carolyn Solomon - Tony Solomon
- 2 Terry Jones - Elizabeth Huffman

Fri. Aft. Open Pairs (40 Pairs)

- 1 Margot Hennings - Avril Rodney
- 1 Phyllis Twedt - Kamel Tabbara
- 2 1 Fouad El Halabi - Nasser Makhzani
- 2 Phyllis Huene - Frances Freedman

Fri. Aft. 300/200/100 Pairs (14 Pairs)

- 2 1 1 Monica Shumann - Sue Carson
- 2 Bonnie Polk - Mary Espy
- 2 Robert Gemmill - Rolf Valtin

Fri. Eve. Open Pairs (58 Pairs)

- 1 Kenton Schoen - R. Sarangan
- 2/3 Janet Gookin - Robert Gookin
- 2 Kathryn Kiley - Allen Shaw
- 2 Jack Hall - Marie-Beth Hall



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Sat. Morn. Senior Pairs (30 Pairs)

- 2 Samuel Mills Jr - Michael Polunin
- 2 Harold Ifshin - Virginia Murrin

Sat. Morn. 100/50 Pairs (12 Pairs)

- 1 Neal McKinney - Barbara DiCicco
- 2 Marilyn Moore - Jayne Eckert
- 1 Patricia Needham - Virginia Re
- 2 Andree Mirza - Reggie Cowne

Sat. Aft. Senior Pairs (19 Pairs)

- 2 James Dresser - Chas Fain

Sat. Eve. A/X IMP PAIRS (32 Pairs)

- 1 Diane Alexander - Eugene Kales
- 2 David Fleischer - Allen Shaw

Sat. Eve. B/C IMP Pairs (26 Pairs)

- 1 1 Frank Evangelista - K Soderberg
- 2 Joseph Lane - Michael Stafford
- 2 Emerita Hayward - Richard Mersch

Sat. Aft. 300/200/100 Pairs (19 Pairs)

- 1 1 1 Elizabeth Bowlin - Samuel Bowlin

Sat. Aft. Easybridge! Pairs (10 Pairs)

- 1 1 R Richard Hopp - Scott Sherman
- 2 Clara Miller - Yoshiko Langer
- 2/3 Diana Leftowitz - Nancy Thomas
- 2/3 Forouz Farnoush - Gayle Reed

Sat. Eve. A/X Pairs (25 Pairs)

- 1 1 Thomas Musso - Marsha Brown
- 2/3 Janet Gookin - Robert Gookin

Sun. A/X Swiss (12 Teams)

- 1 J. Gumbert - D.Hennings - V.Wilmot
M. Hennings - H. Bauman - T.Cogan
- 2 Gil Cohen - Marty Nelson - David
Milton - Stan Schenker
- 2 Robert Graves - Donna Graves -
David Fleischer - Mita Banerjee

Sun. B/C Swiss (19 Teams)

- 1 David Aubel - Joanne Pretti -
Kathryn Kiley - Lucy McCoy
- 2 Mary Mudd - Barry Sparks - Peter
Hughes - Esfandiar Khazai
- 2 David Grabiner - Alfred Graham -
Joseph Ogulin - Emerita Hayward

Sun. Morn. 299er Swiss (10 Teams)

- 1 Marty McGowan - Ryland Breen -
Donna Fletcher - Jane Lundy
- 2 1 Don Henry - Bob Armstrong - Neal
McKinney - Barbara DiCicco

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1. Friday Bridge at Ft. Myers is now The Friday Cash Bridge at Lyon Park Community Center. Need more information? Call Kitty Heiberg (703-892-6721) or Arlene Gray (703-750-3215).
2. Norma Pierzchala now has an Easybridge/0-20 section at her Saturday morning game. For more information, call Norma (703-892-1292)

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