

NVBA Newsletter

February - March 2002

Upcoming NVBA Games and Special Events (February – mid-April 2002)

Feb. 7	Beth El	7:00	Stratified Unit Championship
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
March 7	Beth El	7:00	Stratified Unit Championship
March 14	Beth El	7:00	Stratified Unit Championship
March 21	Beth El	7:00	NVBA Sectional
March 28	Beth El	7:00	Stratified Club Championship
April 4	Beth El	7:00	Stratified District 6 STaC
April 11	Beth El	7:00	WBL Sectional

Stratification Limits:

For regular NVBA Unit Games, the strats are as follows: C is 0-500; B is 0-2000; and A is unlimited. (The Junior Fund Appreciation Game is the same also.)

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.

**Late Breaking News—
Easybridge! 2 Class
Masonic Lodge
6911 Columbia Pike (Annandale)
Sunday afternoons at 1:00
(see page 8 inside)**

President's Message

by Bruce Culmer

I would like to thank those who helped make the Holiday party a success. The dishes that you prepared were very much enjoyed and appreciated. Speaking of parties, February 14 is the last unit game for which David Gottfried will be the Chief Director. He has worked very hard for the Unit and we appreciate it. Although he is not leaving the area, he will be missed. We are planning to have a party that night to thank him for his contributions to the Unit. Come out and party with us. We also want to welcome Marshall Kushner as the new Chief Director beginning March 7.

The summer will be quickly upon us. There is lots of excitement with the Summer Nationals here in Washington (July 18-28 at the Marriott Wardman Park Hotel). Margot Hennings (703-560-0245), the Tournament Chair, or Lee Ann Jensen (301-949-7467), the Volunteer Coordinator, will be happy to hear from anyone who can help. Also, if you know of any company that might be interested in being a sponsor at the Nationals, please contact Margot or Charity Sack (301-718-8825). Cash donations and donations in kind (snacks and trinkets that can be used as table gifts throughout the sessions) are all welcome!

In May the Unit will be holding elections at the Annual Meeting for the Vice President, Treasurer and three members of the Board of Directors. The Unit needs people who are willing to work on the Education program, the Intermediate/Novice program, coordinating the mentoring program, working with the clubs to schedule GNT-NAP qualifying events, and other areas. We hold ten meetings a year. Please contact any member of the board and let them know that you are willing to be nominated.

We have started sending the newsletter by e-mail as well as by regular mail. If you would be interested in receiving the newsletter by e-mail instead of, or as well as, by regular mail, please send an e-mail to Newsletter@nvba.org so that we can add you to the list.

Web Updates

The NVBA Board would like to thank David Milton for all the time and effort he spent designing and maintaining the NVBA website over the past several years. The website has become such an important part of our bridge lives that it's hard to remember the time where there wasn't one. So thank you, David, for all your pioneering work.

The Board would also like to welcome Melissa Borsody as our new NVBA Webmaster. If you have any ideas or suggestions for the site, please give her a call: 703-378-1991.

Club Updates

- Bernie Oetjen's Monday night game at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Arlington has a new and earlier starting time: 7:00.
- The Arlington County DBC has a new home: the First Presbyterian Church in Ballston. Call Alan or Jan Breed (703-538-5844) for directions.
- Norma Pierzchala's Saturday morning game at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Arlington has a new 0-20 section. Heads up, Easybridgers! Call Norma for more information (703-892-1292).

NVBA Milestones

New Junior Masters

Alda Ball	Jay Kelkar	Dick Verdow
Mary Bergin-Hubbell	James Taylor	Jean Verdow
Joan Clark	Nancy Thomas	Adam Winsler

New Club Masters

Marvin Burstein	Ann Medlin	Karl Wipplinger
Benazir Ghaussy	Daniel Ward	
Margaret Gurley	Ursula Williams	

New Sectional Masters

Bob Armstrong	Helen Dodge	Mary Lacey
Paula Cloyd	Ruby Garrett	Jean McDaniel
Barbara DiCicco	Mary Frances Howell	Eric Palmer

New Regional Masters

Gregory Belmonte	Shantanu Chakraborty	George Schropp
Frank Cardillo	Martha Lackey	Morris Umansky
Marc Cassell	Roslyn Latto	

New NABC Masters

Lorraine De Blasio	Donnie Isaac	Lenore Ward
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New Life Masters

New Bronze Life Masters

Allan Sitterson

New Silver Life Master

Jean James	Francis Strain	Terrance Van Wyck
Ronald Spieker		

New Gold Life Masters

New Diamond Life Masters

New Grand Life Masters

Thanks, David —

On February 14th we will be honoring David Gottfried for all he's done for our Unit over the past several years. On that day, David will be directing his last official game as Chief Unit Director.

Come and join us in a cake and ice cream celebration as we show our appreciation and wish him all the best.

Win a free play for the upcoming Summer Nationals in Washington, D.C.!!

Here's how.....

Just play in any one of the five remaining spring sectionals hosted by the NVBA or the WBL between now and May! Mark your calendars now:

February 21-24	NVBA, KOCH, Arlington
February 28-March 3	WBL, Silver Spring Hilton
March 21-24	NVBA, KOCH, Arlington
April 11-14	WBL, Silver Spring Hilton
April 25-28	NVBA, KOCH, Arlington

One lucky winner will be picked from among all entrants in each of *three* games on *both* Friday and Saturday of *each* of the next five sectionals!!

On Friday, there will be one winner from the afternoon limited masterpoint game, one from the afternoon stratified open game, and at the WBL, one from the morning Senior game.

On Saturday, there will be one winner from the morning Senior game, one from the afternoon limited masterpoint game, and one from the afternoon open/stratified/strata-flighted game. At NVBA Sectionals, there will also be one winner from the Saturday afternoon Senior game as there is no Friday Senior game.

That's *six lucky winners* at each sectional from now through May !!

Go to each unit's web site (www.washingtonbridgeleague.org and www.nvba.org) for schedule details of the respective tournaments! Then make plans with your favorite partner to attend!

See you there!

New Bridge Program for Teens

by JoAnne Pretti

Calling all students from Longfellow, Langley, McLean, TJ, Flint Hill, and all points north, south, east, and west. There's a new bridge club for those who have been in school bridge programs or who want to learn to play. The first session of The Bridge Roundup will meet Saturday, February 9th, at the Old Firehouse Teen Center (1448 Old Chain Bridge Road in McLean) from 2 to 4:15. Come, meet new friends, have fun, and improve your study skills while you are enjoying a cerebral sport. There will be a brief lesson, and then a fun bridge game.

This is going to be an ongoing program—the next session is February 23rd, same time and place. We hope that this will become an every-other-Saturday regular event.

For more information or to let us know you are coming, please call Sharon Harrison at the Old Fire House (703-448-TEEN) or JoAnne Pretti (703-821-2254).

Unit Game Update

by David Gottfried, Chief Unit Director

I hope you'll all be able to come on February 14th when I will be directing my last game as NVBA Chief Unit Director. From late 1997, when the job became available and I was serving as Secretary of the NVBA, I very much wanted to take on the challenge of becoming Director of the Unit Game, to make the event the place every bridge player wants to be on Thursday evening—a pleasant, yet highly competitive environment. For better or worse, it was my vision to do more than just show up and run a duplicate game—I would impart my “style.”

My enthusiasm for directing at the Unit hasn't changed in the past 5 years, but other things have. In June, my family and I moved to North Potomac, Maryland. In November, I began a new position at the Department of Justice that requires an increased time commitment. Finally, I learned that Lauren and Mark are expecting a baby brother in early July.

Marshall Kushner will assume the role of Chief Director on March 7. The Unit is fortunate to have a capable, tournament-rated director to take the reins. I intend to continue tournament directing, at a somewhat reduced schedule, and I look forward to seeing all of you at tournaments and occasionally when I substitute for Marshall on Thursday nights.

I sincerely thank the Board for the privilege of serving as Unit Director and all of you for your support.

Grand National Teams 2001-2002

It's time for the District level competition—the winners of each flight qualify to win a trip to beautiful, sunny, downtown Washington, D.C.!!!, to represent District 6 in the national finals of this grassroots competition at the summer 2002 NABC.

There are four flights: Championship Flight = Open; Flight A = 0-5000 masterpoints; Flight B = 0-2000; and Flight C = Non-Life Masters with fewer than 500 masterpoints. At the club level, the Open and A Flights will be combined.

The first weekend of Flights A, B, and C are being held at separate northern and southern sites. All teams must pre-register by the date shown below for their flight.

Open—Pre-Registration February 14

1st Weekend—February 16-17 Laurel BC (one site)

2nd Weekend—April 6-7

0-5000—Pre-Registration February 28

1st Weekend—March 2-3 Langley DBC (South)

1st Weekend—May 4-5 Laurel BC (North)

2nd Weekend—May 18-19

0-2000—Pre-Registration February 7

1st Weekend—February 9-10 Laurel BC (North)

1st Weekend—March 2-3 Langley DBC (South)

2nd Weekend—April 6-7

0-500 (Non-LMs)—Pre-Registration February 14

1st Weekend—February 16-17 Washington Bridge Center (North)

1st Weekend—March 2-3 Langley DBC (South)

2nd Weekend—April 6-7

Starting Times

Starting time for all events for the first Saturday is 12:30 pm; remaining sessions are TBA. The semi-finals/finals will all be held at Laurel Bridge Club.

Directions to Playing Sites

Langley DBC—640-A 79th St., Newport News, VA (757-380-6032).

—From the west: I-64 E to US 17S (Exit 258A - J. Clyde Morris Blvd.) after about 5.5 miles US 17 becomes Jefferson. Go about 0.2 miles.

—From the east: I-64W to US 258S (Exit 263A - Mercury Blvd. toward James River Br.) for about 3+ miles. Turn left on Jefferson Ave. for 0.2 miles. Then turn left on 79th St. The Langley DBC is located in the shopping center.

Laurel Bridge Club—8654-A Laureldale Dr., Laurel, MD (301-490-1383).

—From MD-295 (BW Parkway): Exit at MD-198 (Ft. Meade Rd.) toward Laurel. Laureldale Dr. is 5th traffic light. Turn right on Laureldale Dr.

—From I-95: Exit at MD-198 (Exit 33A) toward Laurel. Stay on 198 about 5 miles (crossing US 1 and MD 197). Laureldale Dr. is 3rd traffic light past MD

197. Turn left on Laureldale Dr. Follow the road back until it opens into the parking lot of a professional plaza. The Laurel Bridge Club is in the middle of the plaza on the left with the name on the marquee.

Washington Bridge Center—1620 Elton Rd. Silver Spring, MD (301-445-0276).

—From the I95/495 Beltway, take Exit 28A, toward White Oak (MD 650 N/ New Hampshire Ave.). Turn right on Elton Rd.. Turn left into parking lot. The Washington Bridge Center is on the second floor.

Conditions of Contest

The complete Conditions of Contest for this year's competition can be found on the District 6 web site (www.districtsix.org) or contact the District Coordinator, Rae Dethlefsen, District 6 GNT Coordinator, at 703-709-5205 or by email at raed@erols.com. If you have any other questions, feel free to get in touch with Rae.

Hail, and Farewell

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

Joseph Bekhor	Karen Kessler	Bruce Schmid
Susan Braun	Mary Ann Kral	Koko Solomon
Holly Coyne	Diane Lefcowitz	Barbara Szokarski
Dana Davis-Smith	Richard Legaut	Mary Tubbs
David Dove	Michael Matheson	Charline Walsh
Rick Garcia	Scott Matheson	Kathryn Ward-Johnson
Martha Granger	Kathleen Montgomery	Lynn Vega
Ruby Grant	Jeanne Muller	Dene Williams
Sydney Graves	William Murphy	James Winn
Thomas Hafer	June Nemchin	Nancy Young
Eric Jacobson		

The following persons have transferred out of our Unit:

J. T. Bloch	John Dorgan	Phillip Mittleman
Ronald Burt	Albert Fitzgerald	Edward Miles
Fred Cortese	Marilyn Golias	Kristene Miller
Mary Danoff	Carol Kurfees	Alice Pumo
Donna Dorgan		

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

Charles Bias	Foud El-Halabi	Maribel Newby
Margaret Brown	Charles Korn	Ruth Slutsky
Gil Cohen	Marguerite Korn	Pericle Sufitchi
Anupam Dokeniya		

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

William Chandler	Natalie Micka	Philip Thomas
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Easybridge! Updates

by Ron Kral

The two Easybridge! 1 sessions held in the Fall of 2001 were a great success. They generated about 20 new ACBL members, several 5-table sections at our KOCH sectionals, and a 4-table group at Norma's Saturday morning game. Easybridge! was such a success that the NVBA Board OK'd another round. Due to popular demand, we'll be having both Easybridge! 1 AND Easybridge! 2 sessions this time. The classes are fun and informative and follow Edith McMullin's Easybridge! formula to a T. Everyone has a great time.

Please tell your non-Bridge playing friends about the new Friday Easybridge! 1 class at the Reston Community Center. It starts at 12:30 on February 1st. For novices with a little experience or Easybridge! 1 graduates, Easybridge! 2 will be held at the Masonic Lodge at 6911 Columbia Pike in Annandale. The Easybridge! 2 class starts Sunday, February 3rd, at 1:00. Each Sunday will have a stand-alone lesson, so anyone who wants to come can start anytime, even if they miss the first couple of Sundays. I'll be doing the presentation at both sessions and will be glad to answer any question you may have: my phone number is 703-437-0342.

Please spread the word about these two new Easybridge! classes: we need you to help us get more new people into this wonderful game!

*Easybridge! grads
Jan Harrington and
Mary O'Shea show
off the first-place
trophies that they
won at the recent
Williamsburg
Regional!!*

*Congratulations,
and may there be
many, many more
wins in your bridge
careers!!!*



The Jack of Hearts

by Marshall Kuschner

The last time we visited Las Vegas was in 1991. It was summer, it was 106 degrees at 1 am, the hot new hotels were the Mirage and Caesar's Palace, and we drew 24,221 tables, the mother of all nationals. How big was it? It was so big we called it Operation Desert Mob. It was so big that side games were running 75 -90 tables. One day, a regional stratified pair game drew 1,142 pairs. On another day in a regional Swiss, the sellers ran out of entries and when more paper arrived were still selling when first round results were coming in.

In 2001, it was November and the weather was quite cool. The Mirage and Caesar's are still there, but the stars of the strip are now the Luxor, the Venetian, Paris, New York, Bellagio, Treasure Island, Mandalay Bay, and many others. The Hilton, which hosted the tournament, is oddly traditional in the capital of glitz, but it has the advantage of sufficient convention space to house all those tables. The count was 16,818, the largest Fall NABC ever. Of course, it might have been bigger with a normal schedule instead of Sunday thru Tuesday and without Sept. 11. As tournaments go, Las Vegas was not extravagant, but it didn't have to be. The hospitality was

spotty in quality and quantity, but in a town that is open 24/7, that's not a problem. The playing space, while lacking ballroom atmosphere, was well lit and comfortable, and unlike 1991, the space was not overflowing.

The rest of Las Vegas, however, seemed oblivious to our presence. Volcanoes erupted, white tigers yawned, one-armed bandits issued musical entreaties (which Bobby Gookin answered), and dealers drew to 21 with annoying regularity. It's a wonder anyone was able to play bridge with all the distractions, but there were some fine performances. Unfortunately, few of them were by NVBA members. Hugh Grosvenor had overalls in three national events, Jeff Roman had one, and that was it. Our proudest moment was supplied by former Northern Virginian Paul Erb, who finished second in the North American Swiss. Regional wins were recorded by Paul Bubendey and John Ashe, David Milton, June Hoyer and Mark Newman, and Bobby Gookin. June and Mark along with Julia Brown became LMs in Las Vegas. As for my own abysmal performance, I have a good excuse. I went to see David Copperfield and he made my brain disappear.



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Board Meeting Summaries

November 12, 2001

Hall of Fame. Jim Allen, Chairman of the Hall of Fame Committee, made a presentation to the Board about the current proposal for a District 6 Hall of Fame. After much discussion, the Board voted against supporting the Hall of Fame as currently proposed.

2002 Unit Game Schedule.

—The Board voted to support the Junior Fund Appreciation game scheduled on February 14, 2002.

—Rather than hold a third GNT qualifying game on February 7, 2002, the Board voted to hold a Stratified Unit Championship game instead.

—LM-NLM Game. The Board voted to continue the past practice of holding a LM-NLM game in 2002. It is scheduled for May 30.

—September 12 game. The Board was offered a choice of participating in the Instant Matchpoint game or the MBA STaC scheduled that week. It voted to participate in the STaC.

—The Unit's annual charity game will be held in conjunction with the Annual Meeting on May 9, 2002. The Board voted that this year's recipient of the NVBA's charity proceeds will be CrisisLink, a volunteer Washington area service that persons having health or emotional crises can call for help.

—President Bruce Culmer announced to the Board that he has reluctantly accepted the resignation of Chief Unit Game Director David Gottfried. David has a new job with the Department of Justice that makes it difficult for him to work regularly as Chief Director on Thursday nights.

Bruce noted that David has done a great job running our Unit Game, has worked hard to build it up, and has performed his duties responsibly and capably. Marshall Kuschner will take over David's position as Chief Unit Game Director in March.

NVBA Web Site. Melissa Borsody is the new NVBA Webmaster. She is redesigning the site somewhat to simplify it and make it more accessible to users with less sophisticated software capabilities. Users are encouraged to give any suggestions they have for the website to Melissa (703-378-1991).

Easybridge!. Ron Kral has overseen the running of several Easybridge! sessions at the last NVBA and WBL Sectionals. He is planning to do another Easybridge! 1 series starting in February, as well as an Easybridge! 2 series for those who have already had Easybridge! 1.

January 14, 2002

Unit Game. The Board voted to award free plays to winners of section tops in all pair games played at Beth El that are not part of Sectional tournaments, to include STaCs and NAP qualifying games. The Board voted against awarding first place prizes to winners of GNT qualifying games.

Sectionals. The NVBA and WBL have agreed to split the costs for six free plays to the Washington NABC tournament in July to be awarded at the next six Sectionals to players in the open game, Senior games, and limited games.

Audit Report. The Board voted to adopt several of the recommendations made by the Audit Committee

with regard to counting receipts at the Unit game, accounting for scrip purchased each year, tracking fees paid to the ACBL, and taking an inventory of NVBA supplies and equipment. Several Board members will look into options for investing NVBA funds at a higher rate of interest and make recommendations to the Board at a future meeting.

Mentors needed

Call Sam McMillan
703-920-3535

Board Elections in May

The NVBA will elect a Vice President, Treasurer, and three Board members at our Annual Meeting in May. Interested candidates should talk with any of the current Board Members (see the back cover for a list) to get an idea of what's involved and to let your interest be known.

Short bios of the candidates will be published in the April-May Newsletter.

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Spring Bridge Classes

Nancy Abbott will be teaching Bridge 2, 3, and 4 at Longfellow Intermediate School in McLean on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday nights as part of the Fairfax County Park Authority's Leisure and Wellness Program. Bridge 2 is a continuation of Beginning Bridge; Bridge 3 is supervised play for novices; and Bridge 4 covers common conventions and more advanced conventions. Nancy (703-276-0838) can answer your questions about course content, but call the County (703-222-4664) for registration and prices. (All these courses are described in "Parktakes," a magazine published by Fairfax County Park Authority. To subscribe, call 703-222-4664.)

Marshall Kuschner periodically holds small classes for advanced beginner/intermediate players in his home in Reston. Call Marshall at 703-758-9153 for details.

JoAnne Pretti will be teaching three bridge courses at the McLean Community Center. The first (March 4-April 29; 1-3 on Monday afternoons) is the ACBL Diamond Series (which focuses on developing a strategic game plan and includes a bidding review). The second (March 4-April 29; 7:30-9:30 on Monday evenings) is a basics and brush up course—the ACBL Club Series (which provides a solid grounding in hand evaluation, bidding, play of the hand, and defense). The third (March 6-May 1; 7:30-9:30 on Wednesday evenings) is Audrey Grant's Commonly Used Conventions, suitable for the advancing player (focusing on Stayman, weak-twos, Jacoby transfers, as well as major/minor suit openings and responses). JoAnne can be reached at 703-821-2254, but call the Community Center (703-790-0123) for prices and registration information.

Dave McIntyre will be teaching three courses at Nick's Restaurant, Fairfax Circle at Rt. 50 and Old Lee Highway. The first, Supervised Bridge, starts at noon on March 25 and continues for 10 3-hour sessions (\$50). The class is 45 minutes of presentation of selected bridge topics, followed by various bridge formats; questions are encouraged. The second is Audrey Grant's Commonly Used Conventions, 10 2-hour sessions starting on Thursday, March 28, at 11 am (\$70). The course is the natural follow on to the Club, Diamond, Heart series. And the third is No-Trump from A to Z, 10 2-hour sessions starting Thursday, March 28, at 7:30 pm (\$70). It covers all the conventions related to 1 NT and 2 NT openers; there is a 1 hour lecture, followed by 1 hour of bidding using selected, pre-dealt hands. (Because these classes are held at a restaurant, there is a \$2 door fee unless ordering \$5 or more—eat-in or take-out—from the menu.)

Farewell To Bridge

(Do you ever feel like this?)

I'm giving up bridge—tonight's my last night.
It's Amen to Stayman—I give up the fight.
The Transfers and No Trumps keep giving me troubles,
I can't sleep at night for thinking of Doubles.

If it weren't for the coffee and really good food,
I'd have left long ago when opponents were rude.
The gloaters and whiners will make you plain crazy,
And you often wonder if the slow ones are dazey.

My cards and my partner's seem to be rotten,
Playing a hand is what I've sadly forgotten.
Who has played what and what are the trumps,
Revokes and misbids make all of us grumps.

So for now it's all over—I'm off to the backwoods,
I'm waving good-bye to Gerber and Blackwood.
I can't stand the hassle, I can't stand the pain,
I'm making those bad plays again and again.

I'm giving up bridge—tonight's a bad night,
Defense is horrid and nothing's gone right.
Who can keep track of Ace from Ace-Kings,
Odd-Even discards and MUD of all things.

Then my partner is slow and a real bidding dope,
His weak two's are trouble and I'm losing all hope.
My points are not high, and I'm wondering why
He keeps on bidding right on up to the sky.

We're in 3 No again and all my hope fades,
When surprise, surprise, his high bidding pays.
We were winning all tricks and defenders felt sick.
I have to admit my partner's sometimes a "b"rick.

But I'm giving up bridge—tonight's my last night.
Farewell to conventions—I give up the fight!
Stuff those Splinters and Cuebids right into the trash,
Along with Bergen and DONT, Michaels and CRASH.

So I leave with few words but some that are true,
Bridge may be a game not for me but for you.
You be kind to your partners and don't mind their cheek,
For it's only a game—oh! and see you next week.

(Author: Unknown. Source: Carla Dahle.)

Parade of Winners

Lancaster

(October 29–November 4)

Mon-Tue KO Bkt 1

1 Hugh Grosvenor - Jeff Roman - Peggy Allen - David Better - Daisy Goecker

Tue-Wed KO Bkt 2

2 Nancy Arnold - Marjorie Gazzola - Beatrice Suskin - Robert Walsh

Wed-Thur KO Bkt 1

2 Hugh Grosvenor - Jeff Roman - Peggy Allen - David Better - Daisy Goecker

Wed-Thur KO Bkt 2

1 John Ashe - George Kirzel - Samuel Mills - Omar Okaily

Wed-Thur KO Bkt 5

1 Issa Dorri - Gayle Brass - Joanne Kerr - Dennis Wick

Thurs Open Swiss

2 William Brown - Russell Delaney - Patricia Harris - R. Kerchner

Fri Open Pairs

2 Charles Yaple - Ed Lewis
1 Robert Wissman - John Christensen

Compact KO Bkt 2

1 Issa Dorri - Ed Heberg - Lynette Vanderschaaf - Dennis Wick

Sat Senior Pairs

2 Helen Cheng - Jesse Cheng

Sat Flight B/C/D Pairs

1 David Jackson - Marty Zupan

Sat A/X Pairs

1 Ronald Burt - Jim Wakefield
2 John Ashe - Kenneth Davis

Sat Fast Open Pairs

1 Alan Schwartz - Ann Schwartz

Sun Flight A/X Swiss

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

Sun Flight B/C/D Swiss

1 Betty Bursey - Kathryn Kiley - Lucy McCoy - Cassandra Smith

Sun Senior Swiss

2 Russell Delaney - Arlene Gordon - Patricia Harris - Louis Stuckey

Virginia Beach

(November 5-11)

Senior Pairs Tues

2 Jack Armstrong - Ed Gofreed

Open Pairs Wed

2 Gerry Goodale - Vickie Goodale
2/3 Alan Breed - Robert Walsh

Open Pairs Thurs

1 Ed Rodrigues - Marsha Sirkin

Flight B/C Pairs

2/3 Michael Stafford - Joseph Lane

Senior Pairs Sat

1 Alfred Duncker-Edward Gofreed
2 1 Wes Jones, Jr.-Sam McMillan, Jr.

Stratiflighted Swiss A/X

1 Hugh Grosvenor - Jeff Roman - Peggy Allen - Curtis Cheek - Billy Miller
2 Janet Gookin - Robert Gookin - Ed Lewis - Fred King - Richard Wegman
1 John Ashe - Kenneth Davis - William Betz - Geoffrey Mallette

Mon Admirals KO Captains Bkt

2 Jeff Roman - Hugh Grosvenor - Peggy Allen - Curtis Cheek - Billy Miller

Mon Admirals KO Lieutenant Bkt

1 Alan Breed - Janet Breed - Robert Berringer - Marjorie Berringer

Captains Sr KO Army Bkt

1 Jack Diskin - Betty Gessner - Maria Mitchum - James Murphy

Tues Neptune KO Poseidon Bkt

2 Ed Lewis - David Adams - Don Brock - Liane Turner - Donald Turner

Wed Sunrise KO Bkt 1

1 Hugh Grosvenor - Jeff Roman - Peggy Allen - Curtis Cheek - Billy Miller

Wed Sunrise KO Bkt 2

2 Carole Grob - Shirley Kollas - LaQuitta Talbot - Mark Tonnesen

Tidewater KO Swamp Bkt

1 Hugh Grosvenor - Jeff Roman - Peggy Allen - Curtis Cheek - Billy Miller

Thur Poseidon KO Disaster Bkt

2 Kathryn Kiley - Lucy McCoy - Joan Shields - Mita Banerjee

Thur Poseidon KO Upsetting Bkt

2 Beatrice Suskin - Patricia Kuch - Victor Proulx - Mildred Mims

Fri Sandfiddler KO Alaska King Bkt

1 Hugh Grosvenor - Jeff Roman - Peggy Allen - Curtis Cheek - Billy Miller

Fri Sandfiddler KO Snow Crab Bkt

1 Thomas Musso - Barbara Ames - Ellen Cherniavsky - Katherine Paramore

Fri Sandfiddler KO Dungeness Bkt

1 John Corvari - Joanne Harmon - William Harmon - Silvia Keenan

Sand Dollar KO Red Bkt

2 Jack Diskin - Betty Gessner - James Murphy - Maria Mitchum

Sand Dollar KO Blue Bkt

2 Patricia Huck - Gail Singer - Patricia Foutz - Lorraine Holub

Las Vegas NABC
(November 18-27)

1st Sun Morn Compact KO B

1 John Ashe - Paul Bubendey - Dennis Goldstein - Bill Hugenberg

Bracket 3 KO Teams I

1 David Milton - Kevin Bathurst - Howard Eisenberg - J. Glickman - Marc Glickman

Life Master Open Pairs

31 Hugh Grosvenor - Paul Marston

Open BAM Teams

7 Don Probst - Peter Boyd - Mark Shaw - Wm. Cole - Wm. Pettis - S. Robinson
46 Hugh Grosvenor - Douglas Dang - Bob Richman - John Sutherland

Deuces Wild KO Bkt 10

1 June Hoye - Patrick Cardullo - Michael Doll - Mark Newman

Double Down KO Bkt 2

2 Betty Bursey - Lucy McCoy - Ed Bernstein - Cassandra Smith

Thanksgiving KO Bkt 3

2 Stephen Lurie - Al Blinder - Doug Cowan - Terry Scott

Thanksgiving KO Bkt 7

2 Dayle Masumura - Kenneth Marcusson - David Sarten - Suzanne Sarten

Blue Ribbon Pairs

29 Hugh Grosvenor - Bob Richman

Washington KO Bkt 2

1 David Magnuson-Joan Garcia-
Donna Kellerman-Patricia Trethewey

Dealer Busts! KO Bkt 15

1 Glenn Young - Thomas Cox - Carol Garnett - Patrick Thomas

Phoenix AM KO Bkt 1

2 Ed Lewis - Daniel Colatosti - Paul Kinney - John Malley - James Murphy

2nd Tues Open Pairs

1 Robert Gookin - Earl Glickstein

WBL Sectional
(December 6-9)

Thurs Eve A/X Pairs (70 Pairs)

2 Edward Gofreed - Sumner Steinfeldt
2 Robert Hartmann - Ronald Spieker

Thurs Eve B/C Pairs (62 Pairs)

11 Bryan Macpherson - Susan Dillman
22 Ben Shapo - Thavendran Arulnandhy

Fri Morn Open Pairs (18 Pairs)

22 Melville Yudkin - Paul Krueger

Fri Morn 300/200/100 (12 Pairs)

2 Bob Armstrong - Don Henry

Fri Afternoon Open Pairs

(31 Pairs)

2 Philip Mittleman - Daniel Feldman
1 Melville Yudkin - Paul Krueger

Fri Afternoon Sr Pairs (22 Pairs)

2 Chas Fain - Stanley Scheiner

Fri Afternoon 300/100/50 (16 Pairs)

2 William Pepelko - Barbara Pepelko

Sat Morn Sr Pairs (43 Pairs)

2 K. Schoen - Rammohan Sarangan

Sat Afternoon A/X Pairs (34 Pairs)

1 Janet Gookin - Robert Gookin
1/2R. Kerchner - James Joy
1/2Kenneth Davis - John Ashe

Sat Afternoon Sr Pairs (20 Pairs)

1 Wes Jones, Jr. - Sam McMillan, Jr.

Sat Eve Flight A/X Pairs (36 Pairs)

2 Andre L'Heureux - D. Chechelashvili

Flight A/X Swiss (17 Teams)

1 Steve Robinson - Mark Shaw - Barbara Shaw - Peter Boyd - Jeff Roman
1 Katherine Kruskal - Lee Jensen - Melvin Welles - Monique Smith
2 Jason Meyer - Josh Sher - Kenton Schoen - R. Sarangan - Stan Schenker

Flight B/C Swiss (18 Teams)

1 Glenn Young - Stuart Fleischmann - M. Cassandra Smith - Betty Bursey

Sun Afternoon 300/200 Swiss (5 Teams)

2 Marc Cassell - Richard Cassell - Stephen Goldstein - G. Hatheway, Jr.

Harrisburg
(January 1-6)

Prime Time KO 1 Bkt 2

2 Gail Zamboni - Marvin Josaitis -
Yvonne Markell - Joyce Rocks

Prime Time KO 2 Bkt 2

2 Jayne Eckert - John Burns - Lois
Burns - Helene Megargel

Ramona Karlson Senior Pairs

2/3 Thomas Lavender - John Klayman
2 Jayne Eckert - Helene Megargel

A/X Swiss Teams

1 Zeke Letellier - Jennifer Koonce -
Diane Lazarus - Ed Lazarus

B/C/D Swiss Teams

2.2 Linda Padgett - Robert Padgett -
James McKee - Alyce Specter

Williamsburg
(January 7-13)

Kickoff KO 1 Hilton Head

1 Ron Sukoneck - Fred King - Steve
Robinson - Barbara Shaw - Mark Shaw

Kickoff KO 4 Columbia

1 Martha Lackey - A. Patel - Joanne
Harmon - William Harmon

Wed Open Pairs

1 Martha Lackey - A. Patel

Thurs Open Swiss

2/3 Ron Sukoneck - Fred King - Steve
Robinson - Barbara Shaw - Mark Shaw
2/3 Hugh Grosvenor - Jeff Roman - Peggy
Allen - Marc Jacobus - Alan Sontag

Thur Open Pairs

2 Herman Louie - Ming Louie

Jamestown KO 1 Hawaii

2 Ed Lewis - Darwin Afdahl - Brian
Schoenfeld - Nadine Wood

Fri-Sat AM KO II

1 Richard Mersch - William Fishback -
Michael Lane - Steven Rothman

AM KO I: Lord of the Rings

2 Ron Sukoneck - Fred King - Steve
Robinson - Barbara Shaw - Mark Shaw

Fri-Sat KO 1 York River

2 Ron Sukoneck - Fred King - Steve
Robinson - Barbara Shaw - Mark Shaw

Fri-Sat KO 2 James River

1 Kathryn Kiley - Michael Andrews -
Julian Boyce - Susan Johnston
2 Donald Hennings - Margot Hennings -
Avril Rodney - David Rodney

Sat A/X Pairs

1 Tom Musso - Katharine Paramore
2 Hal Hindman - Summer Steinfeldt

Sat B/C/D Pairs

2.2 Marty Zupan - David Jackson

Saturday Senior Pairs

1 Alfred Duncker - Charles Boteler

Flight A/X Swiss

1 Hal Hindman - Robert Bell -
Summer Steinfeldt - William Cole
1/2 Kenneth Davis - Allen Mazer -
Ruth-Anne Mazer - Ronald Spath
1/2 Kathryn Kiley - Michael Andrews -
Julian Boyce - Susan Johnston

Sunday Senior Swiss

2 Alfred Duncker - Ed Bissell - Judith
Bloomer - Leon Lyday

WBL Sectional
(January 17-20)

Thur Eve A/X Pairs (72 Pairs)

2 Bruce Culmer - Ronald Spieker

Fri Morn Open Pairs (25 Pairs)

2 Jeff Roman - Carol Netchvolodoff
2.2 Melville Yudkin - Frank Cardillo

**Fri Morn Combined Sr/299er Pairs
(22 Pairs)**

1 Ibrahim Mady - Lloyd Sigafo

Fri Afternoon Open Pairs (32 Pairs)

1 Steve Bunning - Kristene Miller
2 Frank Cardillo - Subhra Nath

**Fri Afternoon 300/200/100 Pairs
(16 Pairs)**

2.2 Suellen Garrison - Phyllis Dean

Fri Eve A/X Pairs (23 Pairs)

2 David Fleischer - Elizabeth Opal

Fri Eve 300/100/50 Pairs (18 Pairs)

1 Suellen Garrison - Phyllis Dean
2 Michael Goldman - Wm Mendez, Jr.

Sat Afternoon A/X Pairs (40 Pairs)

2 Donna Rogall - Robert Gookin

**Sat Afternoon B/C/D Pairs (1500/500/
200) (22 Pairs)**

2 Elizabeth Bowlin - Samuel Bowlin

Sat Eve A/X Pairs (26 Pairs)

2 Kenneth Davis - John Ashe

Sat Eve B/C Pairs (1500/300) (12 Pairs)

2 Glenn Young - Joseph Ogulin

A/X Swiss Teams (20 Teams)

- 1 Stan Schenker - Kenton Schoen - Diane Walker - Elizabeth Nelson
- 2 Melvin Welles - Monique Smith - Katherine Kruskal - Lee Jensen

B/C Swiss Teams (17 Teams)

- 1 Allen Lord - Alice Johnson - Dayle Masumura - Samuel Mills, Jr.
- 1 Paul Gayer - Walton Francis - Duke Wilson - William Prosser
- 2 Dennis Wick - Issa Dorri - Ibrahim Mady - Omar Okaily

**Cookbooks
Still Available**

To help raise funds for our Summer NABC, we have published a cookbook containing recipes from the 1993 Summer Nationals that were held in D.C. Maybe you remember the great hospitality at that tournament??...if so, you'll want to get a copy for sure. All of those recipes can be yours for a mere \$9.99! Cookbooks are available at all NVBA and WBL Sectionals and both Unit Games!

Summer NABC Website

Are you one of those folks who can't resist peeking behind the temporary walls to check out construction sites? If so, then go to the Summer NABC website—and watch as Webmaster David Milton builds this website from the ground up. Right now you can find information on housing, parking, upcoming promotions, the tournament schedule, babysitting services, and you can even register for a mailing list for tournament updates and for a chance to win a free entry fee, extra hospitality suite tickets, or a coveted onsite parking pass!

www.dcnationals.com

**Volunteers Needed
for Summer NABCs**

Volunteers are needed in many, many different areas during the Summer 2002 ACBL Nationals to be held in Washington July 18-28. Wheredo your interests lie? We need players to work at the registration, partnership, and prize desks, plus at the information center.

Or maybe you'd prefer leading a morning tour or chaperoning a group of youngsters on an outing. The hospitality suite will be looking for lots of help. Whatever your interest, we can match you with a job...and it's a great way to meet people from all over the country while supporting bridge.

For this effort to be a success, it will take the help of hundreds(!) of local players. Please call LeeAnn Jensen, Volunteer Chair, at 301-949-7467.



NVBA WILLIAM POISSANT MEMORIAL TOURNAMENT



21-24 February 2002

Knights of Columbus Hall (KOCH)

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ALL VIRGINIA EVENTS AT KOCH

THURSDAY, 21 FEBRUARY

Knights of Columbus Hall, Arlington, VA (NVBA)

Christ the King Church, Chevy Chase, MD (WBL) (one block south of East-West Highway; turn right on Grubb and Colston Dr. is first left)

	NVBA (KOCH)	WBL
STRATAFLIGHTED PAIRS (A/X 3000+/0-3000; B/C 2000/750)	7:00 p.m.	7:30 p.m.
299ER PAIRS (300/200/100)	7:00 p.m.	
199ER PAIRS (200/100/50)		7:30 p.m.
EASYBRIDGE! PAIRS	7:00 p.m.	7:30 p.m.

FRIDAY, 22 FEBRUARY

STRATIFIED OPEN PAIRS (2000+/2000/750)	2:00 p.m.	
299ER PAIRS (0-300)	2:00 p.m.	Free Snacks Every Session
MINI-STRATIFIED PAIRS (100/50/20)	2:00 p.m.	Snack Bar On-Site
STRATIFIED OPEN PAIRS (2000+/2000/750)	8:00 p.m.	to Provide
INTERMEDIATE STRATIFIED PAIRS (300/200/100)	8:00 p.m.	Reasonably-Priced
49ER PAIRS (50/20/5)	8:00 p.m.	Sandwiches, Hot Dogs,
		Fruit, Cookies, Coffee,
		Sodas, Wine, and Beer

SATURDAY, 23 FEBRUARY

★★Novice/Intermediate Lecture (Jeff Roman)★★	10:00 a.m.	
MINI-STRATIFIED PAIRS (100/50/20)	10:30 a.m.	
STRATIFIED SENIOR PAIRS (1500+/1500/500)	10:30 a.m.	
TROPHY EVENT: WILLIAM POISSANT MEMORIAL PAIRS		
(2 sessions—Qualifying and Final)	1:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.	
STRATIFIED SINGLE SESSION SIDE GAME (1000+/0-1000)	1:00 p.m.	
MINI-STRATIFIED PAIRS (100/50/20)	1:00 p.m.	
299ER PAIRS (0-300)	1:00 p.m.	
EASYBRIDGE! PAIRS	1:00 p.m.	
STRATIFIED SENIOR PAIRS (1500+/1500/500)	3:00 p.m.	
STRATIFIED OPEN CONSOLATION (2000+/2000/750)	7:00 p.m.	
INTERMEDIATE STRATIFIED PAIRS (300/200/100/50)	7:00 p.m.	
		Mid-Chart conventions shall be permitted in all Flight A, Flight B and Open Stratified events
		Tournament Co-Chairs
		Margot Hennings
		703-560-0245
		Kathryn Kiley
		703-758-0366

SUNDAY, 24 FEBRUARY

FLIGHT A/X (3000+/0-3000 MPs) BOARD-A-MATCH TEAMS	11 a.m.	
FLIGHT B/C (2000/750) SWISS TEAMS	11 a.m.	
Both A/X BAM and B/C Swiss are 2-session events, with one 30-minute break. Box lunch available.		
299ER SWISS TEAMS (0-300)	11 a.m.	
MINI-STRATIFIED SWISS TEAMS (100/50/20)	11 a.m.	
STRATIFIED 299ER SWISS TEAMS (300/200/100)	3:15 p.m.	
		Partnership Chairman
		Andre L'Heureux
		703-914-9389
		Next NVBA Sectional Tournament
		21-24 March 2002

Directions: From Rte. 495 (the Beltway) or points West of the Beltway, take Rte. 66 East to the Washington Boulevard/Lee Highway exit. At the light at the end of the exit ramp, turn left onto Lee Highway. Go approximately 1.5 miles and turn left onto Harrison Street. Go .5 miles and turn right onto Little Falls Road. The KOCH is on your left .2 of a mile down Little Falls. From D.C. or Arlington, take Rte. 66 West to the Sycamore Street exit. At the end of the exit ramp, turn right onto Sycamore. At the second light, turn right onto Lee Highway and go a little over 1 mile and turn left onto Harrison Street. Follow the above directions from that point. OR from D.C., go straight across Chain Bridge and then keep left to stay on Glebe Road. From the light at the end of Chain Bridge, proceed 1.8 miles and turn right onto Little Falls Road (the second right past the light at Williamsburg Lane). Cross Old Dominion (.3 miles) at the stop sign and proceed on Little Falls another .3 miles to the KOCH on your right. From all directions, turn up the drive and circle past the stone lodge. Follow signs for visitor parking. The tournament will be held in the brick building marked "KOCH 2473" down the hill to your right.

NVBA MARCH MADNESS SECTIONAL TOURNAMENT

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EASYBRIDGE! PAIRS	7:00 p.m.	7:30 p.m.

REST OF TOURNAMENT AT KOCH

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STRATIFIED OPEN PAIRS (2000+/2000/750)	8:00 p.m.	Reasonably-Priced
INTERMEDIATE STRATIFIED PAIRS (300/200/100)	8:00 p.m.	Sandwiches, Hot Dogs,
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MINI-STRATIFIED PAIRS (100/50/20)	10:30 a.m.	<i>permitted in all Flight A,</i>
STRATIFIED SENIOR PAIRS (1500+/1500/500)	10:30 a.m.	<i>Flight B and Open</i>
STRATAFLIGHTED PAIRS (Two separate events)		<i>Stratified events</i>
Flight A/X, 2-session playthru (3000+/0-3000)	1:00 p.m. & 7:00 p.m.	
Flight B/C/D stratified together (2 single sessions)	1:00 p.m. & 7:00 p.m.	
(B=1000-2000, C=500-1000, D=0-500)		
INTERMEDIATE STRATIFIED PAIRS (300/200/100/50)	1:00 p.m.	Tournament Co-Chairs
EASYBRIDGE! PAIRS	1:00 p.m.	Margot Hennings
STRATIFIED SENIOR PAIRS (1500+/1500/500)	3:00 p.m.	703-560-0245
INTERMEDIATE STRATIFIED PAIRS (300/200/100/50)	7:00 p.m.	Kathryn Kiley
		703-758-0366

SUNDAY, 24 MARCH

FLIGHT A/X and B/C SWISS TEAMS	11 a.m.	Partnership Chairman
Flights A/X=3000+/0-3000 and Flights B/C=2000/750		Andre L'Heureux
Both Flights are 2-session events, with one 30-minute break		703-914-9389
— box lunch available.		
299ER SWISS TEAMS (0-300)	11 a.m.	<i>Next NVBA</i>
MINI-STRATIFIED SWISS TEAMS (100/50/20; single sess.)	11 a.m.	<i>Sectional Tournament</i>
STRATIFIED 299ER SWISS TEAMS (300/200/100; sing. sess.)	3:15 p.m.	<i>25-28 April 2002</i>

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