



NVBA Newsletter

November-December 2003

Northern Virginia Bridge Association

Come Together for Holiday Cheer

The Annual NVBA Holiday Party, which includes dinner and a bridge game, will be held on Thursday, December 11. Everyone is asked to contribute a food dish... appetizer, salad, casserole or dessert. The main course and drinks will be provided. Remember, no pork or shellfish, please! Dinner will be served from 6 to 7 P.M., followed shortly after by the game.

Those who choose not to contribute a food item will be asked to pay \$5 towards party

expenses. If you have any questions or would like to help with the party, please call Stella Perry at 703-751-8429.



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Of Special Interest

- NVBA Sectional
November 6-9
- Holiday Party
December 11

Presidents' Message

by Leo Cardillo



After attending the Summer NABC in Long Beach, my bridge playing days this summer passed in a flash! August and the Hunt Valley Regional, an event I have always enjoyed, was a blur and the only bridge content was the District 6 meeting on Saturday afternoon (routine agenda with normal business and the election of the District 6 At-Large Governors: Kay Afdahl, Barbara Ames, Anne Duty, Margot Hennings, Kathryn Kiley, Wyatt Mapp, Barbara Moomy, Lynn Rattinger, Charity Sack and Patricia Wilson, all for one year terms of office).

"...participation of these younger players is vital to the long-term survival and success of this wonderful card game"

September and Hurricane Isabel redefined most of our leisure activities into trying to find electricity and/or water for somewhere between a few days and, for those living in the greater Richmond area, the better part of two weeks! It had been more than twenty years, since my family and I lived in Liberia, Monrovia (West Africa), that I had to forage for water to manually flush toilets! As soon as the power and water were restored, it was time for the rescheduled North American Pairs (NAPs) in Williamsburg.

Speaking of Isabel and the NAPs, the hurricane also affected the startup of the Bridge Club at Thomas Jefferson High School, an activity that I enjoy most every Friday afternoon. However, it failed to disrupt the bridge playing ability of Robert Brady and David Banh, two of the TJ players from this club. These two young men took 3rd place in the C Flight of the District 6 NAP to win a trip to Reno. To all those who came away winners there, I wish them great success in Reno and the Spring Nationals!

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Upcoming NVBA Games & Special Events

Nov 6	KOCH	7:00	NVBA Sectional
Nov 13	Beth El	7:00	Stratified GNT Qualifying
Nov 20	Beth El	7:00	Stratified Unit Championship
Nov 27	-----	-----	Closed for Thanksgiving
Dec 4	Beth El	7:00	WBL Sectional
Dec 11	Beth El	7:00	Holiday Party and MABC STaC
Dec 18	Beth El	7:00	Stratified Unit Championship
Dec 25	-----	-----	Closed for Christmas
Jan 1	-----	-----	Closed for New Year's
Jan 8	Beth El	7:00	WBL Sectional
Jan 15	Beth El	7:00	Stratified Unit Championship

Stratification Limits:

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

For the GNT qualifying game, the stratifications are:
C is NLM 0-500, B is 0-2000, and A is unlimited.

Win Fame and Fortune

Starting in January 2004, cash prizes will be awarded for top performances during each calendar quarter. Look for details in the next newsletter

If you have not played in the Unit game in over six months, we want you back. If you come and play, you will receive a coupon good for a free entry to use any time during the following month.



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To further youth bridge in this area, the NVBA, in conjunction with the WBL, hopes to support several new bridge clubs at area high schools and sponsor an annual interscholastic competition and trophy. Volunteers are needed to establish and support the new clubs. Time requirements are minimal and the students mostly enjoy recreational bridge with little emphasis on formal teaching, if at all. If you choose to get involved, I promise that you will enjoy working with these young folks, and that the activity will help maintain your own youthfulness. The participation of these younger players is vital to the long-term survival and success of this wonderful card game. Contact any Board member if you would like to explore this possibility further.

Close to home, NVBA's annual Holiday party is scheduled for Thursday, December 11, 2003 (see Marshall's Unit Game column for the full flavor!). Stella Perry has graciously volunteered to oversee this festive and food-filled affair. It will be held at the Beth El Temple on Seminary Rd. and players are requested to bring side dishes and desserts to supplement our catered goodies. And it is

worth repeating here—no shellfish or pork products please. I will work with the Board to provide some intoxicating (not the liquid) type of door prizes to spice up the fare! An additional volunteer or two to help Stella would certainly be appreciated. Please contact me, or any member of the Board, if you'd like to help.

Speaking of volunteers, last month's Newsletter solicited a volunteer to serve as the NVBA representative to the District 6 Charity Foundation Board. This Board is chaired by Andre L'Heureux, and I am pleased to announce that Lenore Ward has offered to fill that position! I look forward to hearing her reports as that activity gets underway, and I thank her for her support!

Current Board activities include preparation of a member survey to help sort out preferences on a number of issues. In addition to the survey, the Board welcomes your comments and suggestions at anytime! This is your Unit - let us hear from you.

I look forward to seeing you at our upcoming NVBA Sectional November 6-9, 2003 at KOCH.

And remember, "PARTNER IS ALWAYS RIGHT"! Try it for a few games! You'll be surprised at the results!!

Unit Game News

by Marshall Kushner

Chief Director

Here I am, writing this in October, and I realize this is my last chance to wish you a happy Holiday season. I have yet to rake up my first bagful of autumn foliage let alone ponder Christmas shopping. I am still looking forward to Thanksgiving in New Orleans and it's not all that imminent. Heck, I don't even know who won the Ohio State-Michigan game.

Still, I must force myself to think wintry thoughts. Okay, turkey, stuffing, cranberry sauce, devilled eggs. Yes, it all comes forward to me now. The annual NVBA Holiday party, featuring a sumptuous feast and fine bridge will be held on December 11th. We caution you, however, not to overeat because you'll want to save room for the extra master points you'll win that night since it will coincide with the MABC STAC. Also, it's time to start thinking Grand National Teams. Our first club qualifier will be held on November 13th. Remember, you can't play in the district final if you don't qualify, and you can't win the trip to New

York next summer if you don't play in the district final. It's especially important this year because it may be the only way you can afford to attend the summer NABC next year. Additionally, you can tune up for the GNT's by playing in the next NVBA sectional, November 6-9.

I know it sounds like a lot, but, once it's over you'll get a few weeks to rest since Christmas and New Years fall on Thursday this year. I suppose it's only fitting for me to leave you with a Holiday thought. I also suppose that the thought should be universal, but it's not. It's directed to the men who are fortunate enough to play with a member of the fairer sex (is it still OK to say that?) Here goes. The woman has the last word in any argument. Anything you say after that, is the start of a new argument. Trust me, guys, I'm all over this one.

Merry, Happy, Joyous.

See you Thursday.

System Building

by Jeff Roman

When We Open 1NT—An Advanced Structure

While almost every convention card you'll see proclaims that the pair is using "Stayman and Transfers", the follow-ups are often murky (or mishandled). The following is an auction-by-auction schematic for how opener and responder can negotiate the maze of forcing, invitational, and let's-just-find-a-fit-and-get-outta-here sequences available to them. Work with your partner to memorize these basic (and some not so basic) auctions and your accuracy will improve dramatically on the hands where one of you opens 1NT.

1. Stayman Auctions

1NT-2♣-?

2♦ no 4-card major

2♥ 4 hearts, may have 4 spades

2♠ 4 spades, fewer than 4 hearts

1NT-2♣-2♦-?

2♥ garbage Stayman, opener passes or bids 2 spades with 3 spades and 2 hearts

2♠ 5 spades, 4 hearts, invitational

2NT invitational, may or may not have any four-card majors

3♣ 5+ clubs, 4-card major, game-forcing

3♦ 5+ diamonds, 4-card major, game-forcing

3♥ 5 spades, 4 hearts, game-forcing (Smolen—allows 5-3 major fit to be played by 1NT opener)

3♠ 4 spades, 5 hearts, game

forcing (Smolen again)

3NT to play

4♣ Gerber

4♦ transfer to hearts (4 spades, 6 hearts)

4♥ transfer to spades (6 spades, 4 hearts)

4NT quantitative (16 or 17)

1NT-2♣-2♥-?

2♠ 4 spades, invitational

2NT invitational, fewer than 4 spades

3♣ 4 spades, 5+ clubs, game-forcing

3♦ 4 spades, 5+ diamonds, game-forcing

3♥ invitational to game

3♠ !!(this is tricky)!! heart slam try, unspecified shortness

3NT asks, 4♣=club

shortness, 4♦=diamond

shortness, 4♥=spade

shortness, but, is **non-**

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Mini-McKenney Standings

Rookie of the Year	
Paul Stygar	46.16
Susan C Slattery	26.92
Robert A Brady	26.55
Junior Master of the Year	
Edward A Molnar	48.13
Donor M Lion	29.59
Edwin L Brawn	29.13
Club Master of the Year	
Herbert K Fallin Jr	166.99
Jerry C Krim	146.46
Gloria J Halstead	106.80
Sectional Master of the Year	
David H Schultz	122.56
Christon W Johnson	95.57
Prahalad Rajkumar	83.23
Regional Master of the Year	
Jay Kelkar	139.54
Susan H Strauss	130.82
Huailin Chen	122.23
NABC Master of the Year	
David Chechelashvili	113.92
Debnarayan Dhar	95.96
Paul K Krueger	91.78
Life Master of the Year	
Edward D Rodrigues	118.29
Glenn P Young	88.44
Aquil Ahmed	85.56
Bronze Life Master of the Year	
Leslie A Powell	258.76
Marjorie L Gazzola	198.84
Dan Kasture	166.85
Silver Life Master of the Year	
Mark J Tonnesen	347.30

John R Ashe	305.13
La Quitta J Talbot	244.98

Gold Life Master of the Year

Kenneth B Davis	688.62
Donald W Geerhart	308.03
Helene Bauman	307.32

Diamond Life Master of the Year

Ed R Lewis	446.32
Zeke Letellier	330.39
Jeff M Roman	306.47

Grand Life Master of the Year

Ron M Sukoneck	184.15
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Ace of Clubs Standings

Rookie of the Year

Susan C Slattery	13.74
Paul Stygar	13.34
John S Mason Jr	12.29

Junior Master of the Year

Dr Donor M Lion	20.87
Jean Verdow	14.15
Edward A Molnar	14.09

Club Master of the Year

Herbert K Fallin Jr	40.29
Marcia A Boynton	33.46
Mr Jerry C Krim	26.28

Sectional Master of the Year

David H Schultz	40.17
Martha S Mangano	31.35
Richard J Hesse	28.69

Regional Master of the Year

Ernest J Klimonda	37.47
Jay Kelkar	33.18
Barbara Griffith	31.26

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Climbing the Ladder

New Junior Master

Cathy Stryker

New Club Master

Dick Verdow

New Sectional Masters

Marilyn Armon

Keiko Quinn

Mary Tubbs

New Regional Masters

Kim Ashenden

Patricia Byrne

Kathrine Loh

New NABC Masters

Mark Durocher

Barbara Griffith

Richard Hesse

Alfred O'Malley

New Life Masters

Jay Kelkar

William Pepelko

Maureen Shea

New Bronze Life Master

Joyce Rocks

New Gold Life Master

Tom Lavender

New Diamond Life Master

Marshall Kuschner



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NABC Master of the Year

Salam A Saidi 42.98

Pat Beebe 37.58

Mary A Murphy 32.75

Life Master of the Year

Edward D Rodrigues 35.11

Martha W Lackey 32.74

Hannah A Moore 30.83

Bronze Life Master of the Year

Leslie A Powell 130.02

Thierry Poirey 61.94

Jenny K Rose 60.24

Silver Life Master of the Year

Peter J Hughes 83.09

Marilyn R Carlson 66.71

Robert G Hartmann 64.25

Gold Life Master of the Year

Donald W Geerhart 158.51

Kenneth B Davis 132.03

Jean S Levin 88.81

Diamond Life Master of the Year

Zeke Letellier 91.03

Andrew E Gabrilovitch 62.85

Jack A Armstrong 38.46

Grand Life Master of the Year

Ron M Sukoneck 1.17

NVBA on the Internet: <http://www.nvba.org>

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- forcing**, a mild slam-try,
4♠=spade shortness, forcing obviously, a **strong** slam try
- 3NT shows a hand with 4 spades and game values
- 4♣ Roman Key Card for hearts
- 4♦ quantitative raise to 4NT **with** 4 hearts
- 4♥ to play
- 4NT quantitative raise **without** 4 hearts
- 1NT-2♣-2♠-?**
- 2NT invitational with or without 4 hearts
- 3♣ 4 hearts, 5+ clubs, game-forcing
- 3♦ 4 hearts, 5+ diamonds, game-forcing
- 3♥ **!!(this is tricky)!!** spade slam try, unspecified shortness
- 3♠ asks, 3NT=spade shortness, 4♣=club shortness, 4♦=diamond shortness
- 3♠ invitational to game
- 3NT to play
- 4♣ Roman Key Card Blackwood for spades
- 4♦ quantitative raise to 4NT **with** 4 spades
- 4♠ to play
- 4NT quantitative raise to 4NT **without** 4 spades
- 2. Transfer Auctions**
- A. Transfers to Majors
- 1NT-2♦-2♥-?**
- 2♠ 4 spades, 5 hearts, invitational
- 2NT 5 hearts, invitational
- 3♣ 5 hearts, 4+ clubs, game-forcing
- 3♦ 5 hearts, 4+ diamonds, game-forcing
- 3♥ 6 hearts, invitational
- 3♠/4♣/4♦ shortness in suit bid, slam try
- 3NT offers choice of game in 3NT or 4 hearts
- 4♥ mild, balanced slam-try with 6 hearts
- 4NT quantitative raise with 5 hearts
- 1NT-2♥-2♠-?**
- 2NT 5 spades, invitational
- 3♣ 5 spades, 4+ clubs, game-forcing
- 3♦ 5 spades, 4+ diamonds, game-forcing
- 3♥ 5 spades, 5 hearts, game-forcing, no slam interest (1NT-3♠ directly shows 5-5 majors and slam interest)
- 3♠ spades, invitational
- 3NT offers choice of game in 3NT or 4 spades
- 4♣/4♦/4♥ shortness in suit bid, slam try
- 4♦ mild, balanced slam-try with 6 spades

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4NT quantitative raise with 5 spades

1NT-4♦

Texas transfer to hearts (6+ suit, no slam interest)

1NT-4♥

Texas transfer to spades (6+ suit, no slam interest)

Texas transfer followed by 4NT is Roman Key Card Blackwood.

B. Transfers to Minors

Transfers to minors show 6+ cards in the minor, and a hand either stronger or weaker than merely raising 1NT to 3. The opener assumes (although this might not be the case), that responder has an invitational hand, trying to get to 3NT with a 6-card minor to 2 of the top 3 honors and no other points,

and tells responder whether he would be willing to shoot out 3NT in the event responder has such a hand. The theory is that if we have a running 6-card minor, we don't need as many high-card points to make game. An example hand would be: J10xx|Axx|AKx|Axx. Should responder have as little as xx|xx|xxx|KQxxxx, we would be delighted to play 3NT, even though we only have 21 HCPs.

1NT-2♠-?

2NT would decline invitation to 3NT based on a 6-card suit to 2 of top 3 honors

3♣ would accept such an invitation

1NT-2♠-2NT-?

3♣ to play

3♦/3♥/3♠ shortness in suit bid

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November Sectional – Special Treat

The November NVBA Sectional and the Heritage Hunt Adult Community do more than go together with facing ads on pages 18 and 19 of this newsletter. Breakfast goodies—assorted pastries and free coffee or soda—will be served on Saturday morning before the 9:30 a.m. game, courtesy of Heritage Hunt. Plan on playing and drop by the information table for an opportunity to chat with Blair Diseati and pick up some special materials about this unique community. Jeff Roman's (article page 6) pre-game lecture will start as usual at 9:00 a.m., so come early and take in all the pre-game activities

Parade of Winners

NVBA September

Sensations Sectional

THURSDAY FLIGHT A/X PAIRS

(67 Pairs)

- 1 1 Hailong Ao - Yi Zhong
- 2 David Milton - John Veltri
- 2 James Adams - Larry Kahn

THURSDAY FLIGHT B/C PAIRS

(61 Pairs)

- 1 Kathryn Kiley - Allen Shaw
- 2 1 James Sandefur - Susan Waters
- 2 Joseph Farruggio - Edwin Tums

THURSDAY 299ER PAIRS (NVBA)

(10 Pairs)

- 1 1 Kim Ashenden - John Miles
- 2 David Schultz - Maurine Kuiken
- 2 Rich Hottell - Ron Terry

THURSDAY 199ER PAIRS (WBL)

(12 Pairs)

- 1 1 Fred Mobley - Frieda Joyce
- 2 Robert Sturm - Ernie Schuler
- 2 Adam Reese - Elliott Shapiro
- 2 Jeffery Smith - Jay Weinstein

FRIDAY AFTERNOON OPEN PAIRS

(50 Pairs)

- 1 Fred King - Barbara Shaw
- 2 Earl Glickstein - Robert Gookin
- 1 Eugene Fisher - James Geist
- 2 1 Robert Boorman - Christon Johnson
- 2 Allan Sitterson - Irish Grandfield

FRIDAY AFTERNOON 299ER PAIRS

(18 Pairs)

- 1 Bob Armstrong - Neal McKinney
- 2 Farideh Makhzani - Nasser Makhzani
- 1 Betty Simpson - Robert Weeks
- 2 1 Wayne Tyler - Lorraine Tyler
- 2 James Edmonds - Mary Viereck

FRIDAY EVENING OPEN PAIRS

(40 Pairs)

- 1 Rae Dethlefsen - Diane Walker
- 2 Ed Lewis - Frank King Jr
- 1 Richard Ferrin - Charity Sack
- 2 1 Samuel Bowlin - Steven Fox
- 2 Jerry Krim - Herbert Fallin Jr

FRIDAY EVENING 299ER PAIRS

(15 Pairs)

- 1 1 Robert Schwab - Anne Derbes
- 2 2 Kim Ashenden - Joyce Montgomery
- 1 Elizabeth Nolte - Jerry Nolte
- 2 Edward Maixner - Paul Stygar

SATURDAY MORNING OPEN PAIRS

(32 Pairs)

- 1 Robert Hopkins Jr - Joan Lewis
- 2 1 1 Seema Bhagwat - Patricia Huck
- 2 Steven Ivins - Carole Grob
- 2 Betty Taff - Nancy O'Malley

SATURDAY MORNING SENIOR PAIRS

(25 Pairs)

- 1 1 Maryan Stevens - John Stevens
- 2 2 1 William Pepelko - Barbara Pepelko
- 2 Frances McNaught - Issa Dorri

SATURDAY MORNING 99ER PAIRS

(10 Pairs)

- 1 1 Elizabeth Nolte - Jerry Nolte
- 2/3 2 Ray Morgan - Virginia Morgan
- 2/3 Marilyn Armon - Joyce Montgomery

SATURDAY AFTERNOON B/C/D PAIRS

(40 Pairs)

- 1 1 Marshall Kramer - Stephen Mac Arthur
- 2/3 Martha Lackey-Bernard Trippett
- 2/3 2 Thomas Gallagher-John Lowe III
- 1 Candace Carlton-Terry Carlton
- 2 Wayne Tyler - Lorraine Tyler

**SATURDAY AFTERNOON SR PAIRS
(16 Pairs)**

- 1 1 Maryan Stevens - John Stevens
- 2 Jack Armstrong - Antionette Logwood
- 2 Samuel McMillan Jr - Wesley Jones Jr
- 1/2 Phyllis Sonen - Hilda Getz
- 1/2 Donald Schroeder-Douglas Allan

**SATURDAY FLIGHT A/X PAIRS
(31 Pairs)**

- 1 Weizhong Bao - Yi Zhong
- 2 Kenneth Davis-Donald Geerhart
- 1 David Fleischer - Jean Mayo
- 2 Lloyd Rawley - Dan Moore

**SATURDAY EVENING B/C PAIRS
(20 Pairs)**

- 1 1 Marshall Kramer - Stephen Mac Arthur
- 2 2 Mohsen Esfandiary - Pari Khoshkish

**SATURDAY EVE 199ER PAIRS
(10 Pairs)**

- 1 1 Robert Schwab - Anne Derbes
- 2/3 2 Marilyn Smebakken - Patricia Boudinot
- 2/3 M Schuler - Sybil Meloy

**SUNDAY FLIGHT A/X SWISS
(14 Teams)**

- 1 Kenneth Davis - Scott Merritt - John Ashe - Stuart Fleischmann
- 2 1 Millard Nachtwey - Ellen Chereniavsky - Joe Wallen - Ellen Klosson
- 2 William Brown-James Gumbert - Margot Hennings - Prahalad Rajkumar
- 2 Yi Zhong - Kefu Xu - Hailong Ao - Weizhong Bao

**SUNDAY FLIGHT B/C SWISS
(20 Teams)**

- 1 Alan Breed - Norma Pierzchala - Samuel McMillan Jr- Wesley Jones Jr
- 2 Marvin Weinstein - Dorothy Weinstein - Jerry Miller - Margie Coccodrilli
- 1 Marshall Kramer - Stephen MacArthur - Constance Bynum - K Soderberg
- 2/3 John Lowe III - Gloria Halstead - Wanda Avila - Merrill Hirsh
- 2/3 Mildred Hartshorn - Monica Shumann - Cherie Charles - Hannah Moore

**SUNDAY MORNING 299ER SWISS
(8 Teams)**

- 1 Pitamber Devgon-Alfred O'Malley - Richard Hesse - Francine Donahue
- 2 Holly Wills - Jean Schoepe - John Ruff - Rochelle Simon

**SUNDAY AFTERNOON 299ER SWISS
(3 Teams)**

- 1 Nancy Young - Michele Liebel - Halina Kulczycki - Helen Dodge

Top 10 MP Winners

- 1 31.97 Yi Zhong
- 2 27.69 Kenneth Davis
- 3 19.24 Weizhong Bao
- 4 17.72 Hailong Ao
- 5 16.58 John Veltri
- 6 14.87 Robert Gookin
- 7/8 13.79 Stuart Fleischmann
- 7/8 13.79 Ed Lewis
- 9 13.29 Scott Merritt
- 10 13.12 Earl Glickstein

WBL Tournament in Clubs Sectional, August 14-17

THURSDAY MORNING PAIRS

(48 Pairs)

- 2 Andrew Gabilovitch-Don Geerhart
2 Martha Boyd-Marcia Stein

THURSDAY EVENING 0-200 Pairs

(12 Pairs)

- 1 Herbert Behre III-Deborah Branch
2 Ali Al-Aref-Wanda Avila

FRIDAY AM Strat Open Pairs

(57 Pairs)

- 1 1 1 Hikmat Nasr - Julia Nasr
2 Sam Bowlin-Charles King

FRIDAY FUN 199ERS

(18 Pairs)

- 1 Helen Dodge-Nancy Young
2 Lois Simms - Stella Perry
1 1 Mary C. Edge-Janice Smith
2 2 Joseph Bekhor-Linda Clover

NORMA'S SATURDAY AM GAME 0-750

(27 Pairs)

- 1 Mahadeo Patwardhan-Jay Kelkar
2 1 Franz Delahan - Madeline Delahan
2 1 John Miles-Kim Ashenden
2 Keiko Quinn-Joseph Lentz

SATURDAY AM STRATIFIED OPEN PAIRS

(16 Pairs)

- 2 Thomas Din-Gloria Halstead

SATURDAY AFT STRATIFIED PAIRS

(78 Pairs)

- 1 Marsha Brown-William Brown

SATURDAY EVENING STRATIFIED PAIRS

(24 Pairs)

- 2 Weizhong Bao-Kefu Xu
2 1 Robert Boorman-Christon Johnson

SUNDAY OPEN PAIRS

(26 Pairs)

- 1 Ken Davis-Jean Levin

- 2 1 1 Richard Hesse-Pitamber Devgon
2 David McIntyre-Kim Ashenden
2 Jenny Shaefer-Nasser Makhzani

SUNDAY FLIGHT A/X SWISS

(7 Teams)

- 2 1 Yi Zhong-Weizhong Bao-Hailong
Ao-Kefu Xu

FLIGHT B SWISS

(13 Teams)

- 1 Robert Wissman-John Christensen-Mita Banerjee-James Geist
2 Joana Da Silva-Robert Gunnell, Jr-John Kuchenbrod-Jay Kelkar
2 Charles King-Cynthia Helms-Sam Bowlin-Steven Fox



Mr. Jefferson's Sectional Charlottesville, VA

August 14-17

SATURDAY EVENING OPEN PAIRS

(40 Pairs)

- 1 Tom Lavender-John Klayman
1 E Plaza-Meyer-Michael Osborn

SUNDAY A/X SWISS TEAMS

(10 Teams)

- 1 Robert Hopkins Jr-Joan Lewis-Tom Lavender-John Klayman



District Six North American Pairs

The District Six NAP finals were held in Williamsburg, VA on October 11-12. Originally scheduled for the late September, it had to be rescheduled due to Hurricane Isabel. The NVBA was well represented as the top flight was captured by Gil Cohen with his WBL partner Marty Nelson. Flight B winner Debnarayan Dhar and 3rd place finisher Joan Shields both qualified with their WBL partners to represent the district. In Flight C, David Banh and Robert Brady, both NVBAers, are students in the afternoon bridge program at Thomas Jefferson High School. All players listed have won trips to the Spring 2004 NABC in Reno, Nevada.

FLIGHT A

- 1 Gil Cohen, Ashburn VA;
Marty Nelson, Annapolis MD
- 2 William Cole, Silver Spring MD;
Alan Kleist, Cheverly MD
- 3 Peter Boyd, Silver Spring MD;
Steve Robinson, Arlington VA

FLIGHT B

- 1 Debnarayan Dhar, Herndon VA;
Dhirendra Ghosh, Mc Lean VA
- 2 Weizhong Bao Herndon VA
Hailong Ao, Herndon VA
- 3 M Cassandra Smith, Wash. DC;
Joan Shields, Fairfax VA

FLIGHT C

- 1 Christon Johnson, Falls Church VA;
Robert Boorman, Chevy Chase MD
- 2 Walton Francis, Fairfax VA;
William Prosser, Mc Lean VA
- 3 Robert Brady, McLean VA;
David Banh, Annandale VA

Hail and Farewell

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

Ralph Garces
Rodney Severson
Bernadine Rice
Seth Pritikin
Herb K. Wilson, Jr.

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

Deborah Carsch
Ming Louie
Bud Nasteff

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

Marion Parks
Virginia Re

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3NT balanced slam-try* (See below)

4♣ Roman Key Card for clubs
4NT quantitative raise with 6 clubs

1NT-2♠-3♣-?

3♦/3♥/3♠ shortness, slam-try
3NT to play

4♣ Roman Key Card for clubs
4NT quantitative raise with 6 clubs

1NT-2NT-?

3♣ would decline an invitation to 3NT based on a 6-card diamond suit to 2 of the top 3 honors

3♦ would accept such an invitation

1NT-2NT-3♣-?

3♦ to play

3♥/3♠/4♣ shortness

3NT balanced slam-try*

4♦ Roman Key Card Black-

wood for diamonds

4NT quantitative raise with 6 diamonds

1NT-2NT-3♦-?

3♥/3♠/4♣ shortness, slam-try
3NT to play

4♦ Roman Key Card Black-
wood for diamonds

4NT quantitative raise with 6 diamonds

* We do not transfer to minors when we just want to play game (we bid 3NT). Therefore, if we transfer to a minor, partner says he would decline an invitation **and we bid game anyway**, the message is that we weren't **trying** for game, we were **trying for slam!**



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EasyBridge! and Novice Players!

Come out and join your fellow EasyBridge! and other novice players for a fun-filled, relaxing game of bridge on Saturday afternoon of the upcoming NVBA Sectional Tournament! A special gift for everyone who plays!

When: Saturday, November 8, @2:00 p.m.

Where: Knights of Columbus Hall, Arlington.

See ad on page 18 of this publication for complete information about the sectional. If you have any questions, please call John Mason at 703-768-4214.

Bridge Wit and Wisdom

- It's not enough to win the tricks that belong to you. Try also for some that belong to the opponents....*Alfred Sheinwold*
- The real test of a bridgeplayer isn't in keeping out of trouble, but in escaping once he's in....*Alfred Sheinwold*
- The trouble with women is that they treat bridge as a game. They do not realize it is a war.
- Bridge is a great comfort in your old age. It also helps you get there faster. One gets used to abuse. It's waiting for it that is so trying....*Rueful Rabbit*
- Since the average person's small supply of politeness must last him all his life, he can't afford to waste it on bridge partners....*Alfred Sheinwold*
- Bridge is essentially a social game, but unfortunately it attracts a substantial number of antisocial people.
- One advantage of bad bidding is that you get practice at playing atrocious contracts...*Alfred Sheinwold*
- "Where's the hand you held during the auction?" ... a comment Jan Janitschke has made when dummy hits.
- South: Alert! East: Yes? South: I'm requested to further mis-describe my hand.
- It is not the handling of difficult hands that makes the winning player. There aren't enough of them. It is the ability to avoid messing up the easy ones....*Alan Sontag*
- Most bridge players prefer consistency in their partners rather than brilliance...*Matthew Granovetter*
- The sum of all technical knowledge cannot make a master contract player...*Ely Culbertson*
- A knowledge of the mechanics will suffice to put a player in a commanding position in the post-mortem. To become a member of the upper crust calls for more, much more -- Resilience, imagination, occasional flashes of inspiration: these are the hallmarks of quality. And this transcends the realm of science...*Victor Mollo*

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- The difference between genius and stupidity is that genius has its limits.
- The average defender operates in a fog of uncertainty...*H. W. Kelsey*
- Regardless of what sadistic impulses we may harbor, winning bridge means helping partner avoid mistakes...*Frank Stewart*
- A player who can't defend accurately should try to be declarer...*Alfred Sheinwold*
- The real secret of the expert is to make logic seem like flair...*Hugh Kelsey*
- If you play bridge with your wife as partner, you need at least 20 points to open, and it wouldn't hurt to have 25...*Joe James*
- Learn from the mistakes of others. You won't live long enough to make them all yourself... *Alfred Sheinwold*
- Years ago there were only two acceptable excuses for not leading the suit your partner had opened: having no cards in the suit, and sudden death...*Alfred Sheinwold*
- I think we're all a little masochistic. Otherwise, why would we continue to play bridge?

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STRATAFLIGHTED PAIRS (A/X=3000+/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.

...REST OF TOURNAMENT AT KOCH...

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 7

STRATIFIED OPEN PAIRS (2000+/2000/750)	2:00 p.m.
299ER PAIRS (0-300)	2:00 p.m.
MINI-STRATIFIED PAIRS (100/50/20)	2:00 p.m.
STRATIFIED OPEN PAIRS (2000+/2000/750)	7:30 p.m.
INTERMEDIATE STRATIFIED PAIRS (300/200/100/50)	7:30 p.m.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 8

Notice/Intermediate Lecture (Jeff Roman)	9:00 a.m.
STRATIFIED OPEN PAIRS (2000+/2000/750)	9:30 a.m.
STRATIFIED SENIOR PAIRS (2000+/2000/750)	9:30 a.m.
MINI-STRATIFIED PAIRS (100/50/20)	9:30 a.m.
FLIGHT A/X PAIRS (3000+/3000)	2:00 p.m.
FLIGHT B/C/D PAIRS (2000/750/300)	2:00 p.m.
STRATIFIED SENIOR PAIRS (2000+/2000/750)	2:00 p.m.
MINI-STRATIFIED PAIRS (100/50/20)	2:00 p.m.
EASYBRIDGE! PAIRS (20/5)	2:00 p.m.
STRATIFIED OPEN PAIRS(2000+/2000/750)	7:30 p.m.
INTERMEDIATE STRATIFIED PAIRS (300/200/100/50)	7:30 p.m.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 9

FLIGHT A/X AND B/C SWISS TEAMS	11 a.m.
Plus A/X = 3000+/0-3000 and Plus B/C = 2000/750	
<i>Both flights are 2-session events with one 30-minute break—box lunch available</i>	
299ER SWISS TEAMS (0-300; Single session)	11 a.m.
MINI-STRATIFIED SWISS TEAMS (100/50/20; Single session)	11 a.m.
99/199/299ER SWISS TEAMS (300/200/100; Single session)	3:15 p.m.

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