



# NVBA Newsletter

October - December 2004  
Northern Virginia Bridge Association

## Never Too Early To Think About A Party

The annual NVBA Holiday party, which includes dinner and a bridge game, will be held on Thursday, December 16, at the Beth El Temple in Alexandria.

Everyone is asked to contribute a food dish ... appetizer, salad, casserole or dessert. The main course and beverages will be provided. Remember, no pork or shellfish, please! Dinner will be served from 5:30-6:30 PM, followed by the game at 7:00 PM.

Those who choose not to bring a food item will be asked to donate \$5 towards party expenses. If you have any questions, or would like to help with the set up and/or cleanup at



GNT Flight A Champions: Sumner Steinfeldt, Marshall Kuschner, Hal Hindman, Mark Chen. Complete story inside (page 7).

the party, please contact NVBA President Leo Cardillo, 703-868-6868.

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## Presidents' Message

by Leo Cardillo



Summer's over! Back to school!! I can't believe that September is here and summer is gone! Like most of you growing up, I always thought that summer was something that all the kids loved. Summer was designed for kids! Not so! Summer is designed for TEACHERS! It's the teachers that relish those long, lazy, hazy (very hazy here in DC!) days of summer, even more than the kids. 'Nuff said, it's time to hit the books and get back to work. This President will be delighted to return to Thomas Jefferson High School for Science & Technology (TJHSST) - is it my fourth year already? - and get back to Bridge Club on Friday afternoons. David Banh, our non-voting junior member of the NVBA Board, and I will jointly manage a growing population of young bridge players that threatens to overflow our double classroom! This year, we have asked TJHSST for a second, smaller classroom to conduct formal lessons, in addition to the general play that will continue in the larger room. Our plan is to invite qualified guest speakers to keep the most advanced of the bridge players challenged to further enhance their knowledge of this great game. Last year the TJ players qualified a pair in the District 6 Finals of the North American Pairs competition to represent the District in the NABC in Reno, and another pair placed first in the National Matchpoint Scholarship competition. Working with other volunteers in the DC area, I hope to expand on those achievements and perhaps reach a point where we can sponsor local interscholastic matches, as well.

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The July 4<sup>th</sup> Alexandria Regional was a terrific tournament, with lots of great hospitality and excellent speakers. I hope you took advantage of both! Every aspect of the Regional event was managed in an excellent fashion. I particularly enjoyed the sessions with one of the top bridge partnerships in the country and the world, Eric Rodwell & Jeff Meckstroth. They participated in a reception for the Intermediate/Newcomer (I/N) players; Meckstroth was a guest speaker for the I/N program; and Rodwell subsequently headed a panel of experts who held a lively discussion on their preferred bidding conventions and responses over the opponents' interference when holding a variety of hands. You had to be there! Congratulations to Tournament Chairs Margot Hennings and Kathryn Kiley and all the volunteers who

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### Upcoming NVBA Games & Special Events

Oct 7	Beth El	7:00	Stratiflighted Club Apprec. Pairs
Oct 14	Beth El	7:00	Stratified Club Appreciation Swiss
Oct 21	KOCH	7:00	<b>NVBA Sectional</b>
Oct 28	Beth El	7:00	Stratified Unit Championship
Nov 4	Beth El	7:00	Stratified Club Championship
Nov 11	Beth El	7:00	Stratified GNT
Nov 18	Beth El	7:00	Stratified Unit Championship
Nov 25	Beth El	7:00	<b>Closed—Thanksgiving</b>
Dec 2	Beth El	7:00	Stratiflighted Unit Championship
Dec 9	Beth El	7:00	Stratiflighted Unit Championship
Dec 16	Beth El	7:00	Holiday Party / MABC STaC
Dec 23	Beth El	7:00	Stratified Rating Point Game
Dec 30	Beth El	7:00	Stratified Rating Point Game

#### Stratification Limits:

For regular NVBA Unit Games:  
 Stratified games: A is unlimited, B is 0-2000, and C is 0-500.  
 Stratiflighted games: A/X is 3000+/0-3000, B/C is 0-2000/0-500

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

### 2004 Sectional Schedule

N V B A	October 21-24	W B L	September 30-October 3

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made the Regional such an enjoyable, informative and competitive experience!

More good news in the summer months was the continued success of our I/N game on Thursday night at Beth El. We are averaging 8-10 tables a week, and I am expecting that count to grow steadily in the months ahead. I encourage all of our members to spread the word that the I/N game is an ideal environment for the beginning players. Each week features a special topic presented by a guest lecturer, followed by a game run by its own Director with a full set of duplicated boards. Beth El has worked hard to manage its own schedule such that the I/N game is almost always able to be located in the separate playing area adjacent to the Open Unit game. In addition, the NVBA Board has approved a random-draw free play for every five I/N tables in play! I need you to spread the word and continue to boost our table count so that NVBA can award more free plays!

In August I represented the NVBA at the District 6 meeting held at the Hunt Valley Regional, and enjoyed meeting Kay Afdahl as she began her term as President of District 6, replacing Bill Cole. Bill did a great job, and I am certain that Kay will keep up the momentum with her ambitious agenda and set of goals.

The NVBA and WBL Scheduling Committee met in August and worked out the details of the 2005 schedule for both Units. While there are always a few i's to dot and t's to cross, the committee has done an excellent job in providing an exciting and reward-

ing set of competitions for the coming year. As in the past, we have scheduled the Annual Meeting/picnic, a Life Master/Non-Life Master game, and a Holiday Party. If any of you have any particular suggestions about events you'd like to see on the calendar, I encourage you to provide your thoughts to any member of the Board. If we can't respond in 2005, we will certainly take your suggestion on board for consideration in 2006!

We have a Sectional coming up at KOCH starting October 21, and another at the end of January, when the annual competition for the William Poissant Trophy will be held. I am looking forward to these Sectionals and an opportunity to see many of you, as well as play a few hands of bridge. I am also booked to play in the Fall NABC in Orlando in November and hope to enjoy some warm weather and some hot competition!

Through it all, the NVBA Board will continue its efforts to increase the quality and quantity of bridge play available to our members. Working closely with our new treasurer, Diane Alexander, the Board will strive to manage the Unit's finances responsibly, and to provide value to our members for fees charged. Increased cooperation with the WBL remains an important goal. Also, the Board will continue to support the appropriate bridge-related activities organized at the District, Mid-Atlantic and National levels.

The NVBA Board welcomes articles from anyone who would like to write an article on a bridge-related topic, including an interesting hand or bidding problem that you encounter. Depending on what you submit, the

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## The Jack of Hearts

by Marshall Kushner

Only in New York! You've heard the expression forever, usually in a negative connotation. For example, only in New York could you find a room at the New York Hilton (the host hotel) for \$159 plus tax and consider it a bargain. Or only in New York would a bowl of soup, a sandwich, and a soft drink cost \$29. And only in New York do the theatergoers bring their lunches to matinees. When they unwrap them at intermission, you could pass out from the onions. But at the 2004 Summer North American Bridge Championships (NABC) in New York we learned that the expression could be positive as well. For example, only in New York would the host hotel have a cocktail lounge named Bridges, and only in New York could you find a deli a block away named after bridge luminary, Lynn Deas. Of course, they misspelled it -- Lindy's. Only in New York would the last two days of an NABC be partially displaced by a convention of models. No, not cars or airplanes, the long-legged kind. Needless to say, between the gawking husbands and the irate wives the caliber of play suffered. Of course, being banished to the least desirable playing space didn't help. And only at the New York Hilton would you find television monitors tuned to CNN in the elevators. Imagine my delight on boarding an elevator full of women just as the Cialis commercial came on. When the voice-over intoned "When the time is right, will YOU be ready?" I felt about twenty eyes boring into the back of my head.

And I suppose, only before New York would you hear such dire predictions that you would be expecting to attend the second smallest Summer NABC in 20 years. In fact, the pre-tournament estimate would have placed it behind such summer venues as New Orleans, Albuquerque, and Salt Lake City. Supposedly, no one was going because of the prohibitive cost, but many found a way. So many, in fact, that when the dust settled, New York had exceeded predictions by about 2,000 tables. Unlike many recent Nationals, New York was well supported by the local players at all levels. All this despite ordinary hospitality and questionable playing space. The ballroom that housed the National events had poor lighting while some of the space for Regional events was decorated in Early Warehouse. Still, they came.



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New York was especially kind to the NVBA. Jeff Roman had two top ten finishes (IMP Pairs and Fast Pairs) while Alan Schwartz and Ai-Tai Lo reached the semi-finals of the Championship Flight GNT. Others with National overalls were Prahalad Rajkumar (LM Pairs & Fast Pairs), Stan Schenker and David Milton (0-5000 LM Pairs), and Ruoyo Fan (Fast Pairs). But the really big news was the victory in the 0-5000 GNT by Mark Chen, Hal Hindman, Sumner Steinfeldt, and your Jack of Hearts. In the wake of that win, the outpouring of congratulations has been truly remarkable, and I'm sure my team joins me in extending sincere thanks to all well-wishers. In closing, it should be mentioned that my teammates were all previous National champions, Hal and Mark in the Flight B NAP in Cincinnati in 2000, and Sumner in the non-LM Pairs in San Diego in 1984. But when folks ask if I've ever won a national championship, I'll be able to truthfully say, "Only in New York."

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article will be presented to several experts to comment on. Articles should be 750-800 words in length maximum. Anything shorter is always welcome. You can send your submissions to our Newsletter Liaison by e-mail, [lucymccoy@starpower.net](mailto:lucymccoy@starpower.net), or mail them to the return address on the newsletter.

In addition to all the excellent opportunities to play bridge in the NVBA/WBL environment, there is an endless number of opportunities to get involved as a volunteer and enjoy the fun of making it all happen! The time has come again for me to ask for several members to help out in organizing this year's Holiday Party. If you have not jumped in before, I strongly encourage you to do so now! The water is fine and you and the NVBA will both benefit by the experience! Please feel free to contact me at any time about anything the NVBA is doing, 703-868-6868.

See you at the tables!!

### Send us your tired, your poor, your email address!

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### Tables In Motion—Free to a Good Home

The NVBA is disposing of 35 bridge tables that are in poor condition. If you think you can resurrect some of them, and are interested in trying, contact Leo Cardillo at 703-868-6868 to look at the tables and pick out those you'd like to have -- they're FREE! Many of these tables are now at KOCH, so they can be picked up there Tuesday during the day, or possibly on a Saturday, if arrangements are made with Leo ahead of time.

## How to Win A National Championship

by Hal Hindman

In 2003, Mark Chen and I had agreed to play with Marshall Kuschner and Sumner Steinfeldt in the District 6 GNT finals. While neither pair had experienced much success with different teammates in earlier years, we approached this foray with optimism and good team chemistry. Apart from the fact that both partnerships were well-balanced, we were all good friends with many common interests away from the bridge table. However, we overlooked one minor detail--the first weekend of the finals fell on the same weekend as Marshall and Candy's honeymoon in Hawaii, so our best laid plans were quickly dashed. We planned to try again this year, but there was one other minor hurdle: Marshall's masterpoint count. He was rapidly approaching 5000 MPs! Fortunately, the Mini-Spangold team he and I were on (with Sumner as well) got knocked out in the Round of 8 by the eventual winners from Florida. So Marshall was still able to compete, and the team was a go.

The first day of the District 6 Final found us as the (lucky) #13 seed in a three-way match with the #10 and #12 seeds. We won both matches by similar scores 65-42 and 65-46. Neither result was overwhelming, but comfortable enough.

The next day match-up was another three-way match, drawing the #1-seeded team (Donna Rogall, John Adams, Fred Steinberg, Leo Lasota) and the #8-seeded team (Ellen Cherniavsky, Tom Musso, Ellen Klosson, Michael Chelst). As good fortune would have it both our team and the #8 team had managed small leads over the Rogall team, so the #1 team

was eliminated at half-time. Our match with Cherniavsky was tied at 25 at the half. We had a rocky third quarter and fell behind by 85-50. However, strong play by both pairs in the fourth quarter resulted in a decisive 47-2 set, giving us a 10 IMP win. One of the key pickups in that quarter at our table occurred when a system-mandated opener and good judgment by both Mark and I led to a cold slam and a 13 IMP pick-up. This was the hand:

I held: - Qx AKQxxxx Kxxx in first seat.

I opened 3NT because we play gambling 3NT openers showing a solid minor and one outside Ace or King. After a Pass by my LHO, Mark bid 4H. While we had not discussed this sequence specifically, I judged it to show a natural heart suit with tolerance for my minor. As I was contemplating my next bid, RHO interjected a 4S bid. Since Mark was now far less likely to have wasted spade values, and his 4H bid could not be on just AKxxxx of hearts and out, I placed the contract in 6D. My judgment was vindicated as Mark tabled: x AKxxxx xx Jxx. After the expected spade lead, I took all 13 tricks because the red suits were not misbehaving. At the other table, the person holding my hand opened 1D, got a 1H response from partner, and after the same intervening 4S bid, it was difficult for the slam to be bid.

The second weekend semi-final match-up was a head-to-head match with Yi Zhong, Hailong Ao, Weizhong Bao, David Chechelashvili (half of the reigning Flight B GNT champions at the Long Beach NABC the summer

## Climbing the Ladder

### New Junior Masters

Tobi B Bear  
 Joy E Brennen  
 Erin C Clark  
 Lois A Gregg  
 Becky Helme  
 Gail S Hennessa  
 Grant W Hennessa  
 Willis Paley Hume  
 Susan Klaber  
 Gil Krawitz  
 Dr Richard D Miller  
 Peg L Neustadt  
 Steve M Schlosser  
 Michael B Sneed  
 A Sullivan  
 Ednae H Trevey  
 Peyton L Wynns  
 Sharon M Wynns

### New Club Masters

Patrick L Brown  
 Ellie Clark  
 James A Dailey  
 Linn N Duniven  
 Marshall Fite  
 Joe R Hertz  
 Ethel P Hoffman  
 Chung Fa Hua  
 Mary Ann Kral  
 Joe Lentz  
 John R Miles  
 Maribel L Newby  
 Cordellia R Scruggs  
 Sophia Sheng  
 Michael Shu  
 Janice W Smith



### New Sectional Masters

Mary F Aurillo  
 David H Banh  
 Patricia Y Boudinot  
 Susan Brawn  
 Bala Chandran  
 Benazir Ghaussy  
 Marilyn J Golias  
 Donald J Hunt  
 Jerome A Kornieck  
 John R Miles  
 Peter B Mirsky  
 Khaled I Mostafa  
 Jack W Rakowski  
 Susan C Slattery  
 Donna H Stoker  
 Elizabeth S Traylor  
 Dick L Verdow  
 Jean Verdow  
 Nancy Young

### New Regional Masters

Terry Beresford  
 Edwin L Brawn  
 Lee Faber  
 Larry M Gomberg  
 Anthony W Hawks  
 Paul Stygar

### New NABC Masters

Douglas Allan  
 Bryant J Cochran  
 Gloria J Halstead  
 Dr John A Kuchenbrod  
 Prahalad Rajkumar  
 James Sandlin

### New Life Masters

Bob S Armstrong  
 Paul L Black  
 James W Conrad  
 Mary Ann Dinger  
 Richard J Hesse  
 Elliot S Itkin  
 Jerry C Krim  
 Neal McKinney  
 William R Prosser  
 Steven M Reed  
 David H Schultz  
 Susan H Strauss  
 Mel S Yudkin

### New Bronze LMs

Mildred S Hartshorn  
 Jay Kelkar  
 Maurice Kitces  
 Eva T Klivington  
 Pat Kuch  
 Martha "Chippy"  
 Lackey

### New Silver LMs

Marge L Gazzola  
 J. David Grier  
 Jenny K Rose  
 Marilyn Thomas

### New Gold LM

Mark Tonnesen

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before). We dug ourselves a bit of a hole falling behind 74-36 at halftime. On the first board of the second half, Mark and I used a precision-type auction to get to an over ambitious 4H contract. When our opponents found the only defense that let us bring home this near impossible contract, my spirits were buoyed. At the other table, they reached the same contract, but Marshall and Sumner found the proper defense to set it, and our comeback was well underway. We tied the match up at 90-90 at the end of the third quarter and finished up in good style winning 120-107.

After two very tight, trying matches in the second and third rounds, we played our best bridge to date in the finals against Rae Dethlefsen, Diane Walker, Michael Cheng, Stan Schenker, and David Milton. We jumped out to a 53-10 first quarter lead and never looked back, winning by a final score of 195-80. Needless to say, we were thrilled with our accomplishments at the District level, but it was now on to New York and the GNT National Finals in July!

We arrived in New York the day before the GNT finals were to begin. Marshall and I spent the evening taking in a game at Yankee Stadium. On the first day of the event, all the teams from the 22 participating Districts were grouped into four leagues of five or six teams. Our league was comprised of teams from the NYC area, upstate NY, Washington, D.C., Chicago and Florida. We played six-board matches against the other five teams in the afternoon, and did the same in the evening. The top three teams from the league would ad-

vance to the second day of the event. Our league was a very balanced one and going into the final six-board match, all six teams still had a shot of advancing. We were playing the NYC team in the final match. We had a seven IMP half-time lead on them. One of the pivotal boards in the evening session was a good lesson on getting in and getting out of the bidding quickly. At our table Mark held x Qx AKJtxxxx xx. He preempted directly to 5D after his RHO's 1S opener. Neither opponent was in a position to clearly double with any confidence, and Mark went down three, not vulnerable, for a quiet -150. At the other table, the opponent holding Mark's hand bid diamonds repetitively up to 5D, giving Marshall and Sumner more opportunities to bid out their hands. As a result, it was easy to double the 5D contract and get the +500 penalty. We had added to the halftime lead and wound up tied for second in the league. The Chicago team had won the league with 58 VPs, and we were tied with Florida at 53 VPs.

The format on the second day consisted of a three-way match with the other two surviving teams from the league with full carryover from the first day, which meant we were starting with an eight IMP lead over the Chicago team and a seven IMP deficit against the Florida team. Despite the parity in our two matches, the Chicago team had a very sizeable lead over Florida. This was important since one of the three teams would be eliminated at the end of the afternoon with the remaining two teams playing head-to-head in the evening. The afternoon session mirrored our results from the first day. We contin-

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ued to extend our lead over Chicago, but fell somewhat further behind Florida... and Chicago continued to thump Florida. The end result was the best possible outcome for us... Florida was eliminated and we continued in a head-to-head match with Chicago with a 33 IMP lead. We coasted comfortably into the semi-finals on the third day. It was a bit of sweet revenge for Marshall, Sumner and myself, because the Florida team had one member on it of the Mini-Spingold team that had eliminated us the summer before.

Our semifinal match was a 64-board head-to-head match (using screens) against another team from Illinois. The match started out well at our table as the first six boards played produced a 29-0 lead. It felt like this match would be a walk in the park, but then we lost 17 IMPs on the seventh board when Mark and I bid to a vulnerable 36 HCP 7NT contract that failed when neither the club nor heart suit behaved well. At the other table, our opponents bid conservatively to 6NT. By the time we reached the half-way mark, we were trailing 53-40.

The third quarter was a good one for us -- we won it 49-31, giving us a 89-84 lead going into the final 16 boards. One of the key swings in the third quarter was Board 10. In third seat, all vulnerable, I held: Ax AJ7x KJ9xxx x. Mark opened a 14-16 NT in first seat. Then after RHO passed, I chose to bid 2NT (transfer to diamonds). Mark responded 3C (pre-accepting). I bid 4H (Roman keycard kickback) which yielded a 5D answer (two key

cards + trump queen). I placed the contract in 6D.

This was the complete hand:

♠ KQ63	
♥ Q4	
♦ 42	
♣ QJ853	
♠ A4	♠ JT87
♥ AJ73	♥ 85
♦ KJ9763	♦ AQ8
♣ 7	♣ AK94
♠ 952	
♥ KT962	
♦ T5	
♣ T62	

South made the best opening lead of a low trump. Mark won the lead with the 8D and lead a small heart to the Jack, losing to the Queen. North could have tested Mark with another trump return, but chose a high spade giving Mark an easy time scoring up +1370 and winning 13 IMPs -- 3NT was the contract at the other table. Even if a trump is returned at trick three, Mark can still win in dummy, ruff a heart, return to dummy with the spade Ace and run the trumps leaving the 4-card ending:

♠ Q	
♥	
♦	
♣ QJ8	
♠ 4	♠ J
♥ 7	♥
♦ 3	♦
♣ 7	♣ AK9
♠	
♥ K	
♦	
♣ T62	

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When the 3D is led from dummy, North must part with a club, the JS is pitched, and South must hold a high heart, so he must part with a club as well, giving declarer the last three tricks with his clubs.

The final quarter was a very strong one for Mark and I, with 13 positive scores on the 16 boards, leading to a 44 IMP margin for the quarter and a 49 IMP win in the match. One of our three negative scores turned out to be a 13 IMP swing due to our teammates' excellent bidding judgment:

Board 18			
DLR E - NS VUL			
		♠ J7532	
		♥ A	
		♦ K9432	
		♣ 54	
♠ Q6	♠ T8		
♥ KQJT762	♥ 9843		
♦ T5	♦ J6		
♣ Q8	♣ KT973		
	♠ AK94		
	♥ 5		
	♦ AQ87		
	♣ AJ62		

Bidding Table 1:

N	E(MC)	S	W (HH)
	P	1C	3H
X	5H	5S	P
P	P		

Bidding Table 2:

N (MK)	E	S (SS)	W
	P	1D	3H
3S	5H	6S	P
P	P		

At our table, South opened 1C, so North used a negative double after my 3H preempt. When Mark crammed the auction with 5H, South could bid only

5S. Sumner opened with the more common 1D, allowing Marshall to bid 3S with the North hand after the same preempt, having the knowledge of the diamond fit in reserve if Sumner did not have spade support. This made it much easier for our teammates to reach the spade slam that came in easily with the trumps splitting 2-2.

Our final match on Sunday (another scheduled 64 boards) was reminiscent of our final match at the District level. We started out strongly with a 48-16 first quarter, and followed that with a 62-39 second quarter, giving us a 110-55 half-time cushion. Board 5 from the first quarter was a 12 IMP swing that started our momentum.

Board 5			
DLR N - NS VUL			
		♠ K85	
		♥ QJ532	
		♦ T	
		♣ K986	
♠ QJ3	♠ AT9742		
♥ A987	♥ K4		
♦ 63	♦ Q97		
♣ AQT3	♣ 42		
	♠ 6		
	♥ T6		
	♦ AKJ8542		
	♣ J75		

N	E(MC)	S	W(HH)
P	2D <sup>1</sup>	P	2NT <sup>2</sup>
P	3D <sup>3</sup>	X	4S
P	P	P	

- <sup>1</sup> a major suit weak 2 or 20-21 HCP balanced (Multi)
- <sup>2</sup> asks for a description
- <sup>3</sup> a "good" weak two bid in spades

Opening lead: Ten of Diamonds.

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Our Multi-2D opener made me (as West) the declarer. After South took two diamond tricks, he led a third and my spade Jack was over-ruffed with the spade King. If North had exited with a small trump or a small heart, I would have been left to rely on the club finesse and finished -50. However, North (seeing the East hand as dummy) exited with the heart Queen, which was won in dummy with the King. I finished pulling trumps with the Ace and Queen and cashed the heart Ace dropping the ten from South. I felt confident about the location of the heart Jack in North's hand, and



pushed the heart nine through North, pitching the losing club for +420.

At the other table, East was declarer in 4S, and after taking the first three tricks, Marshall, holding the North hand and seeing the West hand as dummy, had no difficulty exiting with a small trump and waiting for the setting trick.

The dinner break did little to slow us down, and we won the third quarter 80-38 giving us a daunting 190-93 lead. Our opponents graciously conceded at this juncture, and we achieved our goal of winning the national championship. The celebration in the bar that followed was a joyous one. For Marshall it was his first national championship (giving him some bragging rights with Candy !!!), For the other three of us, it was the second championship--Sumner having won the Non-LM stratum of the North American Open Pairs (NAOP) in the 1980's, and Mark and I having won the 0-1500 stratum of the NAOP in 2000. However, the triumph in NYC will be a bridge milestone for all of us for years to come.

### Second Quarter NVBA Unit Game Jackpot Winners

Ed Lewis and Chuck Yapple tied for first in the Flight A category in the second installment of the NVBA Unit Game Quarterly Jackpot series. They will split \$50 for their efforts. Kris Miller, taking advantage of a chance match-up with M Brown in the Life Master/Non-Life Master game stormed to victory in the Flight B class to capture the \$50 prize.

In Flight C, the \$50 prize was captured by Joy Brennen.



## Hail and Farewell

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

Egbert Abiad  
 Vinod Bajaj  
 James Brackett  
 Sheila Brackett  
 Gordon Burgett  
 Nola Casieri  
 Blair Curry  
 Judith Curry  
 John Fitzsimmons  
 Larry Gebbie  
 Meredith Harvey  
 Edward Harvey Jr  
 William C Horne III  
 Peg Neustadt  
 Mutlu Oruncak  
 Starr Ramieh  
 Irene Schechter  
 Jeffrey Schwartz  
 David Settle  
 Kathy Shelley  
 Nelson Shelley  
 Betty Simmons  
 Larry Taylor  
 Paula Tosini  
 Ann Verga  
 Bettye Walker  
 Mary Frances Widner

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

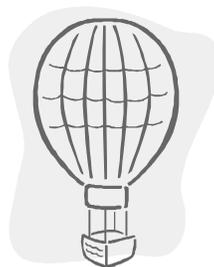
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 Bonnie Blair  
 Mary Blanton  
 Brian Blase  
 Daniel Braucher  
 Michael Brown  
 Richard Bryar  
 Dale Dallaire  
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 Lynn Griffin  
 Laura Groves  
 Del Harmon  
 Tommy Harmon  
 Colleen Jantzen  
 John Klayman  
 Sylvie Kramer  
 Robert Leach  
 Carole Lee  
 Jennifer Lin  
 Jane Miller  
 Amanda Patrick  
 Mildred Stauffer  
 Helen Zellin

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

Rosemary Bollettino  
 Connie Callison  
 Coralyn Goode  
 Larry Goode  
 Shyam Hira  
 Curtis Hastings  
 Jeanette Hull  
 Jean James  
 John A Klayman  
 Cecelia Lazzaro  
 Gerald Lazzaro  
 Janet H Lee  
 Jean Mayo  
 Peggy Magurn  
 Patrick M Morris  
 Jay Powell  
 Greg Price  
 Seth Pritikin  
 Donald Ross  
 Jean W Senseman  
 Elizabeth J Settle  
 Corinne Zimmermann

**We are sorry to note the passing of four of our members:**

Gary Arkoian  
 Richard Finney  
 Don Glover  
 Charlanne (Charlie)  
 Gregory



## Tribute to Charlie Gregory

When I was asked by the Newsletter Editor to write something about Charlie Gregory -- I asked how many pages I had! They threw away the mold after Charlie came along -- she really was one of a kind. For many, many years she was very active in the NVBA -- serving as President, Regional and Sectional Prize Chairman, Late Night Entertainment Chairman for our Nationals, and NVBA board member for too many years to count. She personified the word "worker". Ask Charlie to do anything and you knew it would be done -- and done right! Every December she was in charge of our unit Holiday Party -- calling players to make their "specialty", decorating the tables, dishing out the food -- just everything! And then, not playing, but cleaning up! She had a kind word and a smile for everyone -- always cheerful. She gladdened the spirits of everyone she worked with.

Yes, Charlie will be missed -- she was loved and admired by all who knew her. The Top of the Tree!!

Bette Dudka



## Tribute to Donald Glover (September 2, 1940 - August 16, 2004 )

We regret to inform the local bridge community of the passing of Don Glover on August 16. After several years of declining health, Don became unconscious in late July and never fully regained consciousness. Don grew up in central Florida and moved to Washington, DC in the mid-1960's. He was very active in the civil rights movement and the presidential campaign of Robert Kennedy. He loved the fine arts.

Don was an excellent chef. He received his training as a chef in Switzerland, and worked at several local restaurants, including the Washington Hotel. He took up bridge in the 1960's, and at times was a frequent kibitzer of Al Roth and other luminaries of the day. He was a Life Master, and a steady player and engaging partner. He was a perfect gentleman at the table, and was quick to compliment an opponent on a good bid or play.

Don combined his love of cooking with his love of bridge and often made wonderful dishes, which he brought to club games in days gone by, and to Regionals in more recent times. He readily volunteered at tournaments, and helped compile restaurant guides for our local Regionals and the Washington NABCs, and was always a smiling face behind the Information Desk. He will be missed.

*For another tribute to Don Glover, please see page 28.*

## Bidding on Over a Weak-Two Overcall

*This column is from a Bridge non-expert. The aim here is to introduce thought provoking topics for novice and intermediate players. The NVBA Board welcomes articles from any would-be author who would like to write an article on any bridge-related topic, including an interesting hand or bidding problem that you encounter. Depending on what you submit, the article will be presented to several experts to comment on. Articles should be 750-800 words in length maximum. Anything shorter, of course, is fine. You can give your question/article to any NVBA Board member, send your submission to our Newsletter Liaison by e-mail at [lucymccoy@starpower.net](mailto:lucymccoy@starpower.net), or mail them to the return address on the last page of the newsletter.*

Here is a hand that NVBA member Paul Stygar and his partner held at the Alexandria Regional. Suppose your Right Hand Opponent (RHO), who is vulnerable, opens 1C and you hold this hand:

- ♠ KT52
- ♥ KQ9753
- ♦ T4
- ♣ 4

Paul asks: What would you bid? You are not vulnerable. Would you overcall 1H and then re-bid 2H to show a six-card suit, or jump to 2H right away to show the six-card suit, and ignore the spade holding? Would you make a "creative" Michaels bid and bid 2C, supposedly showing at least five cards in both major suits?

Let's say you choose to bid 2H right away. If you are the partner of this bidder, would you raise to game holding Axxx xx Axxx Axx? Partner is already counting on you for a minimum of two tricks just to make the contract of 2H. You really have only one more trick than that, so you should probably pass, and compete to the three-level if pushed.

What if you are holding this hand and partner bids 2H over 1C:

AJ64 AJ84 Q6 J83?

Paul notes that you don't really have much more than the two tricks partner expects. The preempt communicates that the hand is one-suited and has very little support for the other suits. The preempter has set the strategy, and has limited his hand, so the responder becomes the captain and must decide whether to take the high road or the low road -- whether to aim for a makeable contract or just interfere with the opponents. And the opponents are listening. The preempt may interfere with the opponents' bidding, but it also provides a very clear road map for the opponents to find their optimum bid and optimum line of play. With the huge heart support, it is tempting to bid 4H, but there are a lot of outside losers in the minor suits. Again it is probably best to just pass and take the sure plus score.

Now if the player with the six-card suit chooses to bid just 1H over 1C, then the partner holding the hand with the three Aces or the hand with the two Aces and 13 HCP can give a 2C cue-bid showing a limit raise or better for hearts. The RHO may re-bid 3Cs now showing a six-card or more club suit, and over the limit raise, the player with the four spades

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and six hearts can invite game. The partner with the opening hand can accept knowing there are no wasted club values on this hand.

The full layout in the second case is:

East	West	VUL
		♠ AJ64
		♥ AJ84
		♦ Q6
		♣ J83
♠ Q87	♠ 93	
♥ 62	♥ T	
♦ AJ982	♦ K753	
♣ 972	♣ AKQT65	
		♠ KT52
		♥ KQ9753
		♦ T4
		♣ 4

North-South got to a 4H contract. In the play of the hand, South guessed to finesse West for the spade Q. Bidding and making game was a top score for this 23 HCP holding.

Steve Robinson comments: "A 2H overcall could be made with as little as xxx KQxxxx xx xx and the limit of the hand would be seven tricks. The South hand is too strong for a weak jump overcall."

Scott Merritt comments: "The best bid with the South hand is a simple overcall. Then when partner shows a strong raise, the singleton club, and two spade honors may fit well with partner's points, so you can invite or bid game."

The conventional approach many I/N players use is to preempt when they have a six-card suit. In that case, the partner of the preempter doesn't know anything about the strength of the preempter's suit or the shape of his hand. In this case, as noted by the experts' comments above, the South hand was too strong to make a preemptive bid. If he overcalls 1H at the one-level and then rebids his suit at the two-level, his partner will know that he has a hand with six hearts and with some points outside his suit and some shape. The 2H bid implies HCPs mostly in the heart suit, and a hand with a lot of losers in the other three suits. Knowing the difference in the two hands helps partner evaluate how high to raise partner's suit in a competitive auction.

*(Editor's note of thanks: The Editor would like to thank Steve Robinson and Scott Merritt for taking time out of their busy schedules to review this article and provide commentary on the concepts presented. Their input is greatly appreciated.)*



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Candy & Marshall  
Kuschner

Bernie Oetjen

Norma Pierzchala

Many of the bridge clubs in Northern Virginia post their results on the internet...

[www.mybridgeclub.com/virginia](http://www.mybridgeclub.com/virginia)

[www.bridge-results.com/results/5016/cal.html](http://www.bridge-results.com/results/5016/cal.html)

[www.bridge-results.com/results/5011/cal.html](http://www.bridge-results.com/results/5011/cal.html)

[www.bridge-results.com/results/5021/cal.html](http://www.bridge-results.com/results/5021/cal.html)

## Parade of Winners

### NVBA Sectional September 9-12

#### Thursday A/X Pairs (67 Pairs)

- 1 Earl Glickstein - Robert Bell
- 2 1 Weizhong Bao - Hailong Ao
- 2 Betty Bursey - Kathryn Kiley

#### Thursday B/C Pairs (75 Pairs)

- 1 Janet Dence - John Sedgewick
- 2 Lowell Phillips - Samuel Phillips
- 1 Aquil Ahmed - A William Schmidt
- 2 Namik Haverich-Mirsad Mujezinovic

#### Thursday 199er Pairs @KOCH (16 Pairs)

- 1 1 Virginia Morgan - Ray Morgan
- 2 Carolyn Becraft - Nancy Loomis
- 2/3 Linda Burton - Sidney Graves
- 2/3 Blair Curry - Judith Curry

#### Thursday 299ER Pairs @ Silver Spring (10 Pairs)

- 1 Thomas Din - Rama Kapur
- 2 1 Betty Palmer - Helen Fillion
- 2 Steven Nesseler - Paul Stygar
- 1 Daniel Kelleher - Stephen Weiner
- 2/3 John Graham - Susan Graham
- 2/3 Helene Ramo - Barry Smith

#### Friday Afternoon A/X Pairs (22 Pairs)

- 1 Enid Asherman-Andrew Gabrilovitch
- 2 Alfred Steinberg - Steve Robinson
- 1 M Cassandra Smith - Betty Bursey
- 2 Jay Cohen - Peter Hughes

#### Friday Afternoon B/C Pairs (42 Pairs)

- 1 Benjamin Stauss - Bill Gainer
- 2 Salam Saidi - Kamel Tabbara
- 1 Marlene Stone-Malvern Sheffield Jr
- 2 Robert Boorman - Christon Johnson

#### Friday Afternoon 199ER Pairs (16 Pairs)

- 1 Marilyn Smebakken-Elizabeth Traylor
- 2 1 1 Donald Brown - James Biss
- 2 2 Arthur Keefe III-Willis Paley Hume

#### Friday Evening Open Pairs (55 Pairs)

- 1 Ed Lewis - Frank King Jr
- 2 Jim Wakefield - Helene Bauman
- 1 Mary Mudd - Barry Sparks
- 2 Mickey Hughes - Joan Shields
- 1 Yvonne Markell - Elva Grillo
- 2 Elliot Grant-James Davenport Jr

#### Friday Evening 199ER Pairs (14 Pairs)

- 1 Nancy Loomis - Carolyn Becraft
- 2 1 1 Willis Paley Hume-Herb Wilson Jr
- 2 Kevin O'Brien - Jerry O'Dell
- 2 Blair Curry - Judith Curry

#### Saturday Morning Open Pairs (32 Pairs)

- 1 1 1 Gail Zamboni - Rex Settle
- 2 Michael Klein-M Webster Ewell Jr
- 2 1 Joseph Pieper - Jim Hayes

#### Saturday Morning Senior Pairs (24 Pairs)

- 1 1 Norma Pierzchala-Wesley Jones Jr
- 2 Gerda Mudd - Gloria Schulstad
- 2 1 Kira Jacobson - Thomas Johnson
- 2 Jean Schoepe - Doris Knief

#### Saturday Morning 199er Pairs (24 Pairs)

- 1/2 Joe Lentz - Edwin Brawn
- 1/2 Kim Ashenden - John Miles
- 1 Ruth Woods - Marvin Raines
- 2 Kevin O'Brien - Jenny Shaefer

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(6 Pairs)**

- 1 Ruth Woods - Marvin Raines
- 2 Donald Brown - Carl Noller

**Saturday Afternoon B/C Pairs  
(41 Pairs)**

- 1 Jean Valentine - Steven Ivins
- 2 Daniel Feldman - Rodney Severson
  - 1 James Beller - Lawrence Heinen
  - 2 Samuel Bowlin - Charles King

**Saturday Afternoon Senior Pairs  
(14 Pairs)**

- 1 1 Paul Black - Sam Westgate
- 2 Mark Tonnesen - Carole Grob
- 2 Bernard Oetjen - J. David Grier
  - 1/2 Herbert Fallin Jr - Jerry Krim
  - 1/2 James Andre - Thomas Din

**Saturday Afternoon 199er Pairs  
(22 Pairs)**

- 1 1 Donald Brown - David Banh
- 2 2 1 Deborah Branch - Cynthia Santelli
- 2 Wayne Tyler - Lorraine Tyler

**Saturday Flight A/X Pairs  
(34 Pairs)**

- 1 Fred King - Vincent Wilmot Jr
- 2 Janet Gookin-Stephen Swearingen
  - 1 Scott Waldron Jr - Jennifer Lin
  - 2 Richard Wieland - Glenn Young

**Saturday Evening B/C/D Pairs  
(23 Pairs)**

- 1 Alan Breed - Janet Breed
- 2 Torre Houlgate-West-Rodney Severson
  - 1 Samuel Bowlin - Charles King
  - 2 Candy Greenway - Ann Lebherz
    - 1 Patrick Brown - Margaret Brown
    - 2 Nancy Loomis - Nancy Cartwright

**Sunday Flight A/X Swiss  
(14 Teams)**

- 1 David Chechelashvili-Peggy Allen
- William Cole-Mark Shaw-Ellen Klosson

- 2 Leo LaSota - Barbara Shaw - Alfred Steinberg - Kefu Xu - Weizhong Bao- Alan Tenenbaum
- 1 Lloyd Rawley - Mita Banerjee - Clyde Kruskal - Ronald Zucker

**Sunday Flight B/C Swiss  
(29 Teams)**

- 1 Robert Hartmann - Alan Breed - Diane Alexander - David Banh
- 2 Jack De Vivo - Hongmo Wang - John Christensen - Martha Chen
  - 1 Maurine Kuiken - David Schultz - Farideh & Nasser Makhzani
  - 2 Thomas Reckford - Mohsen Esfandiary - Pari Khoshkish - Behnaz Fardshisheh

**Sunday Morning 199er Swiss  
(5 Teams)**

- 1 Gil Krawitz - Willis Paley Hume
- Paul Stygar - Steven Nesseler
- 2 Helen Dodge - Halina Kulczycki - Alda Ball - Mary Tubbs

**Top 10 NVBA Members**

- 1 15.40 David Chechelashvili
- 2 12.19 Janet Gookin
- 3 11.41 Alan Breed
- 4 11.19 Betty Bursey
- 5 11.03 Glenn Young
- 6 10.75 David Banh
- 7 10.70 Enid Asherman
- 8 9.84 Richard Wieland
- 9 9.56 Helene Bauman
- 10 9.42 Andrew Gabrilovitch

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### 4th of July Alexandria Regional (June 29-July 5)

#### Sarah's Circle Charity (52 Pairs)

- 2 1 1 Christon Johnson - Eva Klivington  
2 2 Mel Yudkin - Leo Cardillo

#### 0-300 Charity Pairs (26 Pairs)

- 2 Lois Gregg - Elizabeth Parker

#### Elizabeth Nelson KO Bkt 2 (13 Teams)

- 1 John Ashe - Jim Witting -  
Sam Mills Jr - Bob Zier  
2 M Cassandra Smith-Betty Bursey  
Kathryn Kiley - Sam Westgate

#### Wed Daylight Open Pairs (68 Pairs)

- 1 1 Jack Wallace-Robert Finkelstein  
2 Julia Nasr - Hikmat Nasr

#### Wed AM Star-Spangled Side (20 Pairs)

- 1 1 1 Hannah Moore-Mildred Hartshorn

#### Wed Early Bird 300/100/50 (16 Pairs)

- 1 Carolyn Becraft - Nancy Loomis  
1 1 Sara Hilgartner-Norma Tolmach

#### Red White & Blue Wed Aft (10 Pairs)

- 2 1 Rita Waldack - Joe Carlomagno  
2 Samuel McMillan Jr-Wesley Jones Jr

#### Wed Aft 50/20/05 Pairs (19 Pairs)

- 2 Donald Brown - James Biss  
2 2 Sharon Wynns - Peyton Wynns

#### Wed Aft 300/200/100 Pairs (18 Pairs)

- 1/2 1/2 Halina Kulczycki-Helen Dodge

#### Wed Eve 50/20/05 Pairs (17 Pairs)

- 2 2 Ellie Clark - Peg Neustadt  
2 2 Susan Klaber - Tobi Bear

#### Wed Eve 300/100/50 Pairs (22 Pairs)

- 1 1 1 Susan Brawn - Nancy Young

#### Wed Eve Swiss Teams (5 Teams)

- 1 Richard Hottell - Gary Hinson -  
Katherine Rabenstein-Linda Clover

#### Wed Eve Side Game (37 Pairs)

- 1 1 Jim Dick - Linda Dick  
2 Maurice Kitces - Michael Kitces  
1 Michael Osborn - Youssof Seraj

#### Wed Eve BAM Teams (18 Teams)

- 1/2 Robert Gookin - Donna Rogall -  
Roger Bates - Linda Lewis  
2 Robert Boorman - Harley Bress  
Mel Yudkin - Christon Johnson

#### Nat Portrait Gallery KO-1 (14 Teams)

- 1 Rusty Krauss - Barry Falgout  
Arnie Frankel- David Ruderman

#### Nat Portrait Gallery KO-2 (16 Teams)

- 2 Steve Rothman - Bruce Bucklinger  
Jeff Kosnett- Steve Ivins

#### Nat Portrait Gallery KO-4 (13 Teams)

- 1 Dennis Kovach - David Logan  
Susan Strauss - Richard Slater

#### Nat Portrait Gallery KO-5 (16 Teams)

- 1 Richard Cassell-Alan Dockterman  
Stephen Goldstein-Mitchell Karlick

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- 2 Pitamber Devgon - Bob Armstrong  
Alfred O'Malley - Neal McKinney

**Compact KO Consol Bkt 1  
(8 Teams)**

- 2 Lee De Simone - Stu Fleischmann  
Bernard Sillins - Glenn Eisenstein

**Compact KO Consol Bkt 2  
(8 Teams)**

- 2 Alan Breed - Bob Hartmann  
Suzanne Abrams - Leo Cardillo

**Compact KO Consol Bkt 3  
(5 Teams)**

- 2 David Banh - Robert Brady  
Lucy McCoy - Janet Rountree

**Compact KO Consol Bkt 4  
(6 Teams)**

- 1 Susan & Laurence Grossman  
Peter Mirsky - John Hornbeck

**Compact KO Consol Bkt 5  
(8 Teams)**

- 1 Nancy Gamber - Elizabeth Schepps  
Madison Schepps - Lawrence Latto

**Lou Stuckey KO - II  
(14 Teams)**

- 2 Lucy McCoy - Glenn Young  
Mark Tonnesen - D Tonnesen

**Darrell Roos KO - III (14 Teams)**

- 2 Robert Padgett - Linda Padgett  
Bea Suskin - Phyllis Talley

**Richard Jasinski KO - V  
(16 Teams)**

- 1 Robert Boorman - Christon Johnson  
Frank Cardillo - Paul Krueger  
2 Richard Cassell - Stephen Goldstein  
Maureen & Mark Durocher

**Irma Hoversten KO - VI  
(16 Teams)**

- 1 Jeff Youngen - Mary O'Shea  
Candace Carlton - Terry Carlton  
2 Mel Yudkin - David Banh

Robert Brady - Leo Cardillo

**Thurs Daylight Pairs  
(82 Pairs)**

- 1 Don Geerhart - Andy Gabrilovitch  
2 Marsha Brown - Zeke Letellier  
2 Barb Hincken - Jenny Rose

**Freer Gallery Compact III  
(10 Teams)**

- 1 Geoffrey Lewis Jr-Barbara Griffith  
Anna McLean - Deitrich Ford

**Freer Gallery Compact IV  
(11 Teams)**

- 1 Ed Brawn - Susan Brawn -  
Nancy Young - Joe Lentz  
2 Madison Schepps-Elizabeth Schepps  
Roslyn Latto - Lawrence Latto

**Thurs/Fri AM KO Conso 2  
(5 Teams)**

- 2 Jackie Thompson - Chuck May  
Dave Tonnesen - John Lowe III

**Thurs/Fri AM KO Conso 4  
(6 Teams)**

- 1 Pitamber Devgon - Bill Pierce  
Frances & Robert Lawrence  
2 Sue Carson - Monica Shumann  
Helene Cooper - Cherie Charles

**Thurs AM Star Spangled Side Game  
(22 Pairs)**

- 2 Bonnie Polk - Keiko Quinn  
1 Daniel Puhlick - Bob Blodgett  
2 Donald Brown - Carl Noller

**Thurs Aft 0-300 Pairs  
(30 Pairs)**

- 2 Nasser Makhzani - Youssof Seraj

**Thurs Aft 0-50 Pairs  
(16 Pairs)**

- 2 2 Peggy Errington - Mary Edge

**Thurs Aft Red White & Blue  
(14 Pairs)**

- 1 John Ashe - Jean Levin

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- 2 Alex Perez - Aida Perez
- 2 Mildred Hartshorn - Hannah Moore

**Thurs Eve BAM Teams****(28 Teams)**

- 2 Thomas Musso - Helen Cheng
- Katherine Paramore - Michael Cheng
- 1 Marilyn Thomas - Julia Brown
- La Quitta Talbot - Herbert Fallin Jr
- 2 1 Alice Swalm - Cordellia Scruggs
- Elizabeth Parker - Marty McGowan

**Thurs Open Strat Pairs****(56 Pairs)**

- 1 Janet Gookin - Charles Yaple
- 2 Donna Rogall - Robert Gookin
- 1 Ron Kral - Mike Spooner
- 2 Hope Watts - Jane Sturgis
- 1 Jay Kelkar - Debnarayan Dhar

**Thurs Eve Red White & Blue****(40 Pairs)**

- 1/2 1 Richard Anderson - Thierry Poirey
- 2 1 John Hawks - Anthony Hawks
- 2/3 John Loney - Paula Shorten

**Thurs Eve 300/200 Swiss****(10 Teams)**

- 1 Gretchen Handwerker - David Loken
- Theodore Wilkinson - Hadi Abushakra

**Thurs Eve 300/200/100 Prs****(22 Pairs)**

- 1 1 John Miles - Kim Ashenden
- 2 2 1 Maribel Newby - Paula Cloyd

**Thurs Eve 50/20/05 Pairs****(18 Pairs)**

- 1 Donald Brown - James Biss
- 2 1 Roma Chandra - Yasmina Patel
- 2 Ednamae Trevey - Ellie Clark
- 1 David Fitzwilliam - Shoshana Gur
- 2 Maggy Salah - Ana Jubitz

**Fri AM Star Spangled Side Game****(18 Pairs)**

- 1 John Hornbeck - Peter Mirsky
- 2 William & Barbara Pepelko

**Fri AM Early Bird Pairs****(22 Pairs)**

- 1 Bradley Clark - Erin Clark

**Fri Aft Stars'n Stripes Side Game****(30 Pairs)**

- 2 1 Rachel Bethe - Kenneth Kaufman
- 2 Omar Okaily - Issa Dorri

**Fri Aft 50/20/10 Pairs****(20 Pairs)**

- 1 1 Ellie Clark - Peg Neustadt
- 2 2 Nancy Detweiler - Marshall Fite
- 1 Katherine Rabenstein - Ednamae Trevey
- 2 Stuart Sechriest - Bradley Clark

**Fri Eve 0-300 Pairs****(24 Pairs)**

- 2 Kay Holdren - Mary Jane Garner

**Fri Eve 0-50 Pairs****(12 Pairs)**

- 2 Ednamae Trevey - Ellie Clark

**Fri Eve 0-300 Swiss****(13 Teams)**

- 1 1 Michael Sneed - Frank Alden
- William Colket - Doreen Colket
- 2 1 Dick Verdow - Jean Verdow
- Catharine Fisher - John Fisher
- 2/3 Jerry Nolte - Elizabeth Nolte
- Edward Young - Sheelagh Young
- 2/3 Susan Brawn - Donor Lion
- Edwin Brawn - Nancy Young

**Jerry Machlin Flt A Final****(36 Pairs)**

- 2 Hailong Ao - Yi Zhong

**Jerry Machlin B Barometer****(16 Pairs)**

- 2 Kathryn Kiley - Allen Shaw

**Jerry Machlin Flight B****(43 Pairs)**

- 1 Barry Sparks - Mary Mudd

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(16 Teams)**

- 2 Stan Schenker - David Leopold  
Margaret Williams - Don Barnett

**Ford's KO3 Jeanne Goldfarb  
(16 Teams)**

- 1 Ed Rodrigues - Richard Hesse  
Eva Shaffer - Pat Winterbauer

**Ford's KO-4 Charles Hines  
(16 Teams)**

- 1 Omar Okaily - Issa Dorri  
Ibrahim Mady - Khaled Mostafa  
2 Ken Kaufman - J J Armour  
Rachel Bethe - Larry Gomberg

**Ford's KO-5 Eugene Taylor  
(15 Teams)**

- 1 James Rocks - John Van Deventer  
Jerry Nolte - Elizabeth Nolte

**Sat AM 0-300 Pairs  
(27 Pairs)**

- 1 Deborah Branch-Herbert Behre III  
2 2 Virginia Morgan - Ray Morgan

**Sat Daylight Open Pairs  
(87 Pairs)**

- 2 Richard Thomas - Ralph Bayrer

**Sat Flight A/X Pairs  
(58 Pairs)**

- 2 Charles Yaple - Helene Bauman  
1 Bala Chandran-Robert Lepelletier Jr

**Sat Flight B/C/D Pairs  
(42 Pairs)**

- 1 1 Jim Dick - Linda Dick

**Sat Aft 50/20/05 Pairs  
(30 Pairs)**

- 1 1 Peyton Wynns - Sharon Wynns  
2 Stuart Sechriest - Bradley Clark  
1 Tobi Bear - Susan Klaber

**Sat Aft Stars And Stripes Side Game  
(50 Pairs)**

- 1 1 Bea Suskin - Margaret Brown

- 1 John Mattioli - Juanita Fernandez

**Sat Eve Stars 'n' Stripes Side Game  
(34 Pairs)**

- 2 Leo Cardillo - Seth Pritikin

**Sat Eve 0-300 BAM  
(20 Teams)**

- 1 Carolyn Ray—Paul Stygar  
Ellie Clark - Ednamae Trevey  
2/3 David Sedney - Diana Sedney  
Donna Stoker - Edward Stoker  
2/3 Ruth Mahler - Jim Mahler  
Rama Kapur - Frank Alden

**Sat Eve 0-300 Pairs  
(20 Pairs)**

- 2 Carolyn Ray - Paul Stygar  
2 David Sedney - Diana Sedney

**Sun Aft 49er Pairs  
(16 Pairs)**

- 1 James Dailey - Vicki Dailey  
2 Sharon Wynns - Peyton Wynns

**Stars & Stripes Side Game  
(22 Pairs)**

- 1 1 1 Bob Silverstein -Uzi Yaari  
2 2 2 Chuck May - Juanita Fernandez

**Sun Fast Pairs  
(28 Pairs)**

- 1 Eric Branfman - Andrew Lipps  
2 Jim Dick - Linda Dick

**Sun Daylight Pairs  
(72 Pairs)**

- 1 Steve Bunning - Kris Miller  
1 James Sandlin - James Conrad

**Sun Open Pairs  
(44 Pairs)**

- 1 Frank King Jr - Robert Gookin  
2 Benazir Ghaussy - Abdul Etemadi

**Stars & Stripes Side Game  
(16 Pairs)**

- 1 1 Marsha Brown - William Brown  
2 2 Omar Okaily - Issa Dorri

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1/2 Sue Swift -Joan White

**Sun Eve 299er Pairs****(20 Pairs)**

2 1 Lois Gregg - Elizabeth Parker

**Arboretum Walter Diaz #1****(9 Teams)**

- 1 Richard Popper - Janet Lee  
Fred Allenspach - Joe Wallen
- 2 Clyde Kruskal - Atul Jain  
Ron Zucker - Michael Richey

**Arboretum Edwa Hollin #2****(10 Teams)**

- 1 Marjorie Gazzola-Rodney Severson  
Martha Lackey - Stu Fleischmann

**Arboretum Ken Jenkins IV****(9 Teams)**

- 1 Kathrine Loh - Thomas Din  
Gloria Halstead - Edward Molnar
- 2 John Mason Jr - David Schultz  
Marshall Fite - Nancy Detweiler

**Mon Flight A/X Swiss****(33 Teams)**

- 1 Vincent Wilmot Jr - Robert Gookin  
Donna Rogall - John Adams
- 2 1 Tom Musso - Rae Dethlefsen  
Melissa Gumbert - Jim McKeown

**Mon Strat Senior Swiss****(14 Teams)**

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

**Mon B/C/D Swiss****(64 Teams)**

- 1 A William Schmidt - Aquil Ahmed  
Jay Kelkar - Debnarayan Dhar
- 2 Marty Zupan - Wesley Jones Jr  
Samuel McMillan Jr - Dick Pellerin
- 2 Jack De Vivo - Hongmo Wang  
John Christensen - Martha Chen

**Mon AM 0-300 Swiss****(12 Teams)**

- 1 William Mendez Jr--Rama Kapur  
Frank Alden - Michael Goldman
- 2 1 1 Dick Verdow - Jean Verdow  
John Fisher - Catharine Fisher

**Mon Aft 0-300 Swiss****(9 Teams)**

- 2/3 William Mendez Jr--Rama Kapur  
Michael Goldman - Frank Alden

**Mon AM 300/100/50 Prs****(23 Pairs)**

- 1 William Boehm - Lee Ghiglio
- 2 1 1 Erin Clark - Bradley Clark

**Mon Aft 0-300 Pairs****(22 Pairs)**

- 2 Betty Taff - Helen Dodge
- 2 2 Sheila & James Brachett

**Mon Stratified Pairs****(32 Pairs)**

- 1 Steve Bunning - Kris Miller

**New York NABC****(July 8-18, 2004)****Grand National Teams Flt A****(22 Teams)**

- 1 Marshall Kuschner - Mark Chen  
Sumner Steinfeldt - Hal Hindman

**Grand National Teams Championship****(22 Teams)**

- 3/4 Mark Dahl - David Butler  
Alan Schwartz - Ai-Tai Lo

**Educational Fund KO-BKT 2****(16 Teams)**

- 3/4 Robert Zier - Steve Bunning  
Kris Miller - Henry Strauch

**Sun AM 49er Pairs****(14 Pairs)**

- 2 Linda Clover - Tom Rehwoldt

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*(Continued from page 23)***Sun Aft 49er Pairs  
(21 Pairs)**

1 Tom Rehwoldt - Linda Clover

**OFF BROADWAY COMPACT KO 1  
(15 Teams)**2 Helene Bauman - Arnie Frankel  
Ellen Klosson - Mickie Kivel**OFF BROADWAY COMPACT KO 5  
(16 Teams)**2 Charles Coffin - Joe Hertz  
Eddie Timanus - Bjorn Axelson**Tues Eve STRAT Swiss  
(67 Teams)**1 Erez Hendelman - Aviv Shahaf  
David Chechelashvili - Lev Pinsky**Wed AM 49er Pairs  
(30 Pairs)**

1 Tom Rehwoldt - Linda Clover

**Thurs AM 299er Pairs  
(30 Pairs)**

1 Ed Brawn - Nancy Young

**GREENWICH VILLAGE KO BK 1  
(12 Teams)**3/4 Stan Schenker - David Milton  
David Sokolow - William Schreiber  
Howard Einberg - James Glickman**Wed-Sat A M K O Bracket 1  
(13 Teams)**3/4 Stan Schenker - David Milton  
David Sokolow - William Schreiber  
Howard Einberg - James Glickman**RADIO CITY COMPACT KO 2  
(16 Teams)**3 Robert Casey - Lee De Simone  
Brenda Montague - Bob Bratcher**2nd Sat AM 299er Pairs  
(48 Pairs)**

2 2 Ed Brawn - Nancy Young

**2nd Sat. BCD Pairs  
(84 Pairs)**

1 Michael Goldman-William Mendez Jr

**2nd Sun A/X Swiss  
(46 Teams )**3/5 Kefu Xu - Weizhong Bao  
Kelsey Nickerson-Helene Bauman**WBL Sectional  
(July 29 - August 1)****Thursday Eve A/X Pairs  
(83 Pairs)**

2 Janet Gookin - Robert Gookin

**Friday Aft A/X Pairs  
(26 Pairs)**

2 David Chechelashvili-Danijel Zenko

**Friday Aft B/C/D Pairs  
(28 Pairs)**

2 2 2 Alan Dockterman - Richard Cassell

**Friday Eve A/X  
(32 Pairs)**

1 David Chechelashvili - Mark Shaw

**Saturday AM B/C/D Pairs  
(42 Pairs)**2 2 Jean Marx - Nancy Hoyer  
1/2 Bob Silverstein - Paul Stygar**Saturday AM O-NLM Pairs  
(34 Pairs)**1 1 1 Carl Noller - Donald Brown  
2 2 2 Elizabeth Nolte - Jerry Nolte**Saturday Aft A/X Pairs  
(44 Pairs)**

1 David Fleischer - Lucy McCoy

**Saturday Aft B/C/D  
(23 Pairs)**

2 2 Emerita Hayward - Paul Stygar

**Saturday Aft Non-LM Pairs  
(21 Pairs)**

2 Thomas Din - Kathrine Loh

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*(Continued from page 24)***Sat Aft 50/20/10****(10 Pairs)**

- 1 1 Katherine Rabenstein-Ednamae Trevey

**Sun A/X Swiss Teams****(14 Teams)**

- 2 1 Ron Kral - Jane Sturgis  
Jack & Vicki Goodykoontz

**Sun B/C/D Swiss Teams****(18 Teams)**

- 1 Paul Krueger - Frank Cardillo  
Christon Johnson - Marsha Brown  
2 Carl Weisman - Judy Weisman  
Raymond Kahn - Paula Kahaner  
1 Jerry Miller - Walter Kerns  
Margie Coccodrilli - Daniel Feldman  
2 Neal McKinney - Kim Ashenden  
John Miles - Gerry Higgins

**Sun 0-300 AM Swiss Teams****(11 Teams)**

- 1 Barry Lieberman - Thomas Din  
Robert Von Moss - Rama Kapur  
2 1 Jeff Youngen - Mary O'Shea  
Candace Carlton - Terry Carlton  
1 Jerry Nolte - Elizabeth Nolte  
Edwin Harvey - Meredith Harvey

**Hunt Valley Regional  
(August 16-22)****Mon Eve Charity Pairs****(47 Pairs)**

- 2 Fred Hahn Jr - Katherine Cave  
1 John Hawks - Anthony Hawks

**Ravens Side Tues AM****(36 Pairs)**

- 2 Sam Bowlin - Etta Buchwald

**Tues Aft 100/200/300 Prs****(42 Pairs)**

- 2 Margaret Storey - Joann Roorbach

**Tues Eve BAM****(11 Teams)**

- 1 Karl Hicks - Gerald La Flamme  
Ken Davis - Sumner Steinfeldt

**Tues Eve 100/200/300 Prs****(35 Pairs)**

- 2 2 Willis Paley Hume - Paul Stygar

**Tues Senior Swiss Tms****(74 Teams)**

- 2/3 Mary Ann Craft - Loredana Williams  
Mary Colby - Margaret McCaig

**AM Compact KO Bracket 4****(14 Teams)**

- 1 Alfred O'Malley - Paul Stygar  
Willis Paley Hume-Gerry Higgins

**Wed/Thurs Comp Conso Bk 4b****(5 Teams)**

- 1 Dorothy Bechtle - Margaret Storey  
Joann Roorbach - Patricia Byrne

**Wed Aft Hunt Valley Side Game****(28 Pairs)**

- 2 Sam Bowlin - Charles King

**Wed Eve Side Game****(48 Pairs)**

- 1 Sam Bowlin - Charles King

**Wed Open Pairs****(92 Pairs)**

- 1 Ken Davis - Sumner Steinfeldt  
2 Lowell Sawyer - Harry Zhou

**Wed Eve Bracketed Prs One****(20 Pairs)**

- 2 Margaret Storey - Joann Roorbach

**Wed-Thurs KO Bracket 9****(15 Teams)**

- 2 Alice Swalm - Nadia Potter  
Carolyn Becraft - Nancy Loomis

**Wed-Thurs KO Bracket 10****(14 Teams)**

- 2 Candace Carlton - Terry Carlton  
Mary O'Shea - Barbara DiCicco

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*(Continued from page 25)***Thurs AM Ravens Side Prs  
(48 Pairs)**

- 2 2 Sam Bowlin - Charles King

**Thurs Aft 5/20/50 Pairs  
(14 Pairs)**

- 1 1 Bettye Walker - Laura Whelan

**Thurs Aft 299er Swiss Tms  
(12 Teams)**

- 1 1 Helene Cooper - Cherie Charles  
Marilyn Smebakken-Elizabeth Traylor

**Thurs Open Pairs  
(74 Pairs)**

- 1 Ann Lindley - Robert Gookin  
2/3 Marjorie Gazzola - Eleanor Usis  
2/3 1 Robert Boorman- Christon Johnson

**Thurs Eve Side Game  
(31 Pairs)**

- 1 1 1 Sam Bowlin - Charles King

**Thurs Eve 50/20/10 Pairs  
(12 Pairs)**

- 2 Laura Whelan - Bettye Walker

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

- 2 Karl Hicks - Gerald La Flamme  
Sumner Steinfeldt - Hal Hindman

**Thurs B/C Swiss  
(63 Teams)**

- 1 Michael Polunin - John Mason Jr  
Robert Padgett - Linda Padgett

**Thurs Eve 300/200/100 Swiss Teams  
(13 Teams)**

- 1 1 Helene Cooper - Cherie Charles  
Marilyn Smebakken-Elizabeth Traylor

**Thurs Senior Pairs  
(82 Pairs)**

- 1 Ed Schwartz - Rich Zerilli

**Hunt Cup KO Bkt 1  
(16 Teams)**

- 2 Rick Rowland - Martin Rabinowitz  
Rusty Krauss - Barry Falgout

**Hunt Cup KO Bkt 2  
(16 Teams)**

- 2 Kathryn Kiley - Betty Bursey  
Jackie Thompson - Marlys Moholt

**Hunt Cup KO Bkt 3  
(16 Teams)**

- 1 Toni Rosenblatt - Jeffrey Klemm  
Joe Choate - Carolyn Brooks
- 2 Alan Breed - Marjorie Gazzola  
Samuel Bowlin - Charles King

**Hunt Cup KO Bkt 4  
(12 Teams)**

- 2 Maurine Kuiken- James Mendelsohn  
Daniel Hollingshead - David Schultz

**Hunt Cup KO Bkt 8  
(16 Teams)**

- 2 Helene Cooper- Marilyn Smebakken  
Elizabeth Traylor - Cherie Charles

**Fri A/X Pairs  
(67 Pairs)**

- 1 Fred King - Robert Gookin

**Fri Aft 5/20/50/100 Pairs  
(46 Pairs)**

- 1 Margaret McClung - Nancy Vuley

**Fri Aft 200/300 Pairs  
(44 Pairs)**

- 2 Carolyn Becraft - Nancy Loomis

**Fri Eve BAM Teams  
(10 Teams)**

- 1 Melanie Tucker - John Kranyak  
Aaron Silverstein - Jeff Roman

**Sat AM Raven Side Series  
(39 Pairs)**

- 1 Bruce Houston - Ken Davis

**Sat Early Bird Pairs  
(38 Pairs)**

- 1 Margaret Storey - Joann Roorbach
- 2 1 Elizabeth Nolte - Jerry Nolte

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*(Continued from page 26)***Sat Aft 0-50 Pairs****(22 Pairs)**

- 1 Jerry Nolte - Elizabeth Nolte

**Sat Aft 0-300 Pairs****(19 Pairs)**

- 1 Margaret McClung - Nancy Vuley

**Sat Eve 0-300 Pairs****(20 Pairs)**

- 2 Ed Brawn - Nancy Young
- 2 Nancy Detweiler - Marshall Fite

**Sat Black Eyed Susan Prs****(75 Pairs)**

- 2 William Colket - Doreen Colket

**Sat Open Pairs****(90 Pairs)**

- 1 David Lindop - Sumner Steinfeldt
- 2 Frank King Jr - Sarah Anne Cressy

**Sat Eve Unl/1500/500 BAM****(22 Teams)**

- 2/3 Shirley Lafferty - Hannah Moore
- Mildred Hartshorn - Ed Heberg

**Weekend KO Bkt 2****(16 Teams)**

- 1 Noble Shore - Greg Humphreys
- Ken Davis - David Fleischer

**Weekend KO Bkt 4****(13 Teams)**

- 1 Mitchell Snyder - Donna Snyder
- Omar Okaily - Issa Dorri

**Sat Senior Pairs****(62 Pairs)**

- 1 Jean Levin - Zeke Letellier
- 1 Pat Huck - Douglas Allan

**Sat ZIP KO****(6 Teams)**

- 1 Ken Kaufman - J J Armour
- Larry Gomberg - Rachel Bethe
- 2 Sherry Ann Kavalier - Les Powell
- Shelly Dunietz - Erez Hendelman

**Sun AM I/N Swiss Teams****(23 Teams)**

- 2 Rich Hottell - Gary Hinson
- Emanuel Bernstein - Jan Maniar

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

- 1 Rich Hottell - Gary Hinson
- Emanuel Bernstein - Jan Maniar

**Sun Aft 0-300 Pairs****(8 Pairs)**

- 1 Kathrine Loh - Ed Molnar

**Sun A/X Swiss Teams****(44 Teams)**

- 1 Jim Wakefield - Helene Bauman
- Dale Beers - Bruce Keidan
- 2 Mark Tonnesen - Shirley Kollas
- La Quitta Talbot - Carole Grob

**Sun B/C Swiss Teams****(80 Teams)**

- 1 Marjorie Gazzola - Glenn Young
- Stu Fleischmann - Martha Lackey
- 1 Leo Cardillo - Suzanne Abrams
- Lynne Kupperman-Jacob Domowitz
- 2 Robert Boorman - Christon Johnson
- Frank Cardillo - Robert Brady

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## Tribute to Donald Glover (September 2, 1940 - August 16, 2004 )

Don Glover was a gentleman. That may seem mild praise in some quarters, but, to me, few higher accolades could be thrown around. He had an absolutely fascinating way of disagreeing (especially about politics) without EVER being disagreeable. His legendary skills at cooking were known to few and had he been born pure Irish, my prediction is he would have been the most sought-after bartender in the world.

NOTHING fazed Don. One night I gave him a ride home and with my legendary geography skills (non-existent) ended up in a bad neighborhood. Needless to say we were stopped by a gang. Coward that I am, I locked the doors of the car. Don made me stop--got out and walked with a swagger to the gang -- talking nonsense in French. The gang dissipated. He was the one bridge player on this planet of whom it could confidently be said that his ego stood at one percent of his ability. He knew no elites, never chewed the fat or had a drink with the high and mighty, and treated me exactly with the same courtesy and politeness that he would have shown to the Queen of England. He was in one politician's famous words an ordinary person who lived by the rules, played by the rules and at worst raised his eyebrows when someone else did not. I will miss Don.

If anyone would like to do something in his memory, send a donation to any Public Television station or National Public Radio.

I am sure he would be proud of you if you did that.

Rammohan Sarangan

## Announcement

Steve Robinson is now the NVBA's official Chairman of Electronic Contact. Anyone interested in being on Steve's e-mail list for bridge news and late breaking bridge announcements, who hasn't already done so, may send their e-mail address to Steve at: [robinswr@erols.com](mailto:robinswr@erols.com). Steve will not give out your e-mail address for any commercial purposes.

Also, all tournament chairs, club owners and bridge players in general are welcome to send Steve notices of upcoming events, tournament and club game schedules/changes, advertisements of special events planned at tournaments/ games, cancellations or emergency announcements due to weather or power outages or loss of site, etc. If, as a player, you are unsure whether an event is being held, check your e-mails before leaving for a game. Please also notify Steve of the death of a player or former player known in the Washington area, or of a serious illness or loss by someone who would appreciate the well wishes of fellow players, or of any other news you think would be of interest to our bridge community.

## Upcoming Bridge Classes in Northern Virginia

### Courses taught by John Mason

- ◆ Wednesdays, 7:00 P.M. at the Northern Virginia Community College (NVCC), Alexandria Campus

For intermediate players: A new section is scheduled to begin 27 October, 2004, in Room 158 of the Bisdorf Building. The textbook (cost included in the course's tuition) is Audrey Grant's *Better Bridge Series - Defense* (ISBN 0-8220-1668-0).

Link to register: [http://members.cox.net/jsm36/bridge/br\\_nvcc\\_int.htm](http://members.cox.net/jsm36/bridge/br_nvcc_int.htm)

Also at NVCC is a beginner's course.

Link: [http://members.cox.net/jsm36/bridge/br\\_nvcc\\_beg.htm](http://members.cox.net/jsm36/bridge/br_nvcc_beg.htm)

(This course ends in October, but will be repeated in January 2005)

- ◆ Mondays, 5:30 PM at Montebello. Chalk talks for intermediate players.  
Link: [http://members.cox.net/jsm36/bridge/Br\\_MDBC.htm](http://members.cox.net/jsm36/bridge/Br_MDBC.htm)
- ◆ Fridays, at the Hunters Woods Reston Community Center, September 10 - December 10, 11:30 A.M.—12:15 P.M.  
Bridge Tutorials for intermediate players who are 55 years or older.  
Link: [http://members.cox.net/jsm36/bridge/reston/rcc\\_FridayLessons.htm](http://members.cox.net/jsm36/bridge/reston/rcc_FridayLessons.htm)
- ◆ Fridays, at the Hunters Woods Reston Community Center, September 10 - December 10 (no game on November 26) 12:30 - 4:00 PM.  
Play duplicate bridge for \$3.00, for players 55 and older.  
Link: [http://members.cox.net/jsm36/bridge/reston/rcc\\_FridayGame.htm](http://members.cox.net/jsm36/bridge/reston/rcc_FridayGame.htm)

**Any questions: Please call John Mason at 703-768-4214**

### Course taught by Marilyn Golias

- ◆ Mondays, 12:30 - 2:30 PM at Lake Anne Reston Community Center  
September 13 - November 8 (no class on October 11)  
Supervised Bridge with Marilyn - for Intermediate/Advanced players

This class is for players 55 years and older who have mastered beginning bridge concepts, know basic bridge conventions, such as Stayman, Jacoby Transfers, Weak Two pre-empts, Gerber and Blackwood, and know how to keep score. The class is presented at a fast pace.

**Any questions: Please call Marilyn Golias at (703) 241-7741**

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