

Come To The Party December 14!

THE ANNUAL NVBA Holiday Party, which includes dinner and a bridge game, will be held on Thursday, December 14, at the Beth El Congregation, 3830 Seminary Road in Alexandria. That week is a Sectional Tournament at Clubs (STaC) week, so silver masterpoints will be awarded for placing in this game.

Everyone is asked to contribute a food dish...appetizer, salad, casserole or dessert. Beef barbecue and chicken and beverages, including eggnog (spiked and unspiked), will be provided. **REMEMBER, no pork or shellfish can be brought into the temple, PLEASE!** Those who choose not to bring an item (or forget) will be asked to donate \$5.00 towards party expenses. Dinner will begin at 6:00 PM, followed by the game at 7:00 PM.

If you have any questions, or would like to help with the set up and/or cleanup, please contact NVBA President Leo Cardillo at 703-868-6868.

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Of Special Interest:

- NAP Flight B/C Finals
Oct. 14-15; Dec. 2-3
- WBL Sectional, Oct. 19-22
- OCEAN CITY, MD REGIONAL,
Oct. 23-29
- NVBA Sectional, Nov. 9-12
- HONOLULU NABC, Nov. 16-26
- NAP Flight A Finals, Dec. 2-3
- District 6 STaC, Dec. 11-17
- Holiday Party, Dec. 14
- WBL Sectional, Jan. 4-7

President's Message

By Leo Cardillo



AS I PREPARE this next President's Column for the October – December newsletter, the summer is entering its final weeks. The Alexandria Regional 2006 is in the books, the Hunt Valley Regional is underway and, in no time at all, I will begin my sixth season as the Advisor to the Bridge Club at Thomas Jefferson High School for Science & Technology (TJHSST).

During the summer quarter, the NVBA Board met in June and July, but not in August. Coupled with the Annual Meeting in May, in lieu of a 'regular' Board meeting, not a lot of Board activity took place from April through August. At the June meeting, the Board reaffirmed the existing policy which allows the use of mid-chart conventions at all NVBA-sponsored Flight A, Flight A/X, Open and Open Stratified events. In addition, the Board approved the establishment of a Unit Statistician position. Paul Krueger agreed to fill this new position. In this capacity, Paul will use historical data drawn from several sources, as well as the current operational and financial data, to create multi-year trend reports. The hope is that these reports will assist the Board in better defining the long range attendance and profitability of the NVBA, and serve as an additional guide in determining Unit pricing and financial soundness. While all of the financial data from recent years indicates that the Unit profitability is stable, if not increasing slightly, I would like to establish a few simple metrics that can be extended backwards as far as data are available. I'll have more to report on this effort in my next column.

In addition to the usual business items on the agenda, at the July Board meeting, Alexandria Regional Tournament Chair (and NVBA Vice-President) Margot Hennings reported that attendance at the Regional was higher than last year, mostly due to increased Intermediate/Newcomer (I/N) participation. In an effort to maintain that increased I/N attendance, Ron Kral received approval from both the NVBA and the WBL Boards to send thank you letters to the I/N players at the Regional, and invite them to participate in club, unit and other regional events.

Jennifer Lin, the Youth Advisor to the NVBA Board, reported at the July Board meeting on the successful World Junior Bridge Camp that was held in Piestany, Slovakia from 3-10 July. Jenny, David Banh and Robert Brady all attended from this area, and District 6 provided funds to offset half of their travel expenses. I am pleased to note that David and Robert were two of the TJHSST students that participated in the Bridge Club during all four of their high school years. I am excited about continuing the Bridge Club in the 2006-07 school year, and the possibility of attracting and developing future players to join the growing ranks of these fine youth players.

Although my personal schedule did not allow participation at the Chicago National, I look forward to the fall NVBA and WBL Sectionals and a chance to compete with friends at these local, but exciting, events. The Sectionals are the most profitable of all the NVBA events, so maintaining and increasing attendance at the Sectionals is vital to

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Upcoming NVBA Games & Special Events

Oct. 5	Beth El 7:00 Stratified Club Appreciation Game
Oct. 12	Beth El 7:00 Stratified Club Appreciation Swiss Teams
Oct. 19	Beth El 7:00 WBL Sectional
Oct. 26	Beth El 7:00 Stratified Charity Game
Nov. 2	Beth El 7:00 Stratified Upgraded Club Championship
Nov. 9	KOCH 7:00 NVBA Sectional (note site change)
Nov. 16	Beth El 7:00 Stratified Unit Championship
Nov. 23	Closed – Thanksgiving
Nov. 30	Beth El 7:00 Stratified Grand National Swiss Teams
Dec. 7	Beth El 7:00 Stratiflighted Unit Championship
Dec. 14	Beth El 7:00 Stratified STaC – Holiday Party
Dec. 21	Beth El 7:00 Stratified Grand National Swiss Teams
Dec. 28	Beth El 7:00 Stratified Club Championship

Stratification Limits:

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Stratified Games: 0-750, 750-2000, 2000+

Stratiflighted Games: A/X: 0-3000/3000+; B/C: 0-750, 750-2000

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

Players with 0-5 MPs play free every Thursday if they play in a game with other players with 0-5 MPs.

For the Grand National Teams qualifying games, the stratification is: 0-500 (NLM), 500-2000, 2000+.

For the December STaC, the stratification is: 0-500, 500-1500, 1500+

NAP District Level qualifiers will be in October/December.

GNT qualifying period is October 15, 2006 – April 2, 2007.

Upcoming Sectionals

NVBA

November 9-12, 2006

February 8-11, 2007

April 19-22, 2007

WBL

October 19-22, 2006

January 4-7, 2007

May 3-6, 2007

For information on Tournaments – Cancellations – Special Events – Club games-
 NVBA on the Internet: <http://www.nvba.org>
 NVBA Bridge Information Line: 703-204-0848

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the financial success of the Unit. Mary Ann Kral has offered to help with the Partnership Chair at the Sectionals, and I am pleased to have her support. Mary Ann did a terrific job at the Alexandria Regional I/N Partnership Desk, and I am anxious to work with her and continue that success at the fall Sectionals. Attendance at the Sectionals has been building over the last few years, and I ask all of you to attend and enable the NVBA to extend those increases toward the magical 500 table level. I encourage each of you to bring a new player to the fall sectionals and enjoy the excellent hospitality and competition of these well-attended and excellently directed events.

Even as the summer days linger and the refreshing fall weather is yet to begin, I want to be the first to extend an invitation on behalf of the NVBA Board, the volunteers and all the excellent professional staff to all of you to attend the NVBA Holiday party on 14 December! Details for this special event are on page 1 of this newsletter. The annual Holiday Party continues to be an exciting, well-attended and most enjoyable evening with outstanding cuisine and ample refreshments of every kind! The only thing better than attending this gala event is being part of the creative and spirited group of volunteers that make it all happen! Please contact any Board member if you are interested in being one of the Holiday Party volunteers, but, no matter what, be sure to attend this special event!!

See you at the tables!

GRAND NATIONAL TEAMS 2006-2007

It's time to get out to your local club and qualify to win a subsidized trip to Nashville, TN, at the Summer 2006 NABC to represent District 6 in the national finals of this grassroots competition.

ALERT

Due to more stringent residency requirements, any individual who is unsure which District he/she is a resident of as of September 1, 2006, must seek clarification from the ACBL Credentials Committee prior to the start of the event.

The club qualification period begins in October, 15, 2006 and extends through April 2, 2007. District-level competition for all flights except the 0-5000 flight begins in February. So make sure you qualify early. However, you can go out and play as often as you want with whomever you want!!

Once again, the competition will contain four flights at the District level. The **Open Flight** is open to all players; **Flight A** is limited to players with 0-5000 master points; **Flight B** is limited to players with 0-2000 master points; and **Flight C** is limited to Non-

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The Jack of Hearts

by Marshall Kushner



I HAVE TO CONFESS. I spent ten days in Chicago and I never toddled. Not once. Didn't dance with my wife either. I did, however, ogle. It is not for nothing that they call that stretch of Michigan Avenue the Magnificent Mile. Chicago never fails to amaze me. It's the Paris of the Midwest. The architecture, the lake, the El, the museums, the parks, the blues clubs, the flowered streets, the Cubs, all combine to make it a unique playground. What more could one ask? I'll tell you what more. Good bridge results. So busy was I playing bridge that I almost didn't get to see my beloved Cubs. Saved them for the last day of the homestand, which was threatened by rain. But it all worked out. Even raised my record to 5-0 at Wrigley.

The Chicago NABC was the second straight national held at a Hyatt Regency and, once again, all was well as long as you played in the ballrooms dedicated to the national events. The lower level, which hosted the regional events, was so cold that I had to wrap a towel around my shoulders to finish the last day Swiss. I mean, who brings a jacket to Chicago in July? On the plus side were the elevators. I never had to wait ten minutes for one. I never had to go up to go down, even 15 minutes before game time. Hospitality got mixed reviews, both qualitatively and quantitatively. There were nights when they ran out and others when the players took one look and passed. Sort of reminiscent of the lady complaining about a restaurant: "The food isn't good and the portions are so small." Still, neither bad playing conditions, lack of success, nor bad weather kept a smile off my face. You just couldn't ask for a better host than the Windy City, to which the total table count of 13,373 attested.

And how did our unit fare? Well, Jeff Roman was clearly our standard bearer. He made it to the round of eight in the Spingold and finished eighth in the Open Swiss. Others with national overalls were Kenton Schoen (0-5000 LM Pairs and 0-5000 GNT), Ai-Tai Lo and Alan Schwartz (LM Pairs), Sumner Steinfeldt and Ai-Tai again (Fast Pairs and Open Swiss). Regional winners included Hongmo Wang, Lynda Flanger, Ann and Alan Schwartz with Kenton Schoen, and Helene Bauman. Sorry, but I failed to make the list again. Maybe next time I'll toddle.

Introducing the T files: Before leaving on vacation a couple of years ago, T received a new credit card. A few days earlier, she had watched Suzy Ormann advising viewers not to sign the back of credit cards but to merely write "See I.D.". T followed Suzy's advice and when using her credit card at a restaurant on her trip, the smiling waiter returned and said, "Have a great evening, Mrs. Id."

EDITOR'S NOTE: While Marshall did not place high in a National event this trip, he didn't come away from the NABC empty-handed. He and Allan Mazer did beat out 66 other pairs to win a side game series.

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Life Masters with fewer than 500 master points. Master point eligibility is determined by the ACBL as of August 6, 2006. At the club level, the Open and A flights will be combined.

Master points awarded at the club level are **half red**—an easy way to earn colored points without traveling or changing your normal local playing habits. In the District level competition, the match awards are red and the overall awards are **gold** (Flight C awards 25% gold and 75% red).

Remember, players qualify as individuals at the club level and may form new teams with qualified players for District phase of the competition. What this means is that you can play with all of your friends at the club level no matter what their flight eligibility and then form one or more teams to compete in one or more flights at the District level. **So y'all come out and play!**

Call your club manager to find out when the club is holding qualifying games. As club dates are made available to the District GNT Coordinator, they will be posted on the District 6 web site, www.districtsix.org.

We will be holding the first weekend of the District finals of Flights B and C at separate northern and southern sites on different weekends, and for the first time ever, two different southern sites. Site 1 will be in Charlottesville, and Site 2 will be in Newport News. **Both will be on the same weekend.** To start your planning process, the dates for the District competition are as follows:

	1st Weekend	2nd Weekend
Open	February 17-18	March 3-4
Flight A	April 28-29	May 5-6
Flight B/S	February 10-11	March 3-4
Flight B/N	February 17-18	March 3-4
Flight C/S	February 10-11	March 3
Flight C/N	February 17-18	March 3

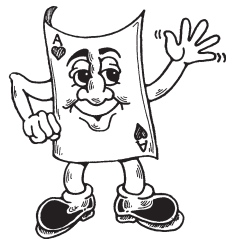
All the information about pre-registration, sites and times for the District final will be in the December/January issue of TableTALK. District level competition dates, sites, results and other pertinent information will be published in subsequent editions. The Conditions of Contest will also be available at www.districtsix.org. If you have any questions, feel free to contact Rae Dethlefsen, District 6 GNT Coordinator, at 703-709-5205 or by email at raed824@comcast.net.



HAIL AND FAREWELL

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

Dr. Clenton Blount
 Sherry Bortnick
 Donna Brand
 Barbara Bruce
 Susan Carter
 Kathy Clark
 Lois Coen
 Elisabeth Crawford
 Paul Deuster
 Kathy Dunkerley
 Randolph Elkins
 Gerard Flanery
 Andrew Francis
 Patricia Frank
 Peter Frank
 Camelia Galos
 Carol Goldstone
 Marsha Gould
 Barbara Howell
 William Hughes
 Helen Hyman
 Susan Jampoler
 Mark Jones
 Istifa Kidwai
 Kenneth Kraus
 Tom Lonergan
 Marilyn Lyren
 Rosalie Moyer
 Dean Olney
 Adrienne Oneto
 Nancy Parker
 Thomas Posey
 Harry Potter
 Peteris Prikals
 Shirley Prikals
 Janice Pumo
 Walt Pumo
 Rita Randazzo
 James Roberts
 Bradley Rosenberg
 Eleanor Schwartz
 Siva Sont



Gail Stanley Shiela Walker
 Betty Warlick Carol Warlick
 David Warlick Lu Wright

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

David K Gillogly, Sr.
 Megan Harris
 Dwayne Hoffman
 Hazel Loney
 James Mosley
 Avril Rodney
 David Rodney – Special welcome back to our “traveling” correspondent
 Kathleen Simpson
 Dorothy Van Alstyne
 Rebekah Viola

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

Donald Andrews	Jim Ashooh
Richard Atwood	Lynsey Barron
Maxine Bartlett	Dorothy Biers
Carl Blackwell	Guy Brackett
Daniel Braucher	Marianne Bruni
Sarah Calliccoat-Yates	Jane Farthing
Fred Flaschentrager	Jean Fulenwider
Pauline Good	Sandra Hart
Meredith Harvey	Edward Harvey, Jr.
Eric Kugler	Tracy Kugler
Rebecca McCormick	Miriam Nelson
Barbara Rolling	William Schelstrate
Jim Sears	Elizabeth Settle
William Smyth	Carl Steinhagen
Susan Sutton	Elizabeth Thornton
William Timperley	Elizabeth Waldron
Col. Clifford Weaver	

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

Raymond Kahn
 Jerome A Kornieck

Parade of Winners

ALEXANDRIA MABC REGIONAL

June 28-July 4, 2006

Charity Open Pairs (52 Pairs)

- 1 1 Bob Zier – Henry Strauch
2 Barry Lieberman – Jerry Barker

Wed. Eve. 0-500 Pairs (30 Pairs)

- 1 1 1 Joyce Currie – Jim Wildey
2 Jose Cortina, Oakhill VA; Adam Winsler,
Centreville VA 66.82% 1.99
2 Robert Dorosin – Joan White
2 Gary Hinson – Bruce Kasold

Redskins - Bkt. 1 Jurgensen (18 Teams)

- 2 Alan Schwartz – Steve Robinson –
Stephen Landen – John Adams –
Mark Shaw – Dan Gerstman

Redskins - Bkt. 2 Theismann (13 Teams)

- 1 Steve Rothman – Bruce Bucklinger –
Michael Kelley – Henny Dorsman
2 Ken Hopke – Helen Cheng – Jesse Cheng –
John Hamilton

Redskins- Bkt. 3 Kilmer (16 Teams)

- 1 Maurine Kuiken – Sam Bowlin –
Charles King – David Schultz

Redskins- Bkt. 4 Williams (14 Teams)

- 2 Dennis Schwanz – Susan Miskura –
Daniel Weinberg – William Prosser –
Walton Francis

Redskins- Bkt. 5 Rypien (12 Teams)

- 1 Madison Schepps – Elizabeth Schepps –
Elizabeth Parker – Nancy Detweiler
2 Kevin O'Brien – Mike Frosch –
Ellie Clark – Elizabeth Huffman

Thurs. AM 0-500 (26 Pairs)

- 2 1 Eric Poskanzer – James Biss
2 1 Reiko Lynch – Helen Lazar
2 Daniel Graham – Jacquelin Graham

Thurs. AM 0-50 (26 Pairs)

- 2 Mark McEneaney – Elizabeth Nash
2 1 Alan Mager – Janice Mager
2 Kay McKinney – Rita Apter

Thurs. AM Side Game (46 Pairs)

- 2 1 Judy Weisman – Carl Weisman

Thurs. AM Side Game (46 Pairs) cont.

- 2 1 Tony Cincotta – Ed Brawn
2 Neal McKinney – Al O'Malley

Thurs. Open Pairs (96 Pairs)

- 2 Elliot Itkin – Robert Finkelstein

Thurs. Aft. 0-500 (22 Pairs)

- 1 1 Donna Stoker – Don Dvorak

Thurs. Aft. 0-50 (18 Pairs)

- 1 1 1 Alan Mager – Janice Mager

Thurs. Aft. Side Game (21 Pairs)

- 1 1 Ed Duffy – Dick Thomas
2 2 Barry Sparks – Mary Mudd
1 Bill Woodward – John Menzel
2 Neal McKinney – Al O'Malley

Thurs. Eve. 0-500 (56 Pairs)

- 2 1 Elizabeth Settle – Larry Settle
2 1 Bruce Kasold – Gary Hinson
2 Peggy McCarter – Rod Spicer

Wizards Comp KO Bkt. 1 (16 Teams)

- 2 Jim Wakefield – Gabriele Nanda –
Susan Winkler – Bill Mannschreck

Wizards Comp KO Bkt. 2 (16 Teams)

- 2 Richard Cassell – Thomas Din –
Gloria Halstead – Alan Dockterman

Wizards Comp KO Bkt. 3 (15 Teams)

- 1 David McIntyre – Edna Mae Trevey –
Paul Stygar – Cathy Stryker

Wizards Comp KO Bkt. 4 (15 Teams)

- 2 Marty McGowan – Sheila Brackett –
Cordellia Scruggs – Rena Tripp

Wizards Comp Consol Bkt. 1 (8 Teams)

- 1 Tom Musso – Ellen Cherniavsky –
Bill Cole – Barbara Ames

Wizards Comp Consol Bkt. 2 (8 Teams)

- 1 Eva Shaffer – Julia Brown –
Pat Winterbauer – Frank Alden

Wizards Comp Consol Bkt. 3 (7 Teams)

- 1 Wanda Worsham – Chloe Johnson –
Shino Franquet – Beth Anderson

Wizards Comp Consol Bkt. 4 (7 Teams)

- 1 Mary Ann Dinger – Clara Siewick –
Richard Ott – Jack Rakowski

Fri. AM Side Game (26 Pairs)

- 1 1 Terry Van Wyck – Michael Polunin
1 Gordon Youngwood – Stan Michaels
2 John Sedgewick – Elsa Angrist

Fri. AM 0-500 Pairs (26 Pairs)

- 1 1 Donna Stoker – Don Dvorak

Fri. AM 0-50 Pairs (22 Pairs)

- 1 1 Linda Burton – Phyllis Isler
Charles Shank – John Donohue
2 1 Alan Mager – Janice Mager
2 Joyce Currie – Andrea Fritz

Thurs.–Fri. Side Series (44 Pairs)

- 2 Don Hunt – Helen Dodge

Fri. B/C/D Pairs (54 Pairs)

- 2 1 Robert Holland, Jr. – Doug Allan

Fri. Aft. 0-500 Brkt. Pairs (28 Teams)

- 1 Gerry O'Dell – Bob Sturm –
Tom Marcelino – Dick Majewski
2 Mike Sherman – James Biss –
Tony Ferroni – Ted Verhagen

Fri. Aft. 0-500 Brkt. Pairs (56 Pairs)

- 2 1 Daniel Graham – Jacquelin Graham
2 Gerry O'Dell – Dick Majewski

Fri. Aft. Side BAM (26 Teams)

- 1/2 Jackie Thompson – Marlys Moholt –
Wonjoo Cho – Kathryn Kiley
2/4 Joseph Trunk – Dan Moore –
Hope Watts – Jane Sturgis
2/4 Jeff Kosnett – Steve Ivins –
Norris Drum – Dorene Drum
1 Kevin O'Brien – Lynda Flanger –
Ellie Clark – Ednae Trevey
2/3 Dennis Schwanz – Susan Miskura –
Dan Weinberg – William Prosser
2/3 Thomas Din – Gloria Halstead –
Hannah Moore – Mildred Hartshorn

Thurs.–Fri. Eve. Open (20 Prs)

- 2 Jim Geist – Sven Pride

Fri. Eve. Side Game (38 Pairs)

- 2/3 Rod Severson – Jim Saxon

Fri. Eve. 0-500 Pairs (18 Pairs)

- 1 Stella Perry – Paula Cloyd

Fri.–Sat. Comp KO Bkt. 1 (9 Teams)

- 1 David Milton – Stan Schenker –
Helene Bauman – Jim Wakefield

Fri.–Sat. Comp KO Bkt. 2 (14 Teams)

- 1 Ed Rodrigues – Gerry Higgins –
Donald Hunt – Helen Dodge

Fri.–Sat. Comp KO Bkt. 3 (16 Teams)

- 2 Marshall Fite – Nancy Detweiler –
Elizabeth Parker – Don Brown

Fri.–Sat. Comp Consol Bkt. 2 (7 Teams)

- 1 Dan Creighton – Issa Dorri –
Mildred Hartshorn – Shirley Lafferty
2 Leon Fastovsky – Suzanne Abrams –
Paul Stygar – Philip Mittleman

Fri.–Sat. Comp Consol Bkt. 3 (8 Teams)

- 1 Arthur Olson – Patrice Gordon –
Jerry Nolte – Elizabeth Nolte
2 Maribel Newby – Ross Bley –
Martha Bley – Nancy Cartwright

Capitals Fri.–Sat. KO 1 (15 Teams)

- 2 Tom Musso – Kathy Paramore –
Michael Cheng – Rae Dethlefsen

Capitals Fri.–Sat. KO 2 (16 Teams)

- 1 Jay Kelkar – Deb Dhar –
Dhirendra Ghosh – V.S. Sharma –
Shuba Dey

Capitals Fri.–Sat. KO 6 (15 Teams)

- 1 Kathrine Loh – Andrew Loh –
Rosalind Juo – Ed Molnar –
Grace Da Silva
2 Marshall Fite – Nancy Detweiler –
Don Brown – Elizabeth Parker

Sat. Aft. 0-5 AARP Pairs (16 Pairs)

- 1 Pat Lonergan – Paul Deuster

Sat. AM Side Game (50 Pairs)

- 1 1 1 Joe Lentz – Rama Kapur

Sat. AM 0-50 (14 Pairs)

- 1 1 Linda Burton – Phyllis Isler
2 Peg Neustadt, Leesburg VA;

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Sat. AM 0-50 (14 Pairs) cont.

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Sat. Aft. Side Game (94 Pairs)

2/3 Ron Burt – Jim Wakefield
2/3 Clyde Kruskal – Prah Rajkumar
2 Alan Gordon – Carlene Garrigus

Sat. Flt. B (84 Pairs)

2 Bob Hartmann – Alan Breed

Sat. Aft. 0-500 Pairs (44 Pairs)

2 Dan Morgan – Allen Ziegenfus

Sat. Aft. 0-50 (24 Pairs)

1 1 1 Kay Gorman – Jonn O Connor
2 2 William Hughes – Barbara Hodges

Sat. Eve. 0-500 (23 Pairs)

1 1 Mike Sherman – James Biss

Sun. AM 0-50 (19 Pairs)

1 Carol Goldstone – Barbara Harding White
2 Linda Burton – Phyllis Isler
1 Pat Loneragan – Tom Loneragan

Sun. AM 0-500 (22 Pairs)

2 2 Michael Sherman – Kevin Bernatz
1 Reiko Lynch – Helen Lazar
2 Joseph Hurley – Margaret Gurley

Sun. AM Side Game (24 Pairs)

2 1 David McIntyre – Joe Carlomagno
2 Bradley Clark – Lawrence Cheetham
2 Don Henry – Shirley Ybarra

Sun. A/X Pairs (62 Pairs)

1 1 John Klayman – Tom Lavender

Sun. Aft. BAM (24 Teams)

1/2 1 1 Donald Brown – Elizabeth Parker –
Marshall Fite – Nancy Detweiler
1/2 David Rodney – Cecily Kohler –
Adrienne Kuehneman – Bud Hampshire
2 2 Kevin O'Brien – Ellie Clark –
Ednamae Trevey – Arthur Polansky

Sun B/C/D Pairs (48 Pairs)

1 Daniel Feldman – Rod Severson

Sun. Aft. 300/50/20 (43 Pairs)

1 1 Loretta Mathews – Susan Pettit

2 Betty Duffy – Larry Taylor
2 Sandy Haberlin – John Haberlin
1 Shirin Farkhan – F Bahranni
2 Barbara Harding White – Carol Goldstone

Sun. Aft. 299er Swiss (8 Teams)

1 1 Melanie Schaengold – Phillip Schaengold –
Larry Settle – Elizabeth Settle

Sun. Eve. Side Game (26 Pairs)

2 Carolyn Cooper – Deborah Brines

Sun. Eve. 0-500 (16 Pairs)

1 1 1 Barbara Harding White – Carol Goldstone
2 Howard Schuyler – Catherine Smith
2 Jenny Shaefer – Eric Poskanzer

DC United Compact KO Bkt. 3 (13 Teams)

1 Ed Rodrigues – Helen Dodge –
Gerry Higgins – Donald Hunt
2 Madison Schepps – Elizabeth Schepps –
Roslyn Latto – Lawrence Latto

Sun.–Mon. Consol KO Bkt. 1 (4 Teams)

1 Tom Musso – Katherine Paramore –
Barbara Ames – Ralph Hoffman

Sun.–Mon. Consol KO Bkt. 3 (5 Teams)

2 Kevin O'Brien – Art Polansky –
Paul Stygar – Cathy Stryker

Sun.–Mon. Nationals KO Bkt. 1 (14 Teams)

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

Sun.–Mon. Nationals KO Bkt. 2 (14 Teams)

1 Jackie Thompson – Marlys Moholt –
Wonjoo Cho – Kathryn Kiley
2 Tom Musso – Kathy Paramore –
Joe Wallen – Ellen Cherniavsky

Sun.–Mon. Nationals KO Bkt. 3 (16 Teams)

1 Elliot Itkin – H. Nelson –
Michael Polunin – Glenn Young
2 Chas Fain – Jim Dresser –
Susan Winkler – Suzanne Abrams

Sun.–Mon. Nationals KO Bkt. 4 (14 Teams)

2 Charles King – Maurine Kuiken –
Sam Bowlin – David Schultz

Sun.–Mon. Nationals KO Bkt. 5 (14 Teams)

1 Joseph Oren – Beverly Oren –
Thomas Din – Gloria Halstead

Sun.–Mon. Nationals KO Bkt. 5 (14 Teams) cont.

- 2 Carl Noller – Lynda Flanger –
Kathryn Ritterbush – Beverly Geurin

Sun.–Mon. Nationals KO Bkt. 6 (12 Teams)

- 1 Anthony Graziano – Fred Lopp –
Wanda Worsham – Chloe Johnson

Mon. AM Side Game (52 Pairs)

- 1 1 Rama Kapur – Joe Lentz

Mon. AM 0-500 (17 Pairs)

- 1 1 1 Richard Wan – Gerald O'Dell
2 2 Betty Duffy – Katharine Klos
2 Leslie Rose – James Rose

Mon. AM 0-50 (16 Pairs)

- 1 1 1 William Smyth – Daniel Puhlick
2 Pat Lonergan – Tom Lonergan,

Mon. A/B Open Pairs (80 Pairs)

- 2 Linda Smith – Livingston Johnson

Mon. Aft. Side Game (44 Pairs)

- 2 2 Alan Breed – Janet Breed
2/3 John Mason, Jr. – Neal McKinney

Cherry Blossom 750/300 (54 Pairs)

- 2 Frank Alden – Michael Sneed

Mon. Aft. Side BAM (16 Teams)

- 2 Steve Robinson – Peter Boyd –
Ai-Tai Lo – Alan Schwartz
1 Linda Marshall – Monique Smith –
James Andre – Lily Andre
2 Kenneth Kaufman – J.J. Armour –
Mark Steele – Rachel Bethe

Mon. Aft. 0-500 (50 Pairs)

- 2 2 Ellinor Legg – Carol Goldstone

Mon. Aft. 0-500 Swiss (9 Teams)

- 1 1 Melanie Schaengold – Phillip Schaengold –
Elizabeth Settle – Larry Settle
2 2 Mary Ann Kral – Elizabeth Huffman –
Linda Clover – Joyce Wilkinson

Mon. Eve. Side Game (16 Pairs)

- 2 2 Bob Zier – Leo Cardillo

Mon. Eve. 0-500 Brktd. Teams (10 Teams)

- Joseph Hurley – Richard Hottell –
Blair Curry – Judith Curry

Mon. Eve. 300/100/50 Pairs (20 Tables)

- 1 1 Blair Curry – Judith Curry
2 Jenny Shaefer – Shirley Stauffacher
1 William Smyth – Daniel Puhlick

Mon. Eve. Swiss (10 Teams)

- 1 John Adams – Alfred Steinberg –
Ann Schwartz – Alan Schwartz –
Alvin Pecarsky – Nancy Pecarsky –
Pete Ekstrand – Richard Wieland
1 Steven Rothman – Michael Polunin –
Glenn Young – Bruce Bucklinger
2 1 Robert Gunnell, Jr. –
Katherine Rabenstein –
Steven Schatzow – Shlomit Rind

Mon.–Tues. KO - Bkt. 2 (14 Teams)

- 1 David McIntyre – Carlene Garrigou –
Salam Saidi – Kamel Tabbara

Mon.–Tues. KO - Bkt. 3 (16 Teams)

- 1 Martha Bley – Ross Bley –
Nancy Cartwright – Maribel Newby
2 Ed Rodrigues – Dev Devgon –
Gerry Higgins – Donald Hunt –
Helen Dodge – William Pierce

Tues A/X Swiss (27 Teams)

- 1/2 Steve Robinson – Peter Boyd –
Bill Cole – Ai-Tai Lo – Alan Schwartz
2 Tom Musso – Katherine Paramore –
Barbara Ames – Ellen Cherniavsky

Tues. B/C/D Strat. Swiss (47 Teams)

- 1 Richard Price – Melissa Price –
Doug Lindsey – Coby Gallo
2 Daniel Feldman – Jerry Miller –
Margie Coccodrilli – Rod Severson

Mon.–Tues. Side Series (26 Pairs)

- 2 1 Rama Kapur – Joe Lentz

Tues. AM 300/100/50 (26 Pairs)

- 2 2 Michael Lusick – Freeman Adkins
2 Sara Goodwin – Kimberly Ferguson

Tues. AM 300/200 Swiss (6 Teams)

- 1 Frank Alden – Gerald O'Dell –
Lorraine Davis – Ruth Freedman
2 Joseph Hurley – Andrew McPherson –
Ruth Misener – Thomas Johnson
1 Hans Strohmmer – Nancy Strohmmer –

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Tues. AM 500/200 Swiss (6 Teams) cont.
Joyce Currie – Joan White

WBL SECTIONAL
August 3-6, 2006

Thurs A/X Pairs (73 Pairs)

1 Margot Hennings – Prah Rajkumar

Thurs. 199ers @ NVBA (22 Pairs)

1 Larry Gebbie – Murat Berk
1 1 Barbara Hodges – William Hughes
2 2 Peggy Mc Carter – Rod Spicer

Fri. Aft. B/C/D Pairs (14 Pairs)

2 2 2 Edna Mae Trevey – Kathrine Loh

Fri. Aft. NLM Pairs (26 Pairs)

2 2 2 Richard Majewski – Gerald O'Dell

Fri. Eve. A/X Barometer Pairs (24 Pairs)

2 Michael Lawrence – Craig Olson

Fri. Eve. B/C/D Barometer Pairs (33 Pairs)

2 William Gurley – Eric Poskanzer

Sat. AM A/X Pairs (44 Pairs)

1 Charles Yaple – Sarah Anne Cressy
2 Doug Bullock – Kris Miller

Sat. AM B/C/D Pairs (38 Pairs)

2 Dorothy Bechtle – Margaret Storey

Sat. AM NLM Pairs (24 Pairs)

1 Madison Schepps – Elizabeth Schepps
2 Frank Alden – Gerald O'Dell

Sat. Aft. A/X Pairs (40 Pairs)

2 1 Tom Lavender – John Klayman

Sat Aft B/C/D Pairs (56 Pairs)

2 2 Lynda Flanger – Kevin O'Brien

Sat. Aft. NLM Pairs (18 Pairs)

1 Madison Schepps – Elizabeth Schepps

Sun. A/X Swiss (18 Teams)

1/2 Deb Dhar – Shuba Dey –
Lloyd Rawley – Mita Banerjee

Sun B/C/D Swiss (24 Teams)

1 1 Steve Forsythe – Sandra Forsythe –
Thomas Din – Gloria Halstead

Sun B/C/D Swiss (24 Teams) cont.

2 Linda Padgett – Robert Padgett –
Michael Polunin – John Mason, Jr.
2 1 Dorothy Bechtle – Margaret Storey –
Carolyn Becraft – Susan Slattery

CHICAGO NABC
July 13-23, 2006

GNT Flight A

5/8 Kenton Schoen – Diane Walker –
Millard Nachtwey – Linda Maloney

Education Fund KO – Bkt. 3 (16 Teams)

2 David Banh – Rob Meckstroth –
Matt Meckstroth – Sam Katz –
Dan Goldfein

Bruce LM-5000 – 6 sessions (60 Pairs)

17 Kenton Schoen – Diane Walker

Life Master Pairs (182 Pairs)

27 Ai-Tai Lo – Alan Schwartz

International Fund/Ed. Found Pairs (94 Pairs)

2 Tom Cogan – Ron Sukoneck

1st Sat. Eve. A/X BAM

2 1 David Banh – Robert Fournier –
Todd Kaplan – Adam Kaplan

Mini-Spangold 1500 KO Teams (43 Teams)

3/4 David Banh – Sam Katz –
Daniel Goldfein – Owen Lien –
Kevin Dwyer

Wed. 3 PM 49er (28 Pairs)

2 2 1 Pat Lonergan – Tom Lonergan

Wed. Eve. 100/200/300 Swiss (20 Teams)

2 Stella Perry – Lois Simms –
Edna Mae Trevey – Ellie Clark

WERNHER Open Pairs (104 Pairs)

10 Helene Bauman – Leslie Paryzer

Thurs.–Fri. Side Game Series (67 Pairs)

1 Marshall Kuschner – Allan Mazer

Spangold KO (78 Teams)

5/8 Jeff Roman – Piotr Tuszynski –
Apolinary Kowalski – John Fout –
Jeff Roman – Farid Assemi –
Ed Wojewoda

Fri. KO Bkt. 2 (16 Teams)

1 Ann Schwartz – Alan Schwartz –
Kenton Schoen – Diane Walker

Fri. Consol KO Bkt. 1 (8 Teams)

1 Helene Bauman – Arnie Frankel –
Ed Lazarus – Diane Lazarus

Open Swiss (72 Teams)

8 Jeff Roman – Piotr Tuszyński –
Apolinary Kowalski – Ed Wojewoda –
Farid Assemi – John Fout
25 Ai-Tai Lo – Jerry Helms –
Robert Bitterman – David Lindop –
Bill Cole – Dan Gerstman
47/48 Birger Holmquist – Donald Foote –
Sumner Steinfeldt – Kent Hartman

HUNT VALLEY MABC REGIONAL
August 8-14, 2006

Mon. Eve. 50/100/300 (12 Pairs)

1 1 1 Betty Walker – Laura Whelan

Mon.–Tues. KO Bkt. 8 (16 Teams)

1 David Mead – Kathleen O'Toole –
Elizabeth Huffman – Larry Gebbie

Ravens Tues. AM Side Game (44 Pairs)

1 1 Lynda Flanger – Anthony Graziano
2 2 Bob Zier – Jim Witting

Tues. Eve. BAM (20 Teams)

2/3 2/3 1 Dorothy Bechtle – Margaret Storey –
Susan Slattery – Joann Roorbach

Tues. Eve. 5/20/50 (20 Pairs)

2 1 1 Kathryn Weyers – Elizabeth Waldron

Tues. Eve. Hunt Valley Side (26 Pairs)

1 Ron Kral – Kathy Stanford

Senior Swiss (68 Teams)

1 Richard Lenox – Lucia Morrison –
Bob Zier – Jim Witting

Wed. Early Bird 0-300 (19 Pairs)

Kathryn Weyers – Elizabeth Waldron

Wed. Eve. B-A-M (36 Teams)

1 Elizabeth Traylor – Marilyn Smebakken –
Helene Cooper – Joan McQuaid

Preakness AM Compact KO Bkt. 2 (12 Teams)

2 Jeffrey Klemm – Richard O'Keefe Jr. –
Marsha Modell – Janice Altman

Preakness AM Consol KO Bkt. 1 (6 Teams)

1 Livingston Johnson – Dede Flieder –
Iris Alberts – Bess Eastin

Wed.–Thurs. KO Bkt. 6 (16 Teams)

2 Linda Miller – Patricia Richeson –
William Gurley – Jeffrey Boak

Wed.–Thurs. KO Bkt. 10 (16 Teams)

1 David Mead – Kathleen O'Toole –
Larry Gebbie – Elizabeth Huffman

Thurs. Aft. 10/20/50 Pairs (14 Pairs)

2 2 1 Betty Walker – Laura Whelan

Thurs. Eve. B-A-M (30 Teams)

2 Shirley Crockett – Veronica Gerster –
Sara Hilgartner – Norma Tolmach

Thurs. Eve. 100/200/300 Swiss (8 Teams)

1 1 Howard Schuyler – Catherine Smith –
Lewis Shapiro – Harold Mendelson

Thurs. Senior Pairs (82 Pairs)

2 Tom Lavender – John Klayman

Orioles Fri. Aft. Side (52 Pairs)

11 Livingston Johnson – John Lowe III

Fri. Eve. B-A-M (12 Teams)

1/2 William Gurley – Jeffrey Boak –
Martha Bley – Ross Bley
1/2 Veronica Reinhardt – Tina Hogan –
Marilyn Armon – Jane Farthing

Fri. Eve. 100/200/300 Prs (36 Pairs)

11 Jerry Nolte – Elizabeth Nolte
1/2 Linda Burton – Eric Poskanzer

Hunt Cup KO Bkt. 1 (9 Teams)

1 Al Duncker – Ann Lindley –
Barbara Shaw – Leo LaSota
2 Richard Ferrin – Eugene Kales –
Diane Walker – Kenton Schoen

Hunt Cup KO Bkt. 5 (16 Teams)

2 Jeff Youngen – Nancy Young –
Ed Brawn – Susan Brawn

Sat Eve. B-A-M (14 Teams)

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

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Sat Eve. B-A-M (14 Teams) cont.

2/3 Ken Davis – John Ashe –
Tony Aukstikalnis – William Foster, Jr.

Sat Open Pairs (76 Pairs)

2 1 Deb Dhar – Shuba Dey
2 Ron Kral – Stu Fleischmann
2 Ned Griffith – Al Lauber

Weekend KO (12 Teams)

2 William Holt – Robert Park –
Frank Cardillo – Robert Hollow

Weekend KO (12 Teams)

2 Jerry Barker – James Bartow –
John Lowe, III – Thomas Gallagher

Sun AM 300/100/50 Swiss (13 Teams)

2 Tina Hogan – Veronica Reinhardt –
Marilyn Armon – Jane Farthing

Sun Open Pairs (29 Pairs)

2 1 Diane Alexander – Steven Schatzow

Sun A/X Swiss (29 Teams)

1 Mark Laken – Harvey Charkatz –
David Milton – Stan Schenker
1 Shuba Dey – Amal Dasgupta –
Deb Dhar – Dharendra Ghosh

“PLAYING NICE” WITH THE NEW MANAGEMENT AT KOCH

As those of you know who played at the recent very-well attended NVBA September Sectional at the Knights of Columbus Hall (KOCH) in Arlington, KOCH is under new management that is striving to make that facility better and to adhere to county rules and regulations while doing so.

This means, among other things, that we will need to comply with parking around the building as it has been marked by white lines denoting legal parking spaces and by signs where reserved parking for KOCH management and staff is indicated. I know that for years these restrictions have not been enforced to the degree that they are enforcing them now, but, please, everybody, pitch in and do your part!

In order to continue to be able to use this site—and by all we have heard from you, everybody loves the location—it is incumbent on us all to work hard to keep “the bridge group” in the good graces of KOCH management so that we can retain our access to this facility!

As your Tournament Chairs, Kathryn Kiley and I are striving to provide the best facility and amenities to you, the players, as we can within our budget. In the face of imminent rent increases by KOCH and a new, formal contract with them, we really want them to want us as much as we want to keep you happy!

More on this in the next issue of this Newsletter.... In the meantime, thanks to everyone for their smiling cooperation!

—Margot Hennings
—NVBA Tournament Chair

**2006-2007 North American Pairs
DISTRICT 6 FINALS
October 14-15, 2006 (South, 0-2000 and NLM only)
and December 02-03, 2006 (North, all Flights)**

The District 6 Final for the Open Flight will be held the weekend of December 02-03, 2006. The 0-2000 Final will be held at two sites on the weekends of October 14-15, 2006 and December 02-03, 2006. The NLM Flight will be a two-session event held at two sites on Saturday October 14, 2006 and December 02, 2006. The 0-2000 and NLM eligible players may play in two different flights by playing at one level in October and the other level in December. You must be a member of a Unit in District 6 and have qualified for the event at the club level to play in the District 6 Final. The CLUB qualifying period was June through August.

The **Open** Flight final, a four-session event in which half the field will qualify for Sunday play, will be held on December 02-03 at the Gwendolyn Coffield Community Recreation Center, 2450 Lyttonville Road, Silver Spring, MD on Saturday and at the **Viers Mill Local Park**, 4425 Garrett Park Road, Wheaton MD on Sunday. Game times will be 12:30 and 6:00 on Saturday and 11:00 and 4:30 on Sunday. Mid-chart conventions will be allowed in the Open Flight only.

The **0-2000** Flight final, a four-session event in which half the field will qualify for Sunday play, will be played at two sites. Players may play at the site of their choice. The **Southern** site game will be held on **October 14-15** at the **Peninsula DBC** 640A 79th Street, Newport News, VA at 11:00 and 4:30 on both days. The Northern site game will be held on **December 02-03** at the Gwendolyn Coffield Community Recreation Center, 2450 Lyttonville Road, Silver Spring, MD on Saturday and the **Viers Mill Local Park**, 4425 Garrett Park Road, Wheaton MD on Sunday. Game times will be 12:30 and 6:00 on Saturday and 11:00 and 4:30 on Sunday.

The **NLM** Flight final will be a two-session event and will be played at two sites on **Saturday only**. Players may play at the site of their choice. The **Southern** site game will be held **October 14** at the **Peninsula DBC** 640A 79th Street, Newport News, VA at 11:00 and 4:30. The **Northern** site game will be on **December 02** at the Gwendolyn Coffield Community Recreation Center, 2450 Lyttonville Road, Silver Spring, MD at 12:30 and 6:00.

Three pairs in each flight will qualify for the National Finals, held during the Spring 2007 NABC in St. Louis, MO. In the 0-2000 and NLM Flights, two pairs will come from the site with the larger attendance and the third from the smaller site. The formula for determining the order of qualification will be announced prior to the start of the October event. The Open Finals in St. Louis will be held March 07-08, 2007; the 0-2000 and NLM Finals will be held March 17-18, 2007.

The qualifiers will be subsidized (to various extents) for travel expenses and hotel

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rooms by the ACBL and/or District 6. Membership dues or Life Master service fee must be current and continuous from the start of the District Final to the completion of the North American Pairs Final at the NABC in order to play in the National Final.

For more information, visit the District 6 website or contact Barbara Doran by phone at (301) 608-0347 or by email to barbd@starpower.net. For Southern site specific information, contact David Burnes at dburnes@cox.net.

DIRECTIONS TO NAP DISTRICT FINALS PLAYING SITES

Directions to Peninsula Duplicate Bridge Club 640A 79th Street, Newport News, VA 23605

From Interstate 64 (either East or West) take exit 263 (James River Bridge – U.S. 258 South – Mercury Blvd., West). Proceed 2.5 miles on Mercury Blvd. to Newmarket Dr. (Sears shopping center is on your right; Wendy's is on your left.) Turn left (South) onto Newmarket Dr. and proceed to 79th Street (first traffic signal – about 1/4 mile). Turn right onto 79th St. into an old (circa 1964) strip shopping mall. Bridge Club is located about 200 yards away next to U.S. Post Office. NOTE: Bridge Club is identified with large letters on the awning.

Directions to the Gwendolyn Coffield Community Recreation Center, 2450 Lyttonville Road, Silver Spring, MD 20910

- From Virginia and points west: Take the Beltway (I-495) to the Connecticut Avenue (MD 185) exit (Exit 33) South, turn left at East West Highway (MD 410), turn left at Grubb Road (changes to Lyttonville Rd). The center will be on your right.
- From Baltimore and points East: Take the Beltway (I 495) to the Georgia Avenue (MD 97) exit (Exit 31) South, turn right on 16th Street (just past the 2nd light), turn right at East-West Highway (MD 410), and turn right at Grubb Road (becomes Lyttonville Rd). The Center will be on your right.

Directions to Viers Mill Local Park 4425 Garrett Park Road, Wheaton MD 20906

- I-495 Outer Loop (from the North/East):
Take the Beltway to the Rockville Pike Exit North, stay to the right and turn on Beach Drive. When Beach Drive ends, turn right on Garrett Park Road. The Center will be on your left.
- I-495 Inner Loop (from the South/West):
Take the Beltway to Connecticut Ave (toward Kensington) and turn left at the light at Knowles. Turn right at Beach Drive. When Beach Drive ends, turn right on Garrett Park Road. The Center will be on your left.

Bridge club results posted on the Internet:

Director: Carole Grob – *Games:* Ballston Bridge Club – Monday, 10:00 AM;
Thursday Morning Bridge Club, 10:00 AM
URL: <http://www.mybridgeclub.com/virginia/virginia.htm>

Director: John Mason – *Game:* Montebello DBC – Monday 7:00 PM
URL: <http://members.cox.net/jsm36/bridge/bridgehome.htm>

Director: John Mason/Dale Dallaire – *Game:* First Christian Church –
Friday, 10:00 AM
URL: <http://members.cox.net/jsm36/bridge/bridgehome.htm>

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

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

Director: Gene Schuyler – *Games:* If It's Tuesday BC – Tuesday 7:00 PM
URL: <http://members.cox.net/carlinspringsbc/index2.htm>

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

Director: Louise Sellers – *Games:* Jewish Community Center (JCC) –
Wednesday, 11:00 AM, Sunday, 1:00 PM; Vienna Bridge – Thursday, 10:00 a.m. –
URL: <http://members.cox.net/bridge.jcc.vdbc>

Novice/Intermediate Bridge Classes at Marshall HS

Stu Fleischmann, one of NVBA's Life Masters, will be presenting his own innovative bridge instruction course at Marshall High School from 7:00 – 9:30 pm beginning Wednesday, 9/27 for 8 weeks. This course is offered through the Adult and Community Education program of Fairfax County. Tuition is \$149.00 + \$20.00 for materials (50 percent discount for seniors). The course is for beginners, novices and intermediates. Emphasis is on learning all of the important concepts of bridge. Students learn to internalize the questions to ask themselves during bidding and play by using a workbook that Stu has developed with extensive exercises and hands. Interested players can register by calling 703-227-2377 and requesting "Bridge Made Easy." If anyone has any questions, Stu can be reached by email at stuunc63@yahoo.com or by phone at 703-751-6075.

Better Basic Bridge: Third Hand Play

by Ron Kral

IN THIS SERIES OF ARTICLES, I'm using the concept of Pareto's principle as applied to bridge. Pareto's principle is the "80/20 rule" or the idea of "a significant few and the trivial many". In the non-bridge world, this means that if you're faced with a problem 100 times, usually just one of the possible solutions will solve the problem 80% of the time. All the other solutions must be known and understood to solve the remaining 20%.

In this series, I present a rule for you to follow **ALL** the time. If you heed this advice, you'll get the best result at the bridge table 80% OR MORE of the time. Of course, bridge is a complex game where a variety of different plays may be correct in any given situation. As you progress, you'll discover the times when it's correct to violate the "rule". But if you start out simply, you can work your way up to the more complex cases.

In the last column, I wrote about **ALWAYS** keeping length with dummy. This time, I'm going to talk about an important defensive concept – third hand play.

For newer players, which card to play after partner's lead and a low card is played from dummy is often unclear. Playing accurate defense requires you to play the "correct" card so partner can use logic to figure out what cards you and declarer hold. You don't want to play the ace of the suit that partner leads at trick one every time. Here's the rule:

ALWAYS PLAY THIRD HAND HIGH WHEN DECLARER PLAYS LOW FROM DUMMY, **BUT**, PLAY THE SMALLEST CARD THAT WILL "DO THE JOB."

What does it mean to "do the job?" By playing the correct card, you're either going to win the trick, OR, establish a trick for your side to win later.

Of course, these are not 100% plays—BUT, IF you make these plays **ALL** the time, you'll be correct **MOST** of the time.

Here's a table of examples. The **BOLD/UNDERSCORED** card is the card played:

Lead	Dummy	You	Explanation
4	832	J T5	Play the TEN —the smallest card that will "do the job". If declarer wins with the Queen or King, the opening leader will place the Jack in <i>your</i> hand. Playing the Jack DENIES the ten.
3	T8 6	J 9 7	Play the SEVEN . You have all the "filler" cards—the seven is the smallest card that will "do the job." Of course, if declarer plays the eight or ten from dummy, you'll play the nine or Jack respectively. Declarer will have to use at least the Queen to win the trick as long as you cover whatever dummy plays. Partner will then know the cards you hold.

Lead	Dummy	You	Explanation
<u>3</u>	Q54	AJ2	Play the JACK . Save the Ace to capture the Queen later. If partner has the King, your side gets <i>three</i> tricks. If declarer has the King, he'll win only <i>one</i> trick in the suit. If you play the Ace on this trick and declarer has the King, he will win <i>two</i> tricks, BOTH the King AND the Queen. The Jack is the smallest card that "does the job."
<u>3</u>	K7 <u>5</u>	QJT	Play the TEN —the smallest card that will "do the job". When declarer wins the Ace, partner will place you with the Queen and Jack (declarer would have won with the Queen or Jack instead of the Ace if he held one of those two cards).
<u>3</u>	<u>K</u> 75	QJT	Play the QUEEN —a standard play to tell your partner you have the Jack and ten (OR the singleton Queen). Partner knows he can safely lead the suit again.
<u>2</u>	AQ8	KT6	Play the TEN . Partner may have the Jack and you'll win two tricks in the suit. If not, you'll get your King later.
<u>9</u>	AQ8	<u>K</u> T5	Play the KING . The nine is NOT a 4th best lead (we can see four cards above the nine)—it's likely a singleton or doubleton. Do not knowingly give declarer a cheap trick with the Jack.
<u>T</u>	A74	<u>Q</u> 63	Play the QUEEN —partner may have led the ten from the KT9. If not, declarer has the whole suit anyway and you've lost nothing. If partner has the K/9 remaining, you've held declarer to one trick in the suit.
<u>T</u>	A74	KQ2	Play the QUEEN —the smallest card that will "do the job". Partner does NOT have the Jack (he would have led the Jack if he had the Jack AND the ten), so if you play small, declarer will win a cheap trick with the Jack. When the Queen wins, partner will know you have the King and will lead the suit again later.
<u>Q</u>	54 <u>3</u>	<u>K</u> 2	Play the KING to unblock. Partner has the Jack and likely the ten.

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Lead	Dummy	You	Explanation
Q	5 <u>3</u>	K9 2	Play the NINE to encourage partner to lead the suit again. Partner's Queen is already "good enough to do the job," and you don't need to unblock the King with three cards in the suit.
Q	T5 <u>2</u>	K3	Play the THREE . Partner has the Jack, but not the ten (you can see the ten in dummy). If you play the King now, the ten in dummy will set up to win a trick later after partner wins his Jack.
3	8 <u>6</u> 2	KT 4	Play the KING . You'll establish a trick for partner if he's led from the Queen. If declarer has the Ace/Queen, unlucky—your King is dead anyway.

Playing the "smallest card that will do the job" is an extremely important defensive concept. If you follow this rule, the opening leader (your partner) can often tell which cards you hold based on the size of the card declarer must play to win the trick.

Note that there ARE exceptions to this rule, particularly when defending against no-trump contracts. Also, sometimes you'll have to guess which is the smallest card you must play to "do the job". If you want to learn more about these exceptions, here's some suggested reading material:

How to Defend a Bridge Hand—William S. Root

Modern Bridge Defense—Eddie Kantar

Advanced Bridge Defense—Eddie Kantar

Dynamic Defense—Mike Lawrence

The Heart Series (renamed **Defense**)—Audrey Grant

Defensive Bridge Play Complete (out of print—available used)—Eddie Kantar

The above books are available at www.ACBL.org with a member's discount.



MILESTONES

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

♠♦ NEW JUNIOR MASTERS ♣♥

Nola Casieri	Linda Croker
Thomas Croker	Joyce Currie
Kimberly Ferguson	Carol Goldstone
Daniel Graham	Jacquelin Graham
William Horne, III	Bruce Kasold
Chuck Kasten	John Kinsey
Pat Lonergan	Alan Mager
Janice Mager	James Mosley
Pat Nevin	Bob Patel
Susan Pettit	Aaron Pieper
Rhoda Salen	Neil Selvin
Dr. Bahman Shahin	William Smyth
Gail Stanley	Rod Spicer

Ronald Ozarka	Maryann Quill
Cordellia Scruggs	Nagy Wehbe
Sharon Wynns	

♠♦ NEW REGIONAL MASTERS ♣♥

Elias Arbel	Linda Clover
Richard Hottell	Shirley King
Martin Lichtenstein	Keiko Quinn
William Woodward	

♠♦ NEW NABC MASTERS ♣♥

Jay Cherlow	Alan Gordon
William Gurley	Elizabeth Huffman
Dr. Donor Lion	Kevin O'Brien
Susan Slattery	

♠♦ NEW CLUB MASTERS ♣♥

Dot Almassy
 Linda Burton
 Seth Chamberlain
 Larry Clandorf
 Bradley Clark
 Elizabeth Copp
 Joyce Currie
 Albert Dimillio
 Oleg Dolgikh
 Robert Dorosin
 Sidney Graves
 Raman Kelkar
 John Menzel
 Kathryn Miller
 William Murphy
 James Raber
 Jean Rachner
 Ruth Rosenberg
 Joanne Stewart



♠♦ NEW LIFE MASTERS ♣♥

Helen Dodge	Donna Josaitis
Susan Miskura	Elizabeth Parker
Elizabeth Traylor	

♠♦ NEW BRONZE LIFE MASTERS ♣♥

Alan Dockterman	James Dresser
Marie-Beth Hall	Richard Hesse
Gerry Higgins	Elliot Itkin
Maurine Kuiken	Al O'Malley

♠♦ NEW SILVER LIFE MASTERS ♣♥

Sam Bowlin
 Sam Mills, Jr.

♠♦ NEW GOLD LIFE MASTER ♣♥

Ed Schwartz

♠♦ NEW SECTIONAL MASTERS ♣♥

Elsa Angrist	Marcia Boynton
John Donohue	Sara Goodwin
Margaret Gurley	Gerald O'Dell

♠♦ NEW DIAMOND LIFE MASTER ♣♥

Don Geerhart

SILVER SPRING, MD: OCTOBER 19-22, 2006



**76th Annual
D.C. Championships**



A Diamond is Forever...

It's our **Diamond Jubilee**, so come help the WBL celebrate 75 years of the best bridge in Washington. We will have our usual first class hospitality as well as awards honoring those who have helped make bridge here so great. We will revive old traditions, institute new ones, reminisce about the past and look forward to the future. **Don't miss it!**

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 19

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

Friday—at Christ the King Church Only

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 20

- ♦ Stratified Pairs (2000+/1000/500) 10:00am
- ♥ StrataFlighted A/X (unlim/3000) & B/C/D Pairs (1500/1000/500) ... 2:00pm
- ♠ **IMP Pairs, Champagne & Caviar** 7:30pm
- ♣ StrataFlighted A/X (unlim/3000) & B/C/D (1500/1000/500)



Friday nights are your chance to try a different form of the game. With IMP pairs, you only need one partner, but it scores like a team game. Your score will be averaged with all the other scores from your direction on each board.

- ♣ Intermediate/Novice Pairs (300/200/100/50/20) (single sessions) 10:00am, 2:00pm, 7:30pm

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

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

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21

- ♦ StrataFlighted A/X Pairs (unlim/3000) (single sessions) 11:00am, 3:30pm
- ♥ StrataFlighted B/C/D Pairs (1500/1000/500) (single sessions) 11:00am, 3:30pm
- ♠ Intermediate/Novice Pairs (300/200/100) (single sessions) 11:00am, 3:30pm
- ♣ Newcomer Pairs (50/20/5) (single sessions) 11:00am, 3:30pm
- ♦ **Macblin Sportsmanship Award** Presentation & "The History of WBL Bridge" Panel Show 2:30pm

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 22

- ♥ **Eynon Trophy**
First awarded in 1931— Try to add your name to the famous names inscribed here!
A/X Swiss Teams, VPs (unlim /3000, 7 round playthru w/short break) 11:00am & TBA
- ♠ B/C/D Swiss Teams, VPs (2000/1000/500, 7 round playthru w/short break) 11:00am & TBA
- ♣ 300/200/100/50 Swiss Teams, VPs (single sessions) 11:00am, 3:00pm



♣ **Full Schedule of Intermediate and Novice Events** ♥

I/N events: 0-5, 20, 50, 100, 200, 300; Stratification at Director's Discretion.

Famous Washington Hospitality includes snacks, drinks and **Friday, Saturday and Sunday lunch** free of charge. Chair: **Nadine Wood**, 301-565-9555, woodthere@comcast.net. Volunteer Coordinator: **Barbara Summers**, 301-598-5838, jimbarb1184@aol.com Hospitality: **Kitty Gottfried**, 301-587-3981, kgottfried@hotmail.com Partnerships: **Barbara Doran**, 301-608-0347, Sectional Partner@DistrictSix.org or try the easy **Online Partnership Bulletin Board**: www.WashingtonBridgeLeague.org

♣ Arlington, VA ♦ NOVEMBER 9-12, 2006 ♥

Note: All Virginia Events are at KOCH!

NVBA FALL SECTIONAL TOURNAMENT

Knights of Columbus Hall (KOCH)
5115 Little Falls Road, Arlington, VA
Call 703-536-9656 and dial "0"



THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 9

*Knights of Columbus Hall (KOCH), Arlington, VA (NVBA)
Christ the King Church, one block south of East-West Highway on Colston between Washington and Grubb, Chevy Chase, MD (WBL)*

	<u>NVBA (KOCH)</u>	<u>WBL</u>
Novice/Intermediate Lecture	6:30 p.m.	
STRATAFLIGHTED PAIRS (A/X=3000+/3000; B/C=2000/750)	7:00 p.m.	7:30 p.m.
NVBA 199ER PAIRS (200/100/50/20); WBL NLM PAIRS (NLM/100/50)	7:00 p.m.	7:30 p.m.
0-5 PAIRS <u>FREE</u>	7:00 p.m.	

...REST OF TOURNAMENT AT KOCH...

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 10

STRATIFIED OPEN PAIRS (2000+/2000/750)	.2 p.m.
299ER PAIRS (300/200/100)	.2 p.m.
49ER PAIRS (50/20/5)	.2 p.m.
STRATIFIED OPEN PAIRS (2000+/2000/750)	7:30 p.m.
299ER PAIRS (300/200/100)	7:30 p.m.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 11

STRATIFIED OPEN PAIRS (2000+/2000/750)	9:30 a.m.
STRATIFIED SENIOR PAIRS (2000+/2000/750)	9:30 a.m.
299ER PAIRS (300/200/100) and 49ER PAIRS (50/20)	9:30 a.m.
0-5 PAIRS	9:30 a.m.
STRATAFLIGHTED PAIRS (A/X=3000+/3000; B/C=2000/750)	.2 p.m.
299ER PAIRS (300/200/100; 2 single sessions)	.2 & 7:30 p.m.
49ER PAIRS (50/20/5)	.2 p.m.
STRATIFIED OPEN PAIRS (2000+/2000/750)	7:30 p.m.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 12

Novice/Intermediate Lecture (Jeff Roman)	10:15 a.m.
FLIGHTS A/X (3000+/3000) & B/C (2000/750) SWISS TEAMS	11:00 a.m.
<i>Both Flights are 2-session events, with one 30-minute break—box lunch available</i>	
299ER SWISS TEAMS (300/200/100; Single session)	11:00 a.m.
49ER SWISS TEAMS (50/20/5; Single session)	11:00 a.m.
299ER SWISS TEAMS (300/200/100; Single session)	3:15 p.m.

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

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Mid-Chart Conventions permitted in all Flt A, B, & Open Stratified Events

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