

Mark your Calendars for December 13

THE ANNUAL NVBA HOLIDAY PARTY, which includes dinner and a bridge game, will be held on Thursday, December 13, 2007, at the Beth El Congregation, 3830 Seminary Rd. in Alexandria, VA. That week is a Sectional Tournament in 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. The NVBA will provide beef barbecue and chicken and beverages, including eggnog (spiked and unspiked). **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 PM, followed by the game at 7 PM.

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

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Of Special Interest:

- D6 STaC, Oct. 8-14
- NVBA Sectional, Oct. 18-21
- Virginia Beach, VA REGIONAL, Nov. 5-11
- San Francisco, CA, Fall NABC, Nov. 22 - Dec. 2
- D6 STaC, Dec. 8-14
- NVBA Holiday Party, Dec. 13
- Myrtle Beach, SC REGIONAL, Dec. 26 - Jan. 1
- WBL Sectional, Jan. 3-6

President's Message

By Leo Cardillo



OUR FIRST Sectional held at the Elk's Lodge was a great success and exceeded all our expectations! Even though we were at a new location, the attendance of 431.5 tables surpassed the table count of September 2006!! Equally important, I heard many folks speak in glowing terms about the excellent parking, the ease with which Maryland players could get to the site, the well-lit playing areas, etc., etc. Tournament Chairs Margot Hennings and Kathryn Kiley, and the entire staff of professional Directors and volunteers, worked very hard to bring you the best possible tournament, and your attendance and favorable comments were a sure measure of their success! In addition,

for the first time in recent history, the NVBA pre-duplicated all hands for pair games in order to get the games started promptly and increase your playing enjoyment (See below for more information on the NVBA's soon-to-arrive duplicating machine!). With this truly excellent first Sectional at the Elks under our collective belts, I am confident that future Sectionals will be ever more successful and enjoyable. See you in October at the Elks!!

With the arrival of fall, there are a growing number of bridge players that are involved in promoting bridge in local schools. I am back at Thomas Jefferson High School for my seventh academic year as the Advisor to the Bridge Club (BC). Nancy Cartwright has returned as my full-time assistant. Together with Jay Lamb, the faculty Sponsor, we all anticipate another highly successful year for the Bridge Club. This year, WBL member Suzanne Abrams, who retired last year from her job in the public school system, will also continue her sensationally effective Bridge Club at Garfield Elementary School and will serve as the Virginia focal point for new initiatives at other Virginia schools. If you have any interest in supporting a bridge program at a local school, at any level, feel free to contact Suzanne (or myself) about how to get started. Together with the WBL, the NVBA fully supports all efforts to bring bridge into the curricula of available after-school activities. I urge you to get involved – you will love every moment and it will keep you young, to boot!

The NVBA Holiday Party will be held at Beth El on December 13, 2007. The Holiday Party is always a lot of fun and has grown in attendance with each passing year. If you are interested in helping with the preparations for the Holiday Party, just let me know. The “formula” for a successful party is well-established, but there is still a great deal of enjoyment and satisfaction to be gained by the folks that actually make it happen.

The NVBA Board approved the acquisition of a duplicating machine at the August Board meeting. The technology for this equipment has improved greatly in recent years, and the cost has decreased. The NVBA machine will cost about \$3,800 and an additional \$1,000 or so will be spent to buy four complete sets of new cards, card trays and cases for the trays. The duplicating machine is capable of “dealing” a hand in about six seconds, and that includes the time to place each hand in the appropriate slot of the card tray. This machine works with any ordinary deck of cards – it does not require the

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Upcoming NVBA Games & Special Events

Oct. 4	Beth El – 7:00 WBL Sectional
Oct. 11	Beth El – 7:00 STaC Stratified Pairs
Oct. 18	Beth El – NVBA Sectional (rest of Sectional at Arlington/ Fairfax Elks Lodge)
Oct. 25	Beth El – Stratified Club Appreciation Swiss Teams
Nov. 1	Beth El – Stratified Club Championship Pairs
Nov. 8	Beth El – Stratified Unit Championship
Nov. 15	Beth El – Stratified Grand National Swiss Teams
Nov. 22	Closed – Thanksgiving
Nov. 29	Beth El – Stratified Unit Championship
Dec. 6	Stratified Grand National Swiss Teams
Dec. 13	Holiday Party – Stratified STaC Pairs
Dec. 20	Beth El — Stratified Grand National Swiss Teams
Dec. 27	Beth El — Stratified Club Championship Pairs

Stratification Limits:

NVBA Stratified Pair strats are: Unlimited/750-2000/0-750
 All NVBA Unit Games include a separate Stratified 199er game.
 Players with 0-5 MPs play free every Thursday in all scheduled events.
 For the Grand National Teams qualifying games, the stratification is:
 0-500 (NLM), 500-2000, 2000+.
 For the STaCs, the stratification is: 0-500/500-1500/1500+

Upcoming Sectionals

NVBA

October 18-21, 2007
 February 21-24, 2008
 April 10-13, 2008

WBL

October 4-7, 2007
 January 3-6, 2008
 March 27-30, 2008

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use of bar-coded decks. In addition, the machine is rated to prepare about 100,000 hands before it might require any significant maintenance. Even with Sectionals included, it will be a number of years (ten?) before we pre-dupe 100,000 hands. The NVBA machine should be received in the late fall. In the meantime, the NVBA will make use of a machine that club owner Carole Grob has ordered for use in her club games. Carole's machine will spare Gene Schuyler the heroic work that he has been doing for the Unit by manually pre-duping hands on what is euphemistically known as the "Schuyler 5000" duplicating machine! Thanks to Gene for all his time and hard work that bridged the gap until the technology arrived!

The NVBA is fortunate to have the support of excellent professional staff in the form of Directors at every level of play and a few bridge players who receive a modest stipend (generally in terms of free plays) for tasks requiring continued extra effort. In addition, much of the work and fun of the NVBA is fully supported by a large number of non-monetarily compensated volunteers, from the Board to Tournament Chairs to Unit Game Hospitality and many more. A complete list of the current volunteers can be found at <http://www.nvba.org/shtml/board.shtml>. Each year, it is the responsibility of the President to propose a slate of volunteers to fill these many positions, and generally speaking I have no trouble filling them. That said, there are two areas where I need some help.

In the near term, the NVBA needs a volunteer to accept the position of Partnership Chair (PC) of the Unit Game, a position that I have greatly enjoyed for many years. I will work with the volunteer to cover all the tricks of the trade. It's the best job in the NVBA, but I have to look ahead and build for the future. As in other areas of responsibility, it has been my policy to divide a job into several logical parts, if practicable, to increase the depth of the volunteer bench and to reduce the burden on any one person. Mary Ann Kral has agreed to work on the Sectional PC responsibilities, and now I really need a volunteer to do the same for the Unit Game PC responsibilities. Let me know of your interest. I guarantee that you will enjoy this job – I really do!

The second area is more strategic, and that is to look ahead to the Annual Elections and the volunteers that might serve or continue to serve on the Board. Because this Newsletter is only a quarterly publication, the time is always "now" to encourage your consideration of Board service. I have served on several Boards, besides the NVBA Board, and have a good understanding of the need to bring fresh faces to any Board at some interval of time. I am pleased that the last election brought three new members to the Board. I'd like to see that trend continue, with at least one more candidate than the minimum we need to fill the Board slate each year. If that is the case, then the voters will have a real choice and new folks will have a chance to serve on and refresh the Board.

See you at the tables!!



Upcoming 199er Unit Games

Oct. 4	Beth El – 7:00 WBL Sectional – 199er Pairs Game
Oct. 11	Beth El – 7:00 STaC —199er Pairs Game
Oct. 18	Beth El – 7:00 NVBA Sectional (rest of Sectional at Elks Lodge)
Oct. 25	Beth El – 7:00 Club Appreciation 199er Swiss Teams
Nov. 1	Beth El – 7:00 199er Pairs Game
Nov. 8	Beth El – 7:00 199er Pairs Game
Nov. 15	Beth El – 7:00 199er Swiss Teams or 199ers may play in Flight C of GNT qualifier (NLM up to 500 MPs)
Nov. 22	– Closed – Thanksgiving
Nov. 29	Beth El – 7:00 199er Pairs Game
Dec. 6	Beth El – 199er Pairs Game or 199ers may play in Flight C of GNT qualifier
Dec. 13	Beth El – Holiday Party – 7:00 STaC —199er Pairs Game
Dec. 20	Beth El – 7:00 199er Pairs Game
Dec. 27	Beth El – 7:00 Club Championship – 199er Pairs Game
Jan. 3	Beth El – 7:00 WBL Sectional – 199er Pairs Game

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The Jack of Hearts

by Marshall Kushner



BEFORE WE TELL YOU about Nashville, we have to get past the language barrier. The two basic guidelines to speaking Tennessean are 1) stretch all words until they occupy the maximum number of syllables imaginable and 2) if a word won't stretch, change the vowel sound. Ergo, in Nashville, a lot of contracts were played in Fo-wer Spides. And if you play real well, you might win the Open Pay-ers. You get the gist. Then there are colloquialisms. I heard an opponent tell his partner she should have un-bared her king. It's not bad once you get the hang of it. All told, Nashville was rot nahss. They call it Music City and for good reason. Remember what I told you last time about all the music disappearing from Saint

Louis? Well, some of it might have gone to Nashville 'cause they's plenty of it there. If you walk down Broadway, the music from adjoining honky tonks blends to form a country cacophony. In fact, there's probably more music coming out of downtown Nashville at high noon on a Tuesday than in Adams-Morgan on a Saturday night. And Nashville on Saturday night? Forget about it!

The last time the ACBL visited Nashville was in 1988, when the Fall NABC was held at the Opryland Hotel. The complaint then was that it was too isolated, too far from downtown. This time we were downtown and the complaint was that it was too far from attractions. Opryland, for example. Of course, there were tours to the Opry and those who went, loved it. The Country Music Museum was close by and got rave reviews. Then there were justified complaints about the renovation going on at the hotel. And for the second straight NABC, we were in a part of town under construction/renewal. The Convention Center, which is connected to the Marriott Renaissance, got good reviews from many players, the Jack of Hearts not among them. Regional events achieved equality with national events as both were played in exhibit halls. The lighting was good, the ambience early concrete, and the design baffling. After a short indoor walk from the hotel, you arrived in a lobby two floors above the playing area. Direct routes consisted of stairs and elevators, but if you took the escalator, both legs went in the same direction and deposited you on the ground floor a healthy stroll away from the tables. The climate control also left a lot to be desired. Someday I may learn, but I didn't think to bring a jacket to Nashville in July and almost succumbed to hypothermia during the Open Swiss. That might explain my lack of success. Yeah, that's my story and I'm sticking to it.

A precious few fared better. The NABC opened with Rusty Krauss and Robbie Hopkins making to the semis in the open GNT with Jay Kelkar, Deb Dhar, Ron Kral, and Jose Cortina going out a round earlier in Flight B. Suffice it to say we peaked early as we garnered only a few scattered national overalls thereafter. They included Chuck Pecarro and Mickey Hughes (0-5000 LM Pairs), Jeff Roman and Ai-Tai Lo (Fast Pairs & Open Swiss), and Alan Schwartz (Open Swiss). Regional wins went to Stan Schenker and David Milton, Sumner Steinfeldt, Herb Fallin, and native Tennessean, Wanda Worsham. Day-amm! Not much of a haul, was it? Given the number of NVBAers there, I hoped I'd have more successes to report but they also serve who contribute to the success of others.

And lots of others there were. No one was sure what to expect from Nashville attendance-wise. It's not the draw of a Chicago, New York, or Las Vegas but it's still a Summer national and the players still came. The final table count of 12,879 exceeded expectations and that news was probably better received in Memphis than in Gatlinburg. You see, that made Gatlinburg only the second largest tournament in Tennessee this year. What's the world coming to?

IN MEMORIAM

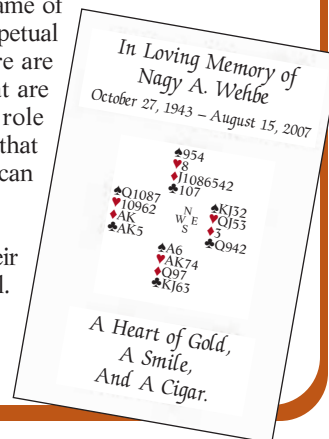
Nagy A. Wehbe
October 27, 1943 – August 15, 2007

As President and Partnership Chair for the Unit I have had the pleasure of getting to know many players in the Unit, especially the new players or those who might need a partner. About two years ago, I had the pleasure of meeting Nagy Wehbe, a new member of the NVBA and a very seasoned player from Lebanon. Maybe the fact that I spent much of my professional career in the Middle East helped spark my immediate friendship with Nagy. Or maybe it was the fact that the talented player from another country was such a quiet, unassuming, friendly and constant supporter of the NVBA that I always enjoyed seeing his quiet smile across the room. Nagy seemed to be at every game that I might play, and he either had a partner, or was perfectly willing to play with any partner that I might find him. I don't have to tell you that some bridge partners are not a lot of fun to partner, but Nagy would always flash that little grin when I asked him to partner any person, and would simply say to me, "Sure. Sure, I can do that." And he always did it very well, to boot.

A few of us had the honor of attending his funeral—Nagy was 63 when he died. After the funeral service, I spent some time with his family and friends at Nagy's home and I came to admire all that he had accomplished in his short two years in America. Nagy had entered this country by "winning" a green card lottery where the odds were about 100 to 1. In short order he acquired his citizenship, his driver's license and his much-prized, never had a chance-to-really-use, Virginia real estate license. The week after his funeral his family moved into the new home that he bought. His oldest son told me of Nagy's life-long passion for the game of bridge, his contribution to the national team, and the perpetual cigar that he always enjoyed. I told his family that there are many good bridge players, but only a relatively few that are as passionate yet well-behaved as Nagy. Nagy was a role model in many ways. We will all miss him. I'm hoping that he will keep a seat open for me in the Big Game, and I can almost hear him saying, "Sure. Sure, I can do that."

With deepest sympathy to Nagy's family and friends for their loss, which is a loss for us in the bridge community as well.

Leo Cardillo
 NVBA President



Parade of Winners

CHERRY HILL (PHILADELPHIA) REGIONAL June 18–24, 2007

Kickoff Open Pairs (26 Pairs)

2 Ed Gofreed – Jack Armstrong

Tues. Comp. KO Bkt. 5 (16 Teams)

1 Edward Mason – Linda Clover –
Barbara Donalds – Josephine Corban

Wed./Thurs. KO Bkt. 5 (11 Teams)

2 Dilip Udeshi – Leon Tomaszewski –
Beverly Geurin – Cherie Charles

Thurs. B/C/D Swiss (16 Teams)

2 1 Miki Turi – John Mason –
Alice Olmsted – Franklin Olmsted
2 1 Edward Mason – Linda Clover –
Christine Matus – Lori Lerner

Fri./Sat. AM Comp KO Bkt. 2 (13 Teams)

1 Kevin O'Brien – Estelle Bogart –
Roma Chandra – Robert Claypool

Fri./Sat. KO Bkt. 2 (12 Teams)

1 Dick Pellerin – Margaret Storey –
Thomas Purl – Joseph Yamaoka

BETHESDA, MD REGIONAL July 2–8, 2007

Mon. Aft. Edu. Found Open Pairs (68 Pairs)

1 1 Ellie Clark – Beverly Geurin
2 Jeffrey Kosnett – Steve Ivins

Mon. Eve. Charity 0-50 Pairs (14 Pairs)

1 Kimberly Ferguson – Randolph Elkins
2 Barbara Garrett – Eleanor Schwartz
2 Anamas Brooks – Barbara Brooks

Mon. Eve. Charity 0-300 Pairs (27 Pairs)

2 Maribel Newby – Pat Lonergan

Mon. Eve. Charity Open Pairs (84 Pairs)

1 1 Michael Polunin – James Stormes

Novel NC Ft. A KO (10 Teams)

2 Clyde Kruskal – Diane Walker –
Kenton Schoen – Michael Richey

Novel NC B KO Bkt. 2 (16 Teams)

2 Matt Meckstroth – Sam Katz –
Daniel Goldfein – David Banh

Novel NC B KO Bkt. 4 (10 Teams)

1 Terry Jones – Joyce Currie –
Elizabeth Huffman – Mary Ann Kral
2 Sara Hilgartner – Norma Tolmach –
Paul Spielberg – Mimi Spielberg

Tues. AM 0-300 Pairs (24 Pairs)

1 Michael Lusick – Robert Huley
2 Stella Perry – Lois Simm
1 Tobi Bear – Susan Klaber
2 Eleanor Schwartz – Nancy Thomas

Tues. Aft. 0-300 Pairs (18 Pairs)

1 Eleanor Schwartz – Nancy Thomas

Tues. Eve. BAM (37 Teams)

1/2 Al Duncker – Ann Lindley –
Judith Bloomer – George Bloomer
1 Kamel Tabbara – Alan Gordon –
Salam Saidi – Nagy Wehbe
1/2 Carolyn Becraft – Anna Kearney –
Nancy Loomis – Jerry Barker

Tues. Eve. Side Game (50 Pairs)

1 Edna Mae Trevey – Paul Stygar
2 William Nicolai – Kevin O'Brien

Tues. Eve. 0-300 BAM (23 Teams)

2/4 Sabrina Manfield – Seth Manfield –
Jose Porres – Eric Poskanzer

Tues. Eve. 0-300 Pairs (46 Pairs)

1 1 Jerry Nolte – Elizabeth Nolte

Soulful SC Comp. KO 2 (16 Teams)

1 Alan Breed – Martha Lackey –
Marjorie Gazzola – Bob Hartmann
2 Hope Watts – Lucy McCoy –
Renate Conlon – Ron Conlon

Soulful SC Comp. KO 4 (16 Teams)

1 Martha Bley – Ross Bley –
Thomas Din – Jane Frost
2 Ed Rodrigues – Gerry Higgins –
Helen Dodge – Donald Hunt

Soulful SC Comp. KO 5 (16 Teams)

- 1 Mike Frosch – Ellie Clark –
Cherie Charles – Beverly Geurin

Soulful SC Comp. KO 6 (14 Teams)

- 1 Neil Selvin – Howard Grunin –
Al Liepold – Helen Long

4th of July Fast Pairs (40 Pairs)

- 2 Jim Dick – Linda Dick
2 Helene Cooper – James Warren

Wed. AM 0-500 Pairs (26 Pairs)

- 2/3 2/3 Larry Settle – Elizabeth Settle
2 Sidney Graves – Jan Potter

Wed. AM Side Game (23 Pairs)

- 1 1 1 Owen Frisby – Robert Frisby

Wed. Aft. 0-50 Pairs (18 Pairs)

- 1 Randolph Elkins – Kimberly Ferguson

Wed. Aft. Side Game (32 Pairs)

- 2 1 1 Dev Devgon – Bill Pierce

Wed. Eve. Side Game (26 Pairs)

- 1/2 John Hornbeck – Peter Mirsky

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

- 1 1 Sara Goodwin – Lorraine Tyler
1 Taraneh Shahin – Bahman Shahin
2 Rachele Sladoff – Rochelle Hilton

Wed./Thurs. AM Comp. KO Bkt. 2 (15 Teams)

- 2 John Hornbeck – Peter Mirsky –
Susan Grossman – Lawrence Grossman

Wed./Thurs. AM Comp. KO Bkt. 3 (15 Teams)

- 1 Maribel Newby – Pat Lonergan –
Jerry Barker – Nancy Cartwright

Terrific TN KO Bkt. 1 (15 Teams)

- 1 Ruth Potter – John Markey, II –
Chris Willenken – Jeff Roman
2 Bill Pettis – Bill Cole – John Adams –
Stephen Landen – Mark Shaw –
Ai-Tai Lo

Terrific TN KO Bkt. 3 (16 Teams)

- 1 Shawn Stringer – Jeffrey Boak –
Mike Frosch – Kevin O'Brien

Thurs. Aft. Side Game (35 Pairs)

- 2 2 2 Eric Poskanzer – Jourdain Patchett

Thurs. A/X Pairs (52 Pairs)

- 1 Bruce Houston – Ken Davis
1 Steve Bunning – Kris Miller

Thurs. B/C/D Pairs (40 Pairs)

- 1 1 1 William Bailey – Maureen Shea

Thurs. Aft. 0-50 Pairs (14 Pairs)

- 2 William Hughes – Barbara Hodges
1 Walt Pumo – Janice Pumo

Thurs. Aft./Eve. Open Pairs (46 Pairs)

- 1 Alan Schwartz – Ann Schwartz

Thurs. Eve. 0-500 Pairs (26 Pairs)

- 1 1 Louis Coccodrilli – Randolph Elkins

Thurs. Eve. 0-500 Swiss (7 Teams)

- 2 1 1 Bahman Shahin – Taraneh Shahin –
Amanda Carter – Marco Latini

Thurs. Eve. BAM (26 Teams)

- 1 Pat Beebe – Elaine Sellman –
Ken Hopke – John Hamilton
2 Eric Poskanzer – James Sullivan –
Paul Sullivan – Emerita Hayward

Thurs./Fri. AM Comp. KO (10 Teams)

- 2 Jerry Nolte – Elizabeth Nolte –
Paul Stygar – Willis Paley Hume

Vibrant VA KO Bkt. 1 (15 Teams)

- 2 Clyde Kruskal – Donna Rogall –
Barry Falgout – Rusty Krauss

Vibrant VA KO Bkt. 2 (15 Teams)

- 1 Bob Pfeiffer – Herbert Fallin, Jr. –
Bob Boyd – James Goodwin
2 Ron Kral – Jay Kelkar – Deb Dhar –
Jose Cortina

Vibrant VA KO Bkt. 4 (12 Teams)

- 1 John Hornbeck – Peter Mirsky –
Susan Grossman – Lawrence Grossman
2 Robert Henry – Arthur Weiss –
Gretchen Handwerger – David Loken

Vibrant VA KO Bkt. 5 (12 Teams)

- 1 Dick Verdow – Jean Verdow –
Catharine Fisher – John Fisher
2 Neil Selvin – Terence McCarthy –
Alfred Liepold – Helen Long

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Parade of Winners – continued from page 9**Fri. AM Side Game (19 Pairs)**

- 2 Al O'Malley – Neal McKinney
- 1 Stella Perry – Lois Simms

Fri. A/X Pairs (37 Pairs)

- 1 Lowell Sawyer – Don Geerhart
- 1 Michael Cheng – Helen Cheng

Fri. B/C/D Pairs (28 Pairs)

- 2/3 Barb Hincken – Joan Mitchum
- 2 1 Susan Miskura – Dennis Schwanz

Fri. 3:00 0-300 Pairs (29 Pairs)

- 1 1 Sharon Wynns – Peyton Wynns

Fri. Aft./Eve. Open Pairs (36 Pairs)

- 1 Stan Schenker – David Milton
- 1 Mark Kotlarsky – Harland Jones, Jr.

Tidal Basin 0/300/750 Pairs (40 Pairs)

- 1 Jim Sandefur – Doug Fox
- 2 1 Bob Blodgett – Jeff Youngen
- 2 Frank Alden – Stephen Montague

Fri. Eve. BAM (16 Teams)

- 1 Wonjoo Cho – Jackie Thompson –
Marlys Moholt – Kathryn Kiley
- 2 1 Mike Frosch – Ellie Clark –
Cherie Charles – Beverly Geurin

Wonderful Wash. DC KO Bkt. 2 (12 Teams)

- 2 Gloria Halstead –
Francesco Parisi–Presicce –
Juan Pardo – Tsung Lee

Marvelous MD KO Bkt. 2 (15 Teams)

- 2 Alan Breed – Janet Breed –
Jean Valentine – Charles King

Marvelous MD KO Bkt. 3 (15 Teams)

- 1 Matt Meckstroth – Owen Lien –
Daniel Goldfein – Tyler Eaves

Sat. AM Side Game (20 Pairs)

- 1 1 Joyce Currie – Michael Polunin
- 1 John Heggstad – Clifford Feldman
- 2 Gene Gallagher – Ed Heberg

Sat. AM 0-50 Pairs (29 Pairs)

- 1 Loretta Mathews – Susan Pettit
- 2 Taraneh Shahin – Bahman Shahin
- 1 1 Helen Hyman – Paul Hyman

Sat. AM 0-300 Pairs (16 Pairs)

- 1 1 1 Randolph Elkins – Kimberly Ferguson
- 2 2 2 Annapurna Satpathy – Gerald O'Dell

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

- 1 1 1 Linda Szyszka – Donald Szyszka

Sat. Aft. 0-50 Pairs (18 Pairs)

- 2 1 1 Ananias Brooks – Barbara Brooks

Sat. Aft. Side Game (52 Pairs)

- 1 1 David McIntyre – Carlene Garrigus
- 2 Clifford Feldman – John Heggstad

Sat. Eve. BAM (20 Teams)

- 2/3 Barbara Shaw – Leo LaSota –
Kenton Schoen – Diane Walker

Sat. Eve. BAM 0-300 (10 Teams)

- 2 Carol Elfant – Joy Bloomfield –
Loretta Mathews – Susan Pettit

Sat. KO Bkt. 1 (8 Teams)

- 2 James Murphy – Brian Schoenfeld –
Woodruff Griffin – Ed Lewis –
Ed Lewis, III

Sat. KO Bkt. 4 (6 Teams)

- 1 Michelle Cantave – Khon Lien –
Julia Brown – Eva Shaffer

Sat. KO Bkt. 6 (6 Teams)

- 2 Robert Antonio – Gerald Marcovsky –
Bill Brundick – Livingston Johnson

Sat. KO Bkt. 7 (8 Teams)

- 2 Maribel Newby – Nancy Cartwright –
Cathy Stryker – Ednamea Trevey

Sat. KO Bkt. 8 (7 Teams)

- 1 Carl Noller – Brian Snyder –
Philip Kopala – William White
- 2 Jerry Nolte – Elizabeth Nolte –
Gil Krawitz – Willis Paley Hume

Sat. KO Bkt. 9 (7 Teams)

- 1 Dick Verdow – Jean Verdow –
Catharine Fisher – John Fisher
- 2 Sharon Wynns – Peyton Wynns –
Frank Hatten – Jason Stewart

Sun. A/X Swiss (39 Teams)

- 2 Paul Benedict – Lynn Jones –
Tom Cogan – Ron Sukoneck

Sun. B/C/D Swiss (62 Teams)

- 1 Ron Kral – Jose Cortina –
Jay Kelkar – Deb Dhar
1 1 Dennis Schwanz – Susan Miskura –
Paul Gayer – William Prosser –
Walton Francis
2 Pat Kuch – Neal McKinney –
Abigail Nichols – Wanda Worsham

Sun. AM Side Game (8 Pairs)

- 2/3 2/3 Jeff Youngen – Susan Brawn

Sun. AM 0-300 Swiss (11 Teams)

- 1 1 Mary Ann Kral – Linda Burton –
Amy Bloom – Roger Laumark

Sun. Fast Open Pairs (28 Pairs)

- 2 1 John Christensen – Hongmo Wang
1 Nelu Schwartz – Byron Siegel
2 Helene Cooper – James Warren

Sun. Aft. 0-300 Swiss (15 Teams)

- 2 2 Robert Dorosin – Joan White –
Eleanor Schwartz – Darlene Thom
2 Charles Shank – John Donohue –
William Hughes – Barbara Hodges

NASHVILLE NABC
July 19–29, 2007

CHAMPIONSHIP FLIGHT GNT

- 3/4 Robert Hopkins, Jr. – Joan Lewis –
Steve Robinson – Rusty Krauss –
Barry Falgout – Peter Boyd

MOREHEAD FLIGHT A GNT

- 5/8 Harvey Charkatz – Stan Schenker –
David Milton – Mark Laken

SHEINWOLD FLIGHT B GNT

- 5/8 Jay Kelkar – Deb Dhar – Ron Kral –
Jose Cortina

First Fri. B/C/D Swiss (45 Teams)

- 1 1 Joyce Currie – Amy Bloom –
Lori Lerner – Estelle Bogart

First Fri. Eve. 100/200/300 (24 Pairs)

- 1 1 1 Pat Lonergan – Tom Lonergan

Music City KO Bkt. 2 (16 Teams)

- 1 Stan Schenker – David Milton –
Harvey Charkatz – Mark Laken

Sat./Sun. Side Game Series (68 Pairs)

- 1 Madison Schepps – Elizabeth Schepps

First Sat. Aft 100/200/300 Pairs (50 Pairs)

- 1 1 1 Pat Lonergan – Tom Lonergan

First Sat. Zip KO I (12 Teams)

- 1 Matt Meckstroth – Howard Einberg –
Robert Glickman – Andrew Garnett

GRAND OLD KO Bkt. 4 (16 Teams)

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

EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION KO V (8 Teams)

- 2 Ron Flicker – Gloria Flicker –
Herb Fallin, Jr. – La Quitta Talbot

BRUCE LM 0-5000 Pairs (168 Pairs)

- 51 Charles Pecarro – Mickey Hughes

YOUNG LM 0-1500 Pairs (68 Pairs)

- 11 Robert Glickman – Matt Meckstroth

Mon. AM 100/200/300 Pairs (41 Pairs)

- 2 Sharon Wynns – Peyton Wynns

Mon./Tues. AM Comp KO Bkt. 2 (12 Teams)

- 2 Herb Fallin, Jr. – La Quitta Talbot –
Gloria Flicker – Ron Flicker

Wed. Eve. B-A-M (92 Teams)

- 1/4 Scott Stearns – David Banh –
Donna Moore – Jeri Arnold

NABC+ Fast Pairs (190 Pairs)

- 18 John Fout – Jeff Roman
44 Ai-Tai Lo – Fred Allenspach
45 Doug Bullock – Kris Miller
81 David Banh – Scott Stearns

Thurs. Eve. 50/100/300 Pairs (31 Pairs)

- 2 Jeff Schwartz – Kevin Rosenberg

REMEMBER THE TITANS KO Bkt. 4 (12 Teams)

- 1 La Quitta Talbot – Herb Fallin, Jr. –
Bob Pfeiffer – Barbara Moomy

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Parade of Winners – continued from page 11**0 – 1500 MINI SPINGOLD II KO TEAMS
(41 Teams)**

- 1 Matt Meckstroth – Daniel Goldfein –
Sam Katz – Robert Glickman

Goodbye Nashville KO Bkt. V (16 Teams)

- 1 Lynda Flanger – Lori Lerner –
Chloe Johnson – Wanda Worsham

NABC OPEN SWISS TEAMS (128 Teams)

- 22 Mark Shaw – Ai-Tai Lo –
Alan Schwartz – William Pettis –
Bill Cole – Dan Gerstman
40/41 John Fout – Jeff Roman –
Bryan Maksymetz – Zygmunt Marcinski

**WBL SECTIONAL
August 9–12, 2007****Thurs. Eve. A/X Pairs (70 Pairs)**

- 2 Diane Alexander – Zeke Letellier

Thurs. Eve. B/C/D Pairs (55 Pairs)

- 1 Martha Bley – Ross Bley

Thurs. 199er Pairs @ NVBA (22 Pairs)

- 2 2 2 Tom Croker – Linda Croker

Fri. AM Open Pairs (45 Pairs)

- 2 Kathrine Loh – Grace Da Silva
2 Rama Kapur – Joe Lentz

Fri. AM NonLM Pairs (22 Pairs)

- 2 Seth Chamberlain – Terence McCarthy

Fri. Aft. A/X Pairs (24 Pairs)

- 2 Hailong Ao – Mark Chen

Fri. Aft. B/C/D Pairs (55 Pairs)

- 1 1 1 Minako Komura – Kiyomi Shiba
2 2 2 Susan Slattery – Monica Shumann

Fri. Aft. NonLM Pairs (50 Pairs)

- 2 Seth Chamberlain – Terence McCarthy

Fri. Eve. BAM (28 Teams)

- 2/4 Diane Walker – Ben Brill –
Mike Frosch – Francesco Parisi-Presicce

Sat. AM A/X Pairs (65 Pairs)

- 2 Lowell Sawyer – Don Probst

Sat. AM B/C/D Pairs (44 Pairs)

- 1 1 Mark Rosen – Kiyomi Shiba
2 2 Craig Olson – Michael Lawrence
1 Ned Griffith – Albert Lauber
2 Susan Slattery – Monica Shumann

Sat. AM NonLM Pairs (55 Pairs)

- 2 Amanda Carter – Daniel Finn

Sat. Aft. B/C/D Pairs (54 Pairs)

- 1 Jeff Youngen – Susan Brawn

Sun. B/C/D Swiss (28 Teams)

- 2 1 1 Joe Lentz – Rama Kapur –
Anthony Cincotta – Ed Brawn
2 William Pepelko – Jean Schoepe –
Holly Wills – Nancy Loomis
2 William Prosser – Paul Gayer –
Walton Francis – Daniel Weinberg –
Fred Gramlich

Sun. AM NLM Swiss (14 Teams)

- 2 2 2 Daniel Finn – Amanda Carter –
Richard Majewski – Alan Walter

Sun. Aft. NLM Swiss (10 Teams)

- 2 Helen Long – Al Liepold – Neil Selvin –
Howard Grunin
2 Barbara Hodges – William Hughes –
John Donohue – Charles Shank

**HUNT VALLEY REGIONAL
August 13–18, 2007****Mon./Tues. Comp. KO Bkt. 2 (9 Teams)**

- 2 Bob Zier – Jim Witting – John Ashe –
Robert Boyd

Tues. Early Bird 0-300 (24 Pairs)

- 2 Larry Gebbie – Mary Jo Cannizzaro –
Marvin Raines – Linda Burton

Tues. Aft. 0-50 (14 Pairs)

- 1 Kathryn Weyers – Elizabeth Waldron

Tues. Eve. 0-50 (16 Pairs)

- 1 Kathryn Weyers – Elizabeth Waldron

Tues. Eve. BAM (14 Teams)

- 1/2 1/2 Shirley Lafferty – Hannah Moore –
Mildred Hartshorn – Gene Gallagher

Preakness Comp KO Bkt. 4 (12 Teams)

- 1 Kevin O'Brien – Francesco Parisi-Presicce –
Mike Frosch – Ellie Clark

Preakness Comp KO Bkt. 5 (12 Teams)

- 1 Ed Brawn – Susan Brawn –
Lila Panahpour – Moza Panahpour

Maryland Wed./Thu. KO Bkt. 4 (16 Teams)

- 2 Sara Goodwin – John Mason –
Mark Tonnesen – Dave Tonnesen

Maryland Wed./Thu. KO Bkt. 5 (16 Teams)

- 1 Judy Bates – Jane Bauserman –
Mike Frosch – Francesco Parisi-Presicce

Maryland Wed./Thu. KO Bkt. 8 (15 Teams)

- 2 Jean Olcese – T. Olcese –
Monica Shumann – Susan Slattery

Wed. Eve. Side BAM Teams (40 Teams)

- 1 James Goodwin – Bob Pfeiffer –
Bob Walsh – Herb Fallin, Jr.

Thurs. Aft. 0-300 Pairs (40 Pairs)

- 1 Howard Friedel – William Murphy

Thurs. Open Pairs (52 Pairs)

- 1 Diane Walker – Kenton Schoen

Thurs. Eve. Side Game (38 Pairs)

- 2 1 Mary Edge – Betty Taff

Thurs. Eve. BAM (52 Teams)

- 1/3 William Foster, Jr. – Alice Brown –
Enid Hughes – Pete Hughes
1/2 Janice Altman – Jeffrey Klemm –
Richard O'Keefe, Jr. – Anne Scornavacca

Thurs. Eve. 300/200/50 Pairs (26 Pairs)

- 1 1 Larry Settle – Elizabeth Settle
2 David Fitzwilliam – Lorraine Tyler

Hunt Cup KO Bkt. 7 (16 Teams)

- 2 Neil Selvin – Howard Grunin –
Helen Long – Alfred Liepold

Ravens Fri. AM Side Game (22 Pairs)

- 2 Martha Bley – Ross Bley

Fri. Eve. BAM (20 Teams)

- 2 David Fitzwilliam – Lorraine Tyler –
Larry Settle – Elizabeth Settle

Orioles Fri. Eve. Side Game (30 Pairs)

- 1 Terry Lavender – Jeff Roman

Fri. Senior Pairs (44 Pairs)

- 2 George Bloomer – Vonnie Lavender

Fri. A/X Pairs (54 Pairs)

- 2 Gil Cohen – Marty Nelson

Sat. AM 0-300 Pairs (30 Pairs)

- 2 Lynne Beresford – Eleanor Schwartz

Sat. Senior Pairs (68 Pairs)

- 1 Carole Grob – Robert Boyd
2 Diane Alexander – Zeke Letellier
2 Ferne Walpert – Jerry Barker

Black-Eyed Susan 300/750 Pairs (78 Pairs)

- 1 Ned Griffith – Albert Lauber
2 1 Neil Selvin – Howard Grunin

Sat. Eve. 0-300 Pairs (17 Pairs)

- 2 1 Rachelle Sladoff – Rochelle Hilton
2 Eleanor Schwartz – Jared Schuller

Weekend KO Bkt. 2 (12 Teams)

- 1 Charles Yaple – Tom Musso –
Don Berman – Richard Ferrin

Weekend KO Bkt. 5 (16 Teams)

- 2 Cathy Stryker – Donor Lion –
Ednamae Trevey – Nancy Gamber

Sun. A/X Swiss (32 Teams)

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

Sun. AM 199er Pairs (16 Pairs)

- 1 Lynne Beresford – Eleanor Schwartz

Sun. 1st I/N Swiss (14 Teams)

- 2/3 Azmat Ali – Al Harris –
Susan Kolodner – Amanda Carter
2/3 2 Jane Farthing – Veronica Reinhardt –
Tina Hogan – Marilyn Armon

Sun. Aft. 199er Pairs (16 Pairs)

- 2 2 Rachelle Sladoff – Rochelle Hilton

Sun. 2nd I/N Swiss (10 Teams)

- 1 Al Krall – Bettijane Krall – Jerry Nolte –
Elizabeth Nolte

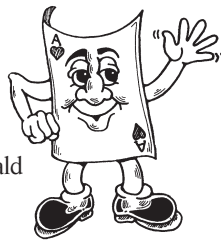
HAIL AND FAREWELL

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

Ananies Brooks	Barbara Brooks
Karin Brosius	Constance Cahill
Peggy Comerford	Stephen Drodge
Rae Glass	John Hambric
Karen Hannon	Judith Heit
James Hewitt	Paul Hyman
Deborah Klar	Algene Kuchinka
Kenneth Linder	Fern Morrison
Andrea Stanley-Miller	Dr. Joan Turkus
Rodrigo Valderrama	Gene Venzke
Teresa Wilson	Aline Wolf
Gerald Wolf	

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

Santiago Arciniegas
 Dr. Howard Bender
 Thomas Bushnell
 Gregory Christian
 David Ellis
 Sharon Ellis
 Mary Evans Fitzgerald
 Ron Glass
 Dorothy Grosicki
 Adrienne Heishman
 Stanley Heishman
 Cragg Hines
 Jennifer D. Nisenoff
 Marvin Raines
 Lt. Col. Anthony Russo
 Judith Russo
 Darlene Thom
 Jesse Warlick



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

Douglas Allan	Pat Beebe
Bonnie Blair	Aubrey Carlson

Mary Kay Carlson	Edmund Chaffee
Karen Chaffee	Bradley Clark
Erin Clark	Sandra Cox
Alice Davidson	Marshall Fite
Donna Fletcher	Andrew Francis
Camelia Galos	Dr. Ahmed Khalak
Beth Kinney	Robert Leach
Peggy McCarter	Helen McMaster
Mary Rich	Robert Rook
Barbara Sidler	Betty Simpson
Rod Spicer	Simone Suizzo

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

Aron Chrapp
 Bill Gunter
 Nagy Wehbe

Congratulations to our NVBA members on the winning Flight A GNT Team in District 6!

In the Flight A 0-5000 GNT competition this spring, two NVBA members were on the winning team that went to the NABC in Nashville, TN to represent District 6. Congratulations to David Milton and Stan Schenker and their teammates Mark Laken and Harvey Charkatz on their win in this event against a higher-seeded team: Leo Lasota, David Abelow, Alan Tenenbaum, Michael Gill, Noble Shore and David Ruderman. David and Stan's team made it to the Round of 8 in Nashville. Way to go guys!

MILESTONES

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

♠♦ NEW JUNIOR MASTERS ♣♥

Egbert B. Abiad
 Hermana M. Bus
 Amanda E. Carter
 Joseph W. Drodge
 Sherry K. Griffin
 Rochelle Hilton
 William T. Hohe
 Helen J. Hyman
 Mark Jones
 Kenneth P. Linder
 Joseph Nosari
 Shirley E. Prikals
 Jeffrey Schwartz
 Jacobus A. Vanderweel
 Ewing S. Walker
 Shiela Walker



Eleanor L. Schwartz
 Diana G. Stein
 Larry R. Taylor
 Darlene M. Thom

♠♦ NEW REGIONAL MASTERS ♣♥

Seth P. Chamberlain
 David H. Dove
 Sara E. Goodwin
 Peggy McCarter
 Terence F. McCarthy
 Neil Selvin
 Kiyomi Shiba

♠♦ NEW NABC MASTERS ♣♥

Dr. Jose Cortina
 Joyce E. Currie
 Anthony W. Hawks
 Willis Paley Hume
 Major Howard G. Schuyler

♠♦ NEW CLUB MASTERS ♣♥

Amanda E. Carter
 Linda W. Croker
 Randolph Elkins
 Shirin N. Farkhan
 Clifford I. Feldman
 William C. Horne, III
 Dr. Martha Kendall
 Tom Lonergan
 Susan E. Pettit
 Dr. Bahman Shahin
 Taraneh Shahin
 Hilda A Sheffer

♠♦ NEW LIFE MASTERS ♣♥

Ellie Clark
 Elizabeth Huffman
 Edward J. Mason
 Louise H. Oetjen
 Bob Silverstein
 Cathy J. Stryker
 Lenore G. Ward

♠♦ NEW SECTIONAL MASTERS ♣♥

Blair H. Curry
 Catharine B. Fisher
 John W. Fisher
 Gisela M. Glodeck
 Sidney Y. Graves
 Gary S. Hinson
 Barbara I. Hodges
 Mark McEnearney
 John H. Menzel

♠♦ NEW BRONZE LIFE MASTER ♣♥

Paul L. Black
 Martha D. Bley
 Ross A. Bley
 Nancy N. Loomis
 Maureen S. Shea
 Robert L. Tarczy
 Lenore Ward

♠♦ NEW SILVER LIFE MASTERS ♣♥

Pat Beebe
 Matt Meckstroth

Better Basic Bridge: Opening Leads In Partner's Suit

by Ron Kral

This column is based on the concept of Pareto's principle also known as the 80/20 rule. In essence, the 80/20 rule states that 80 percent of the time, a problem can be solved using one (usually simple) specific solution. The other 20 percent of the time the problem requires any one of many other more complex solutions. If you see the same problem again and again, and start by ALWAYS applying the one simple solution, you'll get the answer right most of the time. As time goes on and you become more familiar with the problem, you'll gradually learn the other possibilities and your solution/success rate will improve. BUT IN THE MEANTIME, you've been successful in correctly solving the problem 80 percent or more of the time by simply applying the "stock" answer every time. This concept applies to bridge. By reading this series of articles and applying the suggested solutions EVERY TIME, your game will improve. Of course, 20 percent of the time the stock answer will be incorrect. At the table, when you realize that the 80 percent solution didn't work this time, look at the hand carefully and try to identify what WOULD have worked and why, AND how you could/should have recognized that the "standard 80 percent solution" was not appropriate. This is how you improve your game with more table time.

This month we're going to talk about leading your partner's suit. There are actually several rules for leading your partner's suit **at trick one**. You must memorize and practice these until they become automatic. Note that the rules are slightly different based on whether or not you've supported your partner by bidding the suit during the auction, and whether or not you're defending against a suit contract or a notrump contract. Note that these suggestions are correct even if it's not your partner's suit you're leading.

Here is a table that describes what to do. **The BOLD UNDERSCORD** card is the one to lead **at trick one**. In the middle of the hand, the rules are normally the same, but there are some more exceptions. For example, it's often right (and OK) to lead away from an Ace at a suit contract **IN THE MIDDLE OF THE HAND**. As stated above, the **BOLD UNDERSCORED** card is the right one **MOST** of the time. There **ARE** exceptions. When the card is **UNDERSCORED** but not **BOLD**, this is the recommended card to lead, BUT this is **not** a desirable lead. Remember, this is **TRICK ONE**, the opening lead. Middle of the hand leads may be different.

See notes below	You did NOT support partner during the auction	You did NOT support partner during the auction	You supported partner during the auction	You supported partner during the auction
	Suit Contracts	Notrump contracts	Suit Contracts	Notrump contracts
1)	<u>K963</u>	<u>K963</u>	<u>K963</u>	<u>K963</u>
2)	<u>Q63</u>	<u>Q63</u>	<u>Q63</u>	<u>Q63</u>
3)	<u>A6/K6/Q6/J6</u>	<u>A6/K6/Q6/J6</u>	<u>A6/K6/Q6/J6</u>	<u>A6/K6/Q6/J6</u>
4)	<u>A42</u>	<u>A42</u>	<u>A42</u>	<u>A42</u>
5)	<u>72</u>	<u>72</u>	<u>72</u>	<u>72</u>
6)	<u>983/9763</u>	<u>983/9763</u>	<u>983/9763</u>	<u>983/9763</u>
7)	<u>KQ4/QJ4/J104</u>	<u>KQ4/QJ4/J104</u>	<u>KQ4/QJ4/J104</u>	<u>KQ4/QJ4/J104</u>
8)	<u>AK3</u>	<u>AK3</u>	<u>AK3</u>	<u>AK3</u>
9)	<u>AK</u>	<u>AK</u>	<u>AK</u>	<u>AK</u>

1) K963 – An easy one. When you hold four of your partner’s suit with an honor (10 or better), lead 4th best. Do not fall into the commonly held misconception of leading “top”. If you lead top, partner will think you have a doubleton (see #4) or a sequence (see #7), AND you’ll often make declarer’s job easier.

2) Q63 – Another easy one. When you hold three of your partner’s suit with an honor, lead 3rd best. Save your honor to trap something in declarer’s hand. If declarer holds something like KJx, leading the Queen from this holding gives him a second trick in the suit he can never get for himself. Leading low saves your Queen to capture the Jack.

3) A6/K6/Q6/J6 – With a doubleton honor in partner’s suit, you must lead the highest one. Normally you have not supported partner with this holding. Leading high unblocks the suit AND tells partner you only have two cards in the suit. This is why you cannot lead high in cases 1 and 2 above – partner will THINK you have a doubleton. Unfortunately, partner may think you’re leading the top of a sequence. Hopefully the situation will become clear based on dummy and partner’s holding.

4) A42 – Leading Ace from Axx is **not** a good lead. When holding the Acethird in partner’s suit, most of the time it’s right to lead *another* suit. If you **must** lead this suit, you **must** lead the Ace at a suit contract. At no trump, it’s 50/50 whether it’s right to lead the Ace or small. A lot depends on the auction, whether partner is an opening bidder or overcaller, the level of the contract, etc. You’re probably going to get the best result most of the time by leading the Ace. Note the card is underscored, but not **BOLD** to indicate it’s a lead you’re not anxious to make. Also note that initially your partner will be confused since he will THINK you’re leading from a combination like #3 or #7. All in all, it’s better to avoid this lead if playing a suit contract.

5) 72 – With **any** doubleton in partner’s suit, lead high. Partner will treat this as a count signal (high-low from two cards) and play accordingly. It’s unlikely you’ve supported partner during the auction with two small, but there are some situations where you’ve done so (partner has rebid their suit showing six, taking a false preference after a forcing NT, et.al.). Regardless, lead high.

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6) Up to this point, the lead's been the same whether or not you've supported partner. However, with three or four small, the situation is different. If you **HAVE** supported partner, you lead HIGH. Partner already knows you have 3 or 4 cards in the suit (you supported him during the auction), so he doesn't need the count. He needs to know which cards you're holding. By leading HIGH after supporting partner, partner can tell the distribution of all the higher cards around the table. **BUT**, if you **haven't** supported partner during the auction, he doesn't know how many cards you hold, so you must lead low. **IF** you lead HIGH, partner will play you for a doubleton (see #5 above) and likely misdefend.

7) **KQ4/QJ4/J104** – From a sequence, lead top. Partner will place you with **EITHER** the card immediately below the card led (and perhaps more), **OR** a doubleton. Usually partner can tell from dummy and other clues which one it is.

8) **AK3** – From AceKing and little ones, the modern style is to lead the Ace (top of a sequence). The old style is to lead King from either **AK** **or** from **KQ**. When using the older style, it's often difficult for partner to know which holding you started with. Ace from **AK** is a **GOOD** lead.

9) **AK** – When holding the doubleton **AK**, lead the King first, then the Ace if your agreement is to lead Ace from **AK**. Leading them in reverse order tells your partner you have a doubleton.

Even if you follow these rules exactly, there are times when partner will find a particular card ambiguous. When partner misdefends, you can blame me and still win the post-mortem because "Ron told me to lead that card!"

Q & A with David Soukup

Ten-year old David Soukup played his first bridge game in April and has been a regular at the NVBA Unit Game ever since. He also started playing at the Wednesday club game in Ballston as part of his summer vacation activities. On August 23 he had a 62 percent game in the 199er Unit game with one of his regular partners, Jenny Shaefer, and was first in his direction and second overall. On August 30 he had a 69 percent game playing with Eric Poskanzer in the 199er game and was first overall. David's presence usually brings a number of questions from other players, so his father gave him ten questions for his first interview:

Q. Why are you so interested in bridge?

A. I am so interested in bridge because it is a game where you have a partner playing with you and because it is a social game.

Q. What is special about the game?

A. One of the special things about bridge is that you learn a complete new language. Eight months ago, a board was a billboard, a washboard, pasteboard, or wallboard to me.

Q. How did you learn to play?

A. My father taught me the basic rules. After that, he got an online bridge course. I've also learned a few conventions from books and other players.

Q. Where are you going to school? What grade are you in?

A. I am in 6th grade at Kenmore Middle School in Arlington, VA.

Q. What was your "most embarrassing moment" at the bridge table?

A. My most embarrassing moment was when I did not tell my partner that I was using a certain convention. She misinterpreted the bid and gave the opponents incorrect information. A lot of confusion followed, but I learned my lesson.

Q. What are your favorite bridge books?

A. My favorite bridge book is Modern Bridge Conventions by William S. Root and Richard Pavlicek.

Q. What are your other favorite activities (games, sports)?

A. I am intrigued by the Japanese game of Go. I also play on a baseball team in spring and fall.

Q. How is your style of play changing? (What are you doing differently than when you started?)

A. I have definitely become less afraid to declare, more aggressive, and my convention card is much more complex.

Q. What do you think about your father's natural talent for the game?

A. Well, it's enough to get through the bridge column in the newspaper ...

Q. What do you think about bridge players?

A. The bridge players here are very nice, and they have made me feel welcome. Thanks to everybody who helped me along the way, especially my partner Jenny!

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>

Director: Gene Schuyler – *Game:* Montebello DBC – Monday 7:00 PM
URL: <http://members.cox.net/carlinspringsbc/index2.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>

Directors: 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 – *Game:* Carlin Springs BC – Tuesday 7:00 PM
URL: [htm http://members.cox.net/carlinspringsbc/index2.htm](http://members.cox.net/carlinspringsbc/index2.htm)

Directors: Alan Breed; Norma Pierzchala – *Games:* Arlington County DBC –
Wednesday 10:00 AM; KOCH – Saturday, 9:00 AM
URL: <http://www.bridge-results.com/results/5021/cal.html>

Directors: Louise Sellers and Gene Schuyler –
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>

Director: Dale Dallaire – *Game:* First Christian Church – Friday, 10:00 AM
URL: <http://funfridaybridge.com>

Director: Terry Jones – *Game:* Falls Church BC – Saturday, 7:00 PM
URL: <http://fallschurchbridgeclub.com/Scores/html>

Mid-Atlantic Seeks Someone To Store And Transport Tables

The Mid-Atlantic Bridge Conference Finance Committee is in the process of accepting bids for moving tables to our various tournaments in District Six. A total of about 350 card tables need to be stored and then up to 325 of them need to be transported to and from the four regionals held annually in the District. In 2008 these tournaments will be held in Williamsburg, VA, Reston, VA, Hunt Valley, MD and Virginia Beach, VA. In addition you might be able to do the tables for Raleigh, NC.

Anyone interested should contact Fred King, the subcommittee chairperson, at fredmking@gmail.com.

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Christ the King Church, one block south of East-West Highway on
Colston between Washington and Grubb, Chevy Chase, MD (WBL)*

NVBA (Beth El) WBL

***Novice/Intermediate Lecture* 6:30 p.m.**
STRATAFLIGHTED OPEN 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.
NEWCOMER PAIRS (0-5) 7:00 p.m.

...REST OF TOURNAMENT AT ELKS LODGE...

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 19

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, OCTOBER 20

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, OCTOBER 21

***Novice/Intermediate Lecture (Jeff Roman)* 10:15 a.m.**
FLIGHTS A/X (3000+/3000) & B/C (2000/750) SWISS TEAMS . 11:00 a.m.
*Both Flights are 2-session events, with one break—Look for more info about lunch
in upcoming issues.*
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.

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Fairfax Elks Lodge
(Thurs at Beth El)**

DIRECTIONS: (NEW) From Route 50/Arlington Boulevard heading west from DC and Arlington AND from Route 495/Beltway: Continue on/Take Route 50 West about one mile outside the Beltway, and turn left at Javier Road (the second stoplight after the intersection of 50 and 495). Take an immediate right onto the access road that runs parallel to Route 50. The Elks Lodge will be two buildings down on your left—parking on the side and in the rear. From Fairfax, heading East on Route 50: Pass the intersection of Route 50 and Prosperity Avenue—the Prosperity Medical Center will be on your right. Between the first and second lights after Prosperity, turn right into the access road that runs parallel to Route 50 and look for the Elks Lodge immediately to your right—parking on the far side of the building and in the rear.

SILVER SPRING, MD: OCTOBER 4-7, 2007



COME TO AN
**Octoberfest
OF Bridge!**



Washington
Bridge
League's
77th
Annual
**D.C.
Championships**

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 4

- ♣ 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)
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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, OCTOBER 5

**Friday—at Christ
the King Church Only**

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



The Friday Night Imps are back! 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** ♥

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SATURDAY, OCTOBER 6

- ♣ 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
- ♣ **Machlin Sportsmanship Award** Presentation & between sessions Panel Show ... 2:30pm

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 7

♦ **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
- ♠ 300/100/50 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.



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- Friday nights are your chance to try a different form of the game. This evening, there will be two ways to win playing IMPs. Come with your partner for an IMP Pair game. At the end of the evening, compare your scores as in a Swiss team game with your computer assigned teammates for an extra chance to win.
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to Honor New Life Masters between sessions

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SUNDAY, JANUARY 6

WBL Trophy Race Winners' Presentation between sessions

- ♠ **NEW! Bracketed Teams.** (2 session playthru w/short break) 11:00am & TBA
- Check out this new format!** Each bracket of eight teams (by masterpoints) will play a complete round robin. *Each team plays all of the other teams in its bracket!* The top bracket will hold an unlimited number of teams and will play a swiss format. Your team may choose to play up—but only into the top bracket. *If you like playing A teams, you can—otherwise, play against your peers!*
- ♣ 300/100/50 Swiss Teams, VPs (single sessions) 11:00am, 3:00pm

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