

Congratulations to our Trophy and Medal Winners

AT THE ANNUAL MEETING on May 1 President Cardillo recognized new Life Masters and presented trophies and medals to NVBA trophy winners, Ace of Clubs winners and Mini-McKenney winners. The winners of the NVBA trophies for calendar year 2007 were:

Woman of the Year: Janet Gookin
Rush Buckley: Bob Silverstein

Man of the Year: Bobby Gookin
Rookie of the Year: Robert Magruder

The NVBA congratulates these winners and wishes them continued success at the bridge table.

In addition, Lorraine Yarmowich was announced as the recipient of the fifth annual Dave Murray award. Lorraine well deserves this award, which is given to a player who is not only skilled at bridge, but is also known for his/her good sportsmanship at the table. Congratulations Lorraine! See page 6 for some photos from the Annual Meeting.

The 2008-2009 Board with its newly elected members is:

President: Leo Cardillo

Vice President: Alan Breed

Secretary: Marge Gazzola

Treasurer: Dale Dallaire

Executive Directors: Jim Dick, Herb Fallin, Jr., Bruce Houston,
Jennifer Nisenoff, Ron Kral

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Of Special Interest:

- RESTON, VA REGIONAL
Jun. 30 – Jul. 6
- LAS VEGAS, NV SUMMER NABC,
Jul. 17-27
- WBL SECTIONAL, Aug. 7-10
- HUNT VALLEY, MD REGIONAL,
Aug. 11-17
- NVBA SECTIONAL, Sep. 4-7
- D6 STaC, Sep. 12-18
- D6 NAP Finals, Sep. 20-21
- WBL SECTIONAL, Oct. 2-5

President's Message

By Leo Cardillo



THE APRIL SECTIONAL at the Elks closed out a very successful first year (four sectionals) at the new location. Attendance was excellent with a table count of 410. In addition, the tone, enthusiasm and general atmosphere of the Sectional was terrific—everybody had a great time! Tournament Chair Margot Hennings and all of the professional Directors and other volunteers did a magnificent job. In addition, Gene Schuyler utilized the Unit's own duplicating machine to provide all of the pre-duplicated board sets required for the tournament—another first! Thanks to all!

The Annual meeting on May 1 was a great event with an attendance of 44.5 tables and bountiful and delicious food. We had an uncontested election this year for the Board. I welcome the return of Dale Dallaire as the Unit Treasurer, Alan Breed as the new Vice President, and Jim Dick and Jennifer Nisenoff as the two new Executive Directors. The new Board is getting right down to the business of refining the NVBA budget for the new fiscal year (May 1, 2008 – April 30, 2009). As I enter my sixth year as president, I still enjoy a sense of excitement and opportunity as I contemplate working with the Board and all the other volunteers to continue the rewarding task of improving the quality and quantity of bridge playing enjoyment for all of our members.

I want to make special mention of one particular award at the Annual Meeting, and that is the Dave Murray Award (DMA). The DMA is the result of an inspired suggestion provided by Marshall Kushner and is my personal favorite of all of the various awards. Although I did not have the pleasure of knowing Dave Murray, Dave was an exceptionally talented bridge player who also I'm told exhibited the best of table behavior. Dave was "everybody's favorite partner". This year's winner of the coveted DMA is Lorraine Yarnowich, and Ed Gofreed did a terrific job in extolling Lorraine's many fine qualities that led to her selection. Way to go, Lorraine!!

The annual LM/NLM event on May 15 established an all-time record attendance at Beth El of 48.5 tables! Ron Kral deserves an enormous amount of credit for doggedly mapping out the advance pairings of nearly 100 pairs. For my own part, I anxiously borrowed five tables from Candy Kushner's Tuesday game at KOCH, just to be sure that we did not run out of tables! Most importantly, Ron and I heard a virtual chorus of compliments and enjoyment from players at every level. Bobby Gookin deserves special mention for preparing an informative and entertaining hand analysis of the boards that were pre-duped by Gene. The LM/NLM is all about M&M—Mixing and Mentoring—the members of the NVBA in an evening of fun bridge. As an important by-product, new players are drawn into this most enjoyable evening of bridge and new spirit is infused into and across the LM and NLM populations of the NVBA. As a final benefit, it is nice to know that we can comfortably accommodate as many as 50 tables of players at Beth El.

The NVBA is the host unit for this year's Washington area Regional held June 30-July 6 at the Hyatt Regency at Reston Town Center. The Tournament Co-Chairs, Carole Grob and Dale Dallaire, worked long and hard at ironing out all of the details necessary to have a superb tournament. This newsletter will reach you just as the

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Upcoming NVBA Games & Special Events

Jul. 3 CLOSED – closed during RESTON REGIONAL
Jul. 10 Beth El – 7:00 Stratiflighted Unit Championship
Jul. 17 Beth El – 7:00 Stratified Club Championship
Jul. 24 Beth El – 7:00 Stratified Unit Championship
Jul. 31 Beth El – 7:00 Stratiflighted North American Pairs (NAP)
Aug. 7 Beth El – 7:00 WBL Sectional – Stratiflighted Pairs
Aug. 14 Beth El – 7:00 Stratified Rating Point Game
Aug. 21 Beth El – 7:00 Stratiflighted North American Pairs (NAP)
Aug. 28 Beth El – 7:00 Stratiflighted Charity Pairs
Sep. 4 Beth El – 7:00 NVBA Sectional - Stratiflighted Pairs
(rest of Sectional at Fairfax Elks Lodge)
Sep. 11 Beth El – 7:00 Stratiflighted Unit Championship
Sep. 18 Beth El – 7:00 Stratified STaC Pairs
Sep. 25 Beth El – 7:00 Stratiflighted Unit Championship
Oct. 2 Beth El – 7:00 WBL Sectional – Stratiflighted Pairs

Stratification Limits:

All NVBA Unit Games include a separate Stratified 199er game.
 Players with 0-5 MPs play free every Thursday and in all scheduled events.
 For the North American Pairs 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
 September 4-7, 2008
 October 23-26, 2008

WBL
 August 7-10, 2008
 October 2-5, 2008

For information on Tournaments – Cancellations – Special Events – Club games
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Regional concludes, so I will provide a summary report in my next column.

Youth bridge remains a vital element of the strategic future of this great game. Here at the NVBA, Mark Chen has volunteered to fill the position of Youth Advisor to the NVBA Board. The WBL conducted its first Youth Tournament on May 17 and two players from the Thomas Jefferson (TJ) Bridge Club, Dan Emmons and Nabil Ahmed, were the first place winners. As such, they will receive a full sponsorship to the first North American Bridge Championship (NABC) for Youth which will be held in Atlanta in July 3-6. Suzanne Abrams, who has taken over as the Bridge Advisor to TJ, will also attend the Youth NABC and will be able to assist the TJ students as they compete in this event. In addition, Suzanne reports that 14 student memberships and two junior ACBL memberships were purchased for TJ students with the generous donation sent to the NVBA by Judy Smith. Judy was the Manager of a Thursday night bridge game that was held near Fairfax Circle for many years. Frank (my son) and I started playing bridge in Virginia when we were invited to play at Judy's game some years ago. Thanks, Judy, for the donation!

Another youth bridge activity has been successfully conducted at Marlton Elementary School in Marlton, MD. Our own Marty Bley is the music teacher at the school and provided the leadership to start this bridge club with about seven tables of fourth, fifth and sixth graders. Susan Miskura, Marvin Raines and Ruth Wood assisted Marty in this effort. During the first session, the school Principal, Ms. Carol Pica, and several other teachers, also participated, even though most of them had never played before! As Marvin noted, the Marlton Bridge Club has been an enlightening and rewarding experience, and certain proof that this is indeed a game for all ages!!

On a personal note, I am really looking forward to spending July 20-28 at the Summer NABC in Las Vegas with my son, Frank. I am certain that I will see many NVBA/WBL players there—it should be a great week!

Finally, I want to remind you that you don't have to go to Vegas to play exciting and competitive, but friendly, bridge. The first of the NVBA Fall Sectionals will be held from September 4-7, 2008. Be there!

See you at the tables!

NOTICE – CHANGE TO BRIDGE INFORMATION LINE (BIL)

PLAYERS AND CLUB OWNERS – PLEASE TAKE NOTE! THE BRIDGE INFORMATION PHONE LINE REPORTING CLUB INFORMATION, UPCOMING EVENTS, SCHEDULE CHANGES, ETC. HAS BEEN CHANGED TO:

703-869-0852.

CLUB OWNERS/DIRECTORS: PLEASE CALL TONY CINCOTTA, 703-533-1609, WITH ANY INFORMATION YOU WOULD LIKE POSTED ON THE BIL.

PLAYERS: YOU MAY CALL THE BIL NUMBER FOR INFORMATION ON UPCOMING EVENTS AND TO REQUEST A PARTNER FOR ANY NVBA-SPONSORED GAME.

Upcoming 199er Unit Games

Jul. 3 CLOSED – closed during RESTON REGIONAL
Jul. 10 Beth El – 7:00 Club Championship – 199er Pairs game
Jul. 17 Beth El – 7:00 199er Pairs Game
Jul. 24 Beth El – 7:00 199er Pairs Game
Jul. 31 Beth El – 7:00 199er Pairs Game OR 199ers may “play up” in the Flight C of the North American Pairs (NLM 0-500 MPs)
Aug. 7 Beth El – 7:00 WBL Sectional - 199er Pairs Game
Aug. 14 Beth El – 7:00 199er Pairs Game
Aug. 21 Beth El – 7:00 199er Pairs Game OR 199ers may “play up” in the Flight C of the North American Pairs (NLM 0-500 MPs)
Aug. 28 Beth El – 7:00 199er Charity Pairs Game
Sep. 4 Beth El – 7:00 NVBA Sectional 199er Pairs (rest of Sectional at Fairfax Elks Lodge)
Sep. 11 Beth El – 7:00 STaC – 199er Pairs Game
Sep. 18 Beth El – 7:00 199er Pairs STaC Game
Sep. 25 Beth El – 7:00 199er Pairs Game
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Left to right: Rush Buckley award winner **Bob Silverstein**, NVBA Rookie of the Year **Robert Magruder**, NVBA Man of the Year **Bobby Gookin**, NVBA Woman of the Year **Janet Gookin**



Dave Murray award winner **Lorraine Yarmowich** with last year's winner **Ed Gofreed**



TJ Players Win WBL Youth Bridge Tournament

The first WBL Youth Bridge Tournament on May 17, 2008 was a huge success and enjoyed by students as well as the volunteers. There were 20 students ranging in age from 10-16, and all have participated in the Bridge in Schools program for 1 to 2 years. The students played a five-round Howell movement, enjoying pizza after round 4.

Congratulations go to the winners of the tournament, **Nabil Ahmed (16)** and **Dan Emmons (16)**, both from Thomas Jefferson High School in Alexandria, VA, with a score of 67.6 percent. With this win, Nabil and Dan have won a trip to the North American Bridge Championship for Youth in Atlanta from July 3-6, 2008 representing District 6.

Placing second were **Eli Robbins (14)** and **Marcus Maibach (14)**, both from St. Andrews Episcopal School in Potomac, MD, with 57.9 percent.



Placing third were **Daniel Rubin (12)** and **Marc Finzi**, representing Washington Episcopal School in Bethesda, MD, with 57.3 percent.

Suzanne Abrams, Reni Malloy, Joanne Pretti, and Roy Tibery assisted the students with filling out convention cards, score keeping, etc. Suzanne will travel with the winners to Atlanta.

Left, **Nabil Ahmed**, right, **Dan Emmons**

The Jack of Hearts

by Marshall Kushner



SO YOU DIDN'T GO to Detroit. I guess the Motor City in early March conjured up images of trudging through snowdrifts to get to dinner. Well, there was no snow. Oh, it snowed a little a few days before the tournament and the talking heads were calling for another 6 to 10 inches the first Saturday. They clearly don't know about the deal the ACBL has with the weatherman. It doesn't snow at nationals, it just doesn't. Sure enough, come Saturday the snow veered south to Ohio and Kentucky while Detroit was left a few flakes shy of a flurry. There was no trudging either. Detroit has this wonderful thing called the People Mover, an unmanned elevated train that travels a three-mile loop through downtown. For fifty cents you could board it outside the Renaissance Center and get to dozens of restaurants along the route.

Then, too, you were probably worried about Detroit's new ranking as the nation's crime capital. Well, there were zero muggings, zero stolen purses and just one burglary. How does Detroit feel about its image? They don't seem to be taking it too seriously. I overheard one couple telling another that they asked their cab driver on the way in from the airport how long it would take to walk from Ren Cen to Greektown. "We don't know," replied the cabbie, "no one's ever made it." Talk about self serving statements! I never felt unsafe walking the streets. In fact, I didn't even encounter a panhandler until the last day. If concerns about warmth and safety kept you away, they shouldn't have. Detroit was a wonderful NABC. It was a gracious host with a downtown as festive as any in America. The people were friendly and welcoming. How welcoming were they? To make bridge players feel at home they built a beer garden a few blocks away called Jacoby's, which was really prescient since they built it in 1904. The playing conditions got raves and the hospitality featured Detroit delicacies such as Boston coolers (floats made with Vernor's Ginger Ale), chili, strudel, and Sanders cream puffs. The biggest problem we had in Detroit was figuring out how to get around the Ren Cen, a maze of concentric cylindrical towers. The rule seemed to be that if you could see your destination, you couldn't get there.

Despite a small contingent, the NVBA shone on the fields of friendly strife. The tournament opened with Hal Hindman and Mark Chen finishing 5th in the Flight A North American Pairs. Gil Cohen followed with a third place finish in the Silver Ribbon Pairs. He also hit the board in the IMP Pairs as did Cecily Kohler in the Mixed Pairs. Regional wins went to Matt Meckstroth and the mysterious M. Schuler. All told, that's MM & M!

This was Detroit's first NABC since 1981, and sandwiched between San Francisco and Las Vegas there were concerns about attendance. When the dust settled, it totaled 8553.5 tables, not as much as hoped for but more than feared early in the week. I guess you weren't the only ones who stayed home. The question now becomes, will you stay away from Las Vegas for fear of excessive warmth?

Parade of Winners

WBL SECTIONAL March 27-30, 2008

Thurs. Eve. A/X Pairs (81 Pairs)

- 1 1 Bob Kerchner – Stu Fleischmann
2 2 Bob Zier – Jim Witting

Thurs. Eve. B/C/D Pairs (54 Pairs)

- 1 Ed Rodrigues – Mohsen Esfandiary
1 Bill Gurley – Terry Jones

Thurs. Eve. 0-200 Pairs (26 Pairs)

- 1 1 1 Ike Oren – Georgette Weiss
2 Blair Curry – Judith Curry
2 Linda Szyszka – Donald Szyszka
2 Kenneth Linder – Daniel Barthell

Fri. AM Open Pairs (47 Pairs)

- 2 Ken Davis – Bob Hartmann
1 1 Malvern Sheffield, Jr. – Martha Mangano
2 Kevin O'Brien – Francesco Parisi-Presicce
2 Michael Hirsch – Jerome Ostrov

Fri. Aft. A/X Pairs (30 Pairs)

- 2 John Mason, Jr. – Eugene Kales

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

- 1 Eugene Fisher – Kiyomi Shiba

Fri. Aft. NLM Pairs (31 Pairs)

- 1 1 1 Joe Hertz – Amanda Carter

Fri. Eve. A/X Barometer Pairs (23 Pairs)

- 1 Leon Letwin – David Rodney

Fri. Eve. B/C Barometer Pairs (14 Pairs)

- 2 Joe Hertz – Amanda Carter

Fri. Eve. NLM Pairs (12 Pairs)

- 2 Charles Ellis – Sheila Ellis

Sat. AM B/C/D (50 Pairs)

- 1 1 Mark Rosen – Kiyomi Shiba
2 Susan Miskura – Dennis Schwanz
1 Terry Vann – Art Hartstein
2 Neil Selvin – Howard Grunin

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

- 2 William Hohe – Bob Blodgett

Sat. Aft. A/X Pairs (22 Pairs)

- 2 1 Dan Feldman – Thierry Poirey

Sat. Aft. NLM Pairs (26 Pairs)

- 2 David Fitzwilliam – Lorraine Tyler
1 1 Bruce Kasold – Gary Hinson

Sun. A/X Swiss (15 Teams)

- 1 Stan Schenker – M Webster Ewell, Jr. –
Michael Klein – David Milton
2 Steve. Robinson – Peter Boyd –
Ai-Tai Lo – Mark Shaw – Bill Cole
1 Leon Letwin – Joel Miller –
Avril Rodney – David Rodney

Sun. B/C/D Swiss (26 Teams)

- 1 1 Walter Smith, Jr. – Merrill Hirsh –
Albert Lauber – Ned Griffith

Sun. AM 299er Swiss (14 Teams)

- 2/3 Charles Shank – John Donohue –
William Hughes – Barbara Hodges

Sun. Aft. 299er Swiss (9 Teams)

- 1 Jetty Townsend – Barbara Harding White –
Charles Ellis – Sheila Ellis
2 Juanita Beeson – Patricia Mitchell –
Rachelle Sladoff – Rochelle Hilton

NVBA SECTIONAL April 10-13, 2008

Thurs. Eve. A/X Pairs (70 Pairs)

- 2 2 Deb Dhar – Dharendra Ghosh

Thurs. Eve. B/C Pairs (64 Pairs)

- 2 Martha Bley – Ross Bley

Thurs. 199er Pairs @ NVBA (25 Pairs)

- 1 Larry Taylor – David Meadows
2 William Woodward – John Menzel
1 1 Lawrence Shuman – Deanna Shuman
2 2 H. W. Karl Van Newkirk –
Virginia Gibbons

Fri. Aft. Open Pairs (63 Pairs)

- 1 Janet Gookin – Robert Gookin
2 1 Salam Saidi – Kamel Tabbara
2 Bea Suskin – Cathy Baker
1 Minako Komura – Kiyomi Shiba
2 Mike Frosch – Carl Noller

Fri. Aft. 299er Pairs (26 Pairs)

- 1 William Woodward – John Menzel
- 2 John Lupinski – Elizabeth Lupinski

Fri. Aft. 49er Pairs (6 Pairs)

- 1 Shirley Prikals – Dennis Sponholtz
- 2 Stephen Colevas – Clenton Blount

Fri. Eve. Triple Nickel Swiss (24 Teams)

- 2 Robert Hopkins, Jr. – Joan Lewis – Barry Falgout – Earl Glickstein
- 2 Al Sitterson – Barbara DiCicco – William Nicolai – Rod Severson
- 2 Joe Hertz – Charles Ellis – Sheila Ellis – Amanda Carter

Fri. Eve. 299er Pairs (10 Pairs)

- 1 Michael Lusick – Freeman Adkins
- 2 1 1 Fredric Singerman – Joe Freedman
- 2 Tobi Bear – Susan Klaber
- 2 Ron Friedman – Brigitte Friedman

Sat. AM Open Pairs (64 Pairs)

- 2 Alan Breed – Robert Hartmann
- 2 1 Raman Kelkar – Elias Arbel

Sat. AM 299er Pairs (52 Pairs)

- 2 1 Dick Verdow – Jean Verdow
- 2 1 Terry Vann – Art Hartstein
- 2 Kimberly Ferguson – Chuck Kasten

Sat. AM 49er Pairs (11 Pairs)

- 1 A. Sullivan – Don Bennett
- 2 Loretta Mathews – Susan Pettit
- 1 1 Jonathan Haley – Tim Rauen
- 2 David Soukup – Hakan Berk
- 2/3 Deborah Klar – Ronald Klar
- 2/3 Ruth Glen – Donna Setzer

Sat. Aft. A/X Pairs (30 Pairs)

- 2 Arnie Frankel – Helene Bauman
- 1 Betty Burse – Gabriele Nanda

Sat. Aft. B/C Pairs (52 Pairs)

- 1 Timothy Smith – Virginia Gibbons
- 1 Youssof Seraj – Bernadette Merceron
- 2 Mike Frosch – Ellie Clark

Sat. Aft. 299er Pairs (38 Pairs)

- 2 2 William Woodward – John Menzel
- 2 Sheila Ellis – Charles Ellis

Sat. Aft. 49er Pairs (8 Pairs)

- 1/2 Stephen Colevas – Janet Henrichsen
- 1/2 Shirley Prikals – Dennis Sponholtz
- 2 Ruth Glen – Donna Setzer

Sat. Eve. Open Pairs (29 Pairs)

- 2 1 Emerita Hayward – William Zane
- 1 Ross Bley – Martha Bley
- 2 Ellie Clark – Mike Frosch

Sat. Eve. 299er (10 Pairs)

- 1 James Biss – Sara Goodwin
- 2 1 Mary Alice Vogt – Margaret Gurley
- 2 Eleanor Schwartz – Christine Brooks

Sun. B/C Swiss (24 Teams)

- 1 1 Susan Brawn – Helene Cooper – Elizabeth Traylor – Marilyn Smebakken
- 2 2 Ned Griffith – Walter Smith, Jr. – Merril Hirsh – Albert Lauber

Sun. AM 299er Swiss (18 Teams)

- 1 1 Norman Sweed – Ronnie Sweed – Tobi Bear – Susan Klaber
- 2 2 1 William Hughes – Barbara Hodges – Michael Canes – Neal Cooper

Sun. Aft. 299er Swiss (11 Teams)

- 1 1 John Menzel – Robert Hollohan – William Woodward – Ken Duggin
- 2 2 1 Stephen Drodge – Andrew Rodriguez – Aviv Cukierman – Aryan Khojandi

RALEIGH REGIONAL
May 20-26, 2008

Educ Found Swiss (40 Teams)

- 1 Barbara DiCicco – John Mason – Jack Buchanan – J. Willard Williams

Charity Open Pairs (50 Pairs)

- 1 Ruth Potter – Jeff Roman

Fayetteville Tues-Wed KO Bkt. 1 (16 Teams)

- 2 Larry Allen – Tom Rutledge – Janet Gookin – Robert Gookin – Bill Wisdom – Randy Joyce

Fayetteville Tues-Wed KO Bkt. 3 (12 Teams)

- 2 Al O'Malley – Neal McKinney – Laurie Scheinman – Patricia Wright

Parade of Winners – continued from page 9**Fayetteville Tues-Wed KO Bkt. 4 (12 Teams)**

- 1 Kevin O'Brien – Mike Smith –
Aad Burghouwt – Jim Hunter

Cary Wed-Thurs. AM Comp. KO 1 (9 Teams)

- 1 Al Duncker – Ann Lindley –
George Bloomer – Judith Bloomer

Wed. Eve. BAM (50 Teams)

- 2/3 Al Duncker – Ann Lindley –
George Bloomer – Judith Bloomer

Wed Eve. 100/200/300 (24 Pairs)

- 2 Neil Selvin – Lynn Green

Thurs. Eve. Swiss (49 Teams)

- 2 Al Duncker – Ann Lindley –
George Bloomer – Judith Bloomer

Kitty Hawk Thurs.-Fri. KO Bkt. 5 (15 Teams)

- 1 Mike Frosch – Carl Noller –
Nat Zucker – Julia Zucker

Fri.-Sat. Compact KO – Bkt. 1 (12 Teams)

- 2 Bob Pfeiffer – Martha Lackey –
Herb Fallin, Jr. – La Quitta Talbot

Fri. Eve. 0-300 (20 Pairs)

- 1 Janet Henrichsen – Joseph Steele

New Bern Fri.-Sat. KO Bkt. 2 (12 Teams)

- 1 Bob Pfeiffer – Martha Lackey –
Herb Fallin, Jr. – La Quitta Talbot
2 Cecily Kohler – Sam Gumbert –
Chris Shanklin – Robert Bridger

New Bern Fri.-Sat. KO Bkt. 3 (16 Teams)

- 1 Alan Breed – Marge Gazzola –
Norris Drum – Dorene Drum

Sat. Aft. 0-300 (20 Pairs)

- 2 Phyllis Isler – Morton Isler

Jacksonville Side Game Series (25 Pairs)

- 1 1 Sharon Herron – Mike Razar

Sat. Eve. Swiss (38 Teams)

- 2 Alan Feigenbaum – Jim Linhart –
Kenton Schoen – Diane Walker

Sat. - Sun. KO Bkt. 2 (12 Teams)

- 1 Barry Falgout – Rusty Krauss –
Margot Hennings – Don Hennings

Sat. - Sun. KO Bkt. 5 (13 Teams)

- 1 Cherie Charles – Joyce Currie –
Beverly Geurin – Ellie Clark

Sun. Open Pairs (56 Pairs)

- 2 Neil Selvin – Howard Grunin

Sun. AM 0-300 (17 Pairs)

- 2 1 Phyllis Isler – Morton Isler

Sun. Eve. BAM (17 Teams)

- 1 John Klayman – Joan Lewis –
Robert Hopkins, Jr. – Lawrence Lau
2 1 Mike Frosch – Carl Noller –
Conrad Johnson – Ann Pozdol

Sun. Eve. 0-300 BAM (12 Teams)

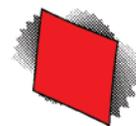
- 1 Howard Schuyler – Catherine Smith –
Trella Bromley – Jeff Jackson

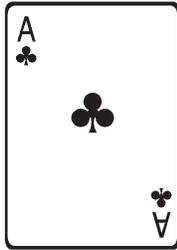
Kinston Sun.-Mon. KO Bkt. 2 (12 Teams)

- 1 Tom Musso – Kathy Paramore –
Ellen Cherniavsky – Joe Wallen

Mon. Aft. Pairs (21 Pairs)

- 1 Al Duncker – George Bloomer
2 Herb Fallin, Jr. – La Quitta Talbot





Congratulations to our Ace of Clubs Winners for 2007!

Some of the masterpoint races were pretty close.

0 to 5 MPs

Shirley Prikals	15.27
Amanda Carter	12.98
William Hohe	12.30

5 to 20 MPs

Eleanor Schwartz	41.05
Linda Croker	23.38
Taraneh Shahin	21.94

20 to 50 MPs

Rod Spicer	46.68
Pat Lonergan	31.62
Barbara Hodges	26.43

50 to 100 MPs

Kiyomi Shiba	61.22
Seth Chamberlain	48.35
Peggy McCarter	46.42

100 to 200 MPs

Dr. Jose Cortina	44.57
Peter Mirsky	38.17
Michael Hampton	31.48

200 to 300 MPs

Alan Gordon	54.77
Abdul Etemadi	54.42
Marilyn Golias	52.17

300 to 500 MPs

Tony Cincotta	73.02
Ed Brawn	61.50
Martha Bley	61.27

500 to 1000 MPs

Bob Boyd	152.38
Salam Saidi	131.47
Lenore Ward	86.05

1000 to 2500 MPs

Herb Fallin, Jr.	183.78
Bob Hartmann	125.48
Mike Polunin	104.57

2500 to 5000 MPs

Tom Cogan	179.56
Carolyn Gibson	141.62
Ed Gofreed	133.75

5000 to 7500 MPs

Ken Davis	330.82
Don Geerhart	176.47
Lowell Sawyer	121.94

7500 to 10,000 MPs

Jeff Roman	126.23
Janet Gookin	56.75
Don Probst	21.31

Over 10,000 MPs

Bobby Gookin	106.18
Ed Lewis	105.68



From left to right: Jose Cortina, Jeff Roman, Bobby Gookin, Ken Davis, Kiyomi Shiba, Bob Boyd, Herb Fallin, Jr.

Congratulations to our Mini-McKenney Winners for 2007!

0 to 5 MPs

Amanda Carter	42.17
Randolph Elkins	32.75
Al Kuchinka	23.68

5 to 20 MPs

Eleanor Schwartz	78.33
William Hughes	48.39
Taraneh Shahin	40.90

20 to 50 MPs

Neil Selvin	106.64
Pat Lonergan	105.93
Rod Spicer	87.64

50 to 100 MPs

Joyce Currie	237.46
Marvin Raines	141.21
Kiyomi Shiba	129.09

100 to 200 MPs

Francesco Parisi-Presicce	182.59
Dr. Jose Cortina	137.52
Terry Jones	133.89

200 to 300 MPs

Ellie Clark	230.07
Susan Slattery	144.59
John R Miles	140.32

300 to 500 MPs

Kevin O'Brien	496.42
Martha Bley	202.26
Ross A Bley	198.28

500 to 1000 MPs

Matt Meckstroth	506.50
Bob Boyd	298.64
Lynda Flanger	262.43

1000 to 2500 MPs

Herb Fallin, Jr.	409.54
Ron Kral	305.71
Jay Kelkar	243.90

2500 to 5000 MPs

Tom Cogan	409.90
Sumner Steinfeldt	398.06
Rusty Krauss	338.26

5000 to 7500 MPs

Ken Davis	715.57
Robert Hopkins Jr	381.52
Helene Bauman	344.50

7500 to 10,000 MPs

Jeff Roman	570.89
Janet Gookin	421.79
Alan Schwartz	239.41

Over 10,000 MPs

Bobby Gookin	516.28
Ed Lewis	290.91
Gil Cohen	149.65



From left to right: Francesco Parisi-Presicce, Ellie Clark, Kevin O'Brien, Joyce Currie and Eleanor Schwartz.



From left to right: Jeff Roman, Bobby Gookin, Ken Davis, Herb Fallin, Jr.

Better Basic Bridge:

By Ron Kral

BASIC BRIDGE BIDDING is based on “up the line” bidding, which means that responder’s one-level bids and opener’s rebids are always made in the **cheapest** of your 4-card suits. (Exception: many duplicate players skip bidding the diamond suit and go right to a 4-card major). For example, if you open 1♣ and responder has two 4-card majors, he’ll always bid 1♥ (regardless of suit quality!) and give opener the opportunity to either support responder’s heart bid with four, or to show a 4-card spade suit. This assures that the partnership will find any 8-card major-suit fit, and that the bidding will stay low until the partnership has exchanged complete information about their suit lengths.

Therefore, when responder skips past the heart suit to bid spades, he is typically denying holding four hearts. So if responder doesn’t have four hearts, why would opener then bid hearts? There’s only one kind of hand you can bid this way, an unbalanced hand with better than average HCP. Why? Because responder must bid at the 3-level to go back to opener’s first suit. Look at the following example:

<u>West</u>	<u>North</u>	<u>East</u>	<u>South</u>
Pass	1♣	Pass	1♠ ¹
Pass	2♥ ²	Pass	3♣ ³
Pass	3♠ ⁴	Pass	3NT ⁵
Pass	Pass	Pass	

- 1-I have 4+ spades, probably not 4 hearts
- 2-A reverse. 16+ HCP, 5+ ♣’s, 4♥’s
- 3-Club support, establishes a game force
- 4-I have 3 spades, do you have 5?
- 5-No, I have only 4 spades, and I have diamonds stopped

When reversing, opener bids a lower suit first than a higher suit second forcing responder to bid at the 3-level to return to the original opening bid suit. Many newer players don’t understand that a reverse ALWAYS shows extra values. You CANNOT bid a reverse with routine opening hands.

Note: a 1♠ rebid by opener over a 1♥ response or a major suit bid over 1C-1D is **NOT** a reverse because the partnership isn’t forced to the 3-level.

If either partner bypasses a suit he could have shown at the one-level, you should always assume (at least temporarily) that he does **not** have 4-card length in that suit.

For example:

You open 1♦ with ♠94 ♥KQ103 ♦AJ764 ♣K10 and partner responds 1♠. With your minimum 13 HCP opening, you cannot bid 2♥ (a suit partner has denied) which would be a reverse and forces responder to the 3-level. You must rebid 1NT with this hand to show your minimum hand. It’s possible that responder has 5 spades and 4 hearts, but in that case, he’ll rebid 2♥ over your 1NT rebid and then you can support hearts. NOTE: a reverse by responder also shows a good hand – at least invitational values. Example: 1♦, 1♥, 1N, 2♠ is a reverse by responder.

When you have a stronger hand, though, such as ♠4 ♥KQ103 ♦AKJ76 ♣A102, you can afford to force the bidding higher. To show extra strength, you can reverse by bidding a suit partner has bypassed. Some typical reverse auctions are:

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Opener	Responder	Opener	Responder	Opener	Responder
1♣	1♥	1♥	1NT	1♠	2♦
2♦		2♠		3♣	

Note: The third example is a reverse IF you're playing Standard American. If you're playing 2 over 1, it does not necessarily show extra values, but may be an unbalanced hand with no convenient other bid. Also note: Reverses are rare and jack up the bidding quickly. They should NOT be used unless there's no other way to describe the hand. For example, I'll open a 5/4/2/2 16 HCP hand 1NT if at least one of the two doubletons has an honor rather than bid a reverse. If BOTH doubletons are weak, I'll reluctantly reverse.

A **two-level reverse** (where you must go to the 2-level to show your second suit) shows a distributional hand with extra strength, and it forces partner to bid again. Specifically, it promises:

At least 16-17+ HCP

At least 5-4 distribution in your two suits

Your first suit **IS ALWAYS** longer than your second suit

Your second suit must be **higher in rank** than your first suit

Most of the time, you have an unbalanced hand with a singleton or void, **and**

Partner must have bypassed your second suit with his response. Opener's one level rebid (1♣-1♥-1♠) is **not** a reverse. Your rebid is a reverse **only** if you must go to a higher level to show the suit (1♣-1NT-2♠)

Responder **MUST** bid again after a reverse. Repeating responder's suit (with 5+ cards) or bidding 2NT usually shows a poor hand not interested in game opposite a minimum (16-17 HCP) reverse

A **three-level reverse** is made when responder forces opener to the 3-level to show his second suit. Like a two-level reverse, this is forcing and shows extra values. The only differences are that responder's second suit will usually be **lower in rank** than their first suit, and the two suits may be equal in length.

Here are some typical reverse hands:

♠J107 ♥3 ♦AQJ7 ♣AKQ102 – You open 1♣ and partner responds 1♠. You can now reverse with a rebid of 2♦. This forces partner to bid again and give you more information. If he rebids a long spade suit, you'll raise to 4♠. If he bids anything else, you can further describe your hand by bidding spades next. Note that since you didn't raise spades right away, you denied holding 4-card support. Your belated raise shows 3-card spade support **and**, by inference, tells partner you have a singleton or void in hearts (since you've shown 9+ cards in clubs and diamonds and 3 cards in spades).

♠AK1054 ♥KQ9862 ♦A4 ♣Void – You can also use a reverse bid when your suits are longer than 5-4. Here, you open 1♥, partner responds 1NT, and you make a reverse bid of 2♠ to force. Over whatever partner bids, you'll bid your spades again to show extra length. Partner will know that you must hold five spades (because you bid them twice) and six hearts (because your hearts must be longer than your spades). Partner can now decide what the trump suit should be.

♠K9 ♥AQ72 ♦AQ ♣KJ754 – You open 1♣ and partner bids 1♠. This hand qualifies as a reverse to 2♥, but a 2NT rebid is a better description of your strength and distribution (18-19+ HCP). Your hand is fairly balanced, your suits are not robust, and you have almost half your points in your doubletons. If you instead bid 2♥ here,

you promise only about 16+ HCP, and you tend to show a hand that's more suitable for a suit contract than for 3NT.

Responding to a reverse

Opener's reverse is FORCING for one round (but NOT forcing to game) – responder **must** bid again, even with a very weak hand. In general, responder bases his rebid on his HCP and the picture of opener's hand (opener has at least 5-4 in his suits) and tries to support one of opener's suits if possible. With a poor hand, responder should bid 2NT or 2 of their suit (may be only five cards) to slow down the auction. Here are the meanings for responder's second bid, in the general order of preference they should be considered:

Raise of partner's second suit (1♣-1♠-2♥-3♥) – 4-card support, 8+ HCP, game forcing.

Bid of partner's first suit (1♣-1♠-2♥-3♣) – 3+ card support, 8+ HCP, game forcing.

Jump in partner's first suit (1♣-1♠-2♥-4♣) – a strong, distributional hand with 4-5 cards in partner's suit and slam values (12+ playing points.)

Rebid of your own long suit (1♣-1♠-2♥-2♠) – a weakish hand (5-7 HCP) with 5+ cards in your suit and usually no fit for partner's suits. Note: This is an exception where you can rebid a 5-card suit. Opener may have 3 cards in your suit and a singleton or void elsewhere.

2NT – weak response (5-7 HCP). You can also agree with your partner to use 2NT here as the Lebensohl 2NT convention. Partner will bid 3♣ (playing Lebensohl) or 3 of his 5-card suit, which can be passed.

3NT – good values (8-11 HCP) with a stopper in the unbid suit.

The unbid suit (1♣-1♠-2♥-3♦) – forcing and could be artificial, usually without support for partner's suits. Like “New Minor Forcing”, a bid of the fourth suit can be used when you have a good hand (8+ HCP) and want to find out if opener has 3-card support for your major.

If you'd like a more accurate way to rebid after a reverse, you can use the Lebensohl 2NT convention.

BRIDGE CLUB RESULTS POSTED ON THE INTERNET:

Director: Carole Grob – *Game:* Ballston Bridge Club – Monday, 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: 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)

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>

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MILESTONES

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

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Dr Clenton A Blount
Martin D Cargas
Stephen J Drodge
Kathy Dunkerley
Ruth Glen
Mary R Harter
Patricia A Kiefer
Katherine B Koch
Nancy Needleman

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Sheila W Ellis
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Kenneth P Linder
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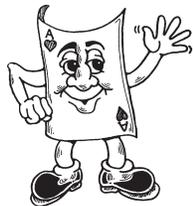
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We would like to welcome the following new members into our Unit:

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

Dr. Charles T. Adkins
 Philip F. Bach
 Andrew M. Gomer
 Greg J. Hobart
 Alfred R. Mirring
 Ewing S. Walker

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

Matthew T. Mallory
 Matt A. Meckstroth
 Rajeswaran Rajkumar
 Ruth F. Slutsky
 Anne Tonks
 Rodrigo D. Valderrama
 Ursula G. Williams

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

Stu Fleischmann
 Katherine M. Phillips
 James W. Thornburg
 Evelyn Vance

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

Directors: Louise Sellers and Jim Dick – *Games:* Jewish Community Center (JCC) – Wednesday, 11:00 AM; Sunday, 1:00 PM Vienna Bridge – Thursday, 10:00 a.m.; *URL:* <http://mysite.verizon.net/resymzgl>

Directors: John Mason, Jim Dick, Livingston Johnson – *Game:* First Christian Church – Friday, 10:00 AM; *URL:* <http://funfridaybridge.com>

We are sorry to report that longtime NVBA player Gene Hoover passed away on May 29, 2008. He was 93 years old. Here is a eulogy for Gene written by his grandchildren.

Eulogy for Eugene W. Hoover Delivered June 4, 2008

As a devoted gardener and a former meteorologist with the National Weather Service, our grandfather studied, understood, and respected the changing patterns of each season, the forces of nature, and the cycle of life. As we meet together following his final season, let us take a moment to reflect on his life and remember the man that we have lost – a caring gardener, an accomplished bridge player, a natural teacher and mentor to the end, and above all, a man of integrity.

Anyone who spent time around our grandfather would notice that he was an intelligent, hard-working man of his word, who in his later years developed an easy sense of humor that always lightened the mood. His life was shaped largely by the world events that occurred in his early years. Born during the 1st World War, he was the oldest son in a family of eight, living on a farm of nearly 200 acres outside of Everton, Missouri. Although it was hard on the family, he left the farm for state teacher's college around the time of the Great Depression, with only \$50 in his pocket. He would be the only child in his family to go to college. He worked his way through school, humble enough to take whatever jobs would enable him to finish college, sometimes even working for free in order to establish a reputation of hard work and integrity.

Granddad felt that a man was measured by his work ethic, and he sometimes felt guilty about leaving behind his obligations on the family farm – he knew his father depended on him as the older of only 2 sons, trying to provide for a family of 8. On every trip home, he undertook big projects so that he could make up for his absence from the farm, and his family felt his contributions in meaningful ways. For example, on one trip home, he spent each night tutoring his own father (who had never had much of an education), helping him to secure a job as a land surveyor so he could have a few extra dollars each week to help provide for his family. Another time, he returned to the farm to find his family carrying buckets of water from the well to the house. Applying the physics skills he had learned in college, Granddad developed a siphoning system to effortlessly move the water uphill. Each trip home, he worked tirelessly from morning to night to contribute as much as he could to his family. That was just the kind of man our Granddad was – self-sacrificing, hard-working, acting on a strong sense of duty to others. He once apologized to his father for going away to school and not being able to help out more on the farm. But his father assured him that the work he did on his short trips home impacted the family in immeasurable ways.

After finishing up his education, Granddad became a principal in a local school system. It was there that he met and married his wife and companion of more than 60 years, Wilma Lorine Chauncey, who was a teacher in one of the one-room school-houses. As the world struggled through war and change, Grammie and Granddaddy raised 3 children – Janet, Joyce, and Jay (the 3 Js).

In his younger years, Granddaddy, a man in his mid 30s with a wife and 3 kids, embarked on the “small” project of building his own home. To obtain the experience he needed, Granddad volunteered to help other people build their homes. After assisting with the building of 4 or 5 homes, he decided he had acquired enough knowledge and was ready to start on a place of his own. To start building the 3,600 sq. foot home that he designed himself, Granddad picked 2-1/2 heavily wooded acres down a dirt road in a rural part of northern Virginia. Today, this area is known as Fairfax, VA, a very heavily populated suburb of our nation’s capital.

Enough cannot be said of Granddad’s strong work ethic and determination. While he was clearing the home-site, using only a chainsaw and an axe, pouring the foundation, driving to Tennessee and Georgia to get the stones for the exterior walls and the hardwood flooring, completing the carpentry work, electrical work, and literally everything else on the home, he was also working full-time as one of our nation’s first specialists in hurricane research with the National Weather Service. This same determination enabled our granddad to pioneer the way in which we, as Americans, track and forecast hurricanes.

A more recent incident occurred when Granddad was in his eighties. Unwilling to admit the limitations of his age, he climbed a tree with a chainsaw to trim some tree limbs (a feat that most 20 year olds today would not attempt). When the ladder fell away, he threw down the chainsaw and jumped out of the tree. When he landed, his foot bent back behind him in a way that he described as “a position that he had never seen before.” So he bent the foot back to a proper position (which he mentioned was accompanied by an incredibly sharp pain), crawled to the porch, and casually strolled inside so as not to worry his wife. It wasn’t until several days later that the pain and swelling became so intense that he figured a trip to the doctor might not be a bad idea. Once there, he was told that he had done an excellent job resetting his fibula, which he learned he had broken in the fall. To hear of an 85-year old man up in a tree with a chainsaw is enough to give you a glimpse into the kind of man he was. Add to it the broken bone, him resetting it himself, and continuing to go about his day, and the story stands as one of the most memorable symbols of his perseverance and strength.

Granddad was also a man of honesty. He came from a generation that valued a man’s word and his integrity. He was honest to the point of working with our grandmother to carefully record and report every cent the family received from selling to neighbors and passers-by leftover vegetables picked from the garden, so that Grammie and Granddaddy could pay their fair share to the government on these “profits.” And he did this not grudgingly but cheerfully and out of a sense of duty and loyalty to our nation – because he firmly believed that he needed to do his part to give back to his country and strengthen it for later generations.

In his later years, when the responsibilities of raising a family no longer weighed heavy on his shoulders, our grandfather shifted his focus to instill his work ethic, knowledge, and passions in those around him, particularly the children. Neighborhood children loved to come and work in Granddad’s garden, learning values and gardening from a patient teacher. Learning from Granddad is something that perhaps all of us

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remember most. He was the consummate teacher – whether he was tutoring his own father, teaching his own children, advancing the field of hurricane tracking, passing on his legacy to his grandchildren, or as in his final years, laughing and playing with his great-grandchildren, he selflessly shared his time and knowledge with anyone wanting to learn. Each of his grandchildren has spent many hours working alongside our grandfather, sometimes quietly and sometimes talking, but always gaining wisdom and character. All of us who have known him have grown from his investment in us. When we walked away from spending time with him, we walked away better people. And as we say goodbye to him today, we all feel that we have been enriched and blessed by knowing such an inspiring and exceptional man. We love you and miss you, Granddad.

In Memoriam Stuart “Stu” Fleischmann Bridge and the Magic Square of Life

By Leo Cardillo

On Saturday, May 31, Marjorie Fleischmann called and told us that her husband Stu was in hospice care and didn't have too much longer to live. She and Stu asked me to get the word out to his bridge playing friends, and many of Stu's partners were able to visit with him and talk to him on the phone before he died on June 13. During my visits there, along with my son Frank, Stu recalled a myriad of bridge stories and I'll recount a few.

Every good bridge story begins with a hand, and Stu began with his hand:

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Stu's partner opened 1NT. Stu cuebid hearts twice during the auction and wound up playing 4♥ in a 2-1 fit when 6♣ was ice cold.

The bridge memories flowed... Stu played a long time with Mary Terry out of Connecticut, a lady whose doubles were legendary. Stu misused a convention once and Mary put him on probation IMMEDIATELY and told him that was the first and last time she would tolerate his misuse of the convention. One more such error and she would remove the convention from their card.

Your partner opens 1NT and you bid 2♣ (Stayman) with a hand with 4 triple 3 distribution? Yes!!.... Stu learned this while spending five days with Mike Lawrence....

Stu was a high school player and continued playing for 40 years. A data base guy himself, right from the start he played a heavy card with some of the top NY players. Stu played one year on the train commuting to New York City. His partner was The Commander...lots of anecdotes....

Stu told another story about the time he went to court to help Jean Mayo... a great lady and a great bridge player... (Ms. Mayo was a stranger to me when she volunteered to be the NVBA's first Guaranteed Partner. She was also a very fine "Flight A" player, at a time when I didn't know what a "Flight A" player was.)

We talked at length about Stu's almost finished text and workbook on bridge. We made plans to have the right folks put on the finishing touches...

Stu had strong feelings about God and psychic phenomena...the Aura fills the vast emptiness....

Stu related a story about a 1967 stage play called "NEXT" to my son Frank.... The second act of the play was a game show where you roll the dice and realize certain outcomes, but you only win if you land on "the" magic square. In the play, the participants are told that every square is a magic square! Stu wanted to be sure that Frank knew that in life every square is a magic square.

In the following days, many of Stu's bridge friends would visit, call or send a card to share memories of their various bridge exploits and stories. Each story had its special meaning and allowed us to realize how much Stu had touched our lives and how much he will be missed.

In Memoriam Evelyn Vance

By Don Riley

Evelyn was a regular bridge player at the club in Crystal City and at Bridge Aces. She loved two things in life: teaching and her daughters. When she retired from teaching, she continued to substitute for several years afterward. Her daughters always had some high profile event (or shenanigan) going on back in the late 1980s and early 1990s, and Evelyn sort of enjoyed bringing those highlife stories into our bridge game. She was a great lady, a loyal friend, and a person of insight and purpose.

Services for Evelyn will be held on Monday, July 21, 3 p.m. at the Fort Myer Old Post Chapel followed by interment in Arlington National Cemetery. Memorials may be made in her name to Fisher House at Walter Reed Army Medical Center, 6900 Georgia Ave. NW 20307-5001.

♣ **Arlington, VA** ♦ **SEPTEMBER 4-7, 2008** ♥



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THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 4

Beth El Hebrew Congregation, 3830 Seminary Road, Alexandria, VA (NVBA)
Christ the King Church, one block south of East-West Highway on
Colston between Washington and Grubb, Silver Spring, 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.

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FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 5

STRATIFIED OPEN PAIRS (2000+/2000/750) 2 p.m.
 299ER PAIRS (300/200/100) and 49ER PAIRS (50/20/5) 2 p.m.
 TRIPLE NICKEL SWISS—5 rounds, 5 boards, 5 minutes a board . 7:30 p.m.
 299ER PAIRS (300/200/100) 7:30 p.m.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

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.
 FLIGHT A/X PAIRS (3000+/3000; 2-session Play-thru event) 2 & 7:30 p.m.
 —Single session pairs accommodated during the evening session
 STRATIFIED B/C PAIRS (2000/750; 2 single sessions) ... 2 & 7:30 p.m.
 STRATIFIED SIDE GAME (3000+/3000) 2 p.m.
 299ER PAIRS (300/200/100; 2 single sessions) 2 & 7:30 p.m.
 49ER PAIRS (50/20/5) 2 p.m.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

****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 2-session events, with one hour break—on-site food available
 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) 3:30 p.m.

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- ♦ Stratified Pairs (unlim/2000/500) 10:00am
- ♥ StrataFlighted A/X (unlim/3000) & B/C/D (1500/1000/500) Pairs 2:00pm
- ♠ **Ye Olde Stratified Pairs, Beer & Bratwurst** (unlim/2000/500) 7:30pm
- ♣ Intermediate/Novice Pairs (300/200/100/50/20) (single sessions) 10:00am, 2:00pm, 7:30pm

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OCTOBER 4**

- ♣ 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 5

- ♦ **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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