

Some Congratulations Are In Order

THANKS TO ALL OF YOU who attended the Holiday Party on December 15. We had 48 tables in play and a festive, friendly atmosphere prevailed throughout the evening. David Loken and Betty Bursey did a great job organizing the food, beverages and decorations, with help from Marge Gazzola, Virginia Gibbons, Margot Hennings, Jim and Linda Dick, Georgette Weiss, Lynne Beresford and many others who pitched in.

The Holiday Party is the occasion for the presentation of two awards, the Dave Murray Award and the Sara Goodwin Award. The Dave Murray Award is presented to an NVBA member who is recognized to be, as Dave Murray was, an accomplished player who is unfailingly courteous to partners and opponents and is regarded by peers as an ideal partner. The 2011 winner was past NVBA President Bob Boyd.

This year there was a tie for the Sara Goodwin award, which is given to the NVBA member who plays the most number of sessions in NVBA-sponsored events. The 2011 winners were Hannelore Suffridge and Mike Sofocleous. Congratulations to Bob, Hannelore and Mike!

We also want to congratulate Alan Schwartz on becoming a Grand Life Master at the Seattle NABC in December. Alan and his entire family are long-time members and

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Of Special Interest:

- WBL Sectional, Jan. 5-8

- ACBL-wide International Fund game, Jan. 28
- Bridge & Bowling, Feb. 4
- D6 and Delaware STaC, Feb. 6-12
- Hilton Head, SC REGIONAL, Feb. 6-12
- NVBA Sectional, Feb. 16-19
- Williamsburg, VA REGIONAL, Feb. 20-26
- Flight A GNT Qualifier, Mar. 3-4
- WBL NLM Sectional, Mar. 10-11
- Flight A GNT Finals, Mar. 10-11
- Memphis, TN, Spring NABC, Mar. 15-25

2011 – A Good Year

*By Mike Cappelletti
NVBA President*



AS I LOOK BACK at 2011, I am happy to report that bridge is definitely on an upswing – not only here in Northern Virginia, but all over the country. Attendance at most Regional tournaments has been averaging about a 10 percent increase over the previous tournament. Attendance at our NVBA Sectionals and Unit game is up, and we are running firmly in the black. Also, our Intermediate/Newcomer attendance has had a recent spurt, which bodes well for the future.

For the coming year, we are committed to increased interaction with schools and colleges in this area. We are currently considering having an annual inter-collegiate championship event with scholarship prize money. I am attempting to obtain a Gates-Buffer trophy for this event. A recent anonymous contribution of \$25,000 from an unknown benefactor will certainly help fund some of the new Bridge-in-Schools programs and college events we are sponsoring and/or trying to get off the ground.

We are indeed fortunate to have many competent and hard-working volunteers assisting with all of these programs. I have been very impressed with the support provided, and I think we were all impressed with the quality and quantity of food at our recent annual Holiday Party.

HAPPY NEW YEAR!
Mike Cappelletti, NVBA President

Hey, those of you with 0-199 masterpoints, remember: Bridge Is For Everyone!

THE NICE THING about playing bridge is that it is so inclusive. Whether you play for the thrill of victory, to improve your game, and/or to meet interesting people you'd never have an opportunity to meet otherwise, there is something for you at almost every bridge event.

This is especially true here in the NVBA, and we do everything we can to attract players in the 0-199 masterpoint range to join in on the fun. We run four four-day Sectional Tournaments a year where you can play in Open games against World champions, or you can play in events that are limited to players new to duplicate bridge who have fewer than 200 masterpoints. Those of you with 0-5 masterpoints – you always play for free!

We also have a game just for players with 0-199 masterpoints every Thursday night as part of our Unit Game. We hold this game at Beth El Congregation at 3830 Seminary Road in Alexandria, VA at 7 p.m., so please come out and join us. There is an informative lecture about 30 minutes before every game, and we are adding new features to enhance your bridge experience. A new "Wall of Winners" will highlight winners at recent events and showcase interesting hands. We also plan to hold contests to

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Upcoming NVBA Games & Special Events

Jan. 5 Beth El – 7:00 WBL Sectional - Stratiflighted Pairs

Jan. 12 Beth El – 7:00 Stratified Grand National Teams

Jan. 19 Beth El – 7:00 Stratiflighted Unit Championship

Jan. 26 Beth El – 7:00 Stratiflighted Unit Championship

Feb. 2 Beth El – 7:00 Stratified Grand National Teams

Feb. 9 Beth El – 7:00 District 6 STaC Stratified Pairs

Feb. 16 Beth El – 7:00 NVBA Sectional – Stratiflighted Pairs

Feb. 23 Beth El – 7:00 Stratified Unit Championship

Mar. 1 Beth El – 7:00 Stratiflighted Unit Championship

Mar. 8 Beth El – 7:00 Stratified Grand National Teams

Mar. 15 Beth El – 7:00 Stratiflighted Unit Championship

Mar. 22 Beth El – 7:00 Stratiflighted Unit Championship:

Mar. 29 Beth El – 7:00 Stratiflighted D6 Charity Pairs

Stratification Limits

Stratiflighted limits are: A/X Unlimited/3000; B/C: 2000/750

For the Grand National Teams qualifying games, the stratification is:

0-500 (NLM), 500-2000, 2000+

STaC: Unlimited/1500/500

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

New players and ACBL members with 0-5 MPs play free every

Thursday in all scheduled events.

Upcoming Sectionals

NVBA

Feb. 16-19, 2012

Apr. 26-29, 2012

WBL

Jan. 5-8, 2012

Apr. 12-15, 2012

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supporters of NVBA events, and we are thrilled to see “one of our own” achieve this significant rank among world bridge players.



**Sara Goodwin award winner
Hannelore Suffridge with NVBA
President Mike Cappelletti**



**Sara Goodwin Award winner Mike
Sofocleous with NVBA
President Mike Cappelletti**



**Dave Murray award winner Bob
Boyd with NVBA VP Alan Breed**



**New Grand LM Alan Schwartz with
NVBA President Mike Cappelletti**

Upcoming 199er Unit Games

Jan. 5 Beth El – 7:00 WBL Sectional – 199er Pairs Game
Jan. 12 Beth El – 7:00 199er Stratified Pairs Game
Jan. 19 Beth El – 7:00 199er Stratified Unit Championship
Jan. 26 Beth El – 7:00 199er Stratified Unit Championship
Feb. 2 Beth El – 7:00 199er Stratified Club Championship
Feb. 9 Beth El – 7:00 District 6 STaC 199er Pairs Game
Feb. 16 Beth El – 7:00 NVBA Sectional – 199er Pairs
Feb. 23 Beth El – 7:00 199er Stratified Unit Championship
Mar. 1 Beth El – 7:00 199er Stratified Unit Championship
Mar. 8 Beth El – 7:00 199er Stratified Pairs Game
Mar. 15 Beth El – 7:00 199er Stratified Unit Championship
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The Jack of Hearts *By Marshall Kushner*



“S” IS FOR SEATTLE. It also stands for Starbucks, Soloway, and Sonny Sixkiller (a UW quarterback in the early 70s), all Seattle products. It also stands for sunshine, definitely not a Seattle product. Seattle is home to leading edge technology, five dollar coffee, bad sports teams, and worse weather. I was briefly encouraged when my weather app called for a sunny week following Thanksgiving. What I learned was that Seattle’s definition of sunny is when it’s not pouring down rain. It can be cloudy and gloomy, but if it’s not raining, it’s considered sunny. One morning I threw open the drapes, and was greeted by fog so thick I couldn’t see Elliott Bay, let alone the opposite shore. By noon, I could see across it, by 3:30 the sun coming

through the window was blinding, and by 4:30 it was dark. This was my 5th or 6th trip to Seattle, and Mt. Rainier remains a rumor.

Ah, but when the sun does shine, Seattle is a breathtakingly beautiful city. All hills, lakes, islands, sounds, and bays. Water, water, everywhere. Of course, ferries are an essential part of the Seattle scene. They are to Seattle what the subway is to New York. If you wanted to drive from downtown Seattle to Bainbridge Island just across the bay, you’d have to go 30 miles south to Tacoma, then north through the Olympic peninsula past Bainbridge, since the only bridge to it is from the north, making the whole trip well over two hours. By ferry, it’s 42 minutes. Look it up on your mapping software and it will tell you to take the ferry. Walking is also a popular mode of travel in Seattle, but lots of folks there do it differently. When I walk, I just put one foot in front of the other until I get where I’m going. Seattleites do that too, but a lot of them use ski poles. Call it innovation in street walking. And as the home of Generation-X, you’re not surprised to see folks with splotches of paint or dye in their hair. What’s surprising is that you see it on older folks. Let me tell you, those greens and purples really stand out on a gray background. Hmmm, maybe I’ll try that.

The last time the ACBL visited Seattle, Bill Clinton was finishing his first year in the White House, Randy Johnson still pitched for the Mariners, and Windows 95 was only a twinkle in Microsoft’s eye. Seattle-spawned Generation-X was all the rage, latte was just creeping into the national vocabulary and the Redskins suffered their first losing season in 12 years under new coach Richie Petitbon. Remember that? It was 1993, and Seattle’s first NABC in 26 years drew 11,456 tables. Eighteen years and several operating systems later, it drew 11,429, a pleasant surprise to the ACBL gurus who expected about 1,000 less.

With Seattle being so far away, there were few players from home, but players from even farther did very well. Just to show what an international game this has become, only one of the top ten teams in the Reisinger was comprised of only Americans. The big NVBA news is that Alan Schwartz made Grand Life Master. He started with an 8th in the LM Pairs and followed up with overalls in the Blue Ribbon and North American Swiss. NVBA President Mike Cappelletti was 10th in the new Senior Mixed Pairs as well as being our only regional winner. Others with national overalls included Ai-Tai Lo (Open BAM), Robbie Hopkins (Senior Mixed), and Helene Bauman (North American Swiss). As for me, let’s just say my performance was spotty. That’s spotty with an “S”.

Bridge – Lifetime Learning! Teaching, Sharing, Growing...

By Terry Jones,
NVBA Education Chair

HAVE YOU EVER thought about becoming a bridge teacher? It is very rewarding to share your love of bridge with new players. There are many resources available to help you, including the ACBL and the American Bridge Teachers Association (ABTA). The ABTA will be having their annual conference in Memphis, March 13-16, prior to the nationals. The conference will be filled with opportunities to learn and network with other bridge teachers, and will feature some of the top players and teachers as speakers, including Zia Mahmood, Eric Rodwell and Audrey Grant. To encourage people to become teachers, the ACBL is offering a very special deal to anyone wishing to become an accredited teacher. For the Memphis NABC only – any person who joins the ABTA prior to the annual conference can attend the ACBL TAP training free of charge (\$125 value). If you would like information on how to do this, please visit www.abtathome.com where you can join ABTA for only \$35 per year. The TAP program will be offered March 17-19, 2012 in Memphis, right after the ABTA conference. The TAP training is a great seminar which gives you a wealth of information on teaching techniques and resources available to you. After attending the program, you will be an accredited ACBL teacher, and well on your way to helping others learn to play bridge.

Kudos to Ron Kral, Yuen DeAnda and Fred Gramlich who organized a brainstorming session at the last NVBA Sectional on bringing bridge into local schools – we have lots of fine, talented bridge players in our area who are interested in joining in this effort. More details to follow.

Our outstanding younger bridge players continue to shine and make their mark internationally, notably David Bahn, Stephen Drodge, David Soukup and Hakan Berk.

Quoting from the USBF website: *David Banh, a USBF Junior member and one of the players on the Red Schools Team in Thailand this summer, was featured in a Washington Post article on Sep. 20. David graduated from the University of Virginia after only one year! And found time to play bridge during the year. He and partner Jeremy Fournier were ranked 14th in the Butler ranking of pairs in the Schools championship in Thailand, the best performance by any U.S. Schools pair. Their team finished sixth in the Round Robin phase of the event, only 8 Victory Points out of qualifying for the Knockout phase.*

Headed to Shanghai!!! Stephen Drodge has earned a spot to play on the USA2 team for the World Junior Championship Patino Cup (Under 26) competition in Shanghai next summer. Congratulations and good luck to you on your fine accomplishments!

David Soukup and Hakan Berk are also in the running to compete as part of the USA2 team for the World Junior Championship Damiani Cup (Under 21) in Shanghai. Good luck to you both!

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Parade of Winners

NVBA SEPTEMBER SENSATIONS SECTIONAL September 29–October 2, 2011

Thurs. AM Open Pairs (31 Pairs)

- 1 Stephen Drodge – John Miller
- 2 1 Kathrine Loh – David Loken
- 2 2 Joan Mitchum – John Miles
- 1 John Hornbeck – Peter Mirsky
- 2 Phyllis Isler – Morton Isler

Thurs. AM 299er Pairs (6 Pairs)

- 1/2 Mark Terrell – Dottie Terrell
- 1/2 Farideh Makhzani – Parween Yunus

Thurs. Eve. A/X Pairs (48 Pairs)

- 1 William Young – Jay Kelkar

Thurs. Eve. B/C Pairs (52 Pairs)

- 1 1 Willis Paley Hume – Gil Krawitz

Thurs. 199er Pairs @ NVBA (14 Pairs)

- 1 George Parkins – Hannelore Suffridge
- 2 1 1 Phyllis Schultze – Joan O'Neill
- 2 2 June Gladding – Janelle Gmitter

Fri. Aft. Open Pairs (64 Pairs)

- 1 Stephen Drodge – John Miller
- 1 1 Rick Uhrig – Daniel Koch
- 2 Louise Hayes – Penelope Paddock

Fri. Aft. 299er Pairs (30 Pairs)

- 1 1 Bob Patel – Chieko Franck
- 2 2 1 Yuen De Anda – Ron Sutter
- 2 Glenn Terrell – Dottie Terrell

Fri. Aft. 49er Pairs (12 Pairs)

- 1 1 Rosamond Niemeyer – Betsy Deering
- 2 2 Phyllis Schultze – Joan O'Neill

Fri. Eve. Triple Nickel Swiss (23 Teams)

- 1 Steven Schatzow – Ann Lindley – Al Duncker – Margot Hennings
- 2 Ron Kral – Bob Boyd – Pete Hughes – David Fleischer
- 1 Jim Dick – Linda Dick – William Young – Deborah Hoveland
- 2 Irv Kipnis – Margie Coccodrilli – Amanda Carter – Terry Jones
- 1 Albert Stolpe – Tom Jennings – Sidney Graves – Georgette Weiss

- 2/4 Hannelore Suffridge – Michael Sofocleous – June Gladding – Bushra Shamma
- 2/4 Jay Simon – Mark Jones – Mary Ann Kral – Pat Lonergan
- 2/4 Maribel Newby – Joy Brown – Eva Klivington – Nancy Cartwright

Fri. Eve. 299er Pairs (20 Pairs)

- 1 1 Dev Chattopadhyay – Debabrata Ghosh
- 2 Charles Ellis – Sheila Ellis
- 2 James Vandeusen – John Leeper

Sat. AM Open Pairs (48 Pairs)

- 1 Brad Theurer – Mark Chen
- 2 Vonnie Lavender – Marcia Stein
- 1 Al O'Malley – Gordon Youngwood

Sat. AM 299er Pairs (26 Pairs)

- 1 Benazir Ghaussy – Parween Yunus
- 1 George Parkins – Michael Sofocleous
- 2 Lynne Groff – Alfred Groff
- 1 Yuen De Anda – Ron Sutter
- 2 Donna Setzer – Catherine Bardsley

Sat. AM 49er Pairs (10 Pairs)

- 1 1 Rosamond Niemeyer – Betsy Deering
- 2 Carroll Correll – Jean Feighery

Sat. A/X Pairs (24 Pairs)

- 2 Sumner Steinfeldt – Ken Davis – Jay Cherlow – Albert Lauber – Monique Smith – Merril Hirsh

Sat. Aft. Side Game (14 Pairs)

- 2/3 Virginia Gibbons – Paul Robb

Sat. Aft. 299er Pairs (28 Pairs)

- 1 Randolph Elkins – Curt Sandler
- 2 Yuen De Anda – Ron Sutter

Sat. Aft. 49er Pairs (18 Pairs)

- 2/3 Linda Lee Harp – Beth Fricano
- 2/3 2 James Eaton – Joseph Faudale
- 1 Jon Guyton – Janelle Gmitter
- 2 Andrea Field – Jo Ann Ruffin

Sat. Eve. B/C Pairs (16 Pairs)

- 1 1 Howard Bender – Clifford Feldman

Sat. Eve. 299er (15 Pairs)

- 2 Elizabeth Ladd – Mike Ladd
- 2 Eva Vorndran – Julie Connor
- 1 Randolph Elkins – Curt Sandler
- 2 Diane Godding – Ray Bostow

Sun. A/X Swiss (18 Teams)

- 2 Tom Musso – Ellen Cherniavsky – Don Hennings – Margot Hennings
- 1 Albert Lauber – Jay Cherlow – Daniel Koch – Hadi Abushakra
- 2 Stephen Drodge – John Miller – Michael Gill – Noble Shore

Sun. Flt. B Bkt. 1 (8 Teams)

- 1 Dennis Schwanz – Susan Miskura – Martha Mangano – Dave Tonnesen

Sun. Flt. B Bkt. 2 (8 Teams)

- 1 Barack Peled – Chad Groft – Tanya Rodich – Adi Pelled
- 2 Eva Klivington – Willis Paley Hume – Paul Stygar – Ellie Clark

Sun. Flt. B Bkt. 3 (13 Teams)

- 1 Paul Setzer – William Glen – Wayne Bardsley – Kellen Leister
- 2 Howard Stevens – Hank Lavender – Patricia Mozer – Jo Ann Hutchison

Sun. AM 299er Swiss (10 Teams)

- 2 2 1 Asim Mandal – Carol Goldstone – Neil Crane – Barbara Levine

Sun. AM 49er Swiss (6 Teams)

- 2 Linda Lee Harp – Beth Fricano – Claude Rosenthal – Kathryn Ward-Johnson

Sun. Aft. 299er Swiss (9 Teams)

- 1 Mike Ladd – Elizabeth Ladd – Dottie Terrell – Glenn Terrell
- 2 1 Bushra Shamma – Sharon Rosendhal – Rochelle Hilton – Rachelle Sladoff
- 2 George Parkins – Eva Vorndran – Michael Sofocleous – Hannelore Suffridge

**NVBA FALL SECTIONAL
October 20–23, 2011****Thurs. AM Open Pairs (36 Pairs)**

- 1 Ken Davis – Mark Tonnesen
- 2 1 Phillip Tseng – David Loken
- 2 1 Lynne Groff – Margie Mastran
- 2 George Parkins – Anna Kearney

Thurs. AM 299er Pairs (8 Pairs)

- 1 1 Gail Harrison – Brian Brunsvold
- 2 2 Anne Brown – Susan Wagner

Thurs. Eve. A/X Pairs (65 Pairs)

- 1 Joan Lewis – Robert Hopkins, Jr.
- 2 Charles Pecarro – Kamel Tabbara

Thurs. Eve. B/C Pairs (52 Pairs)

- 1 1 John Gauss – Carolyn Baird

Thurs. 199er Pairs @ NVBA (16 Pairs)

- 1 Linda Szyszka – Donald Szyszka
- 2 1 Pat Kibler – Donald Smith
- 1 David Street – Eileen Street
- 2 Maura McGinn – Janelle Gmitter

Fri. Aft. Open Pairs (57 Pairs)

- 1 Edwin Lewis, III – Ed Lewis
- 1 1 Stephen Colevas – Albert Stolpe
- 2 Robert Finkelstein – Allan Sitterson
- 2 Paul Setzer – Wayne Bardsley

Fri. Aft. 299er Pairs (28 Pairs)

- 1 Shirley Prikals – Kathy Dunkerley
- 2 1 1 Sharon Perryman – Richard Padgett
- 2 2 Pat Teer – Bill Teer

Fri. Aft. 49er Pairs (12 Pairs)

- 1 1 Rosamond Niemeyer – Betsy Deering
- 2 2 1 Jon Guyton – Janelle Gmitter
- 2 Susan McCarthy – Adrienne Downs

Fri. Eve. Triple Nickel Swiss (30 Teams)

- 1 Vonnie Lavender – Linda Marshall – Ed Lewis – Edwin Lewis, III
- 1 1 Can Savasman – David Soukup – Hakan Berk – Murat Berk
- 2 Daniel Feldman – J.J. Jayaraman – Ellie Clark – Eva Klivington
- 2 Norman Mitchell – David Montague – Bahman Shahin – Taraneh Shahin

Parade of Winners – continued from page 9**Fri. Eve. 299er Pairs (19 Pairs)**

- 1 Betty Ladd – Mike Ladd
- 2 1 Andrea Stanley-Miller – Jane Ledford
- 2 Diane Godding – Ray Bostow
- 1 Mary McFadden – Toby Urbach
- 2 Glenn Terrell – Dottie Terrell

Sat. AM Open Pairs (54 Pairs)

- 1 Barry Falgout – Rusty Krauss
- 2 1 John Miles – Al O'Malley
- 2 Jean Schoepe – Susan Brawn
- 2 M. David Jackson – Thomas Herzog

Sat. AM 299er Pairs (23 Pairs)

- 1 Kimberly Ferguson – Chuck Kasten
- 2 1 1 Glenn Terrell – Dottie Terrell
- 2 George Parkins – Harvey Lipsher
- 2 Monica Sorovacu – Gloria Brookter

Sat. AM 49er Pairs (8 Pairs)

- 1 1 Linda Thomas – Peter Adam
- 2 Arun Mukherjee – Philip Bellaria
- 2 Al Novack – Sandy Novack,

Sat. Aft. A/X Pairs (36 Pairs)

- 2 Bruce Houston – Ken Davis
- 1 John Lowe, III – Howard Grunin
- 2 Lynda Flanger – Sorina Negulescu

Sat. Aft. B/C Pairs (32 Pairs)

- 1 Eva Shaffer – Julia Brown
- 2 Kimberly Ferguson – Joe Hertz

Sat. Aft. 299er Pairs (24 Pairs)

- 1 1 1 Bill Teer – Thomas Grahame
- 2 Georgette Weiss – Katherine Culp
- 2 Glenn Terrell – Dottie Terrell

Sat. Aft. 49er Pairs (17 Pairs)

- 1 1 Deborah Klar – Ronald Klar
- 2 2 Jayne Lynch – Tamara Vetter
- 1 Robert Vence – Karen Vence
- 2 Susan McCarthy – Adrienne Downs

Sat. Eve. Open Pairs (20 Pairs)

- 2 Jim Wakefield – Helene Bauman
- 1 1 Albert Lauber – Jay Cherlow
- 2 2 Andrea Stanley-Miller – Eva Klivington

Sat. Eve. 299er (10 Pairs)

- 1 Charles Maplethorpe – Eva Vorndran
- 2 1 Mary McFadden – Toby Urbach
- 2 Pat Teer – Bill Teer

Sun. A/X Swiss (16 Teams)

- 1 Robert Hopkins, Jr – Joan Lewis – Rusty Krauss – Barry Falgout
- 2 Donald Hennings – Margot Hennings – Ralph Hoffman – Barbara Ames
- 1 David Rodney – Avril Rodney – Tom Lavender – John Klayman
- 2 Linda Marshall – Michael Klein – M. Webster Ewell, Jr. – Monique Smith

Sun. Flt. B Bkt. 1 (8 Teams)

- 1 Jay Cherlow – Walter Smith, Jr. – Albert Lauber – Abigail Nichols

Sun. Flt. B Bkt. 2 (8 Teams)

- 1 Donald Goldman – Richard Levin – Terry Vann – Art Hartstein
- 2 Robert Finkelstein – Carl Noller – Howard Bender – Clifford Feldman

Sun. Flt. B Bkt. 3 (10 Teams)

- 1 Paul Setzer – Mike Ladd – Wayne Bardsley – Kellen Leister
- 2 Albert Stolpe – Thomas Jennings – Leonid Fastovsky – Charles Maplethorpe

Sun. AM 299er Swiss (12 Teams)

- 1 Georgette Weiss – Katherine Culp – Yuen De Anda – Ron Sutter
- 2 1 Phyllis Schultze – Joan O'Neill – Joan O'Connor – Francine Fairfax

Sun. Aft. 299er Swiss (9 Teams)

- 2 2 M. Amey – David Amey – Chieko Franck – Bob Patel
- 1 Lynne Groff – Maryellen Leister – Catherine Bardsley – Donna Setzer

**CHARLOTTE, NC REGIONAL
October 24–30, 2011****Wed. Comp. KO Bkt. 1 (10 Teams)**

- 1 Jeff Roman – Ruth Potter – G.S. Jade Barrett – Karen Lee Barrett

Wed. Eve. BAM (26 Teams)

- 2 Jeff Roman – Ruth Potter – Bruce Reeve – G.S. Jade Barrett

Thurs. Eve. 299er Pairs

- 1 Kathryn Miller – Norma Barrett

Fri.–Sat. KO Bkt. 2 (12 Teams)

- 2 Kevin O'Brien – Dennis Wick –
Keith Clanin – Ridley Ruth

Sat. AM Swiss (25 Teams)

- 2 Jeff Roman – Ruth Potter –
G.S. Jade Barrett – Karen Lee Barrett –
Bruce Reeve

Sat.–Sun. KO Bkt. 1 (12 Teams)

- 2 Jeff Roman – Ruth Potter –
G.S. Jade Barrett – Karen Lee Barrett –
Bruce Reeve

VIRGINIA BEACH REGIONAL
November 7–13, 2011

Tues. Comp. KO Bkt. 1 (9 Teams)

- 1 Ann Lindley – Al Duncker –
Hans Jacobs – Steve Schatzow
2 Dennis Wick – Jay Gibbons –
Lynda Flanger – Vijaya Shrestha

Tues. AM Side Game (18 Pairs)

- 1 Marvin Raines – Linda Burton

Tues. 750–500 Pairs (68 Pairs)

- 2 1 James Raber – Fred Gramlich

Tues. Eve. Side Game (42 Pairs)

- 1 Sumner Steinfeldt – Hal Hindman

Tues.–Wed. KO Bkt. 5 (12 Teams)

- 1 Dorothy Bechtle – Margaret Storey –
Marina Kotch – Gail Hasson

Tues.–Wed. KO Bkt. 6 (16 Teams)

- 2 Edward Osada – Catherine Osada –
George Parkins – J.J. Jayaraman

Wed. Comp. KO Bkt. 1 (9 Teams)

- 2 Ruth Potter – Jeff Roman –
G.S. Jade Barrett – Jim Jacobson

Wed. Comp. KO Bkt. 3 (14 Teams)

- 2 Margaret Storey – Marina Kotch –
Dorothy Bechtle – Gail Hasson,

Wed. Comp. KO Bkt. 4 (16 Teams)

- 2 Norman Mitchell – Terry Vann –
Art Hartstein – David Montague

Wed. Open Pairs (36 Pairs)

- 2 Carole Grob – Hope Watts

Wed. Eve. Side Swiss (46 Teams)

- 1 Barbara DiCicco – Maureen Durocher –
Mark Durocher – Julia Brown

Wed.–Thurs. KO Bkt. 3 (12 Teams)

- 1 David Zimmer – Beth Reshefsky –
Leonard Ellis – Jay Cherlow

Wed.–Thurs. KO Bkt. 5 (16 Teams)

- 2 Lynne Beresford – Ruth Woods –
Eleanor Schwartz – Ann Seeboth

Wed.–Thurs. KO Bkt. 6 (16 Teams)

- 1 Dick Verdow – Jean Verdow –
Catharine Fisher – John Fisher

Thurs. AM Side Game (31 Pairs)

- 2 Jim Dick – Mary Juenemann

Thurs. Open Pairs (44 Pairs)

- 2 Marty Nelson – Gil Cohen

Thurs. A/X Swiss (22 Teams)

- 1 Mary Poplawski – Harry Nuckols –
Sumner Steinfeldt – Steven Schatzow
2/3 1/2 Annie Schwartz – Alan Schwartz –
Judy Fox – James Fox
2/3 1/2 Richard Deyerle – John Klayman –
Tom Lavender – Shawn Stringer

Thurs. Flt. B Swiss Bkt. 4 (8 Teams)

- 1 Nancy Abbott – Harriet Smith –
Marilyn Golias – Nancy Senger

Thurs. Flt. B Swiss Bkt. 5 (8 Teams)

- 2 Youssof Seraj – Susan Slattery –
Carolyn Becraft – Donald Brown

Thurs. Flt. B Swiss Bkt. 7 (8 Teams)

- 2 Linda Burton – James Raber –
Fred Gramlich – Marvin Raines

Thurs. Flt. B Swiss Bkt. 8 (8 Teams)

- 2 Dennis Sponholtz – Joan Kindle –
Jay Gibbons – Stephen Colevas

Thurs. Aft. Side Game (34 Pairs)

- 1 1 1 Phyllis Isler – Morton Isler

Parade of Winners – continued from page 11

Thurs. Eve. BAM (7 Teams)

1/2 Helen Moran – Patricia Scheerer –
Bushra Shamma – Hussein Ali Maarouf

Thurs. Eve. 0-300 Pairs (15 Pairs)

2 2 M. Amey – David Amey

Thurs. Comp. KO Bkt. 2 (13 Teams)

2 Yussuf Seraj – Susan Slattery –
Carolyn Becraft – Donald Brown

Thurs. Comp. KO Bkt. 4 (16 Teams)

2 Dennis Sponholtz – Joan Kindle –
Phyllis Isler – Morton Isler

Fri. Open Pairs (40 Pairs)

1 Ron Spieker – Stephen Swearingen

Fri. 750/300 Pairs (67 Pairs)

1 Donna Stoker – Gerald Botkin
2 Steve Graves – Sheryl McEwan

Fri. Eve. Swiss (30 Teams)

2 Kevin O'Brien – Jerry Barker –
Terrence Kessler – Michael Neds

Fri. Eve. 0-300 Pairs (12 Pairs)

1 1 1 Kellen Leister – Wayne Bardsley

Fri.–Sat. KO Bkt. 3 (12 Teams)

1 David Zimmer – Leonard Ellis –
Jay Cherlow – Beth Reshefsky

Fri.–Sat. KO Bkt. 4 (16 Teams)

2 John Glynn – Ellen Glynn –
Kay Miller – Amelia Montjoy

Fri. Comp KO Bkt. 1 (9 Teams)

2 Ruth Potter – Jeff Roman –
G.S. Jade Barrett – Jim Looby

Fri. Comp KO Bkt. 2 (15 Teams)

2 Helene Cooper – Betsy Eliot –
Allan Sitterson – Dave Tonnesen

Fri. Comp KO Bkt. 3 (16 Teams)

2 Nancy Senger – Marilyn Golias –
Janet Henrichsen – Juan Pardo

Sat. AM Swiss (28 Teams)

1 Al Duncker – Ann Lindley –
Steven Schatzow – George Bloomer

2 1 1 Lynne Beresford – Ruth Woods –
Eleanor Schwartz – Ann Seeboth
2 Perry Mitchell – Patricia Scheerer –
Joanne Falkowski – Hussein Ali Maarouf

Sat. AM 299er (13 Pairs)

2 2 Ruth Glen – Margie Mastran

Sat. 750/300 Pairs (48 Pairs)

1 Norma Callender – Donna Stoker

Sat. Eve. BAM (19 Teams)

1 Steven Schatzow – Helene Bauman –
Sumner Steinfeldt – Arnie Frankel
2 Jeff Roman – Jim Looby –
Ruth Potter – Jim Jacobson

Sat. Eve. Side Game (26 Pairs)

1 Ron Kral – Betsy Eliot

Sat. Eve. 0-300 Pairs (8 Pairs)

2 2 Joanne Falkowski – Ellen Dix

Sat.–Sun. KO Bkt. 1 (9 Teams)

2 Tom Musso – Ellen Cherniavsky –
Joe Wallen – Barbara Ames –
Ralph Hoffman

Sun. A/X Swiss (14 Teams)

2 David Butler – Robert Hopkins, Jr. –
Robert White – Larry Harding

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In closing, I would like to thank Margot Hennings for appointing me to the ACBL National Charity Committee. I am very honored by this lifetime appointment and will do my best to help further charitable efforts by our local clubs. We have a very active bridge community in this area, and there are so many ways that we can make a difference. Please encourage your clubs to hold charity games. Together, we can make a difference in the lives of others.

Bridge – Lifetime Learning! Join in – take classes, teach others, play and have fun! Share your love of bridge with family and friends, and let's encourage others to learn to play this wonderful, challenging game.

HAIL AND FAREWELL

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

Rajesh K. Agarwal
 Leyla Aru
 Charles Becker
 Mary J. Berry
 Kazko T. Cook
 Alfred C. Groff
 Terry K. Holmer
 Diana F. Jarrett
 Delores P. Kirby
 Nazan Kirdar
 Kathleen Langan
 Robert T. Langan
 Dr. Hilda Meth
 Pamela Michaels
 Linda K. Moncrief
 Laila Nelson
 Albert Novack
 Sandra Novack
 Nancy F. Oday
 Betty M. Quirk
 Pat Ramsey
 Barry D. Rhoads
 Joan Rineberg
 Frank C. Ripley
 Linda D. Ryan
 Curtis E. Sandler
 Donna Sinrud
 Linda W. Thomas
 David F. Zook



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

Ramsey E. Bordcosh
 Patricia A. Fitzgibbons
 H. Jaffe
 John J. Norman

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

Linda H. Bestimt
 William J. Bestimt
 Suzanne Briguglio
 Will Colmer
 John H. Menzel
 Robert A. O. Brien
 Mary L. O'Shea
 John Regan
 Dr. Gordon M. Roesler
 Stacia R. Roesler
 Nancy D. Ross
 Andrew J. Rowberg
 Robert C. Staiman
 Susan C. Thompson
 Eric Turner

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

Rochelle Simon

Those with 0-199 MPs – continued from page 2

see who has a “top” on random hands. “Hand records” that show you all the hands you played are available after the game so you can discuss bidding or play of particularly interesting hands with your partner or other players. The NVBA also has a “Guaranteed Partner” program, so that if you don’t have a partner lined up, you can just come to the game – preferably at least 30 minutes before the game starts – and we will pair you with a partner, and then you have time to discuss your bidding conventions and style. As at Sectionals, players with 0-5 masterpoints play for free!

So if you are just starting out playing duplicate bridge, come and try out our game on Thursday nights! For more information, you can find us at www.nvba.org or please contact Jennifer Nisenoff at jnisenoff@gmail.com.

MILESTONES

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

♠♦ NEW JUNIOR MASTERS ♣♥

Rajesh K. Agarwal
Philip P. Bellaria
Edward Cacciapaglia
Joyce M. Farley
Debabrata Ghosh
Janelle L. Gmitter
Jon B. Guyton
Verna T. Kaighn
Maryellen S. Leister
Susan E. McCarthy
Maura R. McGinn
John H. Merold
Reginald Newell
Barbara F. Novak
Joan E. O'Neill
Yaeko N. Perera
Curtis E. Sandler
Phyllis Schultze
Inayat Taj
Mark Terrell



♠♦ NEW CLUB MASTERS ♣♥

Dianne Derbogolian Robert Dunn
David P. Keltner Kenneth Kraus
Kathleen LaMarre Hank Lavender
Eleanor Linde Peter P. McGuirk
Lorraine S. Shumaker
Joshua A. Snyder Mark Terrell
Gerald P. Wolf

♠♦ NEW SECTIONAL MASTERS ♣♥

Marsha Ann Brown Brian G. Brunsvold
Mary Gonet Kellen G. Leister
Michael Sofocleous Howard B. Stevens
David E. Street Eileen D. Street
Dottie E. Terrell Glenn S. Terrell
Sheila Walker

♠♦ NEW REGIONAL MASTERS ♣♥

Joyce Griffin Lynne H. Groff
Thomas Herzog Insoon Johnson
Sharon E. Rosendhal George A. Parkins
Bob Patel Ruth B. Rosenberg
Donna C. Setzer Bill R. Teer

♠♦ NEW NABC MASTERS ♣♥

Carolyn W Baird
James S Edmonds
Richard E Ott
Alan M Tapper

♠♦ NEW ADVANCED NABC MASTERS ♣♥

Thomas Herzog

♠♦ NEW LIFE MASTERS ♣♥

Barbara I. Hodges
Peter B. Mirsky
Dr. Joyce Wiley

♠♦ NEW BRONZE LIFE MASTERS ♣♥

Cheryl N. Bauch
Marlynn A. Bauch
Sara Hilgartner
John W. Montgomery
Eleanor L. Schwartz
Ednamae H. Trevey

♠♦ NEW SILVER LIFE MASTERS ♣♥

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Ellie Clark
Betsy R. Eliot
Richard J. Mersch

♠♦ NEW GOLD LIFE MASTERS ♣♥

Charles C Pecarro

♠♦ NEW GRAND LIFE MASTERS ♣♥

Alan Schwartz

Looking for Good Partners NVBA in Schools

By Yen DeAnda

NVBA HAS THREE Bridge Clubs in schools. The bridge club now going on 12 years is at Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology (TJHSST), established by Ed and Dot Lewis, handed over to Leo Cardillo who ran it for almost ten years and currently run by Suzanne Abrams. The club at Garfield Elementary School (ES), (est. Feb 1998) by Suzanne Abrams, is run by Fred Gramlich. In Nov, Jerry and Betty Nolte introduced Bridge Club to Crossfields ES.

On Dec. 9, TJHSST Director Ron Kral began a bridge tournament that day with a refresher on card placement. "If you win the trick, place the card down vertically, like a live soldier. If you lose, place it down horizontally like a dead soldier."

With 6 tables, 12 pairs played 8 boards and 6 players earned master points. "Whoa, I've got 0.3 Master Points!" exclaimed one TJ senior who came in first. "Bridge is definitely a lot harder than chess, because I'm forced to work with a partner," commented a Chess competitor at his first Bridge tournament.

In support of the TJHSST Parent/Teacher/Student Association (PTSA), NVBA Bridge in Schools is distributing the Amazon link below for everyone's year round shopping needs.

www.amazon.com/?tag=tjhsst-20

"The TJ PTSA very much appreciates the support of NVBA so that we can keep our many, many programs going that help the students, teachers, and sometimes even the parents!" says Denise Bunting, PTSA president.

On Dec 15, Crossfield ES Bridge Club held a mini tournament. Once the students understood the concept of East/West moving to the next table after a round, the North/South pairs insisted on moving too. "Only East/West gets to move," Betty Nolte reminded them. "Once they're locked in on the basics of play, we can start working on bidding in January," Jerry shares with his team of 7 enthusiastic volunteers.

"Crossfield students are dedicated and willing to participate. Jerry really leads and keeps us all informed and give us pep talks before each class. I'm thrilled to be associated with this endeavor," says Sheryl McEwan, Bridge in Schools Chair.

In support of Crossfields ES Bridge Club, NVBA members collected over 300 food items for LINK Inc., an emergency food and financial assistance program for families near Herndon. "This is a wonderful idea and opportunity for both the NVBA and Crossfield!" said Dorothea Iverson, Crossfields Administrative Assistant.

A big thanks to the NVBA membership for supporting our school partnerships and our bridge players of the future.

NVBA BRIDGE CLUB WEBSITES:

Director: Jim Dick – *Games:* Beth El – Sunday, 1:00 PM; Montebello – Monday, 7:00 PM

URL: <http://clubresults.acbl.org/getClubs.php>

Director: Carole Grob – *Game:* Ballston Bridge Club – Monday 10:00 AM

URL: <http://mybridgeclub.com>

Director: Livingston Johnson – *Game:* Green Acres DBC – Tuesday, 10:30 AM;

URL: <http://clubresults.acbl.org/getClubs.php>

Director: Terry Jones – *Game:* Falls Church Bridge Club – Saturday, 7:00 PM

URL: <http://www.fallschurchbridgeclub.com>

Directors: Candy and Marshall Kuschner – *Games:* KOCH – Tuesday, 10:00 AM; Reston – Wednesday, 7:30 PM

URL: <http://clubresults.acbl.org/getClubs.php>

Director: Yvonne Markell – *Game:* Loudoun Bridge Buffs – Friday, 12:45 PM

URL: <http://clubresults.acbl.org/getClubs.php>

Directors: John Mason, Jim Dick – *Game:* Fun Friday Bridge Frolic – Friday, 10:00 AM

URL: <http://members.cox.net/jsm36/bridge/FunFriday/funfridayjsmhome.htm>

Director: Bernie Oetjen – *Game:* KOCH – Monday, 7:00 PM;

KOCH – Saturday, 1:00 PM

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Director: Norma Pierzchala – *Games:* Norma's Game – Thursday, 10:00 AM;

Norma's Game – Saturday, 9:00 AM

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Director: Gene Schuyler – *Games:* JCC Tuesday Night – Tuesday, 7:15 PM; Arlington

DBC – Wednesday, 10:00 AM; Lyon Park Money Bridge – Friday, 10:00 AM

URL: <http://www.geneschuyler.com>

Director: Louise Sellers – *Games:* JCC of No. VA – Wednesday, 11:00 AM; Vienna

DBC – Thursday, 10:00 AM

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Director: Lenore Ward – *Games:* Cascade Seniors - Monday, 11:00 AM;

Thursday, 1:00 PM

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GAME WITH NO WEBSITE

Director: Marilyn Golias – *Game:* Bridge Club of Northern Virginia – Sunday, 2:00 PM;

Various locations in the Northern Virginia area; Tel: 703-629-8932;

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THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 16

STRATIFIED OPEN PAIRS (2000+/2000/750) & 299ER PAIRS (300/200/100) 10:00 a.m.
Norma's Game: First Presbyterian Church, 601 N. Vermont St., Arlington, VA 22203, 703-892-1292
Evening games at: NVBA: Beth El Hebrew Congregation, 3830 Seminary Road, Alexandria, VA or
WBL: Ohr Kodosh Congregation, 8300 Meadowbrook Ln, Chevy Chase, MD — E-W Hwy 410 E., left
Meadowbrook, left Freyman, lot on left.—No outside food. NVBA (Beth El) WBL
Novice/Intermediate Lecture (Jeff Roman) 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.
...REST OF TOURNAMENT AT ELKS LODGE...

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 17

NEW!! Intermediate/Newcomer Lecture at 1:15 p.m.!!
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, FEBRUARY 18

STRATIFIED OPEN PAIRS (2000+/2000/750) 9:30 a.m.
299ER PAIRS (300/200/100) and 49ER PAIRS (50/20) 9:30 a.m.
NEWCOMER PAIRS (0-5) 9:30 a.m.
NEW!! Intermediate/Newcomer Lecture at 1:15 p.m.!!
TROPHY EVENT: WILLIAM POISSANT MEMORIAL PAIRS
(2 SESSIONS – Qualifying and Barometer Final) 2 & 7:30 p.m.
STRATIFIED OPEN PAIRS (2000+/2000/750; Single session) ... 2 p.m.
299ER PAIRS (300/200/100) and 49ER PAIRS (50/20/5) 2 p.m.
STRATIFIED OPEN CONSOLATION (2000+/2000/750) ... 7:30 p.m.
—Open to Non-Qualifiers and New Entrants.
299ER PAIRS (300/200/100) 7:30 p.m.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 19

FLIGHT A/X (5000+/5000) BOARD-A-MATCH TEAMS ... 11 a.m. & TBA
FLIGHT B/C (2000/750) SWISS TEAMS 11 a.m. & TBA
BAM & B/C Swiss are 2-session events, with a brief break in-between
—food available on-site.
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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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NLM Stratified Pairs (500/200/100 and 50/20/10)3:15 pm

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Stratified Swiss Teams (500/200/100)11:00 am

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