





NVBA Newsletter

December 2000 – January 2001







Holiday Party

The Annual NVBA Holiday Party will be held on December 14. Everyone is asked to bring a food contribution—appetizer, salad, casserole, or dessert. Food will be put out beginning at 5:45 pm, with dinner being served from 6 to 7 pm. Remember—no pork or shellfish, please! Those who choose not to contribute a food item will be asked to pay \$5 towards party expenses. If you have any questions or would be willing to help set up or clean up, please call Party Chair Charlanne Gregory during the day at 703-902-9715.



President's Column

by Margot Hennings

In the October-November issue of this newsletter, I addressed a number of the budget issues with which your Board has been grappling over the past 6 months. In voting both to spend money and to cut expenses, your Board has been intent on taking into consideration how you, the members, feel about these issues, and on ensuring the successful future of bridge in this area. Therefore, we took very seriously the results of the survey so many of you completed in September. Although not clear-cut in many cases, the Board was able to use your responses to guide us during our many hours of deliberation about the most appropriate "package" to implement.

For those of you who have not read or have forgotten what I wrote in the previous newsletter, please read it again to ensure the correct context for the following financial actions taken by the NVBA Board at its October and November meetings. (Summaries of non-financial issues appear on pages 8-9 of this newsletter.)

- We, your Board of Directors and your officers, have pledged to strive to maintain an average of \$37,500 in your treasury this year, \$35,000 next year (adjusted for inflation), and to increase these reserves at a rate of \$1,000 annually after the Summer NABC in 2002. This should allow us sufficient assets to cover any increase in rent at Temple Beth El and at the Knights of Columbus Hall and any contingencies in the event we lose one of these sites for our games.

- The NVBA has, in response to

my request as Tournament Chair of the 2002 Summer Nationals in Washington, D.C., committed \$10,000 for player hospitality. The WBL has also committed \$10,000. The NVBA and the WBL contributed \$20,000 and \$25,000, respectively, to the last D.C. Summer Nationals in 1993. I did not feel that those large amounts were appropriate or would be needed in 2002, assuming the success of our fundraising ideas. (Unpaid political announcement: Buy your cookbooks now for holiday giving—see page 10!)

- There will be a new membership directory issued by the NVBA and the WBL in 2001. The exact format and content will be determined at a joint meeting of the NVBA and WBL Boards in December. Kathryn Kiley, our liaison for this effort, was asked to pass on a list of NVBA preferences to the WBL for their consideration. Survey responses indicated by a margin of 4 to 1 that local players would be willing to pay up to \$2 for a directory. More on this in the next newsletter....

- In 2001, members who attend the Annual Meeting will continue to enjoy a free dinner and the Unit will continue to subsidize the \$2 per person charity donation required by the ACBL. All players will pay \$6 for the bridge game that night.

- For the District 6 and the local charity games during 2001, the Board voted to cease the charity game subsidy. Players will pay \$8 for each of these two games.

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Hesitation Blackwood—Part I

by Rich Colker (rcolker@worldnet.att.net)

One of the more common and unnecessary types of tempo problems is Hesitation Blackwood, which occurs in about 5% of the appeal cases we see at NABCs. Hesitation Blackwood commonly occurs when the Blackwood bidder fails to plan what he will do for each of his partner's possible responses, and ends up hesitating before signing off at either the five or six level. When this happens, his partner may be deprived of the freedom to use his judgment in deciding whether or not to carry on to the next level.

Here are two appeal cases from the 2000 Cincinnati NABC involving Hesitation Blackwood. Plan how you would decide each of these cases if you were on the Appeals Committee; then I'll tell you how the actual Committee decided each case and share my own thoughts on them. My coverage of these cases will be spread over the next several issues of this newsletter.

The first case occurred in the opening evening's Charity Pairs, demonstrating that it doesn't take long for Hesitation Blackwood to rear its ugly face. The actual hands are shown to the right.

6♠ made six, +1430 for E/W. The Director was called to the table when West bid 6♠. The players agreed that East took a long time before bidding 5♠. West said he bid 6♠ because 5♥ was a misbid. The Director ruled that there was unauthorized information which made 6♠ more attractive and that pass was a logical alternative.

Dealer South
Both Vulnerable.

Board 7

♠ 52

♥ 98542

♦ Q74

♣ A64

♠ K83

♥ AKJ

♦ AK98

♣ KT2

♠ AQJ964

♥ T76

♦ T

♣ QJ7

♠ T7

♥ Q3

♦ J6532

♣ 9853

West	North	East	South
			Pass
2NT	Pass	3♥ ¹	Pass
3♠	Pass	4NT ²	Pass
5♥ ³	Pass	5♠ ⁴	Pass
6♠	All Pass		

¹ Announced; transfer to spades.

² RKCB for spades.

³ 2 keycards, no ♠Q.

⁴ Break in tempo.

The score was adjusted to 5♠ making 6, +680 for E/W.

Of course, E/W appealed the Director's ruling. E/W had 375 and 1000 masterpoints. East said his 5♠ bid took at least 15 seconds as he had a lot to consider, including whether to bid 6♠ and hope for a successful spade finesse. West said he forgot about the trump king (he saw he had two aces without the ♠Q; then after he bid he remembered about the ♠K)

Movin' On Up!

Congratulations to Bobby Gookin for passing the 10,000 MP milestone and to Jeff Roman for becoming a Diamond Life Master (5,000 MP).

and that his correct bid was 5♦ (1430 responses). He said that even before his partner took time he decided that he would bid 6♠ over 5♠ or raise 6♠ to 7♠. E/W said that 4NT could not be quantitative since they agreed that 4NT would always be RKCB ever since they experienced some misunderstandings a couple of years ago.

Decide what you would do if you were on this Committee before reading on.

This appeal was heard by a Panel of Directors. The Panel went through several steps: (1) Was there an unmistakable hesitation? Yes. (2) Did the break in tempo suggest that bidding 6♠ would be more successful than passing? Yes. (3) Was pass a logical alternative to bidding 6♠? That is, would some number of West's peers seriously consider passing? This last question was put to several players.

The first player was slightly on the side of allowing 6♠, while a second was slightly more in favor of a pass. Both said they could be swayed by strong arguments, and both were hard pressed to find a hand where 6♠ was wrong. A third player strongly supported bidding 6♠, while a fourth believed that unless the pair was bidding straight Blackwood or 4NT was quantitative, the 6♠ bid should be allowed. A fifth player didn't like Hesitation Blackwood but believed that pass was not a logical alternative and

would not have even called the Director. A sixth player thought the reasons for bidding 6♠ were sound but self-serving and would not allow the bid. A seventh player would not allow a 6♠ bid because once the captain asks the question, huddles, and then signs off the result stands, failing overwhelming reason.

The Panel accepted the players' opinions as establishing that some of West's peers would seriously consider passing, making pass a logical alternative. Next, the Panel considered whether or not the extra time East's hesitation afforded West to reevaluate his hand was authorized. They concluded that, even though the time itself was part of the auction and therefore authorized, unauthorized information came from the fact that East was considering a call which should have been automatic, based upon the reply to Blackwood. The break in tempo demonstrably suggested that the responder review the auction and his own calls, looking for the reason for his partner's unexpected delay.

The Panel also noted that this auction was not like a continued Blackwood 5NT auction, where West is asked to reevaluate his hand with a grand slam in mind. In the present auction it is logical to assume that East is the captain and that he knows where to place the contract after the response. There is no need for reevaluation, reassessment, or re-

counting of controls. East's hesitation was an unauthorized wake-up call for West to reevaluate what had happened. Therefore, the Panel changed the contract to 5♠ making 6, +680 for E/W (Law 12C2).

My own thoughts are that we need to become more consistent in these types of cases and set a clear standard for deciding them. I personally would allow a player to bid on in two types of Hesitation Blackwood situations. (I am considering here only auctions where the opponents have not interfered over Blackwood and where a grand-slam has not been invited. Auctions involving either of these factors are more complicated than the simple Blackwood auctions being discussed here.)

One type of situation only occurs using screens. If the Blackwood responder informed his screenmate that he had misbid as soon as the tray was passed, and before any unauthorized information became available to him, then I would agree that he could "correct" his response. The other situation where I would allow bidding on is if the Blackwood responder could demonstrate that he knew before responding to RKCB that the trump suit was ambiguous and that the signoff clarified the trump suit as one responder did not consider to be trumps for his response. If there had been clear and convincing evidence that the signoff told him he had an extra keycard, I would allow him to "correct" to the next level.

A casebook panelist recently pointed out that Edgar Kaplan once wrote that "one of the problems in allowing a Hesitation Blackwood continuation is that it assumes that the

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signoff was the error, or at least the product of incomplete information." But what if the Blackwood bid itself was the error? What if East mistakenly bid 4NT holding ♠QJTxxxx ♥x ♦x ♣QJTx? Look at East's actual hand. If West held ♠Kxx ♥AKQ ♦AKQx ♣Txx, he would show three keycards and East would bid 6♠ off two cashing clubs. Players sometimes gamble when they bid 4NT, but the problem is that Hesitation Blackwood removes that type of doubt. When East thinks, West knows that bidding 6♠ is safe.

Some might say that West's maximum values, side kings, and extra ace argue for allowing him to bid 6♠. Well, what if East held ♠AQJTxx ♥x ♦x ♣Axxxx and bid 4NT with the intention of bidding a slam (with a possible club loser) only if his side held all the keycards? But then even after learning that West had only two keycards, he thought about bidding 6♠ anyhow. (After all, isn't West more likely to hold the ♠Q when he holds only two keycards, and might the slam not just depend on the spade finesse?) Even-

tually he signed off, as per his original plan. Now if West really had only two keycards with maximum values (e.g., ♠xxxx ♥AKJ ♦AKQ ♣KQx), would we let him bid 6♠ knowing (from the hesitation) that he was probably not off two aces? Of course not, and we should not let him bid 6♠ here.

We need to stamp out Hesitation Blackwood, ensuring that players will

never be allowed to bid on when their action could be based on the unauthorized information from partner's tempo.

In the next newsletter, we'll look at another Hesitation Blackwood case. This one involves teams from New Zealand and Italy during the Round Robin stage of the 2000 Bermuda Bowl.

Unit Game Updates

by David Gottfried, Chief Unit Director

In response to many constructive suggestions, the Unit Game will be implementing a few changes starting January 1. The "B" strat will be 500-2000 at all stratified Unit games, with C remaining at 0-500, and A becoming 2000+. For strata-flighted events, the A/X game will be 3000+ for As and 0-3000 for Xs, while the B/C/D portion will be 0-2000 for Bs, 0-1000 for Cs, and 0-500 for Ds.

There is a change coming for the 99ers as well—starting January 1, that game will become a 199er game. The Board is committed to increasing attendance and hopes that all players will help by trying to bring somebody new to the Unit Game. (See the November Board Summary on pages 8-9 regarding the development of an NVBA Education Plan.)

Many of you remember we had 29 tables on a spring Sunday afternoon for a special Unit Game. We have scheduled an encore performance as part of a Sectional Tournament at Clubs at 2 pm on Sunday, June 10th at Beth El. It's not too early to mark your calendars!

Since we are now in the inclement weather season, please remember to call the Bridge Information Line (BIL) at 703-698-9110 before setting out for the Temple on evenings when weather may force the cancellation of the game. Generally, the Temple will stay open if fewer than 3 inches of snow is forecast, but the Unit will make a final decision and post a recorded announcement at 4 pm on the BIL line.

Finally, our Holiday Party is just a few short days away—Thursday, December 14. Please remember the Temple's prohibition on pork and shellfish when deciding what delicious dish to bring.

I am delighted that so many people have telephoned, e-mailed, and come up on Thursday nights with suggestions—vocalizing ideas is the single best way to continue improving the Unit Game. I look forward to seeing you on Thursday nights.

There's Going to be a Roast!!!!

Mark your calendars now and plan to attend the NVBA February Sectional and celebrate Bobby Gookin's attainment of 10,000 Masterpoints! Bobby is currently the Washington Area Player of the Year for the second year in a row as well as a frequent recipient of the NVBA Man of the Year award. The Saturday evening session (February 10) will be followed by the traditional roast, and this should be a good one! Renowned emcee Jeff Roman will head the list of speakers. Who doesn't have a good story about Bobby?!! Talk with Jeff and get in line! (The full February Sectional schedule can be found on page 15.)

Calling All Directors or Wanna-Be Directors

The NVBA needs an ACBL-certified Club Director (or directors) to assist Chief Unit Director David Gottfried in running a three-section game on selected evenings, and to fill in for him when he is not available to run the Unit Game. If you are not yet a certified Club Director but would like to become one in order to work at the Unit Game, the NVBA Board will pay your Director Course fees. Directors who assist and substitute for David in running the Unit Game will be compensated according to their level of experience. If you are interested in working as a Director at the NVBA Unit Game, please contact David at 202-564-1019 or notify any NVBA Board member.

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- Hand records will now be available at all Unit Games. Providing this service will cost the Unit approximately \$10 per game.
- The free plays given out at the Unit Game will remain at full value (\$6).
- Board member Ron Kral has obtained five "sample" card tables from different manufacturers at no cost to the Unit. These will be used at KOCH and Beth El throughout the next several months to determine which ones best endure the stress of continually being put up and taken down. The current "life" of a table is approximately 2 1/2 years. After this "test," we will make the decision to purchase new tables to replace the ones that are no longer serviceable. In addition, the NVBA has offered to store 60 MABC tables at KOCH in return for being able to use those tables at our sectional tournaments.
- In recognition of David Gottfried's excellent performance as NVBA's Chief Unit Director, the Board voted to increase his compensation by \$5 per game. In addition, in recognition of the many hours David spends administering the game throughout the month, including filing required reports and forms with the ACBL, MABC, and District 6, the Board voted to increase his monthly administrative compensation by \$15. Both changes took effect November 1.

Board Meeting Summaries

October 15, 2000

• *Finances.* Treasurer Ron Spieker prepared a booklet for each Board member containing our financial goals; a summary of the financial proposals before us; a current financial statement; and a history of our reserve position, of Sectional revenue to date, and of Unit Game revenue to date. He outlined revenue raising options and expense cutting ideas and the approximate amount of funds that each of these options would provide us. With each option he included the relevant NVBA/WBL survey results. (See the President's column on page 2 for additional details.)

• *Year-end Bonuses.* The Board voted bonuses for the year 2000 for Chief Sectional Director Doug Grove, Chief Unit Director David Gottfried, the two Temple staff members who help set up the social hall for our use, and the Unit Game Caddy Chris Mudd.

• *Round Robin.* A motion was passed to revise the NVBA policy on awarding Round Robin prizes to tie the amount of prize money to the number of teams entering the Round Robin. There are seven Flight A teams signed up for the 2000-2001 NVBA Round Robin, no Flight B teams, and six Flight C teams.

• *Election of Representatives to the ACBL Board of Governors.* NVBA Board member Bette Dudka was one of the three District 6 Representatives elected to the ACBL Board of Governors, along with Barbara Doran of the WBL and Gloria Brown of Virginia Beach.

• *Duplication of Boards for Swiss Team Events.* The Board passed a

motion that, effective immediately, boards will no longer be duplicated for the final match of any Swiss team events at NVBA Sectionals.

• *Club Managers' Breakfast.* The WBL and NVBA have scheduled their annual breakfast with area club managers and directors for November 11.

November 13, 2000

• *Unit Game Assistant Director.* The Board accepted with regret Mary Wilson's resignation as Assistant Unit Game Director and thanks Mary for the time and effort she has spent in assisting the Chief Unit Director over the past 6 months. The Board will provide training and assistance as needed to any Director or player interested in becoming an ACBL-certified Club Director, who would be willing to help the Chief Director run the Thursday game and fill in for him in his absence.

• *2001 Unit Game Schedule.* The Board voted to accept the Unit Game schedule for 2001 that was developed at the joint NVBA/WBL scheduling meeting this past summer. See David Gottfried's article on page 6 for a summary of stratification changes. In addition, it was decided that both open and 199er players would be able to participate in the Barometer event in 2001, and that there would be one set of boards for every two tables. For 199ers who do not wish to play in the Swiss event, a separate pairs event will be held on the night when the Triple Nickel Swiss is scheduled.

• *Education.* Board member Sam McMillan is developing a plan for novice and intermediate players. This

plan will focus on ways the Unit can assist players in developing their bridge skills and their knowledge of bridge conventions. Current ideas include providing mini-lectures by advanced players at the Unit Game and arranging for mentors and sponsors to “adopt” players just starting out in duplicate. Anyone having additional ideas or willing to assist in this effort, especially novice and intermediate players, please contact Sam McMillan at 703-920-3535.

• *EasyBridge!* The current Easybridge session ends in December and the Board will support an *Easybridge!2* session for 12 weeks beginning in February 2001 if enough players are interested. Again, please call Sam McMillan at 703-920-3535.

• *Sectional Tournaments.* There were 374.5 tables at the NVBA October sectional, down 58.5 tables from this same sectional last year. For sectionals in 2001, all Thursday night games will be at the Knights of Columbus Hall, and the Friday night start time has been moved to 8 pm. The Board is giving consideration to starting the Senior Games at 9:30 am and 1:30 pm (input from Seniors about changing the start times for these games would be much appreciated), and to stratifying the Triple Nickel Swiss event held on Friday night in September. (See the box on page 14 for a notice regarding NVBA sectional tournament prizes.)

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**Upcoming NVBA Games and Special Events
(December 2000 to mid-February 2001)**

Dec. 7	Beth El	7:00	WBL Sectional
Dec. 14	Beth El	6:00	Holiday Party (see page 10 for details)
Dec. 21	Beth El	7:00	Stratified GNT Qualifying
Dec. 28	Beth El	7:00	Stratified Up-graded Club Championship
Jan. 4	Beth El	7:00	WBL Sectional
Jan. 11	Beth El	7:00	Stratified Unit Championship
Jan. 18	Beth El	7:00	Stratified GNT Qualifying
Jan. 25	Beth El	7:00	Stratified Club Championship
Feb. 1	Beth El	7:00	Strata-Flighted Unit Championship
Feb. 8	KOCH	7:00	NVBA Sectional

Stratification Limits:

Thru December, for regular NVBA Unit Games and NVBA and WBL sectionals, the strats are as follows: C is 0-500, B is 0-1500, and A is 1500+. Starting in January, the new strats will be: C is 0-500, B is 0-2000, and A is 2000+. Beginning in January, the 99er game will become a 199er game, with strats as follows: D is 0-20, C is 0-50, B is 0-100, and A is 0-199.

For the February 1st Strata-Flighted game, the strats are as follows: A is 3000+, X is 0-3000; and B is 0-2000, C is 0-1000, and D is 0-500. There will also be a 199er game on this evening.

Club Updates

Because of scheduling problems with the Knights of Columbus Hall, there will be no Saturday club games there until after the beginning of the new year. The two clubs involved are Norma's Game (Norma Pierzchala) and the Beltway Bridge Club (Marshall Kushner). Please check with the Bridge Information Line (BIL) for the exact date when these games will resume: 703-698-9110.

Cookbooks—They're Going Like Hotcakes!!

To help raise funds for the Summer 2002 NABC in Washington, D.C., we have just published **Après Bridge Yummies**, a 140-page cookbook containing recipes from the 1993 Summer Nationals in D.C. Remember the great hospitality at that tournament? All of those recipes can be yours for a mere \$9.99! Cookbooks will be available at all of the upcoming NABCs and MABC Regionals, as well as at all NVBA and WBL Sectionals between now and the summer of 2002.

Buy now for holiday gift giving! Cookbooks will be one sale at both the NVBA and WBL's Holiday Parties this year.

A Tribute to Pat Frix

Marge Nystrom wrote a lovely poem in memory of her friend Pat Frix who died September 12th of this year. Printed below are four of the stanzas that dealt with how much they enjoyed playing bridge:

You loved the weekends in Luray
For bridge at Mimslyn Inn
With Dennis' lessons and such good food
It mattered not when you didn't win.

On Wednesday you played with Charles
He taught you lots of things
Like what to lead and how to bid
And save Aces to overtake Kings.

You were my favorite partner
We would shuffle, deal and play
Once we even won first place
It really made my day.

Last week at Knights of Columbus
The director welcomed us there
He said in honor of a very dear friend
The event was "The Pat Frix Memorial Pairs."

Easybridge!

Easybridge!1 is coming to a close in December. If anyone is interested or knows anyone who is interested in taking *EasyBridge!2* (starting in February and lasting about 12 weeks), please contact Sam McMillan at 703-920-3535 or e-mail him (samuelhmc@aol.com).

WBL-NVBA Player of the Year for 2000-2001

(standings after 3 of 9 tournaments)

Eligibility: Players must attend at least three WBL and two NVBA sectionals during the contest period (September 2000 through May 2001). Points won on Tournament Thursday evenings are included in the totals, but do not count toward eligibility.

Top 20 Open Leaders

Leo Lasota	68.51
Earl Glickstein	61.17
Robert Gookin	57.48
William Cole	54.48
Robert Bell	50.23
Eugene Kales	46.16
Fred King	45.69
Hailong Ao	44.17
Richard Popper	43.47
Jim Houghton	42.80
Alfred Steinberg	42.10
Kefu Xu	40.44
Janet Gookin	39.62
Alan Kleist	38.92
Yi Zhong	37.35
Kenneth Davis	34.44
Steve Robinson	30.75
Peter Boyd	28.80
David Milton	28.17
Margot Hennings	27.82

Top 20 NonLM Leaders

Hailong Ao	44.17
Sulaiman Ghaussy	11.69
Julia Brown	11.35
Issa Dorri	11.15
Michael Schuller	10.53
David Wampler	10.53
Jian-Jian Wang	10.31
Anatoly Solyanyk	9.89
Elizabeth Thornton	9.39
Eugene Fisher	9.25
Mark Rosen	8.73
Aijazulhaq Gillani	8.42
Paul Krueger	8.25
Melville Yudkin	8.25
David Chechelashvili	7.78
Theodore Wilkinson	7.64
Laurence Angell	7.41
Joanne Angell	7.41
Charles Carrington	7.24
Richard Cassell	7.22

Six sectionals remain in the contest year:

WBL—December 7-10, 2000

WBL—January 4-7, 2001

NVBA—February 8-11, 2001

WBL—March 1-4, 2001

NVBA—March 8-11, 2001

WBL—May 3-6, 2001

Parade of Winners

**NVBA Fall Sectional
(October 26-29)**

Thurs. Open Pairs (130 pairs)

- 1 Earl Glickstein - Jim Houghton
- 2 1 David Genne - Vincent Wilmot Jr
- 2 Steve Bunning - Kristene Miller
- 1 B. Fardshisheh - T. Wilkinson
- 2 Keith Crank - Gregory Campbell

**Thurs. 300/100/20 Pairs (Arlington)
(24 pairs)**

- 1 1 Melville Yudkin - Paul Krueger
- 2 2 Dennis Wick - George Schropp
- 1 Namit Sharm - Helen Dodge
- 2 William Healy - Gregory Webb

**Thurs. 200/100/50 Pairs (Chevy Chase)
(22 pairs)**

- 1 1 1 Rachele Sladoff - Cielle Block
- 2 2 Robert Higgins - Jane Montgomery
- 2 Robert Rich - Suzanne Abrams

Fri. Afternoon Open Pairs (50 pairs)

- 1 Steve Robinson - Alfred Steinberg
- 2 Marshall Kuschner - Carole Grob
- 1 Maryan Stevens - John Stevens
- 1 Manny Eisenfeld - Abdul Masood
- 2 Margaret Hurley - Marie Nylan

**Fri. Afternoon 300/200/100 Pairs
(14 pairs)**

- 1 Shirley Lafferty - Joan Fisher
- 2 1 1 Pitamber Devgon - Salam Saidi
- 2 2 Jean Schoepe - David Watson

**Fri. Afternoon 100/20/10 Pairs
(14 Pairs)**

- 1 1 1 Kay Oliver - Grey Hodnett
- 2 Sue Carson - Frances Denney
- 2 Betty Simpson - Robert Weeks
- 2 Mary Viereck - James Edmonds

Fri. Eve. Open Pairs (54 pairs)

- 1 Carl Nelson - Eric Branfman
- 2 William Cole - Charlanne Gregory
- 1 1 J. T. Bloch - Philip Schneider
- 2 Barry Sparks - Mary Mudd
- 2 Samuel Mills, Jr. - D. Tonnesen

Fri. Eve. 200/100/50 Pairs (16 pairs)

- 1 Richard Clements - Barbara Clements
- 2 1 1 Tina Hogan - Veronica Reinhardt
- 2 Donna Dorgan - John Dorgan
- 2 Robert Gemmill - Rolf Valtin

Sat. Morn. Senior Pairs (34 pairs)

- 1 E. Asherman - Andrew Gabrilovitch
- 2 M. Kuschner - Sumner Steinfeldt
- 1 Avinash Bhagwat - Seema Bhagwat
- 2 William DeGraf - John Begley
- 1 Susan Waters - Holly Wills
- 2 Julia Brown - Elizabeth Thornton

Sat. Morn. 100/50/20 Pairs (18 pairs)

- 1 1 Marlene Stone - Janet Duke
- 2 2 Clifford Dyhouse - Suzanne Abrams
- 1 Theodor Dockter - Mary Dockter
- 2/3 A. Medlin - M-T. Klinefelter
- 2/3 Andrea Franks - Monica Shumann

Sat. Flight A/S IMP Pairs (44 pairs)

- 1 1 David Fleischer - Terry Feetham
- 2 Leo Lasota - Richard Popper
- 2 Hal Hindman - Vincent Wilmot, Jr.

Sat. Flight B/C IMP Pairs (28 pairs)

- 1 1 Robert Schwenk - Brian Childers
- 2 Ronald Kral - Susan Dillman
- 2 Douglas Fox - James Sandefur

**Sat. Afternoon 300/200/100 Pairs
(22 pairs)**

- 1 1 Tony Gallucio - Catherine Gallucio
- 2 2 Harold Barton - Lawrence Krieger
- 1 Carole Banks - Charity Sack
- 2 J. J. Armour - Marian Kroen

Sat. Afternoon 49er Pairs (10 pairs)

- 1 Leslie Greenblatt - King Gary Greenblatt
- 2 Samuel Bowlin - Elizabeth Bowlin

**Sat. Afternoon Senior Pairs
(21 pairs)**

- 1 E. Asherman - Andrew Gabrilovitch
- 2 Jennifer Koonce - Zeke Letellier
- 1 David Wakefield - Gregory Mullins
- 2 Avinash Bhagwat - Seema Bhagwat
- 1 Peggy Magurn - Grace Glass
- 2 Alice Swalm - Beverly Burns

Sat. Eve. Flight A/X Pairs (44 pairs)

- 1 Leo Lasota - Richard Popper
- 2 Robert Klein - Richard Wegman
- 1 Kenneth Davis - Stephen Lurie
- 2 David Genne - Sven Pride

Sat. Eve. Flight B/C/D Pairs (20 pairs)

- 1 Mary Mudd - Barry Sparks
- 2/3 1/2 K. Kaufman - Robert Schwenk
- 2/3 1/2 Kyle Chambers - Walter Kerns
- 1 J. J. Armour - Rachel Lowrey
- 2 Carl Fried, III - Aquil Ahmed

Sat. Eve. 200/100/50 Pairs (18 pairs)

- 1 Joanne Harman - William Harman
- 2 1 1 D. Jane Farthing - Marilyn Armon
- 2 Dennis Wick - George Schropp
- 2 Eric Shulman - Barbara Katz

Sun. Flight A/X BAM (17 teams)

- 1 Leo Lasota - Alan Kleist - Russell Divvens - Richard Popper
- 2 Jim Houghton - Fred King - Earl Glickstein - R. Bell - John Veltri
- 1/2 Bruce Houston - Kenneth Davis - Donald Van Arman - John Ashe
- 1/2 Kefu Xu - Yi Zhong - Ruoyu Fan - Hailong Ao

Sun. Flight B Swiss (14 Teams)

- 1/2 Jerry Miller - Steven Emanuel - Margie Coccodrilli - Janet Dence
- 1/2 Steven Rothman - Bruce Bucklinger - Gregory Mullins - David Wakefield

Sun. Morn. 299er Swiss (9 teams)

- 1 David Sterner - Gail Zamboni - Elizabeth Thornton - Julia Brown
- 2 Annette Perrin - David Watson - Jean Schoepe - Eric Pamer

Sun. Morn. 100/20 Swiss (6 teams)

- 1 Donna Dorgan - John Dorgan - Holly Wills - Susan Waters
- 2 R. Lawrence - F. Lawrence - A. Edwin Johnson - M. Josette Johnson
- 1 Patricia Needham - Virginia Re - Betty Taff - Barbara Di Cicco

Sun. Afternoon 300/200 Swiss (9 teams)

- 1 1 Mitchell Karlick - Richard Cassell - Marc Cassell - Stephen Goldstein
- 2 David Sterner - Gail Zamboni - Elizabeth Thornton - Julia Brown
- 2 Terry Jones - Barry Anderson - Judy Braddy - Gloria Halstead

**WBL Sectional
(November 9-12)**

Thurs. Eve. A/X Pairs (72 pairs)

- 1 Leo Lasota - Alan Kleist
- 2 Fred King - Robert Bell
- 1 Edward Schwartz - Richard Zerilli
- 2 James Lister - Jim Wakefield

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

- 1 1 Mark Rosen - Eugene Fisher
- 2 2 Howard Tash - Bradley Tash

Thurs. Eve. 200/100/50 Pairs (Chevy Chase) (29 pairs)

- 1 John Terauds - Edwin Tums
- 2 1 1 Wilma Middleton - Eric Nash
- 2 2 Jay Weinstein - Tom Dowd

Thurs. 100/20 Pairs (Alexandria) (9 pairs)

- 1 1 Gloria Halstead - Neal McKinney
- 2 2 Michele Liebel - Nancy Treadwell

Fri. Morn. Open Pairs (29 pairs)

- 1 Linda Maloney - Robert Gookin
- 2 Robert Bell - Steve Robinson
- 1 1 David Lipke - Morris Edmundson
- 2 Alice Johnson - Jackie Thompson
- 2 Edward Alexander - Donald Jacobs

Fri. Morn. Senior Pairs (22 pairs)

- 1 Jay Cohen - Jack Goldhaber
- 2 1 Barbara Cohen - Lois Simonton
- 2 1 Elizabeth Thornton - Julia Brown
- 2 Manny Eisenfeld - Abdul Masood

Fri. Morn. 200/100/50 Pairs (10 pairs)

- 1 Leon Fastovsky - Janet Rosenthal
- 2 1 1 Marlene Stone - Janet Duke
- 2 2 Gerald Steinberg - Jules Clemens

Fri. Afternoon Open Pairs (48 pairs)

- 1 Leo Lasota - Alfred Steinberg
- 2 Ronald Spath - Suzanne Erwetowski
- 1 Renate Conlon - Ronald Conlon
- 2 Alice Johnson - Jackie Thompson
- 1 Ruth Schrider - Arthur Olson
- 2 Allan Sitterson - Irish Grandfield

Fri. Afternoon Senior Pairs (28 pairs)

- 1 Leslie Kaldor - Bettye Shapiro
- 2 Audrey Marbach - Ellie Ostrinsky
- 1 James Prentiss - Carl Lerman
- 2 Joan Benesch - William Benesch
- 1 Theodore Wilkinson - Charles King
- 2 Laura Webb - Jeri Dotson

Fri. Afternoon 200/100/50 Pairs (22 pairs)

- 1 Ted Guthrie - Philip Smith
- 2 Pauline Hawkins - David Runkel
- 1 Walter Mitnick - Fred Mobley
- 2 1 Jean Agenbroad - Lena Vargas
- 2 Neal McKinney - Juan Pardo

Fri. Eve. Open Pairs (38 pairs)

- 1 1 1 Michael Schuller - David Wampler
- 2 Arnie Frankel - Tim Crank
- 2 Michael Veve - Kristene Miller
- 2 Leslie Powell - Barbara Elswick

Fri. Eve. B-A-M Teams (8 teams)

- 1 Charleen Brand - Jim Allen, Jr. - William Hacker - Rossi Lindstrom
- 2 Linda Maloney - Robert Gookin - Eugene Kales - Earl Glickstein

Fri. Eve. 200/100/50 Pairs (12 pairs)

- 1 William Pepelko - Barbara Pepelko
- 2 Pauline Hawkins - David Runkel
- 1 Michael Salmon - Clint Wilkinson
- 2 Margaret Rose - Reni Malloy

Sat. Morn. Senior Pairs (27 pairs)

- 1 Jim O'Neil - Mary O'Neil
- 2 Hal Holtzclaw - Andrew Gabrilovitch
- 1 Janet Rosenthal - Wesley Jones, Jr.
- 2 1 Joan Cutler - Carol Schuman
- 2 Theodore Wilkinson - Charles King

Sat. Afternoon A/X Pairs (37 pairs)

- 1 1 Kefu Xu - Hailong Ao
- 2 Richard Popper - Thomas Wallen
- 2 Russell Divvens - Benjamin Brill

Sat. Afternoon B/C Pairs (30 pairs)

- 1 Benjamin Stauss - Bill Gainer
- 2 1 Michael Schuller - David Wampler
- 2 Lewis Maddock - Ruth Ellen Livingston

Attention Prize Winners!

You know who you are—or do you??!! There are numerous instances when persons who have won prizes at NVBA Sectional tournaments have not had the opportunity to collect them, were unaware they had won a prize, or have forgotten to collect them. A list of the events for which first- and second-place prizes are given will be posted at each NVBA Sectional, beginning in February 2001. Prize Chair Charlanne Gregory will make available a box of index cards at Sectional tournaments identifying all the prize winners from the previous three tournaments who have not yet picked up their prizes (prizes expire at the conclusion of the fourth tournament). Tournament participants are encouraged to check this box to ensure they have not overlooked any prizes they have earned. Winners of Senior events may claim their prizes directly from the Prize Chair or from the director of the Seniors' games.

Sat. Afternoon Senior Pairs (30 pairs)

- 1 Jerome Resnick - Eugene Davidson
- 2 Zeke Letellier - Jennifer Koonce
- 1 Anna McLean - Mary Harvey
- 2/3 David Wakefield - Gregory Mullins
- 2/31 Louis Mead - Gwen Schlemmer

Sat. Afternoon 200/100 Pairs (16 pairs)

- 1 Edward Heberg - Issa Dorri
- 21 Carole Banks - Charity Sack
- 2/3 Donald Jacobs - Sandra Jacobs
- 2/3 Judy Braddy - Helen Montanaro

Sat. Afternoon 49er Trophy Pairs (32 pairs)

- 1 Margaret McKean - Teryl McBurney
- 2 Betty Sieftring - Paul Sieftring
- 11 Harlow Case - Marian K Riedy
- 2 Gwendolyn Harlee - Joan Anderson
- 2 Helene Kurtzman - Sol Kurtzman

Sat. Eve. Flight A/X Pairs (32 pairs)

- 1 Peter Boyd - Steve Robinson
- 21 D. Chechelashvili - A. L'Heureux
- 2 Mark Kotlarsky - Anatoly Solyanyk

Sat. Eve. Flight B/C Pairs (26 pairs)

- 11 Joanne Angell - Laurence Angell
- 2 Jeffrey Kosnett - Steven Ivins
- 2 H. Evan Duquette - Stephen Grenleski

Sat. Eve. 200/100 Pairs (12 pairs)

- 1 Jonathan Siegel - Malcolm Stewart
- 21 Juan Pardo - Alexander Vortmeyer
- 2 Donald Jacobs - Sandra Jacobs

Sat. Eve. 49er Trophy Pairs (12 pairs)

- 11 Joan Anderson - Gwendolyn Harlee
- 22 Glenn Koehler - Tim Kuhn

Sun. Flight A/X Swiss (16 teams)

- 1 Peter Boyd - Eugene Kales - William Cole - Beth Palmer
- 21 Jian-Jian Wang - Yi Zhong - Ruoyu Fan - Hailong Ao - Kefu Xu
- 2 Elizabeth Nelson - Kenton Schoen - Charles Yaple - Diane Walker

Sun. Flight B/C Swiss (17 teams)

- 1 Lynn Boardman - M. Cassandra Smith - Bill Gainer - C. Young, Jr.
- 2 Benjamin Stauss - Robert Stearns - Ronald Susi - David Vendittis
- 1/2 G. Stafford, Jr. - C. Carrington - Ann Ruth Volin - Lea Rochkind
- 1/2 Nelson Waks - Sylvia Hoffman - Doris Konecke - Martha Chen

Sun. Morn. 300/200/100 Swiss (12 teams)

- 11 Melville Yudkin - Paul Krueger - Ted Guthrie - Michael Schatz
- 2 Bryan Geer - Lois Geer - David Wampler - Michael Schuller
- 2/3 Joana Da Silva - David Harris - Carole Banks - Charity Sack
- 2/3 Donna Dorgan - John Dorgan - Issa Dorri - Susan Waters
- 1 R. Lawrence - F. Lawrence - Florence Drake - Robert Drake

Sun. Afternoon 300/200/100 Swiss (8 teams)

- 111 Melville Yudkin - Paul Krueger - Leo Cardillo - Frank Cardillo
- 22 David Harris - Joana Da Silva - Charity Sack - Carole Banks



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ALL VIRGINIA EVENTS AT KOCH

THURSDAY, 8 FEBRUARY

Knights of Columbus Hall, Arlington, VA (NVBA)

Ohr Kodesh Congregation, 8402 Freyman Drive, Chevy Chase, MD (WBL)

	NVBA (KOCH)	WBL
STRATIFIED PAIRS (500/1500/1500+ MPs)	7:00 p.m.	7:30 p.m.
299ER PAIRS (100/200/300 MPs)	7:00 p.m.	
199ER PAIRS (50/100/200 MPs)		7:30 p.m.
EASYBRIDGE! PAIRS	7:00 p.m.	7:30 p.m.

REMAINDER OF EVENTS AT KOCH

FRIDAY, 9 FEBRUARY — *Note night game time change*

STRATIFIED OPEN PAIRS (500/1500/1500+ MPs)	2:00 p.m.
299ER PAIRS (0-300 MPs)	2:00 p.m.
MINI-STRATIFIED PAIRS (20/50/100)	2:00 p.m.
STRATIFIED OPEN PAIRS (500/1500/1500+ MPs)	8:00 p.m.
INTERMEDIATE STRATIFIED PAIRS (100/200/300 MPs)	8:00 p.m.
49ER PAIRS (5/20/50 MPS)	8:00 p.m.

Mid-Chart conventions shall be permitted in all Flight A, Flight B, and Open Stratified events

Free Snacks Every Session
Snack Bar On-Site to Provide
Reasonably-Priced Sandwiches, Hot Dogs, Fruit, Cookies, Coffee, Sodas, Wine, and Beer

SATURDAY, 10 FEBRUARY

Novice/Intermediate Lecture (Jeff Roman)	10:00 a.m.
MINI-STRATIFIED PAIRS (20/50/100 MPs)	10:30 a.m.
STRATIFIED SENIOR PAIRS (500/1500/1500+)	10:30 a.m.
TROPHY EVENT: WILLIAM POISSANT MEMORIAL PAIRS (2 sessions—Qualifying and Final)	1:00 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.
STRATIFIED SINGLE SESSION SIDE GAME (1000/1000+)	1:00 p.m.
MINI-STRATIFIED PAIRS (20/50/100 MPs)	1:00 p.m.
299ER PAIRS (0-300 MPs)	1:00 p.m.
EASYBRIDGE! PAIRS	1:00 p.m.
STRATIFIED SENIOR PAIRS (500/1500/1500+)	3:00 p.m.
STRATIFIED OPEN CONSOLATION (0-1500, 1500+)	7:00 p.m.
INTERMEDIATE STRATIFIED PAIRS (50/100/200/300 MPs)	7:00 p.m.

Roast to recognize Bobby Gookin's attainment of 10,000 MP immediately following the evening session!

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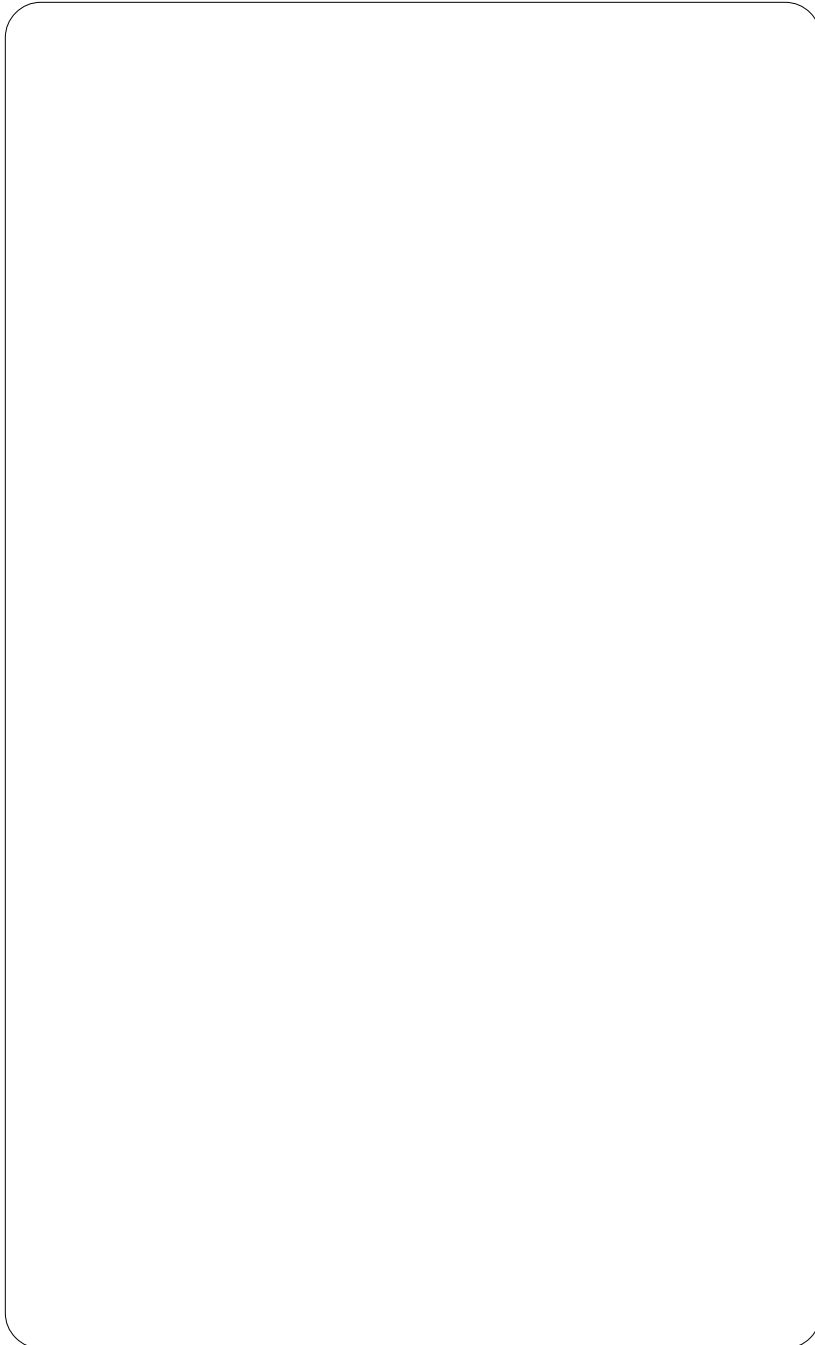
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SUNDAY, 11 FEBRUARY

FLIGHT X/A (0-3000/3000+ MPs) BOARD-A-MATCH TEAMS	11 a.m.
FLIGHT B (0-2000) SWISS TEAMS (<i>change from previous ad</i>)	11 a.m.
Both X/A BAM and B Swiss are 2-session events, with one 30-minute break	
299ER SWISS TEAMS (0-300 MPs)	11 a.m.
MINI-STRATIFIED SWISS TEAMS (20/50/100)	11 a.m.
STRATIFIED 299ER SWISS TEAMS (100/200/300)	3:15 p.m.

*Next NVBA Sectional Tournament
8-11 March 2001*

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



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