

# NVBA Newsletter

April – May 2001

## Upcoming NVBA Games and Special Events (April-May 2001)

April 5	Beth El	7:00	District 6 Charity Game
April 12	Beth El	7:00	Stratified District 6 STaC
April 19	Beth El	7:00	Stratified Club Championship
April 26	Beth El	7:00	Stratified Unit Championship
May 3	Beth El	7:00	WBL Sectional
May 10	KOCH	7:00	Annual Meeting/Charity Game
May 17	Beth El	7:00	LM/Non-LM Unit Championship
May 24	Beth El	7:00	Stratified Rating Point Game
May 31	Beth El	7:00	Stratified Unit Championship

### Stratification Limits:

For regular NVBA Unit Games, the strats are as follows: C is 0-500, B is 0-2000, and A is 2000+. The strats for the 199er game are done at the director's discretion.

**Next NVBA Sectional:** August 9-12 at KOCH.

See page 3 for details on the Annual Meeting, including strat limits.

See page 5 for details on the Life Master / Non-Life Master game.

## President's Column

*by Margot Hennings*

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This month's column is a potpourri of tidbits. I trust you'll find some that interest you.

- Your unit has bought 20 new card tables for your enjoyment at NVBA sectionals and any other times the unit holds an event at the Knights of Columbus Hall (KOCH). 20 more will be purchased before the August sectional. The logistics of using the Mid-Atlantic tables were simply too complicated and labor-intensive to continue. In addition, Bernie Oetjen, our sponsor at KOCH, has purchased 10 new tables for his game there on Monday nights, and has graciously agreed to let the NVBA use his tables as well.

- In February, I signed a contract to ensure the continuation of our weekly Unit Game at Beth El Hebrew Congregation through 2003. The rent will increase just under 10% in 2002 to \$200 per night, and to \$210 per night in 2003.

- You might want to put on your calendars now that there will be a special Sunday game at Beth El on Sunday, June 10, as part of the NVBA/WBL Sectional-Tournament-at-Clubs that will be held all that preceding week in area clubs. The green and yellow schedules state that this game is at 2:00 p.m., but due to an overlap of events at the temple, the game will not begin until 2:30 pm. (See box to right.)

- Attendance at the NVBA February Sectional exceeded 435 tables (the second largest sectional in the past 10 years!) and the March Sectional was smaller than February's, but a little

larger than March 2000, at 371 tables.

- For the foreseeable future, the limit of the B stratum at NVBA sectionals and Unit games alike will be 2000 Masterpoints. The limit of the X stratum will be 3000 Masterpoints. The C stratum, when it is combined with B and not a separate flight of its own (in the two-session Sunday Swiss, for example) will have an upper limit of 750 Masterpoints. The NVBA will continue its new policy of stratifying the B/C Swiss on sectional Sundays.

- The new NVBA/WBL Directory goes to the printer later this month and will be available for distribution no later than the Annual Meeting!

- The unit is starting a mentoring program that promises to be rewarding as well as fun for all participants. Please see the article on page 12 for more details.

### **Special Unit Game— Sunday, June 10th**

It's a while away, but mark your calendars now for this special game. It'll be part of the NVBA/WBL STAC, so there will be lots of Silver Points available.

- Place: Beth El
- Time: 2:30 pm

The last time we had a Sunday Unit game we had 29 tables! So be sure to save June 10th for this special event!!

## Annual Meeting, Election and Bridge

It's annual meeting and election time once again. We'll gather starting at 5:30 pm at the Knights of Columbus Hall (KOCH), 5115 Little Falls Road in Arlington on Thursday, May 10. The evening will start with a picnic dinner, which is *free* for NVBA members (\$7 for non-members).

Voting will take place during the meal, which will be followed at 7 pm by the annual meeting.

After the meeting, the fourth annual Pat Eyman Strawberry Pairs will be held. It'll be a Strataflighted Unit Championship Charity game. Flight A/X (3000+/0-3000) will be a separate game from the Flight B (500-2000)/C (0-500) game. We will also run a 0-199 game. There will be an entry fee for the bridge games.

The offices of President and Secretary, plus four Board positions

are in contention. All candidates who have not yet declared their candidacy must have a petition signed by 25 NVBA members submitted to Elections Chair Kathryn Kiley no later than April 26 in order to get their name on the ballot.

Absentee ballots will be available after April 26 for any member who will miss the election due to illness or because of being out of town (defined as more than 50 miles from KOCH). You may apply for an absentee ballot by writing to the Membership Secretary, Norma Pierzchala, at 4701 Kenmore Ave., #1310, Alexandria, VA 22304-1232. Ballots must be returned to Norma by noon, May 10.

Dinner, the annual meeting, election, and bridge will make this a fun evening for everyone...please join us.

## The Candidates for NVBA Officers and Board of Directors

### Bruce Culmer— for President



I have lived in the Washington area since 1980 with brief departures to South Korea and New York City. After 20 years in the Navy, I began a second career at the International Monetary Fund where I am now employed. I currently reside in Washington, DC. I have been playing bridge since 1975. I served on the NVBA Board for approximately six years. For two of those years, I was the Vice President. I have also served District Six for five years as the Grand National Teams Coordinator. I believe that this experience will serve the Unit well if I am elected President.

**Lucy McCoy—  
for Secretary**



I began playing bridge in Northern Virginia in the late 1970s. In May of last year, I volunteered to become Board Secretary when that position became vacant. For a year now, I have faithfully recorded the tremendous effort that goes into arranging Unit Game and tournament schedules, locations and hospitality; ensuring responsible spending in support of the Unit Game and clubs; and managing an education and Round Robin program to encourage bridge play in various arenas. I have also been the Board's Newsletter Liaison, and have collected and written various items for the newsletter.

Serving on the Board has been a rewarding, albeit laborious experience, and is an avenue for me to give something back to the game that I have so enjoyed playing here.

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**Charlie Gregory—  
for Board Member**



I became an active member of the NVBA in January of 1978 and was first elected to the Board in May of that year. For the next 13 years, I served in many capacities, including Caddy Mistress, Prize Person, and President of the NVBA. I am now seeking a second term as a Board Member (I was reelected to the Board in 1999). I am looking forward to serving you.

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**Ed Heberg—  
for Board Member**



I am currently completing a one-year term on the NVBA Board, acting as the Board's liaison to the clubs, assisting Sam McMillan in his educational efforts, and chairing the Flights B and C Round Robins. We have had a successful Flight C Round Robin after a one-year hiatus. If reelected one of my goals for next year is to continue The Flight C Round Robin and to restart the Flight B. I also plan to participate in the planned pilot Mentor Program the board is starting this year. I feel we have to encourage our new players to stay with bridge and to participate regularly in events like the Unit Game and our

Sectionals. Finally, I plan to support Margot Hennings' efforts to make the upcoming Nationals here in Washington a major success.

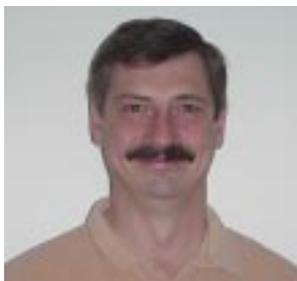
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## Life Master / Non-Life Master Game

*by Bruce Culmer*

NVBA will hold its annual Life Master / Non-Life Master event at the Unit Game on May 17, the week after the Annual Meeting. This is an opportunity for everyone to play with someone new and possibly learn some new ways of bidding and play. As Chair of the event, I will match players randomly as they arrive. It will make my job a lot easier if I know how many players to expect, so please sign up at the Unit Game or send me an e-mail ([BCULMER@imf.org](mailto:BCULMER@imf.org)). There will be a separate game for those not participating in the event. This is meant to be a good time for everyone, so please come out and enjoy!

### **Ron Kral— for Board Member**



I learned bridge in college, but gave it up for many years. I began playing again seriously about 8 years ago. My goal is to one day become an A player who can compete at the national level. I volunteered for and was voted onto the Board to fill a vacant position last October. Since then, I've worked on several projects including researching new tables, helping to plan the web site for the 2002 Nationals, and formatting the NVBA portion of the upcoming NVBA/WBL Membership Directory. I'd like to be given the opportunity to give back something to the game I love. Two of my main inter-

ests are to bring more new players into the game and increase the attendance at our unit game. I'm an independent computer consultant and live in Reston with my wife and two teenage children.

### **Barry Sparks— for Board Member**



I "learned bridge" in the early 1970's in high school and have been playing it ever since. I have been on the NVBA board since 1999 and currently am the manager of the Unit Game and on the NVBA Conduct and Ethics Committee. I am married to Mary Mudd, NVBA Caddy Chair, and have two sons, Chris Mudd, Unit Game & Tournament Caddie and Dan Sparks, ex-Caddie (except when in town from Auburn University.) Outside of bridge, I am a CPA working for the IRS in the field of contracting (not taxes).

## Thanks for Sharing!...Really!!

On January 10th, Terry Fry (the former Sarah Abraham) surprised everyone at Kitty Heiberg's Wednesday game at Ft. Myer by paying for all the entry fees—and there were 24 tables!! Terry had just won \$1 million in a drawing on [iwon.com](http://www.iwon.com). The Internet site has a weekly drawing for \$10,000 and a monthly drawing for \$1 million—and Terry had just won the December 2000 drawing. Terry found out about her good fortune (no pun intended) on the preceding Thursday when she looked out her front window and saw five or six people walking up her street—then up her driveway. They rang her doorbell, and the fun began. “I opened the door and they told me that I had won a million dollars and handed me a BIG cardboard check. The people were from Inside Edition, and they had mikes on a boom, lights, and cameras. They proceeded to take over my life from 1:30 til about 6:30.”

What a great story! (By the way, the drawing is still going on—that's [iwon.com](http://www.iwon.com)—look for Terry's name as the December winner.) And from everyone at the January game: Thanks for sharing, Terry.

## Volunteer Vacancy—Bridge Teacher to Encourage Avid Learners at TJHS

**Needed:** One enthusiastic bridge person to work with the school sponsor to keep the existing Bridge Club at Thomas Jefferson HS going strong! This is the club that produced Vicky Sawyer, Jonathan and Daniel Rodney, Andy Starks, Jake Parrott, and others who have gone on to spread their love of the game to classmates in college and in the workplace.

**Activities:** Developing very informal “lessons” and providing refreshments for an hour on Friday afternoons (currently 3 to 3:50 pm.). This is a paid position (courtesy of ACBL); ACBL also provides trophies, books, and t-shirts. The NVBA Unit supplies the playing cards and pays for the goodies. No boards or bidding boxes are necessary.

**Estimated Effort:** 1 hour a week plus travel and preparation time.

**Estimated Compensation:** Knowledge that you are helping to keep duplicate bridge strong for the future. The fruits of your efforts will be limited only by your imagination!

**More Information:** Please call Sam McMillan at 703-920-3535 or Ed Heberg at 703-759-3282 if you are interested. Dot Lewis, who has taught this program for years, will be happy to tell you more about it if you call her at 703-560-4474.

## Hail, and Farewell

We'd like to welcome the following new ACBL members into our Unit:

- Charles Brunner
- Marvin Burstein
- William Chandler
- Jason Duberman
- Rebecca Hudecek
- Anita Lancaster
- Patricia O'Toole
- Nancy Thomas

And we'd like to welcome the following folks who have transferred into the Unit:

- Jing Gu
- Sara King
- Ralph Mavrogordato
- Daniel Morgan
- Kay Sheehy
- Stephen Sheehy

The following persons have transferred out of our Unit:

- Lt. Col. Harry Allen, Jr.
- Pamela Allen
- Ann Carter
- John Fahs
- Leon Fastovsky
- Robert Gore
- Robert Hollern
- Richard Kearney
- James Lipman
- Kristen O'Brien
- Thomas O'Rourke
- Joon Pahk
- JoAnn Pendley
- Joann Roorbach
- Virginia Smiley
- David Watson
- Joan Wilhide

And we'd like to note the passing of two of our members:

- John McCabe, III
- Helen Inbar



Congratulations to  
**Zeke Letellier**  
 who recently became a Diamond Life Master  
 (over 5,000 Masterpoints!)

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 Bridge Information Line  
 for NVBA

**New Game!**

Lennie Ward (703-723-8614)  
 has started a game for those 55 or  
 older; it's held at 1 pm on Thurs-  
 days at the Cascades Senior Cen-  
 ter, 21060 Whitfield Place, Sterling.

**NVBA-WBL Player of the Year, 2000-2001**  
 (with just one sectional to go)

To be eligible, players must attend at least two NVBA and three WBL 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. Below are the standings after 8 of the 9 tournaments in this contest year (the remaining sectional is May 3-6—WBL). (An \* indicates that the player has met the eligibility requirements.)

**Top 20 Open Leaders**

Player	Points
Leo Lasota*	179.00
Robert Gookin*	144.96
Robert Bell*	126.54
Alfred Steinberg*	120.64
William Cole*	119.71
Alan Kleist*	115.88
Steve Robinson*	115.10
Earl Glickstein*	111.73
Jim Houghton*	91.88
Janet Gookin*	89.30
Fred King*	89.19
Kefu Xu*	86.12
Mark Shaw*	84.52
Ellen Cherniavsky*	80.57
Kristene Miller*	76.69
Barbara Shaw*	72.83
Linda Maloney*	70.61
Eugene Kales*	70.14
Hailong Ao*	60.34
Gil Cohen*	58.65

**Top 20 NonLM Leaders**

Player	Points
Hailong Ao*	60.34
Paul Krueger*	33.11
Melville Yudkin*	32.73
Sulaiman Ghaussy*	26.25
Charity Sack*	23.42
Julia Brown*	21.22
Glenn Young*	21.09
Joana Da Silva*	19.88
Mark Rosen	18.62
David Harris*	18.53
Eugene Fisher	17.69
D. Chechelashvili	17.46
Issa Dorri	17.36
Nikola Tcholakov	17.34
Suzanne Abrams*	17.31
Pat Winterbauer*	16.79
Elizabeth Thornton*	16.67
Dennis Wick	16.26
Leo Cardillo*	15.98
Neal McKinney*	15.73

## For Intermediate Players: Some 2 Over 1 Auctions

by Tom Musso\*

Playing 2 Over 1 Game Forcing (2/1 GF), would you and your partner bid the following hands to 3NT?

N: ♠AQJxx ♥xx ♦KQ ♣KQxx

S: ♠Kx ♥Kxx ♦AJxxx ♣Axx

1♠ by North - p - 2♦ by South - p - 3♣ by North - p - 3NT by South - all pass

No one made any major mistakes, yet the hands are nearly laydown for 6NT by South. Furthermore, you probably would have bid the slam easily playing Standard American years ago.

Here's another:

N: ♠AQJxx ♥xx ♦KJx ♣Kxx

S: ♠Kx ♥xx ♦Axxx ♣AQxxx

1♠ by North - p - 2♣ by South - p - 2NT by North - p - 3NT by South - all pass

3NT is down at least 1 when 4♠ is cold and 5♣ usually makes.

The above examples highlight a few negative aspects of 2/1 GF, an otherwise outstanding bidding system. In this article I'll suggest a few 2/1 auctions that you and your partner can discuss and agree on to improve your chances of getting to better contracts. Let's start with a simple bidding decision:

N(You): ♠AQJxx ♥xx ♦KJx ♣Kxx

1♠ by you - p - 2♦ by partner - p - ???

It might surprise you that my rebid depends on which partnership I am in! With some partners, I rebid 2NT (2♠ requires a 6-card suit and 2NT can be any balanced minimum).

\* I'd like to thank Steve Robinson for his review and comments on this article.

With others, I rebid 2♠, which can be a decent 5-card suit. And with one of my partners, I rebid 3♦ (2♠ requires a 6-card suit and 2NT requires stoppers).

2♠ is my personal favorite, but all three rebids are reasonable as long as the rest of the auction considers the implications of the agreements regarding the first rebid. Let's try them (assume the opponents are passing):

N(You): ♠AQJxx ♥xx ♦KJx ♣Kxx

S: ♠Kx ♥xx ♦AQxxx ♣Axxx

(1) 1♠ by North - 2♦ by South - 2NT - 3♣ - 3♦ - 3♠ - 4♠ - all pass (note that South avoided 3NT knowing that North could bid 2NT with poor hearts)

(2) 1♠ by North - 2♦ by South - 2♠ - 3♣ - 3♦ - 3♠ - 4♣ - 4♦ - 4♠ - all pass (seems pretty straight forward; no one bids NT)

(3) 1♠ by North - 2♦ by South - 3♦ - 4♣ - 4♦ - 4♠ - 5♣ - 5♦ - all pass (nice auction; misses 4♠ but gets to solid 5♦ while investigating slam).

Now we'll look at some auctions that begin with 1 of a major opening and a 2/1 GF response. We'll use a capital letter "M" to mean Major and a small "m" for minor.

### NT Rebids

- 1♠ - 2m - 2NT, or  
1♠ - 2♥ - 2NT, or  
1♥ - 2m - 2NT

Partnerships should agree on requirements for stoppers in unbid suits as well as strength range for 2NT rebids. My preference is that at least a partial stopper (Qx or Jxx) or better is required for all unbid suits. Recommended strength range is 11-14 or 18+;

naturally, you must bid again if partner raises 2NT to 3NT when you hold the 18+ hand.

- **1♠ - 2m - 3NT, or**  
**1♠ - 2♥ - 3NT, or**  
**1♥ - 2m - 3NT**

Partnerships should distinguish between a 2NT and a 3NT rebid by opener. A common treatment is to play that the 3NT rebid shows 15-17 HCP. A logical extension of this concept is that all jumps to 3NT in GF auctions show 15-17 HCP; for example, 1♦ - 1♠ - 2♣ - 2♥ (fourth suit game forcing) - 3NT shows 15-17. This approach is part of Washington Standard (see *Washington Standard* by Steve Robinson, Section 5.18).

If you open 1NT with a balanced 15-17 HCP with a 5-card major, there are some useful distributional implications of 1M - 2m - 3NT auctions. For example, 1♠-2♦-3NT must be exactly 5-3-1-4 distribution with weak clubs!

### Major Suit Rebids

- **1♠ - 2m - 2♠, or**  
**1♠ - 2♥ - 2♠, or**  
**1♥ - 2m - 2♥**

One of the most important decisions for your partnership is whether opener's major suit rebid promises a 6-card suit, as it would if responder had bid 1NT Forcing. It would be convenient to require a 6-card suit, but you must then decide what to do with the following common hand types when partner responds 2♣ or 2♦ to your 1♠ opener:

- (1) ♠AQxxx ♥xxx ♦Kx ♣Kxx
- (2) ♠AQxxx ♥xx ♦Kxx ♣Kxx
- (3) ♠AQxxx ♥x ♦Kxx ♣Kxxx
- (4) ♠AQxxx ♥x ♦xxx ♣AKxx

With (1) and (2) you would have to rebid 2NT without a heart honor.

With (3) and (4) you would have to bid to the 3 level with minimum values. If 3♣ requires extras, as in Washington Standard, you should allow a 2♠ rebid with a 5-card suit.

- **1♠ - 2m - 3♠, or**  
**1♠ - 2♥ - 3♠, or**  
**1♥ - 2m - 3♥**

What is the meaning of a jump rebid after a 2/1 bid? Does it promise extra values? Is it a solid suit? Washington Standard defines the jump rebid as a solid suit and does not require extra values, very useful information for potential slam evaluation later.

- **1♠ - 2m - 2♥**

This auction is the easiest of all. The 2♥ rebid shows 4+ hearts and can be any opening hand strength. It's the same bid Vanderbilt would have made in 1925.

- **1♠ - 2♥ - 3♥**

Since 2♥ requires 5+ hearts in this sequence, you are free to raise with 3-card support and any strength. Of course, you can find a more descriptive bid with 3 small hearts if you prefer.

- **1♥ - 2m - 2♠**

Does a 2♠ rebid by a 1♥ opener promise extras? If you play Flannery (2♦ opening shows 4-5 in the majors and about 11-15 HCP), the 2♠ rebid should promise reverse strength. If you do not play Flannery, discuss whether 2♠ can be a minimum strength hand.

### Minor Suit Rebids

- **1M - 2♣ - 2♦**

This is similar to the 1♠-2m-2♥ auction above and is no problem.

## Next NVBA Sectional—Not Until August

Don't worry—there is a reason why you have missed seeing an ad for the third NVBA sectional of the year, typically held in late April/early May. That is because this year this sectional will be held the second weekend in August—August 9-12, with all sessions being held at the KOCH as usual. Mark your calendars now!!

### •1♠ - 2m - 3m (raise)

What are the requirements for raising partner's minor? *Five Card Majors Western Style* by Max Hardy required 4-card support to an honor or 2 of top 3 honors with 3-card support. That sounds reasonable to me. If, however, you play that 2♦ over 1♠ promises 5+ diamonds, you can raise with 3-card support.

What about extra values? Washington Standard requires extra strength or extra distribution. Also, consider how you play Roman Key Card Blackwood (RKCB). If your agreement is that the first raised suit is the RKCB suit, then 1♠ - 2♦ - 3♦ - 3♠ - 4NT asks for diamonds, not spades. If you have imposing suit requirements for the minor raise, as Hardy recommends, you might consider spades as the key card suit in auctions such as these since you have a good idea of partner's minor suit honors already. Steve Robinson recommends that the higher ranking suit be the key card suit when 2 suits have been raised.

- 1♠ - 2♦ - 3♣, or  
1♠ - 2♥ - 3m

Do these 3-level new suit rebids by opener require extra values? This point must be discussed and agreed upon. Washington Standard requires extras, which facilitates bidding slams

with 16-17 HCP in both hands. A typical example might be ♠AQJxx ♥xx ♦Ax ♣AQxx. But remember that the requiring extra values for the 3-level rebid forces you to rebid 2♠ over 2♦ with ♠AQJxx ♥x ♦Qx ♣Kxxxx.

### Final Word

If you and your partner have not yet agreed on auctions such as these, why not see Sections 5.12 through 5.18 of *Washington Standard* by Steve Robinson and use the suggested treatments. A cohesive bidding structure, along with numerous illustrative examples, is provided. A top-level summary of the approach in Washington Standard is:

- 1♠ - 2♦ - 3♣ and 1♠ - 2♥ - 3m promises extra values (Section 5.13)
- Opener can rebid his major with a 5-card suit rather than rebid 2NT with a small doubleton in an unbid suit or bidding at 3 level with a minimum hand (Sections 5.12 and 5.13)
- Raising partner's minor requires either extra strength or extra distribution (Section 5.12)
- 1M - 2m - 3M and 1♠ - 2♥ - 3♠ shows a solid suit, usually 7+ cards and might not have extra values (Section 5.14)
- 3NT in GF auctions shows 15-17 HCP (Section 5.18)

## Parade of Winners

### NVBA Sectional (February 8-11)

#### Thurs. Open Pairs (128 Pairs)

- 1 Alan Kleist - Leo Lasota
- 2 Bette Dudka - Walter Willson
- 1 1 R. Latta - Mitch Laine
- 2 Robert Hartmann - Ronald Spieker
- 2 Eugene Fisher - Mark Rosen

#### Thurs. 300/200/100 Pairs at Arl. (20 Pairs)

- 1 1 Michael Goldman - Wm. Mendez, Jr.
- 2 John Betz, Jr. - Paula Shorten
- 1 Don Henry - Jessie Harris
- 2 Robert Gemmill - Rolf Valtin

#### Thurs. 200/100/50 Pairs at C.C. (24 Pairs)

- 1 1 Sandra Stringer - Robert Bonham
- 2 Maida Crocicchia - Marilyn Udell
- 2 1 Dennis Serpico - Barry Anderson
- 2 Sen. Robert Packwood - Dave Hill

#### Fri. Afternoon Open Pairs (54 Pairs)

- 1 Barbara Shaw - Mark Shaw
- 2 Sheila Pies - Elizabeth Nelson
- 1 Paula Kahaner - Raymond Kahn
- 2/3 Gregory Mullins - David Wakefield
- 2/3 Jean Valentine - Steven Ivins

- 1 Robert Padgett - Linda Padgett
- 2 Patricia Winterbauer - Julia Brown

#### Fri. Afternoon 299er Pairs (25 Pairs)

- 1 Melville Yudkin - Paul Krueger
- 2 Mildred Hartshorn - Natalie Micka

#### Fri. Afternoon 100/50/20 Pairs (20 Pairs)

- 1 1 Joan Eisenfeld - Howard Moss
- 2 Suellen Garrison - Phyllis Dean
- 2 1 Don Henry - Bob Armstrong
- 2 Betty Simpson - Robert Weeks

#### Fri. Eve. Open Pairs (43 Pairs)

- 1 Peter Boyd - Ellen Klosson
- 2 Janet Gookin - Stephen Swearingen
- 1 1 Jeanette Stockel - Joseph Stockel
- 2 John Lawrence - Tim Crank
- 2 Benazir Ghaussy - Sulaiman Ghaussy

#### Fri. Eve. 300/100/50 Pairs (28 Pairs)

- 1 Sandra Stringer - Ray Dodson
- 2 William Pepelko - Barbara Pepelko
- 1 1 Lance Courtright - Lyndee Nelms
- 2 Suzanne Abrams - Charity Sack
- 2 Neal McKinney - Martha Lackey

#### Sat. Morning Sr. Pairs (42 Pairs)

- 1 Zeke Letellier - Jennifer Koonce
- 2 1 1 David Mullins - Mary Mullins
- 2 2 Carolyn Stabner - Jean Johnson

## Mentoring for Growth

*by Sam McMillan*

The NVBA Board of Directors is keenly aware of the desire of new players to develop their skills. The Board is field testing a mentoring program that pairs stronger players with players who have fewer than 50 master points. In this program, the two will play in a game of their choosing at least once a month, and the mentor will be available for questions and consultations by phone or by e-mail on an as-needed basis. Ongoing evaluation will provide information that will be helpful in refining the program.

Initial interest is very strong—among both the mentors and the “mentees.” Those volunteering to be mentors recognize how important giving back is. Nearly all players have reached their respective skill levels with help from stronger players. And the mentoring program is a terrific opportunity to promote players’ skills. Those with fewer than 50 masterpoints who have indicated a desire to participate in this program are most pleased at having the opportunity to do so.

The field test is now beginning. We are all hopeful about the growth that can be fostered.

**Sat. Morning 100/50/20 Pairs (18 Pairs)**

- 1 1 Neal McKinney - Martha Lackey
- 2 2 Edward Mark - Hilda Sheffer

**Sat. Mid-Afternoon Sr. Pairs (33 Pairs)**

- 1 1 1 Harriet Schrader - Gerald Schrader
- 2 Alice Wegman - Richard Wegman
- 2 Donald Jacobs - Glynnell Headley
- 2 Elizabeth Thornton - Julia Brown

**Sat. Afternoon 299er Pairs (28 Pairs)**

- 1 Emily Reynolds - Gloria Donnelly
- 2 Bill Wyatt - Rebecca Prouty

**Sat. Afternoon 100/50/20 Pairs (18 Pairs)**

- 1 Suzanne Abrams - Barry Anderson
- 2 1 Robert Gemmill - Rolf Valtin
- 2 Yvonne Markell - Elva Grillo
- 1 Samuel Bowlin - Elizabeth Bowlin
- 2 M. De Butts - Nancy Treadwell

**Sat. Afternoon Side Pairs (16 Pairs)**

- 1 Julian Boyce - John Reynolds
- 2 1 Robert Padgett - Linda Padgett
- 2 Jackie Thompson - M. J. Von Moss

**Poissant Trophy Pairs (28 Pairs)**

- 1 Helene Bauman - Vincent Wilmot, Jr.
- 2 Janet Gookin - Robert Gookin

**Consolation Pairs (35 Pairs)**

- 1 Ellen Cherniavsky - Thomas Wallen
- 2 Ann Schwartz - Alan Schwartz
- 1 Dan Kasture - Kim Bingman
- 2 Christopher Miller - James Mates

**Sat. Eve. 300/100/50 Pairs (22 Pairs)**

- 1 F. Makhzani - Nasser Makhzani
- 2 1 Suzanne Abrams - Gary Sorkin
- 2 Andrew Thomas - Roberta McCabe
- 1 Nancy Cartwright - Aloha South
- 2 Lance Courtright - Lyndee Nelms

**A/X B-A-M Teams (16 Teams)**

- 1 Les Bart - Lyle Poe, Jr. - Alan Schwartz - Ai-Tai Lo
- 2 Alan Kleist - Alfred Steinberg - Andrew Gofreed - Leo Lasota
- 1 Michael Lucy - Thomas Wallen - Kurt Kilhefner - Dorin Musat
- 2 Stan Schenker - R. Sarangan - E. Nelson - K. Schoen - C. Yaple

**Flight B/C Swiss Teams (26 Teams)**

- 1 Barry Sparks - Mary Mudd - Lucy McCoy - William Hurst
- 2 1 Steven Emanuel - Jerry Miller - James Short - Margie Coccodrilli
- 2 David Harris - Joana Da Silva - Pete Cressy - Charity Sack

**Sun. Morn. 299er Swiss (19 Teams)**

- 1 Cynthia Cicalese - Lorraine De Blasio - Suellen Garrison - Mary Ann Dinger
- 2 Dennis Wick - Barbara Griffith - William Hardgrave - Thomas Comstock

**Sun. Morn. 100/50 Swiss (7 Teams)**

- 1 Tina Hogan - Veronica Reinhardt - Marilyn Armon - D. Jane Farthing
- 2 1 Martha Lackey - Patricia Needham - Neal McKinney - Helen Dodge

**Sun. Afternoon 300/200 Swiss (10 Teams)**

- 1 M. Hartshorn - F. McNaught - H. Moore - L. Vanderschaaf
- 2 Sammy Slough - Shirley Smith - Ann Parrott - Ann Cumming
- 1 Dennis Wick - Barbara Griffith - Thomas Comstock - Wm. Hardgrave

**NVBA Sectional (March 8-11)**

**Thurs. Open Pairs (120 Pairs)**

- 1 Donald Hennings - Charles Yaple
- 2 1 Ellen Klosson - Ellen Cherniavsky
- 2 Steve Bunning - Kristene Miller
- 1 Norris Hekimian - Edgar Mac Arthur
- 2 Patricia Kuch - J. Haines

**Thurs. 300/100 Pairs at Arl. (15 Pairs)**

- 1 1 Leo Cardillo - Frank Cardillo
- 2 Richard Clements - Barbara Clements
- 2 Andree Mirza - Reggie Cowne

**Thurs. 200/100/50 Pairs at S.S. (20 Pairs)**

- 1 Martin Reed - Jack Geltman
- 2 Ted Guthrie - Reese House
- 1 Fred Mobley - Frieda Joyce
- 2 1 Judy Glick - Rena Brewrink
- 2 Josephine Caldwell - Costella Tyler

**Fri. Afternoon Open Pairs (49 Pairs)**

- 1 Diane Walker - Elizabeth Nelson
- 2 Susan Green - Mike Cappelletti Sr
- 1 1 Melville Yudkin - Paul Krueger
- 2 Edward Duffy - Richard Thomas
- 2 William Bailey - Marjorie Gazzola

**Fri. Afternoon 299er Pairs (16 Pairs)**

- 1 Joan Fisher - Hannah Moore
- 2/3 Bonnie Brocies - Sibyl Wright
- 2/3 Mildred Hartshorn - Natalie Micka

**Fri. Afternoon 100/50/20 Pairs (18 Pairs)**

- 1 Susan Waters - Jean Schoepe
- 2/3 1 Mary Ann Gaydos - Joyce Weir
- 2/3 Bonnie Polk - Chuck Van Horn
- 2 Joan Eisenfeld - Howard Moss
- 2 Don Henry - Bob Armstrong

**Fri. Eve. Open Pairs (48 Pairs)**

- 1 Bruce Culmer - Susan Kusler
- 2 Linda Maloney - Robert Gookin
- 1 1 Elliot Grant - James Davenport, Jr.
- 2 Scott Ruegg - Terrence Van Wyck
- 2 Patricia Kuch - J. Haines

**Fri. Eve. 300/100/50 Pairs (28 Pairs)**

- 1 F. McNaught - Lynette Vanderschaaf
- 2 Alan Morrison - David Runkel
- 1 1 Thomas Sease - Barbara Sease
- 2 Agnes Gavin - Evelyn Knapp
- 2 Martha Lackey - William Chandler

**Sat. Morn. Sr. Pairs (32 Pairs)**

- 1 Hal Holtzclaw - Alfred Duncker
- 2 Jim O'Neil - Mary O'Neil
- 1 Jackie Greene - Carol Aitken
- 2 Sam McMillan, Jr. - Wes Jones, Jr.
- 1 Elizabeth Thornton - Julia Brown
- 2 Michael McNeil - Carol McNeil

**Sat. Morn. 100/50 Pairs (18 Pairs)**

- 1 Susan Waters - Jean Schoepe
- 2 1 Alfred O'Malley - Nancy O'Malley
- 2 Joan Eisenfeld - Howard Moss

**Sat. Afternoon Sr. Pairs (22 Pairs)**

- 1 1 Joan Benesch - William Benesch
- 2 Jean Levin - Ursula Cairnes
- 2 Stanley Scheiner - Chas Fain
- 1 Gerald Schrader - Harriet Schrader
- 2 Martha Lackey - Neal McKinney

**Sat. Afternoon B/C/D Pairs (33 Pairs)**

- 1 1 David Jackson - Marty Zupan
- 2 Gabriele Nanda - Jim Wakefield
- 2 Dean Pinkert - Penelope Naas
- 1 Janet Otto - Chris Schwinger
- 2 Carole Banks - Charity Sack

**Sat. Afternoon 300/200/100 Pairs (28 Pairs)**

- 1 1 Reese House - Ted Guthrie
- 2 2 Joanne Harman - William Harman
- 1 K. G. Greenblatt - Leslie Greenblatt
- 2 Don Henry - Bob Armstrong

**Sat. Flight A/X Pairs (30 Pairs)**

- 1 William Cole - Ellen Cherniavsky
- 2 Leo Lasota - Alan Kleist
- 1 Steve Bunning - Kristene Miller
- 2 Hailong Ao - Kefu Xu

**Sat. Eve. B/C/D Pairs (14 Pairs)**

- 1 1 1 Steven Forsythe - Sandra Forsythe
- 2 Marilyn Thomas - Sam Westgate
- 2 Kim Bingman - Dan Kasture
- 2 Joanne Angell - Laurence Angell

**Sat. Eve. 300/200/100 Pairs (15 Pairs)**

- 1 1 Joyce Wilkinson - Charles Clements
- 2 2 1 Lee Faber - Cherie Charles
- 2 Ray Oleson - Kathy Oleson

**Sun. Flight A/X Swiss (15 Teams)**

- 1 Alfred Steinberg - Leo Lasota - Andrew Gofreed - S. Swearingen
- 2 Steve Robinson - Alan Tenenbaum - M. Shaw - B. Shaw - Ron Sukoneck
- 1 Kenton Schoen - R. Sarangan - Elizabeth Nelson - Diane Walker
- 2 Martin Graf - Betty Taneri - Hanna Schepps - Denis Taneri

**Sun. Flight B/C Swiss (18 Teams)**

- 1 Lynn Boardman - Robert Stearns - Charles Young, Jr. - Bill Gainer
- 2 1 Charity Sack - Carole Banks - David Harris - Joana DaSilva
- 2 Frank Cardillo - Leo Cardillo - Paul Krueger - Melville Yudkin

**Sun. Morn. 300/100 Swiss (22 Teams)**

- 1 Richard Cassell - S. Goldstein - Gary Weinstein - Mitchell Karlick
- 2 Dennis Wick - Joan Bragdon - T. Comstock - Wm. Hardgrave
- 1 Don Henry - Bob Armstrong - Wm. Pierce - Pitamber Devgon
- 2/3 David Watson - Jean Schoepe - Annette Perrin - Eric Pamer
- 2/3 Martha Lackey - Helen Dodge - Neal McKinney - P. Needham

**Sun. Afternoon 300/200 Swiss (11 Teams)**

- 1 Hazel Murphy - Lenore Ward - Kim Howell - Dan Ogale
- 2 1 Martha Lackey - Neal McKinney - Christine Brooks - Margaret Freitag
- 2 Richard Cassell - Mitchell Karlick - Gordon Hatheway, Jr. - S. Goldstein

**WBL Sectional  
(March 1-4)****Thurs. Afternoon Open Pairs (12 Pairs)**

- 2 1 John Lawrence - Dayle Masumura

**Thurs. Eve. A/X Pairs (74 Pairs)**

- 2 Steve Bunning - Kristene Miller

**Thurs. Eve. B/C Pairs (57 Pairs)**

- 2 1 R. Latta - Mitch Laine

**Thurs. Eve. 200/100/50 Pairs at Alex. (12 Pairs)**

- 1 1 1 Don Henry - Bob Armstrong
- 2 Michael Goldman - Wm. Mendez, Jr.
- 2 Donna Dorgan - John Dorgan
- 2 Howard Schuyler - Catherine Smith

**Fri. Morning Sr. Pairs (24 Pairs)**

- 1/2 Julia Brown - Eva Shaffer

**Fri. Afternoon Open Pairs (30 Pairs)**

- 1 Steve Bunning - Kristene Miller
- 2 Laurence Angell - Joanne Angell

**Fri. Afternoon Sr. Pairs (26 Pairs)**

- 1 Joan Shields - Betty Bursey

**Fri. Afternoon 300/200/100 Pairs (16 Pairs)**

- 1 William Pepelko - Barbara Pepelko

**Fri. Eve. Open Pairs (38 Pairs)**

- 2 Michael Richey - Lloyd Rawley

**Fri. Eve. 300/200/100 Pairs (10 Pairs)**

- 2 Philip Smith - Ted Guthrie

**Sat. Morning Sr. Pairs (35 Pairs)**

- 2 Nelson Waks - Wesley Jones, Jr.

**Sat. Eve. A/X Pairs (31 Pairs)**

- 1 Kenneth Davis - Stephen Lurie  
2 Melvin Welles - Monique Smith

**Sat. Eve. B/C Pairs (22 Pairs)**

- 2 1 Robert Padgett - Linda Padgett

**Sunday A/X Swiss (17 Teams)**

- 2 Stan Schenker - R. Sarangan -  
Elizabeth Nelson - Kenton Schoen

**Sunday B/C Swiss (18 Teams)**

- 1 Karl Schmidt - Aquil Ahmed -  
Patricia Winterbauer - Eva Shaffer  
2 Glynn Stafford, Jr. - B. Bromberg -  
Dayle Masumura - Martha Chen

**Sunday Morning 300/200 Swiss (11 Teams)**

- 2 Marc Cassell - Gordon Hatheway, Jr. -  
Richard Cassell - Gary Weinstein

**Wilmington, NC  
(February 19-25)**

**Tuesday Open Pairs**

- 1 Ed Lewis - John Potter

**Paddle Wheeler Bracket KO Teams (Bracket 1)**

- 2 Ed Lewis - R. Heller - M. Kovacich -  
S. Marks - J. Potter - Robert White

**Wednesday Open Pairs**

- 2 Leslie Powell - Angie Knechtges

**Thursday Open Pairs**

- 2 Marian Van Ryne - Paul Keshishian

**Flight B/C Swiss Teams**

- 2 Gregory Mullins - David Wakefield -  
R. Hagenlocker - W. Mannschreck

**Seahawks Bracket KO Teams**

- 2 Thomas Musso - David Carman - Steve  
Carman - Rae Dethlefsen - K. Paramore

**Friday Open Pairs**

- 2 Hazel Murphy - Yvonne Markell

**Friday Senior Pairs**

- 2 Alfred Duncker - Charles Boteler

**Sunday A/X Swiss Teams**

- 1 Thomas Musso - Rae Dethlefsen -  
Michael Levine - Katherine Paramore

**Kansas City NABC  
(March 15-25)**

**NAOP Flight A**

- 14 Don Probst - William Pettis

**St. Patricks KO Bracket 1**

- 1 Hugh Grosvenor - Ann Lake  
Marshall Miles - Marc Umeno

**Educational Fund KO Bracket 3**

- 1 Leslie Powell - Terry Currie - J. Haws -  
J. Kerran - E. Lipnick - A. Knechtges

**Silver Ribbon Pairs**

- 41 Eugene Kales - Fred King  
43 Robert Gookin - Sheila Pies

**Tues Aft/Eve Stratified Pairs**

- 2/4B Marty Zupan - Wonjoo Goldstein

**Mixed Pairs**

- 33 Ed Lewis - Mary Hardy

**Southwest Air Stratiflighted Swiss A/X**

- 2 Ed Lewis - H. Feldheim - Ed Lazarus -  
Diane Lazarus - P. Kinney - J. Murphy

**Morning KO 1 Bracket 1**

- 2 Ed Lewis - J. Murphy - Colby Vernay -  
B. Schaffer - D. Siebert - P. Friedland

**Open Pairs II**

- 22 Hugh Grosvenor - Curtis Cheek  
33 Jeff Roman - Barbara Shaw

**Womens Pairs**

- 28 Cecily Kohler - Ellen Siebert

**Vanderbilt KO Teams**

- 9/16 Jeff Roman - D. Better - M. Diesel -  
S. Hamilton-Diesel - D. Goecker - L.  
Mori

**NABC+ Open Swiss Teams**

- 6 Jeff Roman - Lou Reich - Harold  
Mouser Jr. - Danny Sprung  
23 R. Gookin - G. Roberts - S. Pies -  
R. Pies - C. Schallert - J. Solodar  
31/32 Ed Lewis - H. Feldheim - D. Levy -  
T. Kniest - P. Kinney - J. Murphy

**NABC+ Womens Swiss Teams**

- 9 Cecily Kohler - B. DeYoung - E. Sachs -  
B. Lehman - D. Francis - E. Siebert

**NAOP Flight B**

- 18 James Witting - Robert Zier

**Sunday Stratified Fast Pairs**

- 2 Eugene Kales - Richard Ferrin

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