

# NVBA Newsletter

June - July - August 2001

## Upcoming NVBA Games and Special Events (June - August 2001)

June 21	Beth El	7:00	Stratified Unit Championship
June 28	Beth El	7:00	Stratified NAP Qualifying
July 5			Closed — MABC Regional
July 12	Beth El	7:00	Stratified NAP Qualifying
July 19	Beth El	7:00	Stratified Unit Championship
July 26	Beth El	7:00	Stratified Club Championship
Aug. 2	Beth El	7:00	Stratified Unit Championship
Aug. 9	KOCH	7:00	NVBA Sectional (see page 13)
Aug. 16	Beth El	7:00	Stratified NAP Qualifying
Aug. 23	Beth El	7:00	Stratified Rating Point Game
Aug. 30	Beth El	7:00	Triple Nickel Swiss Teams
Sept. 6	KOCH	7:00	NVBA Sectional (see pages 14-15)

### 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.

For the NAP Qualifying games (June 28 and August 16): C is non-life master 0-500; B is 0-2000; and A is unlimited.

**Look for the new NVBA/WBL Phone  
Directory at the 4th of July Regional.**

# President's Column

*by Bruce Culmer*

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I would like to thank everyone who contributed to making the Annual Meeting a success. The amount of work that these special events and tournaments require is substantial and is done through volunteer efforts. It is the volunteer efforts of the membership that keep the NVBA a successful organization. With this in mind, I ask that you think about what you can contribute to the organization. Margot Hennings will need many people to help with the Nationals next summer and the preparations are taking place now. Teaching beginners, encouraging new players, and helping them find partners or games is another thing we can do that is to the benefit of all. So, the range of participation can be very wide, but everyone's efforts at whatever level make the Unit what it is. By the same token, abuses, misconduct, and negativism tear down the organization and drive people to other activities. We are competing for people's time. If players are not enjoying themselves they will go elsewhere. It is my goal for the NVBA to remain a great place to compete at bridge and still provide a pleasant social atmosphere.

We have introduced and are expanding a mentoring program so that new players have someone with more experience whom they can feel comfortable approaching for advice. To find out more information about this program, please contact Sam McMillan (703-920-3535). (Also, see the article on facing page.)

I want to thank everyone who participated in the LM/NLM game on

May 17th in both preparation and conducting the event and those who played. There were 22 tables in play and this game took a lot of effort. I would like the input of those who played as to whether this game should be continued. This is a difficult event. With no established partnerships and a short time to decide on a card, there are lots of problems. Please let me know what you think (phone: 202-320-1755; email: bculmer@imf.org; or just talk to me when you see me).

I would like to increase dialogue among members of the Unit. Let me know what I can do to make the game more enjoyable for you. In August the NVBA and WBL will meet to plan next year's schedule. I have already heard ideas from some members, and I would like to hear from more of you. Comments, questions, and suggestions will find a place in future issues of the Newsletter or by direct correspondence. Anonymity is guaranteed.

## 2002 Summer Nationals

The Summer 2002 Washington, D.C. NABC website is now operational!

Go to: [www.acbl.org](http://www.acbl.org), select "tournaments" and then select "NABCs". You will then see links to upcoming Nationals!

There are plenty of opportunities for volunteers; please talk with Margot Hennings if you're interested (703-560-0245).

## **NVBA Election Results**

NVBA held its election of officers during the picnic dinner that preceded the Annual Meeting. Bruce Culmer was elected President and Lucy McCoy was reelected as Secretary. Board Members reelected were Charlie Gregory, Ed Heberg, and Barry Sparks. Ron Kral, who filled a vacant spot during the year, was also elected.

Congratulations to everyone!!

## **Round Robin Winners**

Flight A has completed this year's event, and congratulations go out to Millard Nachtwey's team for coming in first (Michael Carroad, Tim Crank, John Lawrence, and Tom Peters), and to Barbara Shaw's team, who finished second (Mark Shaw, Lou and Abby Reich, Fred King, and Bob Bell). The Flight B/C Round Robin continues, and winners should be known by the next Newsletter. Stay tuned.

## **Mentoring—Prospects For Nurturing Players**

*by Sam McMillan*

NVBA is keenly aware that nurturing newer players is essential for the continued life and growth of duplicate bridge. To do so, experienced players recognize that they need to give back to the game some of what they have learned and enjoyed. With this in mind, NVBA is presently experimenting with a mentoring program in a field test environment. This preparation is for a larger program to open in the Fall.

A limited number of mentors in Flights A, B, and C are working with a few players who have approximately 50 masterpoints or less and who want to improve their skills in order to play a stronger bridge game. NVBA is learning from this experience as much as possible about what works and doesn't work. In the present test, a mentor plays with a developing player at least once a month for 6 months and is available to answer questions about hands and other bridge issues and problems.

From this experience NVBA plans to refine the mentoring program and open it to a larger audience. At that point players with more than 50 masterpoints will be eligible to participate. Look for more news in September about this exciting program.

## Bridge at the Seaside

by David Rodney, NVBA Foreign Correspondent

My wife Avril and I spent last weekend at a bridge tournament in Bournemouth on the southern coast of England. Americans call the last Monday in May “Memorial Day,” and the U.K. now calls it the “Spring Bank Holiday,” though when I was growing up we called it Whitsun.

Bournemouth is a traditional tourist town, where middle class people visited before they discovered hotter climates (Spain, etc.) in the 1960s. Avril and I hadn’t been there for more years than we wish to acknowledge, and it was great fun going back there.

We also had our usual share of adventures at the table. Here is a lead problem.

Playing match-points, I sat North and Avril sat South. I held ♠QJx ♥ATxx ♦AKx ♣Qxx. The bidding proceeds as follows.

West	North	East	South
2♣ <sup>1</sup>	Pass	3♣ <sup>2</sup>	Pass
3♥	Pass	3♠	Double
4♥	Double	All pass	

<sup>1</sup> 2♣ is described as an ACOL 2 bid—an 8-playing-trick hand.

<sup>2</sup> 3♣ shows a good suit.

I was somewhat bemused by the bidding. Clearly, West has a distributional freak. But, most people play that an ACOL 2 bid shows some high card points. So, what was going on? I couldn’t stand it any more when it got to 4 hearts, and I doubled. So, what to lead?

Avril has asked for a spade, but maybe declarer is void, and will throw losers on the clubs. So, after much

thought I led the diamond ace. These were the full hands.

	QJx	
	ATxx	
	AK2	
	Qxx	
—		Kxxx
KQJ98xx		x
QJTxxx		—
—		AKJxxxxx
	ATxxxx	
	x	
	98xx	
	xx	

I was correct. Declarer was ruffing spades. However, I had found the only lead to give declarer the contract. Not my idea of an ACOL 2 bid, but I am quite tame compared to many of the bidders around here.

Not all of my exploits were quite as bad as that. Here’s a hand from the Swiss Teams.

	QJ972	
	AQJ97	
	QT9	
	—	
K83		AT65
T6		53
K84		A7652
KJ762		94
	4	
	K842	
	J3	
	AQT853	

I was sitting North and the bidding proceeded as follows:

West	North	East	South
			Pass
Pass	1♠	Pass	3♣ <sup>1</sup>
Pass	3♥	Pass	4♥
All pass			

<sup>1</sup> 3♣ was natural and required, because 2♣ was Drury.

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LHO led a small trump and dummy appeared. Plan the play.

I love hands like this—many possible lines of play and it's not clear, at least to me, which one to pursue. My first thought was to win on dummy, and play a small club, trying to set the clubs up, but there don't appear to be enough entries to dummy. So, can I set the spades up? Difficult.... I am going to have to drop an honor, and locating the ten would be very helpful. Maybe, I should win in dummy and play a small spade. RHO might rise with the Ace (very unlikely, as he is a good player), or I could insert the spade 9 and hope the 10 is in the slot. This seems too precipitous at this point. Maybe I can delay making decisions and get some help from the opposition.

So, I won in my hand and played the diamond 10. LHO hitched before playing low, RHO won with the King, and returned a trump, everyone following. I won in my hand and played the diamond Queen. LHO won with the Ace and had to decide what to do. After much thought, he returned the club 9. I played the 10, drawing the Jack from LHO. Now I played a diamond, pitching the spade, and easily played on clubs for one loser, making the contract. I guess the moral here is, "if it's hard to figure out the best declarer line of play, it may be harder to figure out the best defense."

This is your final article from your foreign correspondent before he comes back to America. See you all in the Fall.

## Easybridge! 1

We are going to start a new session of Easybridge! in the Fall. If you're interested or know someone who'd like to learn how to play bridge, please call Sam McMillan (703-920-3535) for all the details.

## Board Meeting Summary (April 9, 2001)

- **E-Newsletter**—While we continue to work on this project, we've put the Newsletter on our web site ([www.nvba.org/html/newsletter.html](http://www.nvba.org/html/newsletter.html)). Send Ron Kral your email address if you want to receive the Newsletter via email ([RonKral@aol.com](mailto:RonKral@aol.com)).

- **Intermediate/Novice Activities**—A mentoring program is underway; if interested in learning more about what's happening, talk with Sam McMillan (703-920-3535).

- **Website**—Software upgrades were approved.

- **Card Tables**—Board members and volunteers plan to refurbish old card tables in the KOCH parking lot on June 3. (Update: They completed work on 30 tables.)

- **NVBA Policies**—Changes to the NVBA policies, when complete, will be published and made available to the membership.

- **Charity Game Sanction**—Board approved Candy Boughner's request to use two Unit sanctions to upgrade a Tuesday club game (to be held June 12) to support the Helen Inbar Arts Foundation, a charitable organization. All other NVBA club directors are invited to explore this same opportunity for a charity of their choice.

## Who's Who in NVBA

Here's the 2001-2002 NVBA "contact list"—the name and home phone number of the person to call if you have a question, a comment, a suggestion, or you'd just like to say "thanks" for a job well done. Listed first are the officers, then the chairs of the various standing committees.

President	Bruce Culmer*	202-320-1755
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Partnership Chair	André L'Heureux*	703-914-9389
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Flight A	Bette Dudka*	703-751-5244
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Unit Game Manager	Barry Sparks*	703-323-5118
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Web Master	David Milton	703-713-1062

\* Member of the NVBA 2001-2002 Board of Directors.

## LM/NLM Game Results

On May 17th there were 22 tables taking part in the annual NVBA Life Master/Non-Life Master Game. Coming in first were Anne Medlin and Doug Grove; in second place were Myrna Kroh and Bob Zier. Richard Ferrin and David Milton took third, with Glenn Young and Zeke Letellier coming in fourth. Fifth place went to Kim Howell and Richard Zerilli, and sixth to Leon Fastovsky and Carole Grob. Congratulations to all these winners!

## Hail, and Farewell

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

Per Andersen	Mary (Dolly) Deevy	Susan Mills
Charles Baker	Stephen Dodge	Pamela O'Connor
Alda Ball	Jean Downey	Besta Pearigen
William Breedon	Barbara Frisbie	Gerald Pittler
Dan Bruh	Oktay Guven	Alice Pumo
Charles Brunner	Sandra Hudson	Sally Siddon
Clarie Brunner	Ann Jennings	Pam Svensson
Katie Chambers	Margaret Loftus	Kate Throop
Joan Clark	Thomas Lyons	Barbara Walston
Marilyn Colelough	John Mason, Jr.	Rhoda Wolff
Irene Dalton	Mary McConnell	

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

John Austin, Jr.	Joyce Griffin	Carole Lee
Rosemary Bollettino	James Hammond, Jr.	Kathleen Pifer
Mary Bussey	Winn Heimer	Robert Sloan
Gerald Chayl	Alice Hilburger	Barbara Sonnenblick
John Fahs, Jr.	Lois Johnson	Patrick Sweeney
Albert Fitzgerald	Margaret Jordan	
Marilyn Golias	Richard Kearney	

The following persons have transferred out of our Unit:

Joanne Carroll	Robert Hollern	Dallal Richards
John Carroll	Ann Kirkpatrick	Sallijane Sluder
Mary Jane Haley	Leslie Powell	Beatrice Smith

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

Louise Brueggemyer	Winn Heimer	John Phoenix
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## NVBA Award Winners

### New Life Masters

Aquil Ahmed	Robert Gore
Harold Arberg	Dayle Masamura
Janet Breed	Spencer Qualls
Garth Dettinger	Jenny Rose
Robert Finklestein	Karl Schmidt
Stuart Fleischmann	Gerald Schrader
Carl Fried, III	Harriet Schrader
Marjorie Gazzola	Patricia Winterbauer

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Mini-McKenney awards are based on total points accumulated throughout the calendar year; the Ace of Clubs awards are based on points accumulated throughout the calendar year at any club within our Unit.

	<b>Mini-McKenney</b>	<b>Ace of Clubs</b>
Rookie	Paul Krueger	Richard Kearney
Junior Master	Walid Etemadi	Bernie Mason
Club Master	Leslie Powell	John Garrison
Sectional Master	Nell Callahan	Joan Fisher
Regional Master	Jeffa Dettinger	Jeffa Dettinger
NABC Master	Robert Gore	Robert Gore
Life Master	Dale McDaniel	Dale McDaniel
Bronze Life Master	Alan Breed	Robert Walsh
Silver Life Master	Ken Davis	Don Geerhart
Gold Life Master	Jeff Roman	Gene Hoover
Diamond Life Master	Hugh Grosvenor	Gale Clarke
Grand Life Master	Ron Sukoneck	Ron Sukoneck

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### Rookie of the Year

Paul Krueger

### Rush Buckley Non-Life Master of the Year

Mel Yudkin

### NVBA Woman of the Year

Janet Gookin

### NVBA Man of the Year

Bobby Gookin



**Mini-McKenney Winners:  
Jeff, Nell, Ken, Alan, Dale, Walid, and Paul**



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**Ace of Clubs Winners:  
Gene, John, Dale, Bernie, Bob, and Don**



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**Congratulations to Mel, Paul, Bobby, and Janet!!!**



## Parade of Winners

### WBL Sectional (May 3-6)

#### Thurs. Morn. Open Pairs (16 Pairs)

- 2 Dayle Masamura - Margaret Buda

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

- 1 1 David Genne - Sven Pride

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

- 1 Mary Mudd - Barry Sparks  
2 Alan Tapper - Joel Goldberg

#### Thurs. Eve. 200/50/20 Pairs (Alex.) (12 Pairs)

- 1 Wm. Mendez, Jr. - Michael Goldman  
2 1 Bob Armstrong - Don Henry  
2 Barbara DiCicco - Betty Taff

#### Fri. Morn. Open Pairs (23 Pairs)

- 1 Steve Bunning - Kristene Miller  
2 John Ashe - Ron Spath

#### Fri. Morn. 300/100/50 Pairs (10 Pairs)

- 1 1 Pitamber Devgon - William Pierce  
2 Don Henry - Bob Armstrong  
2 Marilyn Moore - Aloha South

#### Fri. Afternoon Open Pairs (32 Pairs)

- 1 1 Leo Lasota - Dan Kasture  
2 Steve Bunning - Kristine Miller  
1 Robert Padgett - Linda Padgett

#### Fri. Afternoon 300/100/20 Pairs (12 Pairs)

- 2 1 Don Henry - Bob Armstrong

#### Fri. Eve. Open Pairs (28 Pairs)

- 1 Jeff Roman - Barbara Shaw  
1 Leo Lasota - Dan Kasture

#### Fri. Eve. Triple Nickel Swiss (7 Teams)

- 2 Daniel Rodney - David Rodney -  
Margot Hennings - Don Hennings

#### Sat. Morn. Senior Pairs (29 Pairs)

- 2 1 David Wakefield - Gregory Mullins

#### Sat. Afternoon A/X Pairs (28 Pairs)

- 1 Donald Hennings - David Rodney

#### Sat. Afternoon Senior Pairs (26 Pairs)

- 1 1 Sam McMillan, Jr. - Wes Jones, Jr.

#### Sat. Afternoon 300/100/50 Pairs (28 Pairs)

- 2 Paul Keshishian - Bob Blodgett  
2 Don Henry - Tim Kuhn

#### Sat. Eve. A/X Pairs (36 Pairs)

- 1 Margot Hennings - David Rodney  
2 Richard Wieland - Stuart Fleischmann

#### Sat. Eve. B/C Pairs (15 Pairs)

- 1 R. Lepelletier, Jr. - M. Lepelletier  
2 Jim Dick - Linda Lloyd Dick

#### Sun. A/X B-A-M Teams (13 Teams)

- 2 John Klayman - Barbara Doran -  
Robert Hopkins, Jr. - Eric Landau  
1 Stan Schenker - Kenton Schoen -  
R. Sarangan - Elizabeth Nelson

#### Sun. B/C Swiss Teams (21 Teams)

- 1 Robert Padgett - Linda Padgett -  
Jack De Vivo - Frank Evangelista  
2 Ralph Bayrer - Richard Slater -  
David Logan - Dennis Kovach

### Gatlinburg (April 16-22)

#### Clingman's Dome Compact Bracketed KO—Bracket 5

- 2 Gail Zamboni - Phil Zamboni - Robert  
Leister - Jean Leister

#### Elkmont Late Night Compact KO

- 1 Gail Zamboni - Phil Zamboni - Robert  
Leister - Jean Leister

#### Wed. Open KO Teams— Danube Bracket

- 1 Betty Bursey - Joan Shields - Andre  
L'Heureux - Mickey Hughes

#### Thurs. Open Bracketed KO— Copeland Bracket

- 1 John Ashe - Kenneth Davis - Terry  
Feetham - Ronald Spath

#### Fri. Open Bracketed KO— Pisces Bracket

- 2 Janet Gookin - Robert Gookin - Steve  
Swearingen - Warren Roberts, III

#### Fri. Open Bracketed KO— Gemini Bracket

- 2 Betty Bursey - Mickey Hughes - Andre  
L'Heureux - Joan Shields

#### Fri. Open Bracketed KO— Cancer Brkt

- 1 Carl Weisman - Judy Weisman - Marsha  
Bernstein - Elton Lipnick

#### Sat. Open Bracketed KO— South America Brkt

- 2 John Ashe - Kenneth Davis - Terry  
Feetham - Ronald Spath

#### Mt. Leconte Side Series

- 1 Alfred Duncker  
2 Edward Gofreed

**Wilmington, DE**  
**(April 24-29)**

**Thurs. Open Swiss Teams**

- 2 Ed Lewis - Allan Mazer -Ruth-Anne Mazer -James Murphy

**Fri. Morning Handicapped KO**

- 1 Hugh Grosvenor - Jeff Roman - Peggy Allen - Curtis Cheek - Billy Miller

**Fri./Sat. KO—2 Cherry Hill**

- 2 Robert Hopkins - Tom Lavender - John Klayman - Joan Lewis

**Fri./Sat. KO—5 Harrisburg**

- 1 Issa Dorri - Edward Heberg - Frances McNaught - Lynette Vanderschaaf

**Sun. A/X Swiss Teams**

- 1 Hugh Grosvenor - Jeff Roman - Peggy Allen - Curtis Cheek - Billy Miller

**Richmond**  
**(May 22-28)**

**Midlothian Bracketed KO—2**

- 1 William Hurst - Shirley Kollas - LaQuitta Talbot - Mark Tonnesen

**Midlothian Bracketed KO—5**

- 2 Joan Fisher - Mildred Hartshorn - Shirley Lafferty - Hannah Moore

**Wed. Open Pairs**

- 1 S. Fleischmann - R. Lepelletier, Jr.  
1 Marian Van Ryne - Paul Keshishian

**Wed. Senior Pairs**

- 1/2 Jack Armstrong - Ed Gofreed

**Ashland KO—Henrico (Bracket 1)**

- 1 Jeff Roman - Peggy Allen - David Better - Gary Cohler - Daisy Goecker

**Ashland KO—Caroline (Bracket 5)**

- 2 Michael Deegan - Bob Crawford - Paul Williams - Richard Willis

**Fri. Open Pairs**

- 2 Charles Yaple - Sumner Steinfeldt  
2 Helen Cheng - Jesse Cheng

**James River Morning KO—Phillies Bracket**

- 1 Jeff Roman - Peggy Allen - David Better - Gary Cohler

**Sat. Open Pairs**

- 1 Ed Lewis - Fred King  
2 F. McNaught - Lynette Vandershaaf

**Mechanicsville Bracketed KO—1**

- 2 Bruce Culmer - James Gumbert - Donald Hennings - Margot Hennings

**Sun. Senior Pairs**

- 1 Alfred Duncker - George Bloomer  
2 Helen Cheng - Jesse Cheng  
1 Garth Dettinger - Jeffa Dettinger

**Mon. A/X Swiss Teams**

- 2 Bruce Culmer - Kenton Schoen - Don Hennings - M. Hennings - Cecily Kohler

**Mon. B/C Swiss Teams**

- 2 1 David Aubel - Gail Zamboni - Susan Shank - Ruth Schrider

**Mon. Senior Swiss Teams**

- 1 Alfred Duncker - Charles Boteler - George Bloomer - Judith Bloomer  
2 Jack Armstrong - Ed Gofreed - Dean Berger - Trudy Gaston  
1 Dayle Masumura - B. Casselman - Betty Cedars - Marion Yonke

**Colonial Heights Side Series**

- 2/3 Gerald Goodale - Vickie Goodale

**What is the meaning of the term “Snapdragon”?**

Here are four definitions for a term found in *The Encyclopedia of Bridge*. Only one is correct. Can you find it?

a) A player who snaps the cards down on the table. Some players do this if they don't like the card partner played; others do it all the time.

b) A nickname for a player who is rude at the table. This comes up most frequently when husbands and wives are playing together.

c) A double by the fourth player when the first three players have each bid a different suit, showing five or more cards in the unbid suit and a doubleton in partner's suit.

d) A slang term for a card in the club suit because the symbols for clubs resemble the snapdragon flower.

# The Jack of Hearts

by Marshall Kuschner

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Everything's up-to-date in Kansas City. NOT!! I suspect it wasn't true even when Oscar Hammerstein penned these words for "Oklahoma" in 1943. Downtown KC resembles postwar Europe. It has that bombed-out look, open spaces dotted with structures that appear to date back to the twenties. Why then, you ask, was a National held there? My question is why was a city built there? I guess it had something to do with livestock. It's famous for its stockyards and I seem to recall it being the northern terminus of the Chisholm Trail. Also, it sits on the Missouri River. Okay, that explains why they put it there. As to why it stopped growing after WW I, I am at a loss.

Back to, why put a National there? Well, it offers adequate playing space. The Crown Center features two major hotels joined by an enclosed walkway. There are numerous eateries, some quite good, within a short cab ride. There is even an Italian restaurant named after one of the world's most famous players, Garozzo's. Actually, the assets and debits were very reminiscent of Birmingham last Fall. The difference was, the folks in Birmingham worked hard to overcome their liabilities and put on a fine tournament. The folks in KC made the least of their opportunity. The hospitality was abysmal if, indeed, it existed at all. Every day the bulletin would announce that evening's repast, but if you weren't among the first 50 people, you got "Sorry, all gone." Not only did the tournament not provide a post-game snack, they made sure no one

else did. How much effort would it have taken to get the Hyatt to keep their coffee shop open late as was the case in Anaheim and San Antonio? Why not KC? Which begs the question, if the Nationals are the ACBL's most important product, why is it left to amateurs to run them?

On to the field of battle, where Ed Lewis finished 10th in the Silver Ribbon Pairs, and Jeff Roman made it to the round of 16 in the Vanderbilt and finished 6th in the Open Swiss. Bobby Gookin, Cecily Kohler, Bob Zier, and Jim Witting also scored National overalls. Finally, in case you thought tournament directors didn't work hard, consider the effort they went through to use sections D, E, I, M, and X for the final of the Mixed Pairs. I must admit I probably wouldn't have noticed the anagram without prompting from the responsible party.

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# NVBA AUGUST SECTIONAL

## August 9-12, 2001

Knights of Columbus Hall (KOCH)  
5115 Little Falls Road • Arlington VA • (703) 536-9656

**ALL VIRGINIA EVENTS AT KOCH**

### Thursday, August 9

NVBA = Knights of Columbus Hall (KOCH), Arlington VA

WBL = Ohr Kodesh Congregation, 8402 Freyman Dr., Chevy Chase MD

	NVBA	WBL
Strataflighted Pairs (500/2000/2000+ MPs) .....	7:00 pm	7:30 pm
299er Pairs (100/200/300 MPs) .....	7:00 pm	
199er Pairs (50/100/200 MPs) .....		7:30 pm
Easybridge! Pairs .....	7:00 pm	7:30 pm

### Friday, August 10

Stratified Open Pairs (750/2000/2000+ MPs) .....	2:00 pm
299er Pairs (100/200/300 MPs) .....	2:00 pm
Mini-Stratified Pairs (5/20/50/100 MPs) .....	2:00 pm
Bracketed Pairs/Board-a-Match Teams* .....	8:00 pm
49er Pairs (20/50 MPs) .....	8:00 pm

### Saturday, August 11

<i>Newcomer/Intermediate Guest Lecture</i> .....	10:00 am
Mini-Stratified Pairs (5/20/50/100 MPs) .....	10:30 am
Stratified Senior Pairs (500/1500/1500+ MPs) .....	10:30 am
Strataflighted Pairs:	
Flights A/X (3000+/0-3000 MPs) .....	1:00 pm
Flights B/C (750-2000/0-750 MPs) .....	1:00 pm
299er Pairs (100/200/300 MPs) .....	1:00 pm
Newcomer Pairs (0-20 MPs) .....	1:00 pm
Stratified Senior Pairs (500/1500/1500+ MPs) .....	3:00 pm
Stratified Pairs (750/2000/2000+ MPs) .....	7:00 pm
299er Stratified Pairs (100/200/300 MPs) .....	7:00 pm

### Sunday, August 12

Flight A/X and B Swiss Teams .....	11:00 am
(Flights A/X=3000+/0-3000 MPs; Flight B=750-2000/0-750 MPs)	
(2 sess. with 30-min. break—box lunch available for purchase)	
299er Swiss Teams (0-300 MPs) (sing. sess.) .....	11:00 am
Mini-Stratified Swiss Teams (20/50/100 MPs) (sing. sess.) .	11:00 am
99/199/299er Swiss Teams (single session) .....	3:15 pm

\*Two events in one! Two chances to win! Teammates NOT needed! Pairs are bracketed into groups (in the same manner as KO Teams) for matchpoint play. Each bracket will play a pair game within its own group. At the same time, the top bracket will be matched with the lowest for the purposes of BAM teams.

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**EXTRA ON SATURDAY!! Special NABC Fund Raiser!!**

**PLAY WITH A PRO!  
WIN BIG PRIZES AND POINTS!  
EXCITING RAFFLE PRIZES!**

**September 8th at NVBA "September Sensations" Sectional**



**Bid on a Bridge Pro!**  
**11:30 a.m.** Have lunch and join in the auction fun! Bid to play in the 1 p.m. Stratified Pairs with *Peter Boyd, Mike Cappelletti, Sr., Bill Cole, Beth Palmer, Jeff Roman, Steve Robinson,*

*Mark Shaw, Alan Sontag, Ron Sukoneck,* and many more. Auctioneer: Jerry Keller of MD Midnight Basketball fame!

**Or.... You can just buy some raffle tickets for some wonderful prizes** — Houston Spring 2002 opening-night Charity Game with Jeff Meckstroth, Hawaii time-share week, Lake Tahoe time-share week, Redskins tickets, OKbridge membership, unit game with Steve Robinson, unit game with Jeff Roman, gourmet dinner for eight, wine tasting and lesson, personalized fitness instruction, and other outstanding goodies! Raffle tickets will continue to be sold until 3 p.m. to enable those playing in morning events to join in the fun before their afternoon session begins.

**Or....Just come and play in the Stratified Pairs at the Sectional with your own partner at 1 p.m.!**

**\$100 cash prize for 1st overall! \$50 cash prize for 2nd overall!**

**And....Stay for the Jackpot event at 7:00 p.m.!** Come with your partner and play in the Stratified Pairs. Jackpot is optional — you may join in by buying tickets for yourself and your partner and/or for any other partnership of your choice to win! Partnerships will be posted as entries are bought. All tickets must be bought before the session begins. **50% of the proceeds will be distributed**, 50% retained for the Summer 2002 NABC hospitality fund.

*Be sure to check the NVBA web site for up-to-the-minute information as this date draws nearer — [www.nvba.org](http://www.nvba.org).*

# NVBA "September Sensations" SECTIONAL and Washington Summer 2002 NABC Fund Raiser



## September 6-9, 2001

Knights of Columbus Hall (KOCH)

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— ALL VIRGINIA EVENTS AT KOCH —

### Thursday, September 6

NVBA = Knights of Columbus Hall (KOCH), Arlington VA

WBL = Christ the King Church, One block South of East West Highway on Colston between Washington and Grubb, Chevy Chase MD

	NVBA	WBL
Strataflighted Pairs (500/2000/2000+ MPs) .....	7:00 pm	7:30 pm
299er Pairs (100/200/300 MPs) .....	7:00 pm	
199er Pairs (50/100/200 MPs) .....		7:30 pm
Easybridge! Pairs .....	7:00 pm	7:30 pm

### Friday, September 7

Stratified Open Pairs (750/2000/2000+ MPs) .....	2:00 pm
299er Pairs (100/200/300 MPs) .....	2:00 pm
Mini-Stratified Pairs (20/50/100 MPs) .....	2:00 pm
Stratified Open Pairs (750/2000/2000+ MPs) .....	8:00 pm
Triple Nickel Swiss Teams (5 bds, 5 min, 5 rds) .....	8:00 pm
199er Win-A-Star Pairs (50/100/200 MPs) .....	8:00 pm

### Saturday, September 8 Special NABC Fund-raising Day

Newcomer/Intermediate Lecture — Jeff Roman ..... 10:00 am

Mini-Stratified Pairs (5/20/50/100 MPs) .....

Stratified Senior Pairs .....

NABC Auction and Raffle begin ..... 11:30 am – 12:45 pm

*Special Bridge Pros! Time Share Weeks! Redskin Tickets!*

*Gourmet Dinners! Food & Frivolity! Wine Tastings!*

*Come and Join in the Fun!*

Stratified Open Pairs (750/2000/2000+ MPs) .....

199er Pairs (50/100/200 MPs) .....

Easybridge! Pairs .....

Stratified Senior Pairs .....

NABC Jackpot Begins — Cash Prizes .....

Stratified Open Pairs (750/2000/2000+ MPs) .....

49er/99er/199er Stratified Pairs (50/100/200 MPs) .....

### Sunday, September 9

Flight A/X and B/C Swiss Teams .....

(Flights A/X=3000+/0-3000 MPs; Flight B/C=750-2000/0-750 MPs)

(2 sessions with 30-minute break; box lunch available for purchase)

299er Swiss Teams (0-300 MPs) .....

Mini-Stratified Swiss Teams (20/50/100 MPs) .....

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### New Junior Masters

Jane Benson	Gloria Danisavage	Susan Van Den Broek
Daniel Buersmeyer	Don Henry	Eleanor White
Marvin Burstein	Patrick Long	
William Chandler	Stella Perry	

### New Club Masters

Marilyn Armon	Marie-Theres Klinefelter	Neal McKinney
Samuel Bowlin	Martha Lackey	Peter Mirsky
Christine Brooks	Farideh Makhzani	Lauralee Peters
Irwin Kaplan	Margaret McClung	Nancy Treadwell

### New Sectional Masters

Frank Cardillo	Richard Hesse	Bernie Mason
Nancy Cartwright	Kim Howell	Peter Pedrotti

### New Regional Masters

Phyllis Dean	Suellen Garrison	Paul Krueger
Linda Dick	Aijazulhaq Gillani	

### New NABC Masters

Susan Dillman	Hazel Murphy	Barbara Pepelko
Edward Heberg	Frances McNaught	Lynette Vanderschaaf

### New Life Masters

Dan Kasture	R. B. Latta	Janet Otto
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### New Bronze Life Masters

Dan Kasture	Samuel Mills	
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### New Silver Life Masters

Robert Hartmann	Alda Perez	
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### New Diamond Life Master

Zeke Letellier