

NVBA Newsletter

May - June - July 2003

Upcoming NVBA Games and Special Events

(June - July 2003)

June 12	Beth El	7:00	LM/NonLM (Upgraded Club Championship)
June 19	Beth El	7:00	Stratified Unit Championship
June 26	Beth El	7:00	Strataflighted Unit Championship
July 3	Closed—Alexandria 4th of July Regional		
July 10	Beth El	7:00	Stratified NAP Qualifying
July 17	Beth El	7:00	Strataflighted Unit Championship
July 24	Beth El	7:00	Stratified Unit Championship
July 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 unlimited.

For the NAP qualifying game, the strats are as follows: C is NLM (0-500), B is 0-2000, and Flight A is unlimited.

Heads up!

NAP qualifying games are being offered in clubs in June, July, and August, and the District Level qualifiers will be in September.

President's Message

by Leo Cardillo

I'm pleased to be able to continue to serve on the NVBA Board in support of the bridge playing needs of our members. As for many of you, my interest in bridge began many years ago—for me, it started in the fall of 1959 as a senior in a new high school. Now, more than 40 years later, I enjoy the game more than ever and find myself teaching bridge every Friday at the Thomas Jefferson High School (TJHS), to boot! And so, I've come full circle, and now have the dual satisfaction of playing the game and working on meeting the needs of others in learning and enjoying this king of all card games.

As President, I particularly look forward to working with the other members of the Board in maintaining and improving the quality of the bridge experience of our members. We have around 1500 members and a successful Unit game that forms the basis for our existence. My experience at TJHS is not only enjoyable and rewarding, but it highlights one of my principal goals for the NVBA—to increase the participation of our existing membership and to extend that membership to new players. New players, and young players in particular, are the lifeline to the future of bridge. I ask that all of you consider what you can do to bring existing and new members to the table. For example, Ron Kral has made significant inroads in developing new players through his successful Easybridge! program. I am certain that many of you know players that are inactive and who might respond positively to your suggestion to return to

the game. With your help and with your suggestions, I am confident that we can significantly increase the number of new and returning players at our Unit and sectional games.

While the NVBA has adequate financial reserves, it has been necessary to increase playing fees to better balance our budget. All of us on the Board will continue to work with the WBL, our District, and the ACBL to improve the financial strength of the NVBA. The 4th of July Regional, hosted by the WBL this year, is an excellent opportunity to support bridge in our area. In addition, I want to further our NVBA support to the many fine clubs that provide the day-to-day bridge experience for a majority of our members. I encourage the Club Managers to dialogue directly with the Board to let us know how we can help.

Finally, as we move forward with the new Board, including our newest members Paul Krueger and Pete Hughes, I extend an invitation to all of you to consider how you might participate directly in the NVBA. There are many opportunities to serve and vacancies occur as our volunteers move from the area or accept other responsibilities. Please let any of us on the Board know of your interest! Have a great year! I look forward to meeting you at the table!

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Hail, and Farewell

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

Nancy Detweiler	Louise P. Perdew	Esther Smith
Suzanne Green	William T. Powers	Mary Smith
Lewis L. Long, Jr.	Jean B. Rachner	Annette L. Winters
Louise Parker	Charles Shank	

And we'd like to welcome the following new transfers into the Unit:

David Auerback	John L. Fahs, Jr.	Andrew Opalenik
Rosemary Bollettino	Paul P. Gushin	Evelyn Tate
Patrick L. Brown	Christian Henrichson	Rita H. Winkel
Jeanne K. Crane	Charles Mullin	
Pearl Dana	Bud Nasteff	

The following persons have transferred out of our Unit:

Per Andersen	Michael Ercole	Gerald Schrader
January Dennison	Leon Fastovsky	Harriet S. Schrader
John Dennison	Robert D. Gunnell, Jr.	Danijel Zenko

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

George Hardman	Irma M. Hoversten
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List of Club Games in Northern Virginia (All phone numbers have a 703 area code)

Monday

10 am	Ballston BC Arlington	Bill Gress 243-7714	Open
10 am	Virginia Suburban DBC Annandale	Marilyn Golias 241-7741	Open
10 am	4-H's DBC Alexandria	Siegfried Hoermann 765-3843	Invitational
7 pm	Fairfax DBC Ft. Belvoir	Jeffa Dettinger 780-5162	Open
7 pm	Montebello DBC Alexandria	Norma Pierzchala 892-1292	Invitational
7 pm	Knights of Columbus BC Arlington (KOCH)	Bernie Oetjen 790-5170	Open
7:30 pm	Loudoun County BC Leesburg	Allan Sitterson 729-3756	Open

Tuesday

10 am	Glen Carlyn DBC Arlington (KOCH)	Candy Kuschner 758-0906	Open & NLM
6:30 pm	Ballston BC Arlington	Bill Gress 243-7714	Open

Wednesday

9:45 am	Engineer's Officer's BC Fort Belvoir	Helen Sigleo 360-4051	Open
10 am	Arlington County DBC Ballston	Alan Breed 538-5844	Open
11 am	JCC of No. Va. BC Fairfax	Louise Sellers 281-5576	Open
7:30 pm	Reston DBC Reston Community Center	Candy Kuschner 758-0906	Open & 199er

Thursday

10 am	Hawthorne DBC Annandale	Marilyn Golias 241-7741	Open
10 am	Thursday Morning BC Ballston	N.Pierzchala/C.Grob 892-1292/960-2471	Open & 199er
10 am	Vienna DBC Vienna	Louise Sellers 281-5576	Open
6:30 pm	FIRST Woodlake DBC Falls Church	Bill Gress 243-7714	Open

Thursday (continued)

7:00 pm	NVBA Unit Game Alexandria (Beth El)	Marshall Kuschner 758-9153	Open & 199er
7:30 pm	Engineer's Officer's BC Ft. Belvoir	Helen Sigleo 360-4051	Open

Friday

10 am	Fun Friday Bridge Frolic Annandale	S.McMillan/N.Pierzchala 920-3535/892-1292	Open & 199er
10 am	Friday Cash Bridge Arlington (Lyon Park)	K.Heiberg/A.Gray 892-6721/750-3214	Open
1:45 pm	Loudoun Bridge Buffs Leesburg	James Rocks 777-5669	Open

Saturday

9 am	Norma's Game at KOCH Arlington (KOCH)	Norma Pierzchala 892-1292	0-500
1 pm	Beltway BC at KOCH Arlington (KOCH)	Marshall Kuschner 758-9153	Open

Sunday

12:30 pm	Virginia Suburban DBC Annandale	Marilyn Golias 241-7741	Open & 199er
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Scores on the Web

Yea technology! You no longer have to painstakingly copy down your scores for many of our club games—just go to the web and see the whole story at your convenience. And here are the sites:

Carole Grob—

www.mybridgeclub.com/virginia

Candy and Marshall Kuschner—

www.bridge-results.com/results/5016/cal.html

Bernie Oetjen—

www.bridge-results.com/results/5011/cal.html

Norma Pierzchala—

www.bridge-results.com/results/5021/cal.html

The next time you're at one of their games, be sure to thank the Directors for making this possible.

Unit Game Updates

by Marshall Kuschner

I'd like to take this opportunity to clear up some myths about what happens when the director gets called to your table. A lot of folks seem to think that when their opponents commit an infraction, they are automatically entitled to an adjusted score. Not true. What is true is that the director should adjust the score only when three conditions exist: a) there has been an infraction, b) there has been damage, and c) the infraction caused the damage. No matter what has taken place at the table, you cannot stick your head in the sand and expect the director to protect you, you must continue to play bridge.

Case in point, a player (we'll call him East just for variety) recently held KJ, A, 1063, AKQJ652. His partner opened 1D in second seat, RHO overcalled 1H, and East bid 2C. So far, so good. LHO, however, muddied the waters with a 3H bid, which was followed by two passes. Before bidding, East asked about 3H and was told that it showed a limit raise. East now mustered all his courage and bid 3NT. With his partner's good opening hand he had only fifteen top tricks. LHO properly waited until the hand had been played to tell E-W that the 3H bid had been preemptive, a common treatment. E-W screamed for director, now claiming that the misinformation had kept them out of slam. True, there had been an infraction (misinformation) and true there had been damage (failure to get to the best contract). But did the misinformation cause the damage? Let's consider East's dilemma. He has seven running club

tricks, the heart Ace, and the King of spades, in other words he would have been a favorite to make 3NT if his partner hadn't opened. He started with 18HCP and I guess you can add about five more for the club length, so with 23 points and a partner who opened wouldn't you always want to be in slam? Uh, yeah. Now about continuing to play bridge. You hold 18 HCP and your partner opened. Give partner a minimum opener, say 12 HCP. That's 30 HCP between you. Now let's give RHO a reasonable overcall, KQJXXX of hearts and maybe a card outside. There's a minimum of 38 HCP. Is there a limit raise left for LHO to have? Well, if you still have doubts, you might want to check the backs of the cards and see if everyone at the table is holding the same color. If they are, you must decide who to trust. Did partner psych his opening bid, did RHO psych his overcall, or was 3H really weak? Which is more likely? The director ruled that the table result stood and, hopefully, East learned a lesson.

See you Thursday.

From Alfred Sheinwold—

A player who can't defend accurately should try to be declarer.

Learn from the mistakes of others. You won't live long enough to make them all yourself.

One advantage of bad bidding is that you get practice at playing atrocious contracts.

Upcoming Bridge Classes

For beginners—The Alexandria Campus of Northern Virginia Community College is planning a bridge course for beginners in the fall, similar to the popular and successful Easybridge! method. Call 703-845-6240 for more information.

For intermediates—Marshall Kuschner is offering classes on Monday afternoons from 1:30 to 4:30 in Reston this summer (starting June 16th). Each class will cover a particular topic, so you don't have to sign up for the series, just come when you can. If you'd like more information, call Marshall at 703-758-9153.

NVBA Milestones

New Junior Masters

Patty S. Abell	Richard Hottell	Jean W. Senseman
Deborah Branch	Robert C. Kerr	Susan C. Slattery
Linda Clover	Diane Lefcowitz	Philip W. Slattery
Gisela Glodeck	Debbie S. Massey	Paul Stygar
John G. Haberlin	Kathryn Miller	Lilla Wolfman
Sandy G. Haberling	Pamela K. O'Connor	
Gary Hinson	Louise Shine	

New Club Masters

Reggie S. Cowne	Pam R. Svensson	Parween E. Yunus
Donor Lion		

New Sectional Masters

Christine C. Brooks	Michael J. Lusick	Dustinn E. Pratt
Marie-Theres Klinefelter	Anne Medlin	Virginia Re
Jerry C. Krim	Mary O'Shea	Mimi J. Spielberg
Katharine Loh	Stella C. Perry	W. G. Taschek

New Regional Masters

Gerry Higgins	John W. Hornbeck	David H. Schultz
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New NABC Masters

Juanita I. Fernandez	Jay Kelkar	William Mendez, Jr.
Suellen P. Garrison	Robert H. Kubal	

New Life Masters

Leo Cardillo	Lawrence J. Latto
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New Bronze Life Masters

Ella B. Hall

New Silver Life Masters

David L. Genne	Jackie Greene
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Parade of Winners

Gatlinburg Regional

Mon Aft. 0-300 Pairs (56 Pairs)

2 2 1 Jerry Krim-Herbert Fallin, Jr.

Tues AM 0-300 Pairs (32 Pairs)

1 1 1 Jerry Krim-Herbert Fallin, Jr.

Tues Eve Pairs 0-300 (36 Pairs)

1 1 1 Jerry Krim-Herbert Fallin Jr

Tues KO-XV (16 Teams)

1 Gail Zamboni-Phil Zamboni-Elva
Grillo-Yvonne Markell

Thurs AM 0-300 Pairs (38 Pairs)

2 Jerry Krim-Herbert Fallin, Jr.

Thurs Aft 0-300 Pairs (54 Pairs)

1 1 1 Jerry Krim-Herbert Fallin Jr

Wed-Thurs KO 6 (16 Teams)

2 Jackie Thompson-Joan Shields-Mita
Banerjee-Marie Creisher

Thurs Senior KO 2 (9 Teams)

1 Annette Binger-Ed Taborek-Pearl
Feldman-Eleanor Gendill

Thurs Eve Swiss (116 Teams)

1 Mark Tonnesen-Ken Davis-
Geoff Mallette-John Ashe

Fri-Sat KO 5 (16 Teams)

2 Mita Banerjee-Joan Shields-Jackie
Thompson-Marie Creisher

Fri-Sat KO 8 (16 Teams)

2 Susan Clayman-Mary Lou Torchia-
Susan Strauss-Steve Hrnccirik Jr

Richmond Regional

Tues Charity Open Pairs (30 Pairs)

2 Ed Gofreed-Jack Armstrong

Wed Open Pairs (56 Pairs)

1 Ed Lewis-Harry Gellis

Wed BAM Teams (24 Teams)

1/3 Nancy Arnold-Maurine Kuiken-
Cathy Gallucio-David Schulz

Wed Aft Side Game (24 Pairs)

1 Mark Tonnesen-Shirley Kollas

Wed Eve 0-300 Pairs (22 Pairs)

2 2 Ali Al-Aref-John Corpening
2 Sybil Meloy-James Biss

Thurs Open Pairs (52 Pairs)

1 Kenton Schoen-Charles Yaple
2 Sarah Anne Cressy-Frank King, Jr.
2 Shirley Kollas-LaQuitta Talbot

Thurs AM Side Game (14 Pairs)

1 Adele Waggaman-Sam Bowlin
2 Chuck Pecarro-Amal Dasgupta

Thurs Aft 0-50 Pairs (14 Pairs)

1 James Biss-Virginia Roseberry

Wed-Thurs KO Bracket 3 (10 Teams)

1 Herb Fallin, Jr.-Jerry Krim-Robert
Vaughn-Betty Vaughn

Glen Allen Consolation 3 (6 Teams)

1 Joyce Rocks-Martha Mangan-
Yvonne Markell-Elva Grillo

Fri Open Pairs (55 Pairs)

2 Ed Gofreed-Summer Steinfeldt

Fri Strat. Open Swiss (68 Teams)

1 Mark Tonnesen-Shirley Kollas-
Carole Grob-LaQuitta Talbot
2 2 Omar Okaily-Ibrahim Mady-
Fred Mason-Carroll Givens

Fri AM Consolation KO

1 Mark Tonnesen-Shirley Kollas-
Carole Grob-LaQuitta Talbot

Fri Eve BAM Teams (19 Teams)

- 1 George Davis-Sam Bowlin-Charlotte Weathers-W. Hampshire II
- 2 Joanna Pagano-Jackie Beecher-Jo Ann Colton-Juanita Fernandez

Sat Open Pairs (82 Pairs)

- 2 Vonnie Lavender-Summer Steinfeldt
- 2 David Jackson-Marty Zupan

Sat Open BAM Teams (30 Teams)

- 2/3 N. Cheary-Norma Pierzchala-Wes Jones-Sam McMillan

Sat 0-300 BAM Teams (16 Teams)

- 2/3 Jerry Krim-Herb Fallin, Jr.-Vanessa O'Callaghan-Patrick O'Callaghan

Sat AM Side Game

- 2 Sam Coleman-David Cohan

James River Compact KO:1 (10 Teams)

- 2 Norma Pierzchala-Wes Jones-Richard Mersch-Nadyne Cheary

James River Consolation (6 Teams)

- 1 Hazel Murphy-Clara Siewick- Lenore Ward-Rose Kajanghi

Sun Aft 0-50 Pairs (14 Pairs)

- 1 1 James Dailey-Vicki Dailey
- 2 2 Susan Slattery-Philip Slattery

Mechanicsville KO Brkt 2 (16 Teams)

- 1 Margot Hennings-Donald Hennings-Stan Schenker-David Milton

Mechanicsville KO Brkt 6 (16 Teams)

- 1 Neal McKinney-Sue Swift-June Hoyer-Bob Armstrong

Sun Eve VA Side Game (18 Pairs)

- 1 Thomas Musso-Gerald Mindell

Sun Open Pairs (81 Pairs)

- 1 Robert Wissman-John Christensen

Sun Eve 0-50 (11 Pairs)

- 1 1 James Dailey-Vicki Dailey
- 2 2 Susan Slattery-Philip Slattery

Sun Eve 0-300 Pairs (14 Pairs)

- 1/2 1/2 Sam Bowlin-Dorothy Smorto

Mon AM Side Series (18 Pairs)

- 2 J. Buchanan-John Ashe

Mon Aft Side Game (18 Pairs)

- 2 Steven Reed-Bruce Culmer

Mon B/C/D Swiss (32 Teams)

- 1 James Geist-Khon Lien- John Christensen-Robert Wissman

**Board of Directors
2003-2004**

Congratulations to the new NVBA Board that was elected at the May 8th annual meeting.

The chairs of the various standing committees are being named, and will be announced in the next NVBA Newsletter. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact anyone on the Board.

Officers—

- President Leo Cardillo
- V. President Margot Hennings
- Secretary Lucy McCoy
- Treasurer Ron Spieker

Board Members—

- Bob Hartmann
- Ed Heberg
- Peter Hughes
- Kathryn Kiley
- Ron Kral
- Paul Krueger
- Barry Sparks

Alexandria Fourth of July Regional June 30 to July 6

Hilton Hotel at Mark Center, 5000 Seminary Road, Alexandria, VA

Monday, June 30

Corcoran Flight A KOs 7:30
Hirshhorn Flight B (0-3000) KOs 7:30
Cooper-Hewitt Senior KOs 7:30
(KOs continue 9:30 am, 1:30 & 7:30 Tuesday)
Stratified Charity Pairs 7:30
300/200/100 & 50/20/5 Charity Pairs 7:30

Tuesday, July 1

Fusebox AM Side Game Series (1st of 5) 9:30
Early Bird 300/200/100/50 Pairs 9:30
Daylight Stratified Open Pairs 10:30 & 3:00
StrataFlighted A/X Pairs 1:30 & 7:30
StrataFlighted B/C/D Pairs 1:30 & 7:30
Stratified Senior Pairs 1:30 & 7:30
Hillwood Afternoon Side Game Series (1st of 5) 1:30
300/200/100 & 50/20/5 Pairs 1:30 / 7:30
Single-session 0-5 Trophy Pairs 1:30 / 7:30
0-5 PLAYERS FREE TODAY
Stratified Board-a-Match Teams 7:30
Kreeger Evening Side Game Series (1st of 5) 7:30
Late Night Fast Pairs Series (1st of 5) 11:30

Wednesday, July 2

Folger Morning Open KOs 9:30 (continue 9:30 am Thur., Fri., Sat.)
Fusebox AM Side Game Series (2nd of 5) 9:30
Early Bird 300/200/100/50 Pairs 9:30
Daylight Stratified Open Pairs 10:30 & 3:00
Renwick Open KOs 1:30 & 7:30
Tudor Place Senior KOs 1:30 & 7:30
KOs continue 1:30 & 7:30 Thursday
Stratified Open Pairs 1:30 & 7:30
Hillwood Afternoon Side Game Series (2nd of 5) 1:30
300/200/100 & 50/20/5 Pairs 1:30 / 7:30
Stratified Board-a-Match Teams 7:30
Kreeger Evening Side Game Series (2nd of 5) 7:30
0-300 Bracketed Pairs 7:30 (computer-assigned BAM teams-2 chances to win)
Late Night Fast Pairs Series (2nd of 5) 11:30

Thursday, July 3

Fusebox AM Side Game Series (3rd of 5) 9:30
Early Bird 300/200/100/50 Pairs 9:30
Daylight Stratified Open Pairs 10:30 & 3:00
Smithsonian Open KOs 1:30 & 7:30 (continue 1:30 & 7:30 Friday)
Stratified Open Pairs 1:30 & 7:30
0-50 Trophy Pairs 1:30 / 7:30

300/200/100 & 50/20/5 Pairs 1:30 / 7:30
 Hillwood Afternoon Side Game Series (3rd of 5) 1:30
 Stratified Board-a-Match Teams 7:30
 Kreeger Evening Side Game Series (3rd of 5) 7:30
 300/200/100 Swiss Teams 7:30
 Late Night Fast Pairs Series (3rd of 5) 11:30

Friday, July 4

Morning Compact Open KOs 9:30 (First and second of four 12-board matches—continue 9:30 am Saturday)
 Fusebox AM Side Game Series (4th of 5) 9:30
 Early Bird 300/200/100/50 Pairs 9:30
 Stratified Senior Pairs 10:30 & 3:00
 Stratified Open Fast Pairs 1:30 & 4:30
 Independence Day Open KOs 1:30 & 7:30 (continue 1:30 & 7:30 Saturday)
 Stratified Open Pairs 1:30 & 7:30
 0–20 Trophy Pairs 1:30 / 7:30
 300/200/100 & 50/20/5 Pairs 1:30 / 7:30
 Hillwood Afternoon Side Game Series (4th of 5) 1:30
 Stratified Board-a-Match Teams 7:30
 Kreeger Evening Side Game Series (4th of 5) 7:30
 300/200/100 Swiss Teams 7:30
 Late Night Fast Pairs Series (4th of 5) 11:30

Saturday, July 5

Fusebox AM Side Game Series (5th of 5) 9:30
 Early Bird 300/200/100/50 Pairs 9:30
 Stratified Senior Pairs 10:30 & 3:00
 Jerry Machlin Flight A Pairs 1:30 & 7:30 (Qualifying w/barometer final)
 Jerry Machlin Flight B (0–2000) Pairs 1:30 & 7:30 (Playthru w/barometer final)
 Hillwood Afternoon Side Game Series (5th of 5) 1:30
 300/200/100 Trophy Pairs 1:30 / 7:30
 50/20/5 Pairs 1:30 / 7:30
 Stratified Board-a-Match Teams 7:30
 Kreeger Evening Side Game Series (5th of 5) 7:30
 0–300 Bracketed Pairs 7:30 (computer-assigned BAM teams –2 chances to win)
 Late Night Fast Pairs Series (5th of 5) 11:30

Sunday, July 6

StrataFlighted A/X Swiss Teams 10:30 & TBA
 StrataFlighted B/C/D Swiss Teams 10:30 & TBA
 Stratified Senior Swiss Teams 10:30 & TBA
 (Swiss events 7 rounds with 45 minute break)
 Stratified Open Pairs 10:30 & 2:30
 300/100/50 Pairs 10:30 / 2:30
 300/100/50 Swiss Teams 10:30 / 2:30

Partnerships: Barbara Ames (301-977-3467).

Intermediate/Novice Partnerships: Frances Burke (301-384-6103).

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