

President's Column

BY Leo Cardillo

NVBA Newsletter

August - September - October 2003

Coming Events

Sep 4 MBA STaC
Sep 11 NVBA Sectional (KOCH)
Sep 18 Stratified Unit Championship^① /49er Qual
Sep 20-21 NAP Qualifying (See page 4)
Sep 25 Strataflighted Super Club Championship^②

Oct 2 Club Appreciation Pairs^①
Oct 9 Strataflighted Membership Game
Oct 16 WBL Sectional
Oct 23 Stratified Club Championship^①
Oct 30 Stratified Unit Championship^①

Nov 6-9 NVBA Sectional (see page 31)

① Strat Limits: Unlimited/2000/500

② Strat Limits: A/X 3000/0-3000
B/C 2000/0-500

Because of other commitments, Marshall cannot direct the unit games on Oct 23rd and 30th. He has invited David Gottfried to provide an encore performance as unit game director at these games.

July was bridge month for many of us with the advent of summer and the dual opportunity to play this magnificent game at the July 4th Regional in Alexandria and the Summer Nationals in Long Beach, CA! So many bridge events and hands, and so little time! I hope you all had as much fun as I did!

July 4th Regional: As much as I enjoyed playing at the Regional in several events, my real focus was on attending my first District 6 Meeting and getting to know better and work with a number of the District, WBL, and ACBL representatives. The District 6 President is Bill Cole, VP is Kay Afdahl, Treasurer is Steve Robinson and Secretary is Bette Dudka. Discussion focused on financial data (the checkbook is still in the black!) including the appropriate use of funds remaining from the Nationals fund-raising efforts over the past several years, the upcoming schedule of events for 2004, and support for the upcoming NAP and GNT events.

The other item at the Regional that I particularly enjoyed was the success of two students from Thomas Jefferson High School (TJHS), David Banh and Robert Brady. David and Robert are two of the 36 or so students that participate in the TJHS Bridge Club on Fridays during the school year. This is an activity that I took over from Dot Lewis and will continue in my third year in September. David and Robert won the July 4th Afternoon Side Game and their points were converted to gold points when they played again in the same side game series the following day. These two fine young players are part of the strategic future of the game.

The NVBA will be working in concert with the WBL in the coming year as we both anticipate opening additional bridge clubs at various local high schools. These school clubs are inexpensive, are supported by the ACBL Education Foundation, and constitute a small but vital element in ensuring the growth and future of this great game!

Summer Nationals: Many of the area players got to enjoy the excellent bridge events and exceptional weather (even for California!) at the Summer Nationals in Long Beach, CA, beginning on July 16. I was fortunate to be part of our District 6 Flight C Grand National Team. Our team won its first match, but got knocked out by a bunch of young and focused players! I stayed on to play in the 0-1500 Life Master Pairs and

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had a great time! I trust those of you who went all enjoyed the excellent hospitality, organization, and environment of this National.

NVBA Agenda: The NVBA unit game and tournament coordinators met with their WBL counterparts on August 12 to work on the 2004 schedule for both units. While you will receive this newsletter too late to contribute to that particular meeting, I want to continue to extend to all our members a standing invitation to get involved with the current and future activities, priorities and direction of the NVBA. The Board is committed to the mission of ensuring your bridge playing satisfaction and enjoyment, but we need your inputs and comments. Emails and phone calls are always welcome. In addition, there will be a Suggestion Box at the Unit Game for any of you who would rather use that means of communication. I will do my best to review and respond to any of your ideas, needs and or suggestions, and feel free to volunteer to work on a variety of activities.

My own personal agenda for the coming year is as follows:

1. Improve the quality and quantity (number of tables!) of bridge play at the Unit game and Sectionals. These two activities are vital to our purpose and our financial viability. The NVBA needs to increase participation at these events and your support and ideas are entirely necessary and welcome. While some constraints do exist with regard to playing times and locations, changes are always possible. Send in your suggestions!
2. Create and maintain a small, but positive budget surplus for each year. While the NVBA has adequate financial reserves, we have experienced small losses in each of the recent years. I am determined to reverse this trend. The Board will be actively seeking various changes to improve income and reduce expenses. Again, your comments are most welcome.
3. Work closely with the WBL to improve our individual and joint bridge activities. Items for the coming year, besides the existing schedule of events, include the consideration of publishing a new paper Directory in 2004. The paper Directory is handy, but it is expensive to produce and it rapidly becomes out-of-date. Both units are looking at establishing an on-line Directory as well. In addition, the WBL is taking the lead on establishing a few more bridge clubs at selected local high schools, such as the one I support at TJHS. As noted above, these clubs are inexpensive and provide an important, strategic presence for the new and younger players. Clubs are not competing with the academic agenda - that is not our focus. Rather,

the bridge club becomes just another extra-curricular activity, like the chess club, the math club, etc. Our hope is to have clubs at six to eight local high schools on both sides of the river and to sponsor an inter-scholastic bridge competition on an annual basis, with a permanent Trophy or Cup to be retained by the winner for one year. Volunteers are needed! The ACBL even provides a modest stipend to the volunteers to help offset travel expenses, so let me know if you are interested in supporting this activity.

4. Support the District, the MABC, and the ACBL, as appropriate to our needs and those of the game of bridge.

I look forward to hearing from our members!! See you at the table!!

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NVBA SECTIONAL TOURNAMENT
SEPTEMBER 11-14**

*SEE THE LATEST ISSUE OF THE DISTRICT 6 TABLETALK PUBLICATION
OR THE NVBA WEB SITE FOR A COMPLETE SCHEDULE OF EVENTS*

North American Pairs (NAP) Finals for 2003-2004

District 6 Finals for Open, 0-2000, and Non-Life Master Pairs (up to 500 MPs)

WHEN: Saturday, Sep 20, 2003 & Sunday, Sep 21, 2003

WHERE: Eagle's Club
1600 Cool Springs Rd.
Fredericksburg, VA

CONTACT: Deborah Hage, 540-659-1321, debhage@hotmail.com

Starting time on Saturday will be 12:00 noon and TBA. (Qualifying Round). Qualifiers will continue on Sunday - starting times will be 11:00 AM and TBA.

Top three finishers in each bracket are eligible to represent the district at the Spring Nationals in Reno. The Open Pairs will play March 17-18, 2004 and the 0-2000 and NLM Pairs will play March 27-28, 2004.

GRAND NATIONAL TEAMS 2003-2004

It's time to get out to your local club and qualify to win a subsidized trip to New York! New York! at the Summer 2004 NABC to represent District 6 in the national finals of this grassroots competition. The club qualification period begins in mid-Oct 2003 and extends through mid-April 2004. Because the District-level competition for some flights begins in February, make sure you qualify early. However, you can go out and play as often as you want!!

Once again, the competition will contain four flights at the District level. The Open Flight is an open event and all players may enter, regardless of their master point holding; Flight A is limited to players with 0-5000 master points; Flight B is limited to players with 0-2000 master points; and Flight C is limited to Non-Life Masters with fewer than 500 master points. At the club level, the Open and A flights will be combined.

Master points awarded at the club level are half red—an easy way to earn colored points without traveling or changing your normal local playing habits. In the District level competition, the match awards are red and the overall awards are gold.

Remember, players qualify as individuals at the club level and may form new teams of qualified players for District phase of the competition. What this means is that you can play with all of your friends at the club level no matter what their flight eligibility is and then form one or more teams and compete in one or more flights at the District level. So y'all come out and play!

Call your club manager to find out when the club is holding qualifying games. As club dates are made available to the District GNT Coordinator, they will be posted on the District 6 web site, www.districtsix.org.

We will be holding the first weekend of the District finals of Flights B and C at separate northern and southern sites; however they will be the same weekend. To start your planning process, the dates for the District competition are as follows:

	First Weekend	Second Weekend
Open	March 13-14	April 24-25
Flight A	May 1-2	May 15-16
Flight B	February 28-29	March 13-14
Flight C	February 28-29	March 13-14

All the information about pre-registration, sites and times will be in the December/January issue of TableTALK. District level competition dates and sites and other pertinent information will be published in subsequent editions. If you have any questions, feel free to contact Rae Dethlefsen, District 6 GNT Coordinator, at 703-709-5205 or by email at raed@erols.com.

Alexandria Regional Statistics

30 JUNE - 6 JULY 2003

Statistics

2,438.50	Tables in play
1,774	Players attended
19	Districts were represented (out of 25)
16	Different units had at least ten players in attendance
559	WBL members attended
526	NVBA members attended
171	Maryland Bridge Association members attended
13,237.98	Masterpoints were awarded
1,546	Players winning masterpoints
4.56	The median amount won by the players winning points
8,480.77	Gold points were awarded
783	Players winning gold points
5.96	The median amount of gold points won by players winning gold pts

Points won by Northern Virginia Bridge Association Members

1	65.53	Ron Sukoneck, Annandale VA
2	60.60	Bruce Houston, McLean VA
3	45.60	Stan Schenker, Reston VA
4	43.92	Steve Bunning, Vienna VA
5	43.75	Donald Van Arman, McLean VA
6	43.11	Kenton Schoen, Falls Church VA
7	39.58	Alan Schwartz, Fairfax VA
8	38.85	Kenneth Davis, Alexandria VA
9	38.39	Bernard Oetjen, McLean VA
10	36.25	Hal Cohen, Arlington VA

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Jack of Hearts

By Marshall Kushner

If you hadn't been to Pasadena, CA since attending the national there in 1992, you wouldn't have recognized the place. The same could be said for Long Beach in 2003. Both experienced major urban renewal. There seems to be a formula; knock down all the old buildings, put up some high-end hotels, some chi chi restaurants, add a light rail system and you have an instant Metropolis. Folks come from miles around just to hang out and spend their hard earned cash. From my formative years, I remember Long Beach as the drug capital of Southern California (not from personal experience, you understand), perhaps owing to its proximity to Los Angeles Harbor. It didn't have much appeal and the Nu-Pike amusement park (which was across the street from where the Long Beach Convention Center (LBCC) now stands) was one of the few legal reasons to go there. Then along came the Queen Mary and, years later, the Spruce Goose. Suddenly folks were coming to Long Beach in broad daylight. Well, this is thirty some years later. The Goose has gone and the Queen has lost some of her luster, but downtown Long Beach is enjoying rebirth more than ever.

The weather, of course, was warm with ocean breezes wafting across the man-made islands hosting designer oil rigs. Sail boats and surfers danced along the shore while tankers and freighters loomed in the distance. The basement entrance to a high-rise invited passers-by to visit the Sky Room. All in all, a great place for a National. The LBCC was a pleasant venue except for the snack bar prices. Can't you hear Herbert Hoover saying, "What this country needs is a good two-dollar cup of coffee (plus tax)?" In fact, the only thing really lacking in Long Beach was bridge players. The pre-tournament estimate had already been lowered to 13,400, but the final table count was more than 1,000 tables less than that. As often happens, the glaring problem was lack of local support. In Los Angeles County, however, that was predictable because there are no locals. Bridge in LA has died, literally and figuratively. Those who did play there and are still with us have moved away. In District 23 (Los Angeles County) clubs have closed, tournaments are down, units have merged, and people are just doing other things.

Some of the scant glory achieved by NVBA members on the field of battle came from an unusual source, the Unit Board. Your president, Leo Cardillo, had a third place finish in the 0-1500 LM Pairs. Leo probably would have done even better, but his last serious competition

was the unit election when he ran unopposed. Also, your webmaster, Sumner Steinfeldt, and Unit Director, moi, finished 5/8 in the 0-5000 Mini Spingold playing with Hal Hindman and Ken Davis. The biggest win, however, went to NVBA members Yi Zhong and Hualin Chen, and their teammates Hailong Ao and Jian-Jian Wang, who won the Flight B GNT. Others with overalls in NABC events were Ron Sukoneck and Ai-Tai Lo (LM Pairs), Ed Lewis (Senior Swiss), Cecily Kohler (0-5000 LM Pairs), David Chechelashvili, Ken Davis and Dan Kasture (Fast Pairs). Regional wins went to Paul Krueger, Frank Cardillo, and Chris Johnson (Bracketed KO), Dan Kasture (KO), Jim and Linda Dick (Flt C Swiss), and Ed Taborek (Flt D Swiss). In other words, just about everyone from our small contingent got a piece of the pie. Not to worry, we'll do better in New Orleans. First, it's closer, so, presumably, more of us will go. Second, it should be easier to win there. They don't call it the Big Easy for nothing.

NVBA PARADE OF WINNERS

4th of July Regional – Alexandria

A B C Mon. Eve. Charity Open Pairs (50 Pairs)

1		BRUCE HOUSTON – DON VAN ARMAN
2		KEN DAVIS - DON GEERHART
	1	1 THOMAS GALLAGHER - JOHN LOWE III
	2	2 RAJNESH KATHURIA - MICKEY HUGHES
		2 FRANCES MCNAUGHT - LYNETTE VANDERSCHAAF

Hirshhorn Flight B Bracketed KO Teams

Bracket 1	1	ALLEN SHAW - J. DAVID GRIER - CHRISTIAN LUONG
16 Teams		- BERNARD OETJEN
	2	TOM MUSSO - KATHERINE PARAMORE - BARBARA AMES - ELLEN CHERNIAVSKY
Bracket 2	1	ROBERT YORK - THOMAS BURKE - HAL COHEN - EDWARD DUFFY
16 Teams		2 EDWARD RODRIGUES-GLENN YOUNG-STEVEN ROTHMAN- BRUCE BUCKLINGER
Bracket 3	1	PAUL KRUEGER-CHRISTON JOHNSON- ROBERT BOORMAN-FRANK CARDILLO
16 Teams		2 SUSAN PARKER - GERALD PARKER - SUSAN WALSH - ROSMARIE SUITOR
Bracket 4	1	DOROTHY REEVES - SALLY SIDDON - MARTHA GRANGER –J.CHRIS HUUS
16 Teams		

A B C Mon. Eve. Charity 299er Pairs (17 Pairs)

1	1	DANIEL KOCH - WILLIAM KINGERY JR
2		MARCIA BOYNTON – W. TASCHEK
	2	1 ROBERT BRADY - DAVID BANH
	2	2 TODD ETTER - DAVID GARDNER

A B C Tues. AM Fusebox Side Pairs (18 Pairs)

2		MARK TONNESEN - DAVE TONNESEN
	2	1 ANDREW THOMAS - JOSH REMINGTON
	2	2 RHONA PRENSKY - SAM BOWLIN

A B C Early Bird 299er Pairs (18 Pairs)

1		DAVID SCHULTZ - MAURINE KUIKEN
2	1	1 DAVID BANH - ROBERT BRADY
	2	2 VICKI DAILEY - SUSAN SLATTERY

A B C Tues. Aft. Hillside Side Pairs (18 Pairs)

1		LUCY MCCOY - KATHRYN KILEY
	2	1 SAM BOWLIN - WILLIAM ADAMS
	2	2 HERBERT FALLIN JR - JERRY KRIM

A B C Daylight Open Pairs – 1&2 (67 Pairs)

2	1	1 MICHAEL GOTTESMAN - SILAS WASSERSTROM
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A B C Tues. PM Open B-A-M Teams (16 Teams)

	1	MELANIE MANFIELD - ADRIENNE KUEHNEMAN - GEORGE SCHROPP - MICHAEL OSBORN
	1/2	LAWRENCE COWAN - MICHAEL KELLEY - HERBERT FALLIN JR - JERRY KRIM
	1/2	NANCY ARNOLD - MAURINE KUIKEN - DAVID SCHULTZ - CATHY GALLUCIO

Flighted Pairs - Two Session Event

A X Flights A/X (40 Pairs)

2	MICHAEL RICHEY - CLYDE KRUSKAL
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B C D Flights B/C/D (64 Pairs)

1	1	1 ELLIOT ITKIN - ROBERT FINKELSTEIN
2	2	ROBERT WISSMAN - JOHN CHRISTENSEN

A B C Tues. Eve. 299er Pairs (22 Pairs)

2/3	1/2	CATHY STRYKER - RUBY BROOKS
2/3	1/2	AUBREY CARLSON - RAJNESH KATHURIA

A B C Tues. Eve. Kreeger Side Pairs (30 Pairs)

1 ANDRE L'HEUREUX - SUSAN STRAUSS
 2 THOMAS GALLAGHER - JOHN LOWE III

A B C Senior Pairs-Two Session Event(18 Pairs)

1 1 ROBERT ZIER - JIM WITTING
 2 ERNIE GRAY - JACK ARMSTRONG
 2 ARMAND KLEIN - L. STRASBERG
 2 RICHARD ALLISON - MICHAEL DEEGAN

Wed. AM Folger Bracketed KO Teams

Bracket 1 1 KEN DAVIS - BRUCE HOUSTON - BOB ZIER - HENRY
 9 Teams STRAUCH
 2 JUDY WEISMAN - CARL WEISMAN - RAY KAHN -
 PAULA KAHANER
 Bracket 2 1 DORIS KNIEF - A. PATEL - LOREDANA WILLIAMS -
 7 Teams MARIE DAVIS

A B C Wed. AM Fusebox Side Pairs (14 Pairs)

1 1 PAUL KRUEGER - JAMES STORMES

A B C Early Bird 299er Pairs (20 Pairs)

1 DAVID SCHULTZ - NANCY ARNOLD
 2 DAVID GARDNER - TODD ETTER

A B C Wed. Aft. Hillwood Side Series (20 Pairs)

1 1 PAULA KAHANER - RAYMOND KAHN
 2/3 2/3 1 AARON NAVARRO - JOHN KUCHENBROD
 2/3 2/3 URSULA CAIRNES - JANET BREED

A B C Wed. Aft. 299er Pairs (18 Pairs)

2/3 2/3 SUSAN STRAUSS - RICHARD SLATER

A B C Wed. Aft. 49er Pairs (12 Pairs)

2 1 JOAN WHITE - LOUISE PERDEW

Wed. -Thurs. Renwick Bracketed KO Teams

Bracket 1 1 SHEILA EKEBLAD - RUSSELL EKEBLAD - MICHAEL
 12 Teams SEAMON - MARK MOLSON - RON SUKONECK
 2 STEVE ROBINSON - AI-TAI LO - ALAN SCHWARTZ -
 BILL COLE - RICHARD COLKER

Bracket 2 2 BRUCE HOUSTON - DON VAN ARMAN - STEVE
 16 Teams BUNNING - KRIS MILLER
 Bracket 6 1 LAWRENCE LATTO - NANCY GAMBER - MADISON
 11 Teams SCHEPPS - ELIZABETH SCHEPPS
 2 RICHARD CASSELL - ED TABOREK - GORDON
 HATHEWAY JR - ALAN DOCKTERMAN - MITCHELL
 KARLICK
 Brk 7 11 1 LAWRENCE COWAN - MICHAEL KELLEY - JERRY
 Tms KRIM - HERBERT FALLIN JR.

A B C Open Pairs - Two Session Event (62 Pairs)

2 2 MARK CHEN - HAL HINDMAN

A B C Wed. Eve. Open B-A-M Teams(22 Teams)

1 MARK TONNESEN - GEOFF MALLETTE - CAROLE
 GROB - LA QUITTA TALBOT
 2/3 JANET BREED - ALAN BREED - URSULA CAIRNES -
 NORMA PIERZCHALA
 1/2 SUSAN GROSSMAN - LAURENCE GROSSMAN - JOHN
 HORNBECK - PETER MIRSKY

A B C Wed. Eve. Kreeger Side Series (44 Pairs)

1 1 1 ELIAS ARBEL - MAHADEO PATWARDHAN
 2 LOWELL SAWYER - JOHN HUDSON
 2 2 ELLIOT ITKIN - ROBERT FINKELSTEIN

A B C 0-299 B-A-M Teams (16 Teams)

1 1 1 EDWARD MOLNAR - KATHRINE LOH - SUSAN
 STRAUSS - RICHARD SLATER
 2 2 JEFF YOUNGEN - MARY O'SHEA - PHILIP MEREDITH -
 BEVERLY MEREDITH

A B C 0-299 Pairs (32 Pairs)

1 1 1 DAVID GARDNER - TODD ETTER
 2 2 2 EDWARD MOLNAR - KATHRINE LOH

A B C Thurs. AM Fusebox Side Pairs (22 Pairs)

1 1 1 RITA WALDACK - DANIJEL ZENKO
 2 PATRICIA HUCK - GEORGE SCHROPP

A B C Early Bird 299er Pairs (25 Pairs)

1 1 1 ED BRAWN - SUSAN BRAWN
 2 BILL PEPELKO - BARBARA PEPELKO

A B C Thurs. Aft. Hillwood Side Pairs (24 Pairs)

1 1 PAULA KAHANER - RAY KAHN
 2 2 1 HONGMO WANG - YI-DER CHEN
 2 AARON NAVARRO - JOHN KUCHENBROD

A B C Thurs. Aft. 299er Pairs (30 Pairs)

1 JOHN BETZ JR - TODD ETTER

Smithsonian Bracketed KO Teams

Bracket 1 2 BOBBY GOOKIN - DONNA ROGALL - DAVID ABELOW
 11 Teams - RICHARD WEGMAN
 Bracket 2 1 BOB LEPELLETIER JR - BRENDAN DOYLE - MELISSA
 16 Teams GUMBERT - JIM MCKEOWN
 2 THOMAS BURKE - BOB YORK - VICTOR BURFORD -
 HAL COHEN
 Bracket 3 1 1 LAURENCE GROSSMAN - SUSAN GROSSMAN -
 14 Teams JOHN HORNBECK - PETER MIRSKY
 Bracket 4 1 SUSAN STRAUSS - RICHARD SLATER - ROBERT
 10 Teams LAWRENCE - FRANCES LAWRENCE
 2 DAVYD BRESKIN - JOHN BRESKIN - CHUCK MAY
 - LOUIS FUHRMANN

A B C Thurs. Open Pairs (72 pairs)

1 SUMNER STEINFELDT - ED GOFREED
 1 MARILYN CARLSON - JOHN CARLSON
 2 1 ED LEWIS III - ROBERT GUNNELL JR.
 2 MICHAEL GOLDMAN - WILLIAM MENDEZ JR

A B C Thurs. Eve. Open B-A-M Teams (26 Teams)

1 LUCY MCCOY-LORRAINE YARMOWICH-BETTY BURSEY-
 KATHRYN KILEY

A B C Thurs. Eve. Kreeger SG Series (50 Pairs)

2/3 2/3 DEBNARAYAN DHAR - DHIRENDRA GHOSH

A B C Thurs. Eve. 299er Swiss Teams (10 Teams)

1 TERESA CAPLAN - CRAIG CAPLAN - JOHN BETZ JR. -
 PAULA SHORTEN
 2 1 DAVID RALEY - WANDA AVILA - ALI AL-AREF -
 JENNIFER NISENOFF

2 1 STAN BARG - PAUL STYGAR - SETH MANFIELD -
 SABRINA MANFIELD

A B C Thurs. Eve. 299er Pairs (27 Pairs)

1 DEBORAH BRANCH - HERBERT BEHRE III

Fri. AM Compact KO Teams

Bracket 1 1 SALAM SAIDI - ROBERT WALSH - DAVID MCINTYRE
 11 Teams - KAMEL TABBARA
 Bracket 3 2 PITAMBER DEVGON - NEAL MCKINNEY - ALFRED
 10 Teams O'MALLEY - RICHARD HESSE

Fri. Consolation Teams

Bracket 2 1 WANDA AVILA - JOHN LOWE III - MICHAEL DEEGAN
 7 Teams - RICHARD ALLISON
 Bracket 3 1 THOMAS DIN - GLORIA HALSTEAD - EDWARD
 6 Teams MOLNAR - KATHRINE LOH

A B C 4th Of July AM Fusebox Side Pairs(21 Pairs)

1 EUGENE HOOVER - LUCILLE DAVIS

A B C 4th Of July Early Bird 299er Pairs (19 Pairs)

1 NANCY ARNOLD - DAVID SCHULTZ

A B C Fri. Aft. 299er Pairs (30 Pairs)

2 WILLIAM PEPELKO - BARBARA PEPELKO
 2 EDWARD MOLNAR - KATHRINE LOH

A B C Fri. Aft. 49er Pairs (20 Pairs)

2 1 VICKI DAILEY - JAMES DAILEY
 3 2 1 ETHEL HOFFMAN - JANICE SMITH
 2 WILLIAM C. TIMPERLEY - TED BARILA

A B C Fri Aft Hillwood Side Game Series(26 Pairs)

1 1 1 ROBERT BRADY - DAVID BANH
 2 THAVENDRAN ARULNANDHY - AQUIL AHMED

Independence Day Bracketed KO Teams

Bracket 1 1 MICHAEL KOVACICH - DAVID KLEIN - FRED
 13 Teams ALLENSPACH - JANET LEE

- 2 SHEILA EKEBLAD - RUSSELL EKEBLAD - MICHAEL SEAMON - MARK MOLSON - DAR AFDAHL - RON SUKONECK
- Bracket 3
12 Teams
Bracket 5
10 Teams
Bracket 6
11 Teams
- 1 ALFRED GRAHAM - DAVID GRABINER - DAVID DORFMAN - FRED HAHN JR.
- 2 JOHN RUFF - MARIAN VAN RYNE - MARY ANN CRAFT - ROCHELLE SIMON
- 1 RICHARD CASSELL - STEPHEN GOLDSTEIN - MITCHELL KARLICK - GORDON HATHEWAY JR
- 2 ROBERT BOORMAN - CHRISTON JOHNSON - CHARLES KING - FRANK CARDILLO - SAM BOWLIN

A B C Fast Open Pairs-2 Session Event (41 Pairs)

- 1 1 WALTER SMITH JR - EVAN ALLEN

A B C Senior Pairs - 2 Session Event (50 Pairs)

- 1 1 GARTH DETTINGER - JEFFA DETTINGER

A B C Fri. Eve. Open B-A-M Teams (22 Teams)

- 1 STAN SCHENKER - MICHAEL LIPKIN - DAVID MILTON - CRAIG GANZER
- 2 LORRAINE KAMMERMAN - PHILIP KAMMERMAN - RUBY EISENBACH - SHELDON RICHTER

A B C Fri. Eve. Side Pairs (34 Pairs)

- 2 DON VAN ARMAN - STEPHEN LURIE

A B C Fri. Open Pairs - 2 Session Event (62 Pairs)

- 2 DEBNARAYAN DHAR - DHIRENDRA GHOSH
- 2 EVA KLIVINGTON - YOUSSEF SERAJ

A B C Fri. Eve. 299er Pairs (24 Pairs)

- 2 CHRISTIANNE ALLMANG - KAY HOLDREN
- 1 1 RAY MORGAN - VIRGINIA MORGAN

A B C Sat. AM Fusebox Side Pairs (18 Pairs)

- 2 PAUL KRUEGER - JAMES STORMES

A B C Sat. AM Early Bird 299er Pairs (22 Pairs)

- 1 CHARLES JAEKLE - ANN JAEKLE

- 2 ALDA BALL - MARY TUBBS

A B C Sat. Aft. 49er Pairs (22 Pairs)

- 2 1 NANCY DETWEILER - NANDIN DICKENI
- 2 WILLIAM TIMPERLEY - TED BARILA

A B C Sat. Aft. Hillwood Side Series (36 Pairs)

- 2 1 1 JEAN MARX - NANCY HOYE
- 2 2 PATRICK DOVE - DANIEL MORGAN

A B C Senior Pairs - 2 Session Event (55 Pairs)

- 1 RAY BANKS - PETE HUGHES
- 2 JOSEPH LANE - MICHAEL STAFFORD
- 1 MARILYN CARLSON - JOHN CARLSON

A B C Sat. Eve. Kreeger Side Series Pairs (47 Pairs)

- 1 SUSAN STRAUSS - ANDRE L'HEUREUX
- 2 1 JOANNA PAGANO - JUANITA FERNANDEZ

A B C Sat. Eve. Open B-A-M Teams (24 Teams)

- 1 WALT WALVICK - KATHIE WALVICK - SUSAN GREEN - MIKE CAPPELLETTI SR.
- 2 MARGOT HENNINGS - DONALD HENNINGS - HELENE BAUMAN - VINCENT WILMOT JR.

A "JERRY MACHLIN" Flight A (42 Pairs)

- 2 PRAHALAD RAJKUMAR - RAJKUMAR RAJESWARAN

B "JERRY MACHLIN" Flight B (16 Pairs)

- 1 STEVE BUNNING - KRIS MILLER

B Sat Flight B Open Pairs- 2 Sess Event (62 Pairs)

- 1 MARILYN THOMAS - GABRIELE NANDA

A Sat Eve 299er Brktd BAM Teams (17 Teams)

- 1/2 CHARLES ALLPORT - SANDRA ALLPORT - RAY MORGAN - VIRGINIA MORGAN

- 1/2 KIM ASHENDEN - JOYCE MONTGOMERY - MELANIE LEVENSON - HOWARD LEVENSON

A B C Sat. Eve Bracketed 299er Pairs (34 Pairs)

- 1 1 1 KIM ASHENDEN - JOYCE MONTGOMERY
- 2 2 2 RAY MORGAN - VIRGINIA MORGAN

B C D Sun. B/C/D Swiss (64 Teams)

2 1 HOWARD BENDER - THAVENDRAN ARULNANDHY -
AQUIL AHMED - AJIT THYAGARAJAN

A B C Sun. AM 299er Swiss Teams (6 Teams)

1 HERMAN TARNOW - DIANA STEIN - JAMES DAILEY -
VICKI DAILEY
2 1 DAVID RALEY - SYBIL MELOY - NANCY YOUNG -
ANDREE MIRZA
2 1 HOWARD BENDER - THAVENDRAN ARULNANDHY -
AQUIL AHMED - AJIT THYAGARAJAN
2 JACK DE VIVO - STEPHEN MAC ARTHUR - JAMES
SANDLIN - JAMES CONRAD

**Hillwood Side Series Pairs – overall
results (194 Players)**

A B C
1/2
1/2

RAY KAHN
PAULA KAHANER

**Kreeger Side Series Pairs – overall results
(305 Players)**

A B C
1/2

ANDRE L'HEUREUX - SUSAN STRAUSS

Long Beach NABC**GNT Flight B (24 Teams)**

1 YI ZHONG-JIAN-JIAN WANG-HAILONG AO-HUAILIN CHEN

YOUNG LM-1500 Pairs (52 Pairs)

3 LEO CARDILLO-J LOUIS HORTOBAGYI

SURFIN' SAFARI KO BKT 8 (14 Teams)

1 PAUL KRUEGER-FRANK CARDILLO-ROBERT BOORMAN-
CHRISTON JOHNSON

Fri.-Sun. Side Game Series (58 Pairs)

2 LEE DE SIMONE-BRENDA MONTAGUE

1st Sun. Flt A/X Swiss (125 Teams)

2/3 RICHARD BUDD-ROBERT RYDER-JAMES MURPHY-ED LEWIS

Sun. Zip KO (14 Teams)

2 LEON FASTOVSKY-JOHN DE SOTO-ED TABOREK-PATRICIA
RIDING

WAYMISH KO BKT 2 (16 Teams)

2 JILL FISCH-JOHN GASSENHEIMER-DON LAYCOCK-HELENE
BAUMAN

WAYMISH KO BKT 4 (16 Teams)

1 JOSHUA DONN-DAN KASTURE-DIANE WALKER-RAE DETHLEFSEN

Mini-Spangold I KO Teams (41 Teams)

5/8 MARSHALL KUSCHNER-SUMNER STEINFELDT-HAL HINDMAN-
KEN DAVIS

2nd Sat. A/X PAIRS (56 Pairs)

3 ED LEWIS-MICHAEL HUSTON

B C D 2nd Sun. B/C/D Swiss (68 Teams)

1 JIM DICK-LINDA DICK-MICHAEL MOSS-CAROL KLAHR
1 BRETT GOLDSTON-FRANCES EVANS-FRANK DOUGLAS-
ED TABOREK

Hunt Valley Regional**Mon. Open KO**

Brk 5 (16) 1 JENNY ROSE-HERBERT FALLIN JR-JERRY KRIM-
DAVID SCHULTZ

A B C Tues. Eve. 300/200/100 Pairs (38 Pairs)

1 1 ANN SNYDER-BARBARA TRAPP

A B C Tues. Eve. BAM Teams (35 Teams)

1 JANEK GAIDUKOWSKI-JIM LINHART-GLORIA BROWN-
LEE DE SIMONE

A B C Tues. Senior Swiss Teams (79 Teams)

2 1 JOYCE ROCKS-MARTHA MANGANO-YVONNE MARKELL-
ELVA GRILLO

A B C Wed. Aft. 300/200/100 Pairs (44 Pairs)

1 ADAM WINSLER-JOSE CORTINA

Maryland KO

Bracket 5 1 JULIA BROWN-AQUIL AHMED-PAT WINTERBAUER-
16 Teams EVA SHAFFER
Bracket 7 1 JENNY ROSE-HERBERT FALLIN JR-JERRY KRIM-
16 Teams DAVID SCHULTZ

A B C Thurs. Eve. 300/200/100 Pairs (22 Pairs)

1 1 1 MARILYN ARMON-JANE FARTHING

A B C Thurs. Swiss Teams (99 Teams)

2/3 1 MARIAN VAN RYNE-MARY ANN CRAFT-JEAN
SCHOEPE-ROCHELLE SIMON

A B C Ravens Side Series Game (29 Pairs)

1 ROBERT LEPELLETIER JR.-BRENDAN DOYLE
1 ANN SNYDER-BARBARA TRAPP

A B C Fri. Aft. Side Game (50 Pairs)

1 ENID ASHERMAN-PETE HUGHES

B C Fri. B/C Pairs (64 Pairs)

1 MARSHA BROWN-PHIL MILLER

Fri.-Sat. KO

Bracket 6 1 PITAMBER DEVGON-GERRY HIGGINS-ALFRED
12 Teams O'MALLEY-RICHARD HESSE

A B C Sat. Stratified Open Pairs (121 Pairs)

2 1 1 JAY KELKAR-DEBNARAYAN DHAR

Weekend Bracketed KO

Bracket 2 1 BETTY BURSEY-SAM WESTGATE-LUCY MCCOY-
12 Teams CASSANDRA SMITH
Bracket 7 1 THOMAS DIN-GLORIA HALSTEAD-KATHRINE LOH-
16 Teams EDWARD MOLNAR

A X Sun. Flight A/X Swiss (36 Teams)

1 STEVE ROBINSON-BARBARA SHAW-JEFF ROMAN-JOHN
ADAMS-PETER BOYD
1 YI ZHONG-HAILONG AO-HUAILIN CHEN-WEIZHONG BAO-
KEFU XU-HARRY ZHOU

Club Updates

Lenore ("Lennie") Ward has two sanctioned bridge games now in the Cascades/Leesburg area:

- (1) Senior Center in Cascades (must be 55 to play)
Mon - 11 am to 3:00 pm
Thurs - 1 pm to 4:30 pm
- (2) Game held in individual's homes -- 5:00 pm. pot luck dinner plus sanctioned bridge at 6:00
open game - held 2nd and 4th Saturday of each month
Please call Lennie Ward for a reservation at 703-723-8614

CLOSED: The First-Woodlake DBC game in Falls Church, VA on Thursday nights has been closed.

NVBA ACE OF CLUBS STANDINGS

As of August 1, 2003

ROOKIE OF THE YEAR

John S Mason Jr 10.30
Susan C Slattery 8.89
Robert A Brady 7.82

JUNIOR MASTER

Donor M Lion 14.35
Edward A Molnar 10.92
Richard E Ott 9.23

CLUB MASTER

Herbert K Fallin Jr 24.99
Helene S Cooper 21.59
Marcia A Boynton 16.96

SECTIONAL MASTER

David H Schultz 31.59
Martha S Mangano 25.02
Richard J Hesse 19.90

REGIONAL MASTER

Ernest J Klimonda 25.24
Pitamber Devgon 23.52
Jay Kelkar 22.06

NABC MASTER

Pat Beebe 32.88
Mr Salam A Saidi 29.81
Mary A Murphy 22.46

NVBA ACE OF CLUBS STANDINGS, Concluded

LIFE MASTER

Edward D Rodrigues	27.52
Michael E Deegan	23.56
Hannah A Moore	22.59

BRONZE LIFE MASTER

Leslie A Powell	70.59
Jenny K Rose	45.48
Gordon A Ginsburg	39.65

SILVER LIFE MASTER

Peter J Hughes	58.98
Alfred P Duncker	48.54
Michael L Polunin	47.25

GOLD LIFE MASTER

Donald W Geerhart	111.27
Kenneth B Davis	95.80
Jean S Levin	52.80

DIAMOND LIFE MASTER

Andrew E Gabrilovitch	46.01
Jack A Armstrong	29.92
Ed R Lewis	17.49

GRAND LIFE MASTER

Ron M Sukoneck	1.17
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NVBA PLAYER OF THE YEAR STANDINGS

As of June 30, 2003

Rookie

8.68 Mary O'Shea
5.46 Joe Lentz
3.18 Jenny Shaefer
3.16 Reiko Lynch
3.05 Salam Saidi
2.84 Michele Liebel
2.21 Susan Brawn
2.06 Robert Brady
1.96 Jo Ann Bussey
1.73 Rajnesh Kathuria
1.50 Richard Hottell
1.39 Linda Clover

Intermediate

35.16 Prahalad Rajkumar
26.51 Mel Yudkin
17.58 Sulaiman Ghaussy
17.18 Paul Krueger
16.96 Leo Cardillo
14.62 Samuel Bowlin
12.28 Christon Johnson
12.11 Frank Cardillo
11.42 Ali Al-Aref
11.05 Monica Shumann
10.41 Leonid Fastovsky
10.41 Neal McKinney

Man of the Year

82.41 Robert Gookin
63.08 Charles Yaple
58.84 Kenneth Davis
47.72 Stan Schenker
41.48 Ed Lewis
38.84 Dan Kasture
38.62 Donald Geerhart
37.49 Sumner Steinfeldt
30.61 Edward Gofreed
30.38 Jim Wakefield

Woman of the Year

72.12 Janet Gookin
45.93 Margot Hennings
43.16 Helene Bauman
25.70 Vonnie Lavender
23.81 Jean Levin
23.00 Marjorie Gazzola
20.26 Mary Mudd
19.29 Diane Alexander
18.14 Norma Pierzchala
16.73 Marsha Brown

NVBA MINI - MCKENNEY STANDINGS

As of August 1, 2003

ROOKIE OF THE YEAR

Paul Stygar	15.62
John S Mason Jr	15.18
Susan C Slattery	14.23

JUNIOR MASTER

Edward A Molnar	23.33
Donor M Lion	19.57
Edwin L Brawn	17.30

CLUB MASTER

Herbert K Fallin Jr	83.01
Jerry C Krim	63.63
Ali Al-Aref	48.87

SECTIONAL MASTER

David H Schultz	58.25
Martha S Mangano	50.73
Prahalad Rajkumar	41.12

REGIONAL MASTER

Bob S Armstrong	67.69
Neal McKinney	64.42
Susan H Strauss	54.95

NABC MASTER

David Chechelashvili	62.15
Pat Beebe	52.72
Leo Cardillo	52.09

LIFE MASTER

Edward D Rodrigues	71.67
Glenn P Young	55.33
Martha W Lackey	50.95

BRONZE LIFE MASTER

Leslie A Powell	153.12
Dan Kasture	100.44
Marjorie L Gazzola	99.47

SILVER LIFE MASTER

Mark J Tonnesen	307.12
John R Ashe	249.34
La Quitta J Talbot	179.19

GOLD LIFE MASTER

Kenneth B Davis	440.07
Helene Bauman	201.85
Donald W Geerhart	189.45

NVBA MINI - MCKENNEY STANDINGS, Concluded

DIAMOND LIFE MASTER

Ed R Lewis 260.97
 Jeff M Roman 193.07
 Robert W Gookin 147.92

GRAND LIFE MASTER

Mr Ron M Sukoneck 55.68

“Maybe we can make game, partner, what do you think?”

Let’s talk about Game-Tries

By Jeff Roman

Of all the talks I give, the one I get the most follow-up questions about is the issue of game-tries. You will almost always get to game when the partnership possesses “brute-force values”, i.e., partner opens the bidding and you have 13+ points, or a huge fit. The purpose of game-tries is for those cases when you possess less than brute-force values.

I. “Do we have enough stuff for game?”

Quantitative game tries are the ones where you’re not trying to determine if the values the partnership possess fit particularly well, you just want to know if partner is at the top of his announced range or not. Examples include 1NT-P-2NT, 1NT-P-2C-P-2D/2H/2S-P-2NT, 1D-P-1S-P-1NT-P-2NT, and 1S-P-2S-P-3S. In the first three examples, where partner has either opened or rebid 1NT, the issue is clear-cut; “Partner, are you at the top of your range, or do you have your usual miserable collection?” The last auction is different. Opener had many ways to give responder a hint about what he was specifically looking for (discussed in the next segment), and didn’t use any of them. Thus the message here is, “Pard, I’m looking for you to have strong trumps and/or aces.” Opener could have, for example, ♠AJ109xx ♥Kx ♦KQJx ♣x. The only cards he cares about are the ♠KQ and the three aces he’s missing. He raises 2S to 3S, knowing that if you have any two of those missing cards, you’ll bid 4S. If, instead, your 2S bid was based on something like ♠xxx ♥QJ10xx ♦xx ♣KQx, of course you’ll pass.

II. “I Wonder if Our Values Fit Well Together?”

Our next case arises most frequently when we open 1 of a major and partner raises to 2 of a major. Say you have: ♠AJxxx ♥x ♦QJx ♣AKxx. You open 1S and partner raises to 2S. You bid 3C (a side-suit game try), and partner, looking at ♠KQx ♥xxx ♦xxx ♣QJxx, raises to game, knowing that his cards fit yours beautifully. If we exchanged partner’s clubs with his hearts, he would decline your invitation and bid 3S. Note that if partner had a super-maximum, he gets to accept your game try even if he doesn’t like clubs. Say partner had ♠KQxx ♥Axx ♦xxx ♣xxx, he would think, “Well, I don’t like clubs, but I’m bidding game anyway because I have an absolute maximum and all three of my cards are working.”

Let’s take another look at our example hand: ♠AJxxx ♥x ♦QJx ♣AKxx. When partner raises our 1S opening bid to 2S, the main thing we need to know is whether he has wasted values in hearts. In other words, more important to us than where his values ARE (because cards in spades, diamonds or clubs would be just fine), is where his values are NOT (hearts). This can be accomplished with a short-suit game try. 1S-P-2S-P-3H(!) asks, “Partner, I have shortness in hearts (usually zero or 1 one heart, occasionally two), how does that fit with your hand?” Now, in addition to the two hands from above where partner bid game, he would also know to bid game with (for example) ♠Kxxx ♥xxx ♦Kxx ♣Qxx, ♠KQx ♥xxx ♦Kxx ♣xxx, or ♠xxxx ♥xxxx ♦Kx ♣QJx, but not with ♠KQxx ♥Kxxx ♦xx ♣xxx. Since sometimes we want to know where partner’s values are, and sometimes we’d like to know where they are not, this is a useful place to put some artificiality into our system and do the necessary memory work with partner to make sure we both understand what we’re doing and how it works. Here’s the method: after 1M-P-2M-P ... the first step (2S over 2H or 2NT over 2S) asks partner to name the cheapest suit that he would accept a side-suit game try in. The other three bids (below 3 of our agreed major) show short-suit game tries. Let’s look at this in chart form:

After 1S – P – 2S – P
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Opener’s rebid	Meaning
2NT	Partner bid the cheapest suit in which you would accept a side-suit game try.
3C/3D/3H	Short-suit game-try.

It’s a little tricky when the suit is hearts, but follows the same scheme.

After 1H – P – 2H – P

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Opener's rebid	Meaning
2S	Partner bid the cheapest suit in which you would accept a side-suit game try. Bid 2NT for spades
2NT/3C/3D	Short-suit game-try. 2NT shows short spades

Let's look at some examples:

1. You hold ♠Kxx ♥AQ10xx ♦xx ♣KQx. You open 1H, partner raises to 2H. We bid 3D (short suit game try) and when partner has ♠AJ ♥Kxxx ♦xxx ♣Jxxx he bids game, but when he has ♠xxx ♥Kxxx ♦AJ ♣Jxxx, he returns to 3H.
2. You hold ♠Kxxxxxx ♥AKx ♦AQ ♣x and open 1S. When partner raises to 2S, you bid 3C (short suit game-try). Partner jumps to 4S, and you bid Blackwood! Partner shows 1 key card, and we bid 6S! Partner's hand: ♠AQx ♥QJxx ♦xxx ♣xxx. If partner doesn't have the Jack of hearts, you might need the diamond finesse.

III. "I Have Reason to Believe Our Values Fit Well Together."

A common example of this situation is we open and rebid a minor suit. 1C-P-1any-P-2C, and responder wonders whether to try for 3NT. The two most important features to look for in your hand are honors in partner's minor and fast tricks in the other suits. If both of these features are present, you can try for game with relatively little in the way of high-card points. Say pard opens 1C, you respond 1S, partner rebids 2C and you hold ♠J10xx ♥Axx ♦Kxxx ♣Qx. This hand is worth a try of 2NT, because as little as ♠xx ♥xxx ♦Ax ♣AKJxxx from partner makes game almost cold. Contrast that with a different 10-point hand, where neither of the critical features is present, such as ♠KJxx ♥QJxx ♦QJx ♣xx. This wouldn't be worth a try for game, because we would need a maximum 2C rebid and a strong 6-card suit to have any real chance of making 3NT. The features that partner should look for are similar -- a strong 6-card minor that you hope to run and fast tricks outside -- whether the invitational bid partner made was 2NT or a raise of the minor to the three level. If both partners keep these factors in mind, you stand a good chance of reaching some light-in-high-card-points but makeable 3NT contracts. As an opener who has rebid his minor suit remember that you decline an invitational 2NT by rebidding your suit. DON'T PASS! Go back to 3 of your minor (unless this was one of those rare cases when you were forced to rebid a 5-card suit). The odds are, if you're not making nine tricks in NT, you're not making eight tricks either. Put another way, if we're going to play in NT, we play 3NT!

IV. The Difference between IMPs and Matchpoints

Game tries are one of the very few areas where a partnership should approach IMPs or Matchpoints differently (mostly, you should just play bridge), but this is VERY important. Imagine the recap sheet at the end of a session of Matchpoints, on a 12 top, on a board where there was a touch-and-go game (maybe you make it, maybe you don't). There will be pairs who bid game and make it -- they will get 10s and 11s. There will be those who didn't bid game, but made it -- they will get 8s and 9s. Some will not bid game and not make it -- they will get 4s and 5s, and the unfortunate ones who bid game and don't make it will get 1's and 2's. The point is that, at pairs, the important thing is to GO PLUS. The disaster scenario at Matchpoints is this: you invite game, partner declines the invitation, and then GOES DOWN. ARGH!!

The result of all of this is that game tries at MATCHPOINTS are issued with care. The message is, "Partner, I'm pretty sure we're going to make the invitation, and I want you to bid game a) if you have extra values or even b) if you have solid normal values for your bidding to this point. (If you were yukking it up, and have your usual terrible hand, then pass)." We all know that we can't miss game at IMPs. Don't miss game at IMPs, don't miss game at IMPs...well, that's right, but we can't have both partners STANDING on the gas pedal all the time, or you'll spend the whole day going down in game. Your poor teammates will ask, "Do you guys ever go plus on any boards?" And you'll say, "Well, it's IMPs, we were in game!" OK...game tries work just the reverse at IMPs. They carry the message "Partner, I'm looking for miracles here. I need you to have EXTRA values to make a game. Remember, if I just needed some normal hand from you, I wouldn't TRY for game, I would just BID game myself!" To summarize: at Matchpoints, conservative game tries and aggressive acceptances of them; at teams, aggressive game tries and conservative acceptances of them.

The NVBA Board is looking for a volunteer to serve on the District 6 Charity Foundation Board. If you are interested in filling this position, please contact Leo Cardillo on 703-868-6868. Thank you.

HAIL AND FAREWELL

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

Pat Ballard	Carolyn Becraft	Clifford Broome
Seth Chamberlain	Bala Chandran	Erin Clark
Andrea Fritz	Shyam Hira	John Miles
Ardis Morriss	Marguerite Salah	Cynthia Santelli
Steve Schlosser	Phyllis Schultze	Cordellia R. Scruggs
Geordie Steward	Cathy Stryker	Geary Sutterfield
Ednae Trevey	Margaret Wade	

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

Tobi Bear	Dr. Arvin Bhandari	Robert Brennen
Harold Bruce	Dr. Ben Dickens	Jennifer Elder
Ken Elder	Bernice Hacke	Lauren Hacke
Hadrian Katz	Joseph Langbart	Janet Lee
Farideh Makhzani	Nasser Makhzani	Michele Maxson
Despo McKnight	Milind Pande	Marion Parks
Joyce Powell	Gregory Price	Louann Rowe
David Sachs	Melanie Schaengold	Philip Schaengold
Elizabeth Settle	Bernard Trippett	James Wade
Ruth Walters	Theodore Wang	Craig Wilson

The following persons have transferred out of our Unit:

Birgit Andersen	Blanche Anderson	Shirley Barlow
Rosemary Bollettino	Jeanne Braverman	Jan Evans
Earlynn Grant	W. Vance Grant, Jr.	James Hammond, Jr.
Rajnesh Kathuria	Richard Kearney	Robert Kerr
Carole Lee	Marc Mitchel	Michael Neds
Lindley Rhodes	Eleanor Ruddle	Larry Sager
Elizabeth Settle	Mike Tuchman	Rikki Welsh
	Annette Winters	

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

Jeanne Crane	Charles Hines	Mary Lacey
	Peggy Reich	

NVBA MILESTONES

NEW JUNIOR MASTERS:

Carol Andreotta	Ethel Hoffman	Chung Fa Hua
Joyce Montgomery	Jean Rachner	Michael Shu
Linda Szyszka	Nancy Young	

NEW CLUB MASTERS:

Mary Aurillo	David Banh	Robert Brady
Susan Brawn	Vicki Dailey	Martha Granger
John Mason, Jr.	Ray Morgan	Virginia Morgan
Richard Ott	Raj Rajeswaran	Susan Slattery
Paul Stygar	Elizabeth Traylor	Jean Verdow

NEW SECTIONAL MASTERS:

Alda Ball	Larry Byres	Dorothy Carlson
Helene Cooper	Helen Darby	Terry Jones
Mrs. Christian Loung	David Meadows	Dr. Edward Molnar
Howard Schuyler	Jeff Youngen	

NEW REGIONAL MASTERS:

William Adams	Ali Al-Aref	Dorothy Bechtle
Margaret Brown	Helen Dodge	Abdul Etemadi
John Fahs, Jr.	Herbert Fallin, Jr.	Gloria Halstead
Richard Hesse	Tina Hogan	John Hudson
Christon Johnson	Jerry Krim	Prahalad Rajkumar
Ann Snyder	Betty Taff	

NEW NABC MASTERS:

Bob Armstrong	Sam Bowlin	Hualin Chen
Pitamber Devgon	Barbara DiCicco	Livingston Johnson
Neal McKinney	Mahadeo	John Ruff
Susan Strauss	Patwardhan	

NEW LIFE MASTERS:

Nancy Arnold	Frank Cardillo	Debnarayan Dhar
Kira Jacobson	Paul Krueger	Richard Mersch
Joe Ogulin	Barbara Pepelko	Sue Swift
Ed Taborek	Robert Tarczy	

NVBA MILESTONES, Concluded

NEW BRONZE LIFE MASTERS:

Julia Brown Aquil Ahmed Gloria Conrad
Glenn Young Richard Mersch

NEW SILVER LIFE MASTERS:

Robert Lepelletier, Jr.

NEW GOLD LIFE MASTERS:

William Snyder Chuck Yaple

12th Annual Van "The Man" Charity Game ***Sponsored by the Laurel Bridge Club***

Saturday, October 4, 2003 6:00 PM
Deerfield Run School and Community Center
13000 Laurel-Bowie Road (Route 197)

Charity game: all proceeds go to the Midnight Basketball League.
Bring your own partner or bid on a top player at the game.

Silent Auction	6:00-9:00 PM
Raffles	6:00-10:00 PM
All you can eat lasagna	6:00 PM
Partners for sale	7:35 PM
Homemade dessert sale	all evening
Bridge game	8:00 PM

Call Rose Berman at 301-776-3581 or Mary Dresser at 301-776-5992 for further information.

Directions: From northbound on the BW Parkway (Rt. 295), take Rt. 197 towards Laurel. Go through three lights. Just past Montpelier Drive, watch for the Deerfield Run School on the left. If you reach Contee Rd., you have gone one-half block too far.
From southbound on Rt. 295, take Rt. 197 towards Laurel. Take a right at the end of the exit ramp. Go through two lights. Just past Montpelier Drive, watch for the Deerfield Run School on the left.
From Rt. I-95, take Rt. 198 East, go through the town of Laurel and after crossing Route 1, both North and South, take Rt. 197 South (a right turn). Go through six lights. Just past Contee Rd. Watch for the Deerfield Run School on your right. If you reach Montpelier Dr. you have gone half a block too far.

EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

Instruction by Joanne Pretti

WHEN: 7:30-9:30, Wed. nights, Oct 1-Nov 19. Additional topics on Sun. Aft.
WHAT: Bridge Basics featuring modern bidding methods.
WHERE: McLean Community Center
CONTACT: Call 703-790-0123 for registration information/directions.

Instruction by John Mason. Background: long-time veteran of tournament bridge play, both in the USA and overseas. Currently he serves as Director of the Montebello Duplicate Bridge Club in Alexandria.

WHEN: Fridays, 12:30 p.m.-3:00 p.m., from Sep 12 to Dec 19 (No game Nov 28).
WHAT: Easy Bridge III – Fall 2003
WHERE: Reston Community Center
CONTACT: For further info please call Eileen Boone, Senior Adult Program Director, at 703-648-2835 or e-mail: eileen.boone@fairfaxcounty.gov

WHEN: Tuesday evenings, 7 to 10 p.m., from Sep 30 to Nov 18.
WHAT: Contract Bridge for Beginners (Easy Bridge Lite)
WHERE: Northern Va. Community College, Alexandria
CONTACT: For further info, please e-mail John Mason at jsm36@cox.net

Instruction by Dave McIntyre. Background: Life Master, ACBL accredited 4-star teacher, Club Director, and Cruise Director. Teaches beginners-advanced.

WHEN: Mondays beginning September 8, 12 PM to 3 PM --- Fun & Learn Bridge
WHAT: Ten weeks with 30 minutes of topical bridge subject followed by 2 1/2 hours of social duplicate (ask questions at any time).
WHERE: Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Annandale
CONTACT: Call Dave at 703-503-3139 or email at dsmcna57@aol.com

WHEN: Tuesdays 10 AM to 12 PM --- Play of the Hand by Declarer
WHAT: Course covers the fundamentals of making the most tricks.
CONTACT: Call Dave at 703-503-3139 or email at dsmcna57@aol.com
START: Sunday September 14 (All other classes on Tuesdays)

WHEN: Start Sep. 17, Wed 7:30 PM to 10 PM --- Commonly Used Conventions
WHAT: Course covers modern conventions for the 21st Century.
WHERE: Carlyle Towers Condominium Alexandria
CONTACT: Dave at 703-503-3139 or email him at dsmcna57@aol.com

WHEN: Thursdays 7:30 PM to 9:30 PM -- Audrey Grant's Club Series
WHAT: Learning to play Standard American bridge for beginners and brush-up for those absent from the game for many years.
WHERE: Reston
Call Dave for directions at 703-503-3139 or email him at dsmcna57@aol.com

NVBA FALL SECTIONAL TOURNAMENT

6-9 November 2003

Knights of Columbus Hall (KOCH)

5115 Little Falls Road, Arlington, VA 703-536-9656

NOTE: ALL VIRGINIA EVENTS ARE AT KOCH!!

NOTE THE NEW START TIMES!!

THURSDAY 6 NOVEMBER

Knights of Columbus Hall, Arlington, VA (NVBA)

Christ the King Church, one block south of East-West Highway on Colston)

	NVBA/KOCH	WBL
Strataflighted Pairs (A/X=3000+/3000; B/C=2000/750)	.....7:00 p.m.	7:30 p.m.
299er Pairs (300/200/100 MPs)	..... 7:00 p.m.	
199er Pairs (200/100/50 MPs).	.....	7:30 p.m.

FRIDAY 7 NOVEMBER

Stratified Open Pairs (2000+/2000/750)	.....2:00 p.m.
299er Pairs (0-300 MPs)	.....2:00 p.m.
Mini-Stratified Pairs (100/50/20)	.....2:00 p.m.
Stratified Open Pairs (2000+/2000/750)	.....7:30 p.m.
Intermediate Strat Pairs (300/200/100/50 MPs)	.....7:30 p.m.

SATURDAY 8 NOVEMBER

<i>Novice IM Guest Lecture—Jeff Roman</i>	.....9:00 a.m.
Stratified Open Pairs (2000+/2000/750)	.....9:30 a.m.
Stratified Senior Pairs (2000+/2000/750)	.....9:30 a.m.
Mini-Stratified Pairs (100/50/20)	.....9:30 a.m.
Flight A/X Pairs (3000+/3000)	.....2:00 p.m.
Flight B/C/D Pairs (2000/750/300).	.....2:00 p.m.
Stratified Senior Pairs (2000+/2000/750).	.....2:00 p.m.
Mini-Stratified Pairs (100/50/20)	.....2:00 p.m.
EasyBridge! Pairs (20/5).	.....2:00 p.m.
Stratified Open Pairs (2000+/2000/750)	.....7:30 p.m.
Intermediate Stratified Pairs (300/200/100/50).	.....7:30 p.m.

SUNDAY 9 NOVEMBER

Flight A/X and B/C Swiss Teams	.....11:00 a.m.
Flts A/X 3000+/0-3000, Flights B/C 2000/750	
2-session events, one 30-minute break—box lunch available	
299er Swiss Teams (0-300), single sessions.	.....11:00 a.m.
Mini-Stratified ST (100/50/20), single sess11:00 a.m.
299/199/99er ST (300/200/100), single sess.3:15 p.m.

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