



NVBA Newsletter

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Northern Virginia Bridge Association

NVBA Dave Murray Sportsmanship Award

This year's Annual meeting featured the presentation of the first annual Dave Murray Award, in recognition of a player who best personifies the ideals of skill and sportsmanship, to Andy Gabrilovitch. Dave Murray was an extremely fine NVBA player who played and teamed with the top players on the East Coast, but his partnership qualities transcended his bridge skills. Even for his regular partners, playing with him was an honor. Dave could have played with anyone, but he chose friends over experts. He was a gentleman at all times and never criticized his partners. A gentle chiding was the worst one would ever get from



Leo Cardillo, Andy Gabrilovitch, Marshall Kuschner

Dave. The NVBA decided to initiate the award at this time because the tenth anniversary of Dave's death occurred the week of the Annual Meeting.

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Of Special Interest:

- ◆ Hunt Valley Regional August 16-22

Presidents' Message

by Leo Cardillo



Time flies when you are having fun, and that certainly has been the case as my first year as President of NVBA is in the books! The months have roared by like the Starship Enterprise on maximum warp! And as I noted in my remarks at the recent Annual Meeting, I am both humbled and pleased by the opportunities and results of fiscal year 2003. I am humbled by the breadth and complexity of the tasks at hand. But I am even more pleased to be working with such a talented Board, so many enthusiastic volunteers and by the support and participation of our bridge playing membership! This has been a very good year for NVBA and I am confident that 2004 will be even more successful!

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In my last message, I promised to follow-up on my trip to Reno with Robert Brady and David Banh in tow to compete at the C level NAP competition. Robert and David gave it their best shot, but came up a little short at the half-way mark. Sunday we found a fourth and had a respectable 7th place in the B level Swiss. Born in Brooklyn and having suffered through all those long summers when the NY Giants and NY Yankees took turns at eliminating my beloved Brooklyn Dodgers, I can repeat with a firm voice and a certain conviction, "Wait until next year!" The boys of summer will return to battle and will be victorious!

The April Sectional bears some special mention as NVBA hosted a record 389.5 tables! Attendance has been up at a number of our Sectionals and Unit games, and I was especially pleased that the April Sectional had a strong I/N participation! The Sectionals provide NVBA's best profit margin, and indeed the April Sectional tipped the year-end bottom line into the black!

Hard on the April Sectional was a most successful Annual Meeting. The weather was perfect, the picnic was outstanding, and the table count was a very strong 44+ tables, as I recall! The Board and volunteers all worked hard to bring you the best of food, awards and bridge playing! The hotly contested elections (NOT!) yielded a most welcome return of Margot, Kathryn and Ed for another two years each. In addition, the Board welcomes new members, Scott Merritt and Diane Alexander. Diane replaces Ron Spieker who served long and

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Upcoming NVBA Games & Special Events

Jul	15	Beth El	7:00	Stratified Unit Championship
Jul	22	Beth El	7:00	Stratified NAP
Jul	29	Beth El	7:00	WBL Sectional
Aug	5	Beth El	7:00	Stratified NAP
Aug	12	Beth El	7:00	Stratiflighted Unit Championship
Aug	19	Beth El	7:00	Closed Hunt Valley Regional
Aug	26	Beth El	7:00	Stratiflighted Unit Championship
Sep	2	Beth El	7:00	Stratiflighted Club Championship
Sep	9	KOCH	7:00	NVBA Sectional
Sep	16	KOCH	7:00	Stratiflighted Local Charity Game
Sep	23	Beth El	7:00	Stratified MBA STaC
Sep	30	Beth El	7:00	WBL Sectional
Oct	7	Beth El	7:00	Stratified Club Appreciation Pairs
Oct	14	Beth El	7:00	Stratified Club Appreciation Swiss

Stratification Limits:

For regular NVBA Unit Games:

Stratified games: A is unlimited, B is 0-2000, and C is 0-500.

Stratiflighted games: A/X is 3000+/0-3000, B/C is 0-2000/0-500

For the NAP qualifying games, the stratifications are:

A is unlimited, B is 0-2000, and C is NLM (0-500).

2004 Sectional Schedule

N V B A	September 9-12	W B L	July 29-August 1
	October 21-24		September 30-October 3

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well as Treasurer. Scott will be an invaluable asset in continuing the development of the I/N game and is also committed to finishing the NVBA on-line Directory.

In addition to all the regular awards which are detailed elsewhere, NVBA had two special awards that I would like to mention for those that might have missed the meeting. The first award was a Certificate of Appreciation for Matt Pierzchala for his endless amount of work in support of the NVBA! Matt's certificate included a gift certificate to Comp USA to help finance his continuing interest in all things PC!

The second award was the Dave Murray Favorite Partner Trophy. Our Unit Director, Marshall Kuschner, gets the credit for proposing this award and for doing much of the spade work in making it happen. I did not know Dave Murray, but many folks did, and he was renowned as an extraordinary bridge player and partner. Dave died about ten years ago. The annual trophy will be awarded to the player that most nearly approximates the qualities and attitude that marked Dave as a legendary player in Northern Virginia. Working with recommendations that were received from the Clubs, the Board unanimously selected Andy Gabrilovitch as the first winner of this unique and prestigious award. Marshall set the stage for the award with a review of the qualities that made Dave such a remarkable player. Andy, who was completely unaware of his selection, then gave some heartfelt accolades about his old friend and partner, Dave Murray. It was a special moment, indeed.

Back at Thomas Jefferson High School (TJHS), David Banh contacted the ACBL and made all the arrangements for the third running of the National Matchpoint Competition. Three years ago, we did not have the minimum of three tables necessary to compete. Last year, TJHS ran seven tables and had one pair place ninth in the nation. This year, TJHS had TEN tables, TWO sections, and won first place East/West in the Nation! For their exceptional accomplishment, Brendan Conway and Benjamin Pollack will each earn a \$500 college scholarship! See David's article for more details!

In June, the NVBA Board worked with David Banh, our non-voting student representative on the Board, to support his idea to run a two-day bridge event at TJHS on the weekend as part of the Sectional Tournament at Clubs (StaC) held in mid-June. This was a first-ever effort to complement the other clubs participating in the STaC's and was a unique initiative to incorporate a new venue and hopefully one that appeals to the student players, as well as the adult players for the STaC week by offering games Friday and Saturday evening that aren't available in northern Virginia otherwise. See what I mean about having wonderful volunteers?!

Finally, as NVBA rolls into the lazy days of summer, the July 4th Regional will be a major event for all to attend and enjoy! Margot and Kathryn and a host of other volunteers will make this a 4th of July Regional to remember! Be there!

See you at the tables!!

The Jack of Hearts

by Marshall Kushner

It was the best of times and the even better of times. Yes, this is a tale of two cities, just not THOSE two cities. It could even be called A Tale of Two Nationals. The first was the Spring NABC in Reno. It's not often a National is expected to break the record before it starts, but that was the case in Reno. In fact, Reno was not only expected to set a new Spring record, it was expected to become the first Spring NABC to exceed 15,000 tables. By the time the last card was played, however, Reno 2004 had to "settle" for a Spring NABC record of 14,954.5 tables, breaking the old record of 13,967 tables set in Reno in 1998. Of course, 1998 broke the record set in 1989 in, you guessed it, Reno. If there's a message here, it must be that there are three secrets to holding a great National: location, location, location. Orlando always does well because it's affordable. Las Vegas and Reno, in addition to affordability, are gambling Meccas. For Chicago and Washington, it's tourist attractions. Of course, the same three secrets apply to holding a "small" National, e.g. Minneapolis in November, Miami in August, or Kansas City anytime.



"Now the problem seems to be finding space for all the players. It's a nice problem to have."

Bobby Gookin headed the list of Reno successes with a sixth place finish in the first National Open Pairs event. Sadly, Bobby was the only NVBA player on the list. However, there was one funny story to report. One night I boarded an elevator that contained about six people, including Curtis Cheek. Knowing that he had played in the Vanderbilt that day, I asked if he had won. He replied that he had been bitten by the upset bug and lost to a lower-seeded team. I offered condolences just before we reached his floor. No sooner had the doors closed behind him than the lady in front of me said, "Hmmp! Another disgruntled wannabe!" For those of you who, like this lady, don't know who Curtis is, his picture appeared on the front page of the tournament bulletin two days later to commemorate his

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winning his 20,000th point. Of course, of all the people I told this story to, no one laughed harder than Curtis.

The second "National" we're reporting on is the Gatlinburg Regional. Two years ago, Gatlinburg became the first Regional to reach 7,000 tables. The cognoscenti opined that, while extremely popular, Gatlinburg had reached the milestone in part because the tournament had fallen in the second half of April, after tax season. The next year (2003), they predicted, with the tournament scheduled for early April, attendance would be down. Instead, it increased to over 7,400 tables. So what did the smart money say about 2004? They shrugged and grudgingly allowed that this year might bring another modest increase. When the dust settled, Gatlinburg 2004 was looking at

8,000 tables in the rear-view mirror with a final total of 8,208. I guess you could call ten percent a modest increase. 8208 tables! Think of it! And that's with attendance falling off sharply the last two days. Ol' Rocky Top must be doing something right, but it can't go on forever, can it? The words of Yogi Berra come to mind. "No one goes there anymore. It's too crowded."

GNT Winners

It's not often that our unit trumps the WBL on the field of battle, but this year's GNT competition is an exception. Alan Schwartz and Ai-Tai Lo are on the Championship Flight team, while Mark Chen, Hal Hindman, Sumner Steinfeldt, and yours truly will represent District 6 in Flight A, and Kris Miller, Steve Bunning, Bob Zier, and Hank Strauch will do the same in Flight B. Good luck to all in New York!

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Club directors were asked to help in identifying qualified candidates. They could nominate up to three players for this award. The criteria were a combination of bridge ability and partnership skills. The first winner of this award was one of Dave's favorite partners. The NVBA is pleased to congratulate Andy for this recognition by his peers of his excellent skills and sportsmanship at the bridge table. We wish there were more players like you Andy (and Dave Murray)!



NVBA Juniors Win Instant Match Point Event

by David Banh

On April 30, Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology hosted a bridge game in conjunction with the ACBL School Instant Matchpoint event. Forty students attended, many of whom finished among the top ten pairs for each direction in the nation. Most notable among these were Brendan Conway and Benjamin Pollack, who were the top East-West pair nationally, finishing the twelve board event with a 70.0%. Each student earned a \$500 scholarship from the ACBL.



Brendan, a junior at Jefferson, is an avid violinist and attends the Perlman Music Program every summer. Through this camp, he has gone to perform in countries as far away as Russia. He has also played closer to home with the National Symphony Orchestra at the Kennedy Center and at Carnegie Hall. Brendan wants to attend Yale and continue pursuing his music career.



Ben, who is also a junior, participates in the school's wrestling team and Cross Country team. Ben's main academic interest is in the sciences and, while he has not decided where he wants to attend college yet, is planning on majoring in biology. Both students are members of the NVBA.

The game proceeded smoothly thanks to the volunteer efforts of Paul Krueger, Joanne Pretti and Robert Brady, who had to set up two sets of the 16 boards earlier that day. Students were encouraged to call the director on irregularities, but the most common problems encountered were leads out of turn by declarer and insufficient bids.

The game was a huge success as everyone enjoyed the game and many students wondered when the next event would be held.

Climbing the Ladder

New Junior Masters

Bala Chandran
 Larry J Clandorf
 Bradley A Clark
 Nancy Detweiler
 Forouz Farnoush
 Saadollah Ghaussy
 Ann O Jennings
 Patricia Tarczy

New Club Masters

Carolyn H Becraft
 James Biss
 Dr Albert C Casabona
 Linda D Clover
 John W Gorman
 Elizabeth Nolte
 Jerry Nolte
 Elizabeth A Parker
 Lilla Wolfman

New Sectional Masters

Gerard M Brannon
 Robert A Brady
 Dr Jose Cortina

Margaret B De Butts
 Elizabeth Huffman
 Michele A Liebel
 John S Mason Jr
 Mary L Viereck

New Regional Masters

Dr Edward A Molnar
 Joseph Pieper
 Scott Simpson
 Phyllis Talley
 Iris Wilson

New NABC Master

Gerry Higgins

New Life Masters

Barbara A DiCicco
 Herb K Fallin Jr
 Jean H Schoepe

New Silver Life Masters

Marsha L Brown
 Melissa Gumbert



NVBA on the Internet: <http://www.nvba.org>

GNT Flight Open & A Winners

OPEN FLIGHT

Alan Schwartz—Ai Tai Lo
 Mark Dahl - Dave Butler

FLIGHT A

Sumner Steinfeldt – Hal Hindman
 Mark Chen – Marshall Kuschner

Annual Meeting In Pictures



**Mini-McKenney
Winners**
Ken Davis
Ed Lewis
Mark Tonnesen
Ed Rodrigues
Livingston Johnson
David Shultz
Herb Fallin Jr.
Paul Stygar

Ace of Clubs Winners

- Don Geerhart
- Pete Hughes
- Zeke Letellier
- Herb Fallin Jr.
- Salim Saidi
- Paul Stygar



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Man of Year: Ken Davis
Woman of Year: Janet Gookin
Rookie of Year: Richard Hottell



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Myths and Old Wives Tales

by Tournament Director Terry Lavender

How many times have you heard, "Your partner hesitated, so you can't bid?"

Clearly, not true. Although your partner's break in tempo has severely limited your actions, you may still bid. What you may not do is, "Choose from among logical alternative actions one that could demonstrably have been suggested over another by the extraneous information." That is chapter and verse straight from the Law Book. Someone in Memphis is being paid by the word! How must you apply this info at the table?

Let's look at a some examples:

Partner opens 1♠, next hand passes and you bid 2♠ holding: KJxx-Qxx-xxx-Jxx. Your left hand opponent bids 3♥ and partner goes into the tank before passing. Your once meager values have been diminished. The heart Queen probably has lost its value, and even though you know partner has extras (make no mistake, the break in tempo shows extras!), this hand is a clear pass. With the same auction 1S-P-2S-3H-(tank)P-P to you, and you hold KJxx-x-K109xx-xxx, you may bid 3♠ with a clear conscience. You have shortness in the opponent's suit, four trump and a possible source

of tricks in the Diamond suit. The same number of HCP as the first example, but what a difference!

This one is from Reno. It starts 1♠-3♣ (weak) to you, and you hold QJxxx-J1098-Kx-xx. You decide to bid 4♠. The auction continues 5♦, - long thought by partner, then X-P back to you. Now, if partner had stood on the chair and doubled with a red card of thunder, you would have been happy to pass. After all, he wants to defend, and you have the K of their trump. Numbers ending with 00 would dance through your head. But, now you have the 60-second break in tempo to consider. Does he have extra points or spades or offense? It doesn't matter. "Pass" is clearly a 'logical alternative,' and that must be your call.

If your bids are made in tempo you leave the way clear for partner to bid as he/she wishes. Only when you take forever to choose your action do you limit partner's options.



First Quarter Jackpot Winners

Barry Sparks and Mary Mudd topped both the A and B classes in the first installment of the NVBA Unit Game Quarterly Jackpot series. They will each take home \$50 for their efforts. John Hawks and A. Hawks were second in flight B and first in flight C and they will split \$50. The unit game results of January 15 & 29, February 5 & 26 and March 11, 18 & 25 were used to determine the winners.



Jackpot Flight B

Rank	Name	%
1/2	Barry Sparks	61.12
1/2	Mary Mudd	61.12
3/4	A Hawks	58.89
3/4	John Hawks	58.89
5/6	Scott Merritt	57.76
5/6	Stuart Fleischmann	57.76
7/8	Michael Polunin	57.68
7/8	Sulaiman Ghaussy	57.68
9	Virginia Fletcher	55.38
10	Rodney Severson	55.26

Jackpot Flight A

Rank	Name	%
1/2	Mary Mudd	61.12
1/2	Barry Sparks	61.12
3/4	Ed Lewis	61.01
3/4	Charles Yapple	61.01
5	Donald Geerhart	60.60
6	Jean Levin	60.31
7/8	Robert Gookin	59.46
7/8	Janet Gookin	59.46
9/10	Sulaiman Ghaussy	59.04
9/10	Michael Polunin	59.04

Jackpot Flight C

Rank	Name	%
1	A Hawks	58.89
2	John Hawks	58.89
3	Bob Silverstein	54.83
4	Paul Stygar	54.83
5	Evan Allen	50.98
6	Seth Pritikin	48.98
7	Kim Ashenden	48.70
8	Youssef Seraj	48.04
9	John Miles	47.32
10	Philip Kopala	47.21

Player of the Year Final Standings

Players must attend at least three WBL and three NVBA sectionals during the contest period (September, 2003, through April, 2004). Points won on Tournament Thursday evenings are included in the totals, but do not count towards eligibility.

For the first time since these races have existed, the leading

MP winner in a category is not eligible because of a failure to meet the eligibility requirements.

Noble Shore (the highest total), played in only two NVBA and two WBL sectionals. Michael Gill (the second highest total), played in all four WBL sectionals, however, only two NVBA sectionals. Therefore, the Non-Life Master champion is Wanda Avila.

Top 20 Open Leaders		Top 10 Non-LM Leaders	
Player	Points	Player	Points
Leo LaSota	145.88	Noble Shore	37.06
Mark Shaw	130.02	Michael Gill	32.54
Steve Robinson	113.88	Wanda Avila	25.52
Hailong Ao	92.29	Christon Johnson	23.66
Kenneth Davis	87.99	David Chechelashvili	21.31
William Cole	82.83	Randy Zeibert	20.85
Alfred Steinberg	71.84	Marshall Kramer	19.81
Weizhong Bao	70.96	Penny Stoever	19.48
Barbara Shaw	70.55	Robert Boorman	17.73
Fred King	69.07	Richard Allison	17.41
Richard Ferrin	68.56	Herbert Behre III	17.36
Eugene Kales	68.43	Madeline Delahan	17.17
John Adams	67.28	Franz Delahan	17.17
Helene Bauman	65.53	Stephen Mac Arthur	17.00
Donna Rogall	63.44	Samuel Bowlin	16.91
Yi Zhong	57.91	Susan Strauss	16.76
Frank King Jr.	57.39	Anne Derbes	16.65
Robert Hopkins Jr.	56.68	Robert Schwab	16.65
Robert Gookin	56.00	Kim Ashenden	16.59
Mita Banerjee	54.16	Jon Ranhand	15.98
		Donald Goldman	15.98

Hail and Farewell

We would like to welcome the following new members into our Unit:

Naeem Akram
 Robert M Alspaugh
 Sally Bell
 Joy E Brennen
 Larry E Brown
 Marian Corey
 Michael N Duniven
 David A Fitzwilliam
 Pete K Fitzwilliam
 Jean Frohlicher
 John H Frohlicker
 Fred Gramlich
 Lois A Gregg
 Dr Gregory D Haight
 Sheila E Hamel
 Robert M Huley
 Willis Paley Hume
 Shirley A Indelicato
 Moonja P Kim
 Ruth D Kreitz
 Richard T Malesardi
 Dorothy T McCreery
 Rosemary T McDonald
 Russell W McGuire
 Ashley B Rahn
 Sharon E Rosendhal
 Jim Sears
 Michael B Sneed
 John P Thomas
 Kathryn G Weyers
 James A Winchester Jr

We would like to welcome the following transfers into our Unit:

Gloria Berg
 Rosemary Bollettino
 Joe G Claveau
 Lillian M Drenz
 John L Fahs Jr
 William N Fitch
 Mary A Foy
 Rachael Garrity
 Gordon A Ginsburg
 Margaret T Jordan
 Doris E Klein
 Henry P Leweling
 Scott A Merritt
 Kris Miller
 Bud P Nasteff
 John R Shannonhouse
 Sarah E Turner
 William C Waller

We give our regards to the following people who have transferred out of our Unit:

Sandra Christensen
 Patricia C Coe
 Maurice J Fox
 Dr Jeff S Haines
 Dr Ruth A Haines
 Richard Helfand
 Judith H Phelps
 Gerald M Pittler
 Ron Terry
 Carolyn S Thompson
 Randy Thompson
 Tetsuo Yama

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

John Binford
 Dr George Hardman
 Ruth A. Kovacevich



Parade of Winners

NVBA April Sectional 4/22-4/25

THURSDAY FLIGHT A/X PAIRS (72 Pairs)

- 1 1 Roger Stern - Sandra Stern
- 2 Rossi Lindstrom - Warren Kaufman
- 2 Stuart Fleischmann - Scott Merritt

THURSDAY FLIGHT B/C PAIRS (60 Pairs)

- 1 Jackie Thompson - Ruth Zimmerman
- 2 1 Melville Yudkin - Christon Johnson
- 2 Alan Tapper - Joel Goldberg

THURSDAY 299ER PAIRS IN ARLINGTON (24 Pairs)

- 1 1 1 Ruth Woods - Marvin Raines
- 2 2 Edward Molnar - Kathrine Loh
- 2 Nancy Detweiler - Marshall Fite

FRIDAY AFTERNOON OPEN PAIRS (52 Pairs)

- 1 Robert Gookin - Donna Rogall
- 2 Leo LaSota - Barbara Shaw
- 1 Salam Saidi - Kamel Tabbara
- 2 1 Jerry Krim - Herbert Fallin Jr
- 2 Debnarayan Dhar - Jay Kelkar

FRIDAY AFTERNOON 299ER PAIRS (22 Pairs)

- 1 Dale Collinson - Susan Collinson
- 2 Phyllis Talley - Joan McQuaid

FRIDAY AFTERNOON MINI-STRAT PAIRS (10 Pairs)

- 1 Florence Drake - Robert Drake
- 2 1 Toni Vasquez - Linda Szyszka
- 2 Jean Verdow - Dick Verdow

FRIDAY EVENING OPEN PAIRS (42 Pairs)

- 1 1 1 Noble Shore - Michael Gill
- 2 Nadine Wood - Donald Hennings
- 2 Alice Wegman - John Glynn

- 2/3 Alice Behre - Herbert Behre III
- 2/3 Benazir Ghaussy - Abdul Etemadi

FRIDAY EVENING 299ER PAIRS (20 Pairs)

- 1 Yvonne Markell - Elva Grillo
- 2 1 Marilyn Smebakken - Elizabeth Traylor
- 2 1 Shayesteh Nejad - Mohssen Nejad
- 2 Richard Ott - Jack Rakowski

SATURDAY MORNING OPEN PAIRS (40 Pairs)

- 1 1 1 Mark Rosen - Steven Forsythe
- 2 Ronald Spieker - Bruce Culmer
- 2 2 Bob Silverstein - Paul Stygar

SATURDAY MORNING SENIOR PAIRS (28 Pairs)

- 1 1 Bernard Oetjen - J. David Grier
- 2 2 1 Marie-Theres Klinefelter - Aloha South
- 2 Jon Ranhand - Donald Goldman

SATURDAY AFTERNOON A/X PAIRS (40 Pairs)

- 1 1 Hailong Ao - David Chechelashvili
- 2 Don Probst - Robert Bell
- 2 Vincent Bartone - Adair Gellman

SATURDAY AFTERNOON B/C PAIRS (32 Pairs)

- 1 Mary Mudd - Barry Sparks
- 2 Charles Young Jr - Lynn Boardman
- 1 Franz Delahan - Madeline Delahan
- 2 Barbara Macknick - Joan Fisher

SATURDAY AFTERNOON SR PAIRS (22 Pairs)

- 1 1 John Mason Jr - Michael Polunin
- 2 2 Samuel Mills Jr - Zehava Tadjer
- 1 William Pepelko - Barbara Pepelko
- 2 Martha Mangano - Richard Bryar

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(22 Pairs)**

- 1 1 Marilyn Smebakken - Elizabeth Traylor
- 2 2 Helen Dodge - Halina Kulczycki

**SATURDAY AFT. MINI-STRAT PAIRS
(18 Pairs)**

- 1 Jean Verdow - Dick Verdow
- 2 1 Ruth Woods - Marvin Raines
 - 2 1 Anne Vaeth - Roberta Feldstein
 - 2 Ethel Hoffman - Janice Smith

**SATURDAY EVENING OPEN PAIRS
(50 Pairs)**

- 1 Lyle Poe Jr - Rich Regan
- 2 Ann Lindley - Frank King Jr
 - 1 1 Bob Armstrong - Barbara DiCicco
 - 2 2 Carole Banks - Cecilia Valdivieso

**SATURDAY EVENING 299ER PAIRS
(12 Pairs)**

- 1 1 William Colket - Doreen Colket
- 2 2 Edward Molnar - Kathrine Loh

**SUNDAY FLIGHT A/X SWISS
(14 Teams)**

- 1 Thomas Lavender - John Klayman - Jerome Resnick - Eugene Davidson
- 2 1 David Grabiner - Todd Zimnoch - Alfred Graham - Penny Stoever
- 2 Barbara Ames - Diane Walker - Ellen Cherniavsky - Rae Dethlefsen

**SUNDAY FLIGHT B/C SWISS
28 Teams**

- 1/2 1 Donald Goldman - Jon Ranhand - Steven Sacks - Richard Levin
- 1/2 Ronald Kral - Jane Sturgis - Joseph Trunk - Dan Moore
- 2 James Andre - Richard Allison - Thomas Gallagher - John Lowe III

**SUNDAY MORNING 299ER SWISS
(15 Teams)**

- 1 1 1 Susan Slattery - Philip Slattery - Joseph Bekhor - David Dove
- 2 2 Mary Tubbs - Halina Kulczycki - Alda Ball - Helen Dodge
- 2 Donor Lion - Edwin Brawn - Nancy Young - Joe Lentz

**SUNDAY AFTERNOON 299ER SWISS
(8 Teams)**

- 1 Robert Von Moss - Rama Kapur - Nancy Weil - Margaret Buda
- 2 1 Donor Lion - Edwin Brawn - Joe Lentz - Nancy Young
- 2 Dorothy Bechtle - Patricia Byrne - Margaret Storey - Tina Hogan

TOP TEN LISTS**All Players**

- 1 18.41 Leo LaSota
- 2 18.10 Eugene Davidson
- 18.10 Jerome Resnick
- 4 17.15 John Klayman
- 17.15 Thomas Lavender
- 6 15.29 Noble Shore
- 15.29 Michael Gill
- 8 13.97 Donna Rogall
- 9 13.57 Robert Gookin
- 10 12.56 David Grabiner
- 12.56 Penny Stoever
- 12.56 Todd Zimnoch
- 12.56 Alfred Graham

Players with < 2000 masterpoints

- 1 18.10 Jerome Resnick
- 2 15.29 Noble Shore
- 15.29 Michael Gill
- 4 12.56 David Grabiner
- 12.56 Alfred Graham
- 12.56 Todd Zimnoch
- 12.56 Penny Stoever
- 8 12.24 David Chechelashvili
- 12.24 Hailong Ao
- 10 12.17 Sandra Stern

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- 1 15.29 Michael Gill
- 15.29 Noble Shore
- 3 12.56 Penny Stoever
- 12.56 Alfred Graham
- 12.56 Todd Zimnoch
- 6 12.24 David Chechelashvili
- 7 9.47 Donald Goldman
- 9.47 Jon Ranhand
- 9 8.74 Mark Rosen
- 10 7.39 Nancy Young

NVBA Members

- 1 17.15 Thomas Lavender
- 2 13.57 Robert Gookin
- 3 12.30 Kenneth Davis
- 4 12.24 David Chechelashvili
- 5 11.09 Robert Hopkins Jr
- 6 9.42 John Miller
- 7 8.88 Sam Westgate
- 8 7.80 Vincent Bartone
- 9 7.39 Nancy Young
- 10 7.36 Bruce Culmer

WBL -- City of Washington Tournament**Thurs Eve A/X Pairs (86 Pairs)**

- 2 1 Weizhong Bao - Hailong Ao

Thurs Eve B/C Pairs (65 Pairs)

- 2 Mary Mudd - Barry Sparks

Thurs Eve 0-200 Silv Spr (8 Pairs)

- 1 Rama Kapur - Joe Lentz
- 2 John Miles - Kim Ashenden

Fri Aft Flight A/X Pairs (25 Pairs)

- 2 Hope Watts - Jane Sturgis

Sat Eve A/X Pairs (25 Pairs)

- 1 1 Weizhong Bao - Hailong Ao

Sat Eve B/C/D Pairs (20 Pairs)

- 1 1 Jerry Nolte - Elizabeth Nolte

- 2 Thomas Din - Gloria Halstead

Sun A/X Swiss (19 Teams)

- 2 Martin Graf - Barry Falgout - Rusty Krauss - Joan Lewis - Robert Hopkins Jr
- 1 Tom Musso - Barbara Ames - Diane Walker - Ralph Hoffman - Rae Dethlefsen - Michael Cheng

Sun B/C/D Swiss (19 Teams)

- 2/3 Kathryn Kiley - Betty Bursey - Martha Chen - Marlys Moholt
- 2/3 1 1 Susan Strauss - Richard Slater - Jih-Fu Lai - Cheng-Ming Huang

Sun AM 0-300 Swiss (7 Teams)

- 1 Walton Francis - Daniel Weinberg - William Prosser - Duke Wilson
- 2 1 Margaret Brown - Patrick Brown - Cordellia Scruggs - Elizabeth Parker

Reno Spring NABC**Silodor Open Pairs (Final standings) (208 Pairs)**

- 6 Linda Maloney - Robert Gookin

Rockin' Reno KO Bracket 4 (16 Teams)

- 2 Mark Tonnesen - Shirley Kollas - La Quitta Talbot - Herbert Fallin Jr

1st Sat Ft. A/X Prs (148 Pairs)

- 19 Cecily Kohler - Ellen Melson

Paul Cullen Compact KO Bracket 5 (14 Teams)

- 2 Bruce Thiher - Lucy McCoy - Hope Watts - Jane Sturgis

Tues Eve Side Game (92 Pairs)

- 1 Jean Valentine - Jenny Rose

Wed Eve Side Game (134 Pairs)

- 1 Douglas Allan - David Rogers

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Thurs Eve Side Game (84 Pairs)

- 1 Candace Kuschner - Marshall Kuschner

Fri Morn 299er Pairs (40 Pairs)

- 2 1 1 Robert Brady - David Banh

Wed-Sat Morning KO Bracket 4 (10 Teams)

- 2 Edward Molnar - Kathrine Loh - Rosalind Juo - Grace Da Silva

2nd Fri Fast Pairs (60 Pairs)

- 1 Walton Francis - William Prosser

TGIF Comp KO Bracket 2 (16 Teams)

- 1 Fred King - Robert Gookin - Esther Litmanovic - Linda Maloney

TGIF Comp KO Cons Bracket 2 (8 Teams)

- 2 David Abelow-Richard Wegman Arnie Frankel - Helene Bauman

Last Fast Pairs (116 Pairs)

- 1 Douglas Bullock - Kris Miller

NAP Flt C (28 Pairs)

- 17 Robert Boorman— Christon Johnson
18 Walton Francis-William Prosser

Gatlinburg Regional

Mon - Tues KO Bracket 20 (16 Teams)

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

Tues - Wed KO Bracket 2 (16 Teams)

- 2 Jennifer Koonce- Zeke Letellier J Fletcher Smoak -Linda Smoak

Wed Aft Rocky Top Side Game (76 Pairs)

- 2 2 Ken Wolfersberger - Livingston Johnson

Wed Eve Rocky Top Side Game (160 Pairs)

- 1 Andre L'Heureux - Jeff Hepner

Wed-Thurs KO Bracket 4 (16 Teams)

- 2 Don Van Arman- Bruce Houston M Cassandra Smith - Betty Bursey

Fri-Sat KO Bracket 4 (16 Teams)

- 2 Don Van Arman- Bruce Houston Bill Valliant - Jerry Geiger

Sun Flt A/X Swiss (42 Teams)

- 2 Ken Davis - Don Van Arman - Bruce Houston - John Ashe

Rocky Top Side Series (500 Players)

- 2 Andre L'Heureux

Silver Spring NLM Sectional

Sat Eve. NLM/200/100 (18 Pairs)

- 1 1 Hernan Pflucker - Paul Stygar

Sun AM Swiss Teams (15 Teams)

- 1 1 Richard Cassell- Stephen Goldstein - Gary Weinstein - Stanley Legum

Raleigh Regional

Edu Foundation Open Prs (92 Pairs)

- 1 Raghavendra Rajkumar - Prahalad Rajkumar

Tues Eve Open Charity Prs (48 Pairs)

- 1 Herb Fallin Jr - Jerry Krim

Wed Stratified Open Pairs (76 Pairs)

- 1 Lucy McCoy - Donnie Isaac
2 Geoff Mallette - Carole Grob

Wed Zip KO (8 Teams)

- 1 Michael Gill - Noble Shore - Prahalad Rajkumar - Raghavendra Rajkumar

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*(Continued from page 18)***Thurs Strat Open Pairs (76 Pairs)**

2 Steve Callihan- Anthony Hawks

Nags Head KO - Bracket 2 (14 Teams)1 Bob Pfeiffer - James Goodwin -
Geoff Mallette - Carole Grob**Nags Head KO - Bracket 6 (16 Teams)**2 Michael Kelley - Lawrence Cowan
Herb Fallin Jr -Jerry Krim**Fri Early Bird Pairs (24 Pairs)**

2 2 1 Jerry Nolte - Elizabeth Nolte

Manteo Side Series (44 Pairs)1 Prahalad Rajkumar -
Raghavendra Rajkumar**Fri Eve BAM Teams (28 Teams)**1 1 Noble Shore - Michael Gill -
Pralhad Rajkumar -
Raghavendra Rajkumar**Fri Strat Open Pairs (96 Pairs)**

2 Ed Gofreed - Sumner Steinfeldt

Manteo Side Series (40 Pairs)

1 Ed Rodrigues - Susan Strauss

Fri ZIP KO (8 Teams)2 Francine Moring- Louis Gangarosa
Betty Hoopes-Mike Cappelletti Sr**Sat Greenville Side Prs (24 Pairs)**

1 Ken Davis - John Ashe

Stenger-Crump Senior Prs (18 Pairs)2 Charles Pecarro - Kim Smith
2 Helen Cheng - Jesse Cheng**Sat Eve B-A-M Teams (28 Teams)**1 Frank King Jr - Ed Lewis -
Hugh Brown Jr -John Potter**Sat Open Pairs (56 Pairs)**1 Charles Pecarro -
Alan Feigenbaum**Murphy Sat Side Game (40 Pairs)**2 Jeff Roman - Ed Heberg
1 H Hertzfeld - Sam Coleman**Sat Eve 300/200/100 Pairs (16 Pairs)**

1 1 1 Nancy Young - Susan Brawn

**Pinehurst KO-Bracket 2 Hunt Vly
(15 Teams)**2 Kathryn Kiley - Betty Bursey -
Joan Shields - M Cassandra Smith**Sun Aft Murphy Side Game (20 Pairs)**

2 2 Ed Rodrigues - Susan Strauss

Sun Eve Murphy Side Game (28 Pairs)

1 1 Ed Rodrigues - Susan Strauss

Flt A Barometer Prs (20 Pairs)2 Vonnie Lavender -
Sumner Steinfeldt**Top10 Raleigh NVBA MP Winners**

1	48.75	Carole Grob
2	43.85	Pralhad Rajkumar
3	38.63	Sumner Steinfeldt
4	29.47	Ed Lewis
5	28.04	Lucy McCoy
6	25.11	Jeff Roman
7	22.58	Joan Shields
8	21.70	Betty Bursey
	21.70	Kathryn Kiley
10	19.75	Anthony Hawks

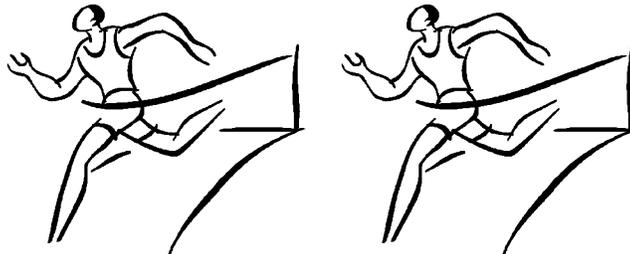
Top10 NVBA with < 2000 MPs

1	22.58	Joan Shields
2	21.70	Betty Bursey
	21.70	Kathryn Kiley
4	19.75	Anthony Hawks
5	18.18	Martha Lackey
6	16.72	Marjorie Gazzola
7	15.67	Herb Fallin Jr.
	15.67	Jerry Krim
9	9.66	Beatrice Suskind
10	9.06	Jim Wakefield



2003 Master Point Races

Category	Mini-McKenney	Ace of Clubs
Rookie	Paul Stygar John Mason, Jr	Paul Stygar John Mason, Jr
Junior Master	Dr Edward Molnar Ed Brawn	Mary Aurillo Dr. Donor Lion
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NABC Master	David Chechelashvili Debnarayan Dhar	Salam Saidi Pat Beebe
Life Master	Ed Rodrigues Julia Brown	Martha Lackey Ed Rodrigues
Bronze Life Master	Les Powell Marjorie Gazzola	Les Powell Jenny Rose
Silver Life Master	Mark J Tonnesen John Ashe	Pete Hughes Bob Hartmann
Gold Life Master	Ken Davis Don Geerhart	Don Geerhart Ken Davis
Diamond Life Master	Ed Lewis Zeke Letellier	Zeke Letellier Andy Gabrilovitch
Grand Life Master	Ron Sukoneck	Ron Sukoneck



Reasons Why Bridge is Better Than Sex

- ◆ You don't have to hide your bridge magazines.
- ◆ It is perfectly acceptable to hire a pro to play bridge with you once in a while.
- ◆ The Ten Commandments don't say anything about bridge.
- ◆ If your partner takes pictures of you at the table, you don't have to worry about them showing up in the tabloids when you become famous.
- ◆ Your partner doesn't become upset about people you played bridge with long ago.
- ◆ When you see a really good bridge player, you don't have to feel guilty about imagining the two of you at the table together.
- ◆ When your regular partner is not available, he/she will not mind if you play bridge with someone else.
- ◆ No one will ever tell you that you will go blind if you play bridge by yourself.
- ◆ When dealing with a bridge pro, you never have to worry that (s)he is an undercover cop.
- ◆ You can have a bridge calendar on your wall at the office, tell bridge jokes and invite co-workers to play bridge without being sued for harassment.
- ◆ There are no bridge-transmitted diseases (except the compulsion to play more bridge).
- ◆ You don't have to lock the door when you play bridge on the Internet, and when you visit a bridge website you won't get emails from a siam-teenage-sluts.com for the rest of your life.
- ◆ Nobody expects you to play bridge with the same partner for the rest of your life.
- ◆ It is perfectly acceptable to play bridge with a total stranger.
- ◆ Nobody expects you to give up bridge if your partner loses interest in it.

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Calling All Caddies

The NVBA is facing a serious crisis. Like many other units around the country, the supply of available caddies to work our sectional tournaments is steadily dwindling. While traditionally considered a vocation only for the young, we are reaching out to all of our constituents.

We welcome back previous caddies, and will train new ones (we are currently developing a revolutionary, internet based, distance learning program) . We also welcome adults who wish to

caddy, particularly on Friday afternoons and contrary to popular belief, adult caddies are not restricted to working only the senior events. This is a paid position, and as all caddies know, good caddies make for a well run, enjoyable game.

Please apply by sending an email to ssschenker@comcast.net. Please Include your phone #, email address and any prior caddie experience. Lets make the new year a great experience for all of us.

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- ◆ You can still "do it" in your 80`s, and people won't gasp in horror if they find out.
- ◆ A man doesn't need lots of finesse(s) to be successful at bridge, but then he needs some squeezes.
- ◆ Your bridge partner will never say, "Not again, we just played bridge last week! Is Bridge all you ever think about?" (Oops!... maybe they will!)
- ◆ The phrase "could be short" carries no negative connotation.
- ◆ The principle of "Fast Arrival" would not be regarded negatively.
- ◆ If the partnership agrees on two over one, it wouldn't be considered an orgy.

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