



NVBA Newsletter

April - June 2005

Northern Virginia Bridge Association

Notice of Special Meeting of the NVBA!

A special meeting of the membership of the Northern Virginia Bridge Association (NVBA) is called for Thursday night, April 28, 2005, at 7 p.m.

This meeting will be held at Beth El Hebrew Congregation, 3830 Seminary Road, Alexandria, VA, immediately preceding the pairs events being held that evening as part of the Washington Bridge League (WBL) Sectional Tournament. The purpose of the meeting is to vote on amendments proposed by the current NVBA Board Directors to: 1) reduce the size of the NVBA Board, 2) allow for a vote by acclamation for elected officials of the NVBA at the Annual Meeting if such officials are unopposed,

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Of Special Interest:

- ◆ NVBA Sectional April 7-10
- ◆ NVBA Member Meeting April 28
- ◆ Annual Meeting May 12
- ◆ LM/NLM Game May 19
- ◆ Alexandria Regional June 28- July 4

Presidents' Message

by Leo Cardillo



As I type in early March, I am looking forward to spring and the Annual Meeting in May when we recognize the many achievements of our NVBA players in 2004. The NVBA is in good shape, and with the hard work of our members, volunteers, Board members and professional staff, the NVBA is in better shape with each passing month. In this column, I want to talk about the Board elections and process, but, before I do that, I want to assure you that the NVBA finances are sound. Diane Alexander, the Treasurer, is doing a great job in getting the books and new software in synch. The recent Unit Game price increase, coupled with a careful eye on expenses, and a slow but certain growth in attendance, has greatly helped to put the balance sheet in the black!

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SPECIAL NEWS FLASH: The first anniversary party celebrating the 199er game was held on March 3, 2005. Originally scheduled for February 27, the party had to be postponed one week when Beth El was forced to close due to the snowfall. However, good things are worth waiting for, and Ron Kral, John Mason, and what I call affectionately the "Novice Mafia" did a superb job! Postcards and emails were sent and the party was well-attended with 14 full tables! The cakes and food were sinfully good (NO CALORIES!), and the raffle prizes and free plays for all in attendance created some real excitement! As a special treat, Ron had arranged with Doug Grove (Doug, and Millard Nachtwey, are just the best of the best!) to obtain hand records AND a detailed analysis to add to the playing enjoyment of the 199er's! The 199er game is a critical part of the NVBA strategy to grow and improve the bridge-playing enjoyment of our members for years to come! As Old Blue Eyes crooned (sort of), "It's been a very good year"!!

The NVBA Board currently consists of four officers: President (Leo Cardillo), Vice President (Margot Hennings), Secretary (Lucy McCoy), Treasurer (Diane Alexander), and seven Executive Directors: Ed Heberg, Pete Hughes, Kathryn Kiley, Ron Kral, Paul Krueger, Scott Merritt, and Barry Sparks. Unit Game Director Marshall Kushner and Youth Advisor David Banh attend Board meetings in an advisory capacity, and the past President remains on the Board for one year as a voting member.

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Upcoming NVBA Games & Special Events

Apr 7	KOCH	7:00	NVBA Sectional
Apr 14	Beth El	7:00	Stratified Membership Game
Apr 21	Beth El	7:00	Stratified District 6 Charity Game
Apr 28	Beth El	7:00	WBL Sectional & Special Meeting
May 5	Beth El	7:00	Stratified Unit Championship
May 12	KOCH	7:00	Annual Meeting/ACBL Charity
May 19	Beth El	7:00	LM/NLM Pairs (Club Championship)
May 26	Beth El	7:00	Stratified Club Championship
Jun 2	Beth El	7:00	Stratified North American Pairs
Jun 9	Beth El	7:00	Stratiflighted Unit Championship
Jun 16	Beth El	7:00	STaC Stratified Swiss Teams
Jun 23	Beth El	7:00	Stratified North American Pairs
Jun 30	---	---	Closed—Alexandria Regional
Jul 7	Beth El	7:00	Stratified Club Championship

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).

2005 Sectional Schedule

N V B A	April 7-10	W B L	April 28-May 1
	September 8-11		August 25-28
	October 20-23		

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The Board meets monthly, except in May and December, usually at Pistone's Italian Restaurant in Seven Corners, on the second Monday of each month.

The current Board would like to reduce the number of Executive Directors on the Board from seven to five, but to do so requires a change in the NVBA Constitution and Bylaws, and, therefore, NVBA membership approval of the proposed changes to the applicable Articles (see page 10 of this Newsletter). The process to obtain that approval is on-going as I type, and it takes quite a bit of work and a Special Meeting of the membership to accomplish (see page 1 of this Newsletter).

The Board is also proposing another change to the Constitution that would allow for voting by acclamation at the Annual Meeting instead of by ballot when no Board positions are contested that year. This change is subject to members' vote at the upcoming Special Meeting scheduled for April 28.

Board members are elected in two groups, and serve two years for each term. In odd years, such as 2005, the President, Secretary and three (or four under the existing Constitution) Executive Directors are up for election. The Executive Directors whose terms are up this year are: Pete Hughes, Ron Kral, Paul Krueger and Barry Sparks. Barry has decided not to run for a fourth term, but will remain active in volunteer jobs, and Pete has finished his two-year term and has also decided to not run again, but I am sure that Pete will continue to help out in other volun-

teer functions. Lucy McCoy, who has other responsibilities in District 6, has also decided not to run for a fourth term as Secretary, but will continue doing volunteer work for the NVBA in other capacities.

Kathryn Kiley (Chairperson) and Bob Hartmann are the Nominating Committee (NC) for this year's elections. The NC is charged in the Bylaws to "prepare a slate of officers and executive directors to be placed in nomination by it at the annual meeting of the members" (Please refer to the complete slate of candidates that are running for election on page 9 of this newsletter). The Bylaws further allow additional nominations to be made by any member who submits a petition signed by 20 NVBA members in good standing to the Nominating Committee or NVBA Secretary at least 14 days prior to the Annual Meeting to have his/her name placed on the ballot.

In the recent past, the NVBA has not had many contested elections. However, this year the NVBA is fortunate to have a few more folks competing for election than the minimum required to fill the slate. This surplus of qualified candidates speaks volumes to the growing enthusiasm and participation of our members in the current and future well-being and business of the NVBA - and that is exactly what this President and all of the current Board members hold as the most important goal to be pursued.

It is terrific that this year the NVBA will actually have to count the ballots! I know - I can hear the Florida jokes beginning to form - but I am not going there! I'd like to see candidates competing for ALL the positions in

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Bridge Across the Pond

by Ed Brawn

Who do you think won the English Bridge Union's Year End Congress* in December 2004?

None other than the NVBA's own Ed Brawn! Here is his story:

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Bridge is a wonderful game - I even think now that it is a miraculous game. I feel that way because I recently won an event on which I am sure you could have gotten odds of 10,000 to 1 should you have been foolish enough to bet on me.

Let me set the stage. I have been playing duplicate bridge for about three years; I have fewer than 200 master points and have never come close to winning any open event. My wife and I have started a tradition of traveling to London each Christmas to join her sister and brother-in law, avid duplicate players both, to play in the English Bridge Union's Year End Congress. It's roughly their equivalent of our NABCs though with a smaller field. It attracts most of the top British and many fine European players.

I ended up substituting for my brother in-law, reluctantly, in the Men's Open Pairs event. He had arranged to play with Phil King**, an excellent English professional, whom I knew but had never played with before. There were 70 or so pairs in the event, including Zia Mahmood, the only name I recognized right away. But Phil cheerfully assured me that there were many more fine players in the field. I was not amused. I envisioned disaster.

Phil and I cooked up a convention card about 30 minutes before play began, he wryly agreeing to whatever

I suggested. Then play began. I truly do not remember much of what happened. The format was two 26-board sessions over one day. After the first half scores were posted, Phil looking pleased, but a bit puzzled, told me we were in fifth place. I, too, was pleased, and began the second set after dinner in a confident mood.

On the very first board of the set disaster finally did strike. Our opponents bid six spades, making, missing two aces with no voids. Their North opened one spade after three passes, South bid four spades, and North, after a pause, slapped down his six spade bid.

Had I led my Ace of hearts, partner would have played high, (dummy had a singleton heart) giving suit preference for diamonds trapping dummy's king of diamonds and thereby winning his diamond queen and ace. End of story, down two and serves them right. But I didn't lead my heart ace, I led my singleton club. North won, cleared trumps, set up dummy's six-card club suit and proceeded to pitch his two losing diamonds from his hand, losing only a heart.

Not a good start. Phil later gently suggested that in the absence of any other information or brilliant insights on my part, leading aces against slams was a good thing. Amazingly enough we (I) recovered and had no more real disasters. At the end Phil thought we might have stayed in the top ten. Well we did, winning the whole event by a whopping .2 %!

In looking back at the hand records and score sheet, I see we were the

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any given year - I really do believe in the process, and the certainty that competition always brings forth the better and the best possible results. So.....come on out and run for election! People think that the NVBA Board is like a dental appointment without the benefit of Novocain. That is simply not true. The NVBA Board has Novocain - OK, maybe it looks like a glass of wine! Just kidding!

For those folks who run, but are not elected this year, I want to thank them in advance for their interest. Also, I want to assure them that they will be among the first to be considered as vacancies occur on the Board, and to fill other critical vol-

unteer positions within the NVBA. I also want them to be sure to run again at the next annual election! Presidents, like dragons, don't live forever, and if you remember the lyrics to "Puff, the Magic Dragon," you will understand my drift!

If you have any questions about this election process, or want to know more about how you might participate in the running of this marvelous NVBA, please call or email me or any other member of the Board! We will be pleased to answer your questions and/or enable your increased participation!

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See you at the tables!!

NVBA member Nancy Young finished second in the world among ACBL members recorded earning master-points online in 2004. Nancy won 223 points, second behind Pushpa Jain of Ottawa, Ontario, who won 251 points, and ahead of Renate Hansen of Kitzbuhl, Austria, who won 204 points.

Congratulations Nancy on this terrific achievement!!



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lucky beneficiaries of some atrocious bidding by a few opponents. And Phil was at the top of his considerable game. He won the Swiss Teams the next day also.

Zia Mahmood presented the awards. I got 80 English pounds and would have gotten a trophy to keep for a year, only the winner from a few years back had never returned it. Zia and his partner finished tenth, by the

way. But I think he'll be back.

*A Congress is the equivalent of a tournament in the U.S.

**Phil King is a bridge writer, born in 1966, and based in London. He has nine national wins in the UK, including two Gold Cups. He has also coached three winning British teams in international competition, and won the Camrose trophy for England six times.

STOP! In The Name of The Law by Marshall Pearlman

The red STOP card : why do we have it in the bidding box?

There is probably no rule in duplicate bridge more commonly abused than that of ignoring the STOP card, which is to be used before making a skip bid (weak or strong). A skip bid is one that skips at least one level of bidding, as in 1♣ - 2♥. The skip-bid warning, accomplished by saying, "Skip bid, please wait," or by using the red STOP card, mandates that the opponent left of the skip bidder wait ten seconds before making any call.

This simple procedure is there to protect players from giving unauthorized information. Yet so many of us pay little or no attention to its use. After a skip bid has been made, a hasty action by the next player can give that player's partner unauthorized information. That is, a quick pass could show weakness, a quick double great strength. A long pause followed by pass or a minimum bid relays to partner that one has values but not enough for more aggressive action.

Such actions could be completely honest and innocent, but each puts a heavy ethical burden on partner, who is expected to bid solely on his own hand and not to base his call on his partner's quick pass, quick double or slow bid. In practice, this is very difficult to do.

"The 10-second period starts from the time the bid is made (verbal or bid card). A player should wait 10 seconds after any skip bid with or without a warning."

Note carefully: the 10-second period starts when the bid is made, not when the warning is made and not when the STOP card is picked up. This delay reduces the possibility of "reading" partner's hand from the manner of his action. Use of the skip-bid warning is not required but we highly recommend that you use it as a courtesy to your opponents and to avoid problems for your partner. Note that, if you use it, you must use it all the time for all skip bids, not just for certain kinds, e.g., weak bids.

During the 10-second wait, avoid conveying information. As in other situations, you must sit quietly and impassively, and then make your call. Tapping your fingers, grabbing the Pass card and holding it for 10 seconds, or looking totally bored or impatient, violate the spirit of the regulation and defeat its purpose. So please comply with this simple, but, important rule.

Say, "Skip bid" or use the STOP card whenever you make a skip bid. Wait 10 seconds after the bid whenever your opponent issues the skip-bid warning. It is the ethical and proper thing to do in fairness to your fellow players.

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Annual LM/NLM Unit Game - May 19th

If any Non-Life Master (NLMs) would like the chance to play with a real LM or any Life Master who misses playing with someone who still believes you are better than they are J please contact:

Ron Kral (703) 478-0077 - RonKral@gmail.com

Or look for the fliers at the Unit Game and upcoming NVBA sectional.



Climbing the Ladder

New Junior Masters

Dot W Almassy
James K Augustine
Blair H Curry
Larry A Gebbie
Mark McEneaney
Ruth Ann McGrail
Mike Patel
Bernadine P Rice
Vincent N Rice
Jim Sears
Barbara P Walton

New Club Masters

James Beans
Kay Flynn
Gisela M Glodeck
William C Gurley
Gil Krawitz
Joan R White
Sharon M Wynns

New Sectional Masters

Anne P Barber
Richard Hottell
Willis P Hume
Terence F McCarthy
Andree M Mirza
Maribel L Newby
Doris R Schuster

New Regional Masters

David H Banh
Carolyn H Becraft
Robert A Brady
Halina Kulczycki
Anne Medlin
Elizabeth S Traylor



New NABC Masters

Margaret Brown
Stephen M Goldstein
Paul Stygar

New Life Master

Alfred J O'Malley

New Bronze Life Masters

Sam G Bowlin
Frank M Cardillo
Leo Cardillo
Doris M Knief
Mitchell D Weisberg

New Silver Life Master

Thierry Poirey

New Gold Life Masters

Al Duncker
Peter J Hughes

GNT Flight B & C Winners

FLIGHT B

Larry Kahn - H John Edmonds
Dhirendra Ghosh - Jay Kelkar

FLIGHT C

Eberhard Jehle - Michael Kelley
Mary Newton - Jim Rankin

Annual Meeting and Board Elections

It's annual meeting, awards night and election time once again. We'll gather starting at 5:30 pm at the Knights of Columbus Hall (KOCH), 5115 Little Falls Road in Arlington on Thursday, May 12. The evening will start with a picnic dinner, which is free for NVBA members (\$7.00 for non-members). Voting will take place during the meal, which will be followed at 7:00 pm by the Annual Meeting. Following the Treasurer's report and a "State of the Unit" report from the President, new Life Masters will be recognized, and the NVBA President will present the Mini-McKenney and Ace of Clubs awards in each category, as well as the trophies for NVBA Man and Woman of the Year, the Rush Buckley award, the NVBA Rookie of the Year, and the second annual Dave Murray award.

After the annual meeting ends, circa 7:30 pm, the eighth annual Pat Eymann Strawberry Pairs will be held. It will be a Stratiflighted Unit Championship Charity game. Flight A/X (3000+/0-3000) will be a separate game from the Flight B (500-2000)/C (0-500) game. We will also run a 0-199 game. The fee for the charity game is \$8.00 for the open flights and \$7.00 for the 199er game.

The offices of President and Secretary, plus three Executive Director positions are up for election. All candidates who have not yet declared their candidacy must have a petition signed by 20 NVBA members submitted to the Nominating Committee of Kathryn Kiley and Bob Hartmann or to NVBA Secretary Lucy McCoy no later than April 28 in order to get their name on the ballot. Only members present at the Annual

Meeting may vote.

The picnic dinner, the annual meeting and awards to our top players in all categories, the election, and bridge will make this a fun evening for everyone. Please join us.

NVBA Officers and Executive Director Position Candidates:

Leo Cardillo

Candidate for President



I have greatly enjoyed the opportunity and the honor to serve as NVBA President since April 2003. The NVBA is fortunate to have a hard-working and dedicated Board, a number of enthusiastic volunteers, a superb and active membership, and a host of outstanding professional staff, all of which have made my job as President most satisfying. While great progress has been realized on my four goals - member satisfaction, financial soundness, WBL cooperation and ACBL/MABC/District 6 support, there is still much to do. I am running for reelection to continue work on these goals and to further enhance the quality and future of this great game of bridge amongst players of every age and skill level.

Marge Gazzola

Candidate for Secretary



I'm running for the NVBA Board for the first time, for the position of Secretary. I learned to play bridge in

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high school and have been an avid fan of the game ever since. I first played duplicate bridge in the DC area in the 1960s, but then had to keep bridge in the background for many years while I worked and raised a family. After a career as a computer systems analyst with the Department of Defense and The Washington Post, I retired seven years ago and could finally indulge my long-suppressed desire to play serious bridge. I am currently a Silver Life Master. I have enjoyed my association with the local Unit and would like an opportunity to return something to the game that I love. I will support our Unit's efforts to provide a professional and socially congenial bridge environment in Northern Virginia.

Dale Dallaire

Candidate for
Board of Directors

Most of you don't know me. My husband, Rod, and I just relocated from Michigan to Northern Virginia in the summer of 2004, and we're here to stay. While in Detroit, I served most recently as Treasurer and Tournament Coordinator of District 12. Prior to that, I was the Tournament Chair, President and President-Elect of Unit 137. As you can see, I believe bridge is more than a game and want to be very involved. If elected, I believe I will bring fresh ideas from Michigan with me. Thank you for your vote.



Ron Kral

Candidate for
Board of Directors

I've been on the NVBA board for two terms and during that time have devoted much of my efforts to the development of the Intermediate/Newcomer (I/N) program. I've taught a number of Easybridge! beginner classes, including classes for the Smithsonian. In doing so, I have recruited over 100 new bridge players to be ACBL members. In February 2004, the NVBA restarted the 0-199er game at the Beth El unit game site on Thursday nights with me as the Chief Director and overall coordinator. I often give a lecture before the game on ways to improve your play, and enjoy organizing special events and raffles for the I/N players. This new game has proven very popular with 6-14 tables of 0-199ers every week. I'd like to stay on the board another term to continue to grow and nurture this game.



Paul Krueger

Candidate for
Board of Directors

During my last two years as an Executive Director of the NVBA I have tried to represent the interests of those members who have fewer than 1000 MPs. My own bridge experience is fairly wide, and I try to bring it to bear at the NVBA Board meetings. Since returning to bridge in 2000, after a 35-year absence, I have become a Bronze Life Master, represented District 6 at the "C Level" in both the North American Pairs and Grand National Teams,



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qualified as a director, was accredited as a teacher of EasyBridge!, actively supported the Unit I/N initiative, and most recently have become the owner/director of a bridge club in Falls Church.

I believe this broad experience makes me well qualified to represent the many interests of NVBA members with under 1000 MPs.

John Mason

Candidate for Board of Directors



I first played duplicate bridge in the U.S. Army when Eisenhower was President. Afterwards I played in Latin America, where I worked for many years. The highlight of those years was playing on a four-team squad that represented Nicaragua each year in challenge matches against El Salvador.

In the 1970's I had to give up bridge for lack of time, and the layoff lasted 30 years. Finally, three years ago, I resumed playing duplicate here in Northern Virginia.

Since returning to bridge, I have concentrated on giving something back to a game that has afforded me much pleasure. Encouraged by dedicated people like Norma Pierzchala and Ron Kral, I became a director, took charge of a couple of club games, and began teaching. Chasing masterpoints is fun, of course. But, it's not nearly as rewarding as seeing my students at the Unit Game, Sectionals and Regionals, and hearing about the masterpoints they have just won.

That's why I'm running for the NVBA Board. I'd like the opportunity to help bring more new people into the

game, and to elicit involvement from our active ranks toward that end, just as Norma and Ron involved me.

Stan Schenker

Candidate for Board of Directors



I welcome this opportunity to help give back to the game which has given me so much pleasure (and frustration, of course) over the years. I learned to play bridge as a teenager at home, and was immediately hooked. I played some duplicate during those years, but after I returned from the Air Force in 1972, I began in earnest. At that time there were very few flighted events. Over the years, I have been thrilled with the efforts of the ACBL and the local units to provide venues where people can play competitively at levels with which they are comfortable.

Originally from New York City, I moved to the Boston area in the 1970's. In 1997, I relocated to Reston along with my wife Kathleen, and our two children, Ben and Elizabeth. I am very impressed with the efforts that people in this area have made to make bridge playing at the local and regional level vibrant, alive, and pleasant. I hope to continue that tradition.

For the past two years, I have served as caddy master for the local unit. I have also participated in the annual LM/NLM pairs - a great way for players of different levels to learn from, and meet one another. If elected to the board I would like to work on continuing to make both our unit game and sectionals as successful as possible for both the players and the unit. Thank you for your consideration.

NVBA Annual MP Races

(Final Standings for 2004)

Man of the Year

1	83.26	Kenneth Davis
2	64.11	Donald Geerhart
3	63.80	Ed Lewis
4	60.39	Robert Gookin
5	59.92	Charles Yaple
6	58.67	Barry Sparks
7	55.32	Robert Hopkins
8	50.74	Stuart Fleishman
9	49.49	Bruce Culmer
10	47.20	James Gumbert

Woman of the Year

1	76.10	Janet Gookin
2	58.67	Mary Mudd
3	47.95	Margot Hennings
4	44.01	Diane Alexander
5	32.88	Melissa Gumbert
6	31.90	Helene Bauman
7	29.06	Gabriel Nanda
8	27.66	Sarah Cressy
9	27.37	Marjorie Gazzola
10	24.96	Jean Mayo

Intermediate (Rush Buckley)

1	37.15	David Chechelashvili
2	35.65	Paul Black
3	32.79	Christon Johnson
4	31.30	David Banh
5	28.60	Paul Stygar
6	25.33	Youssef Seraj
7	24.84	Anthony Hawks
8	24.61	John Hawks
9	24.40	Bob Silverstein
10	23.01	Margaret Brown

Rookie of the Year

1	22.90	Maribel Newby
2	15.14	Brendan Conway
3	14.22	Marshall Fite
4	14.04	Elizabeth Parker
5	13.71	John Miles
6	13.39	Nance Detweiler
7	12.25	Joe Lentz
8	10.63	Bala Chandran
9	9.50	Philip Slattery
10	7.66	Cordelia Scruggs

NVBA Mini-McKenney

(Final Standings for 2004)

ROOKIE OF THE YEAR

Bala Chandran	66.55
Willis Paley Hume	50.92

JUNIOR MASTER OF THE YEAR

Carolyn Becraft	91.96
John Miles	72.47

CLUB MASTER OF THE YEAR

John Mason Jr	102.79
Nancy Young	85.77

SECTIONAL MASTER OF THE YEAR

Paul Stygar	148.78
Nancy Loomis	131.38

REGIONAL MASTER OF THE YEAR

Prah Rajkumar	188.33
Gloria Halstead	117.45

NABC MASTER OF THE YEAR

Herb Fallin Jr	282.74
Sam Bowlin	235.86

LIFE MASTER OF THE YEAR

Martha (Chippy) Lackey	203.72
Paul Krueger	137.25

BRONZE LIFE MASTER OF THE YEAR

Marjorie Gazzola	264.28
Jenny Rose	166.56

SILVER LIFE MASTER OF THE YEAR

Carole Grob	308.50
Les Powell	307.76

GOLD LIFE MASTER OF THE YEAR

Ken Davis	800.30
Sumner Steinfeldt	566.00

DIAMOND LM OF THE YEAR

Zeke Letellier	585.59
Robert Gookin	469.43

GRAND LIFE MASTER OF THE YEAR

Ron Sukoneck	56.49
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Congratulations to all the winners!!

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and 3) achieve consistency between NVBA Bylaws and longstanding policy.

Your attendance is encouraged.

The proposed amendments to the Bylaws are as follows, with amended text in ***bold italics***:

Article V, Section 1. Function and Number. The affairs of the Association shall be managed and conducted by the Board of Directors in furtherance of and accordance with this Constitution and Bylaws and other expressions of the will of the membership. The Board of Directors shall be comprised of the officers of the Association; i.e., the President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and ***five (5) executive directors***, all of whom must be members of the Association. The immediate Past President, when there is one, will be a non-elected member of said Board of Directors.

Article V, Section 2. Selection and Terms of Office. Except as provided ***in Article V, Section 5, "Vacancies,"*** each officer and executive director shall be elected at large by the members at their annual meeting. The President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer shall each hold office for two years, or until his/her successor shall have been duly elected. The President, Secretary, and ***three (3) executive directors*** shall be elected in odd-numbered years, and the Vice President, Treasurer, and ***two (2) executive directors*** shall stand for election in even-numbered years.

Article V, Section 4. Elections. All ballots shall be secret. Each candidate is entitled to have a representative at the counting of votes.

a. Each qualified member present shall be entitled to one vote for each officer and executive director to be elected.

b. Absentee ballots for the election of Officers and Executive Directors shall be available to any member who, for whatever reason, is unable to attend the Annual Meeting.

c. Applications for absentee ballots may be submitted to the Membership Secretary as early as one month prior to the election. Absentee ballots shall be mailed after the nomination period in Section 3, above, has closed.

d. Absentee ballots must be returned by US Mail and must be received by the Membership Secretary prior to the commencement of the Annual Meeting.

e. Absentee ballots shall be identical in character to those distributed at the Annual meeting so as to be indistinguishable therefrom. All ballots shall be counted together at the Annual Meeting.

f. If the entire slate of officers and executive directors to be elected is uncontested, the Nominating Committee shall present the slate to the membership for approval by acclamation. If not, a written ballot listing all candidates is required.

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Why a Special Meeting?? Amendments to the NVBA Constitution and Bylaws may only be made at the time of the Annual Meeting or at a special meeting of the membership called in accordance with Article IV, Section 3 of the Bylaws (the NVBA Constitution and Bylaws are posted on our web site at www.nvba.org – go to “About the Unit” and then click on “Constitution & Bylaws”). In order for such a special meeting to be held, it must be announced to the membership in writing at least ten days in advance. This notice serves as that written notification. It is the desire of the NVBA Board of Directors that the terms of the proposed amendments be in effect at the time of this year’s Annual Meeting to be held on Thursday, May 12, 2005, at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 5115 Little Falls Road, Arlington, VA (see article on page 9 of this *Newsletter* for more details).

Why Change the Size of the NVBA Board?? It has been noted by a number of the current NVBA Executive Directors that a number of the functional positions held by current directors need not necessarily be filled by elected officials and that a smaller Board would be more efficient. Functional meetings with committee chairs could be held between formal Board meetings and a great deal of the work of the Unit could be accomplished

then. Committee chairs are welcome and, indeed, are invited to attend meetings when issues require their attendance for explanation or support. Attendance at Board meetings by any member of the NVBA who has business in front of the Board is, in fact, allowed by the NVBA Constitution and Bylaws.

Why Allow Voting by Acclamation for a Slate Where No Positions Are Contested?? In recent years, it has been the exception rather than the rule that elections for officer and executive director positions on the NVBA Board have been contested. However, we are required by our current Constitution and Bylaws to hold a full election of all candidates, whether elections are contested or uncontested. Although the NVBA Board anticipates a contested election this year for the open Executive Director positions, we would like to take this opportunity to change our Constitution and Bylaws to allow the membership to vote by acclamation at the Annual Meeting in those instances when there is only one candidate on the slate for each available position. Voting by acclamation would streamline considerably the procedures currently required for distributing ballots and counting votes at the Annual Meeting by the Membership Secretary, the Nominating Committee and NVBA Elections Officials whether or not there is a contested election.

Stevie’s List (The Robinson Files)

Steve Robinson is the NVBA’s official Chairman of Electronic Contact. Anyone interested in being on Steve’s e-mail list for bridge news and late breaking bridge announcements, who hasn’t already done so, may send their e-mail address to Steve at: robinswr@erols.com. Steve will not give out your e-mail address for any commercial purposes.

POY Standings

Players must attend at least one session at three NVBA and three WBL sectionals during the contest period (September 2004 - April 2005). Points won on Tournament Thursday evenings are included in the totals, but do not count towards eligibility.

Remaining Sectionals

NVBA April 7 - 10, 2005

WBL April 28 - May 1, 2005



Top 10 Open Leaders

Player	Points
Leo LaSota	176.65
Mark Shaw	140.29
Steve Robinson	128.93
Alfred Steinberg	104.18
Fred King	85.52
John Adams	81.69
William Cole	79.64
Bob Bell	71.58
Hailong Ao	68.89
Dave Ruderman	68.16

Top 10 Non-LM Leaders

Player	Points
Michael Gill	66.53
Jason Rosenfeld	37.55
David Banh	36.38
David Chechelashvili	27.16
John Mason Jr	21.55
Thomas Din	20.90
Rama Kapur	20.23
Christon Johnson	19.84
Angeliki Magklara	19.50
Behnaz Fardshisheh	19.04

We are trying to keep our new NVBA Directory information current. Therefore, we need all players to notify the ACBL if they have any change in address, telephone number, or e-mail address. If you have internet access, you can go to www.acbl.org, click on "members", click on "change information", and then make the appropriate changes. You can also send an e-mail with the new information to addresschange@acbl.org. Always include your ACBL number. If you would rather not do it by computer, you can call 901-332-5586, ask for extension 1234 or 1218, and provide the information over the phone. The ACBL will then in turn notify the NVBA of this change in a monthly report, and everyone will have the information who needs it.



Hail and Farewell

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

Dr Georgia A Booker
Charles F Davis
Kenneth D Duggin
Alina I Galaszewska
Barbara I Hodges
Lawrence C Klingensmith
Michael D Lynch
Ardis F Moomey
Thomas A Mueller
Maureen M O'Brien
Carla C Schardt
Robert Shumaker
Vicky Skabo
Dorothy A Thomas
Elizabeth S Waldron
Michael J Waters
Mary F Wingo

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

Dr Sylvester C Booker
Carolyn H Cooper
H Fite
Betty Gray
Catherine R Grieshaber
Shirley N Hanson
Donna M Josaitis
Dr Marvin Josaitis
Ellen Martel
Leon A Martel
Barbara Nystrom
Ellen Pfeiffer
Sven Pride
Gladys Y Stephens

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

Julia C Hall
Maxine Koch

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

Egbert B Abiad
Murat Arabacioglu
David A Aubel
Annette T Binger
Bonnie A Brocies
Terry Carpenter
David Chechelashvili
Robert B Cody
Sylvia I Cody
Reggie S Cowne
John L Fahs Jr
Rachael Garrity
Laura M Groves
Tanya L Jaudon
Doris E Klein
Marie B Lawrence
Henry P Leweling
Terry L'Heureux
Allen M Ostrager
Stuart H Peale
Ellen Pfeiffer
Les A Powell
Martha K Sherman
Don Van Arman
Daniel Ward



Many of the bridge clubs in Northern Virginia post their results on the internet...

Carole Grob	www.mybridgeclub.com/virginia
Candy & 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

Parade of Winners

William Poissant Memorial Sectional January 27-30, 2005

Top 10 NVBA Member MP Winners

- 1 31.34 Kenneth Davis
- 2 21.62 Rusty Krauss
- 3 16.00 Helene Bauman
- 16.00 Jim Wakefield
- 5 14.77 David Banh
- 6 13.63 Margot Hennings
- 13.33 Donald Hennings
- 8 12.63 Bruce Houston
- 9 12.25 Donald Van Arman
- 10 10.11 John Ashe

Thurs Flight A/X Pairs (68 Pairs)

- 1 1 Barry Falgout - Rusty Krauss

Thurs Flight B/C Pairs (64 Pairs)

- 1 James Witting - Paul Black

Thurs 199er Prs @ NVBA (14 Pairs)

- 1 1 1 William Gurley - Cynthia Santelli
- 2 Melanie Schaengold - Barbara Walton
- 2 Maribel Newby - Elizabeth Parker
- 2 Nancy Detweiler - Marshall Fite

Thurs NLM Pairs @ WBL (8 Pairs)

- 2 1 Larry Gebbie - Murat Berk

Fri Aft Flt A/X Pairs (18 Pairs)

- 2 1 Deb Dhar - Dharendra Ghosh,
- 2 Antionette Logwood - Anne Stein

Fri Aft Flt B/C Pairs (40 Pairs)

- 1 Marge Gazzola - Joan Mitchum
- 2 Bernard Oetjen - Madan Nanda
- 1 Richard Cassell - Alan Dockterman

Fri Aft 200/100/50 Pairs (24 Pairs)

- 1 1 1 Ethel Hoffman - Janice Smith

Fri Eve Open Pairs (44 Pairs)

- 1 1 David Banh - Rodney Severson
- 2 Ken Davis - Peter Hughes
- 2/3 Hope Watts - Jane Sturgis
- 2 Jack Hall - Marie-Beth Hall

Fri Eve 199er Pairs (12 Pairs)

- 2 Susan Collins - Lee Faber
- 1 Marilyn Armon - Jane Farthing

Sat AM 49er Pairs (8 Pairs)

- 1 Willis Paley Hume - Gil Krawitz

Sat AM 199er Pairs (14 Pairs)

- 1 1 Lois Simms - Stella Perry
- 2 2 Dick Verdow - Jean Verdow

Sat AM Open Prs (34 Pairs)

- 1 Ken Davis - Sumner Steinfeldt
- 2 Kathryn Kiley - Lee Jensen
- 1/2 1/2 William Colket - Doreen Colket

Sat AM Senior Prs (18 Pairs)

- 1 1 Bernard Oetjen - J. David Grier
- 2 2 Jackie Greene - Carol Aitken
- 1 Holly Wills - Jean Schoepe
- 2 Martha Lackey - David Schultz

Sat Aft Side Game (50 Pairs)

- 1 1 1 Michael Goldman-William Mendez J

Wm Poissant Trophy Pairs (20 Pairs)

- 1 Helene Bauman - Jim Wakefield
- 2 Margot Hennings - Don Hennings

Sat Eve Consolation (28 Pairs)

- 1 Ann Schwartz - Alan Schwartz
- 2 Scott Merritt - Charles Yapple
- 1 Roy Tibery - Glenn Young

Sat Eve 199er Pairs (8 Pairs)

- 1 Patrick Brown - Margaret Brown
- 2 Mary O'Shea - Jeff Youngen

Sun Flt A/X BAM Tms (12 Teams)

- 1 1 Leo LaSota -Yi Zhong - Fred Steinberg - Hailong Ao
- 2 Ken Davis - Bruce Houston - Don Van Arman - John Ashe
- 2 Martin Graf - Dick Wegman - Rusty Krauss - David Abelow

Sun Flt B/C Swiss (24 Teams)

- 1/2 Anthony Hawks - John Hawks - Coby Gallo - Douglas Lindsey
- 1/2 1 Jason Rosenfeld - David Banh Angeliki Magklara - Chuck Chang

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2 Frank Cardillo - Robert Boorman
Fletcher Thompson - Paul Krueger

Sun AM 199er Swiss (4 Teams)

1 David Fitzwilliam - John Barke
Lorraine Tyler - Helen Dodge

Sun Aft 199er Swiss (4 Teams)

1 1 Susan Slattery - Philip Slattery -
Blair Curry - Judith Curry

District 6 STaC

Mon Daytime Open Pairs (237 Pairs)

2 Jennifer Koonce - Zeke Letellier

Mon Eve Open Pairs (170 Pairs)

3 Ken Davis - Al Duncker

KOCH 0-300 Pairs (13 Pairs)

1 1 1 Deborah Branch - Cynthia Santell
2 Edith Kersey - Mary Decorps
2 Maribel Newby - Elizabeth Parker
2 Shelley Launey - Revel Launey

Glen Carlyn NLM Pairs (18 Pairs)

1 1 Helen Dodge - Halina Kulczycki
2 2 Michael Lusick - Robert Huley

Tues Eve Open Prs (26 Pairs)

1 Luther Hampton - Mike Hampton
2 Jay Cherlow - Richard Atwood

Reston 0-200 Pairs (10 Pairs)

1 Joyce Wilkinson - Harlan Geyer
2/3 1 Richard Hall - Doris Kasold
2/3 Frank Alden - Rob Van Dyke
2 Gail Hennessa - Grant Hennessa

Thurs Eve Open Pairs (185 Pairs)

1 Alan Schwartz - Ann Schwartz

NVBA 0-200 Pairs (16 Pairs)

1/2 1 1 Michael & Gretchen Snyder
1/2 Helen Dodge - James Biss
3 2 David Dove - Stella Perry
2 Donald Szyszka - Linda Szyszka

Fun Friday 0-300 (20 Pairs)

1 Nancy Loomis - Carolyn Becraft
2 1 1 James Edmonds - Mary Viereck
2 2 Ethel Hoffman - Janice Smith

Valley Swiss Teams (13 Teams)

1 Morton Levin - George Hershman
Zeke Letellier - Jennifer Koonce

**Charleston, SC Regional
December 27 - January 2, 2005**

Charleston Charity Pairs (46 Pairs)

1 Martha Lackey - Don Magann

Fort Moultrie KO Bkt 2 (15 Teams)

1 Martin Johnson Jr - Candy Clanton -
John Long - Harold Rhyne Jr

Thurs Eve Side (46 Pairs)

2 Susan Strauss - James Sullivan

Battery KO Mortar Bkt 2 (12 Teams)

2 Avril Rodney - David Rodney -
Margot & Donald Hennings -
Joan Lewis - Robert Hopkins Jr

**Cape Fear Regional
February 21-27, 2005**

Wilmington KO Bkt 4 (16 Teams)

1 Michael Kelley - Lawrence Cowan -
Herb Fallin Jr - David Schultz

Wed Open Pairs (44 Pairs)

1 Pete Hughes - Enid Asherman

Wed Zip KO (8 Teams)

1 Terry Lavender - Mary Duncan -
Marie Killoran - Mary Vickers

Riverboat We-Th KO Bkt 4

(16 Teams)

1 Michael Kelley - Lawrence Cowan
David Schultz - Herb Fallin Jr

**Coastline Compact KO Bkt 2 (16
Teams)**

1 Linda Luther - Shirley Salvo -
Sam Bowlin - Louis Gangarosa

UNCW Seahawks KO Bkt 5

(16 Teams)

1 Michael Kelley - Lawrence Cowan
David Schultz - Herb Fallin Jr

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WBL Sectional

March 3-6, 2005

Thurs Eve 0-200 Pairs (28 Pairs)

- 1 Margaret Brown - Elizabeth Parker
- 2 1 1 Mary Edge - Peggy Errington
- 2 Lois Gregg - Cordellia Scruggs
- 2 Neil Friedman - Barbara Hodges

Sat Aft B/C/D Pairs (42 Pairs)

- 1 Marty Zupan - Dick Pellerin
- 1 1 Charles King - Cynthia Helms
- 2 Sam Bowlin - William Adams
- 2 Leon Fastovsky - Paul Black

Sat Aft 0-300 Pairs (14 Pairs)

- 1 1 Robert Edwards - Steven Dunn
- 2 2 Nancy Detweiler - Lois Gregg

Fit BCD Swiss (27 Teams)

- 1 Michael Polunin - John Mason Jr -
Robert Padgett - Linda Padgett
- 2 Carl Weisman - Judy Weisman -
Paula Kahaner - Raymond Kahn

Flight A GNTs

May 21-22

Christ the King Church
Silver Spring, MD

Starts Saturday @ 12:30 P.M.

The 2004 ACBL Champions
Came from Unit 218 (NVBA).

Pre-register with Rae Dethlefsen
by May 19 at the latest.

Check the back page of the
April/May TableTALK
or the District 6 web site
for more details.

NVBA Ace of Clubs

(Final Standings for 2004)

ROOKIE OF THE YEAR

Willis Paley Hume	21.13
Nancy Detweiler	20.94

JUNIOR MASTER OF THE YEAR

John Miles	33.52
Elizabeth Parker	32.23

CLUB MASTER OF THE YEAR

Marsha A Boynton	43.46
Marilyn Golias	41.72

SECTIONAL MASTER OF THE YEAR

Helene S Cooper	51.94
Paul Stygar	50.77

REGIONAL MASTER OF THE YEAR

Ernest Klimonda	65.02
Martha S Mangano	62.33

NABC MASTER OF THE YEAR

Richard J Hesse	76.58
Herb Fallin Jr	76.25

LIFE MASTER OF THE YEAR

Salam Saidi	66.44
Martha (Chippy) Lackey	62.19

BRONZE LIFE MASTER OF THE YEAR

Marjorie Gazzola	97.30
Jeffa Dettinger	80.72

SILVER LIFE MASTER OF THE YEAR

Peter Hughes	128.47
John & Marilyn Carlson	110.61

GOLD LIFE MASTER OF THE YEAR

Don Geerhart	233.95
Ken Davis	215.34

DIAMOND LM OF THE YEAR

Zeke Letellier	168.52
Jeff Roman	116.51

DC Metropolitan Area Bridge Teachers

The following table details all the people who are presently actively teaching bridge in some form in the Washington DC metropolitan area. If you know of anyone else, or if you spot any errors in the listings, please contact Ron Kral at RonKral@gmail.com or call at 703-478-0077. We are trying to keep this information as current and accurate as possible.

How to read the table:

SKILL LEVEL:

Beginner: Someone who had played little or no bridge before (0 MPs)

Novice: Someone who can bid and play, but needs more experience at the table (1 to 300 MPs)

Intermediate: Someone who has a couple years experience at the table (300 to 700 MPs)

Advanced: Someone who has played for many years. (700+ MPs)

LESSON TYPE:

Individual: One-on-one lessons

Playing: Plays in a duplicate game and goes over the hands

Small group: Usually fewer than 8 people

Group: Usually a large group

Supervised play: A group where the teacher watches and answers questions during play

NVBA Unit Game	SL: Nov LT: Group	703-478-0077 Beth El Temple	Easybridge @NVBA.org
Nancy Abbott	SL: Beg, Nov, Int LT: Group	540-687-6131 Fairfax, Loudon	NancyAbbott @juno.com
Stu Fleischmann	SL: Beg, Nov LT: Group, Playing	703-751-6075 Fairfax	stuunc @prodigy.net
Steve Forsythe	SL: Beg, Nov LT: Group, Playing	301-592-9177 WBL Unit Game	majslf@aol.com
Jane Friend	SL: Beg, Nov LT: Small Group	202-966-1551 DC/Student home	Jfjkjb @verizon.net
Marilyn Golias	SL: Beg, Nov, Int LT: Small Group	703-920-5943 Reston CC	Double7NT @aol.com
Gene Kales	SL: Nov, Int, Adv LT: Individual	703-920-5943 NoVa, MD, Travel	No email



Ron Kral	SL: Beg, Nov, Int LT: Small Group, Individual	703-478-0077 Clubs, Student home	RonKral @gmail.com
Marshall Kuschner	SL: Nov, Int LT: Small Group, Individual	703-758-0906 Clubs, Home	jakofhearts@msn.com
Millie Larkin	SL: Beg, Nov, Int LT: Group	540-687-6131 Northern VA	millielar@comcast.net
John Mason	SL: Beg, Nov LT: Group	703-768-4214 See Web Site	jsm36@cox.net
Dave McIntyre	SL: Beg, Nov, Int LT: All	703-503-3139 703-507-1492 JCC Little River Tpk	dsmcna57@aol.com
Joanne Pretti	SL: Beg LT: Small Group	703-821-2254 Call	brdgmclean@aol.com
Steve Robinson	SL: Int, Adv LT: Individual	703-379-4371 NoVa, MD, Travel	robinswr@erols.com
Jeff Roman	SL: Beg, Nov, Int LT: Individual	703-750-2710 NoVa, MD, Travel	bridgepro@earthlink.net
Leslie Shafer	SL: All LT: Group	301-593-6828 Maryland	SlamHand@verizon.net
Ron Sukoneck	SL: Int, Adv LT: Group, Playing, Individual	703-573-1342 NoVa, MD, Travel	RSukoneck@verizon.net
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SPRING SECTIONAL TOURNAMENT

Knights of Columbus Hall (KCOH)

5115 Little Falls Road, Arlington, VA

703-536-9656

THURSDAY, APRIL 7

*Knights of Columbus Hall (KCOH), Arlington, VA (NVBA)
Christ the King Church, one block south of East-West Highway on Colston
between Washington and Grubb, Chevy Chase, MD (WBL)*

**NOTE: ALL
VIRGINIA EVENTS ARE
AT KOCH**

NVBA (KCOH) WBL

STRATIFIED PAIRS (A/X=3000+/3000; B/C=2000/750) 7:00 p.m. 7:30 p.m.
NVBA 199ER PAIRS (200/100/50/20); WBL NLM PAIRS (NLM/100/50) 7:00 p.m. 7:30 p.m.

...REST OF TOURNAMENT AT KOCH...

FRIDAY, APRIL 8

STRATIFIED PAIRS (A/X=3000+/3000; B/C=2000/750) 2 p.m.
299ER PAIRS (300/200/100) 2 p.m.
49ER PAIRS (50/20/5) 2 p.m.
STRATIFIED OPEN PAIRS (2000+/2000/750) 7:30 p.m.
299ER PAIRS (300/200/100) 7:30 p.m.

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One-List Partnership "Desk"
at www.nvba.org*

**Next NVBA Sectional
September 8-11,
2005**

SATURDAY, APRIL 9

STRATIFIED OPEN PAIRS (2000+/2000/750) 9:30 a.m.
STRATIFIED SENIOR PAIRS (2000+/2000/750) 9:30 a.m.
299ER PAIRS (300/200/100) 9:30 a.m.
49ER PAIRS (50/20/5) 9:30 a.m.
STRATA-FLIGHTED PAIRS: Flights A/X (3000+/3000) 2 p.m.
Flights B/C/D (2000/750/300) 2 p.m.
STRATIFIED SENIOR PAIRS (2000+/2000/750) 2 p.m.
299ER PAIRS (300/200/100) 2 p.m.
49ER PAIRS (50/20/5) 2 p.m.
STRATIFIED OPEN PAIRS (2000+/2000/750) 7:30 p.m.
299ER PAIRS (300/200/100) 7:30 p.m.

SUNDAY, APRIL 10

****Novice/Intermediate Lecture (Jeff Romano) 10:15 a.m.****
FLIGHTS A/X (3000+/3000) & B/C (2000/750) SWISS TEAMS 11:00 a.m.
Both flights are 2-session events, with one 30-minute break—box bench available
299ER SWISS TEAMS (0-300; Single session) 11:00 a.m.
MINI-STRATIFIED SWISS TEAMS (100/50/20; Single session) 11:00 a.m.
STRATIFIED 299ER SWISS TEAMS (300/200/100; Single session) 3:15 p.m.

DIRECTIONS: From Rt. 495 (the Beltway) on ramp West of the Beltsay, take Rt. 66 East to the Washington Bank and Lee Highway exit. At the light at the end of the exit ramp, turn left onto Lee Highway. Go approximately 1.5 miles and turn left onto Harrison Street. Go .5 miles and turn right onto Little Falls Road. The KCOH is on your left. 2 at a mile down Little Falls Road, turn left onto Harrison Street. Go .5 miles and turn right onto Harrison Street. Follow Harrison Street one block to the intersection of Harrison Street and Lee Highway. Turn left onto Lee Highway. From the light at the end of Chain Bridge, proceed 1.8 miles and turn right onto Little Falls Road. At the second light post the light at Willamby Blvd., Cross One Dominion (.3 miles) at the stop sign and proceed on Little Falls Road another .5 miles to the KCOH on your right. From all directions, turn up the drive and make past the stone bridge. Follow sign for visitor parking. The tournament will be held in the brick building marked "KCOH 2473" down the left hand side of the drive.

♠ **Kensington, MD** ♣ **APRIL 28-MAY 1, 2005** ♦

60th Annual Potomac Valley Tournament

THURSDAY, APRIL 28

- ♣ Stratified Open Pairs (unlim/3000/1500/1000/500) 10:30am
Washington Bridge Center, 1620 Elton Road, Silver Spring, MD.
 (301) 445-0276
- ♦ Stratified Open Pairs (A/X unlim/3000, B/C/D Separate 1500/1000/500)
 (both sites); Stratified MLM Pairs (NLM/1000/500) & D-2C Pairs (Christ the King
 Church only); Stratified 189er Pairs (Beth El only)
Beth El Congregation, 3830 Seminary Rd, Alexandria 7:00pm
Christ the King Church, 2301 Colston Drive, Silver Spring 7:30pm
 Capital Beltway to Connecticut Ave. South. Left on East-West Hwy. Right on
 Grubb Rd. 1st left on Colston. The church is one block on the left.



Friday held at Christ the King Church Only

FRIDAY, APRIL 29

- ♥ Stratified A/X Pairs (unlim/3000) & B/C/D Pairs (1500/1000/500) 10:00am, 3:00pm
- ♣ **Reverometer & Championship Pairs:** Stratified A/X (unlim/3000) & B/C/D (1500/1000/500) ... 7:30pm
- ♦ Intermediate/Notice Pairs (300/200/100/50/20) (single sessions) 10:00am, 2:00pm, 7:30pm

♠ ♦ **Remainder of Tournament held at Newport Mill Middle School Only** ♣ ♦

11311 Newport Mill Road, Kensington MD — Capital Beltway to Georgia Ave North (Exit 31 – State Hwy 97) go
 1.7 miles & bear left onto Veers Mill Rd. (State Hwy 586). Go
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SATURDAY, APRIL 30

- ♣ Stratified A/X (unlim/3000) & B/C/D Pairs (1500/1000/500) (single sessions) ... 11:00am, 3:30pm
- ♦ Intermediate/Notice Pairs (300/200/100) (single sessions) 11:00am, 3:30pm
- ♥ Newcomer Pairs (150/20/5) (single sessions) 11:00am, 3:30pm

SUNDAY, MAY 1

- ♣ A/X Swiss Teams, VPs (unlim/3000, 7 round playthru w/short break) 11:00am & TBA
- ♣ B/C/D Swiss Teams, VPs (2000/1000/500, 7 round playthru w/short break) 11:00am & TBA
- ♦ 300/100/50 Swiss Teams, VPs (single sessions) 11:00am, 3:00pm

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Alexandria, VA, MABC Regional—June 28–July 4, 2005

Tuesday, June 28

Open KO #1 7:30
Continues 9:30, 1:30 & 7:30 Wednesday

Stratified Charity Pairs 7:30
 300/200/100 & 50/20/5 Charity Pairs 7:30

Wednesday, June 29

Wed Side Game
 Series (1st, 2nd, 3rd of 3) 9:30/1:30/7:30

Daylight Stratified Open Pairs 10:30 & 3:00
 Compact KO 1:30 & 7:30

Four 12-board matches, concludes today
 300/200/100 & 50/20/0–5 Newcomer

Pairs 10:30/3:00 /7:30
 Single Session 0–5 Newcomer

Trophy Pairs 10:30/3:00/7:30
0–5 Players FREE TODAY

Stratified Open Board-a-Match Teams 7:30
 300/100/50 Swiss Teams 7:30

Thursday, June 30

Morning Compact KO #1 9:30
Two 12-board matches; concludes 9:30 am Friday

Thu/Fri Side Game
 Series (1st, 2nd, 3rd of 6) 9:30/1:30/7:30

Daylight StrataFlighted Open Pairs . 10:30 & 3:00
 300/200/100 & 50/20/0–5 Newcomer

Pairs 10:30/3:00/7:30
 Open KO #2 1:30 & 7:30

Continues 1:30 & 7:30 Friday
 0–5 Trophy Pairs 10:30/3:00/7:30

Stratified Open Board-a-Match Teams 7:30
 300/100/50 Swiss Teams 7:30

Friday, July 1

Thu/Fri Side Game
 Series (4th, 5th, 6th of 6) 9:30/1:30/7:30

Daylight StrataFlighted Open Pairs .. 10:30 & 3:00
 300/200/100 & 50/20/0–5 Newcomer

Pairs 10:30/3:00/7:30
 300/200/100 Trophy Pairs 10:30/3:00/7:30

Open KO #3 1:30 & 7:30
Continues 1:30 & 7:30 Saturday

Stratified Open Board-a-Match Teams 7:30
 300/100/50 Swiss Teams 7:30

Late Night Zip KOs 11:00

All KOs bracketed, random draw, and include 0–300 players

Saturday, July 2

Sat/Sun Side Game Series
 (1st, 2nd, 3rd of 6) 9:30/1:30/7:30

Morning Compact KO #2 9:30
Two 12-board matches;

concludes 9:30 am Sunday
 Daylight Stratified Open Pairs 10:30 & 3:00

Jerry Machlin Flighted Pairs 1:30 & 7:30
Flight A qualifying with barometer final

Flight B (0–2000) play thru — leaders in own barometer final

300/200/100 & 50/20/0–5 Newcomer
 Pairs 10:30/3:00/7:30

0–20 Trophy Pairs 10:30/3:00/7:30
 Stratified Open Board-a-Match Teams 7:30

300/200/100/50/20/5 Bracketed
 Pairs/Teams 7:30

Computer-assigned teammates — TWO chances to win

Late Night Zip KOs 11:30

Sunday, July 3

Sat/Sun Side Game
 Series (4th, 5th, 6th of 6) 9:30/1:30/7:30

Daylight Stratified Open Pairs 10:30 & 3:00
 300/200/100 & 50/20/0–5 Newcomer

Pairs 10:30/3:00/7:30
 Open KO #4 1:30 & 7:30

Continues 10:30 & 2:30 Monday
 Stratified Open Board-a-Match Teams 7:30

300/100/50 Swiss Teams 7:30

Monday, July 4

StrataFlighted A/X Swiss Teams 10:30 & TBA
 StrataFlighted B/C/D Swiss

Teams 10:30 & TBA
 Stratified (A & B only) Senior Swiss

Teams 10:30 & TBA
All Swiss Teams – 7 rounds with 45-minute break

300/100/50 Pairs 10:30/2:30
 300/100/50 Swiss Teams 10:30/2:30

Stratified Fast Open Pairs 12:00 & 3:00

- Stratified events 2000+/750–2000/0–750 → StrataFlighted events A/X=3000+/0–3000
- B/C/D separate 1000–2000/500–1000/0–500
- Single-session players always accommodated in Side Game Series, which are stratified
- I/N games may be stratified at director's discretion

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