

# Holiday Party

## December 18, 2008

**T**HE ANNUAL NVBA HOLIDAY PARTY, which includes dinner and a bridge game, will be held on Thursday, December 18, 2008, at the Beth El Congregation, 3830 Seminary Rd. in Alexandria, VA. That week is a Sectional Tournament in Clubs (STaC) week, so silver masterpoints will be awarded for placing in this game.

Everyone is asked to contribute a food dish...appetizer, salad, casserole or dessert. The NVBA will provide beef barbecue and chicken and beverages, including eggnog (spiked and unspiked). **REMEMBER, no pork or shellfish can be brought into the temple, PLEASE!** If you are unable to bring an item (or forget), you will be asked to donate \$5.00 towards party expenses. Dinner will begin at 5:30 PM, followed by the game at 7 PM.

If you have any questions, or would like to help with the setting up and/or cleanup, please contact NVBA President Leo Cardillo at 703-868-6868.

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### Of Special Interest:

- WBL Sectional, Oct. 2-5
- NVBA Sectional, Oct. 23-26
- Special FUNd-raiser, Oct. 25 for the Summer NABC
- LANCASTER, PA REGIONAL, Oct. 27-Nov 2
- VA BEACH REGIONAL, Nov. 3-9
- BOSTON, MA NABC, Nov. 20-30
- D6 STaC, Dec. 15-21
- CHARLESTON, SC REGIONAL, Dec. 29 – Jan. 4
- WBL Sectional, Jan. 8-11
- CHARLOTTESVILLE, VA REGIONAL, Jan. 12-18

## President's Message

By Leo Cardillo



**P**ICKING UP WHERE I left off with my last column, I want to report that the 4th of July Regional held in Reston, VA for the first time in a long time, instead of in Alexandria, was a great success! Everybody loved the “new” location and attendance was terrific! Dale Dallaire and Carole Grob were the Co-Chairs, and they collectively knocked the ball out of the park. In addition, the Unit will receive a cash payment of over \$1,000 from the Mid-Atlantic Bridge Conference (MABC), based on the actual table count. As our Unit Game Director Marshall Kushner has often and astutely noted, attendance is based on past success. Good show to all who worked to make this Regional a success!

The summer months are traditionally a period of less activity at the Unit game, but I am pleased to note that Beth El attendance remained strong throughout the summer. This year, the NVBA even stayed open against the Hunt Valley Regional, mostly to make a game available for the players who might not be able to or want to go to Hunt Valley on a weeknight. Beth El attendance on this night was a very respectable 20.5 tables, and Hunt Valley also set a new attendance record. Win – Win!!

By the time that you read this column, I am hoping that the NVBA will have started a revitalized Round Robin, an activity that former MABC President and long-time NVBA Board member Bette Dudka chaired for the NVBA when she was alive. Jim Dick is the NVBA Board Sponsor and Mike Zane is the Member Sponsor. I encourage all to consider participation, and I also invite your feedback as to how we might best structure this event to appeal to the most players. Look for details at the Unit Game.

The NVBA Holiday Party will be held at Beth El on December 18, part of the Sectional Tournament at Clubs (STaC) that week. The general format and details will be the same as last year, with dinner “served” from 5:30 PM and the game scheduled to start at 7:00 PM. Folks are encouraged to bring a favorite dish to supplement the food provided by the Unit. For those, like me, who are culinary challenged, a donation of \$5 is most welcome in lieu of a prepared dish! We are expecting another big crowd for this very popular event.

The new Board has met and our principal focus is on the Unit budget and finances. The Unit has incurred losses in the last two fiscal years (1 May through 30 April), but reserves are still in excess of \$20,000. That said, there is little room to generate significantly more income, even though attendance keeps improving. Expenses will have to be cut. The new Board has appointed a Finance Committee to work with the Treasurer and make further recommendations as to where we can trim the expenses. We are making every effort not to operate in the red for the third year in a row, some of which was caused by some major capital outlays that were one-time expenses.

As I enter my final six months of my sixth year as NVBA President, I am enthusiastic

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## Upcoming NVBA Games & Special Events

PLEASE NOTE GAME IS AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN  
CHURCH IN BALLSTON ON OCTOBER 9

**Oct. 2 Beth El – 7:00 WBL Sectional – Stratiflighted Pairs**

**Oct. 9 First Presbyterian Church – 7:00 Stratified Club Championship**

**Oct. 16 Beth El – 7:00 Stratified Club Appreciation Swiss Teams**

**Oct. 23 Beth El – 7:00 NVBA Sectional - Stratiflighted Pairs**

(rest of Sectional at Fairfax Elks Lodge)

**Oct. 30 Beth El – 7:00 Stratified Club Appreciation Pairs**

**Nov. 6 Beth El – 7:00 Stratified Unit Championship**

**Nov. 13 Beth El – 7:00 Stratified Grand National Swiss Teams**

**Nov. 20 Beth El – 7:00 Stratified Unit Championship**

**Nov. 27 Beth El – 7:00 CLOSED - Thanksgiving**

**Dec. 4 Beth El – 7:00 Stratiflighted Unit Championship**

**Dec. 11 Beth El – 7:00 Stratified Grand National Swiss Teams**

**Dec. 18 Beth El – 7:00 Stratified STaC Pairs – Holiday Party**

**Dec. 25 Beth El – 7:00 CLOSED - Christmas**

### Stratification Limits:

All NVBA Unit Games include a separate Stratified 199er game.

Players with 0-5 MPs play free every Thursday and in all scheduled events.

For the Grand National Swiss Teams qualifying games, the stratification is:

0-500 (NLM), 500-2000, 2000+.

For the STaCs, the stratification is: 0-500, 500-1500, 1500+

### Upcoming Sectionals

#### **NVBA**

October 23-26, 2008

February 5-8, 2009

April 23-26, 2009

#### **WBL**

October 2-5, 2008

January 8-11, 2009

February 26-March 1, 2009

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and excited about the NVBA and this great game of bridge that we all love and enjoy more than ever before! I have had the pleasure and honor to serve the membership and watch with pride and satisfaction as the members, volunteers and professional staff have all helped the Unit grow to new levels of success and innovation.

For myself, I still have some goals for the NVBA. I want to make sure that the Unit continues to realize increased attendance at both the Unit Game and the Sectionals. I also want to obtain a contract with a back-up facility in the unlikely event that the Elks Lodge might not be available due to an emergency situation. Looking even further ahead, I would love to establish a facility that could support bridge in the NVBA, 7 days x 24 hours. A facility that could be open and equipped every day and every night for club, Unit and Sectional use. If and when we have such a facility, we can realize great savings by using common tables, cards, etc. In addition, we can save a lot of hassle and wear and tear by avoiding all the setup and takedown that occurs at every game. I also want to increase the use of technology to facilitate the execution of the game. Electronic scoring and wireless networking will be a reality in the near future, especially at the larger forums.

Finally, I want to draw your attention to the upcoming Summer North American Bridge Championships (NABC) that will be held in Washington, DC, July 23 – August 2, 2009, and staffed by volunteers from throughout District 6 in addition to the professional ACBL staff. Margot Hennings is the Tournament Chair and Fred King is the Assistant Chair. There will be a variety of fund-raising events for this tournament between now and next July, and I encourage all of you to support these fund-raisers in anticipation of a truly magnificent and memorable Nationals. In addition, there will be a Second-ever Youth NABC that will be held during this NABC from July 31 – August 1, 2009. Patty Tucker of Atlanta, GA, who master-minded the inaugural Youth NABC this past July, and local player Suzanne Abrams are the co-Chairs of this event and, together with others, are already working hard to ensure its success. The youth players are showing up with ever-increasing numbers at every forum and that fact speaks very well indeed for the continued growth and success of bridge.

I encourage all of you to find some aspect of the Unit's activities that you want to support and get involved as a volunteer or paid staffer/Director. If we continue to combine and effectively utilize the talents and resources of the NVBA membership, there is no limit to what we can accomplish!

See you at the tables!!



## Upcoming 199er Unit Games

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**Oct. 9 First Presbyterian Church – 7:00 Club Championship – 199er Pairs game**

**Oct. 16 Beth El – 7:00 Club Appreciation Swiss Teams**

**Oct. 23 Beth El – 7:00 NVBA Sectional 199er Pairs (rest of Sectional  
at Fairfax Elks Lodge)**

**Oct. 30 Beth El – 7:00 199er Club Appreciation Pairs Game**

**Nov. 7 Beth El – 7:00 199er Pairs Game**

**Nov. 13 Beth El – 7:00 199er Pairs Game OR 199ers may “play up” in the  
Flight C Strat of the Grand National Swiss Teams qualifier (NLM 0-500 MPs)**

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## The Jack of Hearts

By Marshall Kushner



**I**T WAS THE BEST OF TIMES, it was the worst of times. Not really, but it was a tale of two cities. Detroit and Las Vegas, sites of the last two ACBL Nationals, were eerily similar while being totally opposite. Detroit, according to a few, was way too cold and should never again be allowed to host an NABC. Las Vegas, for almost all, was too hot, but many think it should host one every two or three years. Detroit has its People Mover, which whisks you to dining and gaming locales for 50 cents. Las Vegas has its monorail which takes you to dining and gaming locales for \$5. Detroit's attendance was disappointing at 8,553.5 tables. Las Vegas' attendance was disappointing at 19,720 tables (most of us expected 20,000+). Still, it was the fourth largest NABC ever and gave Las Vegas four of the top five. As we wrote last time, Detroit was very welcoming, featuring a beer garden named Jacoby's. Las Vegas was even more welcoming with The Donald graciously renaming his hotel the No Trump. Las Vegas encourages morality with a billboard at the south end of the Strip urging readers to remember the seventh commandment, Thou shalt not commit adultery. Detroit encourages morality with a mayor who leads by example. One thing Las Vegas had that Detroit didn't was a large group of young girls who offered their services as caddies. When told they were too young, they returned home and formed the Chinese women's Olympic gymnastic team.

As for the tournament itself, it got passing, but not great, grades. The playing areas were comfortable and, for the most part, well lit. The hospitality was adequate but there were a few nights when, if you weren't in the first wave, you didn't get any. And the heat? Well, it's a dry heat and it really does make a difference. We went to a ball game one night and when we got there, the heat was sobering, but by the time the game ended, it was almost comfy. The temperature when we left was 102 degrees!

Heat, distance, and soaring air fares, did little to stay NVBAers from their appointed games. The first cases on the docket were the GNTs where David Milton and Stan Schenker got to the semis in Flight A. Next came the LM Pairs where Elliot Itkin grabbed third in the 0-1500, while Cecily Kohler finished 7th in the 0-5000 version. Elliott was right back with 15th in the Senior Swiss, and Stan and Dave made the Round of 16 in the Mini-Spingold. Others with national overalls were David Banh (0-1500 LM Pairs), Rusty Krauss and John Miller, Barry Spector (0-5000 LM Pairs), and Al Duncker (Senior Swiss). Regional wins went to Mary Ann Kral and her teammates, who won four, count 'em, four KOs. Sumner Steinfeldt and Pat Lonergan each won two events, and Michael Klein, Web Ewell, Lucy McCoy, Betty Bursey, and Herb Fallin one each.

Of course, I would be remiss (not to mention sleeping on the couch) if I failed to mention the Mid-Atlantic sweep of the directorial awards. Terry Lavender won the Tom Weeks award for outstanding professionalism, while Candy (Kushner) took the Fred Friendly award for, uh, friendliness. Just don't cross her.

## Ron Kral's Designation as A Master Teacher by the American Bridge Teachers' Association (ABTA)

*By Nancy Abbott*

**R**ON KRAL, a well-known Northern Virginia teacher, was designated a MASTER TEACHER in July, 2008 in Las Vegas at the ABTA's 51st Annual Convention in Las Vegas, Nevada. This was a well-earned honor since it required detailed interviews with other ABTA Master Teachers and passing an examination on his knowledge of current topics in Bridge.

Ron has reinvigorated the Intermediate-Newcomer (I/N) program here in District Six, increasing attendance at the weekly NVBA Unit game and local Sectional and Regional tournaments. Given his past successes, we can't wait to see what he has in store as I/N Chairman for the Summer NABC here in DC in July, 2009.

Many of you may have taken his classes in Reston, George Mason University, at the Smithsonian or other venues around town. Others will have heard him speak at various Regional tournaments. Still others are playing with "your pro" in different clubs. Everyone is reading his "Better Basic Bridge" column in the NVBA Unit newsletter or "ChRONicles of Cardplay" in the District 6 Table Talk magazine. Ron excels at all these aspects of teaching.

His materials are up-to-date, drawing on the best of current sources for inspiration. Ron's well-attended classes by enthusiastic students at all levels testify to his ability to excite others about "the greatest card game on earth."

CONGRATULATIONS from the ABTA on becoming a MASTER TEACHER! All of us here in the DC metro area always knew you were.

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## Congratulations to Terry Lavender and Candy Kuschner on their Awards at the Las Vegas Summer NABC!

At the Las Vegas Summer NABC, local tournament directors (TD) Terry Lavender and Candy Kuschner were recognized by their peers – the Professional Tournament Directors Association – for outstanding contributions to the vocation.

Candy was chosen as this year's winner of the Fred Friendly Award, named after the late TD Paul Stehly, who was known as Fred Friendly for his demeanor with players. Terry received the Tom Weeks Award for outstanding professionalism, which Candy received at the Atlanta NABC in 2005.

Candy, a TD since 1991 and full time since 1998, said "We all love the job, and we hope we show it. Making players happy should be our highest goal."

Terry said she was delighted to be chosen for the Weeks award. "It's like getting a special birthday present from your family because the directors are my family." She has been a tournament director since the 1980s.

## Parade of Winners

### RESTON REGIONAL June 30–July 6, 2008

#### Mon. Aft. Charity Pairs (76 Pairs)

- 1 1 Lowell Sawyer – Charles Maplethorpe  
2 2 Clifford Feldman – Howard Bender

#### Mon. Aft. 0-300 Pairs (46 Pairs)

- 1 1 Gerald O'Dell – Al Kuchinka  
1 Bob Patel – Chieko Franck  
2 Catharine Fisher – John Fisher

#### Mon. Eve. Side Game (44 Pairs)

- 2 Jim Dick – Linda Dick

#### Mon. Eve. 0-300 Pairs (26 Pairs)

- 1 1 1 William Glen – Paul Setzer

#### Mon. Eve. 0-50 Pairs (14 Pairs)

- 1 Charles Ellis – Sheila Ellis  
2 Wolfgang Toelle – Uli Werner  
1 Margaret Mastran – Donna Setzer  
2 Walt Pumo – Janice Pumo

#### Arnold KO Bkt. 2 (12 Teams)

- 2 Dennis Wick – Elliot Itkin –  
Robert Finkelstein – John Mason

#### Arnold KO Bkt. 3 (12 Teams)

- 2 Roma Chandra – Shawn Stringer –  
Martha Bley – Ross Bley

#### Arnold KO Bkt. 4 (15 Teams)

- 1 Helene Cooper – Elizabeth Traylor –  
Marilyn Smebakken – Donald Brown

#### Arnold KO Bkt. 5 (16 Teams)

- 2 David Fitzwilliam – Lorraine Tyler –  
Elizabeth Settle – Larry Settle

#### Tues. AM 0-300 Pairs (18 Pairs)

- 1 1 1 Robert Magruder – Eleanor Schwartz  
2 2 William Woodward – John Menzel,  
2 Sidney Graves – Jan Potter

#### Tues. AM 0-50 Pairs (16 Pairs)

- 1 Gayle Reed – Harry Davies  
2 1 Margaret Mastran – Donna Setzer  
2 Ronald Klar – Deborah Klar

#### Tues. Daylight Open Pairs (36 Pairs)

- 1 Jack Armstrong – Ed Gofreed

#### Tues. Aft./Eve. Open Pairs (68 Pairs)

- 1 Zeke Letellier – Marsha Brown  
2 David Milton – Stan Schenker  
2 John Hamilton – Ken Hopke

#### Tues. Aft. 0-300 Pairs (39 Pairs)

- 2 2 William Woodward – John Menzel  
2 Larry Taylor – Albert Stolpe

#### Tues. Aft. 0-50 Pairs (18 Pairs)

- 1 Lawrence Shuman – Deanna Shuman  
2 1 Ronald Klar – Deborah Klar  
2 Lynn Frankenfield – Debby Bailine

#### Mon.–Tue. Side Series (6 Pairs)

- 1 Steve Bunning – Jose Cortina  
2 Mitchell Karlick – Bert Hackney

#### Tues. Aft. Side Game (22 Pairs)

- 2 1 1 Ling-Li Bates – Dave Tonnesen

#### Tues. Eve. BAM (16 Teams)

- 1 Tim Crank – Carolyn Gibson –  
Nadine Wood – David Rodney  
2 Tom Musso – Kathy Paramore –  
Ellen Cherniavsky – Barbara Ames  
1 Amy Bloom – Gregg Mullins –  
Srinivas Kachibhatla – John Lippincott  
1 Jeff Youngen – Mary O'Shea –  
Candace Carlton – Terry Carlton

#### Tues. Eve. Side Game (44 Pairs)

- 2 David Banh – Joshua Holt  
2 Howard Bender – Clifford Feldman

#### 0-300 Swiss (12 Teams)

- 2 Jerry Nolte – Elizabeth Nolte –  
Gil Krawitz – Willis Paley Hume  
2 2 Amanda Carter – Marco Latini –  
Taraneh Shahin – Bahman Shahin

#### 0-300 Pairs (29 Pairs)

- 1 1 1 Georgette Weiss – Ike Oren  
2 2 2 Harry Potter – James Mosley

#### Clark Tues.–Wed. Comp KO 2 (10 Teams)

- 2 Amanda Carter – Tim Smith –  
Virginia Gibbons – Joe Hertz

**Clark Tues.–Wed. Comp. KO 3 (10 Teams)**

- 2 Ivan Pollack – Carlyn Pollack –  
Pat Lonergan – Tom Lonergan

**Greene Tues.–Wed. KO 2 (14 Teams)**

- 2 Debnarayan Dhar – Dharendra Ghosh –  
Aquil Ahmed – Emerita Hayward

**Greene Tues.–Wed. KO 3 (15 Teams)**

- 2 Sheldon Richter – Ruby Eisenbach –  
Lorraine Kammerman –  
Philip Kammerman

**Greene Tues.–Wed. KO 4 (16 Teams)**

- 2 Marie Nylén – Jane Friend –  
Julia Nasr – Hikmat Nasr

**Greene Tues.–Wed. KO 5 (16 Teams)**

- 2 Roger Laumark – Alfred Liepold –  
Joan White – Helen Long

**Steuben Wed.–Thurs. Comp KO Bkt. 1 (9 Teams)**

- 2 Bob Pfeiffer – Satinder Gupta –  
Janet Coffin – Herb Fallin, Jr.

**Steuben Wed.–Thurs. Comp KO Bkt. 2 (10 Teams)**

- 1 Ed Brawn – Susan Brawn –  
Helene Cooper – Anthony Cincotta  
2 Ross Bley – Martha Bley –  
Lynne Beresford – Ruth Woods

**Wed. A/X Swiss Teams (28 Teams)**

- 1 Bob Pfeiffer – Bill Mannschreck –  
Mike Spooner – Herb Fallin, Jr.  
2 Clyde Kruskal – Kenton Schoen –  
Diane Walker – Mike Richey

**Wed. Flt. B Swiss Teams Bkt. 1 (8 Teams)**

- 1 Bob Hartmann – Martha Lackey –  
Marcia Stein – Mirta Halperin  
2 Steve Reed – Mickey Hughes –  
Chuck Pecarro – Betty Bursley

**Wed. Flt. B Swiss Teams Bkt. 2 (8 Teams)**

- 2 Steve Rothman – Richard Allison –  
Bruce Bucklinger – John Lowe, III

**Wed. Flt. B Swiss Teams Bkt. 4 (8 Teams)**

- 2 Kiyomi Shiba – Nancy Loomis –  
Stephen MacArthur – Bea Suskin

**Wed. Flt. B Swiss Teams Bkt. 5 (8 Teams)**

- 2 Irv Kipnis – Maxwell Hughes –  
Jacqualyn Newman – Terry Jones

**Wed. Flt. B Swiss Teams Bkt. 6 (8 Teams)**

- 1 Elizabeth Anderson – Monica Shumann –  
Susan Slattery – Donald Brown  
2 Amy Bloom – Jerry Barker –  
Michael Neds – William Kingery, Jr.

**Wed. AM 0-50 Pairs (10 Pairs)**

- 1 1 1 Margaret Mastran – Karen Magley  
2 Linda Griffith – Rosemary McDonald

**Wed. AM/Aft. Open Pairs (30 Pairs)**

- 2 Ed Lewis, III – Ed Lewis  
2 Christon Johnson – Paul Krueger

**Wed.–Thurs. Side Game (32 Pairs)**

- 1 David McIntyre – Tim Smith  
2 Michael Lawrence – Craig Olson

**Wed. AM/Aft. 300/750 Pairs (44 Pairs)**

- 1 Douglas Fox – Larry Moran

**Wed. Aft. 0-300 Pairs (30 Pairs)**

- 1 1 William Hughes – Barbara Hodges  
2 Virginia Ivin – Hannelore Suffridge

**Wed. Aft. 0-50 Pairs (14 Pairs)**

- 1 1 1 Margaret Mastran – Ruth Glen  
2 2 2 Linda Griffith – Mary McFadden

**Wed. Eve. 0-300 Pairs (28 Pairs)**

- 2 1 Gary Weinstein – Stanley Legum  
2 Brigitte Friedman – Ron Friedman

**Wed. Eve. Side Game (42 Pairs)**

- 1 Jim Dick – Linda Dick  
2 1 Elizabeth Traylor – Cathy Stryker

**Wayne Thurs.–Fri. AM Comp KO Bkt. 2 (9 Teams)**

- 1 Neil Selvin – Howard Grunin –  
Howard Tash – Martin Reed

**Wayne Thurs.–Fri. AM Comp KO Bkt. 3 (9 Teams)**

- 1 Jerry Nolte – Elizabeth Nolte –  
Gil Krawitz – Willis Paley Hume  
2 Maribel Newby – Nancy Cartwright –  
Robert Sherman – Linda Sherman

**Thurs. AM Side Game (24 Pairs)**

- 2 Shirley Lafferty – Wanda Worsham

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**Parade of Winners** – continued from page 9**Thurs. AM/Aft. Open Pairs (24 Pairs)**

- 2 Steve Bunning – Kris Miller
- 1 David McIntyre – Carlene Garrigus
- 2 Norma Pierzchala – Carol Aitken

**Thurs. AM/Aft. 300/750 Pairs (46 Pairs)**

- 1 Michael Lawrence – Craig Olson
- 2 Douglas Fox – Jim Sandefur
- 2 Robert Dorosin – Eleanor Schwartz

**Thurs. AM 0-300 Pairs (14 Pairs)**

- 2 Linda Griffith – Janet Henrichsen

**Thurs. Aft./Eve. Open Pairs (60 Pairs)**

- 1 Gil Cohen – Marty Nelson

**Thurs. Aft. Side Game (34 Pairs)**

- 1 1 Shirley Lafferty – Wanda Worsham
- 2 Bob Hartmann – Esfandiar Khazai
- 2 James Augustine – Anthony Cincotta

**Thurs. Aft. 100/200/300 (30 Pairs)**

- 1 1 Larry Taylor – Albert Stolpe
- 2 Steve Graves – Thomas Feick, Jr.

**Thurs. Aft. 15/25/50 (14 Pairs)**

- 2 William Hohe – Jo Ann Hutchison
- 2 Linda Mason – Barbara Bieger

**Thurs. Aft. Newcomer Pairs (10 Pairs)**

- 1 Maxine Norris – Carollyn Brahdey
- 2 Judy Simonson – Steve Forsythe

**Thurs. Eve. BAM (18 Teams)**

- 1/2 William Gurley – Mike Giesler – Allison Brandt – Mary Ann Kral
- 1/2 Frank Alden – Ivan Pollack – Carlyn Pollack – Pat Lonergan

**Thurs. Eve. Side Game (32 Pairs)**

- 1 Gurilla Dybvik – Jim Lynch

**Thurs. Eve. 0-300 Swiss (14 Teams)**

- 2 2 Ann Atcheson – Kay Flynn – Cathy Vivona – Linn Duniven

**Thurs. Eve. 0-300 Pairs (25 Pairs)**

- 1 1 Christine Brooks – Helen(Susie) Tinney
- 2 Susan Collins – Lee Faber
- 2 Mary Alice Vogt – Margaret Gurley
- 1 Harry Potter – James Mosley
- 2 John Haberlin – Sandy Haberlin

**Knox Thurs.–Fri. KO Bkt. 1 (16 Teams)**

- 2 Arnie Frankel – Kenton Schoen – Diane Walker – Helene Bauman

**Knox Thurs.–Fri. KO Bkt. 2 (12 Teams)**

- 2 Eugene Schuyler – Diane Alexander – Ross Bley – Martha Bley

**Knox Thurs.–Fri. KO Bkt. 4 (15 Teams)**

- 1 Carl Noller – Neil Selvin – Howard Grunin – Brian Snyder
- 2 David Mead – Kathleen O'Toole – Cherie Charles – Joyce Currie

**Fri. AM Side Game (31 Pairs)**

- 2 David McIntyre – Carlene Garrigus
- 1 Peggy Morrison – Helen Lazar

**Fri. AM 0-300 Pairs (26 Pairs)**

- 2 Sidney Graves – Andrea Stanley-Miller

**Fri. AM 0-50 Pairs (8 Pairs)**

- 1 Marlene Gross – John Carle
- 1/2 Ruth Glen – Margaret Mastran

**Fri. AM Swiss (23 Teams)**

- 1 1 1 William Gurley – Mary Ann Kral – Tobi Bear – Susan Klaber
- 2 Dennis Wick – John Mason – Issa Dorri – Omar Okaily
- 2/3 2 Kathrine Loh – Ed Molnar, – Andrew Loh – Patricia Loh
- 2/3 Irv Kipnis – Carol Elfant – Terry Jones – Jacquelyn Newman

**Fri. Aft. Side Game (36 Pairs)**

- 1 1 Jeffrey Schwartz – Annie Schwartz

**Fri. Aft. 0-300 Pairs (50 Pairs)**

- 2 2 Christine Brooks – Helen (Susie) Tinney

**4th of July Open Pairs (59 Pairs)**

- 2 1 Elliot Itkin – Henry Nelson

**4th of July Fast Pairs (40 Pairs)**

- 2 Don Probst – Lowell Sawyer
- 2 Joan Mitchum – Barb Hincken
- 2 Mari McColl – Elizabeth Crenshaw

**Fri. Eve. BAM (12 Teams)**

- 2/3 Tom Musso – Barbara Ames – Kathy Paramore – Ellen Cherniavsky

**Fri. Eve. 0-500 Swiss (11 Teams)**

- 1 Ann Atcheson – Sheila Ellis –  
Shirley Stauffacher – Jenny Shaefer

**Fri. Eve. Side Game (31 Pairs)**

- 1 1 1 Eva Klivington – Graham Kelly

**Lafayette KO Bkt. 2 (10 Teams)**

- 1 M. Webster Ewell, Jr. – Michael Klein –  
Rod Severson – Steven Schatzow  
2 Bob Hartmann – Martha Lackey –  
Alan Breed – Marge Gazzola

**Lafayette KO Bkt. 3 (12 Teams)**

- 1 Robert Brady – David Banh –  
Larry Lowell, Jr. – Dwayne Hoffman  
2 Kevin O'Brien – Ellie Clark –  
Mike Frosch – Francesco Parisi-Presicce

**Lafayette KO Bkt. 4 (15 Teams)**

- 1 Craig Caplan – Teresa Caplan –  
William Gurley – Mary Ann Kral

**Fri. Zip KO (7 Teams)**

- 1 Terry Jones – Charles Ellis –  
Sheila Ellis – Bryan Morgan

**Sat. KO Bkt. 1 (6 Teams)**

- 2 David Milton – Stan Schenker –  
Mark Laken – Harvey Charkatz

**Sat. KO Bkt. 2 (8 Teams)**

- 1 Dennis Wick – John Mason –  
Issa Dorri – Omar Okaily  
2 Tim Smith – Virginia Gibbons –  
Beverly Geurin – Lynda Flanger

**Sat. KO Bkt. 4 (8 Teams)**

- 1 Robert Krueger – Priscilla Krueger –  
Ken Hopke – Elaine Sellman –  
John Hamilton

**Sat. KO Bkt. 5 (8 Teams)**

- 1 David Mead – Kathleen O'Toole –  
Joyce Currie – Cherie Charles  
2 Monica Shumann – Mary O'Shea –  
Susan Slattery – Barbara DiCicco

**Sat. KO Bkt. 6 (8 Teams)**

- 1 Susan Klaber – Tobi Bear –  
Katherine Koch – Ednamae Trevey

**Sat. AM Side Game (30 Pairs)**

- 1 Bob Boyd – Steven Schatzow  
2 1 Susan Brawn – Cynthia Helms

**Sat. AM 0-500 Pairs (14 Pairs)**

- 1/2 1/2 Terry Mitchell – Albert Dimillio  
1 Rochelle Hilton – Rachelle Sladoff  
2 Akiko Yamashita – Chieko Franck

**Sat. AM 0-50 Pairs (22 Pairs)**

- 1 1 1 Jonn O'Connor – Albert Stolpe  
2 2 Georgette Weiss – Ike Oren  
2 Ruth Glen – Margaret Mastran

**Sat. Aft. Side Game (36 Pairs)**

- 1 Ed Lewis, III – Ed Lewis  
1 Nelson Waks – Shirley Lafferty  
2 1 Carl Noller – Brian Snyder

**Sat. Flt. B Barometer Pairs (46 Pairs)**

- 1 Chuck Ellison – Louise Sellers

**Sat. Flt. B Pairs (36 Pairs)**

- 1 John Christensen – Hongmo Wang  
2 Paul Krueger – Christon Johnson

**Sat. Aft. 0-500 Pairs (42 Pairs)**

- 1 1 M Leighton – Alicia Gormont  
2/3 Taraneh Shahin – Bahman Shahin

**Sat. Aft. 0-50 Pairs (16 Pairs)**

- 1 1 1 Ruth Glen – Margaret Mastran  
2 2 Linda Griffith – Rosemary McDonald  
2 Jonn O'Connor – Albert Stolpe

**Sat. Eve. BAM (16 Teams)**

- 2 Jason Meyer – James Geist –  
Jim Wakefield – Helene Bauman  
1 Terry Jones – Irv Kipnis –  
Barbara Israel – Jacquelyn Newman  
2 1 Marvin Raines – Ruth Woods –  
Margaret Gurley – Alan Walter

**Sat. Eve. Side Game (38 Pairs)**

- 1 1 Joe Angermeier – Ralph Angermeier

**Sat. Eve. 0-500 Swiss (9 Teams)**

- 2 1 Dick Verdow – Jean Verdow –  
Catharine Fisher – John Fisher  
2/3 Jenny Shaefer – Shirley Stauffacher –  
Ann Atcheson – Sharon Perryman

**Parade of Winners** – continued from page 11**Sat. Eve. 0-300 Pairs (12 Pairs)**

- 1 Brian Snyder – Robert Magruder
- 2 1 1 Linda Szyszka – Donald Szyszka

**Sun. AM 0-300 Swiss (13 Teams)**

- 2 2 William Woodward – John Menzel – Robert Hollohan – Ken Duggin

**Sun. AM 0-300 Pairs (18 Pairs)**

- 1 1 Al Kuchinka – Gerald O'Dell
- 1 Georgette Weiss – Ike Oren
- 2 Ruth Glen – Alice Ling

**Sun. Open Pairs (26 Pairs)**

- 1 Lowell Sawyer – Don Geerhart

**A/X Swiss (51 Teams)**

- 1 Hal Hindman – Brad Theurer – Lyle Poe, Jr. – Mark Chen
- 1 Kenton Schoen – Diane Walker – James Geist – Jason Rosenfeld

**Sun. B/C/D Swiss (65 Teams)**

- 1 Michael Kitces – Maurice Kitces – Steve Bunning – Jose Cortina
- 2 Chuck Ellison – Louise Sellers – John Korfonta – Sam Westgate
- 2 1 Jerry Nolte – Elizabeth Nolte – Willis Paley Hume – Gil Krawitz
- 2 Sheila Ellis – William Hohe – Charles Ellis – Bob Blodgett

**Sun. Aft. 0-300 Swiss (17 Teams)**

- 1 1 1 Sidney Graves – Andrea Stanley-Miller – Eleanor Schwartz – Amelia Montjoy
- 2 Samir Haddad – Sheila Odell – Spencer Berg – Phyllis Berg

**Sun. Aft. 0-300 Pairs (17 Pairs)**

- 1 1 Wanda Clandorf – Larry Clandorf
- 1 Karen Magley – Alice Ling
- 2 Harry Potter – James Mosley

**WBL SECTIONAL**  
**August 7–10, 2008**

**Thurs. Eve. A/X Pairs (73 Pairs)**

- 2 Ron Zucker – Helene Bauman
- 1/2 Bob Boyd – Carole Grob
- 1/2 Dick Wieland – Abdul Etemadi

**Thurs. Eve. B/C/D Pairs (48 Pairs)**

- 1 1 1 Michael Osborn – Joe Hertz
- 2 William Nicolai – Lynda Flanger

**Thurs. Eve. NVBA 0-200 Pairs (22 Pairs)**

- 1 1 1 Ike Oren – Georgette Weiss
- 2 Charles Allport – Sandra Allport
- 2 Virginia Ivin – Hannelore Suffridge
- 2 Nabil Ahmed – Dan Emmons

**Fri. AM Open Pairs (46 Pairs)**

- 2 Ellie Clark – Beverly Geurin
- 1 Douglas Fox – Larry Moran
- 2 Monica Shumann – Susan Slattery

**Fri. Aft. B/C/D Pairs (28 Pairs)**

- 2 1 Monica Shumann – Susan Slattery
- 2 Howard Grunin – Neil Selvin

**Fri. Aft. NLM Pairs (28 Pairs)**

- 1 Marvin Raines – J.J. Jayaraman

**Fri. Eve. 0-1500 IMP Pairs (22 Pairs)**

- 1 1 Craig Olson – Michael Lawrence
- 2 2 1 Ned Griffith – Albert Lauber

**Sat. AM Open Pairs (54 Pairs)**

- 1 Steven Schatzow – Bob Boyd
- 1 1 Srinivas Kachibhatla – John Montgomery
- 2 Pat Lonergan – Larry Gebbie

**Sat. AM NonLM Pairs (30 Pairs)**

- 2 James Biss – Jo Ann Hutchison
- 1 John Donohue – Charline Coakley

**Sat. Aft. B/C/D Pairs (30 Pairs)**

- 1/2 Roma Chandra – Lynda Flanger
- 2 David Banh – Stephen Drodge
- 2 Ned Griffith – Albert Lauber

**Sat. Comp. KO Bkt. 2 (11 Teams)**

- 2 Rita Waldack – Joe Carlomagno – RaeDonna Jones – Dev Devgon

**Sat. Comp. KO Bkt. 3 (16 Teams)**

- 2 Ellinor Legg – Peter Lo – Dan Emmons – Karen Emmons

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**Sun. A/X BAM (15 Teams)**

- 1 Jim Allen – Shawn Stringer – John Montgomery – Srinivas Kachibhatla
- 2 Ron Kral – Robert Brady – Frank Cardillo – Leo Cardillo

**Sun. B/C/D Swiss (21 Teams)**

- 1 John Mason – Susan Miskura –  
Dennis Schwanz – Katherine Rabenstein
- 2 1 1 Carl Noller – Michael Osborn –  
Neil Selvin – Howard Grunin

**Sun. AM NonLM Swiss (6 Teams)**

- 1 Roger Laumark – Lynne Beresford –  
Eleanor Schwartz – Amelia Montjoy

**Sun. Aft. 299er Swiss (9 Teams)**

- 1 1 Joshua Holt – Nabil Ahmed –  
Dan Emmons – Stephen Drodge
- 2 Roger Laumark – Lynne Beresford –  
Eleanor Schwartz – Amelia Montjoy
- 2/3 William Hughes – Barbara Hodges –  
John Donohue – Charles Shank
- 2/3 Jason Stewart – Richard Jones –  
Kenneth Duggin – Virginia Gibbons

**HUNT VALLEY REGIONAL**  
**August 11–17, 2008**

**Kickoff KO Bkt. 4 (15 Teams)**

- 1 John Mason – John Miles –  
Stephen Wiesenfeld – Arnold Kritz

**Kickoff KO Bkt. 5 (16 Teams)**

- 1 Nat Zucker – Mike Frosch –  
Julia Zucker – Carl Noller

**Ft. McHenry Comp. KO Bkt. 3 (16 Teams)**

- 2 Carol Elfant – Shyamalendu Pal –  
Gail Carter – Amanda Carter

**Tues AM 0-300 (20 Pairs)**

- 2 1 Phyllis Isler – Morton Isler

**Tues. Aft. 0-300 (33 Pairs)**

- 1 1 Gail Carter – Amanda Carter

**Tues. Aft. 0-50 (14 Pairs)**

- 2 1 Mary Harter – Kathryn Weyers

**Tues. Eve. 0-50 (14 Pairs)**

- 2 2 Mary Harter – Kathryn Weyers

**Tues. Eve. Side Swiss (26 Teams)**

- 1 Shawn Stringer – Roma Chandra –  
Ellie Clark – Beverly Geurin

**Preakness Comp. KO Bkt. 2 (12 Teams)**

- 2 Kevin O' Brien – John S. Mason –  
Virginia Gibbons – Timothy Smith

**Preakness Comp. KO Bkt. 3 (14 Teams)**

- 2 Ellie Clark – Mike Frosch –  
Amy Bloom – Beverly Geurin

**Wed. Open Pairs (70 Pairs)**

- 1 Sumner Steinfeldt – Ken Davis

**Wed. AM 0-300 (22 Pairs)**

- 2 1 Phyllis Isler – Morton Isler  
2 Mary Harter – Kathryn Weyers

**Wed. Aft. 0-300 (34 Pairs)**

- 2 1 Gail Carter – Amanda Carter

**Wed. Aft. 0-50 (19 Pairs)**

- 2 2 2 Tim Rauen – Jonathan Haley

**Wed. Eve. Side Swiss (52 Teams)**

- 1/2 1 Donald Brown – Helene Cooper –  
Marilyn Smebakken – Elizabeth Traylor

**Inner Harbor Comp. KO Bkt. 3 (14 Teams)**

- 2 Dorothy Bechtle – Margaret Storey –  
Susan Slattery – Monica Shumann

**Thurs. A/X Swiss (31 Teams)**

- 2 1 Kenton Schoen – Mark Laken –  
Harvey Charkatz – Diane Walker

**Thurs. Open Pairs (52 Pairs)**

- 2 Jeff Roman – Ruth Potter

**Thurs. Aft. 0-300 Swiss (6 Teams)**

- 2 1 Neal Cooper – Darlene Thom –  
Mary Edge – Betty Taff

**Thurs. Aft. 0-300 (42 Pairs)**

- 1 Phyllis Isler – Morton Isler

**Thurs. Aft. 0-50 (16 Pairs)**

- 1 1 Tim Rauen – Jonathan Haley

**Thurs. Eve. 0-50 (10 Pairs)**

- 1 1 1 Tim Rauen – Jonathan Haley

**Thurs. Eve. Side Game (23 Pairs)**

- 2 Lynda Flanger – John S. Mason

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**Parade of Winners** – continued from page 13**Natl. Aquarium Comp. KO Bkt. 2 (14 Teams)**

- 1 Stephen Wiesenfeld – Arnold Kritz –  
Irv Kipnis – Terry Jones

**Natl. Aquarium Comp. KO Bkt. 3 (17 Teams)**

- 1 Alfred Liepold – Alfred Caponiti –  
Neil Selvin – Howard Grunin

**Fri. AM Side Game (20 Pairs)**

- 1 Ken Davis – John Ashe  
2 Ron Kral – James Gullo

**Fri. B/C/D Pairs (58 Pairs)**

- 1 1 Marty Zupan – David Jackson

**Fri. Senior Pairs (44 Pairs)**

- 1 Elaine Sellman – John Hamilton

**Fri. Aft. Side Game (40 Pairs)**

- 1 1 Helene Cooper – Donald Brown  
2 Marilyn Smebakken – Elizabeth Traylor

**Fri. Eve. Side Swiss (46 Teams)**

- 2 Bob Pfeiffer – Martha Lackey –  
Herb Fallin Jr – Bob Hartmann  
2 Jerry Nolte – Elizabeth Nolte –  
Robert Krueger – Priscilla Krueger

**Fri Eve 0-100 (17 Pairs)**

- 2 Kenneth Duggin – Virginia Gibbons

**Fri Zip KO (9 Teams)**

- 2 Juan Pardo – Michael Berard –  
Joyce Currie – Gloria Halstead

**Sat. AM Side Game (18 Pairs)**

- 2 Al Duncker – Ann Lindley

**Sat. Stratified Swiss (25 Teams)**

- 1 Kevin O'Brien – Beverly Geurin –  
Mike Frosch – Francesco Parisi-Presicce

**Sat. Aft. 0-200 (24 Pairs)**

- 2 Phyllis Isler – Morton Isler

**Sat. Senior Pairs (44 Pairs)**

- 2 Michael Polunin – Abdul Etemadi

**Sat. Eve. BAM (17 Teams)**

- 1/2 Carl Noller – Thomas Din –  
Neil Selvin – Howard Grunin

**Sat. Eve. Side Game (18 Pairs)**

- 2 Fred Hahn, Jr. – Jack Armstrong

**Weekend KO – Bkt. 1 (12 Teams)**

- 1 Robert Hopkins, Jr. – Joan Lewis –  
Barry Falgout – Rusty Krauss

**Weekend KO Bkt. 3 (16 Teams)**

- 1 Luther Hampton – Michael Hampton –  
Ross Bley – Martha Bley

**Sun. A/X Swiss (34 Teams)**

- 2 1 David Milton – Stan Schenker –  
Harvey Charkatz – Mark Laken  
2 Leo Cardillo – Frank Cardillo –  
Danijel Zenko – Carole Banks

**Sun. AM 0-300 Swiss (10 Teams)**

- 2 David Fitzwilliam – Lorraine Tyler –  
Anne Vaeth – Ed Krest

**Sun. Open Pairs (25 Pairs)**

- 2 Col. Anthony Russo – Judith Russo

**Sun. Aft. NLM Swiss (10 Teams)**

- 2 Joan White – Robert Dorosin –  
Eleanor Schwartz – Nancy Thomas



## Better Basic Bridge: Cover an Honor with an Honor

By Ron Kral

*This article continues the series of articles applying the concept of Pareto's principle to bridge. Pareto's principle is the "80/20 rule" – if you blindly apply the most common solution to a problem, you will get it right 80 percent of the time. All the other solutions taken together solve the problem the other 20 percent of the time.*

*In this article, I'm going to talk about a defensive concept that many novice players often get wrong:*

### COVER AN HONOR WITH AN HONOR

I'm sure you've heard this adage before. It's true, but comes with several caveats. Do you know **why** you cover an honor with an honor? The underlying purpose is to build up tricks for your side **whether they're in your hand or in your partner's**. If there's no chance to establish a trick for your side, **do not cover**. When you cover, you're getting a bargain – two for the price of one. Most of the time it's right to cover. However, there are a couple of relatively simple and obvious exceptions to the rule:

When you can see a sequence in dummy, cover the **LAST** one in the sequence, not the first.

♠1075	♠QJ94	♠K32
	♠A86	

Do not cover the Queen. If declarer has the Ace, he will win and then finesse your partner out of his (assumed to have) 10. Note that if declarer subsequently leads the Jack (and you cover) or small (and you don't), you're partner's 10 or your King becomes a trick. When you cover the Jack, if declarer has the 10, it doesn't matter – your king is dead anyway. Note that if the hands are rotated 180 degrees and declarer leads the Queen from the closed hand, you normally duck the first time and cover the second time since declarer will normally have the Jack. However, IF you **ONLY** have Kx, cover the Queen. At least you'll get **SOMETHING** for your King!

When you have two honors above the one led, cover immediately with your **HIGHEST** one.

♠A82	♠1096	♠KJ3
	♠Q754	

Since you have **TWO** honors above dummy, cover the 10 with the King when it's led. Then, cover the 9 when it's led later. The defenders win 3 tricks. Note that any other play nets the defenders only 2 tricks. Try it.

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It's important to realize that the 10 is an honor and if it's led from dummy you should cover with the Jack.

♠108  
 ♠9543                      ♠J76  
 ♠AKQ2

If you do not cover the 10, declarer will win 4 tricks in the suit. If you cover, partner's 9 becomes an eventual trick. If the 8 is led from dummy instead of the 10, do not cover the 8.

Do not cover when it cannot help your side.

♠AQ106  
 ♠K543                      ♠J led from declarer's closed hand

Do not cover the Jack. (Also, play low smoothly! Do not hesitate! Anticipate declarer's play! Be ready!) If you cover, you establish the whole suit for declarer. If you duck smoothly, you might eventually win a trick with your King. Your 5 cannot beat dummy's 6 so covering cannot establish a trick for your side.

Here's another example of when NOT to cover:

♠Q6  
 ♠982                      ♠K543  
 ♠AJ107

If the Queen is led from dummy, do NOT cover the Queen with the King. Declarer can only lead the suit twice from dummy so your King is safe. Covering automatically without thinking is a common and avoidable error.

Most of the time it's right to cover an honor with an honor, and if you do it ALL the time, you'll be right MOST of the time. The above are some simple and easy exceptions to the rule. There are a few much more difficult and rare cases where it appears right to cover but it's not. You can ignore these for now. If you follow the above simple rules 100 percent of the time, you will be right 80 percent or more of the time. If you're interested in learning more on this topic, here's some suggested reading material:

*How to Defend a Bridge Hand* – William S. Root  
*Introduction to Defender's Play* – Edwin Kantar  
*Modern Bridge Defense* – Edwin Kantar  
*Advanced Bridge Defense* – Edwin Kantar

The above books are available at [www.baronbarclay.com](http://www.baronbarclay.com) with an ACBL member's 10 percent discount.

## What Does the Recorder Do?

*By Bob Boyd,  
NVBA Recorder*

**E**ver had your concentration disrupted by someone berating his partner or opponent? How about thinking an opponent fielded her partner's psych just a little too cleanly? Or perhaps even suspecting your opponents had inside information (a "wire") on the board you just played?

It would be a rare or very new player who would answer "No" to these questions, yet the answer to the question "Have you ever made a written report to a recorder?" would be just as likely to be "No," perhaps due to unfamiliarity with the concept of the recorder.

The ACBL has three aims for the recorder system:

- Deal with complaints about conduct that do not warrant filing formal charges
- Note very serious incidents that are not yet supported by evidence necessary to bring formal charges
- Counsel or educate a subject to modify his or her behavior

The ACBL gives most responsibility to deal with behavior problems to the managers of sanctioned games. As a unit, the NVBA only has jurisdiction over boorish behavior at the Thursday Unit Game and special games held in clubs, such as STaC. However, the NVBA does have jurisdiction over allegations of unethical behavior and cheating that happen at club games. In practice, there are gray areas, and it is not necessary that a player sort out the various types of bad conduct that can make bridge unpleasant. Refer questionable behavior to the director or recorder for appropriate action, but bear this in mind: **an accusation against another player of unethical conduct may only be made to the director or recorder in private.** A public accusation of unethical conduct is itself grounds for disciplinary action.

A verbal report to the director about bad behavior may result in immediate correction or even in someone being barred from that game, but the sad truth is that if no written complaint is made in the case of suspected unethical behavior, it is as if the incident never happened.

How can that be? The ACBL has stringent rules defining ethical behavior and the penalties can be severe, so it is critical that we be scrupulously fair to the accused. Records of the allegation and investigation are essential.

To assure fairness, a recorder is not permitted to hold any other unit office or to serve on appeals committees, and has no authority to impose disciplinary penalties. Once a report is made, the recorder gathers information and then assesses what happened. If the recorder substantiates the initial report, he has three options.

- If the incident is minor, inadvertent, or correctable, he counsels the offender and makes note of it in an administrative file. This is the usual resolution, and the notes in the file may support more stringent action if the conduct happens again.

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- A more serious offense or repetition of unethical conduct may be reported to the ACBL Recorder, where it will remain on file for ten years. The league advises the unit and determines whether further action is necessary.
- The most serious immediate action the recorder can take is to file a complaint with the NVBA Conduct and Ethics Committee. This can result in a formal hearing that can impose penalties including suspension, expulsion and forfeiture of masterpoints.

As your Unit Recorder, I am trying to make the process of reporting potential issues user-friendly, as they say. Most club game directors have packets with player memos that you can fill out and hand to me or to the director. The NVBA web site has links to download a player memo or to e-mail me. Any player who wants to discuss something can see me at most daytime club games or the unit game, call me at 703-751-4774, or e-mail me at [bobbyd72@aol.com](mailto:bobbyd72@aol.com). Once we talk, if there seems to be a problem I may ask you to put it in writing to use as the basis for formal action. The NVBA and the game of bridge need your help to keep our game clean and fun.

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### **BRIDGE CLUB RESULTS POSTED ON THE INTERNET:**

*Director:* Carole Grob – *Game:* Ballston Bridge Club – Monday, 10:00 AM;  
*URL:* <http://www.mybridgeclub.com>

*Director:* Gene Schuyler – *Game:* Montebello DBC – Monday 7:00 PM  
*URL:* <http://members.cox.net/carlinspringsbc/index2.htm>

*Director:* Gene Schuyler – *Game:* Carlin Springs BC – Tuesday 7:00 PM  
*URL:* [htm http://members.cox.net/carlinspringsbc/index2.htm](http://members.cox.net/carlinspringsbc/index2.htm)

*Director:* Bernie Oetjen – *Games:* KOCH – Monday, 7:00 PM;  
KOCH – Saturday, 1:00 PM  
*URL:* <http://www.bridge-results.com/results/5011/cal.html>

*Directors:* Candy and Marshall Kuschner – *Games:* KOCH – Tuesday, 10:00 AM;  
Reston – Wednesday, 7:30 PM  
*URL:* <http://www.bridge-results.com/results/5016/cal.html>

*Director:* Alan Breed – *Game:* Arlington County DBC – Wednesday 10:00 AM;  
*URL:* <http://www.bridge-results.com/results/5094/2008/0910M.html>

*Director:* Norma Pierzchala – *Games:* Thursday Morning Bridge Club, 10:00 AM;  
KOCH – Saturday, 9:00 AM; *URL:* <http://www.bridge-results.com/results/5021/cal.html>

*Director:* Jim Dick – *Game:* Jewish Community Center (JCC) – Sunday, 1:00 PM;  
*URL:* <http://mysite.verizon.net/resymzgl/jccsundayafternoonbridge/index.html>

*Directors:* John Mason, Jim Dick, Livingston Johnson – *Game:* First Christian Church –  
Friday, 10:00 AM; *URL:* <http://members.cox.net/jsm36/bridge/FunFriday/funfridayjsmhome.htm>

**Darn Those Computer-Dealt Hands!** *By Terry Mitchell*

**P**layers at Lenore Ward’s Cascades Seniors Club in Sterling, Virginia, ran into almost a statistically impossible series of hands at their July 28 game. In one 3-board round (of manually shuffled and dealt hands, not computer-generated), the North-South players found themselves with cards on each board that made 7NT – and none of the three hands required as much as a finesse or a normal suit break, much less a squeeze. Boards 19 and 20 produced 13 tricks with winners distributed 4-3-3-3 among the four suits. Board 21 would have produced 17 tricks off the top because of the unusual major suit distributions. North held five spades to the QJ10, while partner held the doubleton AK, and South held six hearts to the QJ10, while partner held the doubleton AK.

How did the bidding go? Five of nine pairs reached 7NT on Board 19, six reached it on Board 20, and only one reached it on Board 21 (with a second pair settling for 7♥). All of the other bidders on the three boards stopped at the 6 level. One pair (Albert DiMillio and Terry Mitchell) did reach 7NT on all three hands. One of the other players said she stopped at 6NT on the third because she “thought it was impossible to have three 7NT hands in a row.”

Oh, and East-West: The poor West players found themselves holding only one Jack (total!) over the three boards.

The hands:

**Board 19 (S deals; E/W vul)**

<u>North</u>		
♠ AKQ		
♥ KQxx		
♦ AQx		
♣ Kxx		
<u>East</u>		<u>West</u>
♠ Jxx		♠ 10xxxx
♥ xx		♥ 10xxx
♦ 10xxx		♦ J
♣ Jxxx		♣ xxx
<u>South</u>		
♠ xx		
♥ AJx		
♦ Kxxxx		
♣ AQ10		

**Board 20 (W deals; both vul)**

<u>North</u>		
♠ AQx		
♥ Qx		
♦ QJx		
♣ Qxxxx		
<u>East</u>		<u>West</u>
♠ xxx		♠ xxx
♥ Jxx		♥ xxxx
♦ xxxx		♦ xxx
♣ Jxx		♣ 10xx
<u>South</u>		
♠ KJ10x		
♥ AK10x		
♦ AK10		
♣ AK		

**Board 21 (N deals; N/S vul)**

<u>North</u>		
♠ QJ10xx		
♥ AK		
♦ KQxx		
♣ Kx		
<u>East</u>		<u>West</u>
♠ xxx		♠ xxx
♥ xx		♥ xxx
♦ 10xxx		♦ xx
♣ J10xx		♣ xxxxx
<u>South</u>		
♠ AK		
♥ QJ10xx		
♦ AJx		
♣ AQ		

# MILESTONES

*Congratulations to the following players who have reached these new milestones!*

## ♠♦ NEW JUNIOR MASTERS ♣♥

Nabil Ahmed  
Barbara A. Brennan  
Stephen J. Colevas  
Peter Z. Diao  
Dan P. Emmons  
Brigette Friedman  
Linda R. Griffith  
Joshua S. Holt  
Joan A. Kindle  
Karen S. Magley  
Margaret A. Mastran  
Mary T. McFadden  
Joan D. O'Connor  
Donna C. Setzer  
Andrea S. Stanley-Miller  
Albert V. Stolpe

## ♠♦ NEW CLUB MASTERS ♣♥

Joseph W. Drodge	Fred Gramlich
Sherry K. Griffin	Marlene Gross
James M. Hewitt	John W. Holt
Katherine B. Koch	James M. Mosley
Ike Oren	Jeffrey Schwartz
Patricia F. Stone	Betsy H. Summer
Cathy Vivona	

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Carolyn W. Baird  
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Charles C. Ellis  
Clifford I. Feldman  
Kimberly S. Ferguson  
Chieko T. Franck  
Jo Ann Hutchison  
Morton L. Isler  
Al J. Kuchinka  
Col Robert B. Magruder  
Paul J. Setzer



## ♠♦ NEW REGIONAL MASTERS ♣♥

James K. Augustine	Christine C. Brooks
Amanda E. Carter	Albert F. Dimillio
Margaret S. Gurley	Mimi J. Spielberg
Paul J. Spielberg	Adam Winsler

## ♠♦ NEW NABC MASTERS ♣♥

Linda A. Burton  
Anthony V. Cincotta  
Pat A. Lonergan  
Terence F. McCarthy  
Bonnie W. Polk  
Larry G. Settle  
Kiyomi Shiba  
Jean Verdow  
Joan R. White  
William E. Woodward

## ♠♦ NEW LIFE MASTERS ♣♥

Douglas R. Fox  
Sulaiman Ghaussy  
Barbara Griffith  
Dr. Barbara M. Macknick

## ♠♦ NEW BRONZE LIFE MASTERS ♣♥

Cherie Charles  
Linda K. Dick  
Barbara Griffith  
Kenneth B. Hopke  
Terry Jones  
Yvonne K. Markell  
Susan M. Miskura  
Steve Reed  
Prof. James T. Sandefur

## ♠♦ NEW SILVER LIFE MASTERS ♣♥

Ralph G. Angermeier	Robert S. Boyd
Alice M. Daniels	Laverne M. Gobs

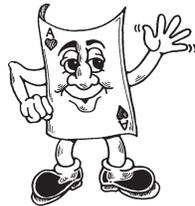
## ♠♦ NEW DIAMOND LIFE MASTER ♣♥

Ed Gofreed	Sumner Steinfeldt
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## HAIL AND FAREWELL

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

Nabil Ahmed  
 Philip P. Bellaria  
 Joy R. Brown  
 Brian G. Brunsvold  
 Barbara Butow  
 Matt L. Callahan  
 Mark Cheung  
 Sir Aviv R. Cukierman  
 Eric R. Dale  
 Jacob A. Daniels  
 Peter Z. Diao  
 Dan P. Emmons  
 Dr. King Eng  
 Joyce M. Farley  
 Chris B. Gould  
 Theo S. Gutman  
 Linda Lee Harp  
 Ronnie Hughes  
 Rudy Keiser  
 Kathleen A. Koritko  
 Greyson R. Lewis  
 Lemy Li  
 Alice C. Ling  
 Harvey F. Lipsher  
 Jinyu Liu  
 Nora C. Marshall  
 Betty D. Murray  
 Yates Palmer  
 Judy L. Redpath  
 Andrew M. Rodriguez  
 Nancy D. Ross  
 Judy Simonson  
 Norman H. Thomas  
 Lorraine E. Wargo  
 Evan B. Warner  
 Daniel A. Wpstein  
 Chris Yankson  
 Renjie You



Thomas F. McDow  
 Mark I. Mishkin  
 Doris R. Pimentel  
 Alexander Robertson  
 Gale Rogers  
 Kathleen F. Simpson  
 Stephanie Schader  
 Marilyn A. Shanabrook  
 Maj Henry L. Smith  
 Edgar G. Taylor  
 Betty H. Wear  
 Judy Weisman  
 Herb K. Wilson, Jr.

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

Thomas I. Bushnell  
 Patricia Byrne  
 Charles E. Clements  
 Ludwig A. Coco  
 Michael E. Craig  
 Linda W. Croker  
 Thomas C. Croker  
 Dr. Benjamin F. Dickens  
 William N. Fitch  
 Gary L. Hill  
 Diann J. Johnston  
 Joe B. Johnston  
 Philip S. Kopala  
 Robert H. Kubal  
 Carole A. Lee  
 Robert R. O'Toole  
 Dr. Zoltan Papp  
 W. Ward Rayner, Jr.  
 Dale E. Sanders  
 Patricia Tarczy  
 Robert L. Tarczy  
 Edward L. Teger  
 William K. Toufectis  
 James R. Wade  
 Susan B. Waters

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

Edith Z. Berman      Robert H. Graves  
 Dr. Saroj W. Gulati      Virginia Ivin

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

Richard D. Jones      B. S. Waterman

**♣ Fairfax, VA ♦ OCTOBER 23-26, 2008 ♥**

*Special treats and door prizes all day Saturday — certificates for reduced parking and entry fees at your 2009 Summer NABC!*

## NVBA FALL SECTIONAL TOURNAMENT

The Arlington/Fairfax Elks Lodge #2188  
8421 Arlington Boulevard,  
Fairfax, VA; 703-560-2213

*Fall into Fun!*

### THURSDAY, OCTOBER 23

Beth El Hebrew Congregation, 3830 Seminary Road, Alexandria, VA (NVBA)  
Christ the King Church, one block south of East-West Highway on Colston between Washington and Grubb, Silver Spring, MD (WBL)

NVBA (Beth El)    WBL

**\*\*Novice/Intermediate Lecture** ..... 6:30 p.m.\*\*  
STRATAFLIGHTED OPEN 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.  
NEWCOMER PAIRS (0-5) ..... 7:00 p.m.

### ...REST OF TOURNAMENT AT ELKS LODGE...

### FRIDAY, OCTOBER 24

STRATIFIED OPEN PAIRS (2000+/2000/750) ..... 2 p.m.  
299ER PAIRS (300/200/100) and 49ER PAIRS (50/20/5) ..... 2 p.m.  
TRIPLE NICKEL SWISS (STRATIFIED 2000+/2000/750) . . . 7:30 p.m.  
—5 rounds, 5 boards, 5 minutes a board  
299ER PAIRS (300/200/100) ..... 7:30 p.m.

### SATURDAY, OCTOBER 25 ...Special NABC FUNd-raising Day!

STRATIFIED OPEN PAIRS (2000+/2000/750) ..... 9:30 a.m.  
299ER PAIRS (300/200/100) and 49ER PAIRS (50/20) ..... 9:30 a.m.  
0-5 PAIRS ..... 9:30 a.m.  
NABC AUCTION and RAFFLE begin! ..... 12:30 - 2 p.m.  
*Support your NABC! Live auction to bid on bridge pros and play at 2 today! Silent auction for time share weeks, sports tickets, gourmet dinners, wine tastings, and more!*  
STRATAFLIGHTED PAIRS (A/X=3000+/3000; B/C=2000/750) . . . 2 p.m.  
299ER PAIRS (300/200/100; 2 single sessions) ..... 2 & 7:30 p.m.  
49ER PAIRS (50/20/5) ..... 2 p.m.  
**Jackpot!** STRATIFIED OPEN PAIRS (2000+/2000/750) . . . 7:30 p.m.

### SUNDAY, OCTOBER 26

**\*\*Novice/Intermediate Lecture (Jeff Roman)** ..... 10:15 a.m.\*\*  
**NEW!** FLIGHTS A/X (3000+/3000) SWISS TEAMS ..... 11:00 a.m.  
& BRACKETED FLIGHT B TEAMS (0-2000) ..... 11:00 a.m.  
*B Teams Bracketed by Total Team Masterpoints; three overall places in each bracket Both Flights are 2-session events, w/ 1 hour break—on-site food available*  
299ER SWISS TEAMS (300/200/100; Single session) ..... 11:00 a.m.  
49ER SWISS TEAMS (50/20/5; Single session) ..... 11:00 a.m.  
299ER SWISS TEAMS (300/200/100; Single session) ..... 3:30 p.m.

*Plenty of free parking! On-site snack bar plus lots of free treats! Many great restaurants nearby!*

*Championship Events and a Full Schedule of 299er Events for Novice and Intermediate Players! Players with 0-5 Masterpoints play **FREE** in **ALL** games!*

**Mid-Chart Conventions permitted in all A/X & Open Stratified Events**

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**All Saturday entry fees, including those for 0-5 players, include a \$1 per session surcharge to fund Washington NABC hospitality.**

**DIRECTIONS:** From Route 50/Arlington Boulevard heading west from DC and Arlington AND from Route 495/Beltway: Continue on/Take Route 50 West about one mile outside the Beltway, and turn left at Javier Road (the second stoplight after the intersection of 50 and 495). Take an immediate right onto the access road that runs parallel to Route 50. The Elks Lodge will be two buildings down on your left—parking on the side and in the rear. **From Fairfax, heading East on Route 50:** Pass the intersection of Route 50 and Prosperity Avenue—the Prosperity Medical Center will be on your right. Between the first and second lights after Prosperity, turn right into the access road that runs parallel to Route 50 and look for the Elks Lodge immediately to your right—parking on the far side of the building and in the rear.

**SILVER SPRING, MD: JANUARY 8-11, 2009**



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**THURSDAY,  
JANUARY 8**

- ♣ StrataFlighted Open Pairs (A/X unlim/3000, B/C/D Separate 1500/1000/500) (both sites); Stratified NLM Pairs (NLM/100/50) & 0-20 Pairs (Christ the King Church only); Stratified 199er 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. 1<sup>st</sup> Left on Colston. Church is on the left before the next intersection.

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 9**

**Friday—at Christ the King Church Only**

- ♦ Stratified Pairs (unlim/2000/500) ..... 10:00am
  - ♥ StrataFlighted A/X (unlim/3000) & B/C/D (1500/1000/500) Pairs ..... 2:00pm
  - ♠ **Champagne & IMP Pairs** StrataFlighted A/X (unlim/3000) & B/C/D (1500/1000/500) ... 7:30pm
- Friday night's special game toasts the new year with IMP Pairs. You only need one partner, but it scores like a team game. Your score will be averaged with all the other scores from your direction on each board. You win and lose IMPs when you compare your score to the average.
- ♣ Intermediate/Novice Pairs (300/200/100/50/20) (single sessions) ..... 10:00am, 2:00pm, 7:30pm

◇ **SAT. & SUN. ONLY** at the **Margaret Schweinhaut Senior Center** ♥

1000 Forest Glen Road, Silver Spring, MD: From Beltway exit Georgia Avenue north (toward Wheaton). Turn right at first traffic light onto Forest Glen Rd. The Senior Center is .7 mile on your right.

♥ **Panel Show & Party** **SATURDAY, JANUARY 10**  
to Honor **New Life Masters** between sessions

- ♣ StrataFlighted A/X (unlim/3000) & B/C/D Pairs (1500/1000/500) (single sessions) .. 11:00am, 3:30pm
- ♦ Intermediate/Novice Pairs (300/200/100) (single sessions) ..... 11:00am, 3:30pm
- ♥ Newcomer Pairs (50/20/5) (single sessions) ..... 11:00am, 3:30pm

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 11**

**WBL Trophy Race Winners' Presentation** between sessions

- ♠ **Bracketed Teams**, (2 session playthru w/short break) ..... 11:00am & TBA
- Check out this format!** Each bracket of eight teams (by masterpoints) will play a complete round robin. *Each team plays all of the other teams in its bracket!* The top bracket will hold an unlimited number of teams and will play a Swiss format. Your team may choose to play up—but only into the top bracket. *If you like playing A teams, you can—otherwise, play against your peers!*
- ♣ 300/100/50 Swiss Teams, VPs (single sessions) ..... 11:00am, 3:00pm

♣ **Full Schedule of Intermediate and Novice Events** ♥

I/N events: 0-5, 20, 50, 100, 200, 300; Stratification at Director's Discretion.



Famous Washington Hospitality includes snacks, drinks and Friday, Saturday and Sunday lunch free of charge. Chair: **Nadine Wood**, 301-565-9555, woodthere@comcast.net. Volunteer

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