

Your NABC Is Almost Here!
July 23 – August 2, 2009

The Washington DC Summer North American Bridge Championships are almost here, and we sure hope you're planning to play as much as possible! **GOOD NEWS: The ACBL has negotiated the daily parking rate at the Marriott for bridge players down to \$15/day instead of \$25/day.**

There have been articles in the District 6 TableTALK and in the ACBL Bulletin, plus your local Tournament Chairs Margot Hennings and Fred King have been getting information out locally and talking it up for months, so I'm sure you know a lot about what will be happening. Just in case, though, you can feel free to contact the following people for specific information about the named topics:

First and foremost, Adrienne Kuehneman at ade8888@netzero.net to volunteer for almost anything you can think of, from the more traditional functions of registration and partnerships to helping players find a restaurant they like, doing grocery shopping / helping to cook for our hospitality suites, or helping out with information about the tournament, the city, or our specific tours.

Barb Doran at entertain@districtsix.org for tickets to the Capitol Steps and Alain Nu, our fabulous mentalist/magician—all hospitality and entertainment at an NABC are FREE but tickets to these two shows are recommended to ensure a seat for the performance. Either reserve tickets with Barb ahead of

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Of Special Interest:

- LM/NLM Game, Jul. 2
- Washington, DC Summer NABC, Jul. 23- Aug. 2
- Hunt Valley, MD REGIONAL, Aug. 17-23
- D6 STaC, Aug. 24-30
- Atlanta, GA REGIONAL, Sep. 1-7
- NVBA Sectional, Sep. 10-13
- WBL Sectional, Oct. 1-4
- D6 NAP Finals, Oct. 10-11

President's Corner

By Bob Boyd



The unit is in excellent health, and we all owe the NVBA's immediate past president Leo Cardillo our gratitude for six years of selfless service. I was hoping I would have something profound to write in my first column, but as I write this the transition is going slowly and we have not yet had the first meeting of your new board. The first meeting agenda will include making appointments. I never fully realized how many people perform the large array of tasks necessary to keep the unit running. So, I suppose the most important observation I have is that I am deeply grateful to all of the volunteers in this unit. That spirit is critical to keeping the NVBA going (and please don't forget the Nationals this summer).

An unopposed election does not require a platform, so before the election no one ever asked me what I thought about the issues that face the unit and bridge in general. Why did I take this job? I was already one of that army of volunteers. Being recorder was at times demanding and always challenging, since I was only involved when someone was suspected of bad behavior or unethical conduct. In fact, when I was first approached by the nominating committee, I declined, since I was already doing a difficult job that suited my talents. But the more I thought about it and discussed with Leo and NVBA Vice President Alan Breed the possibility of becoming president, the more I came to believe that I could have an impact on the future of this game.

In another life, I ran an organization. I have served on enough non-profit boards to realize that an organization like the NVBA does not need to be "run." The surest way to reduce the number of volunteers is to try to be a boss. That is definitely not on my agenda! The president of the unit should have many roles, including motivator, visionary, booster, and occasionally the volunteer of last resort. I hope to grow into the job along those lines.

From that perspective, then, here is what I want to emphasize in the next two years. First, the game of bridge needs to enhance its popularity among youth. NVBA support for current youth programs is a given; what other opportunities are there? Second, we need to take advantage of the record-breaking success of our sectional tournaments. These bring money into the NVBA's coffers, and we need a disciplined budget process to channel unit funding into youth and other priorities. Third, we need to examine organizational options including incorporation and creation of a foundation to attract tax-deductible donations for promotion of bridge. The latter are complex issues, and I will report on their progress in future columns. In summary, we need to position this unit to be a force in promotion of the game in our area for the next 50 years or so.

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Upcoming NVBA Games & Special Events

Jul. 2 Beth El – 7:00 LM/Non-LM Pairs Game – Stratified Unit Championship
Jul. 9 Beth El – 7:00 Stratiflighted Unit Championship
Jul. 16 Beth El – 7:00 Stratiflighted North American Pairs (NAP)
Jul. 23 Beth El – 7:00 Closed – Washington NABC 2009
Jul. 30 Beth El – 7:00 Closed – Washington NABC 2009
Aug. 6 Beth El – 7:00 Stratified Unit Championship
Aug. 13 Beth El – 7:00 Stratiflighted North American Pairs (NAP)
Aug. 20 Beth El – 7:00 Stratified Unit Championship
Aug. 27 Beth El – 7:00 D6 STaC Stratified Pairs
Sep. 3 Beth El – 7:00 Stratiflighted Unit Championship
Sep. 10 Beth El – 7:00 NVBA Sectional – Stratiflighted Pairs
Sep. 17 Beth El – 7:00 Stratiflighted Upgraded Club Championship
Sep. 24 Beth El – 7:00 Stratiflighted Unit Championship
Oct. 1 Beth El – 7:00 WBL Sectional – Stratiflighted Pairs

Stratification Limits:

All NVBA Unit Games include a separate Stratified 199er game.
 For the North American Pairs qualifying games, the stratification is:
 0-500 (NLM), 500-2000, 2000+.
 For the D6 STaC, the stratification is: 0-500/500-1500/1500+

Upcoming Sectionals

NVBA

September 10-13, 2009
 November 12-15, 2009
 February 25-28, 2010

WBL

Oct 1-4, 2009
 January 7-10, 2010
 March 25-28, 2010

For information on Tournaments – Cancellations – Special Events – Club game
 NVBA on the Internet: <http://www.nvba.org>
 NVBA Bridge Information Line: 703-869-0852
 NVBA Partnership Cell Phone: 703-869-0852.

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The Unit Board has no monopoly on good ideas. Board meetings are open to all members of the unit; the only requirement is advance notice to ensure we have sufficient space. As a realist, I know very few members are going to drive to a 2-3 hour meeting when they could be doing almost anything else. Nonetheless, we want your ideas. As recorder, I made a commitment that I would always circle back to anyone who sent me a memo and let them know as much as possible what action was taken. As president, I will make a similar commitment. If you send me an idea, I'll let you know its disposition. The best way is to e-mail me at bobboyd72@aol.com. Please stay involved with the unit.

Thanks in advance for your support.
Bob Boyd

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time, or pick some up when you register. Because of fire regulations, there is limited seating capacity for these two shows.

Cecily Kohler at washingtontours@yahoo.com—you may think you've been to all the sites in DC, but Cecily will be on hand to show you some of her favorite places.

Fred King at fredmking@gmail.com for information about parking—\$25 at the host hotel and \$8 a day at the University of the District of Columbia, which is a short 1-mile walk or two metro stops away on the Red Line from the host hotel Woodley Park/National Zoo stop.

Suzanne Abrams at suzyouthnabc@gmail.com for information about the Youth NABC that will be held concurrently with the last few days of the tournament, July 30-August 1.

Ron and Mary Ann Kral by e-mail at DCINprogram@gmail.com or by phone at (703) 478-0077, Shawn Stringer, and Lois Geer about the Intermediate / Newcomer Program in general, and questions about Bridge University and the "Learn to Play" and "Advance Your Game" lessons being held.

Stan Schenker at ssschenker@comcast.net to be sure your favorite caddy gets to work—but be forewarned that the minimum age for caddying at an NABC is 16 and, unfortunately, there are no exceptions.

And finally ... Margot Hennings at tc@districtsix.org for anything that doesn't fit into the above categories! OR check out the D6 website at www.districtsix.org and the ACBL website at www.acbl.org for entertainment, tour, and I/N Program specifics and much more! We hope to see you there!



Upcoming 199er Unit Games

Jul. 2 Beth El – 7:00 LM/Non-LM Pairs Game – Stratified Unit Championship
Jul. 9 Beth El – 7:00 199er Pairs Game
Jul. 16 Beth El – 7:00 199er Pairs Game
Jul. 23 Beth El – 7:00 Closed – Washington NABC 2009
Jul. 30 Beth El – 7:00 Closed – Washington NABC 2009
Aug. 6 Beth El – 7:00 199er Pairs
Aug. 13 Beth El – 7:00 199er Pairs Unit Championship Pairs
Aug. 20 Beth El – 7:00 199er Pairs
Aug. 27 Beth El – 7:00 D6 STaC – 199er Pairs
Sep. 3 Beth El – 7:00 199er Pairs
Sep. 10 Beth El – 7:00 NVBA Sectional – 199er Pairs
Sep. 17 Beth El – 7:00 199er Upgraded Club Championship Pairs
Sep. 24 Beth El – 7:00 199er Club Championship Pairs
Oct. 1 Beth El – 7:00 WBL Sectional – 199er Pairs

Stratification Limits:

All NVBA Unit Games include a separate Stratified 199er game.
 Players with 0-5 MPs play free every Thursday in all scheduled events.
 For the D6 StaC, the stratification is: 0-500/500-1500/1500+

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September 10-13, 2009
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The Jack of Hearts *by Marshall Kuschner*



Seven years ago, when we last visited Houston, Enron had just fallen and this space was filled with bad puns about Lay-down slams and Skilling leads. Of course, back then we thought it was an aberration. Weren't we naive! Little did we know that we were witnessing the leading edge of a tidal wave of corporate malfeasance. In hindsight, the villains of yesteryear seem like choir boys compared to the likes of AIG and Bernie Madoff. Who knows? Had Enron survived another seven years, we might now be bailing them out. Speaking of Bernie Madoff, he has a new book out. It's called "The Hope Of Audacity." And can you think of a more perfect name for someone who made off with your money?

In 2002, the Spring NABC was held at the Houston Galleria and it was quite successful with over 10,600 tables. The only problem was that it was held in three hotels. One was primarily dedicated to seniors, but open players had to dart through traffic on busy Westheimer Road shuttling between the Westin and the Marriott. The ACBL solved that problem this year with the whole NABC under one roof at the Hilton of the Americas in downtown Houston. The playing space was outstanding with even the regional events held in carpeted ballrooms. But Houston, we had a problem! There was one restaurant across the street and a few in the hotel, but the next nearest one was about a four-block walk, a major hardship for a sedentary lot who find playing East-West an imposition. To solve this problem, the locals organized shuttle buses to drive players to and from dinner. It actually worked quite well and we used it often. But either downtown Houston wasn't a big draw or the economy kept folks away with the final table count at 9728.5, a mere 17 tables more than Gatlinburg.

Sadly, most of the faces from our unit that you'd expect to see at a Nationals were absent. This was reflected in the results with Gil Cohen (Silver Ribbon & IMP Pairs) our only member to scratch in a national event. What's more, Neal McKinney was our only regional winner, capturing a KO bracket. I guess you could say he was our Lone Star. I don't remember an NABC with so little success to report, but I guess everyone's saving up for our NABC this summer. There were, however, some NVBAers in Houston whose names didn't show up in the results. For a nominal fee, names will be withheld.

The C files: After an afternoon session I innocently asked where we were going for dinner. "You know," she replied, "for the last five nights I've eaten nothing but ethnic, ethnic, ethnic! I'm ready for some plain old Italian!" Take that, Guido!

Volunteer – Help Make Our Tournament a Success!

It's Monday, August 3, 2009. You are back at work or back at your routine, after eleven days of bridge and fun at the Summer NABC in Washington, D.C. If you were a volunteer in any capacity at the tournament, then you helped create the most successful, friendliest tournament ever in the history of bridge, a national tournament that people will be talking about for years to come.

If you haven't yet signed up to help, there's still time to join the happening crowd. By volunteering, you'll meet the most intriguing visitors to our Capital City, bridge players from all walks of life. They bring interesting stories of bridge from their hometowns all over the U.S., and from abroad, including Canada, mainland China, the former Soviet Union, Europe, Central and South America, and Asia.

There's something wonderful about meeting and greeting visitors to our great Capital City tournament and demonstrating what it means when people say we're really just a big "small town." Tournament volunteers are assigned shifts at the Information, Registration, Partnership, Intermediate/Novice Desk and Restaurant/Tours Desk. In addition, volunteers help at the Prize Desk and help host all the Hospitality and Entertainment that occurs during such a large, full-service convention.

Whether you are parked at the Marriott Wardman Park Hotel, possibly even staying there, or heading back to the Metro station after the game, please consider taking on a volunteer shift during the eleven-day tournament. We need volunteers from 9:00 AM until midnight each day, so there will surely be a timeslot that fits your preference.

To sign up, email volunteers@districtsix.org. We'll email you a volunteer sign-up form, which can be returned to the volunteer chair, or to the director at any Washington metropolitan area bridge game.

Thanks for your support of the best game in the most powerful city in the world – you are our bridge ambassadors! Now, if only we had diplomatic immunity against being doubled in bad contracts with nowhere to run!



Parade of Winners

NVBA SECTIONAL April 23–26, 2009

Thurs. Eve. A/X Pairs (76 Pairs)

2 Mike Zane – Jim Stormes

Thurs. Eve. B/C Pairs (62 Pairs)

1 1 Fred Gramlich – James Raber
2 2 Minako Komura – Eiji Ishida

Thurs. 199er Pairs @ NVBA (26 Pairs)

1 1 1 Kenneth Linder – James Hewitt
2 2 Diane Cohen – Jo Ann Hutchison
2 Georgette Weiss – Ike Oren

Fri. Aft. Open Pairs (74 Pairs)

1 Millard Nachtwey – Helene Bauman
2 David Milton – Stan Schenker
1 1 Alfred Caponiti – Alfred Liepold
2 2 Martha Mangano – Malvern Sheffield, Jr.

Fri. Aft. 299er Pairs (42 Pairs)

1 1 1 M. David Jackson – Robert Hollohan
2 2 2 Chieko Franck – Bob Patel

Fri. Aft. 49er Pairs (8 Pairs)

1 Gretchen Blakey – Churchill Blakey
2 Bill Teer – Pat Teer

Fri. Eve. Triple Nickel Swiss (31 Teams)

1 1 Kevin O'Brien – Francesco Parisi-Presicce –
Dennis Schwanz – Susan Miskura
2 Lynda Flanger – Bill Nicolai –
Richard Veach – Gloria Halstead
2 1 Eric Poskanzer – Nancy Cartwright –
Maribel Newby – Pat Lonergan
2 Amy Bloom – Terry Jones –
John Mattioli – Joe Hertz

Fri. Eve. 299er Pairs (22 Pairs)

1/2 1/2 1/2 Al Stolpe – Susan Thom
1/2 1/2 1/2 James Shoehard – Diane Godding

Sat. AM Open Pairs (53 Pairs)

1 1 1 Kathrine Loh – David Loken
2 2 Mike Frosch – Francesco Parisi-Presicce
2 Amanda Carter – Steve Reed

Sat. AM 299er Pairs (40 Pairs)

1 1 1 Janet Henrichsen – Dennis Sponholtz
2 2 Marco Latini – Gerald O'Dell
2 Bob Patel – Chieko Franck

Sat. AM 49er Pairs (6 Pairs)

1 Pat Kibler – Nynette Rourke
2 Ruth Glen – Donna Setzer

Comp. KO Bkt. 1 (10 Teams)

1 Mark Shaw – Leo Lasota –
Bill Hacker – Marty Graf
2 Earl Glickstein – Bob Bell –
Barry Falgout – Fred King

Comp. KO Bkt. 2 (10 Teams)

1 Al Liepold – John Lowe –
Howard Grunin – Neil Selvin
2 Terry Jones – Issa Dorri –
Ibrahim Mady – Omar Okaily

Comp. KO Bkt. 3 (9 Teams)

1 Amanda Carter – Al Stolpe –
Mel Walger – Ed Rosenberg
2 Thomas Feick, Jr. – Mary Alice Vogt –
Al Kuchinka – Margaret Gurley

Sat. Aft. Open Pairs (48 Pairs)

2 Kathrine Loh – David Loken

Sat. Aft. 299er Pairs (38 Pairs)

1 1 1 Rachele Sladoff – Rochelle Hilton

Sat. Aft. 49er Pairs (11 Pairs)

2 Jayne Lynch – Tamara Vetter

Sat. Eve. Open Pairs (30 Pairs)

2 Gene Kales – John S. Mason, Jr.
2 1 Eva Klivington – Norman Cowen M.D.
2 Carol Noller – Brian Snyder

Sat. Eve. 299er (22 Pairs)

2 2 2 Stephen Drodge – Andrew Rodriguez

Sun. A/X Swiss (21 Teams)

- 1 Steve Robinson – Bill Pettis –
Bill Cole – Mark Shaw
- 2 Robert Hopkins, Jr. – John Miller –
Margot Hennings – Don Hennings
- 1 Linda Marshall – Terry Feetham –
Kenton Schoen – Diane Walker
- 2 Lucy McCoy – Ron Kral –
Jack Goodykoontz – Vicki Goodykoontz

Sun. Bracketed B/C Swiss Bkt. 1 (8 Teams)

- 1 William Kingery, Jr. – Ed Fuller, Jr. –
Jerry Miller – Margie Coccodrilli
- 2 Robert Claypool – Roma Chandra –
Dennis Schwanz – Susan Miskura

Sun. Bracketed B/C Swiss Bkt. 2 (8 Teams)

- 1 Terry Jones – Mike Frosch –
Joan White – Kathrine Loh
- 2/3 Al Lauber – Merril Hirsh –
James Beller – Ned Griffith
- 2/3 H. Tyler Franks – Christopher Marks –
Ibrahim Mady – Omar Okaily

Sun. Bracketed B/C Swiss Bkt. 3 (8 Teams)

- 1 Susan Slattery – Minako Komura –
Neil Selvin – Kiyomi Shiba
- 2 Al Liepold – Amy Bloom –
William Mendez, Jr. – Michael Goldman

Sun. Bracketed B/C Swiss Bkt. 4 (11 Teams)

- 1 Jose Porres – Steve Graves –
Eric Beard – Jay Gibbons
- 2 Gerald O'Dell – Eva Vorndran –
Paul Sullivan – Alan Munro

Sun. AM 299er Swiss (14 Teams)

- 1 William Woodward – John Menzel –
Robert Hollohan – David Gendreau
- 2/3 1/2 Neal Cooper – Kenneth Cohn –
Robert Dorosin – Ray Soukoup
- 2/3 1/2 David Soukoup – Cathy Vivona –
Ann Atcheson – Jenny Shaefer

Sun. Aft. 299er Swiss (7 Teams)

- 1 William Hughes – David Gendreau –
Charles Shank – John Donohuel
- 2 1 James Shoenhard – Diane Godding –
Dot Almassy – Ray Bostow

**WBL SECTIONAL
May 14–17, 2009****Thurs. Eve. 199er Pairs@NVBA (20 Pairs)**

- 1 M. David Jackson – Maggie Burke
- 2 1 1 Dan Emmons – Ming-Yee Tsang
- 2 2 James Hewitt – Daniel Barthell

Fri. AM NLM Pairs (32 Pairs)

- 1 M. Amey – David Amey

Fri. Aft. B/C/D (18 Pairs)

- 1 1 David Loken – Kathrine Loh

Fri. Aft. NLM Pairs (34 Pairs)

- 2 1 Al Stolpe – S. Thom

Fri. Eve. B/C/D IMP Pairs (12 Pairs)

- 2 2 Anthony Hawks – Marty Zupan

Fri. Eve. NLM Pairs (14 Pairs)

- 1 1 Edmund Gehan – Gerald O'Dell
- 2 2 1 Al Stolpe – S. Thom

Sat. AM B/C/D Pairs (46 Pairs)

- 1 1 Ross Bley – Martha Bley
- 2 2 1 Al Stolpe – Andrea Stanley-Miller

Sat. AM 100/200/300 Pairs (32 Pairs)

- 1 1 Rachele Sladoff – Rochelle Hilton
- 2 2 Janet Henrichsen – Dennis Sponholtz

Sat. A/X Consolation Pairs (20 Pairs)

- 2 Ken Davis – Bruce Houston

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

- 1 1 Michael Lawrence – Craig Olson
- 2 Dennis Schwanz – Kevin O'Brien

Sat. Aft. 0-NLM Pairs (34 Pairs)

- 2 1 Phyllis Isler – Morton Isler

Sun. A/X BAM (15 Teams)

- 1 Steve Robinson – Peter Boyd –
Bill Cole – Jeff Roman
- 1 Tom Musso – Ellen Cherniavsky –
Diane Walker – Kenton Schoen

Sun. AM NLM Swiss (8 Teams)

- 1/2 Robert Dorosin – Eldon Compton –
Gabriel Cornett – Eleanor Schwartz

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Parade of Winners – continued from page 9**Sun. Aft. NLM Swiss (7 Teams)**

- 1 Robert Dorosin – Eldon Compton –
Gabriel Cornett – Eleanor Schwartz
2/3 Beth Wisinski – Gary Wisinski –
Rachelle Sladoff – Rochelle Hilton

RICHMOND REGIONAL
May 19–25, 2009

Massey Cancer Center 0-300 Charity Pairs (21 Pairs)

- 1 George Green – Anne Vaeth

Midlothian KO Bkt. 2 (14 Teams)

- 2 Roma Chandra – Robert Claypool –
Herb Fallin, Jr. – La Quitta Talbot

Petersburg Compact KO Bkt. 2 (15 Teams)

- 2 Neal McKinney – Al O'Malley –
Arnold Kritz – John S. Mason, Jr.

Petersburg Compact KO Bkt. 3 (16 Teams)

- 1 George Green – Anne Vaeth –
Mary Peyton – Marcia Cohen

Wed. AM 0-300 Pairs (16 Pairs)

- 1 Phyllis Isler – Morton Isler

Wed. Open Pairs (46 Pairs)

- 1 Ken Davis – Steve Schatzow
2 Robert Brady – Greg Humphreys

Wed. Eve. Side Game (42 Pairs)

- 2 Barbara DiCicco – Mary O'Shea

Glen Allen Comp KO Bkt. 1 (9 Teams)

- 2 Helen Cheng – Jesse Cheng –
Mary Boyd – Clarke Smart

Thurs. AM Side Game (22 Pairs)

- 2 Ken Davis – Steve Schatzow

Thurs. Aft. 0-300 Pairs (46 Pairs)

- 2 2 Phyllis Isler – Morton Isler

Thurs. Aft. Side Game (26 Pairs)

- 1 Holly Wills – Nancy Loomis
2 Barbara DiCicco – Mary O'Shea

Thurs. Eve. 0-300 BAM (18 Teams)

- 1/3 Katherine Koch – George Koch –
K. Piper – Tom Piper

Thurs. Eve. Side Game (18 Pairs)

- 2 Helen Cheng – Jesse Cheng

Ashland KO Bkt. 4 (15 Teams)

- 1 Julia Zucker – Nat Zucker –
Carl Noller – Brian Snyder
2 Leonard Ellis – Jay Cherlow –
Neal McKinney – Al O'Malley

Henrico Comp KO Bkt. 1 (9 Teams)

- 1 Ken Davis – Herb Fallin, Jr. –
John Ashe – La Quitta Talbot

Henrico Comp KO Bkt. 2 (12 Teams)

- 1 John S. Mason, Jr. – Susan Miskura –
Dennis Schwanz – Arnold Kritz

Henrico Comp KO Bkt. 3 (12 Teams)

- 2 Jacqueline Key – Nancy Cartwright –
Arnold Hoffmann – Katherine Koch

Henrico Comp KO Bkt. 4 (12 Teams)

- 2 Lynne Beresford – Eleanor Schwartz –
Taraneh Shahin – Bahman Shahin

Fri. Open Pairs (44 Pairs)

- 2 Ed Lewis – Mike Zane
2 Thomas McDow, V – Thomas McDow

Fri. Eve. Side Game (38 Pairs)

- 1 Neil Selvin – Howard Grunin
2 Jim Wildey – Joyce Currie

Fri. Eve. 0-300 Swiss (10 Teams)

- 1 Dick Verdow – Jean Verdow –
Catharine Fisher – John Fisher

Hopewell Fr A/E Compact KO – Bkt. 5 (12 Teams)

- 1 Eva Shaffer – Elaine Sellman –
John Hamilton – Julia Brown

Hopewell Fr A/E Compact KO – Bkt. 6 (16 Teams)

- 2 Marilyn Golias – Nancy Senger –
Jeremy Lewis – Joan White

James River Sat. KO Bkt. 3 (16 Teams)

- 1 Stephen Drodge – Steve Reed –
Dan Emmons – Paul Sullivan

Sat. AM Side Game (22 Pairs)

- 1 1 Neal McKinney – Al O'Malley

Sat. AM 0-500 Pairs (14 Pairs)

- 2 Phyllis Isler – Morton Isler
- 2/3 Kenneth Marshall – Roy Robson

Sat. Eve. Swiss (26 Teams)

- 1 Peter Filandro – Marie Filandro – Helene Bauman – Jim Wakefield
- 1 Jeremy Lewis – Eleanor Schwartz – Taraneh Shahin – Bahman Shahin

Sat. Eve. Side Game (20 Pairs)

- 2/3 1 Lynda Flanger – Govind Narayan

Sat. Eve. 0-500 Pairs (10 Pairs)

- 1 1 Catharine Fisher – John Fisher
- 2/3 Dick Verdow – Jean Verdow

Mechanicsville KO Bkt. 3 (16 Teams)

- 2 Rusty Krauss – Govind Narayan – Mark Gospodnetic – Paul Mott – Kenny Horneman – Michael Kelley

Mechanicsville KO Bkt. 5 (16 Teams)

- 1 Julia Zucker – Nat Zucker – Carl Noller – Brian Snyder

Sat. Zip KO (8 Teams)

- 1 Ann Schwartz – Alan Schwartz – David Fleischer – Mike Zane

Sun. Swiss (30 Teams)

- 2 Ken Davis – Herb Fallin, Jr. – John Ashe – La Quitta Talbot

Sun. Open Pairs (58 Pairs)

- 2 Alan Schwartz – Ann Schwartz

Sun. AM Side Game (18 Pairs)

- 1 Leonard Ellis – Jay Cherlow

Sun. Aft. Side Game (40 Pairs)

- 2 2 1 Leonard Ellis – Jay Cherlow

Sun. Eve. BAM (14 Teams)

- 2 Vonnie Lavender – Sumner Steinfeldt – Richard Wegman – Alice Wegman

Sun. Eve. 0-500 Pairs (12 Pairs)

- 2 Dick Verdow – Jean Verdow

Sun.–Mon. KO Bkt. 3 (10 Teams)

- 1 Steve Reed – Stephen Drodge – Paul Sullivan – Dan Emmons

Mon. A/X Swiss (28 Teams)

- 1 David Rodney – Avril Rodney – Margot Hennings – Donald Hennings

Mon. B/C/D Swiss (31 Teams)

- 1 Julia Zucker – Nat Zucker – Carl Noller – Brian Snyder

Mon. Aft. Side Game (14 Pairs)

- 1 Marshall Kuschner – Victoria Miller

CORRECTION:

In the April–June 2009 *NVBA Newsletter* Parade of Winners, we meant to list Jayne Lynch as winner of the 49er Pairs on Saturday afternoon in the February NVBA Sectional. Instead we incorrectly listed her name as James Lynch. Please note that it was Jayne Lynch, not a James Lynch who won this event, and that she won it again in the April NVBA Sectional. If she keeps winning like this, pretty soon she is going to have too many masterpoints to compete in the 0-49er events.

Dave Murray Award



NVBA Vice President with Dave Murray Award winner Bob Hartmann

New Event Option: Stratification by Average

ACBL pair and Swiss team events are usually “stratified” or “strati-flighted.”

In a stratified event, each contestant plays against players of all point ranges, and masterpoints are awarded to the top finishers within each group. Players are assigned to a group, i.e. stratum based upon their current masterpoint holdings.

An event that is a combination of flighted and stratified pairs is called strati-flighted. The upper level event (A/X) has no masterpoint restriction and is played as a separate game. The second-level event is restricted to players with fewer points than the upper limit of the second-level Stratum. Depending on the number of pairs or teams entered, this second-level event can then be subdivided into multiple strata (B/C/D) with specific masterpoint breakpoints for each stratum.

Pairs traditionally are assigned to a stratum based on the player with the higher masterpoint holding in the pair, or based on the player who has the most masterpoints on the team in a team event. For example, if the upper limit for Stratum B were 2000 points, a pair with masterpoint holdings of 2500 and 200 would have to “play up” into Stratum A. Beginning in May 2009, the ACBL offered the option of “stratification by average.” In this case the hypothetical pair would have an average masterpoint holding of 1350 each and be permitted to play in Stratum B.

The new option of stratification by average is only available for open stratified events. It is not authorized for any strati-flighted events. It may apply to stratified pairs or stratified teams.

Our Chief Director for NVBA Sectionals, Doug Grove, offers several observations about stratification by average:

Bracketed knockouts essentially work on the stratification-by-average principle, so the concept is not foreign to our players.

Most partnerships form between players of similar ability. When one person goes over a stratification boundary, it forces the pair upward. An advantage of stratification by average is that it allows a partnership to play down a bit longer.

On the other hand, stratification by average could make it possible for a highly skilled “Stratum A” player to win Stratum B masterpoints playing with an Intermediate/Newcomer player.

Because this option is available only in stratified events, there can never be an instance of a pair being disqualified for enrolling in the incorrect stratum. However, a pair may well find themselves in a different stratum than expected if the pair was unaware of the change in stratum definition.

The NVBA Board is considering whether to authorize stratification by average for our stratified events beginning next year and wants to solicit opinions from the membership. Any NVBA member who wishes to express an opinion should do so in writing by e-mailing Bob Boyd at bobbyd72@aol.com or sending a letter to him at 535 Ft. Williams Parkway, Alexandria, VA 22304.

2nd Annual Youth North American Bridge Championship in DC

The 2nd annual Youth North American Bridge Championships (NABC) will be held July 30 – August 1, 2009 at the Marriott Wardman Park hotel, Woodley Park, Washington, D.C.

The first Youth NABC was held in Atlanta last summer and was a rousing success with 210 tables of youth from all across the United States over the three days of play. The tournament is open to youth under 20 years of age with fewer than 5,000 masterpoints as of July 1, 2009.

Thursday will kick off the Youth NABC with a single session pair event followed by a single session team event in the afternoon. The Baron Barclay National Youth Open Pairs will be two sessions on Friday with scholarship awards. Saturday, the National Swiss Teams will be held, also awarding scholarship prizes to the winners. Cardroom games (side games for new players) will be available every day, every session. Start times are 10:30 am and 3:00 pm.

Pre-registration can be made on the Youth NABC website www.youthnabc.org. The registration fee is \$45. At the playing site you can register for the entire tournament (\$45), or simply purchase an entry for one day (\$15). Single session entries will also be sold each day for \$5, but those exclude eligibility for trophies, receptions and box lunches.

The bridge play will be fun, but that's not all! There will be trophies for the winners, gifts, t-shirts, and box lunches for all-day players. There will be fabulous entertainment after the conclusion of the 3 p.m. sessions each day. On Thursday at 6 p.m., we will have a juggler in the Thurgood Marshall Ballroom followed by a special dessert reception for youth, their parents, and sponsors in the hospitality suite. On Friday night, there will be a magician. A reception to honor the winners is planned for Saturday night immediately following the second session of play.

Be sure to tell the young bridge players you know about the tournament. And when you are at the "regular" NABC (July 23 – August 2), stop by, for it is a very gratifying experience to see young people so taken with bridge. Better yet, volunteer to help out and see "up close and personal" just how great youth bridge can be! Contact Shawn Stringer at shstringer@aol.com to volunteer.

For specific questions about Registration, contact Fred Gramlich at fmgramlich@cox.net. For questions about Partnerships, contact Ellen Rosenthal at ellenandneal@gmail.com. For general questions, contact co-chair Suzanne Abrams at suzyouthnabc@gmail.com.

The Top 12 Reasons You Should Play in the Summer NABC!

Although the following is geared towards newer players, there's lots of good info here for players of all skill levels. There's something for everyone at the Summer NABC, but there's even more for newer players! Aside from the excitement of thousands of bridge players all gathered in one place, there are parties, prizes, giveaways and more! Ten reasons just won't cover everything, so read on for my top dozen reasons to play:

12. Hand records for all pair games.

After every session (except team games) you can get a printout showing what cards everyone held for each deal that you played in that session. The hand records are a great learning tool for discussing with partner how you might have bid or played the cards differently.

11. Go fat free. When you're playing at the tournament, both you and your partner should have identical convention cards describing your bidding methods and signaling agreements. For those who play only a few conventions, the ACBL has created a simplified convention card that you may prefer. The SS4 (or "Fat Free Card," as it is affectionately called) is available in the Intermediate/Newcomer (I/N) Program area.

10. Play bridge at midnight. Or 9 a.m. Or 10:30 a.m., 1:00 p.m., 3:00 p.m. or 7:30 p.m., or almost any time in between. Whatever your schedule, you can fit in a game. You can get two sessions in and still be home for dinner if you like, without even having to get up at the crack of dawn!

9. Bring the kids! (Or grandkids.) The 2009 Youth NABC will also take place at the Marriott Wardman Park hotel, on the final weekend of the tournament. Young bridge players who are under 20 years of age and have fewer than 5,000 ACBL masterpoints (or equivalent) as of July 1

are eligible. For more information, go to the ACBL website at www.acbl.org and click on "Youth NABC" on the Washington NABC page or go directly to www.youthnabc.org.

8. Look at all the colors. As you begin accumulating masterpoints, you'll need a certain number of silver, red and gold points to achieve the ranks of Sectional Master, Regional Master, NABC Master and Life Master. With a few exceptions, these colored points are awarded only at tournaments: silver points at sectionals, red points at regionals and nationals, and gold points for the top winners of certain games in regional events. At the NABC you can win red and gold points depending on where you place in regional events as well as national events with masterpoint restrictions, and platinum points for placing in "NABC Events" with no masterpoint limits. At this year's Summer NABC, in addition to regular team events where gold points are awarded to top finishers, for I/N players, gold points will be awarded to the top winners in the National 199er Pairs being held July 30 at 10:30 am and 3:00 pm.

7. Free stuff. Check in at the main tournament desk for your free registration gift (an umbrella). Then, if you qualify as an I/N (with 0-300 MPs), sign in at the I/N desk for another free gift!

6. Free food and entertainment. Famous Washington area hospitality will be prevalent throughout the tournament, from late night snacks and entertainment to Vugraph with live commentary on National events; from hospitality suite receptions to snack bar discounts. Catch The Capitol Steps, the nationally known, musical comedy troupe that does political satire, after the evening session on Saturday, July 25. (Check out their videos on YouTube!) On Wednesday night, July 29,

acclaimed magician Alain Nu will perform. (To ensure you have a seat, make an advance reservation for either or both The Capitol Steps and Alain Nu by emailing Barb Doran at entertainment@districtsix.org. You can also get tickets in advance from the tournament Registration desk.) Other late night entertainment will include Hollywood Squares featuring popular bridge personalities, chamber music, piano, juggling and more.

For those who don't want to stay up that late, Washington Post columnist (and bridge player) Bob Levey and his wife Jane will give their funny and informative talk Inside Washington at 6:30 p.m. on Sunday July 26.

In addition to nightly hospitality, there will be three special receptions just for I/N players: at 6:30 p.m. on Saturday July 25, Wednesday July 29 and Friday July 31.

5. Free lessons. Lots of free lessons! Half-hour mini lessons every day at 9:45 a.m. and 6:45 p.m. in the I/N area, taught by such celebrities as Audrey Grant, Jerry Helms, Jeff Roman, Leslie Shafer, and others. On Saturday July 25, there will be a lecture by Audrey Grant at 9:00 a.m. followed by "Bridge University," a series of 45-minute classes offered by eight local teachers from 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. On Sunday July 26, there will be a two-hour lesson by Bridge Bulletin columnist Jerry Helms from 10 a.m.-noon, and on Monday July 27 there will be another two-hour lesson by ABTA Master Teacher Amy Nellissen, also from 10 a.m.-noon. On Friday July 31 and Saturday August 1, classes for people who have never played and those who want to advance their game will be taught by Washington Bridge League favorites Shawn Stringer and Lois Geer from 10:00 a.m.-noon. For a complete list of classes and I/N activities, click on "Just for Newcomers" on the ACBL website's Washington NABC page.

4. Bragging rights! Impress your friends with tales of your exploits at the bridge table. "Have I told you about the

slam I made when I played at the Nationals?" you'll say. And gentlemen in England now-a-bed will think themselves accursed they were not there! In the case of I/N players, you'll show them your winner's photo that was posted in the I/N room, and you'll say, "This photo I got on Crispin's Day." (With apologies to William Shakespeare...don't tell me you didn't recognize the quote from Henry V!)

3. Non-Life Master games. Play with your peers! There'll be separate games for players with 0-5 masterpoints, and 0-20/50/100/200/300 masterpoints almost every day at 10:30, 3:00 and 7:30. You don't have to get beat up by Life Masters! (Unless you want to.) No one with more than the stated upper limit of masterpoints may play in these games, but most ACBL events have no lower limit. You can always play "up" if you want to.

2. Free plays and half price plays for I/N players! (Did I mention there's lots of free stuff?) On Friday July 24, all players with fewer than 5 masterpoints can play for free in all sessions. On Sunday and Monday check out the free Bridge Plus and Happy Bridge games for players with 0-5 and 0-50 points, respectively. And for those players with 0-100 MPs, for every regular-priced entry you buy to an I/N event the first weekend of the tournament (July 24-26), you'll receive a half-price entry for any I/N event on the second weekend (July 31-Aug 2).

...and the number one reason to play in the 2009 Summer NABC:

1. It's in D.C.! How often can you take the Metro to Nationals? No long drive or plane fare, no hotel bill; just all the excitement and variety and perks of an NABC! It's like a Presidential inauguration with cards...but it comes to D.C. only once or twice in a decade. So plan now to play, and I'll see you there!

Sandy Forsythe

NVBA Mini-McKenney Winners Final Standings 2008!

0-5 MPs

Stephen Drodge	51.41
Ike Oren	45.71
Andrew Rodriguez	32.64

5-20 MPs

Virginia L. Gibbons	118.26
Morton Isler	78.20
Dennis Sponholtz	62.37

20-50 MPs

Amanda Carter	129.97
Joe Hertz	128.84
Phyllis Isler	80.71

50-100 MPs

Eleanor L. Schwartz	93.41
Bahman Shahin	82.97
Taraneh Shahin	82.91

100-200 MPs

Linda Burton	143.02
Kiyomi Shiba	142.17
Neil Selvin	131.02

200-300 MPs

Mary Ann Kral	170.68
Marvin Raines	126.88
Jose Cortina	108.89

300-500 MPs

Ellie Clark	281.83
Steve Reed	229.43
Joyce Currie	220.38

500-1000 MPs

Kevin O'Brien	381.64
Bob Boyd	281.16
John S. Mason, Jr.	266.26

1000-2500 MPs

Herb K. Fallin, Jr.	487.63
Ron Kral	362.06
Martha Lackey	327.73

2500-5000 MPs

Al Duncker	508.75
Sumner Steinfeldt	454.40
Ed Gofreed	312.16

5000-7500 MPs

Ken B. Davis	704.97
Helene Bauman	411.11
Don W. Geerhart	398.06

7500-10,000 MPs

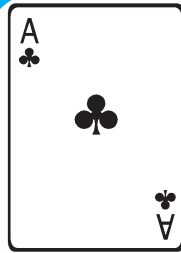
Janet R. Gookin	461.06
Alan L. Schwartz	273.57

Over 10,000 MPs

Jeff M. Roman	677.15
Robert W. Gookin	554.78
Ed R. Lewis	408.16

From left to right: Stephen Drodge, Eleanor Schwartz, Ellie Clark, Kevin O'Brien, Amanda Carter, Mary Ann Kral, Linda Burton, Ken Davis, Virginia Gibbons, Al Duncker, Herb Fallin, Jr.





NYBA Ace of Clubs Final Standings 2008

0-5 MPs

Ike Oren	27.13
Dr. Roy A. Robson	21.21
David G. Amey	16.45

5-20 MPs

Allen H. Sparer	39.83
Shirley E. Prikals	32.56
Ms. Virginia L. Gibbons	27.59

20-50 MPs

Linda W. Croker	107.04
John L. Hambric	57.72
Thomas C. Croker	49.88

50-100 MPs

Eleanor L. Schwartz	47.44
Parween E. Yunus	39.20
Taraneh Shahin	38.28

100-200 MPs

Susan Klaber	52.43
Tobi B. Bear	49.25
Kiyomi Shiba	48.78

200-300 MPs

Marilyn J. Golias	54.59
Mary R. Tubbs	41.52
Sulaiman Ghaussy	38.33

300-500 MPs

Yvonne K. Markell	77.99
Tony V. Cincotta	73.11
Dennis J. Schwanz	66.92

500-1000 MPs

Bob S. Boyd	161.72
Salam A. Saidi	138.09
Lenore G. Ward	96.74



Ace of Clubs winners (left to right) Ken Davis, Jeff Roman, Janet Gookin, Marilyn Golias, Susan Klaber, Bob Boyd, Ike Oren

1000-2500 MPs

Kamel M. Tabbara	136.08
Marcia D. Stein	123.73
Herb K. Fallin, Jr.	123.51

2500-5000 MPs

Ed Gofreed	182.95
Sumner Steinfeldt	151.19
Vonnie W. Lavender	134.38

5000-7500 MPs

Ken B. Davis	332.03
Don W. Geerhart	239.86
Andy Gabrilovitch	129.12

7500-10,000 MPs

Janet R. Gookin	38.46
Alan L. Schwartz	29.83

Over 10,000 MPs

Jeff M. Roman	160.59
Ed R. Lewis	107.67
Robert W. Gookin	97.39

HAIL AND FAREWELL

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

Creighton W. Abrams
Andrew A. Benvenuto
Robert A. Capozzi
Karen D. Casey
Ken C. Casey
Joel S. Cox
Betsy Deering
Brian Detter
David J. English
Dr. Parand A. Feisee
Mary Lou Hayden
Dr. Earl Hodin
Jason A. Israel
James S. Lynch
John E. Metzler
Virginia J. Michaux
Barbara F. Novak
Mary B. Schwab
Bushra Shamma
James G. Sprung
Kathy G. Sullivan
Ming-Yee Tsong
Dinnie Whitson
Rev. John R. Witherell

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

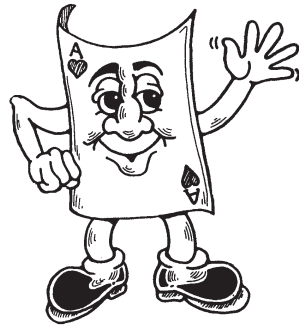
Ben C. Allen
Jonathan Bart
Donald S. Beyer
Andy M. Bourland
Edith Chesler
Dorothy H. Donielson
Dr. Peter R. Gerdeman
Jane L. Pawenski
John D. Ringo
Jason R. Stewart

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

Russell A. Baum
Will Colmer
Nancy Detweiler
Robert G. Hartmann
Robert C. Kerr
Kathryn W. Larsen
Carole A. Lee
Sue M. Swift
Karen L. Ward

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

Mike Polunin
Frances Strain



MILESTONES

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

♠♦ NEW JUNIOR MASTERS ♣♥

Ben C. Allen
Ginny Bays
Linda H. Bestimt
William J. Bestimt
Ray J. Bostow
Marsha Ann Brown
Ronald E. Friedman
Patsy V. Hawks
Craig Jennings
Ken Kimball
Deborah G. Klar
Dr. Leonard Levine
Sharon C. Perryman
Claude M. Rosenthal
Nynette Rourke
Bill R. Teer
Pat J. Teer

♠♦ NEW CLUB MASTERS ♣♥

Christine H. Carr
Michael N. Duniven
Jeri Eaton
Ruth Glen
Judith A. Heit
Joshua S. Holt
Harvey F. Lipsher
Mary T. McFadden
Michael A. Murphy
Dr. William J. Nanna
James H. Shoenhard
Eva Vorndran
Barbara P. Walton

♠♦ NEW SECTIONAL MASTERS ♣♥

Sheila W. Ellis
Alina I. Galaszewska
Fred Gramlich
John G. Haberlin
Sandy G. Haberlin
M. David Jackson
Katherine B. Koch

Ike Oren
Bob Patel
Susan E. Pettit
James D. Raber
Dr. Roy A. Robson
Andrew M. Rodriguez
Alexander Shafer
David M. Soukup
Al V. Stolpe
Patricia F. Stone
Maher E. Tadros
Helen(Susie) J. Tinney

♠♦ NEW REGIONAL MASTERS ♣♥

Ethel P. Hoffman
Morton L. Isler
Dallas W. Shawkey

♠♦ NEW NABC MASTERS ♣♥

Tobi B. Bear
George R. Green
Sara Hilgartner

♠♦ NEW LIFE MASTERS ♣♥

Walton J. Francis
Lee McClary
Mary L. O'Shea

♠♦ NEW BRONZE LIFE MASTERS ♣♥

William E. Pepelko Rita Waldack

♠♦ NEW SILVER LIFE MASTER ♣♥

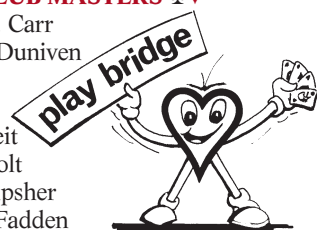
Candyce L. Clanton

♠♦ NEW GOLD LIFE MASTERS ♣♥

Msrilyn Carlson
Herb Fallin, Jr.
Mickey Hughes
Kathryn Kiley

♠♦ NEW DIAMOND LIFE MASTER ♣♥

David Milton



NVBA Trophy Winners



Left to right: Man of Year – Ken Davis, Rookie of the Year – Ike Oren, Rush Buckley Award – Amanda Carter, Woman of the Year – Janet Gookin, NVBA Vice President Alan Breed

Why Are These People All Smiling?



Outgoing NVBA Board members pictured here are: (left to right) Treasurer Livingston Johnson, Executive Director Ron Kral, Secretary Marge Gazzola, Executive Director Herb Fallin, Jr., President Leo Cardillo. Thanks for all of your hard work!

BRIDGE CLUB RESULTS POSTED ON THE INTERNET:

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

Director: Jim Dick – *Game:* Montebello DBC – Monday 7:00 PM
URL: <http://mysite.verizon.net/resymzgl/jcsundayafternoonbridge>

Director: Gene Schuyler – *Game:* Carlin Springs BC – Tuesday 7:00 PM
URL: <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 Kushner – *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/jcsundayafternoonbridge/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>

Director: Terry Jones – *Game:* Falls Church Bridge Club –
URL: www.fallschurchbridgeclub.com



♣ **Fairfax, VA** ♦ **SEPTEMBER 10-13, 2009** ♥



NORTHERN VIRGINIA BRIDGE ASSOCIATION
SEPTEMBER SENSATIONS
SECTIONAL TOURNAMENT

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

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

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, SEPTEMBER 11

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—5 rounds, 5 boards, 5 minutes a board . 7:30 p.m.
 299ER PAIRS (300/200/100) 7:30 p.m.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

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.
 FLIGHT A/X PAIRS (3000+/3000; 2-session Play-thru event) 2 & 7:30 p.m.
 —Single session pairs accommodated during the evening session
 STRATIFIED B/C PAIRS (2000/750; 2 single sessions) ... 2 & 7:30 p.m.
 STRATIFIED SIDE GAME (3000+/3000) 2 p.m.
 299ER PAIRS (300/200/100; 2 single sessions) 2 & 7:30 p.m.
 49ER PAIRS (50/20/5) 2 p.m.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

****Novice/Intermediate Lecture (Jeff Roman)** 10:15 a.m.**
 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.
Both Flights are 2-session events, w/one 30-minute 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) 3:15 p.m.

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

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Next NVBA Sectional Nov. 12-15 at Arlington/Fairfax Elks Lodge (Thurs at Beth El)

www.nvba.org

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: OCT. 1-4, 2009

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 1

- ♣ Stratified Open Pairs (unlim/1500/500) 11:15am
Rockville Duplicate Bridge Club, 301-503-3348 (Mark Lavine)
St. James Episcopal Church, 11815 Seven Locks Rd., Rockville, MD
- ♦ 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. 1st left on Colston. Church is on the left before the next intersection.

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

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 2

- ♣ Stratified Pairs (unlim/2000/500) 10:00am
- ♦ StrataFlighted A/X (unlim/3000) & B/C/D (1500/1000/500) Pairs ... 2:00pm
- ♠ **Ye New StrataFlighted Pairs** 7:30pm
 A/X (unlim/3000) & B/C/D (1500/1000/500)
- ♣ Intermediate/Novice Pairs 10:00am, 2:00pm, 7:30pm
 (300/200/100/50/20) (single sessions)

SATURDAY & SUNDAY 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.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3

- ♥ StrataFlighted A/X (unlim/3000) or 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
- ♦ **Macblin Sportsmanship Award** Presentation & between sessions **Panel Show** 2:30pm



♣ **Eynon Trophy**

First awarded in 1931— Try to add your name to the famous names inscribed here!

- A/X Swiss Teams, VPs (unlim /5000, 7 round playthru w/short break) 11:00am & TBA
- ♦ B/C/D Swiss Teams, VPs (2500/1000/500, 7 round playthru w/short break) 11:00am & TBA
- ♥ 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.



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