

Holiday Party

December 17, 2009

THE ANNUAL NVBA HOLIDAY PARTY, which includes dinner and a bridge game, will be held on Thursday, December 17, 2009, at the Beth El Congregation, 3830 Seminary Rd. in Alexandria, VA. That week is a Sectional Tournament at Clubs (STaC) week, so silver masterpoints will be awarded for placing in this game. Also, the NVBA Board has decided to present a new trophy at this party. The trophy will go to the NVBA member who has participated in the Most NVBA events (Unit game and Sectionals) between the dates of December 1, 2008 and November 30, 2009. The trophy is named the Sara Goodwin trophy in honor of Sara Goodwin who would have received this recognition for her record attendance at NVBA events in 2008, but who died in August before it could be presented to her. Sara played in over 60 NVBA-sponsored games in 2008. Presentation of the Dave Murray award will also now take place at the Holiday Party instead of the Annual Meeting in May. The NVBA Board has decided to present these two awards, which are not related to the amount of masterpoints accumulated by a player in a calendar year, at the Holiday Party instead of the Annual Meeting so that the individuals can be recognized separately from what are primarily ACBL-driven awards.

As in the past, the holiday party is part “catered” and part “pot luck.” 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

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Of Special Interest:

- WBL Sectional, Oct. 1–4
- D6 NAP Finals, Oct. 10–11
- Ocean City, MD REGIONAL, Oct 19–25
- NVBA Sectional, Nov. 12–15
- San Diego, CA Fall NABC, Nov. 26–Dec. 6
- D6 STaC, Dec. 14–20
- Holiday Party, Dec. 17
- Myrtle Beach, SC REGIONAL, Dec. 28–Jan. 3
- WBL Sectional, Jan. 7–10, 2010

Don't Play Bridge!

By Bob Boyd
NVBA President



Surprising advice from a president that has expressed an interest in growth of the game, isn't it? As you might suspect, there is a caveat. We're heading into a flu season that is likely to be worse than normal, and my message is this: If you're sick, stay home.

Be considerate of others and try to avoid spreading infection. The government's one-stop web site (<http://www.flu.gov/>) has detailed info and links explaining the symptoms and prevention. The good news is that swine flu is not as deadly as initially feared. Most people just feel bad, but the obese, infirm, and others are at risk of contracting a potentially fatal case. When last I noticed, the bridge community did not comprise athletes in the prime of life, so we must assume that some of our members, whose pulmonary systems are not as strong as they once were, are especially vulnerable. What can you do? According to the government mitigation plan:

If you are ill, remain at home.
If you have an ill family member, remain at home.

How long? At first, health organizations advised staying home for seven days, but now the best advice seems to be to stay at home at least 24 hours after the fever goes away.

According to the *Washington Post*, most Americans are "not too" or "not at all" worried about the swine flu, no doubt because it was so much milder this spring than was expected. This means much of the public may be caught off-guard this fall and winter, especially if the virus mutates into a more dangerous form.

A fever should certainly trigger the stay-at-home advice, but a person without a fever may be unaware he or she is contagious. There is no reason for overreaction, just common sense, including:

Cover your cough. This shouldn't need to be mentioned, but coughing into one's hands is unsanitary. Flu is spread mainly through coughing and sneezing, so use a handkerchief or shirt, not something that will be handled by others.

Wash your hands...a lot. Believe it or not, I see men who don't wash their hands after using the rest room. One method of contracting this version of the flu is contact with infected swine, and "swine" is the least offensive term I can apply to such people. Club managers should ensure their rest rooms have soap and towels.

Washing hands may not be enough. Get hand sanitizer and use it, particularly before touching your mouth, nose, and eyes. Club managers should have hand sanitizer available.

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Upcoming NVBA Games & Special Events

Oct. 1 Beth EI – 7:00 WBL Sectional – Stratiflighted Pairs
Oct. 8 Beth EI – 7:00 Stratified Club Appreciation Pairs
Oct. 15 Beth EI – 7:00 Stratified Grand National Swiss Teams
Oct. 22 Beth EI – 7:00 Stratified Unit Championship
Oct. 29 Beth EI – 7:00 Stratified Club Appreciation Swiss Teams
Nov. 5 Beth EI – 7:00 Stratiflighted Unit Championship
Nov. 12 Beth EI – 7:00 NVBA Sectional – Stratiflighted Pairs
Nov. 19 Beth EI – 7:00 Stratified Grand National Swiss Teams
Nov. 26 Closed – Thanksgiving
Dec. 3 Beth EI – 7:00 Stratiflighted Unit Championship
Dec. 10 Beth EI – 7:00 Stratified Grand National Swiss Teams
Dec. 17 Beth EI – 7:00 D6 Stratified STaC Pairs & Holiday Party
Dec. 24 Closed – Christmas Eve
Dec. 31 Closed – New Years Eve

Stratification Limits:

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

For the GNT 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

November 12-15, 2009

February 25-28, 2010

WBL

October 1-4, 2009

January 7-10, 2010

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Be careful grazing at the food tables. If you can't control a sneeze or cough, don't go up there. And as for double-dippers, let's say the "swine" term applies perfectly.

Prepare your partners. A call to cancel a bridge date is not the end of the world. If you feel healthy and your partner doesn't, show up and see if someone else is in the same position or call the club manager.

Club managers are important in controlling the spread of flu. If a club manager is sick, he or she should arrange for a substitute. A sick patron should be advised to go home.

Start planning for disruption of the daily bridge routine now. Be flexible and make protection of others your top priority. Let's get through this coming flu pandemic with as little sickness as possible.

Stratification By Average Option

In the last newsletter, we solicited members' views on whether the Unit should adopt the method of "stratification by average" in NVBA-sponsored stratified pair games. Since there were no strong advocates for changing to this alternate method of stratification, the NVBA Board has decided for the time being that the NVBA will continue assigning pairs to strats based on the player holding the highest number of master-points in the pair.

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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 7:00 PM.

If you have any questions, or would like to help with setting up and/or cleanup, please contact Virginia Gibbons at 703-801-3854.



Upcoming 199er Unit Games

Oct. 1 Beth El – 7:00 WBL Sectional – 199er Pairs
Oct. 8 Beth El – 7:00 199er Club Appreciation Pairs
Oct. 15 Beth El – 7:00 199er ACBL Charity Pairs
Oct. 22 Beth El – 7:00 199er Pairs game
Oct. 29 Beth El – 7:00 199er Club Appreciation Swiss Teams
Nov. 5 Beth El – 7:00 199er Pairs game
Nov. 12 Beth El – 7:00 NVBA Sectional – 199er Pairs
Nov. 19 Beth El – 7:00 199er ACBL Charity Pairs
Nov. 26 Closed – Thanksgiving
Dec. 3 Beth El – 7:00 199er Pairs game
Dec. 10 Beth El – 7:00 199er Charity Swiss Teams
Dec. 17 Beth El – 7:00 D6 STaC - 199er Pairs Game – Holiday Party
Dec. 24 Closed – Christmas Eve
Dec. 31 Closed – New Years Eve

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+

Upcoming Sectionals

<u>NVBA</u>	<u>WBL</u>
November 12-15, 2009	October 1-4, 2009
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The Jack of Hearts *By Marshall Kuschner*



You really had us worried. From the way you were talking before the Washington NABC, we thought you might go to the beach or the mountains. We thought you might even go to Nationals Park to watch the Half Street Horrors. But when zero hour came, you went to the nationals. And what a nationals it was! Call me provincial, but I've missed only one NABC in the past 25 years and nobody puts on a party like Washington does. From the bridge tables to the post-game hospitality to the entertainment, the mood was absolutely festive. I ask you, what other NABC gives you entertainment like the Stepital Caps? I don't know quite what to say about the attendance, but I certainly got the feeling that the 1500 table increase over estimate was a result of local support. When I heard we were expecting only 12,600, I ran to the Internet trying to find someone who would take a bet on the over/under.

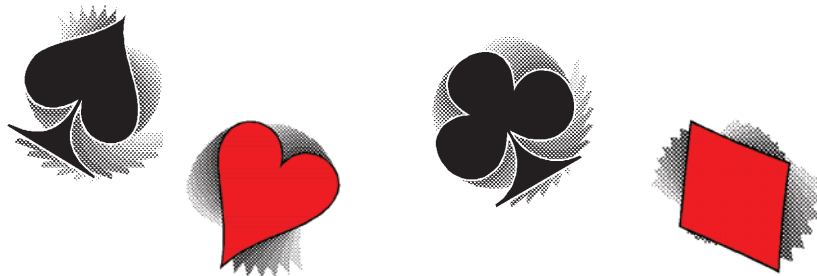
Of course, with local participation comes local success. For the second time in the last three NABCs, we boasted a national champion. Roy (you can call me Tony) Robson won the national 199er pairs to lead the hit parade. Other top ten finishers in national events included Alan Schwartz and Ai-Tai Lo who were 5th in the LM Pairs; Mel Yudkin and Christon Johnson were 9th in the 0-1500 LM Pairs; Tom Lavender and Barry Spector 5/8 in the 0-5000 Spingold, and Bob Finkelstein and Carl Noller got to the semis in the 0-1500 version with Elizabeth and Jerry Nolte 9/16. Others with national overalls were Michael Klein (LM Pairs), Rusty Krauss, Vin Bartone, and John Miller (0-5000 LM Pairs), Leo and Frank Cardillo, Robert Brady, Daniel Feldman, and Ralph Angermeier (0-1500 LM Pairs). And that was just the first weekend! Stan Schenker, Ellen Glynn, Helene Bauman, Al Duncker, and Gil Cohen hit the board in the Wernher Open Pairs; Prahald Rajkumar, Robert Brady, David Milton (Fast Pairs); Vin Bartone in the Mixed BAM, while Robbie Hopkins and Jeff Roman scored in the Open Swiss. Regional pair events were won by Enid Hughes and Marcia Stein, Al Duncker, William Woodward and John Menzel, Jeff Roman, Sumner Steinfeldt, and Andy Gabrilovitch and Don Geerhart. KO wins went to Cliff Feldman, Marilee Van Arsdale, Tom Musso, Ibrahim Mady, Sara Hilgartner, Saroj Gulati, Stan Schenker and David Milton, Hal Hindman and Mark Chen, Monique Smith, the young people (Dan Emmons, Stephen Drodge, Andrew Rodriguez, and Joshua Holt), the foursome of Al Sitterson, Barbara DiCicco, Eli Arbel, and Joe Leighton, which won twice, Art Hartstein, Anthony and Judith Russo, and Jay Chelrow. Steve Rothman was our only Swiss winner. As usual, you don't see my name, but this time I had a good excuse. I worked the whole time. Almost.

Of course, this NABC could not have been as spectacular as it was without the efforts of countless volunteers who manned registration, prizes, partnerships, tours, information etc. Job well done! Now enjoy some rest. Not too much, though. I've heard a reliable rumor that we get to do it again in 2015. Maybe by then they'll be the Half Street Heroes.

In Memoriam

SARA ELIZABETH GOODWIN passed away on Thursday, August 6, 2009 at the age of 65. Sara was born in Columbia, South Carolina, and, in addition to raising two sons, was an environmental engineer with the U.S. Corps of Engineers and a volunteer at the White House. She was an avid gardener and bird watcher, and without question loved the game of bridge. She achieved the rank of NABC Master, one step away from Life Master, early in 2009. Sara was a constant presence at the Thursday night NVBA Unit Game and attended all of the recent NVBA Sectionals as well. In fact, Sara is the NVBA member who participated in the most NVBA-sponsored events in 2008. Therefore, the NVBA Board has decided to create a new Unit Trophy in Sara's name. The trophy will go each year to the NVBA member who participates in the most NVBA events from December-November, and will be presented at the annual Holiday Party in December. Sara was always a bright and friendly spark in our midst, and her family's loss is also our loss.

LORRAINE PRAIRIE YARMOWICH passed away peacefully on Sunday, August 30, 2009, at the age of 79. Born April 4, 1930 in Alburg, Vermont, she was the daughter of Rene and Sadie (Langlois) Prairie. Lorraine graduated from St. Rose College with a degree in Education. On June 28, 1952 she married Edward Yarmowich. She was a homemaker to Ed and their three sons until his death in 1987. Lorraine and Ed lived for years in Niskayuna, NY before moving to Annandale, VA in 1978. In addition to being a parish member of the Holy Spirit Catholic Church in Annandale, Lorraine taught religious education to parish children for a number of years. Lorraine was an avid duplicate bridge player, achieving Gold Life Master status. The NVBA presented her with the Dave Murray Award in 2008, an award that was well-deserved because Lorraine was everyone's favorite partner, always complimented the opponents on good play, never criticized her partner and exhibited good sportsmanship at all times. She was beloved to all who knew her, and we will greatly miss her presence at the bridge game and her camaraderie.



Parade of Winners

WASHINGTON, D.C. 2009 SUMMER NABC

Congratulations to our District 6 Open Flight team which placed third in the nationwide GNT competition:

Jeff Roman – Lou Reich – John Adams –
Don Probst – Peter Boyd – Steve Robinson

299er International Fund (52 Pairs)

- 2 Margaret Gurley – James Metzger
- 2 Ann Atcheson – Sheila Ellis

Thurs. Aft. Side Game (150 Pairs)

- 1 Joe Angermeier – Ralph Angermeier

299er Educational Fund (51 Pairs)

- 2 John Holt – Joseph Drodge

Educational Fund KO Bkt. 4 (8 Teams)

- 1 Robert Silverblatt – Norman Dressler –
Raymond Depew – Clifford Feldman

Educational Fund KO Bkt. 9 (6 Teams)

- 1 Marilee Van Arsdale – J.J. Jayaraman –
Sunny Koontz – Charlotte Hennessey

Educational Fund KO Bkt. 10 (6 Teams)

- 2 Donald Turacy, Sr. – Bharat Shah –
Donna Stoker – Sandi Henshaw

Fri. AM 100/200/300 Pairs (46 Pairs)

- 1 1 Adam Winsler – Glenn Preston
- 1 Ike Oren – Andrew Holmberg

1st Fri. 0–5 Pairs (20 Pairs)

- 1 Willie Gordon – Sandra Johnson

1st Fri. Aft. 20/50 Pairs (28 Pairs)

- 2/4 Margaret Mastran – Sheryl McEwan

1st Fri. Daylight Open Pairs (98 Pairs)

- 1 Enid Hughes – Marcia Stein
- 1 Michael Gottesman – Silas Wasserstrom

Educational Foundation Pairs (66 Pairs)

- 2 Sulaiman Ghaussy – Shirley Shera

1st Fri./Sat. Open Pairs (92 Pairs)

- 1 Al Sitterson – Irish Grandfield

International Fund Pairs (74 Pairs)

- 1 Zeke Letellier – Marsha Brown

1st Fri. Eve. 299er Teams (15 Teams)

- 1 Lynne Beresford – Jackie Jones –
Eleanor Schwartz – Robert Magruder
- 2 Ann Atcheson – Jenny Shaefer –
Kathleen Corradino – Donald Monson

1st Fri. Eve. 299er Pairs (31 Pairs)

- 1 Jeffrey Schwartz – Kevin Rosenberg

Bette Dudka KO Bkt. 2 (12 Teams)

- 2 Linda Smoak – J. Fletcher Smoak –
Andrew Gabrilovitch – Judith Bloomer –
George Bloomer – Al Duncker

Bette Dudka KO Bkt. 4 (13 Teams)

- 1 Daniel Denison – Mary Lou Denison –
Tom Musso – Michael Musso

Bette Dudka KO Bkt. 7 (16 Teams)

- 1 H. Tyler Franks – Christopher Marks –
Ibrahim Mady – Omar Okaily
- 2 Kathrine Loh – David Loken –
Rosalind Joo – Gerald Cunha

Bette Dudka KO Bkt. 8 (16 Teams)

- 2 Hans Strohmer – Nancy Strohmer –
Joyce Currie – Jim Wildey

Bette Dudka KO Bkt. 9 (16 Teams)

- 2 Jeff Youngen – Mary O'Shea –
Candace Carlton – Terry Carlton

Bette Dudka KO Bkt. 10 (16 Teams)

- 1 Sara Hilgartner – Mary Jo Swain –
Jan Rusu – Saroj Gulati

Sat.–Mon. AM KO Bkt. 3 (8 Teams)

- 1 Al Sitterson – Barbara DiCicco –
Joe Leighton – Elias Arbel

Sat.–Mon. AM KO Bkt. 4 (7 Teams)

- 1 Robert Claypool – Terry Vann –
Jon Ranhand – Art Hartstein

Fri.–Tue. AM Side Series (52 Pairs)

- 1 Dan Emmons – Jeffrey Goldman

1st Sat. Aft. 5/20/50 Pairs (50 Pairs)

2 1 1 Micky Goldstein – Ralph Gingery

Rosemary O'Leary Side Series (90 Pairs)

2 1 Glen Swann, III – Martin Brennan

WBL KO Bkt. 4 (16 Teams)1 Steve Nellissen – John Boyer –
Robert Stayman – Stan Schenker –
David Milton – Victor Hsu**WBL KO Bkt. 5 (16 Teams)**1 Hal Hindman – Hank Youngerman –
Mark Chen – Brad Theurer**WBL KO Bkt. 7 (16 Teams)**1 Hank Meyer – Linda Marshall –
Monique Smith – Jane Shaw**WBL KO Bkt. 14 (12 Teams)**1 Dan Emmons – Stephen Drodge –
Andrew Rodriguez – Joshua Holt
2 Lynne Beresford – Jackie Jones –
Eleanor Schwartz – Robert Magruder**1st Sat. Eve. B-A-M (74 Teams)**2/6 Jim Wakefield – Gary Brown –
Helene Bauman – Stephen Goldstein
2/3 1 Alan Gordon – Lawrence Patrick –
Cynthia Keaton – Thomas Cox**Rosemary O'Leary Side Series (127 Pairs)**1 Martin Brennan – Glen Swann III
2 William Gurley – Fred Lopp**Sat. Eve. I/N Swiss Teams (14 Teams)**2 Jay Simon – Mark Jones –
Assunta Gerretsen – John Gerretsen
1 Jeffrey Schwartz – Kevin Rosenberg –
Marianne Hammer – Suzie Britton**Sun.–Mon. AM Comp Consol Bkt. III (8 Teams)**1 George Green – Edward Maser –
Sandi Henshaw – Donna Stoker**1st Sun. AM 100/200/300 Pairs (53 Pairs)**2 2 Jason Stewart – James Key
1 Rochelle Hilton – Rachelle Sladoff**1st Sun. AM 299er Swiss Teams (4 Teams)**1 H. Phillip Davis – Robert Knuff –
Bill Teer – Pat Teer**1st Sun. Daylight Open Pairs (164 Pairs)**

1 Charles Boteler, Jr. – Al Duncker

1st Sun. 299er Pairs (56 Pairs)

2 Ann Atcheson – Cathy Vivona

1st Sun. Aft. 49er Pairs (20 Pairs)1 1 Tim Rauen – Jonathan Haley
2 Lynn Frankenfield – Debby Bailine**1st Sun. Aft. 100/200/300****Swiss Teams (14 Teams)**2 H. Phillip Davis – Robert Knuff –
Bill Teer – Pat Teer – Ken Marshall
2 Robert Dorosin – Michael Canes –
Eldon Compton – Gabriel Cornett**Rosemary O'Leary Side Series (68 Pairs)**

2 1 Lawrence Latto – Roslyn Latto

Piedmont VA Sun.–Mon. Kos Bkt. C (11 Teams)1 Al Sitterson – Barbara DiCicco –
Elias Arbel – Joe Leighton
2 Kathrine Loh – David Loken –
Rosalind Juo – Gerald Cunha**1st Sun. Eve. B-A-M (80 Teams)**1/2 Gary Hinson – Bruce Kasold –
Taraneh Shahin – Bahman Shahin**Toddy Goss & Kay Meeks Open Pairs (176 Pairs)**

1 Jeff Roman – Ruth Potter

1st Sun. Eve. 100/200/300 Pairs (53 Pairs)

2 Albert Stolpe – Amanda Carter

1st Sun. Eve. 299er Swiss Teams (12 Teams)1 1 Ann Atcheson – Kathleen Corradino –
Donald Monson – Jenny Shaefer
1 Kevin Rosenberg – Jeffrey Schwartz –
Joan O'Connor – Peggy Comerford**Mon.–Wed. AM KO Bkt. 6 (8 Teams)**2 Dennis Sponholtz – Joan Kindle –
Katherine Koch – George Koch**Fri.–Tue. AM Side Series (46 Pairs)**

2 Dan Emmons – Mark Gospodnetic

Mon. AM 10/20/50 Pairs (22 Pairs)

2 2 Lynn Frankenfield – Debby Bailine

Parade of Winners – continued from page 9**Mon. Aft. 10/20/50 Pairs (20 Pairs)**

- 1 Eva Vorndran – Nadira Habiby
- 2 1 Lynne Groff – Sarah Raynor
- 2 Tim Rauen – Lorraine Chagnon

Mon. Aft. 100/200/300 Pairs (47 Pairs)

- 1 Donna Stoker – Sandi Henshaw
- 2 1 1 Robert Staiman – Alexander Shafer

Mon. Cherry Blossom Pairs (104 Pairs)

- 1 1 William Woodward – John Menzel

Mon. Eve. Swiss (78 Teams)

- 2 1 Bryan Geer – Lois Geer –
Martha Bley – Ross Bley
- 1 Sulaiman Ghaussy – Parween Yunus –
Catherine Hess – Peter Galbraith

Mon. Eve. 50/150/300 Pairs (45 Pairs)

- 2 Roy Robson – Stephen Colevas
- 1 Tim Rauen – Jonathan Haley
- 2 Todd Etter – David Gardner

Hawthorn Mon.–Tue. Side Series (70 Pairs)

- 2 1 Robert Brady – Frank Cardillo

Mon.–Tue. KO Bkt 8 (12 Teams)

- 2 Michele McClellan – Cordellia Scruggs –
Sharon Herron – Joyce Stone

Fri.–Tue. AM Side Series (43 Pairs)

- 2 2 Lila Panahpour – Susan Brawn

Tue. AM 5/20/50 Pairs (26 Pairs)

- 1 1 Lynne Groff – Sarah Raynor
- 1 Linda Lee Harp – Beth Fricano
- 2 ohn Metzler – Ken Casey

Tue. AM 100/200/300 Pairs (46 Pairs)

- 2/3 William Woodward – John Menzel
- 2 2 Eva Vorndran – Victoria Miller

Tue. Daylight Pairs (139 Pairs)

- 2 Salam Saidi – Kamel Tabbara

Tue. Aft. 10-20-50 (22 Pairs)

- 1 1 1 Marilyn Batra – Anne Toto
- 2 Sheryl McEwan – Margaret Mastran

Tue.–Wed. KO Bkt. 2 (13 Teams)

- 2 Lucy McCoy – Bruce Thiher –
Hope Watts – Jane Shaw

Tue.–Wed. KO Bkt. 8 (16 Teams)

- 2 Terry Mitchell – Mehmet Goncer –
Albert Dimillio – William Pruiett

Tue.–Wed. KO Bkt. 10 (16 Teams)

- 2 Ike Oren – Georgette Weiss –
George Schropp – Alan Gordon

Tue. Fast Pairs (50 Pairs)

- 2 Ed Lewis, III – Ed Lewis

Tue. Eve. B-A-M (42 Teams)

- 2 Carl Gutschick – Anita Gutschick –
Charles Ward – Peggy Ward
- 1/2 Tobi Bear – Susan Klaber –
William Gurley – Mary Ann Kral

Tue. Open Pairs (90 Pairs)

- 2 Parween Yunus – Sulaiman Ghaussy

Tue. Eve. 100/200/300 Pairs (32 Pairs)

- 1 1 1 Onorica Luculescu – Alina Galaszewska
- 2 Gayle Tomasetti – Rose Marie Sanders

Tue. Eve. 100/200/300 Swiss (16 Teams)

- 2 Louis Coccodrilli – Nathan Wolf –
Stella Perry – Lois Simms
- 2 1 Lynne Groff – Ricki Kanter –
Sarah Raynor – Rebecca Hudecek
- 2 Pat Teer – Bill Teer – Kenneth Marshall –
Al Sullivan

Hawthorn Side Series (84 Pairs)

- 2/3 Zachary Wasserman – David Banh

Wed.–Fri. KO Bkt. 3 (7 Teams)

- 1 Richard Eisenman, Jr. – Mary Eisenman –
Col. Anthony Russo – Judith Russo

Wed.–Fri. KO Bkt. 5 (6 Teams)

- 2 Sally Knight – Anne Knott –
Sandi Henshaw – Donna Stoker

Wed. AM 100/200/300 Pairs (54 Pairs)

- 1 1 Ronald Ozarka – Adam Winsler
- 2 Roy Robson – Stephen Colevas

Wed. AM 5-20-50 (23 Pairs)

- 2 Kenneth Linder – James Hewitt

Wed. Daylight Pairs (104 Pairs)

- 1 Kent Hartman – Sumner Steinfeldt

Daylight Swiss (146 Teams)

- 2/3 1 Sara Hilgartner – William Pepelko –
Barbara Pepelko – Saroj Gulati
2 Dale Sanders – Guillaume de Decker –
Ajit Thyagarajan – Howard Bender

Lambda Side Series (72 Pairs)

- 2 Bob Zier – Susan Jackowitz

Wed. AM 5-20-50 (22 Pairs)

- 2 Rose Marie Sanders – Gayle Tomasetti

Wed. Aft. 100/200/300 Pairs (66 Pairs)

- 2 Roy Robson – Stephen Colevas

Wed. Eve. 100/200/300 Pairs (44 Pairs)

- 2 E. Baker – Mark McEearney

Wed. Eve. 299er Swiss Teams (16 Teams)

- 2/3 Jerry Nolte – Elizabeth Nolte –
Karen Shea – Geoffrey Webb
2/3 2 1 Marianne Bruni – Kim Guinan –
Sidney Graves – Al Sullivan

Wed. Eve. B-A-M Teams (62 Teams)

- 1 Laura Tolkow – Gloria Tamlyn –
Ken Hopke – Phil Feldman
2/4 1 David Fitzwilliam – Lorraine Tyler –
Marilyn Golias – Sam Litovsky
2/3 Clay Dahl – Stanley Legum –
Rick Jenkins – Mitchell Karlick

Wed. Comp. KO Bkt. 7 (15 Teams)

- 2 Ann Overfield – James Zinkand –
Daryl Drew – Marilee Van Arsdale

Wed. Comp. KO Bkt. 4 Cons (6 Teams)

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

Wed. Comp. KO Bkt. 7 Cons (7 Teams)

- 1 Emily Shen – Elizabeth Gompels –
Vincent Koon Kam King – David Loken

Wed.–Thurs. KO Bkt. 4 (16 Teams)

- 2 Terry Jones – Stanley Weiner –
Irv Kipnis – Maxwell Hughes

Wed.–Thurs. KO Bkt. 6 (16 Teams)

- 2 William Gurley – Tobi Bear –
Susan Klaber – Mary Ann Kral

Thurs. AM Side Game (42 Pairs)

- 2 Bob Zier – Serge de Muller

Thurs. AM 5/20/50 Pairs (18 Pairs)

- 2 Linda Griffith – Rosemary McDonald

Thurs. AM 150/200/300 Pairs (24 Pairs)

- 1 Mary Edge – Betty Taff
2 Gloria Brookter – Monica Sorovaeu

Thurs.–Fri. Comp. KO Cons. (6 Teams)

- 2 La Quitta Talbot – Herb Fallin, Jr. –
Ruth Zowader – Gilbert Ramirez

Thurs. Aft. 5/20/50 Pairs (14 Pairs)

- 2 Linda Griffith – Rosemary McDonald

Thurs. Aft. 100/200/300 Pairs (42 Pairs)

- 2 1 1 Albert Stolpe – Andrea Stanley-Miller
2 Robert Staiman – Alexander Shafer

Thurs. Aft. Youth Swiss (24 Teams)

- 1 1 Kevin Rosenberg – Jeffrey Schwartz –
Peter Ku – Victor Lamoureux

Thurs. Aft. National 199ers (82 Pairs)

- 1 Kenneth Marshall – Roy Robson
5 Gary Hinson – Bruce Kasold

Thurs. Daylight Pairs (131 Pairs)

- 1 Andy Gabrilovitch – Don Geerhart

Richmond Bridge Assoc. KO Bkt. 5 (16 Teams)

- 2 John Mason – Susan Miskura –
Dennis Schwanz – Arnold Kritz

Richmond Bridge Assoc. KO Bkt. 7 (16 Teams)

- 2 Marilee Van Arsdale – William White –
Sunny Koontz – Philip Kopala

Thurs. Eve. Swiss (73 Teams)

- 2 Lynne Beresford – Ruth Woods –
Eleanor Schwartz – Ann Seebboth

Thurs. Eve. 100/200/300 Pairs (34 Pairs)

- 2 Judith Heit – Amelia Montjoy
1 Albert Stolpe – Andrea Stanley-Miller
2 James Connor – James Callender

Parade of Winners – continued from page 11**Thurs. Strat. I/N Swiss (10 Teams)**

- 1 1 Kevin Rosenberg – Peter Ku –
Kim Bensimon – Anne Wilson
- 2 Jerry Nolte – Elizabeth Nolte –
Geoffrey Webb – Karen Shea
- 2 Paul Setzer – William Glen –
Catherine McHugh – Stanley Katzman

Fri.–Sat. Comp. KO Cons. Bkt. 2 (8 Teams)

- 2 Patrick Thompson – Fay Karell –
Shirley Sherak – Sulaiman Ghaussy

2nd Fri. AM 5/20/50 Pairs (26 Pairs)

- 1 Marilyn Batra – Anne Toto

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- 2 Marilyn Batra – Anne Toto

2nd Fri. Comp. KO Bkt. 2 (16 Teams)

- 1 Brian Trent – Linda Trent –
Rusty Krauss – Barry Falgout

2nd Fri. Comp. KO Bkt. 6 (12 Teams)

- 2 Roy Perry – Barbara Rhoades –
Issa Dorri – Ibrahim Mady

2nd Fri. Comp. KO Cons. Bkt. 2 (8 Teams)

- 1 Annie Schwartz – Alan Schwartz –
Josh Feldstein – Michael Levinson

2nd Fri. Comp. KO Cons. Bkt. 5 (6 Teams)

- 1 Arthur Hayes – Dale McDaniel –
Chas Fain – James Dresser
- 2 Robert Padgett – Linda Padgett –
Allan Tushman – Percy Wu

2nd Fri. Comp. KO Cons. Bkt. 6 (6 Teams)

- 1 Julia Brown – Ellie Clark –
Mike Frosch – John Hamilton
- 2 Roy Perry – Barbara Rhoades –
Issa Dorri – Ibrahim Mady

Fri.–Sat. KO Bkt. 3 (11 Teams)

- 2 Joyce Currie – Nancy Strohmer –
Hans Strohmer – Jim Wildey

Fri.–Sat. KO Bkt. 4 (16 Teams)

- 1 Michael Goldman – William Mendez, Jr. –
James Metzger – Alfred Liepold

2nd Fri. Side Swiss (80 Teams)

- 1 1 Lynne Beresford – Ruth Woods –
Eleanor Schwartz – Ann Seeboth
- 2 Robert Silverblatt – Clifford Feldman –
Paul Hattis – Steven Fox

2nd Fri. Eve. 299er Swiss (11 Teams)

- 2/3 2/3 Adam Winsler – Gary Hinson –
Bahman Shahin – Taraneh Shahin
- 1 Kevin Rosenberg – Peter Ku –
Geoffrey Webb – Jeffrey Schwartz

2nd Fri. A/X Pairs (82 Pairs)

- 2 Debnarayan Dhar – Dharendra Ghosh

National Youth Swiss (28 Teams)

- 1 Kevin Rosenberg – Peter Ku –
Victor Lamoureux – Jeffrey Schwartz

Fri.–Sat. Comp. Cons. Bkt. 2 (8 Teams)

- 2 Patrick Thompson – Fay Karell –
Shirley Sherak – Sulaiman Ghaussy

2nd Sat. Aft. 100/200/300 Pairs (42 Pairs)

- 1 Kenneth Marshall – Roy Robson

Fri.–Sat. KO Bkt. 3 (11 Teams)

- 2 Joyce Currie – Nancy Strohmer –
Hans Strohmer – Jim Wildey

Fri.–Sat. KO Bkt. 4 (16 Teams)

- 1 Michael Goldman – William Mendez, Jr. –
James Metzger – Alfred Liepold

2nd Sat. AM 5/20/50 Pairs (24 Pairs)

- 1 1 1 Dev Chattopadhyay – Naeem Akram
- 2 2 Donna Setzer – Sheryl McEwan
- 2 Linda Lee Harp – Beth Fricano

2nd Sat. AM 100/200/300 Pairs (50 Pairs)

- 2 Gunilla Dybvik – James Lynch

2nd Sat. Eve. Side Swiss (41 Teams)

- 1/2 David Loken – Steven Rothman –
William Sedlis – Gregory Kiddy

2nd Sat. Open Pairs (100 Pairs)

- 2 1 Annie Schwartz – Mike Zane
- 2 Michael Gottesman – Silas Wasserstrom

2nd Sat. Eve. 100/200/300 Swiss (14 Teams)

- 1/2 M. David Jackson – William Hohe –
Isabelle Thabault – Kenn Pendleton

Sat.–Sun. KO Bkt. 4 (16 Teams)

- 1 Jay Cherlow – Samuel Lichtenstein –
Constance Chao – Abigail Nichols
2 Azmat Ali – Bernadette Merceron –
Benazir Ghaussy – Youssef Seraj

2nd Sun. AM 299er Swiss (14 Teams)

- 1 1 Richard Leonardon – Stephen Colevas –
Albert Stolpe – Kimberly Ferguson
2 William Woodward – John Menzel –
Robert Hollohan – Kenneth Duggin
2 1 Sidney Graves – Janet Smith Bourne –
Marianne Bruni – Kim Guinan

Maryland Bridge Assn. Side Game (20 Pairs)

- 1 1 Jerry Nolte – Elizabeth Nolte

Sat.–Sun. KO Bkt. 4 (16 Teams)

- 1 Jay Cherlow – Samuel Lichtenstein –
Constance Chao – Abigail Nichols
2 Azmat Ali – Bernadette Merceron –
Benazir Ghaussy – Youssef Seraj

2nd Sun. Fast Pairs (56 Pairs)

- 2 Cathy Baker – Silvia Keenan

2nd Sun. Aft. 299er Swiss (14 Teams)

- 1 Sidney Graves – Janet Smith Bourne –
Marianne Bruni – Kim Guinan
2 1 Kevin Rosenberg – Peter Ku –
Victor Lamoureux – Jeffrey Schwartz

2nd Sun. 299er Pairs (55 Pairs)

- 1 1 1 Naeem Akram – Xiaoping Wang
2 2 Peggy Comerford – Joan O Connor

2nd Sun. A/X Swiss (65 Teams)

- 1 John Glynn – Ellen Glynn –
Judy Weisman – Carl Weisman

2nd Sun. B/C/D Swiss (69 Teams)

- 1 David Loken – Steve Rothman –
William Sedlis – Gregory Kiddy
2 Nancy Loomis – Holly Wills –
Cherie Charles – Bea Suskin

HUNT VALLEY REGIONAL**August 17–23, 2009****Kickoff KO Bkt. 4 (12 Teams)**

- 2 John S. Mason, Jr. – Stephen Wiesenfeld –
Ed Spitzer – Arnold Kritz

Tues. Aft. 0–300 Pairs (59 Pairs)

- 2 1 1 Kenneth Marshall – Stephen Colevas

Tues. Open Pairs (76 Pairs)

- 2 John Miller – Chris Compton

Senior Swiss (92 Teams)

- 1 Linda Smoak – J Fletcher Smoak –
Ken Davis – Steven Schatzow

Tues. Eve. Swiss (18 Teams)

- 2 1 David Fitzwilliam – Lorraine Tyler –
Carole Shanahan – William Seran

Ft. McHenry Comp. KO Bkt. 1 (9 Teams)

- 1 Linda Smoak – J Fletcher Smoak –
Ken Davis – Steven Schatzow

Wed. AM 0–300 Pairs (19 Pairs)

- 2 Phyllis Isler – Morton Isler

Wed.–Thurs. AM Compact KO Bkt. 2 (16 Teams)

- 2 Jeffrey Klemm – Janice Altman –
Richard O'Keefe, Jr. – Richard Veach

Maryland Wed.–Thurs. KO Bkt. 3 (12 Teams)

- 1 Marge Gazzola – Joan Mitchum –
Jeffrey Kosnett – Ben Stauss

Wed. Eve. Swiss (48 Teams)

- 2 John S. Mason, Jr. – Stephen Wiesenfeld –
Ed Spitzer – Arnold Kritz

Thurs. A/X Swiss (35 Teams)

- 1 Ron Kral – Jay Kelkar – Shuba Dey –
David Fleischer
2 Nicholas France – Jennifer Nisenoff –
Kathrine Loh – David Loken

Thurs. Open Pairs (54 Pairs)

- 1 Gil Cohen – Marty Nelson
2 John Miller – Chris Compton
2 Elizabeth Traylor – Marilyn Smebakken

Inner Harbor Comp. KO Bkt. 2 (15 Teams)

- 1 Ron Kral – Marvin Raines –
Linda Burton – Amanda Carter

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Parade of Winners – continued from page 15**Thurs. AM 0-500 Pairs (28 Pairs)**

2 Phyllis Isler – Morton Isler

Ravens Thurs. AM Side Game (28 Pairs)

2 Norma Pierzchala – Helene Cooper

Thurs. Aft. 0-500 Pairs (34 Pairs)

2 2 Roy Robson – Kenneth Marshall

Thurs. Eve. B.A.M. (20 Teams)2 Jerry Nolte – Elizabeth Nolte –
Chuck May – Locke Harvey**Hunt Valley Thurs. Eve. Side Game (36 Pairs)**

2 Ned Griffith – Al Lauber

Ravens Fri. AM Side Game (26 Pairs)2 1 1 Terry Vann – Art Hartstein
2 Neal McKinney – Uzi Yaari**Fri. AM 0-500 Pairs (23 Pairs)**

2 Sheryl McEwan – Margaret Mastran

Fri. B/C/D Pairs (40 Pairs)

2 John Korfonta – Louise Sellers

Fri. Aft. 0-100 Pairs (32 Pairs)

1 Roy Robson – Kenneth Marshall

Fri. Eve. Swiss (48 Teams)2 Prah Rajkumar – Rajeswaran Rajkumar –
Robert Brady – Raghavendra Rajkumar**Fri. Eve. 0-500 Pairs (24 Pairs)**

1 Dick Verdow – Jean Verdow

Fri. Eve. 0-100 Pairs (16 Pairs)

2 M Amey – David Amey

Hunt Cup KO Bkt. 3 (12 Teams)1 Jennifer Nisenoff – Kathrine Loh –
Steve Rothman – Nicholas France**Hunt Cup KO Bkt. 6 (15 Teams)**1 Neil Evangelista – Frank Evangelista –
Al Stolpe – Amanda Carter**Ravens Sat. AM Side Game (18 Pairs)**1 Marvin Raines – Virginia Ivin
2 Al Stolpe – Amanda Carter**Sa.t AM Swiss (19 Teams)**1 Howard Grunin – Neil Selvin –
Martin Reed – Howard Tash**Black Eyed Susan Pairs 0-500/750 (82 Pairs)**2/3 1/2 Benazir Ghaussy – Saadollah Ghaussy
2/3 1/2 Richard Jones – Jason Stewart**Sat. A/B Open Pairs (64 Pairs)**1 Gil Cohen – Marty Nelson
2/3 Robert Graves – Donna Graves**Sat. Aft. Side Game (28 Pairs)**

2/3 Fred Hahn, Jr. – Uzi Yaari

Sat. B.A.M. (20 Teams)2/3 Robert Brady – Raghavendra Rajkumar –
Pralhad Rajkumar –
Rajeswaran Rajkumar**Orioles Sat. Eve. Side Game (28 Pairs)**1 Ron Kral – George Subt
2 Lorraine Deblasio – Suellen Garrison**Weekend KO Bkt. 2 (9 Teams)**1 Rusty Krauss – Barry Falgout –
Mark Laken – Harvey Charkatz
2 Brad Theurer – Diane Walker –
Mark Chen – Kenton Schoen**Senior Swiss Teams (19 Teams)**1 Stan Schenker – Melvin Marcus –
Vincent Grande, Jr. – David Leopold**Sun. A/X Swiss (35 Teams)**1 Ron Kral – David Fleischer –
Jane Shaw – Barb Doran
2 Bob Boyd – Steve Schatzow –
Todd Zimnoch – James Geist**Sun. B/C/D Swiss (63 Teams)**2 Barbara Israel – Roman Kaluzniacki –
Irv Kipnis – Terry Jones
2 1 David Fitzwilliam – Lorraine Tyler –
Neil Selvin – Howard Grunin**Sun. AM 0-500 Pairs (14 Pairs)**

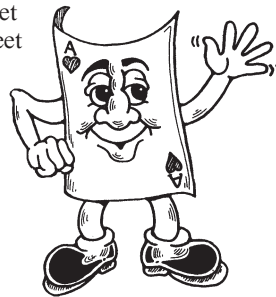
2 1 1 Dev Chattopadhyay – Naeem Akram

NOTICE: *In the Jul-Sep 2009 NVBA Newsletter Parade of Winners, we omitted a listing from the results of the Richmond Regional in May. The team of David Milton – Bill Cole – Hank Youngerman – Mike Kovacich – Robert White – Earl Glickstein won the top bracket of the Sun.-Mon. KOs.*

HAIL AND FAREWELL

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

Pam Bacher
 Karam Batra
 Marilyn K. Batra
 Michael Beaghen
 Virginia L. Berbrich
 Chris C. Betsold
 Donald S. Beyer
 James T. Callender
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 Laura B. Sherman
 David E. Street
 Eileen D. Street
 Linda Sultan
 Anne Toto
 Phillip Tseng
 Pat Tylander
 Siyue Xue
 Jim Zhong



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

Russell A. Baum
 Barbara A. Bebee
 Judy R. Bush
 Dipak Choudhuri
 Paul Ferman
 Lawrence Fox
 Danut Gliga
 Robert G. Hartmann
 Dick Kreimborg
 Carole Laird
 Shirley E. Wallington
 Larry S. Watson
 Nancy R. Wheeler
 Dr. Joyce Wiley

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

Beth Anderson
 Kenneth N. Arnold
 Mary Jane Brenner
 Marilyn G. Butterfield
 Christine H. Carr
 William G. Carr
 David J. Ellis
 Dr. Martha E. Koopman
 Thomas F. McDow
 Judith A. McNellie
 William A. Nicolai
 Farideh Rafii
 Alexander Robertson
 Marily A. Shanabrook
 John W. Umbrell
 Marilee Van Arsdale
 Christine K. Visser
 Mary J. Warnick

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

Sara Goodwin Arlene Gray
 Lorraine Yarmowich

Better Basic Bridge: Floors and Ceilings – Pass, Invite or Bid on?

By Ron Kral

Whenever you're deciding on a bid, the first thing you do is count your points. Based on that number, you make a bid that shows a range of points. Every bid has a FLOOR (minimum) and many, but not all, bids have a CEILING (maximum). For example, one-of-a-major response to a 1-of-a-minor opening by an unpassed hand usually shows a minimum of 6 HCP but has no ceiling. As the bidding progresses, responder will narrow his range until opener knows responder's ceiling. However, many bids do have a well defined range with BOTH a floor AND a ceiling. The best example is an opening 1NT bid. In modern day bidding, a "strong" 1NT bid generally has a FLOOR of 15 HCP and a CEILING of 17 HCP. There are other NT ranges you can play, but all of them typically specify a narrow range of 3 HCP between the floor and ceiling. These bids are very attractive because you give your partner a very precise definition of your strength with just one bid, and he usually has an easy decision as to how high the partnership should play. So, how do you use this information? When evaluating your hand after partner makes a range limiting bid, you need to add your points to both partner's floor and to his ceiling to decide where the hand belongs. Let's use the strong 1NT opening bid of 15-17 HCP as an example.

After partner opens 1NT, if you hold:

0-7 HCP you KNOW the hand belongs in a partscore. Your 7 HCP plus partner's CEILING of 17 HCP only adds up to 24, therefore you should not be contemplating game. The only question is which

partscore? Depending on your distribution, you might choose to put the contract into a suit contract instead of leaving the contract in 1NT. The responder is in control once partner opens 1NT.

8-9 HCP The hand may belong in a partscore, but may also belong in game. It depends on which end of the range opener has. Partner's FLOOR is 15 HCP. Adding your points to partner's floor = 23-24 HCP – not enough for game. However, adding your HCP to partner's CEILING of 17 HCP results in 25-26 HCP – enough for game. When you're faced with this situation where the high and low cross a boundary, you INVITE to game. Partner rejects your game invitation with a minimum or accepts your game invitation with a maximum.

10-15 HCP With this hand, you KNOW the hand belongs in game. Your 10 HCP plus partner's floor adds up to 25 – enough for game. However, you also KNOW it DOESN'T belong in slam! Your 15 HCP plus partner's ceiling of 17 HCP only adds up to 32 HCP – less than the 33 HCP needed for a small slam. Unless you have a running long suit or other distributional features, the hand just belongs in game, not slam. Do not fall in love with this hand and bid a slam – be disciplined.

16-17 HCP You KNOW the hand belongs in game, but MAY belong in slam. Your 16 HCP plus partner's 15 HCP floor adds up to 31 HCP – not enough for slam. But if partner has the ceiling for his bid, 17 HCP, your 16 HCP plus his 17 HCP adds up to 33 HCP

enough for a small slam. So, you typically invite slam by making a quantitative 4NT bid. Opener will PASS with a minimum 15 HCP (floor) and bid 6NT with a maximum 17 HCP (ceiling), or with a good 16 HCP plus some 9's and 10's in the hand.

18–19 HCP You KNOW the hand belongs in a small slam but does NOT belong in a grand slam. Your 18 HCP plus opener's 15 HCP floor = 33 enough for small slam. However, even if you have 19 HCP and partner has 17 HCP (opener's ceiling), 36 HCP is not by itself enough for a grand slam. So you just bid 6NT and call it a day (or use Stayman or Jacoby transfers en route to a small slam in a suit).

20–21 HCP You KNOW the hand belongs in a small slam, and MAY belong in a grand slam. $20+15=35$, enough for a small slam, but not enough for a grand. But $20+17=37$ is enough for a grand. So bid 5NT which tells partner to bid 6NT with a minimum and 7NT with a maximum.

22–25 HCP You KNOW the hand belongs in a grand slam. Your $22+15=37$. Even if partner has the worst hand possible, you still have enough for 7NT. Just bid it now.

This kind of thinking must be used throughout your bidding system. For example, say you're holding 4 HCP and partner opens 2♣. Well, his floor is typically 22 HCP, so $22+4=26$, and you already know you belong in game. His ceiling is unlimited so you might even belong in slam! Hopefully partner's next bid will define his ceiling and then you'll know how to proceed. Interestingly, when one player knows both the floor and ceiling, HE is captain of the auction since he knows how high the hand belongs. The person holding the better hand is not necessarily captain of the auction.

Whenever partner makes a bid that has a limited range, such as a 1NT response to your 1-of-a-minor opening bid, you mentally add your HCP to his floor AND add your HCP to his ceiling. If BOTH answers fall within the game range (25-32), you should bid game at some level. If BOTH answers fall within the small slam range (33-36), you should end up in a small slam. If BOTH answers are 37 or above, you should bid a grand slam.

The problem arises when the lower answer is in one camp and the higher answer is in a higher camp. In this case, even though you're the captain, you must INVITE either game or slam.

To effectively utilize floors and ceilings, here's what you must know and memorize:

When your partnership's combined assets are **24 points or less**, you belong in a **partscore**.

When your combined assets are **between 25-32 points**, you belong in **game**.

When your combined assets are **between 33-36 points**, you belong in **small slam**.

When your combined assets are **37+**, you belong in **grand slam**.

Finally, you MUST memorize what all the bids in your system promise. Which ones have floors AND ceilings and which ones have just floors. AND you must memorize just WHAT those floors and ceilings are. If I ask you "What does partner's 1NT response promise?" You must be able to tell me without hesitation "6 to 9 HCP". If you don't know what ranges you and your partner have agreed to, your cooperative bidding turns into a guessing game.

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MILESTONES

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

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Bernard H. Oetjen

2009-2010 District 6 North American Pairs Finals

The District 6 North American Pairs Final for all flights will be held on the weekend of **October 10-11, 2009**. The deadline for Pre-registration was October 1st, but unregistered players will be accommodated if possible.

The **Open** Flight Final will be held at Christ the King on Saturday and at Eastern Middle School (both in Silver Spring MD) on Sunday. Mid-chart conventions as permitted by the ACBL in pairs events are allowed in the Open Final.

The **0-2000** Finals are split site. The Northern site will be Christ the King Church on Saturday and at Eastern Middle School on Sunday. The Southern site on both days will be the Peninsula DBC in Newport News VA.

The **NLM** Finals are also split site; held **Saturday only** at Christ the King Church in the **North** and **Sunday only** at the Peninsula DBC in the **South**.

All Saturday games are 12:00 and TBA. Sunday games are 11:00 and TBA.

Directions: Christ the King Church, 2301 Colston Drive, Silver Spring MD 20910

From Virginia and points west: Take the Beltway (I-495) to the Connecticut Avenue (MD 185) exit (Exit 33) South, turn left at East West Highway (MD 410), turn right at Grubb Road; Colston Drive is the first left. The church will be on your left. We play in the Colonial Room; the entrance is at the back of the church.

Baltimore and points East: Take the Beltway (I 495) to the Georgia Avenue (MD 97) exit (Exit 31) South, turn right on 16th Street (just past the 2nd light), turn right at East West Highway (MD 410), turn left at Washington; Colston is the first right. The church will be on your right. We play in the Colonial Room; the entrance is at the back of the church.

<http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/schools/easternms>
Eastern Middle School, 300 University Blvd. East,
Silver Spring, MD 20910

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Take the Beltway (I-495) to the University Blvd. (MD 193) exit (Exit 29) East toward Langley Park. Take 2nd left onto Franklin Ave. School is on right.

Peninsula Duplicate Bridge Center, 640-A 79th Street, Newport News, VA 23605

From Interstate 64 (either East or West), take exit 263A (James River Bridge – US 258 South - Mercury Blvd West). Proceed 2.5 miles on Mercury Blvd. to Newmarket Dr. (Sears Shopping Center is on your right, Wendy's is on your left. Turn left (south) onto Newmarket Dr. and proceed to 79th St. (about 1/4 mile). Turn right onto 79th St. into an old (circa 1964) strip shopping mall. Bridge Club is located about 200 yards away next to the U.S. Post Office. **Note:** Bridge Club is identified with large letters on the awning.

Take the Beltway (I 495) to the University Blvd. (MD 193) exit (Exit 29) East toward Langly Park. Take 2nd left onto Franklin Ave. School is on right.

For more information, visit the District 6 web site at <http://www.districtsix.org> or contact Barbara Doran by phone at (301) 608-0347 or by email to barbd@starpower.net.

Announcement

Steve Robinson is now the NVBA's official Chairman of Electronic Contact. Anyone interested in being on Steve's e-mail list for bridge news and late breaking bridge announcements, who hasn't already done so, may send their e-mail address to Steve at robinswr@erols.com. Steve will not give out your e-mail address for any commercial purposes. Also, all tournament chairs, club owners and bridge players in general are welcome to send Steve notices of upcoming events, tournament and club game schedules/changes, advertisements of special events planned at tournaments / games, cancellations or emergency announcements due to weather or power outages or loss of site, etc. If, as a player, you are unsure whether an event is being held, check your e-mails before leaving for a game. Please also notify Steve of the death of a player or former player known in the Washington area, or of a serious illness or loss by someone who would appreciate the well wishes of fellow players, or of any other news you think would be of interest to our bridge community.

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 – *Games:* Montebello DBC – Monday, 7:00 PM;
Jewish Community Center (JCC) – Sunday, 1:00 PM;
URL: <http://mysite.verizon.net/resymzgl/jccsundayafternoonbridge>

Director: Gene Schuyler – *Games:* Carlin Springs BC – Tuesday 7:00 PM;
Arlington DBC – Wednesday, 10:00 AM; Bridge at Lyon Park – Friday, 10:00 AM
URL: <http://www.bridge-results.com/results/5050/cal.html>

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: 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:*
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>

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



♣ **Fairfax, VA ♦ NOVEMBER 12-15, 2009 ♥**

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NVBA FALL SECTIONAL TOURNAMENT

The Arlington/Fairfax Elks Lodge #2188
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THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 12

*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 (200/100/50/20/5); WBL NLM PAIRS (NLM/100/50) 7:00 p.m. . . .7:30 p.m.

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

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 13

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, NOVEMBER 14

STRATIFIED OPEN PAIRS (2000+/2000/750) 9:30 a.m.
299ER PAIRS (300/200/100) and 49ER PAIRS (50/20/5)9:30 a.m.
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.
STRATIFIED OPEN PAIRS (2000+/2000/750)7:30 p.m.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15

****Novice/Intermediate Lecture (Jeff Roman)**10:15 a.m.**
FLIGHTS A/X (3000+/3000) SWISS TEAMS
& 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)3:15 p.m.

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.

*Plenty of free
parking! On-site
snack bar plus lots of free
treats! Many great
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*Championship Events
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299er Events for Novice and
Intermediate Players!
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SILVER SPRING, MD: JANUARY 7-10, 2010



TWO THOUSAND TENS
to be a Winner!

THURSDAY, JANUARY 7

- ♣ 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, Alexandria7:00pm
Christ the King Church, 2301 Colston Drive, Silver Spring7:30pm
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, JANUARY 8

- ♣ 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 9**
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 10

WBL Trophy Race Winners' Presentation between sessions

- ♠ **1-Day Bridge Class:** 2 sections: *Start to Play* or *Advance Your Play*10:30am
- ♣ **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@verizon.net. Volunteer Coordinator: **Barbara Summers**, 301-598-5838, jimbarb1184@aol.com Hospitality: **Kitty Gottfried**, 301-587-3981, kgottfried@hotmail.com Partnerships: **Barbara Doran**, 301-608-0347, SectionalPartner@DistrictSix.org

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