

**Congratulations to Marshall Kuschner
and Jim Wakefield, Winners of the
2009-2010 District 6 North American
Pairs Flight A Competition
and to Stephen Drodge and Dan
Emmons on Winning the Non-LM Pairs
Event in the 2009 Fall NABC**

Congratulations to NVBA player Marshall Kuschner and his partner Jim Wakefield for their first place finish in this year's District 6 Flight A North American Pairs Finals. They will be among those District 6 players competing against other district NAP winners in the Reno NABC in March.

Congratulations also to Stephen Drodge and Dan Emmons on winning the Rufus L. "Skinny" Miles Non-Life Master Pairs National event at the San Diego NABC. A pair of 18-year-old college students with about 300 masterpoints between them, they won the event going away. They scored 64.20 percent in the first session of the 13-table event and followed it with a 67.15 percent game in the evening session. Their average

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Of Special Interest:

- WBL Sectional, Jan. 7-10
- Williamsburg, VA REGIONAL, Jan. 18-24
- Hilton Head, SC REGIONAL, Feb. 8-14
- NVBA 199er Anniversary Party, Feb. 18
- NVBA Sectional, Feb. 25-28
- D6 STaC, Mar. 1-7
- Reno, NV, Spring NABC, Mar. 11-21
- WBL Sectional, Mar. 27-30

Get Involved—We Need You!

*By Bob Boyd
NVBA President*



Six months into the job of NVBA president, I'm struck by how much time it requires and how much work there is to do. Most of our membership (including yours truly before last May) has the luxury of taking Unit business for granted or of seeing the proverbial tip of the iceberg and thinking that's all there is to it. I don't think I'm wrong if I assert that volunteers spend upwards of 120 hours per week on NVBA business. That's work for a full-time staff of three people.

There are many opportunities to serve. Giving a few hours here and there can prevent someone else from feeling overworked. We have a terrific Unit game and can always use folks to bring food, help with drinks, arrange partnerships, and serve as guaranteed partners, just to name a few tasks.

If you have ideas on how to enhance the experience of bridge or to help the NVBA grow, you can help our Education Chair or serve on our Bridge Promotion Committee, to name two opportunities. Check out the ad for a Unit Archivist in this Newsletter—what a perfect job for someone interested in research and history!

Six months after you read this column, we will elect new officers and board members. The past couple of years the NVBA has been lucky to find only enough people to serve in those positions. There has been no competition of visions or priorities. Does everyone have the same views of the importance of offering bridge to youth? To retirees? Does the NVBA's checkbook reflect your priorities for growth versus putting on tournaments? In my experience, there is nothing like competition to make an organization vital and vibrant. The NVBA does not need to reflect the partisanship of our political system (and I hope it won't), but we do need to discuss different ideas and approaches.

Be part of an infusion of new talent and ideas. Run for a leadership position. Some of you will be my targets for arm-twisting and recruitment, but I might not find the people with the best new ideas. Expressing an interest in serving on the board is easy; just tell me or Alan Breed of your interest.

Part of getting involved is staying informed. Minutes of board meetings are now posted as soon as possible after each meeting without waiting for formal approval at the next meeting. Read them and you'll get an idea of what your unit leadership thinks is important.

When I first became a leader of an organization, I adopted two key tenets: Tell people what I believed was important and tell them where I was going to spend my time. That served me in good stead. My employees didn't always agree with me, but they were

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Upcoming NVBA Games & Special Events

Jan. 7 Beth El – 7:00 WBL Sectional - Stratiflighted Pairs
Jan. 14 Beth El – 7:00 Stratiflighted Unit Championship
Jan. 21 Beth El – 7:00 Stratified Unit Championship
Jan. 28 Beth El – 7:00 Stratified Grand National Swiss Teams
Feb. 4 Beth El – 7:00 Stratiflighted Unit Championship
Feb. 11 Beth El – 7:00 Stratiflighted Unit Championship
Feb. 18 Beth El – 7:00 Stratified Grand National Swiss Teams
Feb. 25 Beth El – 7:00 NVBA Sectional – Stratiflighted Pairs
Mar. 4 Beth El – 7:00 District 6 STaC Stratified Pairs
Mar. 11 Beth El – 7:00 Stratiflighted Unit Championship
Mar. 18 Beth El – 7:00 Stratified Unit Championship
Mar. 25 Beth El – 7:00 WBL Sectional - Stratiflighted Pairs
Apr. 1 Beth El – 7:00 Stratified Grand National Swiss Teams

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.

Stratiflighted limits are A/X: Unlimited/3000 and B/C: 2000/750.

Stratified events are: Unlimited/2000/750; STaC: Unlimited/1500/500

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

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

Upcoming Sectionals

NVBA

February 25-28, 2010

April 22-25, 2010

WBL

January 7-10, 2010

March 25-28, 2010

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never in doubt about my priorities. The NVBA has volunteers, not employees, but it is still useful to articulate my priorities in those terms.

What's important? Two issues: long-term promotion of the game and ensuring the NVBA is on a sound financial footing. The second is critical to the first. What income can we devote to growth and promotion of the game?

Where do I spend my time? This is a tough one. For the past six months, my calendar has not reflected my vision. The Unit game has taken an inordinate amount of time. My time has been consumed with actions of a less-than-visionary nature, like the room temperature being too cold or hot. For that reason, we are establishing the position of Unit Game Coordinator, who will be to the unit game what Margot Hennings is to sectional tournaments. More to come on that, but it is essential if I am to spend the remaining 18 months of my term trying to achieve my priorities.

Do you agree with me? Good. Do you disagree? Even better. Have a say in making Unit policy and setting Unit priorities. Stay informed and get involved.

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of 65.73 percent for the two sessions put them well clear of the runners-up. Drodge has slightly more than 200 masterpoints. Emmons is just short of 100.

Drodge is a student at Northern Virginia Community College, planning a physics/math major with a minor in computer science. Emmons is attending Cal Tech with a major in math and computer science. They are not regular partners, but Drodge and Emmons were high school classmates at Thomas Jefferson HS in Annandale, VA. With Emmons already in Southern California at school, they made the date to play in San Diego. At the 2008 Fall NABC in Boston, Drodge won the National 99er Pairs event playing with Andrew Rodriguez.

Bridge, Dinner and Bowling

Saturday, February 6, 2010

Sign up to participate in one, two, or all three events.

Registration and deposit (\$16 for bowling, \$9 for

Bridge, \$25 for both) in advance required.

Bowling Coordinator: Linda Marshall 301-320-6057

Dinner & Bridge Coordinator: Don Berman 301-776-3581

Upcoming 199er Unit Games

Jan. 7 Beth El – 7:00 WBL Sectional – 199er Pairs Game
Jan. 14 Beth El – 7:00 Club Championship - 199er Pairs Game
Jan. 21 Beth El – 7:00 199er Pairs Game
Jan. 28 Beth El – 7:00 199er Pairs Game
Feb. 4 Beth El – 7:00 199er Pairs Game
Feb. 11 Beth El – 7:00 199er ACBL Charity Pairs Game
Feb. 18 Beth El – 7:00 199er Anniversary Party
Feb. 25 Beth El – 7:00 NVBA Sectional – 199er Pairs Game
Mar. 4 Beth El – 7:00 District 6 STaC - 199er Pairs Game
Mar. 11 Beth El – 7:00 199er Pairs Game
Mar. 18 Beth El – 7:00 199er Pairs Game
Mar. 25 Beth El – 7:00 WBL Sectional - 199er Pairs Game
Apr. 1 Beth El – 7:00 ACBL Charity Teams

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The Jack of Hearts *By Marshall Kuschner*



What's a reporter to do? Here it is Thanksgiving and I have a column to write. Normally, I would write about the San Diego National but, alas, my deadline makes that impossible. I could, of course, conjure up a fictitious account, with NVBAers winning scads of events and hope it came to pass, but my editor probably would not be amused. Such is my dilemma. Then I realized that by the time the next issue hits the streets, the holidays will be upon us and what better gift than a little bridge humor.

The lady on my left was stopped from making an opening lead out of turn. Much relieved she leaned my way and whispered, "I hate leading. It's the hardest part of the game." I smiled sympathetically but the poor dear wasn't out of the woods yet. A few tricks later she went into the tank trying to decide what to pitch on the third round of trumps.

Leaning her way, I whispered, "This is the second hardest part of the game."

My RHO in a Swiss match was veddy, veddy British. After I was allowed to play five diamonds singled for -200, the Brit politely asked his partner why he hadn't doubled to which LHO replied that he was afraid we would run to hearts. "My dear fellow," chided RHO, "had they run to hearts, they would have heard from my solicitors!" Some people just have a way with words.

At a club game, the lady behind me asked me if I could see her score on the recap. "You had 142," I told her.

"Same as my IQ," she said.

"Is that on a 156 average?" I asked.

The same woman kibitzed me in a Swiss some months later. When the opponents arrived, they identified themselves as team 142. "Same as my IQ," she chirped. It's not often you get the same straight line twice from the same person.

Finally, a poem to which many of you will be able to relate.

A DUFFER'S LAMENT
I'd sure like to say that I'm able to play
This game that we all love so well,
Though the course I have stayed,
And Life Master I've made,
As of yet I have failed to excel

My bidding acumen is viewed as subhuman
 By players who are in the know
 Though I try what they teach, the contracts I reach
 Are always too high or too low

My pards cringe in terror when I'm the declarer
 At stroking the cat I'm not strong
 For given a guess or a two-way finesse,
 I'm ninety percent to go wrong

On opening lead, it's almost guaranteed
 That I'll give the timing away
 And then I defend like declarer's best friend
 While watching poor partner turn gray

But it goes without saying that I'll keep on playing
 Though parts of my game are quite crummy
 'Cause as for the rest, I can play with the best
 When it comes my turn to be dummy

Happy Holidays, everyone.

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;
 Fairfax Elks Lodge – Sunday, 1:00 PM;
URL: <http://bridge-results.com/results/5065/cal.html>

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>

Directors: John Mason & Jim Dick – *Game:* Fairfax Elks Lodge –
 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

Parade of Winners

NVBA SEPTEMBER SENSATIONS SECTIONAL September 10–13, 2009

Thurs. Eve. A/X Pairs (62 Pairs)

1 1 Ellen Glynn – John Glynn

Thurs. Eve. B/C Pairs (49 Pairs)

2 Mark Lavine – Linda Dick
2 James Augustine – Anthony Cincotta

Thurs. 199er Pairs @ NVBA (22 Pairs)

1 1 Georgette Weiss – Ike Oren
2 Catharine Fisher – John Fisher
2 Patricia Stone – George Stone
1 Jane Stilmar – Susan Kilpatrick
2 Walt Pumo – Janice Pumo

Fri. Aft. Open Pairs (61 Pairs)

1 Jean Levin – Seymour Baden
2 Ed Lewis – Ed Gofreed

Fri. Aft. 299er Pairs (32 Pairs)

1 William Woodward – John Menzel
2 1 Joan Kindle – Dennis Sponholtz
2 Catharine Fisher – John Fisher
1 Marlene Gross – John Carle
2 Deanna Shuman – Lawrence Shuman

Fri. Aft. 49er Pairs (6 Pairs)

1/2 Ron Klar – Deborah Klar
1/2 Lynn Frankenfield – Debby Bailine

Fri. Eve. Triple Nickel Swiss (30 Teams)

1 Ken Davis – Al Duncker –
Ann Lindley – Bruce Houston
1 William Zane – Stephen Drodge –
David Banh – Steve Reed
2 Kevin O'Brien – Francesco Parisi-Presicce –
Susan Miskura – Dennis Schwanz
1 Robert Gemmill – Rolf Valtin –
William Pepelko – Barbara Pepelko
2 Jeff Youngen – Mary O'Shea –
David Soukup – Shirley Ybarra

Fri. Eve. 299er Pairs (14 Pairs)

1 Richard Leonardon – Stephen Colevas
2 Terry Mitchell – Albert Dimillio
2 1 Patricia Stone – George Stone

Sat. AM Open Pairs (52 Pairs)

1 1 Andrew Lipps – Eric Branfman
2 Marco Latini – Amanda Carter

Sat. AM 299er Pairs (30 Pairs)

1 1 1 Kathy Dunkerley – Shirley Prikals
2 2 2 Dan Emmons – Charles Maplethorpe

Sat. AM 49er Pairs (6 Pairs)

1 Linda Lee Harp – Beth Fricano
2 Sharon Perryman – Richard Padgett

Sat. Aft. A/X Pairs (24 Pairs)

1 David Milton – Stan Schenker

Sat. Aft. B/C Pairs (38 Pairs)

2 Neil Selvin – Howard Grunin

Sat. Aft. Side Game (18 Pairs)

1 Ed Lewis – Don Geerhart
2 Kevin O'Brien – Dennis Wick
1 Norma Pierzchala – Ed Heberg

Sat. Aft. 299er Pairs (37 Pairs)

1 Dick Verdow – Jean Verdow
1 Richard Leonardon – Stephen Colevas
2 Susan Collins – Lee Faber
1 Brian Hamrick – Lenny Li

Sat. Aft. 49er Pairs (6 Pairs)

1 Ken Kimball – Marsha Ann Brown
2 Bill Teer – Pat Teer

Sat. Eve. B/C Pairs (18 Pairs)

2 Mike Frosch – Ellie Clark

Sat. Eve. 299er (16 Pairs)

1 William Adams – Jeffrey H.H. King
2 1 Roy Robson – Kenneth Marshall
2 Margaret Gurley – Mary Alice Vogt

Sun. A/X Swiss (12 Teams)

1 David Milton – Lyle Poe, Jr. –
Stan Schenker – Barry Bargin
2 Jay Kelkar – Shuba Dey –
David Fleischer – Ron Kral

Sun. Ft. B Bkt. 1 (8 Teams)

2 Jim Dick – Linda Dick –
William Zane – Mark Lavine

Sun. Flt. B Bkt. 2 (8 Teams)

- 1 Ellie Clark – Cathy Stryker –
Francesco Parisi-Presicce – Mike Frosch
- 2 Michael Goldman – William Mendez, Jr. –
John Lowe, III – Al Liepold

Sun. Flt. B Bkt. 3 (10 Teams)

- 1 Nancy Senger – Phyllis Talley –
Julie Connor – Ed Taborek
- 2 Amanda Carter – Marco Latini –
Bruce Kasold – Gary Hinson

Sun. AM 299er Swiss (17 Teams)

- 1 Gerald O'Dell – Alan Munro –
Margaret Gurley – Mary Alice Vogt
- 2 1 Charles Shank – John Donohue –
William Hughes – Barbara Hodges
- 2 1 Charlotte Nunge – Ruth Ann McGrail –
Georgette Weiss – Ike Oren

Sun. Aft. 299er Swiss (11 Teams)

- 2 Isabelle Thabault – Charles Maplethorpe –
Alan Walter – Marguerite Salah

**WBL SECTIONAL
October 1–4, 2009**

Thurs. Eve. A/X Pairs (83 Pairs)

- 2 Ellen Glynn – John Glynn

Thurs. Eve. B/C/D Pairs (50 Pairs)

- 1 1 1 Eric Poskanzer – Anthony Hawks

Thurs. Eve. 0–200 Pairs@NVBA (21 Pairs)

- 1 1 Georgette Weiss – Ike Oren
- 2 2 1 Kenneth Linder – James Hewitt
- 2 John Holt – Joseph Drodge

Fri. AM Open Pairs (34 Pairs)

- 2 Terry Mitchell – Mehmet Goncer
- 2 Eiji Ishida – Kiyomi Shiba

Fri. AM 0–500 Pairs (25 Pairs)

- 2 Sheryl McEwan – Debby Bailine

Fri. Aft. 0–500 Pairs (25 Pairs)

- 1 Gerald O'Dell – Isabelle Thabault
- 1 1 Sheryl McEwan – Debby Bailine

Fri. Aft. A/X Pairs (21 Pairs)

- 1 Ron Kral – Irwin Blocker
- 2 David Milton – Leo Lasota

Fri. Eve. A/X Pairs (15 Pairs)

- 2 2 Lynda Flanger – William Fitch

Fri. Eve. B/C/D Pairs (14 Pairs)

- 1 1 1 Terry Vann – Art Hartstein
- 2 2 Mike Frosch – Francesco Parisi-Presicce
- 2 Pat Lonergan – J. J. Jayaraman

Fri. Eve. 0–500 Pairs (10 Pairs)

- 1 Ann Atcheson – Jenny Shaefer
- 1 Al Stolpe – Stephen Colevas

Sat. AM B/C/D Pairs (38 Pairs)

- 1 1 1 Clifford Feldman – Robert Silverblatt
- 2 2 2 Neil Selvin – Howard Grunin

Sat. AM 0–500 Pairs (31 Pairs)

- 1 1 Bob Blodgett – William Hohe
- 2 2 Diane Cohen – Jo Ann Hutchison

Sat. Aft. A/X Pairs (42 Pairs)

- 1 Suzanne Abrams – William Zane

Sat. Aft. B/C/D (22 Pairs)

- 2 2 Gloria Halstead – Thomas Din
- 1 David Soukup – Hakan Berk
- 2 Neil Selvin – Howard Grunin

Sat. Aft. 0–500 Pairs (26 Pairs)

- 2 Lynne Beresford – Eleanor Schwartz

Sun. A/X Swiss (19 Teams)

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

Sun. B/C/D Swiss (23 Teams)

- 1 1 Carl Noller – Robert Finkelstein –
Susan Miskura – Dennis Schwanz
- 2 Alfred Liepold – John Lowe, III –
Michael Goldman – William Mendez, Jr.

Sun. AM 0–500 Swiss (10 Teams)

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

**OCEAN CITY REGIONAL
October 19–25, 2009**

Mon Eve. Charity 0–500 Pairs (12 Pairs)

- 2 Donna Stoker – Sandi Henshaw

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Parade of Winners – continued from page 9**Tues AM Side Game (18 Pairs)**

- 2 Margaret Mastran – Sheryl McEwan

Tues Aft. 0–300 Pairs (22 Pairs)

- 1 M. David Jackson – William Hohe
- 2 Roy Robson – James Shoenhard

Tues. Eve. 0–300 Pairs (12 Pairs)

- 1 M. David Jackson – William Hohe
- 2 Roy Robson – James Shoenhard

Tues. Swiss (56 Teams)

- 1 Monica Shumann – Amanda Carter – Donald Brown – Susan Slattery
- 2 Nancy Arnold – Bonnie Polk – Farideh Makhzani – Rita Waldack

Tues. Comp. KO Bkt. 1 (7 Teams)

- 1 Harry Gellis – Robert Pustilnik – George Bloomer – Al Duncker

Wed. Comp. KO Bkt. 2 (9 Teams)

- 1 Helene Cooper – Neal Cooper – Marilyn Smebakken – Elizabeth Traylor

Wed. Eve. 0–300 Swiss (4 Teams)

- 1 Donna Stoker – Sandi Henshaw – Veronica Flynn – Anita Christman

Wed. Eve. Side Game (30 Pairs)

- 1 John Ashe – Samuel Mills, Jr.

Wed.–Thurs. Marlin KO Bkt. 3 (16 Teams)

- 1 Roma Chandra – Robert Claypool – Susan Miskura – Dennis Schwanz

Wed.–Thurs. Marlin KO Bkt. 4 (16 Teams)

- 1 Monica Shumann – Amanda Carter – Susan Slattery – Donald Brown
- 2 Robert Alfandary – Susan Nurock – Anne Vaeth – George Green

Thurs. Comp. KO Bkt. 1 (9 Teams)

- 1 Al Duncker – Ann Lindley – George Bloomer – Judith Bloomer

Thurs. Aft. 0–NLM Pairs (22 Pairs)

- 1 William Woodward – John Menzel

Thurs. Eve. 0–300 Pairs (14 Pairs)

- 1 Tom Lonergan – Pat Lonergan

Thurs. Eve. Side Swiss (12 Teams)

- 2 Ann Lindley – Al Duncker – George Bloomer – Judith Bloomer

Fri. Ocean City Comp. KO Bkt. 2 (13 Teams)

- 2 Gerald O'Dell – Marco Latini – Juanita Beeson – Margaret Whalen

Fri. AM 0–300 Pairs (18 Pairs)

- 1/2 1 1 Robert Hollohan – Kenneth Duggin

Fri. Aft. 0–300 Pairs (28 Pairs)

- 1 William Woodward – John Menzel
- 1 Robert Hollohan – Kenneth Duggin

Fri. Eve. Side Swiss (24 Teams)

- 1 John Klayman – Tom Lavender – Shawn Stringer – Richard Deyerle
- 2 Fred King – Kenton Schoen – Richard Wegman – Diane Walker
- 2 Suellen Garrison – Lorraine Deblasio – Marilyn Smebakken – Elizabeth Traylor

Fri. Eve. 0–300 BAM (12 Teams)

- 1 Mary Skinner – Toni Notarnicola – Roy Robson – James Shoenhard
- 2/3 Chad Groft – Jack Nichols – Marco Latini – Gerald O'Dell

Fri. Eve. 0–300 Pairs (24 Pairs)

- 2 Marco Latini – Gerald O'Dell
- 2 Blair Curry – Judith Curry
- 2 M. Amey – David Amey

Sat. AM Side Swiss (11 Teams)

- 1 Roma Chandra – Robert Claypool – Susan Miskura – Dennis Schwanz

Sat. AM 0–300 Pairs (16 Pairs)

- 2 Donna Stoker – Ed Stoker
- 2 M Amey – David Amey

Sat. AM Side Game (14 Pairs)

- 1 Ron Kral – Mike Spooner

Sat. Aft. Side Game (31 Pairs)

- 1 Candy Kuschner – Marshall Kuschner

Sat. A/B Open Pairs (36 Pairs)

- 2 Gil Cohen – Marty Nelson
- 2 Stephen Drodge – William Zane

Sat. Eve. BAM (12 Teams)

- 1 Kenton Schoen – Fred King –
Richard Wegman – Diane Walker
- 1 John Glynn – Alice Wegman –
William Fitch – Lynda Flanger

Delmarva Sat. Eve. Side Game (18 Pairs)

- 1 George Green – Virginia Gibbons

Sat.–Sun. KO Bkt. 2 (15 Teams)

- 1 David Rodney – Avril Rodney –
Jonathan Rodney – Daniel Rodney

Sun. A/X Swiss (14 Teams)

- 2 Ron Kral – Suzanne Abrams –
David Grabiner – Mike Spooner

Sun. B/C/D Swiss (33 Teams)

- 1/2 1 Suellen Garrison – Lorraine Deblasio –
David Fitzwilliam – Lorraine Tyler
- 2 Calvin Konner – David Epstein –
Taraneh Shahin – Bahman Shahin

The NVBA would like to thank everyone who attended the Fall Sectional. We had a record turn-out of 499.5 tables, despite some rather miserable weather (or maybe because of it). That made that sectional the largest held in the Washington, D.C./Baltimore areas in this century! We hope you all had a good time and that we will see you at the February 2010 Sectional (When the weather may be even more daunting).

**NVBA FALL SECTIONAL
November 12–15, 2009**

Thurs. Eve. A/X Pairs (75 Pairs)

- 1 Steve Reed – Jeff Roman
- 2/3 Bruce Houston – Ken Davis

Thurs. Eve. B/C Pairs (59 Pairs)

- 1 Daniel Feldman – John Wilson
- 2 Terry Jones – Kathrine Loh
- 1 Luther Hampton – Michael Hampton
- 2 James Augustine – Anthony Cincotta

Thurs. 199er Pairs @ NVBA (24 Pairs)

- 1 1 Al Kuchinka – Thomas Feick, Jr.
- 2 2 Onorica Luculescu – Alina Galaszewska
- 1 Gayle Tomasetti – Rose Marie Sanders
- 2 Walt Pumo – Janice Pumo

Fri. Aft. Open Pairs (66 Pairs)

- 2 Robert Hopkins, Jr. – John Klayman
- 1 Malvern Sheffield, Jr. – Martha Mangano
- 1 Robert Brady – Michael Murphy

Fri. Aft. 299er Pairs (39 Pairs)

- 1 1 Mary Viereck – James Edmonds
- 2 Sharon Rosendhal – Ruth Rosenberg

Fri. Aft. 49er Pairs (12 Pairs)

- 1 1 Brigitte Friedman – Ronald Friedman
- 2 2 1 Linda Lee Harp – Beth Fricano
- 2 Nora Klein – Joyce Farley

Fri. Eve. Triple Nickel Swiss (35 Teams)

- 1 Barbara DiCicco – Al Sitterson –
Joe Leighton – Elias Arbel
- 2 Ellie Clark – Cathy Stryker –
Marilyn Smebakken – Elizabeth Traylor
- 1 Alfred Liepold – Alfred Caponiti –
Robert Magruder – Eleanor Schwartz
- 2 William Pepelko – Barbara Pepelko –
Rolf Valtin – Robert Gemmill

Fri. Eve. 299er Pairs (22 Pairs)

- 2 Dick Verdow – Jean Verdow
- 2 Roy Robson – James Shoenhard
- 1 Marguerite Salah – Ike Oren
- 2 Brigitte Friedman – Ronald Friedman

Sat. AM Open Pairs (62 Pairs)

- 2 1 Bruce Bucklinger – Steve Rothman
- 2 Julia Brown – Eva Shaffer
- 1 Marco Latini – Amanda Carter

Sat. AM 299er Pairs (44 Pairs)

- 1 1 Joan Kindle – Dennis Sponholtz
- 2/3 Donna Stoker – Edward Stoker

Sat. AM 49er Pairs (14 Pairs)

- 2 2 Brigitte Friedman – Ronald Friedman
- 2 James Callender – James Connor

Sat. Aft. A/X Pairs (45 Pairs)

- 1 Paul Black – William Zane
- 2 Martha Bley – Ross Bley

Sat. Aft. B/C Pairs (54 Pairs)

- 1 Jean Valentine – Helene Cooper
- 2 Bruce Bucklinger – John Lowe, III
- 1 Neil Selvin – Howard Grunin
- 2 Linda Burton – Marvin Raines

Parade of Winners – continued from page 11**Sat. Aft. 299er Pairs (48 Pairs)**

2 2 Jenny Shaefer – Charles Maplethorpe

Sat. Aft. 49er Pairs (17 Pairs)

1 Mary McFadden – Yen Deanda
 2 1 Brigette Friedman – Ronald Friedman
 2 1 James Callender – James Connor
 2 Jean Beckwith – Simone Dashiell

Sat. Eve. Open Pairs (37 Pairs)

1 Margot Hennings – Ron Spieker
 1 1 Craig Olson – Michael Lawrence
 2 2 Marco Latini – Amanda Carter

Sat. Eve. 299er (18 Pairs)

1 1 1 Asa Janney III – Al Kuchinka
 2 2 2 Patricia Stone – George Stone

Sun. A/X Swiss (18 Teams)

1 Janet Gookin – Robert Gookin –
 Marty Nelson – Gil Cohen
 2 Tom Lavender – John Klayman –
 Diane Walker – Kenton Schoen

Sun. Flt. B Bkt. 1 (8 Teams)

2 Martha Bley – Ross Bley –
 William Fitch – Lynda Flanger

Sun. Flt. B Bkt. 2 (8 Teams)

1 David Loken – Gretchen Handwerger –
 Kathrine Loh – Steve Rothman
 2 Michael Goldman – William Mendez, Jr. –
 John Lowe, III – Al Liepold

Sun. Flt. B Bkt. 3 (8 Teams)

1 Albert Lauber – Walter Smith, Jr. –
 Evan Allen – Ned Griffith
 2 Bernice Hacke – Maureen Shea –
 Jean Schoepe – Carol Aitken

Sun. Flt. B Bkt. 4 (11 Teams)

1 David Soukup – Hakan Berk –
 Murat Berk – Shirley Ybarra
 2 Phyllis Talley – Nancy Senger –
 Ed Taborek – Marilyn Golias

Sun. AM 299er Swiss (19 Teams)

1 1 1 Paul Setzer – Donna Setzer –
 Ruth Glen – William Glen
 2 Sheryl McEwan – Margaret Mastran –
 Lynne Groff – Rebecca Hudecek

Sun. Aft. 299er Swiss (11 Teams)

1 George Green – Raman Srivastav –
 Phyllis Isler – Morton Isler
 2 Dick Verdow – Jean Verdow –
 Catharine Fisher – John Fisher
 1 Robert Magruder – Al Kuchinka –
 Onorica Luculescu – Alina Galaszewska
 2 1 Paul Setzer – Donna Setzer –
 Ruth Glen – William Glen

SAN DIEGO FALL NABC
November 26 – December 7, 2009**National Non-LM Pairs (26 Pairs)**

1 Stephen Drodge – Dan Emmons

1st Fri. Eve. 299er Swiss (6 Teams)

1 Lynne White – John White –
 Piper Smith – Alan Munro

1st Sat. Comp KO Bkt 2 (16 Teams)

1 Robert Klein – David Neuman –
 Arnie Frankel – Helene Bauman

1st Sat. Conso KO 5 (8 Teams)

1 Terry Jones – Carol Cicotte –
 Carolyn Timmermann – John Kuharetz

Wedding Bells B/C/D Pairs (72 Pairs)

2 Stephen Drodge – Dan Emmons

Sun.–Tues. AM KO Bkt 3 (8 Teams)

1 Robert Bertoni – Peter Manzon –
 Maureen Weiman – Kevin O'Brien

Mon.–Wed, Side Series (96 Pairs)

1 Stephen Drodge – Dan Emmons

National Board-A-Match Teams (60 Teams)

12 Alan Schwartz – Bill Cole –
 Ai-Tai Lo – David Chechelashvili

Second Thurs, Mixed Pairs (150 Pairs)

1 Don Hennings – Margot Hennings

2nd Fri. AM COMP KO II (16 Teams)

2 Terry Jones – Jean Jones –
 Marian Zeldin – Mike Moser

2nd Fri. Aft. 100/200/300 Pairs (40 Pairs)

2 Pat Teer – Bill Teer

In Memoriam

LAWRENCE J. LATTO

ACBL Life Master/NVBA player Larry Latto, 89, a lawyer who specialized in insurance law, died of cardio-pulmonary arrest November 8, 2009 at Virginia Hospital Center.



Larry was born in Brooklyn, N.Y. He graduated from City College and then served in the Navy as a radar officer in the Pacific during World War II. He graduated in 1948 from Columbia University's law school, where he was editor-in-chief of the law review.

Larry went to work for Shea & Gardner in 1948, becoming a senior partner and chairman of the law firm's executive committee. The firm was bought in 2004 by Goodwin Procter LLP, and at the time of his death, Larry was counsel there.

Larry represented the Prudential Insurance Company of America and other insurance companies in their development of variable annuities and variable life insurance policies, and he helped shape the rules adopted by the Securities and Exchange Commission to regulate those financial instruments. In addition to insurance law, he worked on commercial litigation, lawyers' professional responsibilities and estate planning.

He was active in Arlington civic affairs as one of the original founders and a past chairman of Arlingtonians for a Better County. He fought for desegregation of local schools and good-government policies. He was chairman of the D.C. Bar's Judicial Evaluation Committee when the lawyers' group decided in 1986 to make its evaluations of local judges public. "There is a right of the public to know what the public's business is," he said. He was chairman of the D.C. Court of Appeals' Board on Professional Responsibility, the nonprofit Center for Law and Social Policy, the Human Relations Committee in Arlington and the Arlington Board of Zoning Appeals. Larry loved classical music and Gilbert and Sullivan operettas as well as playing bridge and tennis. He also had a lifelong love of science and mathematics. Survivors include his wife of 63 years, Roslyn Perluck Latto of Arlington; three sons, Douglas Latto of Acton, Mass., Harrison Latto of Portland, Ore., and Andrew Latto of Foxborough, Mass.; and four grandchildren.

ED DUFFY

Edward J. Duffy, 71, a retired information technology director at the Department of Housing and Urban Development, died of renal failure September 20, 2009 at Virginia Hospital Center in Arlington County. He was a member in good standing of the Northern Virginia Bridge Association and an ACBL Life Master. He organized bridge groups and handled much of the administration of those groups, tracking and publishing scores and standings. Ed worked for the federal government from the 1960s until 1990. He started with the Department of the Army, with assignments in South Korea and West Germany. He later joined the Department of Housing and Urban Development, where he stayed until retiring in 1990 as the information technology director in the payroll department. Ed was born in Joliet, Ill., and graduated from the University of Illinois. He received a master's degree in systems analysis from the University of Southern California in the 1970s, and he moved to the Washington area in 1980.

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Wanted: Unit Archivist

*By Bob Boyd
NVBA President*

Have you ever thought about the history of the NVBA? How did it come about? I've heard it said the NVBA exists because there was a hard core of bridge players who did not want to integrate bridge games. Hard to believe today, isn't it? I don't know if it's true or not, but I bet there's a story there.

Before I quit bridge for 20 years to focus on work and family, I belonged to the NVBA. Then I never heard the story about how it was founded, and might not have believed it. To me, the unit was for the young and tournaments were a whole lot different than they are today. We played politically incorrect events like Men's and Women's Pairs and Mixed Pairs. Bridge was largely an excuse for partying, and the parties often spilled over into the game. Behavior that would result in discipline or arrest today was par for the course. Many of the game's local stars were far from the staid elder statesmen they are today! I'd say "Oh, to be young again," but I probably couldn't handle it.

We weren't all young and foolish then; we had our own elder statesmen. Today we have a tournament (NVBA February Sectional) named after one of them, Bill Poissant. Bill was our treasurer, and he seemed to have the final word on anything that had to do with money. The moniker "Poison Bill" came naturally. Made me chuckle last year when I heard someone ask who Bill was and why we named a tournament after him.

And last summer the NVBA paid to name an event at the NABC for Bette Dudka. Since Bette died only a couple of years ago, many of today's bridge players probably know who she was, unlike Bill. But they may not know the real Bette. She was a fine player who always had time for lesser mortals. In one Baltimore

tournament, she asked me to partner her in Swiss Teams and I was honored. I think we did well, but what I remember is driving her back to Alexandria. Bette always dressed "to the nines," as they used to say, and she had four or five suitcases full of clothes that I had to pack into my tiny Opel GT, or should I say pack around Bette, since there was no luggage compartment. I don't think we could talk all the way back because there wasn't room for her to move or see. With my driving, maybe that was OK with her!

Everyone knows we have a Dave Murray Award given to someone who is known as "everyone's favorite partner." Dave was a real person and a fitting one to name such an award for. Did you know he wrote country music, too? This year we're starting an award named for the late Sara Goodwin. I hope we can leave a record so our successors in 2019 don't have to ask "Who was Sara Goodwin?"

Past NVBA President Leo Cardillo has half a dozen boxes of papers in his garage. I can't promise if there are any stories, incriminating or otherwise, there, but who knows? Should be fun to go through them and see. The unit needs someone to cull those papers and develop a historical record. There are papers to be organized, interviews to be done, stories to be told. Our archivist would organize what we have, attempt to complete the record, and write newsletter articles on the history of the NVBA.

Interested members should contact me at bobbyd72@aol.com or at a game. We'll get the board to approve and you can begin. I'll even give you an unexpurgated look at some of the characters in our past. Of course, I'll cast myself in a favorable light, but perhaps those documents will lead you to the truth!

HAIL AND FAREWELL

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

Hakki Adam
Sharon E. Blane
Becky Carter
Katherine S. Culp
June Gladding
Brian C. Hamrick
Gail L. Harrison
Joyce A. Hellems
Ronald K. Henry
Eiji Ishida
Peggy A. Jordan
Catherine S. Katz
Nell E. Lance
Dr. David L. Larsen
Janet B. McKechnie
James B. Mentzer
Linda Newell
Molly Ray
Charles E. Sampson
Nancy K. Schick
Jayne J. Shontell
Glenda Singleton
Donald R. Smith

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

Jane B. Archer
Helen K. Buckley
Richard L. Clark
Daisy D. Foster
Ira Gershkoff
Glynnell L. Headley
Thomas Herzog
Carole A. Lee
David B. Loken
William Owen
Vasilia B. Payne
Patrick A. Piercey

Mildred P. Reed
Julia L. Schajer
Dr. Morris Schajer
Raman H. Srivastav

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

Dot W. Almassy
Jane B. Archer
Jui-Yuan R. Chang
Dipak Choudhuri
Beth E. Cook
Dan P. Emmons
Shirley N. Hanson
George Leef
Janice Leonard
Thomas R. Mitchell
Gay Reich
Lavennia M. Stucks
Richard E. Wieland

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

Irving Cassell
Ed Duffy
Lawrence Latto
Doris Pimentel
Herman Tarnow



MILESTONES

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

♠♦ NEW JUNIOR MASTERS ♣♥

Naeem Akram
James T. Callender
Dev Chattopadhyay
James E. Connor
Joel S. Cox
David J. English
Patricia R. Frank
Peter M. Frank
Beth Fricano
Dr. Ira D. Godwin
Jean H. Godwin
Brian C. Hamrick
Holly R. Hecker
Dale C. Hunt
June P. Kilpatrick
Don M. McKenzie
Bushra Shamma
Norman H. Thomas
Anne Toto
Toby J. Urbach
Det S. Whedon
Jim Zhong



Jan Rusu
Marguerite A. Salah
James H. Shoenhard
Dr. Lawrence H. Shuman
Betsy H. Summer
Eva Vorndran

♠♦ NEW REGIONAL MASTERS ♣♥

Stephen J. Colevas
Blair H. Curry
Stephen J. Drodge
Kenneth D. Duggin
Gisela M. Glodeck
William T. Hohe
Jo Ann Hutchison
M. David Jackson
Chuck D. Kasten
Albert V. Stolpe
Mary Jo Swain

♠♦ NEW NABC MASTERS ♣♥

Neal L. Cooper
John H. Menzel
Virginia L. Gibbons

♠♦ NEW CLUB MASTERS ♣♥

Rita Apter
Jane B. Archer
Barbara A. Brennan
Kenneth Cohn
Saadollah Ghaussy
Patricia A. Kiefer
Sheryl L. McEwan
Joan D. O'Connor
Harry Potter
Pat J. Teer
Shiela Walker

♠♦ NEW LIFE MASTERS ♣♥

Amanda E. Carter
Luther P. Hampton
Srinivas Kachibhatla
Larry G. Settle

♠♦ NEW BRONZE LIFE MASTERS ♣♥

John D. Austin, Jr.
Robert A. Brady
Srinivas Kachibhatla
Cathy Baker
Douglas R. Fox

♠♦ NEW SILVER LIFE MASTERS ♣♥

Gloria J. Halstead
Doris M. Knief
Jennifer D. Nisenoff
Elliot S. Itkin
John S. Mason, Jr.

♠♦ NEW SECTIONAL MASTERS ♣♥

David G. Amey
Joseph W. Drodge
Alicia B. Gormont
William M. Pruiett
Julia F. Cole
Diane D. Godding
Ruth Ann McGrail
Joyce Robinson

♠♦ NEW GOLD LIFE MASTERS ♣♥

John O. Carlson
Ron Kral

SILVER SPRING, MD: JANUARY 7-10, 2010



TWO THOUSAND TENDS 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, 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, 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

- ♣ **Special! Joint ABA/ACBL** StrataFlighted A/X (unlim/3000) & B/C/D Pairs (1500/1000/500) 11:00am
- ♦ StrataFlighted A/X (unlim/3000) & B/C/D Pairs (1500/1000/500) 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 Game* 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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♣ **Fairfax, VA ♦ FEBRUARY 25-28, 2010 ♥**

**NVBA WILLIAM POISSANT
MEMORIAL TOURNAMENT**

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

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 25

Beth El Hebrew Congregation, 3830 Seminary Road, Alexandria, VA (NVBA)

Ohr Kodesh Congregation, 8300 Meadowbrook Ln, Chevy Chase, MD (WBL)

No outside food. E-W Hwy 410 E., left Meadowbrook, left Freyman, lot on left. NVBA (Beth El) WBL

Novice/Intermediate Lecture (Jeff Roman) 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.

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

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 26

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, FEBRUARY 27

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.

TROPHY EVENT: **WILLIAM POISSANT MEMORIAL PAIRS**

(2 SESSIONS – Qualifying and Barometer Final) 2 & 7:30 p.m.

STRATIFIED OPEN PAIRS (2000+/2000/750; Single session) 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 CONSOLATION (2000+/2000/750) 7:30 p.m.

—Open to Non-Qualifiers and New Entrants.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 28

Novice/Intermediate Lecture (Jeff Roman) 10:15 a.m.

FLIGHT A/X (5000+/5000) BOARD-A-MATCH TEAMS . . . 11 a.m. & TBA

FLIGHT B/C (2000/750) SWISS TEAMS 11 a.m. & TBA

BAM & B/C Swiss are 2-session events, with a brief break in-between

—food available on-site.

299ER SWISS TEAMS (300/200/100; Single session) 11 a.m.

49ER SWISS TEAMS (50/20/5; Single session) 11 a.m.

299ER SWISS TEAMS (300/200/100/50; 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 restaurants nearby!

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

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Mid-Chart Conventions permitted in all A/X Events

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 brook Ln. 1st left Freyman Dr. Parking lot on left. No outside food allowed.

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I-495 to Georgia Avenue North (toward Wheaton). 1st light right Forest Glen Rd.
 The Center is .7 mile on right.

FRIDAY, MARCH 26

NEW Friday location & dinner served between the 2 sessions

- ♥ StrataFlighted A/X (unlim/3000) & B/C/D Pairs (1500/1000/500) . . . 2:30pm
- ♠ **Barometer Pairs** **EARLIER START TIME: 7:00pm**
 StrataFlighted A/X (unlim/3000) & B/C/D Pairs (1500/1000/500)
Check your scores every round! Friday nights are your chance to try
 a different form of the game. This one session Barometer Pairs has no qualifi-
 cation necessary. Everyone plays the same boards at the same time and you can
 see how you're doing after every round.
- ♣ Intermediate/Novice Pairs (300/200/100/50/20) (single sessions) 2:30pm, **7:00pm**

SATURDAY, MARCH 27

- ♣ **Compact KOs** Four rounds of knockouts finish in one day!11:00am, 3:30 pm
- ♦ **Tired of pair games?** You're guaranteed to play a full session of two rounds of the knockouts.
- ♦ Stratified Pairs (unlim/2000/500) (single session) 11:00am
- ♥ StrataFlighted A/X (unlim/3000) & B/C/D Pairs (1500/1000/500) (single session) 3:30pm
- ♠ Intermediate/Novice Pairs (300/200/100) or Newcomer Pairs (50/20/5) (single sessions) 11:00am, 3:30pm
- ♣ *Don't miss the between sessions **Panel Show*** 2:30pm

SUNDAY, MARCH 28

- ♦ A/X Swiss Teams (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

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