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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The office of President of District 6 is term limited and my tenure is approaching its end (August 31). It has been an exciting and very active time in our history. We have completely reorganized the way we do business. We have restructured our relationship with our neighbor to the south (District 7) while maintaining cordial relations throughout. We are continuing to work with the ACBL to minimize costs while delivering professionally run tournaments. None of this would be possible without the support of the many volunteers in our District. I would like to take this opportunity to recognize some of them.

Shawn Stringer: Shawn has taken on the responsibility of overseeing the running of our regionals. This includes reviewing and evaluating budgets and tournament financial reports, working with tournament chairs to ensure high quality at all our tournaments, helping to maintain our policies and procedures manual, and negotiating director assignments with the ACBL staff. She is also Tournament Chair for our Bethesda and Chesapeake Regionals.

Bill Cole: Bill oversees the running of our North American Pairs and Grand National Team District Finals. This includes finding suitable playing sites at reasonable cost and working tirelessly to increase the size and prestige of these events. Bill is Publisher of *TableTALK* and contributes to its content. He has been a singularly productive source of ideas for the betterment of our District and the game of bridge and works tirelessly to that end.

Margot Hennings: Margot is our representative on the ACBL Board of Directors. It is difficult to quantify the amount of effort she puts into the job except to say that it is monumental and very effective. She presents our positions to the ACBL and follows up to ensure the ACBL acts to our profit.

There are many others. **Julie Marquette**, D6 Secretary; **Ron Spieker**, D6 Treasurer; **Barb Doran**, NAP Coordinator; **Lynn Jones**, GNT Coordinator; **Lucy McCoy**, District Tournament Coordinator and Managing Editor of *TableTALK*; **Steve Robinson**, Competition and Conventions chair; **David Rodney**, chair of the Goodwill and Appellate Committees; **Donna Rogall**, Creative Director and Editor of *TableTALK*; **Will Williams**, Intermediate/Newcomer Committee chair; and all the tournament chairs and local volunteers.

I could not have done my job without the effort of all these fine people. Thank you one and all.

—Don Berman

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District Six Honor Roll **2015 Spring NABC** **New Orleans, LA**

TOP TEN LISTS

District Six Members

1	201.94	Sylvia Shi
2	105.45	Peter Boyd
	105.45	Steve Robinson
4	87.23	Robert Brady
5	58.48	Gil Cohen
	58.48	Marty Nelson
7	53.15	John McAllister
8	51.90	Mark Dahl
9	46.97	Amanda Carter
10	45.33	R Jay Becker

District Six Members with 0-3000 MPs

1	87.23	Robert Brady
2	53.15	John McAllister
3	46.97	Amanda Carter
4	45.20	Adam Gann
5	43.56	Wayne Bardsley
6	40.00	Blake Schwartzbach
7	39.97	John Glynn
8	35.40	Stanley Barg
9	35.12	Elizabeth Nolte

District Six Members with 0-750 MPs

1	45.20	Adam Gann
2	40.00	Blake Schwartzbach
3	35.40	Stanley Barg
4	35.12	James Augustine
5	34.73	Fred Gramlich
6	22.10	James Barnes
	22.10	Tobey Roland
8	21.41	Randal Burns
9	19.03	Eric Gettleman
10	17.80	Kay Rogers

District Six Members with 0-300 MPs

1	45.20	Adam Gann
2	40.00	Blake Schwartzbach
3	35.40	Stanley Barg
4	21.41	Randal Burns
5	17.80	Kay Rogers
6	12.31	Myron Goldstein
	12.31	Terry Klein
8	9.41	Dean Baird
9	7.57	David Dong
10	5.47	Richard Muller

OVERALL PLACINGS **IN NABC+ EVENTS**

*Special Congratulations to our
1st place overall winners:*

Sylvia Shi in the Lebhar IMP Pairs

**Blake Schwartzbach & Adam Gann
in the President's Cup
Flight C North American Pairs**

BALDWIN FLIGHT A NORTH AMERICAN PAIRS

9 Jian-Jian Wang, Clarksville MD;
Hailong Ao, Ashburn VA

GOLDER FLIGHT B NORTH AMERICAN PAIRS

5 Debnarayan Dhar, Oak Hill VA; Mel
Yudkin, Annandale VA

PRESIDENT CUP FLIGHT C NORTH AMERICAN PAIRS

1 Blake Schwartzbach, Bethesda
MD; **Adam Gann**, Washington DC

8 Terry Klein, Brookeville MD; Myron
Goldstein, Silver Spring MD

12 Rick Bingham, Fairfax VA; Dean
Baird, Fairfax Station VA

LEBHAR IMP PAIRS

1 Sylvia Shi, Rockville MD

37 Ed Lazarus, Baltimore MD

0-10,000 SWISS TEAMS

21 Margot Hennings, Annandale VA;
Cecily Kohler, Washington DC

NORMAN KAY PLATINUM PAIRS

9 Robert Brady, Mc Lean VA

LEVENTRITT SILVER RIBBON PAIRS

8 Gil Cohen, Ashburn VA;

Marty Nelson, Annapolis MD

26 Robert Hopkins Jr - Joan Lewis,
Arlington VA

ROCKWELL MIXED PAIRS

15 Mark Dahl, Richmond VA;
Sylvia Shi, Rockville MD

SMITH LIFE MASTER WOMENS' PAIRS

3 Sylvia Shi, Rockville MD

16 Rebecca Duty, Richmond VA

NABC+ FAST PAIRS

9 David Walker, Salem VA

JACOBY SWISS TEAMS

19 John McAllister, Charlottesville VA

22 Ai-Tai Lo, Reston VA;
Alan Schwartz, Fairfax VA

30 Robert Brady, Mc Lean VA

33 Peter Boyd, Darnestown MD;
Steve Robinson, Arlington VA

44 Rusty Krauss, Vienna VA;
Barry Falgout, Silver Spring MD;
Robert Hopkins Jr, Arlington VA;
David Rodney - Avril Rodney,
Fairfax VA

MACHLIN WOMENS' SWISS TEAMS

5 Beth Palmer, Chevy Chase MD

VANDERBILT KNOCKOUT TEAMS

9/16 Peter Boyd, Darnestown MD;
Steve Robinson, Arlington VA

News from NOLA—REPORT FROM DISTRICT DIRECTOR MARGOT HENNINGS, Margot10bridge@cox.net

We have tried holding North American Bridge Championships (NABCs) in New Orleans, LA (NOLA) in the Summer and in the Fall over the last several decades. This time, with more temperate weather in the Spring, table count exceeded estimates by almost 1500 with a total of 11,402. The local Tournament Committee created a festive air with purple, gold, and green beads galore at the Registration Desk for players to take and wear, and wear them they did! ACBL put on another terrific opening reception on the first Friday night, with local band Cuisine playing oldies, jazz, and blues in the finest NOLA tradition, accompanied by plenty of red beans and rice and King Cake. Nearby restaurants provided great dining

between or after sessions, and the occasional parade en route back to the hotel—thought by some to be an aggravation but by most to be just more of the fun this city is known for—continued to let the good times roll. There is no NOLA NABC scheduled for the foreseeable future, but I, for one, can't wait to go back!

The ACBL Board of Directors (BOD) meetings were, as always, at times frustrating and at times most productive. A portion of our meetings is devoted to discussing and voting on new rules and regulations that affect bridge play, and I welcome your feedback. Based on the motions passed at the NABC in Providence, RI last Fall that have now been in effect for close to six months, please be sure to let me know how you like the following:

—The higher awards for Pair games in contrast to slightly decreased awards for

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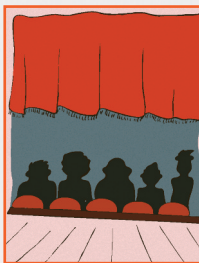
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STRATS DETERMINED BY MP AVERAGES, BUT NO SINGLE PLAYER MAY EXCEED THE EVENT'S LIMIT.

MONDAY, JUNE 8

Newcomers11:00
Judson Plant Knockouts1:00 & 7:00
CONTINUE 1:00 & 7:00 TUESDAY
Open Pairs (1500/3000/Open)1:00 & 7:00
Joe Mydosh **GOLD RUSH** Pairs1:00 & 7:00
Weavers Side Series (1st, 2nd of 4) ...1:00 / 7:00
5/20/50 & 100/300/500 Pairs1:00 / 7:00
Stratified Board-a-Match Teams7:00

100/300/500 Swiss Teams7:00
MONDAY AFTERNOON SESSIONS BENEFIT ACBL ED. FOUNDATION. MONDAY EVENING SESSIONS BENEFIT GREENVILLE AREA INTERFAITH HOSPITAL.

TUESDAY, JUNE 9

0-5 PLAYERS PLAY **FREE** ALL DAY

Duncan Plant Compact Knockouts9:00
TWO 12-BOARD MATCHES, CONCLUDE 9:00 AM WED
Spinners Morning Side Series (1st of 5) ..9:00
Early Bird Pairs 100/300/5009:00
Alice Manufacturing Knockouts ...1:00 & 7:00
CONTINUE 1:00 & 7:00 WED

Open Pairs (1500/3000/Open) ...1:00 & 7:00
Milton Smeak **GOLD RUSH** Pairs ..1:00 & 7:00
Weavers Side Series (3rd, 4th of 4) .1:00 / 7:00
5/20/50 & 100/300/500 Pairs ...1:00 / 7:00
Stratified Swiss Teams7:00
100/300/500 Swiss Teams7:00

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 10

Ariel Plant Compact Knockouts9:00
TWO 12-BOARD MATCHES, CONCLUDE 9:00 AM THUR
Spinners Morning Side Series (2nd of 5) .9:00
Early Bird Pairs 100/300/5009:00
White Horse Plant Knockouts ...1:00 & 7:00
CONTINUE 1:00 & 7:00 THURSDAY

Open Pairs (1500/3000/Open) ...1:00 & 7:00
Norma Marke **GOLD RUSH** Pairs .1:00 & 7:00
Doffers Side Series (1st, 2nd of 4) 1:00 / 7:00
5/20/50 & 100/300/500 Pairs ...1:00 / 7:00
Stratified Board-a-Match Teams7:00
100/300/500 Swiss Teams7:00

- ALL KOs ARE BRACKETED, RANDOM DRAW, AND INCLUDE 0-300 PLAYERS. ONE- AND TWO-BRACKET KNOCKOUTS ARE HANDICAPPED.
- OPEN EVENTS, INCLUDING SIDE SERIES ARE STRATIFIED 0-750, 750-3000, 3000+ UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED
- **GOLD RUSH** PAIRS AWARD GOLD TO OVERALL WINNERS AND SECTION TOPS IN 0-750; RED POINTS TO 0-300 STRAT
- UNDER 300 MP GAMES STRATIFIED AT DIRECTOR'S DISCRETION.
- SINGLE-SESSION PAIRS ALWAYS ACCOMMODATED.

THURSDAY, JUNE 11

Glenwood Mills Compact Knockouts9:00
TWO 12-BOARD MATCHES, CONCLUDE 9:00 AM FRI
Spinners Morning Side Series (3rd of 5)9:00
Early Bird Pairs 100/300/5009:00
Milliken A/X Swiss Teams (0-5000/5000+) 1:00 & 7:00
Flight B Bracketed Swiss Teams (0-3000) 1:00 & 7:00
8 TEAMS PER BRACKET, 3 IN EACH WIN GOLD
Liberty Denim Stratified Open Pairs ...1:00 & 7:00
Doffers Side Series (3rd, 4th of 4)1:00 / 7:00
5/20/50 & 100/300/500 Pairs1:00 / 7:00
Stratified Swiss Teams7:00
100/300/500 Swiss Teams7:00

FRIDAY, JUNE 12 — GOODWILL DAY

Monaghan Plant Compact Knockouts9:00
TWO 12-BOARD MATCHES, CONCLUDE 9:00 AM SAT
Spinners Morning Side Series (4th of 5)9:00
Early Bird Pairs 100/300/5009:00
Foster Plant Knockouts1:00 & 7:00
CONTINUE 1:00 & 7:00 SATURDAY

Open Pairs (1500/3000/Open)1:00 & 7:00
Nancy Griggs **GOLD RUSH** Pairs1:00 & 7:00
Loom Fixers Side Pairs Series (1st, 2nd of 6) 1:00 / 7:00
5/20/50 & 100/300/500 Pairs1:00 / 7:00
Stratified Swiss Teams7:00
100/300/500 Swiss Teams7:00

SATURDAY, JUNE 13

Pope Mill Stratified Swiss Teams .9:00 & 1:00
Spinners Morning Side Series (5th of 5) .9:00
Early Bird Pairs 100/300/5009:00
Pacolet Mills Compact Knockouts 1:00 & 7:00

Open Pairs (1500/3000/
/Open) ..1:00 & 7:00

Enrico Beretta
GOLD RUSH
Pairs ..1:00 & 7:00

Loom Fixers Side
Pairs Series (3rd,
4th of 6) 1:00 / 7:00

5/20/50 & 100/300/500 Pairs ..1:00 / 7:00
Stratified Swiss Teams7:00

100/300/500 Swiss Teams7:00

SUNDAY, JUNE 14 —30 MINUTE LUNCH BREAK—
A/X Swiss (0-5000/5000+)10:00 & TBD
Flight B Bracketed Swiss Teams (0-3000) 10:00 & TBD
8 TEAMS PER BRACKET, 3 IN EACH WIN GOLD

Loom Fixers Side Pairs Series
(5th, 6th of 6)10:00 / 2:00
50/100/300/500 Pairs10:00 / 2:00
100/300/500 Swiss Teams10:00 / 2:00

Knockout (KO) matches:

—The new so-called “XYZ” stratified pairs at regionals (if there is a Gold Rush game also offered at the same time) where there are now three strats instead of the previous two, e.g., 0-1500/1500-3000/3000+, if the field is large enough to support the third strat;

—Ability to schedule a full seven days of gold point events at a regional, such that pair events as well as KOs can start in the afternoon and continue in the evening. Previously, because of the regulation limiting gold points events held at regionals, two one-session pair events have been held in the afternoon and evening at our District 6 (D6) and District 7 Regionals, and KOs have started in the evening and continued for three sessions the next day. You may have noticed that in the ads for the Reston, VA and Hunt Valley, MD Regionals being held in July and August of this year, respectively, you can play two sessions now of Gold Rush Pairs on the first day of the tournament. However, just because we can now start gold point events such as two-session pairs and/or KOs in the afternoon, does not mean this is what you, our players, want, so please be sure to voice your opinions on all these possibilities.

Congratulations:

The good times rolled for many D6 players at the bridge tables as they racked up numerous high-level finishes in both NABC+ and NABC events: Beth Palmer—5th in NABC Machlin Women’s Swiss; Gil Cohen and Marty Nelson—8th in Silver Ribbon Pairs; Robert Brady—9th in the Platinum Pairs; Helene Bauman and Mickie Kivel—15th in the Fast Pairs, and Rebecca Duty, 16th in the Life Master Women’s Pairs. In the NAP Finals, Jian-Jian Wang and Hailong Ao were 9th in Flight A, Mel Yudkin and Deb Dhar were 5th in Flight B, while all three pairs representing D6 in Flight C had overall finishes. The winners of the President Cup Flight C NAP—yes, 1st place!—were Blake Schwartzbach and Adam Gann; Terry Klein and Myron Goldstein finished 8th and Rick Bingham and Dean Baird finished 12th, an excellent accomplishment for these new duplicate players in our District.

But this NABC clearly belonged to Sylvia Shi, who won over 200 masterpoints and garnered her first NABC+ win in the Lebharr IMP Pairs (after more than one full day of being 1st, 2nd, and then 1st again as score corrections and committee decisions that did not involve Sylvia and her partner swirled

around her); was 3rd in the Life Master Women’s Pairs; and with Mark Dahl, also of D6, was 15th in the Mixed Pairs. This is a noteworthy achievement, and if indicative of things to come, ensures you will be seeing her name in the winner’s column again and again.

ACBLScore+ and Other Technology Issues:

In my report following the Fall NABC in Providence, I briefly discussed the creation of a new Management Technology Committee. The three external advisors—all bridge players and eminent software developers (Greg Humphreys/Google Chrome and Bridgewinners, Uday Ivatury/BBO, and Ralph Lipe/Microsoft)—have given freely of their time and expertise to help ACBL take a fresh look at its technology investments and to prioritize actions for the near-term. Their efforts culminated in an open Technology Forum on March 12, 2015, the final day of the BOD meetings. This Forum was attended by over 80 people, and started with several prepared statements followed by a free flowing Q&A session. The full video, almost two hours in length, is available on Bridgewinners, and those of you who are techno-savvy are encouraged to watch it as the explanations given there are far better than what I can provide you here. At the time of the Forum, the conclusions were the following:

—Terminating ACBLScore+ was the correct decision, as the finished product was determined by the advisors to be at least 18 months from completion at the time the contract was terminated; efforts are ongoing to salvage usable portions of it.

—ACBLScore, although a workhorse for 30 years, has reached the end of its useful life and will gradually be phased out over the next 18-24 months, although a specific replacement has not yet been identified.

—The BOD Technology Oversight Committee scaled back Management’s capital expenditure requests for technology for Calendar Year 2015 from \$600K to \$130K that will be spent on “modular” applications that can be used now, and then transferred to the replacement Score software. The ability to salvage some of ACBLScore+ as part of this “modular” scheme is one reason for the reduction in capital expenditures.

In addition, this year’s ACBL President, Suzi Subeck, has thoroughly reviewed the ACBLScore+ contract and her comments are posted on the D6 website together with this report.

The Committee is focused on moving forward, on identifying a suitable “new” platform that can accept app-like “modules,” and creating and improving “new” modular features such as ACBL

Live, KO and Swiss start-up software, better entry fee payment processes, and the like, using the best of what ACBLScore and ACBLScore+ have to offer. The eventual goal is to replace the current ACBLScore program. In the short time since NOLA, the Committee arrived at five possible scenarios for this project, and after evaluating the alternatives, concluded that the best approach would be to build upon the ACBLScore+ framework and create a team to complete the project.

There are still challenges with some of the software that has been implemented and in addition to moving forward with new ideas, the Committee and ACBL staff are working hard to make the new software work better.

Masterpoint Changes:

The BOD is still fine-tuning how masterpoints are awarded to make the Masterpoint awards more equitable across different kinds and ratings of events—pairs, teams, side games, regionally-rated events, and the like—there were a few small changes made this time on top of the major reworking of the Masterpoint Chart voted on at the NABC in Las Vegas last Summer and at a second unanimous reading this past Fall in Providence. Easiest to report on here is that in regionally- or sectionally-rated KOs, players on teams with more than 4 players who are otherwise eligible for overall awards will now receive a “participation” reduction: For every segment (half a match) of a match that is won and where a participant sits out, the overall awards for that individual will be reduced by 5%. For example, if a player’s team wins a 4-session KO and that participant played only half of each match, that player’s masterpoint award will be reduced by 20%. Similar reductions apply if a player sits out an entire match. Please see the full BOD Minutes from NOLA on the ACBL website for details on these and other motions not specifically mentioned in this report.

Privacy Issues:

The effect of privacy issues on how local clubs and units are able to market their games and contact their players continues to be refined by ACBL. I am sure you all have noticed that any organization to which you belong and have signed up to receive emails or hard copy mailings from send you periodic notices about their privacy policy. If you have questions about what you can and cannot do, please contact your Unit President—I queried ACBL following our Charlottesville Regional to get some specific answers to sample activities in which I know many of us engage on

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MONDAY, JULY 6

Emerald Knockout 11:30 & 7
CONTINUES 1:30 & 7 TUESDAY

Open Pairs 1500/3000/3000+1:30 & 7

GOLD RUSH Pairs 0-300/300-7501:30 & 7

Monday/Tuesday Side Series (1st & 2nd of 4) 1:30 / 7

I/N Pairs 5/20/50 & 100/200/3001:30 / 7

Stratified Swiss Teams7

AFTERNOON GAMES BENEFIT ACBL ED. FOUNDATION
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TUESDAY, JULY 7 0-5 MP PLAYERS FREE TODAY!

Crimson Compact KO 19:30
TWO 12-BOARD MATCHES; CONCLUDES 9:30 AM WED

Morning Side Series (1st of 5)9:30

I/N Pairs 5/20/50 & 100/200/300 9:30 / 1:30 / 7

Daylight Stratified Pairs10:30 & 3

Open Pairs 1500/3000/3000+1:30 & 7

GOLD RUSH Pairs 0-300/300-7501:30 & 7

Celebrating Freedom KO 21:30 & 7

CONTINUES 1:30 & 7 WEDNESDAY

Monday/Tuesday Side Series (3rd & 4th of 4)1:30 / 7

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WEDNESDAY, JULY 8

White Compact KO 29:30
TWO 12-BOARD MATCHES; CONCLUDES 9:30 AM THURS

Morning Side Series (2nd of 5)9:30

I/N Pairs 5/20/50 & 100/200/300 9:30 / 1:30 / 7

Daylight Stratified Pairs10:30 & 3

A/X Swiss Teams 0-5000/5000+1:30 & 7

Bracketed Flight B Swiss Teams 0-3000 ...1:30 & 7

8 TEAMS PER BRACKET; 3 IN EACH BRACKET WIN GOLD

Wed/Thurs Side Series (1st & 2nd of 4) ...1:30 / 7

Stratified Board-a-Match Teams7

I/N Swiss Teams 100/200/3007

THURSDAY, JULY 9 — Machlin Day

Blue Compact KO 39:30
TWO 12-BOARD MATCHES; CONCLUDES 9:30 AM FRIDAY

Morning Side Series (3rd of 5)9:30

I/N Pairs 5/20/50 & 100/200/300 9:30 / 1:30 / 7

Daylight Stratified Pairs10:30 & 3

United We Stand KO 31:30 & 7

CONTINUES 1:30 & 7 FRIDAY

Machlin Barometer Flight A Open

Pairs1:30 / 7

IN FLIGHT A, AFTERNOON GAME IS QUALIFYING WITH FINAL IN EVENING; NON-QS PLAY SIDE GAME OR SWISS

Machlin Flight B Pairs

0-1500/1500-30001:30 & 7

Machlin Gold Rush Pairs

0-300/300-7501:30 & 7

Wed/Thurs Side Series

(3rd & 4th of 4)1:30 / 7

Stratified Swiss Teams7

I/N Swiss Teams 100/200/3007

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FRIDAY, JULY 10

Bronze Compact KO 39:30
TWO 12-BOARD MATCHES; CONCLUDES 9:30 AM SAT

Morning Side Series (4th of 5)9:30

I/N Pairs 5/20/50 & 100/200/300 9:30 / 1:30 / 7

Daylight Stratified Pairs10:30 & 3

Open Pairs 1500/3000/3000+1:30 & 7

GOLD RUSH Pairs 0-300/300-7501:30 & 7

Stars & Stripes Forever KO 41:30 & 7

CONTINUES 1:30 & 7 SATURDAY

Weekend Side Series (1st & 2nd of 6)1:30 / 7

Stratified Swiss Teams7

I/N Swiss Teams 100/200/3007

SATURDAY, JULY 11

Stratified Swiss Teams9:30

Morning Side Series (5th of 5)9:30

I/N Pairs 5/20/50 & 100/200/300 9:30 / 1:30 / 7

Daylight Stratified Pairs10:30 & 3

Open Pairs 1500/3000/3000+1:30 & 7

GOLD RUSH Pairs

0-300/300-7501:30 & 7

Liberty for All KO 51:30 & 7

CONTINUES 10 & 2 SUNDAY

Weekend Side Series

(3rd & 4th of 6)1:30 / 7

Stratified Swiss Teams7

I/N Swiss Teams 100/200/3007

SUNDAY, JULY 12

7 SEVEN-BOARD MATCHES WITH SHORT LUNCH BREAK

Mike Cappelletti A/X Swiss Teams

0-5000/5000+10 & TBA

Bracketed Flight B Swiss Teams

0-300010 & TBA

8 TEAMS PER BRACKET; 3 IN EACH BRACKET WIN GOLD

Weekend Side Series

(5th & 6th of 6)10 / 2

I/N Pairs 5/20/50 & 100/200/300 ..10 / 2

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behalf of our units and clubs, and sent those answers to all Unit Presidents and to the rest of the D6 Board.

Strategic Project Updates:

Several years ago, the ACBL BoD identified a number of strategic projects that we felt were critical for Management to work on over the next five years. In addition to upgrading ACBLScore, these projects include comprehensive recruitment and training of TDs, creation of an online Partnership Desk (see the article in the March 2015 ACBL Bulletin for specifics on this program—as of March 10, we already had over 10,000 hits with 1675 profiles having been created), and creation of an online bridge teaching program. We received reports on all of these projects in NOLA.

Especially here in D6 where we are facing imminent retirements on the part of our long-time directors, we need to know that there are new directors in the queue and that these new directors will be trained and capable of assuming sectional and regional Director-in-Charge (DIC) appointments. The Tournament Director University (TDU) developed last year has already had two classes of directors enrolled, one focusing on moving current directors up from working at regionals to being Regional DICs and the other on moving up sectional directors to directors capable of being Sectional DICs. Dan Plato from D7, newly appointed ACBL Manager of Recruiting and Development, has a cadre of newer directors who enter information into Tourney Trax and answer questions on rulings (with review by more experienced directors for accuracy) that are submitted to ACBL by club managers. This is just one example of hands-on experience that TDU has introduced. In addition, special customer service training is being provided to every TD, whether new or just about to retire, to ensure that standards for customer service are understood and implemented. Overseeing this effort will be the new ACBL Manager for Quality and Continuous Improvement (yet to be named). All of this will be an ongoing process and immediate results may not be achieved in all cases, but players should notice an improvement in customer service in general over the next six months. If you do not, again, please contact me or your local TC about any issues you observe.

Other Items of Interest:

- **Grass Roots Events**—GNTs: A close vote (I voted in favor) now allows free entries to the first two days of play at the Summer National Final of this event, but ONLY to

After you attend the Richmond and Reston Regionals at the beginning of the summer, save August 17-23, 2015, for a week of great bridge and relaxation at our annual Hunt Valley summer regional!

The District 6 Tournament Committee is excited to inform you of the progress that has been made on the renovations to the Hunt Valley Inn where the annual Hunt Valley Regional has been held for many years. Now under the management of the Wyndham Grand Group, the Hunt Valley Inn has undergone a 15-million dollar transformation since last August and we think you are going to be very



impressed with the changes, and all for a terrific room rate of \$109 per night for those who want to stay and play:

- ❖ *Guestrooms, lobby, ballrooms, public restrooms, restaurant, and bar all redone in grand style*
- ❖ *Updates to indoor/outdoor pool & café (featuring Starbucks coffee)*
- ❖ *Restaurant open for breakfast, lunch, and dinner with all new menu*
- ❖ *Free hi speed Internet in both guest rooms and public areas*
- ❖ *Free parking*



We look forward to a great tournament this summer and hope you plan to join us!

Flights A, B and C...NOT the Championship Flight. Although I almost voted against this motion due to the fact that it did not include free entries for the top flight, upon reflection I decided it would be better to at least get the other three flights' free entries in the regulations and hope to include the Championship Flight at a later date.

- **Grass Roots FUND:** Immediately following passage of the above motion, another motion was discussed and amended to state that all of the Grass Roots FUNds raised by each district that are currently collected by ACBL and then returned in their entirety to each district, would be "taxed" by the amount of 20% of the total and the now free entries for the three lowest flights of the GNTs taken out of that and then the remaining monies distributed to districts based on their success in raising per-member Grass Roots FUNds. Mostly through the regionally rated games at sectionals, D6 has been working very hard to increase its rev-

enues, and our efforts should be protected because our per-member FUNd-raising is continually increasing. But, it remains to be seen if the actual monies returned to D6 will be commensurate with our efforts—stay tuned as I fully expect this continuing saga to be again refined.

- **Changes to the General Convention Chart:** Two competitive bidding additions to the General Convention Chart were passed—transfer responses after overcalls where the call shows length or values in the suit of the transfer, and a direct overcall of 2 diamonds to show a one-suited hand in hearts or spades over natural notrump bids or overcalls are now both allowed.

- **Email blasts:** Many of us currently take advantage of the email blasts that ACBL will, at our request, send out to targeted audiences for our sectionals and regionals. A new contract will soon be in place that will allow each unit and club more

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BALTIMORE, MD MID-ATLANTIC REGIONAL

MONDAY, AUGUST 17

Kickoff Knockout1 & 7
 CONTINUES 1 & 7 TUESDAY
 Open Pairs 1500/3000/3000+1 & 7
 Black Eyed Susan **GOLD RUSH** Pairs I
 0-300/300-7501 & 7
 Fox Hunt Side Series (1st, 2nd of 4) 1 / 7
 I/N Pairs 5/20/50 & 100/200/3001 / 7
 Educational Foundation Swiss Teams ..7
 AFTERNOON GAMES BENEFIT ACBL ED. FOUNDATION;
 EVENING GAMES BENEFIT LOCAL CHARITY

TUESDAY, AUGUST 18

0-5 MP PLAYERS **FREE** TODAY

Fort McHenry Compact Knockout9
 TWO 12-BOARD MATCHES; CONTINUES 9 AM WED
 Ravens Morning Side Series (1st of 5) .9
 Early Bird Pairs 50/100/3009
 Stratified Swiss Teams10:30 & 3
 Terrapin Knockout1 & 7
 CONTINUES 1 & 7 WEDNESDAY
 Open Pairs 1500/3000/3000+*1 & 7
 Black Eyed Susan **GOLD RUSH** Pairs II
 0-300/300-7501 & 7
 Fox Hunt Side Series (3rd, 4th of 4) 1 / 7
 I/N Pairs 5/20/50 & 100/200/3001 / 7
 0-5 Trophy Pairs1
 Stratified Swiss Teams7
 I/N Swiss Teams 100/200/3007

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 19

Preakness Compact Knockout9
 TWO 12-BOARD MATCHES; CONTINUES 9 AM THURS
 Ravens Morning Side Series (2nd of 5) .9
 Early Bird Pairs 50/100/3009
 Daylight Open Pairs10:30 & 3
 Maryland Knockout1 & 7
 CONTINUES 1 & 7 THURSDAY
 Open Pairs 1500/3000/3000+*1 & 7
 Black Eyed Susan **GOLD RUSH** Pairs III
 0-300/300-7501 & 7
 Hunt Valley Side Series (1st, 2nd of 4) 1 / 7
 I/N Pairs 5/20/50 & 100/200/3001 / 7
 Stratified Board-a-Match Teams7
 I/N Swiss Teams 100/200/3007

THURSDAY, AUGUST 20

Ravens Morning Side Series (3rd of 5) .9
 Early Bird Pairs 50/100/3009
 Stratified Pairs10:30 & 3
 A/X Swiss Teams (0-5000, 5000+) .1 & 7
 Bracketed Flight B Swiss Teams
 (0-3000)1 & 7
 8 TEAMS PER BRACKET; 3 IN EACH BRACKET WIN GOLD
 Stratified Open Pairs1 & 7
 Hunt Valley Side Series (3rd, 4th of 4) 1 / 7
 I/N Pairs 5/20/50 & 100/200/3001 / 7
 Stratified Swiss Teams7
 I/N Swiss Teams 100/200/3007

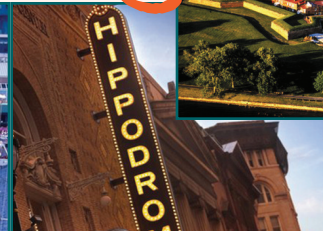


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FRIDAY, AUGUST 21

National Aquarium Stratified Swiss9
 4 SIX-BOARD MATCHES EACH MORNING
 CONTINUES 9 AM SATURDAY
 Ravens Morning Side Series (4th of 5) .9
 Early Bird Pairs 50/100/3009
 Daylight Open Pairs10:30 & 3
 Hunt Cup Knockout1 & 7
 CONTINUES 1 & 7 SATURDAY
 Open Pairs 1500/3000/3000+*1 & 7
 Black Eyed Susan **GOLD RUSH** Pairs IV
 0-300/300-7501 & 7
 Orioles Side Series (1st, 2nd of 6) .1 / 7
 I/N Pairs 5/20/50 & 100/200/3001 / 7
 Stratified Board-a-Match Teams7
 I/N Swiss Teams 100/200/3007

SATURDAY, AUGUST 22

Ravens Morning Side Series (5th of 5) .9
 Early Bird Pairs 50/100/3009
 Daylight Open Pairs10:30 & 3
 Weekend Knockout1 & 7
 CONTINUES 10:00 & TBA SUNDAY
 Open Pairs 1500/3000/3000+*1 & 7
 Black Eyed Susan **GOLD RUSH** Pairs V
 0-300/300-7501 & 7
 Orioles Side Series (3rd, 4th of 6) .1 / 7
 I/N Pairs 5/20/50 & 100/200/3001 / 7
 Stratified Swiss Teams7
 I/N Swiss Teams 100/200/3007

SUNDAY, AUGUST 23

7 SEVEN-BOARD MATCHES WITH SHORT LUNCH BREAK
 A/X Swiss Teams (0-5000, 5000+) 10 & TBA
 Bracketed Flight B Swiss Teams
 (0-3000)10 & TBA
 8 TEAMS PER BRACKET; 3 IN EACH BRACKET WIN GOLD
 Orioles Side Series (5th, 6th of 6) .10 / 2
 I/N Pairs 5/20/50 & 100/200/30010 / 2

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NABC FUNd Week at the Clubs, June 23-29

With the Summer North American Bridge Championships (NABC) in Washington, DC just over one short year away (July 21-31, 2016), our fundraising efforts are gearing up in earnest. This is the second of three years we will be offering all clubs and club players the opportunity to support our D6 NABC by participating in NABC FUNd Week. This year, please mark your calendars for **Tuesday, June 23 through Monday, June 29**, to play in sectionally-rated games at your local club or Unit for just \$1 more. Dale Dallaire is heading up this effort—all club managers should have received an email from Dale telling you how to sign up. Please contact Dale at D6FUNdGame16@aol.com if you need more information about this.

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flexibility in the number of emails it can send to market special events. More information will follow directly from Headquarters in the near future.

- **Conduct and Ethics violations:** Notices of decisions made by Unit, District or ACBL level disciplinary committees, and by the Ethical Oversight Committee are routinely sent to concerned parties, club managers, and all BOD members when Members are placed on probation, suspended, or expelled. In NOLA, a regulation was passed that the names of Members receiving probation or suspended will now be published on the ACBL website, and expulsions will be published on the ACBL website and reported in the ACBL Bulletin. It is hoped that publication of these decisions will increase player awareness of the severity of conduct and ethical infractions and help serve as a further deterrent to such behavior.

- **ACBL Presidential visit:** Suzi Subeck of District 13 (Chicago), ACBL President for 2015, attended the Richmond Regional over Memorial Day weekend. There were several opportunities for players to interact directly with Suzi and ask questions concerning aspects of ACBL that were of interest to them, including ACBLScore+, ACBL funding of NABCs, ACBL marketing efforts to attract new players, and others.

Please let me know if you have additional questions. My email is at the top of this report.

—Margot

The Longest Day (TLD): Support the Alzheimer's Association by Participating in One or More Games on June 21 or June 22

June 21—the longest day of the year—is on a Sunday this year. In order to maximize participation (due to the fact that not many clubs offer games on Sunday), clubs may hold their Longest Day games on either **Sunday, June 21 or Monday, June 22**. To encourage fund-raising efforts for the Alzheimer's Association, which co-sponsors the Longest Day together with ACBL, District 6 is again this year offering ten regional free play coupons to the winner of the prize drawing for any team/club raffle that sells at least \$250 worth of tickets. Free plays are good at any upcoming D6 regional this year—Reston, VA just after the 4th of July, Hunt Valley, MD in late August, and Chesapeake, MD in the middle of November. Club managers should have received information about the raffle from Jane Farthing, who heads this year's raffle effort. Please contact Jane at jane.farthing@gmail.com if you did not receive this information or if you have any questions.

Learn Bridge in a Day? ® (LBIAD?) for Beginners comes to town in July at the Reston, VA Regional (See announcement about LBIAD? for Instructors in the box below)

Whirlwind Bridge's renowned program—Learn Bridge in a Day?—will be held on the first day of the Reston Regional, **Monday, July 6**, at the host hotel, The Hyatt at Reston Town Center. Lessons and play are scheduled from 1 pm – 6 pm. The class will be taught by Patty Tucker. This is a fabulous program, funded in part by a grant District 6 (D6) applied for and received from the ACBL Education Foundation to help reduce the costs to participants. The D6 Education Foundation is also contributing to this program, making the cost for each participant just \$25 with advance registration and \$30 at the door. LBIAD? is a great way to get your friends, your family, your Significant Others, and your colleagues playing bridge quickly with just an afternoon of instruction. Lots of Volunteers will be needed as greeters and table monitors (Important Note: Anyone interested in becoming an accredited LBIAD instructor needs to sign up as a table monitor for the afternoon session).

Information about LBIAD? has been sent to Unit Presidents and club managers throughout the district, and you should already have seen flyers at your clubs and tournaments. Please contact Margot Hennings at margot10bridge@cox.net if you wish to take the LBIAD? beginner's course in the afternoon, if you would like to Volunteer in the afternoon, or if you have any questions. In large part, the success of a program like this depends on your enthusiasm and your help in spreading the word about it!

Learn Bridge in a Day? ® (LBIAD?) for Instructors comes to town in July at the Reston, VA Regional (See announcement about LBIAD? for Beginners in the box above)

Want to become a licensed LBIAD Instructor? If there is enough interest among bridge teachers (we need at least 10 teachers to register at \$50 per person), Patty Tucker is willing to run an LBIAD Instructor Accreditation course following the conclusion of the afternoon program designed for beginning bridge players on July 6. That course would run from approximately 7:00 – 8:30/9 PM. Registrants also would be required to serve as Table Monitors during the 1:00 – 6:00 PM session for beginners as part of their learning process. Accredited instructors can purchase a license for an additional \$100 after they take the course, which enables them to hold as many LBIAD sessions in one year as they want to. If you are interested in holding your own LBIAD? programs with yourself as the profit center, you should purchase an individual license. If you are interested in becoming an accredited LBIAD? teacher in order to help out the District if it chooses to hold more LBIAD? sessions in the coming year using its site license that is part of the Educational Foundation funding of the beginners' course, then you could petition the District or your Unit for reimbursement of the \$50 fee. Up to five instructors may be used throughout the year to teach LBIAD? The goal would be to have sessions located throughout the District if there is enough interest locally to do so, but D6 would require local unit support for this.

Please contact Margot Hennings at margot10bridge@cox.net if you wish to take the LBIAD? instructor's course in the evening, and/or are interested in helping out the District hold more LBIAD? sessions over the next year.

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TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

Lou Bluhm Memorial Trophy KO	1:30 & 7:30
CONTINUES 1:30 & 7:30 WEDNESDAY	
Open Pairs (1500/3000/3000+)	1:30 & 7:30
Millard Natchwey GOLD RUSH Pairs	1:30 & 7:30
Olympic Side Series (1st, 2nd of 4)	1:30 / 7:30
I/N Pairs 5/20/50 & 100/300/500	1:30 / 7:30
Stratified Board-a-Match Teams	7:30
0-500 Non-Life Master Swiss	7:30

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EVE. PAIR GAMES BENEFIT ATLANTA JUNIOR BRIDGE

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

0-5 PLAYERS FREE TODAY

Falcons Morning Knockout	9:30
CONTINUES 9:30 THURSDAY AND FRIDAY	
Sunrise I/N Pairs 5/20/50 & 100/300/500	9:30
Morning Side Game Series (1st of 5)	9:30
~DAYTIME Compact Knockout	10:30 & 3:00
TWO 12-BOARD MATCHES EACH SESSION	
Stratified Swiss Teams	3:00
Nadine Wood Knockout	1:30 & 7:30
CONTINUES 1:30 & 7:30 THURSDAY	
Open Pairs (1500/3000/3000+)	1:30 & 7:30
Goren GOLD RUSH Pairs	1:30 & 7:30
Olympic Side Series (3rd, 4th of 4)	1:30 / 7:30
0-5 Trophy Pairs (single sessions)	1:30 / 7:30
I/N Pairs 5/20/50 & 100/300/500	1:30 / 7:30
Stratified Board-a-Match Teams	7:30
0-500 Non-Life Master Swiss Teams	7:30

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 3

Hawks Morning Knockout	9:30
CONTINUES 9:30 FRIDAY AND SATURDAY	
Sunrise I/N Pairs 5/20/50 & 100/300/500	9:30
Morning Side Game Series (2nd of 5)	9:30
~DAYTIME Open Swiss (1500/3000/3000+)	10:30 & 3:00
~DAYTIME GOLD RUSH Swiss Teams	10:30 & 3:00
Barb Borah Knockout	1:30 & 7:30
CONTINUES 1:30 & 7:30 FRIDAY	
Open Pairs (1500/3000/3000+)	1:30 & 7:30

Blackwood GOLD RUSH Pairs	1:30 & 7:30
Billy Woodson Side Series (1st, 2nd of 4)	1:30 / 7:30
I/N Pairs 5/20/50 & 100/300/500	1:30 / 7:30
Stratified Swiss Teams	7:30
0-500 Non-Life Master Swiss Teams	7:30

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 4 - GOODWILL DAY

Bulldogs Morning Compact Knockout	9:30
CONTINUES 9:30 SATURDAY	
Sunrise I/N Pairs 5/20/50 & 100/300/500	9:30
Morning Side Game Series (3rd of 5)	9:30
~DAYTIME Open Pairs (1500/3000/3000+)	10:30 & 3:00
~DAYTIME GOLD RUSH Pairs	10:30 & 3:00
Morrill Hall Knockout	1:30 & 7:30
CONTINUES 1:30 & 7:30 SATURDAY	

Strati-Flighted Pairs*	1:30 & 7:30
Billy Woodson Side Series (3rd, 4th of 4)	1:30 / 7:30
I/N Pairs 5/20/50 & 100/300/500	1:30 / 7:30
Stratified Board-a-Match Teams	7:30
0-500 Non-Life Master Bracketed Pairs	7:30

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 5

Yellow Jackets Morning Compact Knockout	9:30
CONTINUES 9:30 SUNDAY	
Sunrise I/N Pairs 5/20/50 & 100/300/500	9:30
Morning Side Game Series (4th of 5)	9:30
Youth Pairs-Free	10:00
~DAYTIME Strati-Flighted Pairs	10:30 & 3:00
Dickie Freeman Knockout	1:30 & 7:30
CONTINUES 1:30 & 7:30 SUNDAY	
Open Pairs (1500/3000/3000+)	1:30 & 7:30
Sheinwold GOLD RUSH Pairs	1:30 & 7:30

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Peachtree Side Series (1st, 2nd of 6)	1:30 / 7:30
I/N Pairs 5/20/50 & 100/300/500	1:30 / 7:30
Stratified Board-a-Match Teams	7:30
0-500 Non-Life Master Swiss Teams	7:30

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

Stratified Swiss Teams	9:30
Sunrise I/N Pairs 5/20/50 & 100/300/500	9:30
Morning Side Game Series (5th of 5)	9:30
~DAYTIME Open Swiss (1500/3000/3000+)	10:30 & 3:00
~DAYTIME GOLD RUSH Swiss Teams	10:30 & 3:00
Open Pairs (1500/3000/3000+)	1:30 & 7:30
Sally Young GOLD RUSH Pairs	1:30 & 7:30
Peachtree Side Series (3rd, 4th of 6)	1:30 / 7:30
I/N Pairs 5/20/50 & 100/300/500	1:30 / 7:30
Stratified Swiss Teams	7:30
0-500 Non-Life Master Swiss Teams	7:30

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

A/X Swiss Teams (0-5000, 5000+)	10:00 & TBA
Bracketed Flight B Swiss Teams (0-3000)	10:00 & TBA
3 TEAMS PER BRACKET. 3 TEAMS IN EACH BRACKET WIN GOLD	
Peachtree Side Series (5th, 6th of 6)	10:00 / 2:00
I/N Pairs 5/20/50 & 100/300/500	10:00 / 2:00
0-500 Non-Life Master Swiss Teams	10:00 / 2:00

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Stratified Grass Roots Pairs (0-1000/2000/2000+ MPs)1 pm
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I/N Stratified Pairs (0-50/200/500 MPs)1 pm

Stratified Pairs (0-1000/2000/2000+ MPs)7 pm

Triple Nickel Swiss: (5 rounds, 5 boards, 5 minutes a board)7 pm

SATURDAY, June 6—2 single session events ☆

Stratified Pairs (0-1000/2000/2000+ MPs)10 am & 3 pm

I/N Stratified Pairs (0-50/200/500 MPs)10 am & 3 pm

SUNDAY, June 7

Stratified Swiss Teams Stratified by average of total MPs10 am - Playthru

I/N Swiss Teams (0-5/20/50 and 100/200/750) 2 single session events . . .10 am & 2 pm

DIRECTIONS from North and South: Take exit 20 from 695 toward Pikesville. You will be on Reisterstown Road going south. The Hilton will be immediately on your right. Turn right at the light on to their parking lot and we will see you at the game!

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I asked my expert panel. What do these three auctions show? You're South.

Auction one

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1♠	Pass	2♥	1♥ Double

What do pass, redouble and 2♠ show?

This auction is different from auction two and three because this could be a competitive auction. You're allowed to sell out to three of whatever suit the opponents bid. If you only have an eight-card spade fit, you don't usually want to bid 3♠. I like to play that new suits are non-forcing after an overcall. Therefore my 2♥-cuebid does not promise support. Since Advancer might not have support, it's important to tell Advancer how good my spade suit is. Pass says that I have a four-card or a bad five-card spade suit with unlimited strength. Redouble shows a good hand. 2♠ shows a minimum overcall with a good suit. If new suits are forcing, which means the cuebid shows support, then pass would show a weak hand. Redouble shows a very good hand, and 2♠ shows a weak hand and a good suit.

I would pass the double holding ♠Kxxxx♥xx♦AQx♣xxx or ♠AKQx♥xx♦AQx♣xxxx. I would bid 2♠ holding ♠Kxxxx♥xx♦AQx♣xx or ♠AQJ109♥xx♦Qxx♣xxx. AQJ109 looks like a six-card suit. With at least 13 points I'd redouble.

Most experts play that bidding 2♠ is the weakest action.

George Jacobs—2♠ is the weakest bid. Bad overcall. Pass is a better hand but not forcing to game. Redouble says we have them.

Ralph Katz—Most play that a pass is a mild game try and 2♠ is the weakest bid. But I think that pass could be anything, likely weak, 2♠ is an offensive minimum, and redouble is a game try plus, likely balanced.

Kit Woolsey—Rebidding the suit is the worst hand. Pass shows game interest and redouble is a cuebid.

Larry Mori—Pass shows more interest in game than an active game try. 2♠ being the minimum bid available shows a minimum

overall and no cooperative interest. Redouble is interesting; it might be best suited for a game try in spades so that there is not wastage there.

Jill Meyers—2♠ is the worst hand; bids show extras.

Adam Wildavsky—I try to always ask a new partner before we play, and I put the answer on our convention card. Most popular is surely that a return to suit is the weakest hand. Other possibilities are that pass is weakest, in which case a rebid of my suit shows extra offense but not extra high card values, or that a pass is weakest below game and a return to suit is weakest at or above game.

Billy Pollack—2♠ is weak, but OK trumps, redouble = extras, usually with defense.

Jeff Rubens—Assuming that 2♥ is a general force (not necessarily a fit), pass is forcing, hence ambiguous, potentially nothing special to say; redouble is strength-showing, creates a force; 2♠ shows good spade suit, strong indication of strain choice, but not enough extra values to raise the level.

Ron Smith—Pass shows interest, redouble shows strength with no clear direction and 2♠ = the worst hand.

Two experts have to worry about four-card overcalls.

Bobby Wolff—These are good and necessary questions for any aspiring partnership to differentiate. Pass can be the worst hand, unless your next bid contradicts that meaning. Redouble shows a good hand, likely defense but promises another bid (e.g. LHO bids 3♥ passed around) if still under game and in the passout seat. 2♠, while weak and very passable, would show at least five since the overcall could be on a four-card suit. I could hold ♠AQJx♥xx♦K10xxx♣xx, but not ♠AQJx♥xx♦AQJxx♣xx where I'd bid 3♦ as soon as possible. With ♠AQJx♥xx♦K10xx♣xx, I would pass and then bid 3♦ over a then 2♠-bid by partner, and that then would become passable. I slightly prefer overcalling 1♠ to 2♦, but would not consider passing immediately.

Marty Bergen—Pass is a decent hand with five+ spades, 2♠ is the weakest action, and redouble is a four-card spade suit with a decent hand.

Steve Garner—Redouble is best hand showing a full opener; pass is medium; 2♠ is worst.

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Danny Gerstman—2♠ is the worst hand; pass shows some game interest; redouble says it is our hand, willing to defend if they bid.

Larry Cohen—For the most part, I play fast arrival in all of these situations. Return to the trump suit is weakest.

Mike Lawrence—I like pass to imply a four-card suit and a good hand or a bad hand with five spades. 2♠ is a playing minimum hand you rather like. Redouble is all better hands.

Barry Rigal—Return to trumps weakest. Pass is game try. Redouble undefined.

Henry Bethe—I have never discussed this. General principles would say that 2♠ shows no interest in game, pass shows some interest, and redouble shows a heart control and interest.

Richie Schwartz—2♠ is weak, no interest. Pass is decent hand. Redouble is maximum and a heart control.

Chuck Berger--Pass is game interest, redouble is game-forcing values plus a heart control. 2♠ is weak.

Jon Wittes—I play pass shows nothing extra for my bidding. Rebidding my suit probably shows extra length, but not significant extra values. Redouble should show extra values, and gives partner room to further describe their hand.

Albert Siebert—Bid of our suit is weak, pass equals some interest or better, redouble is some interest but possible three losers in their suit.

Venkatrao Koneru—I play if you race to the level you're forced to, then that is your weakest bid. Thus, 2♠ indicates a minimum with no higher ambitions. I play pass typically shows some interest especially when there are no in-between steps as here. As redouble takes away partner's ability to redouble with his own slight extras, I think it shows slightly more than pass. There if you had a good hand, you could venture to the three-level to make a semi-natural game try.

Marinesa Letizia—Pass is forward going, redouble is a really good hand. 2♠ is a minimum.

Carol Simon—I have the agreement with my partner that the immediate 2♠ bid shows no interest in pursuing a game and is the weakest action of the three choices. Pass shows game invitational values, but not the type of hand to make a help suit game try, nor does it show shortness in hearts. Redouble is a game try with shortness in hearts.

John Mohan—I think that after an overcall, pass is the worst hand, a return to suit



shows a minimum but a good suit, and redouble is a non-minimum.

Bart Bramley—Retreating to our suit is the weakest bid, and pass is more encouraging. Redouble shows strength. In the specific case of our Drury 2♣ getting doubled we play something special: two of our suit is weak with five (or more), and pass shows only four of our suit.

Three experts play that pass is the weakest action.

Bobby Lipsitz—Pass is the weakest hand; 2♠ confirms a “real” overcall; and a redouble is the strongest hand, possible penalty-oriented.

Steve Bloom—For us, pass is always the weakest option. May not be best for all auctions, but it is a simple rule. Redouble always shows a control and extra values. It might be an attempt to get to notrump from partner’s side.

Joe Kivel—Pass is the weakest bid. 2♠ shows typically an extra spade, and invites partner to compete. Redouble shows defensive strength.

Auction two

<u>South</u>	<u>West</u>	<u>North</u>	<u>East</u>
1♥	2♦	3♦	double

What do pass, redouble and 3♥ show?

Partner’s 3♦ shows a limit raise or better in hearts. Most experts agree with me and like returning to 3♥ to reject partner’s game try. Pass shows some extras and allows partner to sign-off in 3♥ to show a bad limit raise. However, the meaning of redouble is split. I think that since this could be a slam auction and 3♦ does not promise a control, redouble should be slammish and promise a diamond control.

Joe Kivel—Pass is the weakest bid. 3♥ shows an extra heart or a second suit. Redouble shows defensive strength.

George Jacobs—3♥ is an attempt to sign off, pass is game interest and redouble is a control.

Ralph Katz—Pass is a game try. Redouble shows a good balanced hand, and sets up a forcing pass. 3♥ is a signoff.

Kit Woolsey—Pass shows game interest and redouble is a cuebid.

Larry Mori—Pass shows more interest and 3♥ shows no cooperative interest. Here, for consistency, redouble can be used the same way but the opponent’s action tells you this is a wasted bid. It is better to show a control such that having reduced to a 30-point deck, we are better

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- ♥ *StrataFlighted A/X (unlim/3000) or B/C/D Pairs (2000/1000/500) **3:00pm**
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SUNDAY, AUGUST 2

- ♣ A/X Board-A-Match Teams (unlim /5000, 2 session playthru w/short break) 11:00am & TBA
- ♦ **Flight B (3000) Bracketed Teams:** 11:00am & TBA
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placed to deal with the five-level or at the same token, there may be a remote case for a slam.

Jill Meyers—Bidding 3♥ shows a minimum opener, redouble shows first round control of diamonds, and pass is slam interest but nothing further to say.

Second round control would be great to show also.

Adam Wildavsky—Return to 3♥ is the weakest hand.

Billy Pollack—3♥ is weak, but OK trumps; redouble = extras, usually with defense.

Jeff Rubens—I dislike that use of 3♦, so I never developed a theory for this kind of situation. I would guess that without discussion partner would expect 3♥ to decline the game-try so it is non-forcing. A pass leaves the question open and perhaps conceals a slam-try, but only if partner now shows extras. Redouble is game-forcing.

Ron Smith—Pass is game interest. Redouble could have a penalty aspect, but is a good hand; bidding 3♥ shows a minimum opener.

The following expert has to worry about having only four hearts.

Bobby Wolff—Pass is likely to be the minimum opener unless later contradicted, usually because of being only a four-card suit and waiting to hear support from partner and then continuing with another suit (good enough hand but only a four-card suit opening bid). Redouble would show good defense and a promise not to pass, if later action occurred. In other words, if over your redouble West bids 4♦ or 5♦, the redoubler is forced to act so that the redoubler's partner can pass with assurance. 3♥ would be a minimum opener and passable, but at least five cards in the suit (sometimes even while playing five-card majors I prefer opening 1♥ with ♠xx♥AKQ10♦Qx♣J10xxx to which I would then pass and continue to pass or correct later).

Steve Garner—Redouble shows a full opener; pass shows a medium hand; a 3♥ bid shows a minimum hand.

Danny Gerstman—3♥ is a minimum hand; pass shows some game interest. Redouble says it is our hand, willing to defend if they bid but less likely to defend as they now have a known fit.

David Berkowitz—3♥ is a minimum hand, pass shows some game interest and redouble is a balanced hand with extras.

Larry Cohen—3♥ is weakest bid.

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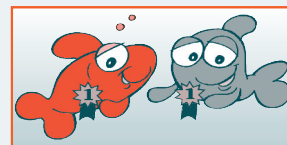
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Mike Lawrence—I despise limit or better on this sequence. When RHO bids something, opener has issues. Prefer old fashioned limit raises here with a cuebid being game forcing, probably balanced. Pass is encouraging. 3♥ is worst. Redouble is a control with a good hand.

Barry Rigal—3♥ is weakest bid. Pass is a game try. Redouble is undefined.

Henry Bethe—General principles would say that 3♥ shows no interest in game, pass shows some interest, and redouble shows a diamond control and interest.

Richey Schwartz—3♥ is a minimum hand, no game interest. Pass is a decent hand. Redouble is a maximum opener with a diamond control.

Chuck Berger—Pass is a waiting bid, with a good or bad hand. Redouble is game-forcing with a control. 3♥ is a weakish weak two bid.

Jon Wittes—Pass shows nothing extra for my bidding. Rebidding my suit probably shows extra length, but not significant extra values. Redouble shows extra values and should be a game try similar to a maximal overcall double.

Albert Siebert—3♥ bid is weak; pass equals some game interest or better; and redouble is some game interest but possible two losers in their suit.

Venkatrao Koneru—3♥ indicates a minimum hand with no higher ambitions. I think redouble is the strongest game try available and pass is a milder suggestion. In this case you have no other bids without committing to game.

Marinesa Letizia—Pass is encouraging, redouble shows first or second round diamond control and 3♥ is a minimum not accepting a limit raise.

Carol Simon—3♥ shows that I wish to play there opposite a limit raise. Pass invites partner to take clarifying action and confirms game acceptance of a limit raise. Since there is no room left for a game try, redouble would have to be 'last train' and must include numerous hand types including short diamonds.

Bart Bramley—Retreating to 3♥ is the weakest bid, and pass is more encouraging. Redouble shows strength.

Marty Bergen—3♥ is the weakest bid. Pass is decent, and redouble is 0-1 diamond, not game-forcing.

John Mohan—Pass is a minimum hand, return to the suit shows a minimum but a good suit, and redouble is non-minimum.

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Saturday, August 29

Stratified Pairs (0-300, 300-1250, 1250+ MPs —Average points)10:30 am
Newcomer/99er Pairs *(if attendance warrants)*10:30 am
Bracketed Pairs/Board-A-Match Teams—*Two chances to win!*3:00 pm
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Bobby Lipsitz—Pass is a minimum hand; 3♥ confirms an opener without extras; redouble = diamond control slam try.

Steve Bloom—Pass is always the weakest option. Redouble shows a control and extra values. It might be an attempt to get to notrump from partner's side. The return to our suit is also weak, so non-forcing after a limit raise, but somewhat forward going - think of that as a last train try.

Auction three

<u>South</u>	<u>West</u>	<u>North</u>	<u>East</u>
1♥	Pass	4♦	<i>(splinter)</i> double

What do 4♥, redouble and pass show over the double?

Partner's 4♦ bid shows at least four hearts, short diamonds and game-forcing values. ♠Axxy♥KQxx♦x♣Kxxx is a prototype 4♦-splinter. Most of the experts play that bidding 4♥ over the double is the weakest action. The only question is what does redouble show.

George Jacobs—4♥ is to play, pass is slam interest, and redouble is first round control.

Ralph Katz—4♥ is a signoff, pass is a slam try and redouble is a slam try with the ace of diamonds.

Kit Woolsey—Rebidding 4♥ is the worst. Pass shows slam interest and redouble is a cuebid.

Larry Mori—4♥ shows no slam interest. Redouble shows first round control of diamonds, and pass shows interest to let partner redouble with a first-round control.

Jill Meyers—4♥ is a minimum opener. Redouble shows first round control of diamonds, and pass is slam interest but nothing further to say.

Adam Wildavsky—The redouble of a splinter should show extras plus the ♦A, so partner knows how to value a void.

Billy Pollack—4♥ is a minimum opener. Redouble is extras, slam-going. Pass is in between the two.

Jeff Rubens—I have treated this situation differently with different partners. Some preferred 4♥ to show extra values but not enough to bid over game, but it was more popular to use 4♥ to show no interest in bidding higher. Pass has a matching meaning. Redouble was widely seen as first-round diamond control.

Ron Smith—4♥ is a signoff, redouble shows the ♦A and looking for more, and pass shows interest in slam but not first round control of diamonds.

Bobby Wolff—4♥ is of course a minimum opener and very passable. Redouble is always first round control of diamonds. Pass denies first round control but is obviously forcing, and no doubt denies a minimum. It doesn't guarantee a great hand, perhaps: ♠Ax♥AQxxx♦xx♣KJ10x, down to ♠Kx♥AJ10xx♦xxx♣AQx. With ♠A♥AJxxx♦xxx♣AQxx, I would bid 4♠, and with ♠x♥AQxxx♦xxx♣AKJx, I would instead bid 5♣. Partner, upon hearing those cuebids, should then appreciate the vast difference between a void in the opponent's suit and only a singleton, since I did not redouble. Your subject becomes critical for relatively new partnerships to discuss, since a partnership is very likely to have different views, or in many cases, one partner wants to have clear understandings, and the other only hopes to guess right when necessary, but in actuality, does not figure to be that lucky.

Steve Garner—Pass is willingness to compete if they save; redouble is slam interest; 4♥ is a minimum opener.

Danny Gerstman—4♥ is to play; pass interest*; redouble is first round diamond control and is not a drive beyond game. With that hand would have bid it, or will do so after other hand signs off in 4♥.

David Berkowitz—4♥ is the weakest bid, redouble is first round control with slam interest, and pass is no first round control, but still slam interest.

Larry Cohen—For the most part, I play fast arrival in all of these situations. Return to the trump suit is weakest.

Mike Lawrence—Pass is encouraging. 4♥ is a minimum hand. Redouble is slamish with no indication of your diamond holding.

Barry Rigal—Return to 4♥ is weakest.

Henry Bethe—4♥ is no slam interest. Pass is slam interest, and redouble is interest with the ♦A.

Richey Schwartz—Over a splinter bid, redouble is first round control.

Chuck Berger—4♥ is freeze out. Redouble is first round diamond control and slam interest. Pass is waiting, good or bad.

Albert Siebert—4♥ is no slam interest, and redouble is a mandatory control bid. Pass shows some slam interest.

Bobby Lipsitz—4♥ is sign off; pass looking for cooperation; redouble strongest.

Venkatrao Koneru—4♥ indicates a mini-



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NLM StrataFlighted Pairs (NLM<500/200/100 and separate 20/10/5) 7:30 pm

Friday, September 11: **ROCKVILLE DBC:** 11815 Seven Locks Rd., Potomac, MD

NLM Stratified Pairs (500/100/20)11:45 am

Saturday, September 12: *Rest of tournament at:* **NEWPORT MILL MIDDLE SCHOOL**

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NLM StrataFlighted Pairs (500/200/100 and separate 50/20/10) . . .3:00 pm

—All events are stratified by average masterpoints, but no individual's masterpoint total may exceed the event's upper limit. Strata may be adjusted according to attendance.—

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Norfolk/ Virginia Beach Fall Sectional

Unit 146 Bridge Center

4966 Euclid Road, Virginia Beach, VA 23462
—Stratification based on partnership average—



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Friday, September 11

(Light lunch served between sessions)

Stratified Pairs (single sessions)10:30 AM & 3:00 PM
(0-750, 750-1500, 1500+ MPs)
Novice Pairs (single sessions) . .10:30 AM & 3:00 PM
(0-100, 100-200, 200-NLM up to 500)

Saturday, September 12

(Light lunch served between sessions)

Stratified Pairs (0-750, 750-1500, 1500+ MPs) 10:30 AM
Novice Pairs10:30 AM
(0-100, 100-200, 200-NLM up to 500)
Bracketed Pairs/Board-A-Match Teams3:00 PM
(Play in a stratified pairs game. At the same time, each pair is teamed according to MP (highest to lowest). *Two chances to win!*)

Sunday, September 13

Stratified Swiss Teams (0-750, 750-1500, 1500+ MPs)10:30 AM & TBA
Novice Stratified Swiss Teams (0-100, 100-200, 200-NLM up to 500) . .10:30 AM & TBA

Entries: \$10 per person per pairs session; \$84 per team (includes meal between sessions for 4 team members). Additional \$3 for unpaid or non-ACBL members.

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mum with no higher ambition. I think pass is just allowing partner to redouble in case he has first round control, and a redouble directly shows sound slam interest without getting past game.

Marinesa Letizia—4♥ shows no diamond control and no slam interest. Redouble shows first round control, and pass denies a diamond control, but shows slam interest.

Carol Simon—4♥ is weakest action and shows negative slam interest. Redouble shows a first round control. Pass shows slam interest and is probably looking for a spade or club cuebid with an appropriate hand.

John Mohan—Redouble first with slam interest, pass otherwise with slam interest and, if room, a cuebid below game is a direct slam move.

Bart Bramley—In all cases retreating to our suit is the weakest bid, and pass is more encouraging. Redouble shows strength, but redouble of a splinter-double shows the ace of that suit.

Marty Bergen—4♥ is weakest action. Pass is slam interest. Redouble is a slam try with a bad suit.

Steve Bloom—Pass is always the weakest option. May not be best for all auctions, but it is a simple rule. Redouble always shows a control, and extra values.

Joe Kivel—Pass is the weakest (least interest) response. 4♥ shows extra length or extra strength, but is certainly not forcing. I've always played that redouble showed the ace, but perhaps it makes sense to just play it shows strong slam interest.

Jon Wittes—Pass shows nothing extra for my bidding. Redouble should show first round control, and be a slam try.

In auction one, I like 2♠ to show a minimum with six spades, and pass to show a minimum with four or five spades. Redouble shows a hand that is not good enough to bid higher than 2♠ but not a sub-minimum...11-12 points for instance. Redouble could also be a very good hand depending on what follows. In auction two, I like 3♥ to show no game interest, pass to show some interest without a control and redouble to show interest with a control. Passing allows responder to bid 3♥ with a minimum and redouble with a control. Redouble allows responder to bid 3♥ with a minimum. In auction three, 4♥ shows a minimum, pass shows extras and redouble shows first-round control.

North American Pairs,

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2-sessions) is required with registration. Instructions for pre-registration will be published in future issues of *TableTALK*, on the web, and in flyers distributed around the District.

Four pairs qualify in the 0-2500 and NLM flights, and three pairs qualify from the Open flight for the National Finals, to be held at the Spring 2016 NABC in Reno, NV.

Qualifiers who play in the National Final will be subsidized (to various extents) for travel expenses and hotel rooms by the ACBL and/or District 6. Membership dues or Life Master service fee must be current and continuous from the start of the 2015-16 District Final to the completion of the North American Pairs Final at the Reno NABC in order to play in the National Final.

For more information (which may not yet be available) and directions to the playing sites, visit the District 6 website at <http://www.districtsix.org> or contact Barbara Doran by phone at (301) 608-0347 or by email to barb.doran@verizon.net.



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Stratified Open Pairs3:00 P.M.

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**SEPTEMBER SENSATIONS
 SECTIONAL TOURNAMENT**

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

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

STRATIFIED OPEN (2000+/2000/750) or 500/300/100 PAIRS10:30 a.m.
Norma's Game: K of C Hall, 5115 Little Falls Rd., Arlington, VA, 703-892-1292
Evening games at: NVBA: Beth El Hebrew Congregation, 3830 Seminary Road, Alexandria, VA or
WBL: Ohr Kodesh Congregation, 8300 Meadowbrook Ln, Chevy Chase, MD NVBA (Beth El) WBL
Intermediate/Newcomer Lecture6:30 p.m.
 STRATAFLIGHTED OPEN PAIRS (A/X=3000+/3000; B/C=2000/750)7:00 p.m. 7:30 p.m.
 NVBA 199ER SWISS TEAMS (200/100/50/20); WBL NLM PAIRS (NLM/100/50) 7:00 p.m. 7:30 p.m.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

Gene's Friday Morning Game at KOCH:9:30 a.m.
 STRATIFIED OPEN (2000+/2000/750) or 500/300/100 PAIRS (NLMs only)
...REST OF TOURNAMENT AT ELKS LODGE...
Intermediate/Newcomer Lecture1:15 p.m.
 STRATAFLIGHTED A/X (3000+/3000) or B/C (2000/750) PAIRS 2 p.m.
 I/N (500/300/100) or 49ER (50/20/5) PAIRS2 p.m.
 TRIPLE NICKEL SWISS—5 rounds, 5 boards, 5 minutes a board7:30 p.m.
 I/N (500/300/100) PAIRS7:30 p.m.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

STRATAFLIGHTED A/X (3000+/3000) or B/C (2000/750) PAIRS 9:30 a.m.
 I/N (500/300/100), 49ER (50/20) or NEWCOMER (0-5) PAIRS 9:30 a.m.
Intermediate/Newcomer Lecture1:15 p.m.
****ALL events on Sat. afternoon & evening award REGIONALLY RATED SILVER POINTS—an additional \$1 will be added to your entry fee to support Grass Roots events in our local area!—Details at www.nvba.org.**
 FLIGHT A/X PAIRS (3000+/3000; 2-session Play-thru event) 2 & 7:30 p.m.
—Single session pairs accommodated during the evening session
 STRATIFIED B/C PAIRS (2000/750; 2 single sessions)2 & 7:30 p.m.
 STRATIFIED SIDE GAME (3000+/3000)2 p.m.
 I/N (500/300/100) or 49ER PAIRS (50/20/5)2 p.m.
 I/N (500/300/100) PAIRS7:30 p.m.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

FLIGHTS A/X (5000+/5000) SWISS TEAMS11 a.m. & TBA
 BRACKETED FLIGHT B TEAMS (no single player >2500) ...11 a.m. & TBA
B Teams Bracketed by Total Team Masterpoints: three overall places in each.
Swiss & B/C Teams: 2-session events, a brief break & food available on-site.
 I/N (500/300/100) SWISS TEAMS (Single sessions) ..11 a.m. / 3:15 p.m.
 49ER (50/20/5) SWISS TEAMS (Single session)11 a.m.

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● P 5...Jul 6-12 RESTON, VA REGIONAL
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● P 15...Aug 1-2 . . . Norfolk/VA Beach, VA NLM
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.....November, 2015

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Nov 26-Dec 6DENVER, CO NATIONALS
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Dec 28-Jan 3 MYRTLE BEACH, SC REGIONAL
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Feb 29-Mar 6 WILLIAMSBURG, VA REGIONAL
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Mar 10-20RENO, NV NATIONALS
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April 30-May 1 . . .Flights B, C and Open GNT
 1st weekend

.....May, 2016

May 2-8D6 and U190 StaC
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May 13-15Winchester, VA
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May 21-22Flights B, C and Open GNT
 2nd weekend

May 24-30RALEIGH, NC REGIONAL
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Congratulations! Grand National Teams 2014-15—District 6 Finals Winners

In a very close match in Flight A (0-6000 MPs), the Krauss team: **Rusty Krauss, Barry Falgout, Mark Laken, and Stan Schenker** nosed out the Cherniavsky team: Ellen Cherniavsky, Tom Musso, Clyde Kruskal, and Hal Hindman. The match was delayed for over a month due to inclement weather.

On the weekend of May 2-3, matches were held to determine the winners of the Open, "B" and "C" brackets.

Final standings for the Open are:

- 1st **Bill Cole - Beth Palmer - Ai-Tai Lo - Bill Pettis - Alan Schwartz**
- 2nd Mike Gill - Noble Shore - Alex Prairie - Sylvia Shi - Mark Chen
- 3/4 Marc Warner - Dewayne Jones - Mark Dahl - David Butler
- 3/4 Leo Lasota - Mark Shaw - Brad Theurer - Lyle Poe
- 5/8 John Miller - Joan Lewis - Robert Hopkins Jr - Stephen Drodge - Rusty Krauss - Barry Falgout
- 5/8 Robert Bell - Fred King - Barry Bragin - Richard Wegman - David Ruderman
- 5/8 Donna Rogall - Clyde Kruskal - Hal Hindman - Sumner Steinfeldt
- 5/8 James Geist - Earl Glickstein - Jay Kelkar - Mohsin Chandna

Final standings for Flight B are:

- 1st **David Grabiner - Art McCann - Brian Hartwig - Michael McQuistan**
- 2nd Robert Schwab - Anne Derbes - Rex Settle - Jay Weinstein
- 3/4 Larry Kahn - H John Edmonds - David Genne - Michael Richey
- 3/4 Mike Lane - David Platnick - W Paul McGowan - Michael Kelley - Joe Wallen
- 5/8 Pete Ekstrand - Edna Driver - Charlotte Carrell - Daniel Traub
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- 5/8 Al Lauber - Jay Cherlow - James Beller - Walter Smith Jr - Hadi Abushakra

Final standings for Flight C are:

- 1st **Adam Gann - Blake Schwartzbach - Myron Goldstein - Terry Klein**
- 2nd Joy Oliver - David Dong - Charles Dearolf - David Marshall - Garry Grossman
- 3rd Lorne Ginn - Linda Wish - Kay Hughes - Louise Ragland

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It's time to start thinking about the **North American Pairs!** The North American Pairs is a North American Championship that begins in your club and concludes at the Spring 2016 NABC in Reno, NV. Come out and play in a local club qualifier. You've got to play to win!

Club qualifying for the 2015-2016 event will be held during June, July, and August of 2015. There are three Flights, Open, 0-2500 and Non-Life Master (with fewer than 500 points). Qualification in a flight qualifies you for all lower flights for which you are eligible. Qualification is by individual (not pair) – including flight eligibility — from any club qualifier in the ACBL directly to the District 6 Final. Flight eligibility is determined by your master point holding on June 1, 2015. All players who play in the District Final must have qualified at the club level and be bona fide members of District 6. **There will be no exceptions.** See the District 6 website (www.districtsix.org) for information on club games in your area.

The District 6 Final for all flights will be held on the weekend of September 19-20, 2015 at the White Oak Community Center. The Open Flight and 0-2500 Flight Finals will be 4-session events, with roughly half the field qualifying for the second day. The NLM Flight Final will be a 2-session event held on Sunday, September 20.

Pre-registration is required in order to play in the District Finals. Pairs must pre-register by September 17, 2015. Prepayment of \$50 (to cover

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