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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

As mentioned in my previous letter my tenure as your President ends August 31. It has been a pleasure to serve. Thank you. The next President will be elected by the Board of Directors at our meeting in Hunt Valley. I wish whoever is chosen the best, and will continue to work on your behalf in whatever capacity I am asked. I do expect to continue as District 6 webmaster.

So where do we go from here? Our population is aging. While I do not have numbers for the entire district, my unit (the Washington Bridge League) began 2004 with 1,703 members averaging 64.08 years of age. As of June 1, 2015 we had 1,707 members averaging 69.33 years, an increase of over 5 years. I expect the numbers are similar for the District as a whole. The handwriting is on the wall. We need to recruit new and younger players or our game will just fade away. While the primary focus of generating interest in the game falls with the ACBL, we in District 6 can do our part in supporting their efforts. Especially, we can make the experience of playing in our games at all levels friendly and welcoming.

To that end we need to concentrate on the quality of the product we deliver. I respectfully request that all persons interacting with the players, directors and volunteers alike strive to make all interactions memorable in a good way, especially for new players. Behind the scenes we will be working to ensure materials (playing cards, bidding boxes, convention cards, etc.) are available in sufficient supply and are clean and presentable. We will be upgrading our signage so that all can find their way.

Some changes to note: *TableTALK* will be published four times a year rather than six, with a goal of going online in the not too distant future. It is available online now on the D6 website.

We have started selling entry vouchers at regionals that can be purchased with a credit card. This reduces the need to handle cash, and one can realize whatever rewards the card offers.

I wish all a good time and an exciting future.

—Don Berman

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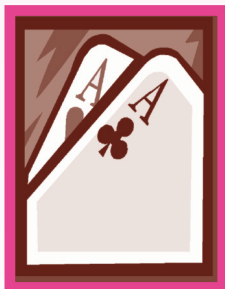
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BALTIMORE, MD MID-ATLANTIC REGIONAL

MONDAY, AUGUST 17

Kickoff Knockout1 & 7
CONTINUES 1 & 7 TUESDAY
 Open Pairs 1500/3000/3000+1 & 7
 Black Eyed Susan **GOLD RUSH** Pairs I
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CONTINUES 1 & 7 WEDNESDAY

Open Pairs 1500/3000/3000+*1 & 7
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Preakness Compact Knockout9
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 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
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 Early Bird Pairs 50/100/3009
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 I/N Pairs 5/20/50 & 100/200/3001 / 7
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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
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 Hunt Cup Knockout1 & 7
CONTINUES 1 & 7 SATURDAY

Open Pairs 1500/3000/3000+*1 & 7
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 Open Pairs 1500/3000/3000+*1 & 7
 Black Eyed Susan **GOLD RUSH** Pairs V
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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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MONDAY, OCT. 26

Witches Bracketed Knockout 1:00 & 7:00
Continues 1:00 & 7:00 Tuesday

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

GOLD RUSH Pairs 1:00 & 7:00

Panthers 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 Teams 7:00

0-500 Non-Life Master Swiss Teams 7:00
Aft. pair games benefit ACBL Ed Foundation
Eve. pair games benefit Loaves and Fishes

TUESDAY, OCT. 27 0-5 MP players play free today

Tarheels Compact Knockout 9:00
Continues 9:00 Wednesday

Sunrise 5/20/50 & 100/300/500 Pairs 9:00

Lake Norman Side Series (1st of 5) 9:00

Goblins Knockout 1:00 & 7:00
Continues 1:00 & 7:00 Wednesday

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

GOLD RUSH Pairs 1:00 & 7:00

Panthers Side Series (3rd, 4th of 4) ... 1:00 / 7:00

5/20/50 & 100/300/500 Pairs 1:00 / 7:00

Stratified Swiss Teams 7:00

0-500 Non-Life Master Swiss Teams 7:00

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WEDNESDAY, OCT. 28

Wolfpack Compact Knockout ... 9:00
Continues 9:00 Thursday

Sunrise 5/20/50 & 100/300/500 Pairs 9:00

Lake Norman Side Series (2nd of 5) 9:00

Ghosts Knockout 1:00 & 7:00
Continues 1:00 & 7:00 Thursday

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

GOLD RUSH Pairs 1:00 & 7:00

Hornets 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 Teams 7:00

0-500 Non-Life Master Swiss Teams 7:00

THURSDAY, OCT. 29

Blue Devils Compact Knockout 9:00
Continues 9:00 Friday

Sunrise 5/20/50 & 100/300/500 Pairs 9:00

Lake Norman Side Series (3rd of 5) 9:00

Open Swiss Teams (1500/3000/3000+) 1:00 & 7:00

GOLD RUSH Swiss Teams ... 1:00 & 7:00

Stratified Open Pairs 1:00 & 7:00

Hornets Side Series (3rd, 4th of 4) ... 1:00 / 7:00

5/20/50 & 100/300/500 Pairs 1:00 / 7:00

Stratified Swiss Teams 7:00

0-500 Non-Life Master Swiss Teams :7:00



- ALL KOs ARE BRACKETED, RANDOM DRAW EVERY ROUND AND INCLUDE 0-500 PLAYERS. ONE- OR TWO-BRACKET KOs ARE HANDICAPPED.
- OPEN EVENTS, INCLUDING SIDE SERIES, ARE STRATIFIED 0-750, 750-3000, 3000+ UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED
- **GOLD RUSH** EVENTS AWARD GOLD TO OVERALL WINNERS AND SECTION TOPS IN 0-750; RED POINTS TO 0-300 STRAT.
- UNDER 500 MP GAMES STRATIFIED AT DIRECTOR'S DISCRETION.
- SINGLE-SESSION PAIRS ALWAYS ACCOMMODATED.

FRIDAY, OCT. 30 - GOODWILL DAY

49ers Compact Knockout 9:00
Continues 9:00 Saturday

Sunrise 5/20/50 & 100/300/500 Pairs 9:00

Lake Norman Side Series (4th of 5) 9:00

Zombies Knockout 1:00 & 7:00
Continues 1:00 & 7:00 Saturday

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

GOLD RUSH Pairs 1:00 & 7:00

Knights Side Series (1st, 2nd of 6) ... 1:00 / 7:00

5/20/50 & 100/300/500 Pairs 1:00 / 7:00

Stratified Board-a-Match Teams 7:00

0-500 Non-Life Master Swiss Teams 7:00

SATURDAY, OCT. 31

Stratified Swiss Teams 9:00

Sunrise 5/20/50 & 100/300/500 Pairs 9:00

Lake Norman Side Series (5th of 5) 9:00

Vampires Knockout 1:00 & 7:00
Continues 10:00 & TBA Sunday

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

GOLD RUSH Pairs 1:00 & 7:00

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

5/20/50 & 100/300/500 Pairs 1:00

Stratified Swiss Teams 7:00

0-500 Non-Life Master Bracketed Pairs 7:00



Two chances to win - computer assigned teammates

SUNDAY, NOV. 1

A/X Swiss Teams (0-5000, 5000+) ... 10:00 & TBA

Bracketed Flight B Swiss Teams ..10:00 & TBA
 0-3000 MP; 8 teams per bracket
 Three teams in each bracket win gold

Knights Side Series (5th, 6th of 6) 10:00 / 2:00

5/20/50 & 100/300/500 Pairs ..10:00 / 2:00

0-500 Non-Life Master Swiss Teams 10:00 / 2:00

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- Compact KO Teams across 2 mornings—Mon-Tues, Wed-Thurs, Thurs-Fri, & Fri-Sat
- 1 Day Compact KO Teams—Saturday

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Open Schedule

MONDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2015

Kickoff Bracketed KO Teams (continues Tuesday) 7:30
Lori Kraus Stratified Pairs (1500/1500+) 7:30

ROSEDAY OCTOBER 27, 2015

Kickoff Bracketed KO Teams continue 9 am, 1 & 7
Roseday/Wednesday Morning Compact KOs (1st & 2nd)** 9 am
Joe Hess Stratified AM Side Game Series (1st) Continues thru Saturday 9 am
Red Rose Bracketed Open Swiss Teams *** 1 & 7
GOLDEN OPPORTUNITY BRACKETED SWISS TEAMS (0-750) 1 & 7
Vera Maurer Stratified Side Game Series (1st & 2nd) 1 & 7

WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 28, 2015

Roseday/Wednesday Morning Bracketed Compact KOs (3rd & final) 9 am
Wednesday/Thursday Morning Compact KOs (1st and 2nd)** 9 am
Joe Hess Stratified AM Side Game Series 9 am
Wednesday-Thursday KO Teams (1st and 2nd) continues Thursday** 1 & 7
Don Marlett Stratified Pairs (0-1500/3000/ 3000+) 1 & 7
GOLDEN OPPORTUNITY PAIRS (0-300, 300-750) 1 & 7
Vera Maurer Stratified Side Game Series (3rd & 4th) 1 & 7
Single Session Stratified Swiss Teams 7

THURSDAY OCTOBER 29, 2015

Wednesday/Thursday Morning Compact KOs (3rd and Final) 9 am
Thursday/Friday Morning Bracketed Compact KOs (1st & 2nd)** 9 am
Joe Hess Stratified AM Side Game Series (3rd) 9 am
Wednesday-Thursday Bracketed KO Teams (3rd & Final) 1 & 7
Horse and Buggy BRACKETED Open Swiss Teams *** 1 & 7
GOLDEN OPPORTUNITY BRACKETED SWISS TEAMS (0-750) 1 & 7
Road Apple Stratified Open Pairs (0-1500/3000/3000+) 1 & 7
Vera Maurer Stratified Side Game Series (5th and Final) 1 & 7

FRIDAY OCTOBER 30, 2015

Thursday/Friday Morning Bracketed Compact KOs (3rd & Final) 9 am
Friday/Saturday Morning Bracketed Compact KOs (1st and 2nd)** 9 am
Joe Hess Stratified AM Side Game Series (4th) 9 am
Moonshine Weekend Bracketed KO Teams (1st & 2nd) 1 & 7
Eleanor Albour Stratified Pairs (0-1500/3000/ 3000+) 1 & 7
GOLDEN OPPORTUNITY PAIRS (0-300/ 300-750) 1 & 7
Covered Bridge Stratified Side Game Series (1st and 2nd) 1 & 7
Golden Mule Stratified Single Session Swiss Team 7

SATURDAY OCTOBER 31, 2015

Friday/Saturday Morning Bracketed Compact KOs (3rd & final) 9 am
Joe Hess Stratified AM Side Game Series (Final) 9 am
Saturday Morning Compact KO(1st & 2nd) Finishes in one day 9 am & 1
Moonshine Weekend Bracketed KO Teams (3rd & Final) 1 & 7
Saturday Afternoon Compact KO (1st & 2nd) Finishes in one day 1 & 7
The Dean Berger Flight A/X Pairs (0-5000/5000+) 1 & 7
Farmer's Market Stratified B/C/D Pairs (0-750/750-1500/1500 - 3000)* 1 & 7
Covered Bridge Stratified Side Game Series (3rd & Final) 1 & 7
Headless Horseman Stratified Single Session Swiss 7

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 1, 2015

Hoe Down Bracketed Swiss Teams *** 10 am
GOLDEN OPPORTUNITY BRACKETED SWISS TEAMS (0-750) 10 am

(ALL SWISS TEAMS WILL BE SEVEN 7 BOARD MATCHES WITH A 1/2-HOUR BREAK)

LUNCH TICKETS SOLD BEFORE GAME

* ELIGIBILITY IN FLIGHTED EVENTS IS DETERMINED BY HIGHEST TOTAL OF INDIVIDUAL ON TEAM/PAIR * STRATS ARE DETERMINED BY AVERAGE MASTERPOINTS.
** KNOCKOUTS WITH TWO BRACKETS OR LESS WILL BE HANDICAPPED. ***TOP BRACKET OPEN TO ALL TEAMS. ALL OTHER BRACKETS CONSIST OF 8 TEAMS. WHEN POSSIBLE
OVERALL WINNERS FOR EACH BRACKET.. ALL STRATIFIED GAMES (UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED) ARE 1500/3000/3000+

Intermediate/Novice Schedule

(SEE OPEN SCHEDULE FOR GOLDEN OPPORTUNITY PAIRS)

MONDAY, OCTOBER 26

Kickoff 300/200/100/50/20/5 Pairs 7:30 pm

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 27

300/200/100/50/20/5* Early Bird Pairs 9 am
300/200/100* Stratified Golden Mule Pairs ... 1 & 7
50/20/5 Wagon Wheel Pairs 1 & 7

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 28

300/200/100/50/20/5* Early Bird Pairs 9 am
300/200/100/50/20/5* Stratified
Brown and White Cow Pairs 1 & 7

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 29

300/200/100/50/20/5* Early Bird Pairs 9 am
300/200/100/50/20/5* Stratified
Pumpkin Pie Pairs 1 & 7

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 30

300/200/100/50/20/5* Early Bird Pairs 9 am
300/200/100/50/20/5* Stratified
Haystack Pairs 1 & 7

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 31

300/200/100/50/20/5* Early Bird Pairs 9 am
300/200/100/50/20/5* Stratified
Milk Can Pairs 1 & 7

*STRATIFIED AT DIRECTOR'S DISCRETION.

ALL I/N GAMES ARE SINGLE SESSIONS WITH GUARANTEED PARTNERS 45 MINUTES BEFORE GAME TIME. EXPERT LECTURES 45 MINUTES BEFORE 1PM AND 7:30 PM GAMES.

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BY MP
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BUT NO PLAYER
MAY EXCEED
EVENT LIMIT

Monday, November 9

Open Pairs 1500/3000/3000+1 & 7
Rockfish *Gold Rush* Pairs 0-300/300-7501 & 7
Stratified Education Foundation Swiss Teams...1
Charity 5/20/50 & 100/200/300 Pairs1 / 7
Assateague Lighthouse KO7

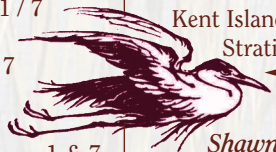
Continues 9, 1 & 7 Tuesday

Annapolis Side Series (1st, 2nd of 5)7
*Afternoon games benefit ACBL Ed. Foundation
Evening games benefit local charity*

Tuesday, November 10

Choptank Compact KO9
Two 12-board matches, continues 9 am Wed.
Baltimore Side Series (1st of 5)9
I/N Pairs 5/20/50 & 100/200/3009 / 1 / 7
(0-5 players play FREE today)
Open Pairs 1500/3000/3000+1 & 7
Blue Heron *Gold Rush* Pairs
0-300/300-7501 & 7

Thomas Point Lighthouse KO1 & 7
Continues 1 & 7 Wednesday
Annapolis Side Series (3rd, 4th of 6)1 / 7
Stratified Board-a-Match Teams7
I/N Swiss Teams 50/100/3007



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- Team events starting every day—
- Five Gold Rush games—

Friday, November 13

Wicomico Compact KO9
Two 12-board matches, continues 9 am Sat.
Baltimore Side Series (4th of 5)9
I/N Pairs 5/20/50 & 100/200/3009 / 1 / 7
Open Pairs 1500/3000/3000+1 & 7
Terrapin *Gold Rush* Pairs
0-300/300-7501 & 7
Sandy Point Lighthouse KO1 & 7
Continues 1 & 7 Saturday

Kent Island Side Series (3rd, 4th of 4)1 / 7
Stratified Swiss Teams7
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Saturday, November 14

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Continues 10 am & TBA Sunday

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Stratified Board-a-Match Teams7
I/N Swiss Teams 50/100/3007

Sunday, November 15

Cambridge A/X Swiss 0-5000/5000+10 & TBA
Cambridge Bracketed Flight B Swiss10 & TBA
*No player over 3000 MPs; 8 teams per bracket;
3 teams in each bracket win gold*
Easton Side Series (3rd, 4th of 4)10 / 2
I/N Pairs 5/20/50 & 100/200/30010 / 2

➤ OPEN EVENTS AND SIDE SERIES, ARE STRATIFIED 0-750/750-3000/3000+ UNLESS NOTED

➤ GOLD RUSH PAIRS AWARD GOLD POINTS TO OVERALL WINNERS AND 0-750 SECTION TOPS; RED POINTS TO 0-300 STRAT

➤ ALL KOs ARE BRACKETED, RANDOM DRAW, AND INCLUDE 0-300 MP PLAYERS. ONE- AND TWO-BRACKET KOs ARE HANDICAPPED.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, INCLUDING RESORT PHOTOS, DIRECTIONS AND SEPARATE I/N FLYER AND SCHEDULE, VISIT WWW.DISTRICTSIX.ORG. MID-ATLANTIC ON THE WEB: WWW.MABCBRIDGE.ORG

Williamsburg Summer Sectional

DOUBLETREE BY HILTON

50 Kingsmill Road • 757-220-2500



Friday, August 28

Stratified Pairs10:30 am & 3:00 pm
(0-300, 300-1250, 1250+ MPs—Average points) (*single sessions*)
Newcomer/99er Pairs (*single sessions*) (*if attendance warrants*) 10:30 am & 3:00 pm

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
(0-300, 300-1250, 1250+ MPs—Average points) A, B, C played in stratified pairs
game. At the same time, each pair is teamed according to masterpoints for a BAM.

Sunday, August 30—Including lunch!

Bracketeted Swiss Teams (by average points) (*7 rounds of 7 boards*) ...10:00 am

Entry Fees: \$10 per person per session; \$88 per Swiss Team
\$3 additional/person/session for non or unpaid ACBL members

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Williamsburg Hospitality!

Directions: I-64 to Rte. 199, exit 242A (Busch Gardens). Turn right onto Rt. 60 East, turn right into Kingsmill on the James

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July 21 - 31, 2016

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If you are interested in naming an event, please contact **Event Chair Shawn Stringer**, shstringer@aol.com, 301-275-6363, or **Tournament Chair Margot Hennings**, TC@DistrictSix.org, 703-283-5168. **Please act by October 1, 2015** if you want your named event to be included on the four-page DC NABC schedule that will be available at the Denver Fall NABC. This schedule will be posted online and copies will be available throughout the country by December 1.



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♣ Kensington, MD, NLM ♦ SEPTEMBER 10-12, 2015 ♠

Unit
147



Non Life Master Sectional

Saturday: NEWPORT MILL MIDDLE SCHOOL

11311 Newport Mill Road, Kensington, MD 20895

Maryland Hospitality

Lunch & refreshments included Saturday!

Play for Silver!

NLMs with fewer than 500 MPs

Be Prepared!

Dealer: South;

Vul: None

East

♠ 7
♥ K 10 7 5 4 2
♦ J 10 3
♣ K Q 10

South

♠ 8 6 2
♥ A Q
♦ 8 7 6 5 4 2
♣ A 2

South

2♦
P

West

P
3NT

North

P
All Pass

East

2♥

North leads the ♠5 to the ♠7, ♠8 and ♠10. How should South plan the defense?

Answer: It seems evident that West was hoping for a reopening double to convert for penalty. Declarer has at most four diamond tricks, and two probable spade tricks. It is likely that he needs some club tricks to fulfill his contract. Declarer will win the spade lead and lead a club to the King. You must be prepared to duck smoothly. If you are not smooth, declarer will figure out that you have the Ace and will finesse the ♣10 the second time around. If you win the Ace on the first lead, you can set up the spade suit for partner, but she will not have an entry to cash them. By far, your best chance of success is to duck the first club.

North

♠ K J 9 5 4 3
♥ 9 8 6 3
♦ —
♣ J 9 4

West

♠ A Q 10
♥ J
♦ A K Q 9
♣ 8 7 6 5 3

East

♠ 7
♥ K 10 7 5 4 2
♦ J 10 3
♣ K Q 10

South

♠ 8 6 2
♥ A Q
♦ 8 7 6 5 4 2
♣ A 2

Thursday, September 10: OHR KODESH: 8300 Meadowbrook Ln., Silver Spring, MD

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

Free ½ hour lesson before each game today, by Leslie Shafer, ACBL Columnist!

NLM StrataFlighted Pairs (500/200/100 and separate 50/20/10) . . .10:30 am

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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DIRECTIONS to Newport Mill Middle School: Take the Beltway (I-495) to the Georgia Ave exit (Exit 31A, MD 97) North (towards Wheaton). Go 1.6 miles then bear left onto Viers Mill Rd. Go 1.0 miles then turn left onto Newport Mill Rd. Go 1/4 mile to school on left.



Norfolk/ Virginia Beach Fall Sectional

Unit 146 Bridge Center

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

Directions: Take North Witchduck exit off I-264. After 4/10 mile, turn right onto Cleveland Street. After 3/10 mile, turn diagonally right on Euclid Road. The Bridge Center is at 4966 Euclid Road, 3/10 mile on the left, in the U-shaped Pocahontas Office Park.

Nearby Hotels: **Hampton Inn**, 5793 Greenwich Road, Virginia Beach, 757-490-9800 (\$79 bridge rate), **Motel 6**, 4760 Euclid Road, Virginia Beach, 757-499-1935

Fri & Sat PM games regionally rated—extra points, no extra money.

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.

Great Hospitality: Includes free snacks, sodas and coffee for all events.

— Strata may be adjusted at director's discretion based on attendance—

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Grand National Teams 2015-2016

Get Your Team Together! Club, unit game, and NLM sectional qualification runs from Sept 1 to Apr 25. Get out early and often to qualify for the District final. Win a partially subsidized trip and represent District 6 at the D.C. Summer 2016 NABC in the national finals of this grassroots competition.

Once again, the competition contains four flights at the District level. In the Open flight all players may enter. Flight A is limited to players with 0-6000 masterpoints. Flight B is limited to players with 0-2500 masterpoints. Flight C is limited to Non-Life Masters with fewer than 500 masterpoints. Masterpoint eligibility is determined by the ACBL as of September 1, 2015. At the club level, the Open and A flights will be combined.

Masterpoints awarded at the club or unit level are half-red and half black. These masterpoints are an easy way to earn colored points without traveling or changing your local partners or playing habits. At the District level competition, the match awards are red and the overall awards are gold (Flight C awards 25% gold and 75% red).

We will be holding the first weekend of the District finals of Flights B and C at one northern and at least one southern site.

—District Final Dates—

Bracket A (0-6000)

Qualifying: Jan 16-17

Finals: Feb 20-21

Brackets Open, B (0-2500) & C (0-500)*

Qualifying: Apr 30 - May 1

Finals: May 21-22

**Bracket C only Apr 30 & May 22*

Cost per team is \$100. This pays for the first day (2 sessions). Make checks payable to District 6. Money should be sent to Lynn Jones: 10 Tenby Court Timonium, MD 21093. *Please include player's names and ACBL numbers and a contact e-mail address for Captain.*

You must pre-register to play. Pre-registration ends Midnight on the Thursday, nine days before the event.

Any questions please contact Lynn Jones at 410-560-3244 or bridgelynn@comcast.net

Find Conditions of Contest, directions to sites, and where to qualify at www.districtsix.org

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Regional Winners
May 19-25, 2015***

TOP POINT WINNERS

District 6 Players

- 1 63.60 Patti Martin
- 2 59.70 Marc Warner
59.70 Dewayne Jones
- 4 56.28 David Butler
- 5 54.35 Fred King
- 6 49.41 Jim Wakefield
49.41 Helene Bauman
- 8 49.28 Paul Benedict
49.28 Lynn Jones
- 10 48.63 George Lewis

District 6 Players <3000 MPs

- 1 63.60 Patti Martin
- 2 59.70 Marc Warner
- 3 48.63 George Lewis
- 4 48.54 John McCormick
- 5 46.27 Stanley Barg
- 6 45.89 Rebecca Duty
- 7 44.62 Antoinette Morton
- 8 43.05 Michael Lane
- 9 39.83 Nicolas Karamaoun
- 10 39.19 Jean Oakey

District 6 Players <750 MPs

- 1 59.70 Marc Warner
- 2 46.27 Stanley Barg
- 3 39.83 Nicolas Karamaoun
- 4 36.90 Francis Terminella
- 5 30.00 Ronald Vande Bunte
- 6 26.78 Richard Wallace
- 7 26.65 Alex Marshall
- 8 25.98 Catherine Strauss
- 9 24.03 Parke Messier
- 10 23.27 Betty Ladd

District 6 Players <300 MPs

- 1 46.27 Stanley Barg
- 2 39.83 Nicolas Karamaoun
- 3 26.65 Alex Marshall
- 4 24.03 Parke Messier
- 5 18.04 Irene Jacobs
- 6 17.51 Daria Snider
- 7 17.47 Christine D Ambra
17.47 Donnie Walsh
- 9 15.78 Huntley Davenport
- 10 15.30 Elliott Dworin



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SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

Expert Lecture10:00 A.M.

Stratified Open Pairs10:30 A.M.

Expert Lecture2:30 P.M.

Stratified Open Pairs3:00 P.M.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

Stratified Swiss Teams10:30 AM

Stratified by average team points

DIRECTIONS TO PLAYING SITE: Take Exit 78/Boulevard
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NORTHERN VIRGINIA BRIDGE ASSOCIATION
**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 board ..7:30 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.

STRATIFICATION of events is based on average masterpoints of the team or pair. In any event or flight with an upper limit, no individual's total Masterpoint holding may exceed that upper limit.

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.

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Championship events and a full schedule of events for players with fewer than 500 masterpoints! 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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**Defense
Against
Notrump**

I asked my expert panel—*

There are many defenses to an opponent's 1NT opener: Astro, Brozel, Cappelletti, DONT, Landy, Meckwell, Multi-Landy, Natural, Ripstra, Suction, Transfers.

Which defense do you use and what are the advantages of that system?

If you play conventional doubles, at what range do you switch to penalty doubles?

Which defense would you recommend for 1,000-masterpoint players, which is easiest to play and remember?

One expert uses Landy. 2♣ shows both majors and all other bids are natural. It's very important to show both majors. You'd like to be 5-5 to show both majors but 5-4 is acceptable, and I've even seen it done with 4-4. Over 2♣, Advancer can bid 2♦ asking for Overcaller's longer major, which he'd do if he were 3-3 or 2-2 in the majors.

Bob Hamman—Landy and all other natural.

DISTRICT 6 STACs

(Sectional Tournament at Clubs)

**September 28-October 4
and December 14-20**

- ♣ Win sectionally rated silver points at your favorite local clubs.
- ♣ Huge overall masterpoint awards ; the more tables in play during any one session, the greater the awards.
- ♣ Clubs in MD, VA, and DE participate. Call any club for details, including entry fees and partnership arrangements.
- ♣ **District 6 STaC Coordinator:**

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One expert uses Cappelletti which is also called Hamilton in the west. 2♣ shows any one-suit. 2♦ shows both majors. Two-of-a-major shows that major and a minor. Double is penalty. Over two-of-a-major, 2NT asks Overcaller to bid his minor. The only problem is that it's hard to show a four-card major with a longer minor.

Karen Allison—I think all of those you mention are useful. Of course it matters what hand comes up! And of course with most, you give up at least some natural bids which on a given hand can be costly. I generally use Cappelletti that allows me to get one-suiters, majors and two-suiters with a major into the auction. I always want penalty doubles in the mix. That's why I use Cappelletti, which includes them. I feel it is important to have an agreement about when penalty doubles are employed: All balanced hands pass the penalty double. The opponents are not allowed to play two-of-a-minor undoubled, so I can pass a two-of-a-minor runout to see what partner wants to do. Pulling the penalty double shows a weak hand with distribution. I'd recommend Cappelletti. I add the agreement that double by a passed hand shows a one-suit with clubs.

Some experts use Multi-Landy which is called Woolsey in the West and Robinson in DC. 2♣ shows both majors. 2♦ shows one major. Two-of-a-major shows that major and a minor. Double shows a four-card major and a longer minor. Over 2♦ showing one major, I play that 2♥ is pass or correct to partner's major, usually with a weak hand. All other bids are encouraging. Over weak notrumps you could play penalty doubles instead of the 4-5 bid. The big advantage is that you know the relative lengths of your two suits.

Jill Meyers—Multi-Landy and the advantage is you can show a lot of hands without a lot of guessing.

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Mid-chart allowed in all events except I/N

♣ **Kensington, MD** ♦ **OCTOBER 8-11, 2015** ♥



**85th Annual
D.C. CHAMPIONSHIPS**

at the
KENSINGTON TOWN HALL/ARMORY
3710 Mitchell St, Kensington, MD ~ (except where noted)

(Stratification by avg. masterpoints of the team or pair.
—No individual may exceed the event's upper limit.)

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 8

- ♣ StrataFlighted Open (unlim/2000) or 1000/500/300 Pairs 11:15 am
Rockville Duplicate Bridge Club, 301-503-3348 (Mark Lavine)
St. James Episcopal Church, 11815 Seven Locks Rd., Rockville NO ENTRY TILL 11AM
- ♦ StrataFlighted Open Pairs (A/X unlim/3000, B/C/D Separate 2000/1000/500) (both sites); Stratified NLM Pairs (NLM/100/50) & 0-20 Pairs (Kensington Armory only); Stratified 199er Swiss Teams (Beth El only)
Beth El Congregation, 3830 Seminary Rd, Alexandria 7:00pm
Kensington Town Hall/Armory 7:30pm

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 9

- ♣ *StrataFlighted A/X (unlim/3000) & B/C/D Pairs (2000/1000/500) (single sessions) 10:00am, 2:00pm
- ♦ **Stratified Triple Nickel Swiss Teams** (unlim/2000/750) ... **Post-Game Party!** ... 7:15pm
—5 rounds, 5 boards a round, 5 minutes a board. *with beer, wine & desserts*
- ♠ Intermediate/Novice Pairs (300/200/100/50/20) (single sessions) 10:00am, 2:00pm, 7:15pm

Win upgraded (more) masterpoints today!
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SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10

- ♣ *StrataFlighted A/X (unlim/3000) or B/C/D Pairs (2000/1000/500) (single sessions) 10:00am, 3:00pm
- ♦ Intermediate/Novice Pairs (300/200/100) or Newcomer Pairs (50/20/5) (single sessions) 10:00am, 3:00pm
- ♥ **Machlin Sportsmanship Award** Presentation & **Panel Show**between sessions

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11

- ♠ **Eynon Trophy**  *First awarded in 1931—Try to add your name to the famous names inscribed here!*
Bracketed Teams, 2 session playthru w/break—**lunch available for purchase** 11:00am & 3:00pm
Check out this format! Each bracket of eight teams (by average masterpoints) 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 (which awards the trophy).
- ♣ 300/100/50 Swiss Teams, VPs (single sessions) 11:00am, 3:00pm
- ♣ **Lots of Intermediate & Novice Events with Silver Points!** ♥
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*StrataFlighted if attendance warrants—otherwise combined into Stratified Pairs (unlim/2000/500)
Directions to the Kensington Town Hall/Armory: 495 Beltway Exit 33, Connecticut Avenue North (Rt. 185N—to Kensington). 1.5 miles, right at light—Knowles Ave. 1st right at stop—Armory Ave. 1st left at stop—to 3710 Mitchell St. & parking lot on right. Additional parking in nearby lots—see website maps.

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FRIDAY, OCTOBER 16

Newcomer Lecture 9:30 AM

RBA Friendly Bridge 0-300 game ... 10:30 AM / 3:00 PM

Stratified Open Pairs (750/2000/2000+) 10:30 AM

Stratified Open Pairs (750/2000/2000+) 3:00 PM

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17

Newcomer Lecture 9:30 AM

RBA Friendly Bridge 0-300 game 10:30 AM

Stratified Open Pairs (750/2000/2000+) 10:30 AM

Bracketed Pairs/Board-a-Match Teams 3:00 PM

*A, B, and C play in sectional pairs game. At the
same time, each pair is teamed according to MP
(highest to lowest). Two chances to win!!*

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18

Free coffee, bagels and donuts at 9:30 AM

Bracketed Swiss Teams 10:30 AM

8 teams in each bracket, seven rounds, play through,
lunch provided

DIRECTIONS: From North and West of Richmond: Take I-95-South to Exit 78/Boulevard, get in left side lane at bottom of exit ramp, turn Left onto N. Boulevard, Hotel is immediately on the right. From South and East of Richmond: Take I-95-North to Exit 78/Boulevard, get in right side lane at bottom of exit ramp, turn Right onto Hermitage Road, Hotel's rear entrance is immediately on the left.



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Schedule:

FRIDAY - OCTOBER 9

Open Pairs and 299er Pairs
Single sessions: 1pm & 7pm

SATURDAY - OCTOBER 10

Open Pairs and 299er Pairs
Single sessions: 10am & 2pm
Finishes in time for Barter Theatre

SUNDAY - OCTOBER 11

Open Swiss Teams (masterpoints
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2 sessions: 10am & tba

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THURSDAY, OCTOBER 22

STRATIFIED OPEN PAIRS (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

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

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 23

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 board .7:30 p.m.

I/N (500/300/100) PAIRS7:30 p.m.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24

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**

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I/N (500/300/100) or 49ER (50/20/5) PAIRS2 p.m.

STRATIFIED OPEN (2000+/2000/750) or I/N (500/300/100) PAIRS 7:30 p.m.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25

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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Adam Wildavsky—I play and enjoy Multi-Landy. It lets me get into the auction on many hands, and I seldom go for numbers. Once in the Cavendish Peter Weichsel went down in a slam against us because he didn't guess which major the 2♦ bidder had. I switch to penalty doubles when their NT range does not contain 16 High Card Points (HCP). I would recommend Multi-Landy. Here in the United States Team Trials an unusually large number of our opponents were playing Landy and transfers.

Billy Pollack—I much prefer Multi-Landy and 2NT shows both minors. Three-of-a-minor is natural and denies a four-card major that you want to show. Three-of-a-major is preemptive showing seven tricks if vulnerable.

Barry Rigel—Multi-Landy or Meckwell for choice. I recommend Landy for non-experts. The defenses I prefer let you in on as many two-suiters while distinguishing major/minor lengths. I play penalty doubles of all NT ranges that include 13 HCP and against all players using a strong 1♣ system who open 1NT with fewer than 16 HCP in third seat non-vulnerable.

Jon Wittes—Ross Grabel and I use a modified Brozel against strong notrumps, and Cappelletti or Hamilton against weak notrumps. Against strong notrumps, double is a one suiter or both minors if followed by 2NT. 2♣ shows clubs and hearts, 2♦ shows diamonds and hearts, 2♥ shows both majors, 2♠ shows spades and a minor. 2NT shows an unspecified one-suited preempt. Three-level bids are what we call Super Brozel, hands that need very little from partner to make game. Although we use Hamilton against weak notrumps, we still use the three-level bids as Super Brozel. We feel this system allows us to show just about any type of hand over 1NT. We play penalty doubles over any notrump range that tops off at 15 HCP or less.

We love our system, but for players of moderate experience, I think Cappelletti offers a lot of pluses without being too complex to play or remember.

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Friday, October 23

Stratified Pairs10:30 am & 3:00 pm
(0-300, 300-1250, 1250+ MPs—Average points) (*single sessions*)
Newcomer/99er Pairs (*single sessions*) (*if attendance warrants*) 10:30 am & 3:00 pm

Saturday, October 24

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
(0-300, 300-1250, 1250+ MPs—Average points) A, B, C played in stratified pairs
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Sunday, October 25—Including lunch!

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If you're playing penalty doubles only at certain ranges, it's better to agree on a lower number. Saying tops off at 15 HCP means that you would not play penalty doubles if the opponent's NT range was 10-16.

Chris Compton—It's a huge edge if your opponents are known never to psyche. Changes double dramatically.

Players who open 1♣ with 16 or more HCP have been known to open very light notrumps in third seat non-vulnerable.

Marinesa Letizia—I play modified Cappelletti against strong notrumps and transfers against weak. Penalty doubles unless they can have 15 HCP for their 1NT opener. Landy is easiest to remember.

Marty Bergen—I play DONT (Disturb the Opponents' Notrump). It's easy to remember, and the best way to overcall aggressively while remaining at the two-level. A double of a 1NT opener with a range of 12-14 HCP is penalty.

Playing DONT, double shows a one-suiter. 2♣ shows clubs and a higher suit. 2♦ shows diamonds and a higher suit. 2♥ shows both majors and 2♠ is natural. The disadvantage is that you don't know the lengths of the two suits. You could be 5-4 either way.

If you're into complicated methods, read the following five conventions. Otherwise go to my recap at the bottom.

Henry Bethe—I play either Natural, Landy, "Aspro", or DONT. I make no claim that these are best, but they are all relatively easy to remember. Aspro is like Astro, e.g. 2♣ is hearts and another, 2♦ is spades and another. But the bidder canapé's the majors: e.g. with longer spades than hearts, start with 2♣, and over 2♦ bid 2♠. With equal or longer hearts, start with 2♦.

Playing regular Astro, responder bids 2♦ without hearts over 2♣ showing hearts and a minor. Responder bids 2♥ without spades over 2♦ showing spades and another suit.



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Eddie Kantar—I play 2♣ = majors. 2♦ and 2♥ are transfers. 2♠ shows four spades plus a longer minor. 2NT shows four hearts plus a longer minor. Double is penalty. At least we always find a major suit fit if we have one. A penalty double is usually the strength of a strong notrump or a little less with a good suit to lead. The one I play is sort of easy to remember.

David Berkowitz—We play 2♣ showing both majors and 2♦ and 2♥ are transfers.

This puts the strong hand on lead. In this day of lighter and lighter notrumps it is nice to have a penalty double. We do play Meckwell in balancing with the Platnick adjunct. When it goes double showing one minor or both majors, 2♦ response says if you have Majors bid your better one. We use penalty doubles if their NT range contains 13 HCP and also over all third seat non-vulnerable NT openers, no matter what they say their range is. I would recommend DONT for 1000-masterpoint players (Larry Cohen made me say this).

John Carruthers—Currently, Joey Silver and I use the Deas/Palmer method, although the version we use may be the original from the 1980's! Double shows any one-suiter or both majors. Two-of-a-minor shows four or more of the minor bid and either five-card major. Two-of-a-major shows exactly four of the major bid and a five-card or longer minor. 2NT shows both minors.

After double, the usual response is 2♣ and overcaller clarifies by bidding 2♦ with both majors, so with a one-suiter in diamonds, he needs to bid 3♦, either immediately over 1NT or over 2♣ after Double. The slower method shows a better hand the way we play.

After two-of-a-minor or two-of-a-major, pass or correct applies. Only a suit partner can have is pass or correct. A different suit shows that suit. In all cases where it is available, 2NT is a cuebid, quite strong, since we are aggressive in entering the auction with shape. We employ this method over weak notrumps as well, but not over Mini notrumps.

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SATURDAY, November 21 —2 single session events

Stratified Pairs: 0-1500/3000/3000+ MPs **10 am & 3 pm**

I/N Stratified Pairs: 0-250/500/1000 MPs **10 am & 3 pm**

SUNDAY, November 22

Stratified Swiss Teams . . 10 am - Playthru

Stratified by average of total MPs

I/N Swiss Teams 10 am & 2 pm

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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

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10:30 AM . . . Open Stratified Pairs or 199er Pairs
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3:30 PM . . . Open Stratified Pairs or 199er Pairs

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 5

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3:30 PM . . . Open Stratified Pairs or 199er Pairs

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0-750, 750-2000, 2000+ (199er at Director's discretion)
Stratification of pairs by average masterpoints. —No indi-
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10:30 AM & TBA Bracketed Swiss Teams
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The advantages:

- Any two-suiter can be shown - Relative lengths of the two suits are known (no 5/4 either way) - to my mind, a huge advantage.
- It is easy to remember, which is becoming more important all the time.
- 4-4 major fits are found immediately.

It seems that this would be easy enough to penalize, especially two-of-a-major, but in practice, this never happens. The opponents are too concerned with their own potential fit and what they can make, especially if they have a major.

Disadvantages:

With no major suit fit after two-of-a-major, you are at the three-level unless advancer has spades over 2♥. There is no penalty double over 1NT, although I have found this double to be truly overrated, since someone always removes if 1NT is going down. With a one-suiter, the opponents have lots of room over Double, whereas they would not over a direct two-of-a-major or three-of-a-minor.

P.S.: My all-time favorite method (promulgated by Morris Timanoff, a relatively unknown Toronto bridge player, in the early 1970s) is Double shows a one-suiter, and any bid is canape, promising a longer suit (any suit). Timmy, as he was known, was ahead of his time in recommending getting into the auction on any excuse, an idea that was not then generally held to be sound. Now we know he was right.

There is another disadvantage of Double showing both majors or one minor. If responder jumps to 3NT you might miss your 5-5 major-suit fit.

Bart Bramley—I play SCUM, a multi-suited defense co-invented by Mark Feldman in the early '70s. Originally it had a different name. Now we call it SCUM as an acronym for Shape-Color-Majors (the "U" is to make it pronounceable, and because we like the name SCUM). The bids are:

Double = two suits of the same shape

(spades and diamonds, or hearts and clubs)

2♣ = two suits of the same color

2♦ = both majors

2 of either Major = one-suited, natural

2NT = both minors

Over the ambiguous bids we play pass-or-correct on the first round, at ANY level. With some partners I play SCUM over all notrump ranges, giving up on the penalty double. With other partners my divide is 14/15 HCP, meaning that any range that includes 15 HCP is "strong", but if the top is 14 HCP or lower, we treat it as weak and play something different (see below). I prefer SCUM to other ambiguous methods (DONT, Meckwell, Woolsey, Astro) because the "tight coupling" makes the ambiguities easier to resolve. If the auction reveals any one suit that partner either has or cannot have, then both his suits are known. Or if advancer has length in one suit of each parity, he can jack it up with the knowledge of a guaranteed fit. Also, SCUM lets us probe for our fit at the two-level in almost all situations (black two-suiters may not get resolved until we reach 3♣). Another plus is that we can show either major unambiguously, which I consider very important. There are two minuses: We cannot show a one-suited minor at the two-level, not a great loss in my opinion. A bigger minus is the inability to distinguish suit lengths with two-suiters.

Our "weak" notrump defense is:

Double = penalty, forcing through 2♦ (we are not obligated to double the opponents into game)

2♣ = both majors

2♦/2♥ = transfers, showing five+ of the corresponding major - the transfer (usually) assures overcaller of another chance to bid, useful for showing extra values or a second suit

2♠ = four spades and a longer minor

2NT = four hearts and a longer minor

For less complicated methods I suggest Landy or DONT.

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- ♣ StrataFlighted Open (unlim/2000) or 1000/500/300 Pairs 11:15am
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St. James Episcopal Church, 11815 Seven Locks Rd., Rockville
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Beth El Congregation, 3830 Seminary Rd, Alexandria 7:00pm
Ohr Kodesh Congregation, 8300 Meadowbrook Ln., Chevy Chase 7:30pm
I-495 to Connecticut Ave. S. 4th light left E-W Hwy 410. Left Meadowbrook Ln. 1st left Freyman Dr. Parking lot on left. No outside food allowed.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 8

- ♣ *StrataFlighted A/X (unlim/3000) & B/C/D Pairs (2000/1000/500) (single sessions) 10:00am, 2:00pm
- ♦ **Stratified Triple Nickel Swiss Teams** (unlim/2000/750) . . . **Post-Game Party!** . . . 7:15pm
—5 rounds, 5 boards a round, 5 minutes a board. **with beer, wine & desserts**
- ♠ Intermediate/Novice Pairs (300/200/100/50/20) (single sessions) 10:00am, 2:00pm, 7:15pm

♥ Panel Show & Party

SATURDAY, JANUARY 9

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- ♣ *StrataFlighted A/X (unlim/3000) or B/C/D Pairs (2000/1000/500) 10:00am
- ♦ Intermediate/Novice Pairs (300/200/100) or Newcomer Pairs (50/20/5) (single sessions) . 10:00am, 3:00pm

SUNDAY, JANUARY 10

WBL Trophy Race Winners' Presentation

- ♣ **Bracketed Teams.** (2 session playthru w/break—**lunch available for purchase**) 11:00am & TBA
Check out this format! Each bracket of eight teams (by average masterpoints) 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.

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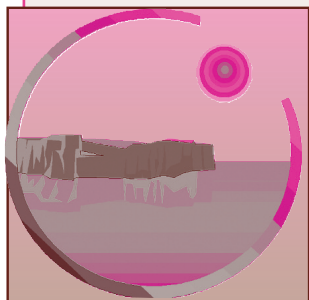
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Friday, January 8

(Light lunch served between sessions)

Stratified Pairs (single sessions)10:30 AM & 2:30 PM

(0-750, 750-1500, 1500+ MPs)

Novice Pairs (single sessions) . .10:30 AM & 2:30 PM

(0-100, 100-200, 200-NLM up to 500)

Saturday, January 9

(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 Teams2:30 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, January 10

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

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John Mohan—It seems apparent that all currently played systems of defensive bidding over 1NT (strong) are seriously flawed. They fail to differentiate between 4-4 and 5-4 or 4-6 and 6-4 thereby either inhibiting the initial action or occasionally resulting in either absurd or non-ideal fits (4-2 or 4-3 as opposed to 5-2 or 5-3). Further, the ability of the initial bidder to express extra values, infrequent but valuable, is either impossible or imprecise with regard to residual distribution.

Over strong notrump, Double = four- or five-card major and four-card or longer minor.

Over the double, 2♣ by responder denies 4-4 in the minors and shows at least two clubs. Doubler passes 2♣ with a four-card major and at least five clubs. Doubler bids 2♦ with a four-card major and at least five diamonds. Doubler bids two-of-his-major with a five-card major. Three-of-either-minor is a strong one-suited minor hand. Over the double, responder bids 2♦ asking for the major suit and promises at least three in either major. Responder can easily be short in clubs. If Responder bids higher than 2♦, it's natural.

Over 2♣, 2♦ asks Overcaller to bid his longer major.

2♦ over 1NT usually shows at least six hearts and 2♥ usually shows at least six spades. With 5-5 and a very good hand, you transfer and then bid your minor.

There are many defenses against 1NT openers, and most of them have a bid to show both majors, which is very important. DONT, Landy and Cappelletti are the easiest to play. With a six-card or longer minor, usually the best way to show it is to jump directly to three-of-your-minor. Three-of-a-minor is hard to double for penalties and takes away the two-level from the opponents. I'd also recommend that if you play different methods based on the opponents' NT range, you say something like —if the range starts at 13 HCP, it's strong.

*Italicized text is Steve Robinson's comments.

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April 10-13, 2015***

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- 1 94.53 Robert Brady
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- 3 77.30 Shiang Chen
- 4 75.88 Robert Munger
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- 6 56.63 Lynn Jones
- 56.63 Paul Benedict
- 8 56.58 Harry Gellis
- 9 43.71 Robert Pustilnik
- 10 42.73 Barbara Taychert

District 6 Players <3000 MPs

- 1 94.53 Robert Brady
- 2 77.30 Shiang Chen
- 3 75.88 Robert Munger
- 4 42.73 Barbara Taychert
- 5 38.76 Curtis Bare
- 6 34.97 Thomas Sanzone
- 7 31.34 Dave Tonnesen
- 8 31.26 Calvin Konner
- 9 31.20 Dave Stephenson
- 31.20 Kinza Pickelsimer

District 6 Players <750 MPs

- 1 77.30 Shiang Chen
- 2 31.20 Dave Stephenson
- 31.20 Kinza Pickelsimer
- 4 30.46 Robert Bos
- 5 29.08 James Davis, Jr.
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- 7 24.84 Fred Gramlich
- 8 23.45 Michael Ford
- 9 21.53 Harry Alferink Jr
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District 6 Players <300 MPs

- 1 77.30 Shiang Chen
- 2 29.08 James Davis, Jr.
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- 4 20.97 Alex Marshall
- 5 20.11 Douglas Golden
- 20.11 Thomas Stagnaro
- 7 17.60 Iris Siqueira
- 17.60 Susan Chambers
- 9 16.07 Thomas Gallaher
- 16.07 Susan Gallaher

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FRIDAY, JANUARY 22

Newcomer Lecture9:30 AM
RBA Friendly Bridge 0-300 game ...10:30 AM / 3:00 PM
 Stratified Open Pairs (750/2000/2000+)10:30 AM
 Stratified Open Pairs (750/2000/2000+)3:00 PM

SATURDAY, JANUARY 23

Newcomer Lecture9:30 AM
RBA Friendly Bridge 0-300 game10:30 AM
 Stratified Open Pairs (750/2000/2000+)10:30 AM
 Bracketed Pairs/Board-a-Match Teams3:00 PM

*A, B, and C play in sectional pairs game. At the
same time, each pair is teamed according to MP
(highest to lowest). Two chances to win!!*

SUNDAY, JANUARY 24

Free coffee, bagels and donuts at 9:30 AM
 Bracketed Swiss Teams10:30 AM
 8 teams in each bracket, seven rounds, play through,
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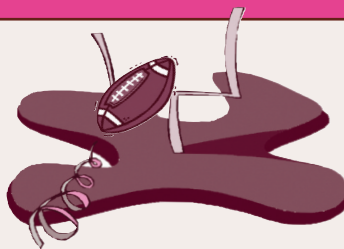
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FRIDAY, February 5

Stratified Grass Roots Pairs: 0-1500/3000/3000+ MPs . . . 1 pm
(The entry for this game is \$1 additional, 40% more masterpoints awarded, helps fund the GNTs and NAPs)

I/N Stratified Pairs: 0-250/500/1000 MPs 1 pm

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

SATURDAY, February 6

Stratified Pairs: 0-1500/3000/3000+ MPs (single sessions) . . 10 am & 3 pm

I/N Stratified Pairs: 0-250/500/1000 MPs (single sessions) . . 10 am & 3 pm



Surprises!

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SUNDAY, February 7

Stratified Swiss Teams 10:00 am - Playthru

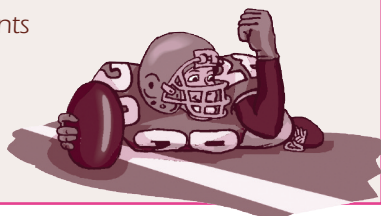
Stratified by average of total MPs

I/N Swiss Teams 10:00 am & 2:00 pm

0-5/20/50 MPs & 100/200/500 MPs

2 single session events

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are Single Sessions**



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Aug 6-16CHICAGO, IL **NATIONALS**

Summer North American Bridge Championships

● **P 2...Aug 17-23 HUNT VALLEY, MD REGIONAL**

Diane Jaworowsky, 410-461-2083, DianeJaw@verizon.net

● **P 6...Aug 28-30**Williamsburg, VA

Jane Farthing, 703-850-9635, jane.farthing@gmail.com

.....September, 2015

Sep 1-7ATLANTA, GA **REGIONAL**

Jack Feagin, 404-252-9246, jfeagin2@bellsouth.net

● **P 7...Sep 10-12**Kensington, MD NLM

Julie Marquette, 301-642-9197, jmarq3428@yahoo.com

● **P 8...Sep 11-13**Norfolk/VA Beach

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● **P 9...Sep 19-20**Richmond, VA NLM

& **D6 0-2500 & NLM Southern Site Finals**
Ed Kinlaw, 804-744-4870, mekinlaw@yahoo.com

Sep 19-20D6 NAP Finals

**0-2500 & NLM Southern Site: Richmond, VA
or all flights Northern Site: Silver Spring, MD**

Barbara Doran, 301-608-0347, barb.doran@verizon.net

● **P 10...Sep 24-27**Fairfax, VA

Margot Hennings, 703-560-0245, margot10bridge@cox.net

Sep 28-Oct 4D6 & U190 StAc

Don Berman, 301-776-3581, don.berman@verizon.net

.....October, 2015

● **P 11...Oct 8-11**Kensington, MD

Steve Schatzow, 202-332-3729, sschatzow@his.com

● **P 12...Oct 16-18**Richmond, VA

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- **P 14...Oct 23-25**Williamsburg, VA
Jane Farthing, 703-850-9635, jane.farthing@gmail.com
- **P 3...Oct 26-Nov 1** CHARLOTTE, NC REGIONAL
David Smith, Davidbsmith@bellsouth.net
- **P 4...Oct 26-Nov 1**D4 REGIONAL
John Klinger, LANCASTER, PA
ranger611@gmail.com

.....November, 2015

- **P 5...Nov 9-15** ..Cambridge, MD REGIONAL
Shawn Stringer, 301-275-6363, shstringer@aol.com
- **P 15...Nov 20-22**Baltimore, MD
Ron Geagley, 410-415-6885, blueron@comcast.net
- Nov 26-Dec 6**DENVER, CO NATIONALS
Fall North American Bridge Championships

.....December, 2015

- **P 16...Dec 4-6**Charlottesville, VA
Betsy Ruehl, 540-942-3667, etruehl@ntelos.net
- Dec 14-20**D6 & Unit 190 StAc
Don Berman, 301-776-3581, don.berman@verizon.net
- Dec 28-Jan 3** MYRTLE BEACH, SC REGIONAL
Lindsey Butler, 843-881-0818, blindsey730@bellsouth.net

.....January, 2016

- **P 17...Jan 7-10**Silver Spring, MD
Steve Schatzow, 202-332-3729, sschatzow@his.com
- **P 18...Jan 8-10**Norfolk/VA Beach
Jennifer Christman, 757-427-1244, jchristman8@cox.net
- **P 19...Jan 22-24**Richmond, VA
Barry and Winnie Fratkin, 804-741-6782 (H),
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.....February, 2016

- P 20...Feb 5-7**Baltimore, MD
Renate Conlon, 443-527-4744, rjconlon@hotmail.com
- Feb 8-14**D6 & Unit 190 StAc
Don Berman, 301-776-3581, don.berman@verizon.net
- Feb 8-14** ...HILTON HEAD, SC REGIONAL
Ann Grindstaff, (843) 341-6337, AnnKurt52@gmail.com;
Dave McClintock, (843) 705-2704, tsdavem@hotmail.com
- Feb 18-21**Fairfax, VA
Margot Hennings, 703-560-0245, margot10bridge@cox.net
- Feb 29-Mar 6** WILLIAMSBURG, VA REGIONAL
Jane Farthing, 703-850-9635, jane.farthing@gmail.com

.....March, 2016

- Mar 10-20**RENO, NV NATIONALS
Spring North American Bridge Championships
- Mar 11-13**Charlottesville, VA
Nan Massie, 434-531-5547, chobridge@aol.com
- Mar 18-20**Fredericksburg, VA
Deborah Hage, 540-659-1321, debhage@hotmail.com
- Mar 28-Apr 4** D4 WILMINGTON, DE REGIONAL
Bruce and Judy Gwaltney, 302-478-2396,
judygwalt@verizon.netm

.....April, 2016

- Apr 1-3**Norfolk/VA Beach
Jennifer Christman, 757-427-1244, jchristman8@cox.net
- Apr 1-3**Lynchburg, VA
Anne Barlow, 434-386-4850, abarlow3@verizon.net
- Apr 7-10**Silver Spring, MD
Steve Schatzow, 202-332-3729, sschatzow@his.com
- Apr 11-17** ...GATLINBURG, TN REGIONAL
Pete and Julia Misslin, 423-884-3550, pmisslin@tds.net
- Apr 21-24**Fairfax, VA
Margot Hennings, 703-560-0245,
margot10bridge@cox.net
- Apr 30-May 1** ..Flights B, C and Open GNT
1st weekend

.....May, 2016

- May 2-8**D6 and U190 StAc
Don Berman, don.berman@verizon.net
- May 13-15**Winchester, VA
Gerry O'Malley, 540-550-4410,
gerrysdeals@gmail.com
- May 20-22**Williamsburg, VA
Jane Farthing, 703-850-9635,
jane.farthing@gmail.com
- May 21-22**Flights B, C and Open GNT
2nd weekend
- May 24-30**RALEIGH, NC REGIONAL
Audrey and Lance Shull, 919-280-5447, 919-531-
5535, Audrey.shull@sas.com, Lance.Shull@gmail.com
-June, 2016
- Jun 3-5**Norfolk/VA Beach
Jennifer Christman, 757-427-1244, jchristman8@cox.net
- Jun 3-5**Blacksburg, VA
Rich Rio, 540-961-5505, richrio428@yahoo.com
- Jun 13-19** ..NABC Promotional Fund Week
- Jun 20-26**D4 REGIONAL
Meyer Kotkin,, KING OF PRUSSIA, PA
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-July, 2016
- Jul 7-10**Silver Spring, MD
Steve Schatzow, 202-332-3729, sschatzow@his.com
- Jul 8-10**Charlottesville, VA
Betsy Ruehl, 540-942-3667, etruehl@ntelos.net
- Jul 11-17** ...CHATTANOOGA, TN REGIONAL
Bert Shramko, bshramko@comcast.net
- Jul 21-31** ...WASHINGTON, DC NATIONALS
Summer North American Bridge
Championships

2015-16 North American Pairs

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~ Split Site Finals for the 0-2500 and NLM! ~

There's still time to qualify for the **North American Pairs**, 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 continues until the end of August 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. 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.

The Open event and Northern site for the 0-2500 and NLM will be at the White Oak Community Center, 1700 April Lane, Silver Spring MD. Game time is noon and TBA on Saturday, and 11 and TBA on Sunday.

The 0-2500 and NLM will have a Southern site in Richmond VA, at the Clarion Hotel, 3207 North Boulevard. (Special Bridge Rate: \$59.00! Call 804-359-9441) Game time is 10:30 and TBA both days.

Players may play in the 0-2500 and/or NLM at either site.

Pre-registration is required in order to play in the District Finals. Pairs must pre-register by September 10, 2015. To pre-reg-

ister, send the player names, contact information and player numbers and a check made payable to District 6 in the amount of \$50.00, to cover two (2) sessions of the event. **For the NORTH**, send it to: District 6, PO Box 3329, Silver Spring MD 20918. Pre-register **for the SOUTH** by sending it to Barry Fratkin, 1935 Hickoryridge Road, Richmond, VA 23238. A list of registered pairs will be posted to the District 6 web site after registration closes.

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 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.