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“ District 6 has  
Outstanding Results in  
National GNT Competition  
at Chicago NABC!

In its best showing ever, District 6  
garnered a first place, a second place  
and a tie for the third/fourth place in  
the Grand National Teams competition  
at the 2015 Summer NABC.

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## **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

I am honored to serve as President of District 6, and I commit my time and efforts to advancing the progress we have made in D6 events. In my first letter to the District, I feel that it is important for players to understand some of the decision making that goes into choosing our regional dates and sites.

The annual 4th of July Regional in the DC area offers some interesting discussion. The 2015 Regional in Reston, VA was moved to the week after the 4th at the request of the hotel. Many players asked that we stick with the later week in future years. During recent negotiations, the hotel proposed these room rates for the next Reston Regional in 2018:

week of June 25 - \$199 per night; week of July 2 - \$109 per night; week of July 9 - \$179 per night.

The week of the 4th is significantly lower because the demand from business travelers over the holiday is lower. You can see that the hotel will sell us the same rooms at a deep discount simply because the rooms are likely to stay empty otherwise. The bottom line is that we value input from our players but, despite our best efforts, basic economics require us to hold the regional during the holiday week.

District 6 has a committee that analyzes several factors, including hotel ambience, room rate, size and layout of playing space, lighting, parking, and availability of local restaurants, to choose regional sites. The sites are spread throughout the District so they are geographically accessible to lots of players.

If you have any ideas for a new city or a new hotel to serve as a regional site, please contact me or any Board member and we will vet your suggestion. Thanks for your support.

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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 0-300/300-750 .....1 & 7  
Stratified Education Foundation Swiss Teams...1  
Charity 5/20/50 & 100/200/300 Pairs .....1 / 7  
Assateague Lighthouse KO .....7

*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 KO .....9  
*Two 12-board matches, continues 9 am Wed.*  
Baltimore Side Series (1st of 5) .....9  
I/N Pairs 5/20/50 & 100/200/300 .....9 / 1 / 7  
*(0-5 players play FREE today)*  
Open Pairs 1500/3000/3000+ .....1 & 7  
Blue Heron *Gold Rush* Pairs  
0-300/300-750 .....1 & 7

Thomas Point Lighthouse KO .....1 & 7  
*Continues 1 & 7 Wednesday*

Annapolis Side Series (3rd, 4th of 6) .....1 / 7  
Stratified Board-a-Match Teams .....7  
I/N Swiss Teams 50/100/300 .....7



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## Friday, November 13

Wicomico Compact KO .....9  
*Two 12-board matches, continues 9 am Sat.*  
Baltimore Side Series (4th of 5) .....9  
I/N Pairs 5/20/50 & 100/200/300 .....9 / 1 / 7  
Open Pairs 1500/3000/3000+ .....1 & 7  
Terrapin *Gold Rush* Pairs  
0-300/300-750 .....1 & 7  
Sandy Point Lighthouse KO .....1 & 7  
*Continues 1 & 7 Saturday*  
Kent Island Side Series (3rd, 4th of 4) .....1 / 7  
Stratified Swiss Teams .....7  
I/N Swiss Teams 50/100/300 .....7



## Wednesday, November 11

Nanticoke Compact KO .....9  
*Two 12-board matches, cont. 9 am Thurs.*  
Baltimore Side Series (2nd of 5) .....9  
I/N Pairs 5/20/50 & 100/200/300 .....9 / 1 / 7  
Open Pairs 1500/3000/3000+ .....1 & 7  
Blue Crab *Gold Rush* Pairs 0-300/300-750...1 & 7  
Currituck Lighthouse KO .....1 & 7  
*Continues 1 & 7 Thursday*

Annapolis Side Series (5th, 6th of 6) .....1 / 7  
I/N Pairs 5/20/50 & 100/200/300 .....1 / 7  
Stratified Swiss Teams .....7  
I/N Swiss Teams 50/100/300 .....7

## Thursday, November 12

Potomac Compact KO .....9  
*Two 12-board matches, continues 9 am Friday*  
Baltimore Side Series (3rd of 5) .....9  
I/N Pairs 5/20/50 & 100/200/300 .....9 / 1 / 7  
Ralph White Chesapeake Bay  
A/X Swiss 0-5000, 5000+ .....1 & 7  
Ralph White Bracketed Flight B Swiss .....1 & 7  
*No player over 3000 MPs; 8 teams per bracket;*  
*3 teams in each bracket win gold*  
Kent Island Side Series (1st, 2nd of 4) ...1 & 7  
Stratified Board-a-Match Teams .....7

## Saturday, November 14

Baltimore Side Series (5th of 5) .....9  
I/N Pairs 5/20/50 & 100/200/300 .....9 / 1 / 7  
Stratified Swiss Teams .....9  
Open Pairs 1500/3000/3000+ .....1 & 7  
Oyster *Gold Rush* Pairs 0-300/300-750 .....1 & 7  
Cape Henry Lighthouse KO .....1 & 7  
*Continues 10 am & TBA Sunday*  
Easton Side Series (1st, 2nd of 4) .....1 / 7  
Stratified Board-a-Match Teams .....7  
I/N Swiss Teams 50/100/300 .....7

## Sunday, November 15

Cambridge A/X Swiss 0-5000/5000+ .....10 & TBA  
Cambridge Bracketed Flight B Swiss .....10 & 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 & 100/200/300 .....10 / 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.

# MYRTLE BEACH, SC MID-ATLANTIC REGIONAL

*Come Win Your Gold!*

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

## MONDAY, DECEMBER 28

The Dunes Knockout . . . . .1 & 7  
CONTINUES 1 & 7 TUESDAY  
Open Pairs (1500/3000/3000+) 1 & 7  
GOLD RUSH Pairs . . . . .1 & 7  
Myrtlewood Side Series  
(1st, 2nd of 4) . . . . .1 / 7  
5/20/50 & 100/300/500 Pairs . .1 / 7  
Stratified Board-a-Match Teams . . .7  
0-500 Non-Life Master Swiss Teams 7  
AFT. PAIR GAMES BENEFIT ACBL ED.  
FOUNDATION; EVE. PAIR GAMES BENEFIT  
HOPE HOUSE OF MYRTLE BEACH

## TUESDAY, DECEMBER 29

### 0-5 MP player play free today

The Beachwood Compact KO 9 am  
TWO 12-BOARD MATCHES, CONT. 9 AM WED.  
Sunrise 5/20/50  
& 100/300/500 Pairs . . . . .9 am  
Tidewater Side Series (1st of 5) 9 am  
The Pine Lakes Knockout . . .1 & 7  
CONTINUES 1 & 7 WEDNESDAY  
Open Pairs (1500/3000/3000+) 1 & 7  
GOLD RUSH Pairs . . . . .1 & 7  
Myrtlewood Side Series  
(3rd, 4th of 4) . . . . .1 / 7  
5/20/50 & 100/300/500 Pairs . .1 / 7  
Stratified Swiss Teams . . . . .7  
0-500 Non-Life Master Swiss Teams . .7

## WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 30

The Dornoch Compact Knockout 9 am  
TWO 12-BOARD MATCHES, CONT. 9 AM THU.  
Sunrise 5/20/50  
& 100/300/500 Pairs . . . . .9 am  
Tidewater Side Series (2nd of 5) .9 am  
The Surf Knockout . . . . .1 & 7  
CONTINUES 1 & 7 THURSDAY  
Open Pairs (1500/3000/3000+) 1 & 7  
GOLD RUSH Pairs . . . . .1 & 7  
Arcadian Shores Side Series  
(1st, 2nd of 4) . . . . .1 / 7  
5/20/50 & 100/300/500 Pairs . .1 / 7  
Stratified Board-a-Match Teams . . .7  
0-500 Non-Life Master Swiss Teams 7



## THURSDAY, DECEMBER 31

The Grande Dunes Compact KO 9 am  
TWO 12-BOARD MATCHES, CONT. 9 AM FRI.  
Sunrise 5/20/50  
& 100/300/500 Pairs . . . . .9 am  
Tidewater Side Series (3rd of 5) 9 am  
Open Swiss Teams  
(1500/3000/3000+) . . . . .1 & 7:30  
GOLD RUSH Swiss Teams . .1 & 7:30  
Open Pairs . . . . .1 & 7:30  
Arcadian Shores Side Series  
(3rd, 4th of 4) . . . . .1 / 7:30  
5/20/50 & 100/300/500 Pairs 1 / 7:30  
Stratified Swiss Teams . . . . .7:30  
0-500 Non-Life Master Swiss Teams 7:30  
• **New Year's Eve Party** •

## FRIDAY, JAN 1—GOODWILL DAY

Whispering Pines Compact KO .9 am  
TWO 12-BOARD MATCHES, CONT. 9 AM SAT.  
Sunrise 5/20/50  
& 100/300/500 Pairs . . . . .9 am  
Tidewater Side Series (4th of 5) 9 am  
The Hackler Knockout . . . . .1 & 7  
CONTINUES 1 & 7 SATURDAY  
Open Pairs (1500/3000/3000+) 1 & 7  
GOLD RUSH Pairs . . . . .1 & 7



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## FRIDAY, continued...

Waterway Hills Side Series  
(1st, 2nd of 6) . . . . .1 / 7  
5/20/50 & 100/300/500 Pairs . . .1 / 7  
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0-500 Non-Life Master Swiss Teams 7

## SATURDAY, JANUARY 2

Stratified Swiss Teams . . . . .9 am  
Sunrise 5/20/50  
& 100/300/500 Pairs . . . . .9 am  
Tidewater Side Series (5th of 5) 9 am  
The MB National Knockout . . .1 & 7  
CONTINUES 10:00 & TBA SUNDAY  
Open Pairs (1500/3000/3000+) 1 & 7  
GOLD RUSH Pairs . . . . .1 & 7  
Waterway Hills Side Series  
(3rd, 4th of 6) . . . . .1 / 7  
5/20/50 & 100/300/500 Pairs . .1:00  
Stratified Swiss Teams . . . . .7  
0-500 Non-Life Master  
Bracketed Pairs . . . . .7  
A PAIR GAME WITH COMPUTER-ASSIGNED  
BAM TEAMMATES

## SUNDAY, JANUARY 3

A/X Swiss Teams  
(0-5000, 5000+) . . .10 am & TBA  
Bracketed Flight B  
Swiss Teams . . . . .10 am & TBA  
0-3000 MP; 8 TEAMS PER BRACKET  
THREE TEAMS IN EACH BRACKET WIN GOLD  
Waterway Hills Side Series  
(5th, 6th) . . . . .10 am / 2  
5/20/50 & 100/300/500 Pairs 10 am / 2  
0-500 Non-Life Master  
Swiss Teams . . . . .10 am / 2

- ALL KOs ARE BRACKETED, RANDOM DRAW, AND INCLUDE 0-500 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 EVENTS ARE LIMITED TO PLAYERS WITH 0-750 MP, AWARD GOLD TO OVERALL WINNERS AND SECTION TOPS IN 0-750; RED POINTS TO 0-300 STRAT.
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## MONDAY, FEBRUARY 8

Gator Knockout .....1 & 7:30  
Continues 1 & 7:30 Tuesday  
Open Pairs (1500/3000/3000+) .....1 & 7:30  
Gardenia GOLD RUSH Pairs .....1 & 7:30  
Seagull Side Series (1st, 2nd of 4) 1/7:30  
I/N Pairs 5/20/50 & 100/300/500 ....1/7:30  
Stratified Board-a-Match Teams .....7:30  
0-500 Non-Life Master Swiss Teams ....7:30  
Aft. pair games benefit ACBL Ed Foundation; Eve. pair games benefit local charity

## TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 9

0-5 MP players play free today  
Azalea Compact Knockout .....9  
Continues 9 Wednesday  
Sunrise I/N Pairs 5/20/50 & 100/300/500 9  
Early Bird Side Series (1st of 5) .....9  
Seascape Knockout .....1 & 7:30  
Continues 1:30 & 7:30 Wednesday  
Open Pairs (5000/5000+) .....1 & 7:30  
Flight B Pairs (0-1500/1500-3000) 1 & 7:30  
Pelican GOLD RUSH Pairs .....1 & 7:30  
Seagull Side Series (3rd, 4th of 4) .....1/7:30  
0-5 Trophy Pairs (single sessions) .....1/7:30  
I/N Pairs 5/20/50 & 100/300/500 ....1/7:30  
Stratified Swiss Teams .....7:30  
0-500 Non-Life Master Swiss Teams ....7:30

## WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 10

Open Swiss Teams (1500/3000/3000+) .....9  
Continues 9 Thursday  
Camellia GOLD RUSH Swiss Teams .....9  
Continues 9 Thursday  
Sunrise I/N Pairs 5/20/50 & 100/300/500 9  
Early Bird Side Game Series (2nd of 5) .....9  
Gullah Knockout .....1 & 7:30  
Continues 1 & 7:30 Thursday  
Open Pairs (5000/5000+) .....1 & 7:30  
Flight B Pairs  
(0-1500/1500-3000) .....1 & 7:30

## WEDNESDAY, continued...

Dogwood GOLD RUSH Pairs .....1 & 7:30  
Palmetto Side Series (1st, 2nd of 4) 1/7:30  
I/N Pairs 5/20/50 & 100/300/500 ....1/7:30  
Stratified Board-a-Match Teams .....7:30  
0-500 Non-Life Master Swiss Teams .....7:30

## THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 11

Osprey Compact Knockout .....9  
Continues 9 Friday  
Sunrise I/N Pairs 5/20/50 & 100/300/500 9  
Early Bird Side Game Series (3rd of 5) ...9  
Surfside Knockout .....1 & 7:30  
Continues 1 & 7:30 Friday  
Open Pairs (5000/5000+) .....1 & 7:30  
Flight B Pairs (0-1500/1500-3000) 1 & 7:30  
Cardinal GOLD RUSH Pairs .....1 & 7:30  
Palmetto Side Series (3rd, 4th of 4) 1/7:30  
I/N Pairs 5/20/50 & 100/300/500 ....1/7:30  
Stratified Swiss Teams .....7:30  
0-500 Non-Life Master Bracketed Pairs 7:30

## FRIDAY, FEB 12—GOODWILL DAY

Heron Compact Knockout .....9  
Continues 9 Saturday  
Sunrise I/N Pairs 5/20/50 & 100/300/500 9  
Early Bird Side Game Series (4th of 5) ...9  
Dolphin Knockout .....1 & 7:30  
Continues 1:00 & 7:30 Saturday  
Open Pairs (5000/5000+) .....1 & 7:30  
Flight B Pairs (0-1500/1500-3000) 1 & 7:30  
Ibis GOLD RUSH Pairs .....1 & 7:30  
Plantation Side Series (1st, 2nd of 6) 1/7:30  
I/N Pairs 5/20/50 & 100/300/500 ....1/7:30  
Stratified Swiss Teams .....7:30  
0-500 Non-Life Master Swiss Teams ....7:30

## SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 13

Stratified Swiss Teams .....9  
Sunrise I/N Pairs 5/20/50 & 100/300/500 9  
Early Bird Side Game Series (5th of 5) .....9

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- \* All KOs are bracketed, random draw, and include 0-500 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 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
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### MONDAY, FEBRUARY 29

Leap Day Open Pairs  
1500/3000/3000+ .....1 & 7  
Leap Day GOLD RUSH Pairs .....1 & 7  
I/N Pairs 5/20/50 & 100/300/500 ..1/7  
Kickoff KO .....1 & 7  
CONTINUES 1 & 7 TUESDAY  
Williamsburg Side Series  
(1st, 2nd of 6) .....1/7  
Stratified Swiss Teams .....7  
AFTERNOON GAMES BENEFIT ACBL Ed.  
FOUNDATION; EVENING GAMES BENEFIT  
WOUNDED WARRIOR PROJECT

### TUESDAY, MARCH 1

Fort Story Compact KO .....9  
Two 12-BOARD MATCHES; CONTINUES 9 AM WED  
Jamestown Morning Side Series  
(1st of 5) .....9  
I/N Pairs 5/20/50 & 100/300/500...9/1/7  
0-5 MP PLAYERS FREE TODAY  
Open Pairs 1500/3000/3000+ .....1 & 7  
Colonial I GOLD RUSH Pairs .....1 & 7  
Fort Eustis KO .....1 & 7  
CONTINUES 1 & 7 WEDNESDAY

Williamsburg Side Series  
(3rd, 4th of 6) .....1/7  
Stratified Board-a-Match Teams .....7  
I/N Swiss Teams 100/300/500 .....7

### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 2

Early Bird Open Pairs  
1500/3000/3000+ .....9  
TWO SESSIONS; CONTINUES 9 AM THURSDAY  
Early Bird GOLD RUSH Swiss .....9  
TWO SESSIONS; CONTINUES 9 AM THURSDAY  
Jamestown Morning Side Series  
(2nd of 5) .....9  
I/N Pairs 5/20/50 & 100/300/500..9/1/7  
Open Pairs 1500/3000/3000+ .....1 & 7  
Colonial II GOLD RUSH Pairs .....1 & 7

### WEDNESDAY, continued...

Langley KO .....1 & 7  
CONTINUES 1 & 7 THURSDAY

Williamsburg Side Series  
(5th, 6th of 6) .....1/7  
Stratified Swiss Teams .....7  
I/N Swiss Teams 100/300/500 .....7

### THURSDAY, MARCH 3

Jamestown Morning Side Series  
(3rd of 5) .....9  
I/N Pairs 5/20/50 & 100/300/500..9/1/7  
A/X Swiss 0-5000/5000+ .....1 & 7  
Bracketed Flight B Swiss 0-3000 ..1 & 7  
8 TEAMS PER BRACKET; 3 IN EACH WIN GOLD  
Lafayette Side Series (1st, 2nd of 4) 1 & 7  
Stratified Board-a-Match Teams .....7

### FRIDAY, MARCH 4

Camp Peary Compact KO .....9  
Two 12-BOARD MATCHES; CONTINUES 9 AM SAT.  
Jamestown Morning Side Series  
(4th of 5) .....9  
I/N Pairs 5/20/50 & 100/300/500 9/1/7  
Open Pairs 1500/3000/3000+ .....1 & 7  
Colonial III GOLD RUSH Pairs .....1 & 7

- STRATS DETERMINED BY MP AVERAGES, BUT NO PLAYER MAY EXCEED EVENT LIMIT
- OPEN EVENTS AND SIDE SERIES ARE STRATIFIED 0-750/750-3000/3000+, UNLESS NOTED
- GOLD RUSH PAIRS (300/750) 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 PLAYERS; ONE- AND TWO-BRACKET KOs ARE HANDICAPPED
- UNDER 500 MP EVENTS STRATIFIED BASED ON ATTENDANCE

## It's Leap Year! Enjoy your extra day playing bridge!

### FRIDAY, continued...

Naval Weapons KO .....1 & 7  
CONTINUES 1 & 7 SATURDAY  
Lafayette Side Series (3rd, 4th of 4) ..1/7  
Stratified Swiss Teams .....7  
I/N Swiss Teams 100/300/500 .....7

### SATURDAY, MARCH 5

Jamestown Morning Side Series  
(5th of 5) .....9  
I/N Pairs 5/20/50 & 100/300/500..9/1/7  
Stratified Swiss Teams .....9  
Open Pairs 1500/3000/3000+ .....1 & 7  
Colonial IV GOLD RUSH Pairs .....1 & 7  
Fort Monroe KO .....1 & 7  
CONTINUES 10 AM & TBA SUNDAY  
Yorktown Side Series (1st, 2nd of 4) ..1/7  
Stratified Board-a-Match Teams .....7  
I/N Swiss Teams 100/300/500 .....7

### SUNDAY, MARCH 6

A/X Swiss 0-5000/ 5000+ .....10 & TBA  
Bracketed Flight B Swiss 0-3000 10 & TBA  
8 TEAMS PER BRACKET; 3 IN EACH WIN GOLD  
Yorktown Side Series (3rd, 4th of 4) ...10/2  
I/N Pairs 5/20/50 & 100/300/500...10/2

The *Hilton* is near Colonial Williamsburg, the largest living history museum in the U.S.

**Directions:**  
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#### FRIDAY, November 20

**Stratified Grass Roots Pairs:** 0-1500/3000/3000+ MPs .....1 pm  
(The entry fee 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, 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**

0-5/20/50 and 100/200/500 MPs,  
2 single session events

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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## Reston, VA Regional Winners July 6-12, 2015

### TOP POINT WINNERS

#### District 6 Players

- 1 90.24 Sylvia Shi
- 2 78.33 William Cole
- 3 68.35 Michael Gill
- 4 66.06 Robert Brady
- 5 63.13 William Pettis
- 6 58.97 Fred King
- 7 54.29 Leon Masiewicki
- 8 54.21 Alan Schwartz
- 9 50.89 Jose Cortina
- 10 50.50 Mel Yudkin

#### District 6 Players <3000 MPs

- 1 68.35 Michael Gill
- 2 66.06 Robert Brady
- 3 54.29 Leon Masiewicki
- 4 50.89 Jose Cortina
- 5 50.50 Mel Yudkin
- 6 46.11 Steve Bunning
- 7 44.15 Witold Palosz
- 8 42.05 Debnarayan Dhar
- 9 39.85 Stephen Drodge
- 10 36.67 Steve Reed  
36.67 Carol Crawford

#### District 6 Players <750 MPs

- 1 34.98 Blake Schwartzbach
- 2 33.00 Terry Klein
- 3 30.66 Charles Dearolf
- 4 29.08 Ronald Vande Bunte
- 5 26.61 Peter Schiff
- 6 26.44 Art Hartstein
- 7 22.39 Sharon Suttin
- 8 22.08 Jill Benson
- 9 21.62 Tobi Bear
- 10 21.48 John Merold

#### District 6 Players <300 MPs

- 1 21.43 Bruce Kasold
- 2 19.75 Michael Corrigan
- 3 18.47 John Buckleton
- 4 17.97 Alex Marshall
- 5 17.68 Jacob Hornberger
- 6 16.82 Leo Potsiadlo
- 7 16.25 Herb Lichtenstein  
16.25 Douglas Golden
- 9 15.61 Robert Greenburg
- 10 15.20 Scott Lutrey





# High Percentage Bridge

by ALAN SCHWARTZ

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♠ Charlottesville, VA ♣ DECEMBER 4-6, 2015 ♦

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### Counting your Tricks

#### North

- ♠ 743
- ♥ AK3
- ♦ 974
- ♣ QT53

#### West

- ♠ J82
- ♥ 982
- ♦ K82
- ♣ KJ74

#### East

- ♠ T96
- ♥ QT4
- ♦ QT65
- ♣ A96

#### South

- ♠ AKQ2
- ♥ J765
- ♦ AJ3
- ♣ 82

IMP scoring

<u>South</u>	<u>West</u>	<u>North</u>	<u>East</u>
1NT	P	3NT	P
P	P		

Opening Lead: ♣4

Upon looking at the dummy, you can see this is not a good contract. You need four spade tricks and three heart tricks to even have a chance. Assuming you will be able to collect seven tricks in the majors, you need to develop one club trick in addition to your diamond trick. If only club stoppers were the issue, it could be right to let the opening lead ride around to your ♣8. Since you need a club trick, RHO winning the ♣J instead of the ♣9 won't do you any good. Thus it's better to stick in the ♣10 at trick one to try to generate a club trick outright.

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## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 4

10:30 AM . . .Open Stratified Pairs or 199er Pairs  
The entry for these games is \$11. 40% more master-  
points awarded helps fund the GNTs & NAPs

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

### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 5

10:30 AM . . .Open Stratified Pairs or 199er Pairs  
The entry for these games is \$11. 40% more master-  
points awarded helps fund the GNTs & NAPs

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

### Friday and Saturday Stratification Limits

0-750, 750-2000, 2000+ (199er at Director's discretion)  
Stratification of pairs by average masterpoints. —No indi-  
vidual may exceed the event's upper limit.

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6

10:30 AM & TBA . . . . .Bracketed Swiss Teams  
8 teams in each bracket, 7 rounds, play-through

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**THURSDAY, JANUARY 7**

- ♣ **StrataFlighted Open** (unlim/2000) or 1000/500/300 Pairs . . . . . 11:15am  
**Rockville Duplicate Bridge Club**, 301-503-3348 (Mark Lavine) **NO ENTRY TILL 11AM**  
*St. James Episcopal Church, 11815 Seven Locks Rd., Rockville*
- ♦ **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 (Ohr Kodesh only); **Stratified 199er Swiss Teams** (Beth El only)  
**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. 4<sup>th</sup> light left E-W Hwy 410. Left Meadowbrook Ln. 1<sup>st</sup> 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**  
*to Honor New Life Masters between sessions*

**Win upgraded (more) masterpoints today! \$1 additional fee supports Grass Roots events.**

- ♣ **\*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

**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.
- ♦ **300/100/50 Swiss Teams, VPs** (single sessions) . . . . . 11:00am, 3:00pm

♣ **Lots of Intermediate & Novice Events with Silver Points!** ♥

*Separate I/N events & strata as advertised as attendance allows. (Director's discretion.)*

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**\*StrataFlighted if attendance warrants—otherwise combined into Stratified Pairs (unlim/2000/500)**

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

**Directions to the Margaret Schweinhaut Senior Center**, 1000 Forest Glen Rd, Silver Spring, MD: I-495 to Georgia Avenue North (toward Wheaton). 1<sup>st</sup> light right on Forest Glen Rd. The Center is .7 mile on right.



**2016...**  
**Cheers to a New Year & a New Deal!**

**District Six Honor Roll: Chicago Summer NABC, August 6-16, 2015**

**TOP TEN LISTS**

**District Six Members**

1	214.78	Ai-Tai Lo
2	208.50	William Pettis
3	123.72	Greg Humphreys
4	120.61	Sylvia Shi
5	109.89	Beth Palmer
6	96.33	Alan Schwartz
7	96.10	William Cole
8	90.15	Stan Schenker
	90.15	Mark Laken
10	87.58	Rusty Krauss

**District Six Members with 0-3000 MPs**

1	85.00	Stephen Drodge
2	71.84	Robert Brady
3	57.21	Jian-Jian Wang
4	44.90	Adam Gann
5	43.83	Zachary Madden
6	41.22	Betty Schuler
7	40.28	Shiang Chen
8	38.96	Kenneth Hopke
9	36.90	Jerry Nolte
	36.90	Elizabeth Nolte

**District Six Members with 0-750 MPs**

1	44.90	Adam Gann
2	40.28	Shiang Chen
3	33.75	Myron Goldstein
	33.75	Blake Schwartzbach
	33.75	Terry Klein
6	21.52	Jeffrey Schwartz
7	17.41	William Lowry
8	15.84	Hakan Berk
9	15.64	David Soukup
10	13.88	Peter Van Zijl

**District Six Members with 0-300 MPs**

1	33.75	Myron Goldstein
2	17.41	William Lowry
3	12.47	Robert O Connor
4	9.82	Gordon Prager
5	5.16	David Wolfgang
6	4.99	Julie Schoeberlein
	4.99	John Schoeberlein
8	4.88	Pace Isaac
9	4.48	Walt Pumo
	4.48	Janice Pumo

**OVERALL PLACINGS  
IN NABC+ EVENTS**

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

**Stan Schenker, Mark Laken, Barry  
Falgout, Rusty Krauss, Stephen  
Droge and John Miller** in the  
**Goldman Flight A Grand National Teams**

**Ai-Tai Lo and Bill Pettis**  
in the **Wernher Open Pairs**

**VON ZEDTWITZ LIFE MASTER PAIRS**

- 14 R Jay Becker, Ocean City MD
- 43 Hailong Ao, Ashburn VA
- 48 John McAllister, Charlottesville VA
- 60 Robin Taylor, Gaithersburg MD
- 65 Mark Dahl, Richmond VA

**BRUCE LM-5000 LIFE MASTER PAIRS**

- 7 Jimmy Ritzenberg - Robert Levey,  
Bethesda MD
- 12 Barry Spector, Springfield VA
- 29 Albert Lauber, Washington DC; Jay  
Cherlow, Arlington VA

**YOUNG LM-1500 LIFE MASTER PAIRS**

- 15 Peter Van Zijl, Elkridge MD;  
Richard Wissing, Columbia MD

**NABC 0-10000 PAIRS**

- 14 David Walker, Salem VA
- 39 Gene Kuehneman, Bethesda MD

**BARON-BARCLAY YOUTH OPEN PAIRS**

- 9 Pace Isaac, Clarksville MD

**MOREHEAD GRAND NATIONAL OPEN TEAMS**

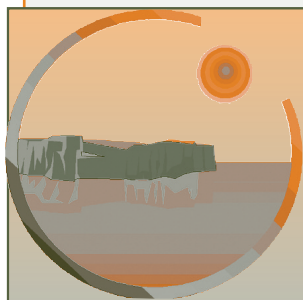
- 3/4 William Cole - William Pettis,  
Silver Spring MD; Sylvia Shi,  
Rockville MD; Alan Schwartz,  
Fairfax VA; Ai-Tai Lo, Reston VA;  
Beth Palmer, Chevy Chase MD

**GOLDMAN GRAND NATIONAL FLT A TEAMS**

- 1 Stan Schenker**, Herndon VA;  
**Mark Laken**, Glyndon MD;  
**Barry Falgout**, Silver Spring MD;  
**Rusty Krauss**, Vienna VA;  
**Stephen Droge**, McLean VA;  
**John Miller**, Discovery Bay CA

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♠ Norfolk/Va. Beach, VA ♣ JANUARY 8-10, 2016 ♦



**Norfolk/  
Virginia Beach**  
Winter 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, 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 Pairs . . . . .10:30 AM  
(0-100, 100-200, 200-NLM up to 500)

Bracketed Pairs/Board-A-Match Teams . . . . .2:30 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

**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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**FRIDAY, JANUARY 22**

*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, JANUARY 23**

*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, JANUARY 24**

*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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**MacNAB GRAND NATIONAL FLIGHT C TEAMS**

- 2 Adam Gann, Washington DC; Blake Schwartzbach, Bethesda MD; Terry Klein, Brookeville MD; Myron Goldstein, Silver Spring MD; Shiang Chen, Centreville VA

**TRUSCOTT USPC SENIOR SWISS**

- 4 Mark Dahl, Richmond VA
- 9 Lou Reich, Wheaton MD; Robert Bell, Silver Spring MD
- 10 Richard Wegman, Bethesda MD; Lyle Poe Jr, Ellicott City MD
- 34 William Pettis, Silver Spring MD

**WERNHER OPEN PAIRS**

- 1** ***Ai-Tai Lo***, Reston VA;  
***William Pettis***, Silver Spring MD

**FREEMAN MIXED B-A-M TEAMS**

- 3 Greg Humphreys, Charlottesville VA
- 18/19 Jian-Jian Wang, Clarksville MD
- 32 Mark Dahl, Richmond VA; Sylvia Shi, Rockville MD; Robert Brady, McLean VA
- 33 Mary Tenenbaum - Alan Tenenbaum, Rockville MD; Linda Marshall, Bethesda MD; David Ruderman, Burtonsville MD

**ROTH OPEN SWISS TEAMS**

- 20 Peter Boyd, Darnestown MD; Steve Robinson, Arlington VA

**0-10000 MIXED SWISS TEAMS**

- 4 Jian-Jian Wang, Clarksville MD
- 5 Sylvia Shi, Rockville MD; Mark Dahl, Richmond VA; Yiting Li, Clarksvle MD
- 11 Greg Humphreys, Charlottesville VA

**MINI SPINGOLD II KNOCKOUT TEAMS**

- 2 Kenneth Hopke, Annandale VA; Jerry Nolte - Elizabeth Nolte, Oak Hill VA

**BEAN RED RIBBON PAIRS**

- 9 Hadi Abushakra, Kensington MD; Walter Smith Jr, Washington DC
- 32 Howard Grunin, Mc Lean VA

## Correspondence from Chicago

—REPORT FROM DISTRICT  
DIRECTOR MARGOT HENNINGS,

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By attendance count, Chicago was a success, exceeding its table count estimate by almost 700 tables. The city of Chicago was a terrific venue, with lots of good restaurants and good weather. On the facility side, due to a glitch on the part the Hilton, some of the ballroom space got double-booked, and many of our games were relegated to the lower floor “salons” where access to the restrooms was, shall we say, much less than optimal. Restroom access from the second floor ballroom was also limited due to the inability to “cut through” another ballroom that was being used by another group; and even the Spingold had to be moved down the block to a second “host hotel.” On the bridge side of things, online entry sales were much smoother, and national-level games got started much more “on time” than in the past, with players buying entries earlier as requested to help meet the “start time.” Once the national-level events are sure of continued “start-up” success, ACBL needs to turn its attention to the regional games as well, and of course, players can help here just as much by buying entries well in advance of the cut-off time for sales. Technology improvements are still in the works—ACBL-Live should be even better by the Fall NABC in Denver, and plans are in place to implement Swiss and KO “team matching” software in 2016. Hopefully, by the time of the DC NABC in the Summer of 2016, most of the “things in the works” will have been worked out and our D6 NABC will be a great showcase for them.

### Congratulations:

A full list of players who placed in the overalls in national-level events can be found on page 9 of *TableTALK*. I would be remiss in not recognizing a few of the winning D6 players here, though, especially since it gives me an opportunity to urge you to buy DC NABC t-shirts so that you, too, can practice the winning ways of D6 GNT Flight A Team Members Stan Schenker, Stephen Drodge, Barry Falgout, Rusty Krauss, John Miller, and Mark Laken (pictured on page 12).

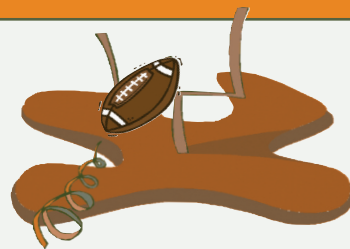
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### FRIDAY, February 5

**Stratified Grass Roots Pairs:** 0-1500/3000/3000+ MPs .....1 pm

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**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

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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

**All Pair Events  
are Single Sessions**



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## **NVBA WILLIAM POISSANT MEMORIAL TOURNAMENT**

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

### **THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 18**

STRATIFIED OPEN PAIRS (2000+/2000/750) or 500/300/100 PAIRS .....10:30 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 Lecture* .....6:30 p.m.

STRATAFLIGHTED OPEN PAIRS (A/X=3000+/3000; B/C=2000/750) .....7:00 p.m. 7:30 p.m.

NVBA 199ER SWISS TEAMS (200/100/50/20); WBL NLM PAIRS (NLM/100/50) 7:00 p.m. 7:30 p.m.

### **FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 19**

*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 Lecture* .....1:15 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) PAIRS .....2 p.m.

TRIPLE NICKEL SWISS—5 rounds, 5 boards, 5 minutes a board ..7:30 p.m.

I/N (500/300/100) PAIRS .....7:30 p.m.

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### **SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 20**

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 Lecture* .....1:15 p.m.

**TROPHY EVENT: WILLIAM POISSANT MEMORIAL PAIRS**

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

STRATIFIED OPEN PAIRS (2000+/2000/750; Single session) ...2 p.m.

I/N (500/300/100) or 49ER (50/20/5) PAIRS .....2 p.m.

STRATIFIED OPEN CONSOLATION (2000+/2000/750) ...7:30 p.m.

—Open to Non-Qualifiers and New Entrants.

I/N (500/300/100) PAIRS .....7:30 p.m.

### **SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 21**

FLIGHTS A/X (5000+/5000) BOARD-A-MATCH TEAMS 11 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.



After each member of Team Schenker purchased t-shirts in both navy and red and wore them on the opening day of the 2015 GNT National Finals in Chicago and in the Finals, this team went on to win the event! Coincidence, luck, or the power of the t-shirt? You tell me, but if you don't buy and don't win, the opportunity was there!

Seriously, it was a great effort by this team, whose members come from three different units within the district. Other great GNT efforts included a proud second-place finish by Shiang Chen, Myron Goldstein, Blake Schwartzbach, Adam Gann and Terry Klein in Flight C, and a 3rd/4<sup>th</sup> spot in the Championship Flight claimed by Bill Cole, Bill Pettis, Sylvia Shi, Alan Schwartz, Ai-Tai Lo, and Beth Palmer. And, last but certainly not least, was the NABC+ win by Bill Pettis and Ai-Tai Lo in the Wernher Pairs, making it a truly fine time in Chicago for them!

### **ACBLScore+ and Other Technology Issues:**

Many meetings were held in Chicago regarding ongoing technology challenges faced by the ACBL. Mitch Hodus, the new ACBL Chief Technology Officer (CTO), spoke both to the full Board of Directors and to the Membership Technology Meeting held on Thursday, August 6. His message? A pretty blunt and bleak report on technology and especially the lack of an adequate infrastructure in place in Horn Lake to support any new program upgrades. Unfortunately, Mitch's point about lack of adequate backup was driven home only too well just two days later when a lightning strike hit ACBL HQ and knocked out a number of systems that had no—you guessed it—automatic backup. Among other items, ACBL Live results sent out to players and appearing on the ACBL website were directly affected and were unable to be restored for several days.

Mitch's priorities—even before the lightning—were to hire more programmers and shore up the IT infrastructure, and the ACBL Board of Directors (BOD) voted an additional \$100,000 out of capital funds to help him accomplish this. Improvements to ACBLScore will take a back seat to these key priorities for a few months, causing more delay in

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catching up technologically to where we think we should be in being able to provide customer service in a manner deserving of the 21<sup>st</sup> century, but enabling us to get back on the right track.

**Special Reports:**

CEO Robert Hartman gave a “State of the League” Report to the Board of Governors at its Sunday meeting in Chicago. In this report, Robert detailed membership trends (average age now over 72) and efforts to recruit Juniors and ‘Boomers,’ with total membership over 168,000 for the first time since 1997. (I am happy to provide a copy of this report to any of you who would like a copy.)

A second special report was presented to the BOD, the CEO, and League Counsel by Paul Street and Bobby Hamman entitled “Ensuring the Future of Bridge” with four key points: 1) Bridge is facing an existential crisis, a “demographic time bomb;” 2) ACBL is facing an organizational challenge; 3) suggestion of a range of options to reverse the decline; and 4) the outline of an “action program.”

#1 has been a topic of concern from the early 1970’s, and dire predictions back then that by the 21<sup>st</sup> century, ACBL would have no more than 30,000 members, have clearly not proved to be the case. However, our new members continue to be over 50 rather than under, and that is something that will be difficult to reverse, particularly with more and more ‘Boomers’ happily joining our ranks, so that marketing strategy is clearly working. It is also important to understand that how we target younger folks who have less time to devote to learning/playing bridge—by developing phone apps, allowing shorter (18-board) club games, and shorter online games—is key to capturing some of what little time people in their 20s and 30s have for recreation due to work and family constraints.

#2 is true in many ways, not just in the size and composition of the Board of Directors, which is the primary suggestion the “Hamman Report” makes, but also in how the ACBL leverages expert players, skilled industry folks, and other key volunteers who have much to contribute in helping to shape our organization in the coming decades. Changing BOD focus from the micro (a regulatory, motion-driven environment) to a more macro perspective and adding outside business skills and project management capabilities will augment the skill set the Board already possesses plus provide more people-power for hard data analysis that can guide subsequent decisions.

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*199er games may be run for all events and stratifications may be adjusted at the Director's discretion based on attendance.*

**...FRIDAY, MARCH 11**

**10:30 AM** ..... 199ER AND STRATIFIED OPEN PAIRS  
**3:30 PM** ..... 199ER AND STRATIFIED OPEN PAIRS

**...SATURDAY, MARCH 12**

**10:30 AM** ..... 199ER AND STRATIFIED OPEN PAIRS  
**3:30 PM** ..... 199ER AND STRATIFIED OPEN PAIRS

**...SUNDAY, MARCH 13**

*Lunch served during the break between sessions*

**10:30 AM & TBA** ..... BRACKETED SWISS TEAMS  
*8 teams per bracket, 7 rounds*

*Stratification of teams by average masterpoints. No individual may exceed the event's upper limit: A/X: 0-3000/3000+; B/C: 0-500/500-2000.*

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**ENTRY FEES**

*\$3 additional per person per session for non or unpaid ACBL members*

**PAIR GAMES**

**\$10.00**

**SUNDAY SWISS GAME**

*\$96 for 4-member team, includes lunch*

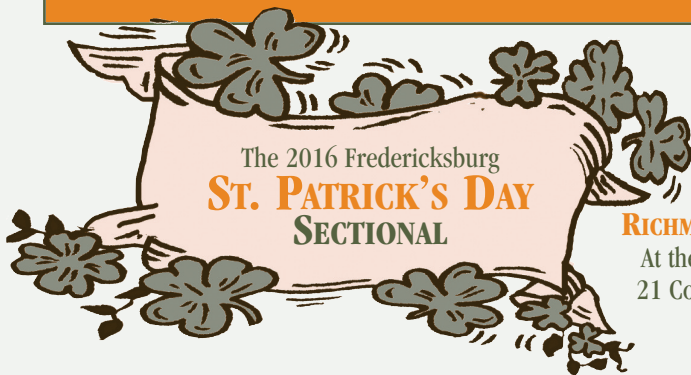
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**STRATIFICATION FOR OPEN PAIR GAMES**

**A: 1250+**

**B: 500 (OR LM) -1250**

**C: 0-500 (NLM)**



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### FRIDAY, MARCH 18

Stratified Open Pairs .....10:00 am  
Stratified Open Pairs .....3:00 pm  
99er Pairs (*pending sufficient entries*) .....3:00 pm

### SATURDAY, MARCH 19

Newcomer Pairs 0-300 .....10:00 am  
Stratified Open Pairs .....10:00 am  
Bracketed Pairs/BAM Teams .....3:00 pm  
*A, B, and C play Sectional Pairs game. Simultaneously, Director pairs teams according to masterpoints (highest to lowest) giving all TWO chances to win!*

### SUNDAY, MARCH 20

Bracketed Swiss Teams .....10:00 am & TBA  
*8 teams in each bracket, 7 rounds, playthrough, lunch available*

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**PAIR GAME STRATA**  
0-300, 300-1500, 1500+

**ENTRY FEES**  
\$10 per player/session;  
\$88 per team on Sunday;  
*\$3 additional per player/session for non or unpaid ACBL members*

#s 3 and 4 included creation of a strategic planning or Working Group, and that is certainly an idea that marries well with changing how the BOD does business.

ACBL has a Strategic Plan—indeed, has had one for a number of years, and the goals put forth in that plan are evaluated annually and the tactics and practices to accomplish these goals are tweaked as needed to encompass new and different issues that deserve attention as they arise. Including outside bridge-playing experts in addition to the Board was done with the CEO Search Committee in 2011 when Bob Blanchard and Steve Beatty, both CEOs and top bridge players, were asked to join the Board to select the next CEO, and what is being done now by adding Greg Humphreys, formerly from Google; Uday Ivaturi of BBO; and Ralph Lipe, formerly an original member of the Microsoft team to the Technology Committee.

### **The Longest Day (TLD) Wrap-up with Kudos to District 6:**

A special reception hosted by the President of the National Alzheimer's Association for major contributors to this year's **The Longest Day** joint fund-raising activity with the ACBL was held on Tuesday night during the Chicago NABC.

Bridge Heroes United, under the very capable leadership of Yuen DeAnda from Northern Virginia, was honored for its \$25,000 effort. Adam Gann, who helped Yuen in this effort and is currently leading the Bridge in Schools program for the WBL, was there to accept the honor in Yuen's absence. Last year, the Mid-Atlantic Bridge Conference (MABC) gave ten regional free plays in drawings throughout the MABC (D6/D7 tournaments) for any team or club or unit that raised over \$250 through raffle tickets. This year, District 6 continued that policy, and can be proud to have fostered momentum for player contributions through this means. Seven different teams/clubs received the free plays this year.

### **Board Actions of Interest:**

A number of miscellaneous items were **APPROVED** in Chicago, among them some minor changes to Non-Life Master Regionals and STAC regulations (check online for the full Minutes from Chicago to view the specifics); allowing "Instant Tournaments" as a format for online club games; broadening the "electronic device" policy to include any device capable of sending or receiving electronic signals—e.g., Apple i-watch must not



be visible; changes in the way ties are broken in a three-way KO match when all three teams have tied both of their matches; and a better definition of “replacement” versus “substitute” in NAPs.

A number of more substantial motions were also **APPROVED**:

- A new process for Appeals Committees where the Tournament Director's determination will be taken as the basis before any change in the decision is made upon appeal (composition and even the existence of appeals committees continues to be a very controversial topic and one that promises to continue as bridge play and ethics decisions become increasingly entangled).
- Rescission of the decision made at the Fall NABC in Providence, RI last year to charge \$20 per person in NABC+ events in the rounds/sessions where screens are used. There is a Management Action Item to re-do the analysis that was done when this charge was approved and to distribute a screen charge fairly across ALL level events where screens are used. Flight B and C NAP and GNT players, 0-1500 LMs, Mini-Spangold finalists, etc., were originally not charged extra to play behind screens. A new screen charge will be a motion at the NABC in Denver this fall.
- Motions that were **DEFEATED** were:
  - Motion for BOD term limits (four consecutive



♠ Norfolk/Va. Beach, VA ♣ APRIL 1-3, 2016 ♦

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—Stratification based on partnership average—

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**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, April 1**

*(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, April 2**

*(Light lunch served between sessions)*

Stratified Pairs (0-750, 750-1500, 1500+ MPs) 10:30 AM

Novice Pairs . . . . . 10:30 AM

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

Bracketed Pairs/Board-A-Match Teams . . . . . 2:30 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, April 3**

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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## **FRIDAY, APRIL 1** (single session events)

Stratified Pairs (0-500, 500-2000, 2000+)\* . . . . . 10:00 A.M. / 2:00 P.M.

## **SATURDAY, APRIL 2** (single session events)

**Unit 139 Board Meeting . . . 1:00 P.M.**

Stratified Pairs (0-500, 500-2000, 2000+)\* . . . . . 10:00 A.M. / 2:00 P.M.

## **SUNDAY, APRIL 3**

Stratified Swiss Teams (0-500, 500-2000, 2000+)\* . . . . . 10:00 A.M. & TBA

*\*Strata may be modified based on attendance*

**Entry Fees** – \$10/person/session, Sunday Team Game \$96/team

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three-year terms). I initially intended to vote in favor of term limits because I think that new blood is good for the leadership of any organization. However, I ended up voting against this motion based on the fact that individuals at all levels within the ACBL are elected by the membership of the level of the organization that they represent. The argument that finally swayed me was that if the National Board imposed term limits on its own members, they were effectively taking away each district's right to elect whoever they wanted to represent them. I would encourage the D6 leadership to consider whether or not it wishes to impose term limits on any of the individuals it and its constituent units elect—the District Director, the First and Second Alternates to the District Director, and the Board of Governors (BOG) representatives. Vote was 11-13-1.

- Request for reduction in MPs for persons on four-session KO teams with more than four players for those players who play fewer than all of the boards in the match. This action was perceived as anti-pro, but there were also a number of us who felt that it is anti-Volunteer. Vote was 10-15-0.

A number of motions were **DEFERRED** until the fall meetings in Denver:

- Changing the BOG meeting day from Sunday to Saturday. The intent was admirable—to save costs associated with having the BOD and ACBL HQ staff stay an extra day—but most of us thought this would be better coming from the BOG and not from the BOD, and in fact at its meeting after the conclusion of the BOD meetings, the BOG voted in favor to stick with Sunday. I am sure the BOD will honor this vote and defeat this change-of-day motion in Denver.
- Changing strat limits in general to allow locals to set the upper limit (within reason) of the X strat according to its population needs.
- Removing the process whereby all ACBL membership payments are made directly to the WBF and requiring that all dues should be paid by and all representatives to the WBF be elected from the USBF.

And, finally, my personal favorite, a series of motions that addressed whether or not online MPs should be included in published LIFETIME MP lists were, in a presumably logical order, DEFEATED and APPROVED.

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THURSDAY, APRIL 7

- ♣ StrataFlighted Open (unlim/2000) or 1000/500/300 Pairs . . . . . 11:15am  
**Rockville Duplicate Bridge Club**, 301-503-3348 (Mark Lavine) NO ENTRY  
*St. James Episcopal Church, 11815 Seven Locks Rd., Rockville* 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 (Ohr Kodesh  
only); Stratified 199er Swiss Teams (Beth El only)  
**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. 4<sup>th</sup> light left E-W Hwy 410. Left Meadowbrook Ln.  
1<sup>st</sup> left Freyman Dr. Parking lot on left. No outside food allowed.

FRIDAY, APRIL 8

- ♣ \*StrataFlighted A/X (unlim/3000) or 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

SATURDAY, APRIL 9

- Win upgraded (more) masterpoints today! \$1 additional fee supports Grass Roots events.**
- ♣ \*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

SUNDAY, APRIL 10

- ♣ **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 for-  
mat. Your team may choose to play up—but only into the top bracket.
- ♦ 300/100/50 Swiss Teams, VPs (single sessions) . . . . . 11:00am, 3:00pm  
♣ **Lots of Intermediate & Novice Events with Silver Points!** ♥  
*Separate I/N events & strata as advertised as attendance allows. (Director's discretion.)*

**Hospitality** includes snacks, drinks, & **Friday lunch & evening party**. Sunday lunch available for purchase.  
**Chair: Steve Schatzow**, 202-332-3729, sschatzow@his.com. **Volunteer Coordinator: Barbara Summers**,  
301-598-5838, jimbarb1184@aol.com; **Hospitality Chair: Mike Zane**, 301-653-1215, Mikezane@msn.com;  
**Partnerships: Barbara Doran**, 301-608-0347, barb.doran@verizon.net, **Online Partnership Desk** available.  
\*StrataFlighted if attendance warrants—otherwise combined into Stratified Pairs (unlim/2000/500)  
Stratification by avg. masterpoints of the team or pair. No individual may exceed the event's upper limit.  
**Directions to the Margaret Schweinhaut Senior Center**, 1000 Forest Glen Rd, Silver Spring, MD: I-495  
to Georgia Avenue North (toward Wheaton). 1<sup>st</sup> light right on Forest Glen Rd. The Center is .7 mile on right.

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Mid-chart allowed in all events except I/N

The net effect of all of this was that online points will NOT (for the time being anyway) be listed separately. This was, as it is every time it is brought up, hugely controversial, with the final argument this summer being made that reporting/listing separately online points or points of any "color" calls attention to those points in a negative way. They ARE different, but so are points earned at other venues—how do we solve this? Stay tuned—I am sure we are not done here, and in fact, the person who provided the impetus for the original motion calling for separate lists, asked at the BOG meeting for the BOD decision to be yet again re-considered. It is a shame that when online bridge first became popular and masterpoints started to accrue in astonishing numbers, the discussion of whether different lists should perhaps be created was never conducted. Now, it is difficult to make any one case for how these points should be treated. As always, I welcome your feedback—my email address is at the top of this report.

—Margot

**District 6 North American Pairs Finals: 2015-16 Results**

Congratulations to the top finishers in the District 6 North American Pairs (NAP) Finals! **Bob Bell-Lou Reich**, *Sumner Steinfeldt-Ken Davis* and *Steve Robinson-Peter Boyd* will represent District 6 in the NAP National Final at the 2016 Spring NABC in Reno, NV.

**Hadi Abushakra-Walter Smith**, *Robert Burgess-Jian-Ping Chen*, *Steve Bunning-Jose Cortina* and *Craig Huneke-Pete Ekstrand* will represent us in the 0-2500 NAP National Final.

**Linda Meade-Darlyn Counihan**, *Brian Knapik-James Stiff*, *Terry Klein-Charles Dearolf* and *Louise Ragland-Kay Hughes* will represent us in the NLM NAP National Final. Good luck to all of you in Reno!

Start planning now to compete to win a trip to the 2017 Spring NABC, to represent District 6 in the NAP National Finals in Kansas City, MO. Club qualifying will take place in June, July and August of 2016. Three pairs will qualify in the Open and four pairs will qualify in the 0-2500 and NLM.

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NORTHERN VIRGINIA BRIDGE ASSOCIATION  
**PRING SECTIONAL TOURNAMENT**

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

**THURSDAY, MAY 12**

STRATIFIED OPEN PAIRS (2000+/2000/750) or 500/300/100 PAIRS .....10:30 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 Lecture* .....6:30 p.m.

STRATAFLIGHTED OPEN PAIRS (A/X=3000+/3000; B/C=2000/750) .....7:00 p.m. 7:30 p.m.

NVBA 199ER SWISS TEAMS (200/100/50/20); WBL NLM PAIRS (NLM/100/50) 7:00 p.m. 7:30 p.m.

**FRIDAY, MAY 13**

*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 Lecture* .....1:15 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) PAIRS .....2 p.m.

TRIPLE NICKEL SWISS—5 rounds, 5 boards, 5 minutes a board .7:30 p.m.

I/N (500/300/100) PAIRS .....7:30 p.m.

*\*Join the FUNd!\* \$1 extra/game Sat. & Sun., plus player  
auction on Sat. means extra fun at this Summer's DC NABC!*

**SATURDAY, MAY 14**

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 Lecture* .....1:15 p.m.

BRACKETED COMPACT KO—All brackets are handicapped 2 & 7:30 p.m.

*4 12-board matches start Sat aft—end Sat eve. All teams play 1st 2 matches.*

STRATAFLIGHTED A/X (3000+/3000) or B/C (2000/750) PAIRS .2 p.m.

I/N (500/300/100) or 49ER (50/20/5) PAIRS .....2 p.m.

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

**SUNDAY, MAY 15**

FLIGHTS A/X (5000+/5000) SWISS TEAMS .....11 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.

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

*Championship Events and a Full Schedule of 299er Events for Novice and Intermediate Players!*

*Players with 0-5 Masterpoints play FREE in ALL games!*

**Tournament Chair**  
*Margot Hennings,*  
703-560-0245

**Partnership Chair**  
*Marty Bley*  
nvbapartnerships@gmail.com  
240-441-9885 (C)

*Mid-Chart Conventions permitted in all A/X Events*

**Next NVBA Sectional**  
**Sep 8-11 at Arlington/  
Fairfax Elks Lodge**  
**(Thurs at Beth El)**

[www.nvba.org](http://www.nvba.org)

**DISTRICT 6 NORTH AMERICAN OPEN PAIRS**

- 1 **Robert Bell - Lou Reich**
- 2 Sumner Steinfeldt - Kenneth Davis
- 3 Steve Robinson - Peter Boyd
- 4 Robert Hopkins Jr - Kent Goulding
- 5 Alan Schwartz - William Cole
- 6 Mark Shaw - Martin Graf
- 7 James Berry - Brad Libros
- 8 Leo LaSota - Robert Brady
- 9 Adam Gann - Robert Gookin
- 10 Brad Theurer - Lyle Poe Jr

**DISTRICT 6 0-2500 NORTH AMERICAN PAIRS**

**NORTH**

- 1 **Hadi Abushakra - Walter Smith Jr**
- 2 Steve Bunning - Jose Cortina
- 3 John Gauss - Lawrence Fox
- 4 Sorina Negulescu - Jeffrey Halle
- 5 Robert Stearns - William Goldman
- 6 Mary Peters - Thomas Peters
- 7 Debnarayan Dhar - Mel Yudkin
- 8 Jim Gaarder - Jimmy Ritzenberg
- 9 Blake Schwartzbach - Barry Goulding
- 10 Larry Brafman - John Christensen

**SOUTH**

- 1 **Robert Burgess - Jian-Ping Chen**
- 2 Craig Huneke - Pete Ekstrand
- 3 Natalia Vet - Willem Vet
- 4 Steve Sperry - John Lien
- 5 Antoinette Morton - Patti Martin

**DISTRICT 6 NLM NORTH AMERICAN PAIRS**

**NORTH**

- 1 **Linda Meade - Darlyn Counihan**
- 2 Terry Klein - Charles Dearolf
- 3 Warren Beeton - John Pegues
- 4 Norman Kittrell - Joseph Lebaron
- 5 Robert O Connor - Richard Barth
- 6 Joseph Evans - Herve Franceschi

**SOUTH**

- 1 **Brian Knapik - James Stiff**
- 2 Louise Ragland - Kay Hughes
- 3 Forrest Swope - Alex Marshall
- 4 Bob Textor - Richard Imlay
- 5 Maggie Eckman - Michie Bright
- 6 Christine D Ambra - Donnie Walsh

**Hunt Valley, MD**  
**Regional Winners**  
**August 11-17, 2015**

**TOP POINT WINNERS**

**District 6 Players**

- 1 141.12 Sylvia Shi
- 2 100.13 Brad Theurer
- 100.13 Lyle Poe Jr
- 4 78.52 William Pettis
- 5 75.51 Mark Shaw
- 6 67.63 Gregory Bright
- 67.63 Lynn Jones
- 67.63 Paul Benedict
- 9 60.16 Fred King

**District 6 Players <3000 MPs**

- 1 45.14 John Becker
- 2 43.91 Jim Maldeis
- 3 43.71 Ken Shotting
- 4 41.26 John Christensen
- 5 38.34 Marc Warner
- 6 36.71 Joel Mashbaum
- 7 35.78 James Augustine
- 35.78 Thomas Jennings
- 9 34.87 Witold Palosz
- 10 34.29 Robert Mintz

**District 6 Players <750 MPs**

- 1 38.34 Marc Warner
- 2 35.78 James Augustine
- 3 30.70 Jeffrey Halle
- 4 27.50 Shiang Chen
- 5 26.64 Michael Lentz
- 26.64 Jack Smuck
- 7 26.38 Sidney Graves
- 8 23.56 Ronald Vande Bunte
- 9 23.23 Jonathan Higa
- 10 22.98 James Barnes
- 22.98 Tobey Roland

**District 6 Players <300 MPs**

- 1 22.71 Shirley Churchill
- 2 22.50 Joanne Waldron
- 3 15.48 Douglas Golden
- 15.48 Thomas Stagnaro
- 5 15.28 Charlie Wermine
- 6 15.12 Boots Bonney
- 7 14.77 Scott Lutrey
- 8 14.42 Edgar Orme III
- 9 14.24 Molly Lipman
- 10 14.03 James Cartlidge

♠ **Williamsburg, VA** ♣ **MAY 20-22, 2016** ♦

**Williamsburg  
Spring  
Sectional**

**DOUBLETREE BY HILTON**

50 Kingsmill Road • 757-220-2500



**Friday, May 20**

Stratified Pairs .....10:30 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, May 21**

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, May 22—Including lunch!**

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

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

**Tournament Chair**

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

**Partnership Chair**

**Ron Alldaffer:** ralldaffer@charter.net, 757-279-0230

**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, the DoubleTree is on the right.

## Season's Greetings from the Mid-Atlantic

It's that time of year again: to enjoy the holiday season and look forward to the coming year of bridge in the Mid-Atlantic featuring the biggest and best regionals in the ACBL. As always, you can count on great I/N programs, 0-750 Gold Rush games, a variety of events to suit everyone, and excellent hospitality at all 11 tournaments. For detailed information, go to [www.mabcbridge.org](http://www.mabcbridge.org).

### MID-ATLANTIC REGIONALS IN 2016

**Myrtle Beach, SC—Dec. 28-Jan. 3,** Marriott Resort at Grande Dunes, (800) 644-2881. Although the Atlantic Ocean will be too cold for most, going to the beach with your bridge friends is still fun. Great holiday room rate of \$98. Co-chair: Evelyn Brandon, (843) 222-7779, [evelyn.brandon@gmail.com](mailto:evelyn.brandon@gmail.com).

**Hilton Head Island, SC—Feb. 8-14,** Marriott Resort and Spa, (843) 686-8400. It's only every other year, but this popular beach-front location is the largest regional outside Gatlinburg. Help us surpass the 4026 tables we had in 2014. Rooms are \$115/night. Co-chair: Ann Grindstaff, (843) 341-6337, [annkurt52@gmail.com](mailto:annkurt52@gmail.com).

**Williamsburg, VA—Feb. 29-Mar. 6,** DoubleTree by Hilton, (757) 220-2500. Traditional "Virginia-style" hospitality, plus free parking and free wifi. One of the lowest room rates around at only \$87 a night. Chair: Jane Farthing, (703) 850-9635, [jane.farthing@gmail.com](mailto:jane.farthing@gmail.com).

**Gatlinburg, TN—April 11-17,** Gatlinburg Convention Center. Join us for another edition of America's Favorite Regional at the start of spring in the Smoky Mountains. It's one of the only regionals still with midnight games. Room rates to fit everyone's budget. Co-chairs: Julia & Pete Misslin, (423) 884-3550, [pmisslin@tds.net](mailto:pmisslin@tds.net).

**Raleigh, NC—May 24-30,** Hilton North Raleigh/Midtown, (919) 872-2323. Another D7 biennial tournament, this one is among the cheapest in the Mid-Atlantic with an \$80 room rate at the Hilton over Memorial Day weekend. Co-chairs: Audrey & Lance Shull, (919) 280-5447, [audrey.shull@sas.com](mailto:audrey.shull@sas.com).

**Chattanooga, TN—July 11-17,** The Chattanooga, (423) 756-3400. At the Tennessee/Georgia border, visit this regional that is becoming a popular site for even-

numbered years. Rooms are \$109/night. Co-chair: Bert Shramko, (423) 961-4123, [bshramko@comcast.net](mailto:bshramko@comcast.net).

**Hunt Valley, MD—Aug. 15-21,** The Hunt Valley Inn: A Wyndham Grand Resort. Newly renovated, free parking and free wifi—a D6 annual treat in the Maryland horse country northwest of Baltimore for \$115 a night. Chair: Diane Jaworiwsky, (703) 395-7796, [DianeJaw@verizon.net](mailto:DianeJaw@verizon.net).

**Atlanta, GA—Aug. 30-Sept. 5,** Crowne Plaza at Ravinia, (770) 395-7700. Come to the annual Labor Day regional with scores of shops and restaurants in the popular Perimeter Mall area. Rooms in this snazzy hotel are \$117 a night. Co-chair: Jack Feagin, (404) 252-9246, [jfeagin2@gmail.com](mailto:jfeagin2@gmail.com).

**Charlotte, NC—Oct. 24-30,** Hilton Charlotte University Place, (704) 547-7444. Rooms are \$100/night. This popular venue is situated near UNC Charlotte, with dozens of nice restaurants right out the back door. Co-chair: Co-Chair: Arnold Hoffmann, (704) 875-6923, [ajhoffmann@carolina.rr.com](mailto:ajhoffmann@carolina.rr.com)

**Norfolk, VA—Nov. 14-20,** The Norfolk Waterside Marriott, (757) 627-4200. A "new" location for D6 in 2014, this convenient downtown tournament venue features many restaurants within walking distance, inexpensive parking and a \$107 room rate. Cruises and ships galore for naval buffs. Co-Chair: Brian Boyce, (757) 434-0792, [brian@bfboyce.com](mailto:brian@bfboyce.com).

**North Charleston, SC—Dec. 27-Jan. 2,** Embassy Suites North Charleston, (843) 747-1882. Charleston hosts the largest holiday regional. At \$102 a night including a fabulous full daily breakfast and happy hour snacks, the host hotel will sell out, so make your plans early. Co-chair: Steve Donaldson, (843) 412-8097, [folliboy@aol.com](mailto:folliboy@aol.com).

## The Mid-Atlantic Bridge Conference

Home to the ACBL's premier Regionals — hosting 33,000 tables during this past year. It's time to check your 2015-16 calendar and plan to play in the biggest and best tournaments of

.....November, 2015

● **P 2...Nov 9-15 . . .Cambridge, MD REGIONAL**  
Shawn Stringer, 301-275-6363, [shstringer@aol.com](mailto:shstringer@aol.com)

● **P 6...Nov 20-22 . . . . .Baltimore, MD**  
Ron Geagley, 410-415-6885, [bluronald@outlook.com](mailto:bluronald@outlook.com)

**Nov 26-Dec 6 . . . . .DENVER, CO NATIONALS**  
Fall North American Bridge Championships

.....December, 2015

● **P 7...Dec 4-6 . . . . .Charlottesville, VA**  
Betsey Ruehl, 540-942-3667, [etruehl@ntelos.net](mailto:etruehl@ntelos.net)

**Dec 14-20 . . . . .D6 & Unit 190 StaC**  
Don Berman, 301-776-3581, [don.berman@verizon.net](mailto:don.berman@verizon.net)

● **P 3...Dec 28-Jan 3 MYRTLE BEACH, SC REGIONAL**  
Lindsey Butler, 843-881-0818, [blindsey730@bellsouth.net](mailto:blindsey730@bellsouth.net)

.....January, 2016

● **P 8...Jan 7-10 . . . . .Silver Spring, MD**  
Steve Schatzow, 202-332-3729, [sschatzow@his.com](mailto:sschatzow@his.com)

● **P 9...Jan 8-10 . . . . .Norfolk/VA Beach**  
Jennifer Christman, 757-574-7118, [jchristman8@cox.net](mailto:jchristman8@cox.net)  
& Lynnette Regan, 757-627-6061, [LHRegan@yahoo.com](mailto:LHRegan@yahoo.com)

● **P 10...Jan 22-24 . . . . .Richmond, VA**  
Barry and Winnie Fratkin, 804-741-6782 (H) ,  
804-837-6782 (C), [fratco@mac.com](mailto:fratco@mac.com)

.....February, 2016

● **P 11...Feb 5-7 . . . . .Baltimore, MD**  
Renate Conlon, 443-527-4744, [rjconlon@hotmail.com](mailto:rjconlon@hotmail.com)

**Feb 8-14 . . . . .D6 & Unit 190 StaC**  
Don Berman, 301-776-3581, [don.berman@verizon.net](mailto:don.berman@verizon.net)

● **P 4...Feb 8-14 .HILTON HEAD, SC REGIONAL**  
Ann Grindstaff, (843) 341-6337, [AnnKurt52@gmail.com](mailto:AnnKurt52@gmail.com);  
Dave McClintock, (843) 705-2704, [tsdavem@hotmail.com](mailto:tsdavem@hotmail.com)

● **P 12...Feb 18-21 . . . . .Fairfax, VA**  
Margot Hennings, 703-560-0245, [margot10bridge@cox.net](mailto:margot10bridge@cox.net)

● **P 5...Feb 29-Mar 6 WILLIAMSBURG, VA REGIONAL**  
Jane Farthing, 703-850-9635, [jane.farthing@gmail.com](mailto:jane.farthing@gmail.com)

the year. Mid-Atlantic regionals offer loads of Bracketed Knockouts, exciting Intermediate/Newcomer schedules and

# 1 Year DISTRICT 6 Calendar OF EVENTS

lectures, and our three favorite words: hospitality, hospitality, hospitality.

## .....March, 2016

**Mar 10-20** ..... **RENO, NV NATIONALS**  
Spring North American Bridge Championships

**P 13...Mar 11-13** ..... **Charlottesville, VA**  
Nan Massie, 434-531-5547, chobridge@aol.com

**P 14...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.net

## .....April, 2016

**P 15...Apr 1-3** ..... **Norfolk/VA Beach**  
Jennifer Christman, 757-574-7118, jchristman8@cox.net & Lynnette Regan, 757-627-6061, LHRegan@yahoo.com

**P 16...Apr 1-3** ..... **Lynchburg, VA**  
Anne Barlow, 434-237-8143, abarlow503@gmail.com

**P 17...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@tda.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

**P 18...May 12-15** ..... **Fairfax, VA**  
Margot Hennings, 703-560-0245, margot10bridge@cox.net

**May 13-15** ..... **Winchester, VA**  
Gerry O'Malley, 540-550-4410, gerrysdeals@gmail.com

**P 19...May 20-22** ..... **Williamsburg, VA**  
Jane Farthing, 703-850-9635, jane.farthing@gmail.com

## .....May, continued...

**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 2-5** ..... **Kensington, MD NLM**  
Leslie Shafer & Julie Marquette, 301-642-9197, jmarq3428@yahoo.com

**Jun 3-5** ..... **Norfolk/VA Beach**  
Jennifer Christman, 757-574-7118, jchristman8@cox.net & Lynnette Regan, 757-627-6061, LHRegan@yahoo.com

**Jun 3-5** ..... **Blacksburg, VA**  
Rich Rio, 540-553-6228, richrio428@yahoo.com

**Jun 10-12** ..... **Baltimore, MD**  
Renate Conlon, 443-527-4744, rjconlon@hotmail.com

**Jun 13-19** ... **NABC Promotional FUND Week**

**Jun 24-26** ..... **Richmond, VA**  
Barry and Winnie Fratkin, 804-741-6782 (H), 804-837-6782 (C), fratco@mac.com

**Jun 20-26** ..... **D4 REGIONAL**  
Meyer Kotkin, **KING OF PRUSSIA, PA**  
215-891-0602, mhk22@cornell.edu

## .....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, 423-961-4123, bshramko@comcast.net

**Jul 21-31** ... **WASHINGTON, DC NATIONALS**  
Summer North American Bridge Championships

## .....August, 2016

**Aug 15-21** ... **HUNT VALLEY, MD REGIONAL**  
Diane Jaworowsky, 410-461-2083, DianeJaw@verizon.net

**Aug. 27-28** ..... **Norfolk/VA Beach NLM**  
Kathy Haglich, 757-467-4136, kathyvsh@gmail.com

**Aug 30-Sep 5** ..... **ATLANTA, GA REGIONAL**  
Jack Feagin, 404-252-9246, jfeagin2@bellsouth.net

## .....September, 2016

**Sep 8-11** ..... **Fairfax, VA**  
Margot Hennings, 703-560-0245, margot10bridge@cox.net

**Sep 16-18** ..... **Norfolk/VA Beach**  
Jennifer Christman, 757-574-7118, jchristman8@cox.net & Lynnette Regan, 757-627-6061, LHRegan@yahoo.com

**Sep 24-25** ..... **D6 NAP Finals**  
Barb Doran, 301-608-0347, barb.doran@verizon.net

**Sep 30-Oct 2** ..... **Williamsburg, VA**  
Jane Farthing, 703-850-9635, jane.farthing@gmail.com

**Sep 30-Oct 2** ..... **Baltimore, MD**  
Renate Conlon, 443-527-4744, rjconlon@hotmail.com

## .....October, 2016

**Oct 6-9** ..... **Silver Spring, MD**  
Steve Schatzow, 202-332-3729, sschatzow@his.com

**Oct 14-16** ..... **Richmond, VA**  
Barry and Winnie Fratkin, 804-741-6782 (H), 804-837-6782 (C), fratco@mac.com

**Oct. 20-23** ..... **Fairfax, VA**  
Margot Hennings, 703-560-0245, margot10bridge@cox.net

**Oct 24-30** ... **CHARLOTTE, NC REGIONAL**  
Arnold Hoffman, 704-875-6923, ajhoffmann@carolina.rr.com

**Oct 31-Nov 6** ..... **D4 REGIONAL**  
John Klinger, **LANCASTER, PA**  
dhklinger@epix.net

## ***Grand National Teams 2015-16—Get Your Team Together!***

It is time to get to your local club or unit game to qualify to win a partially subsidized trip to the Summer 2016 NABC in Washington, D. C. If you win, you will represent District 6 in the national finals of this grassroots competition.

The club/unit game qualification period began on September 1, 2015 and will end on April 28, 2016. To qualify, you can go out and play as often as you want and with whomever you want. As long as whatever team you play on wins at least 50% of its matches during a qualifying game, then you are eligible. You can form the team you want to play on in the District Finals from among all eligible players in your flight.

The competition contains four flights. 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 September 1, 2015 ACBL list of points. In club play, 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.)

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

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.\* Cost per team is \$100. This entry fee pays for the first day (2 sessions).

### ***District 6 has Outstanding Results in National GNT Competition at Chicago NABC***

In its best showing ever, District 6 garnered a first place, a second place and a tie for the third/fourth place in the Grand National Teams competition at the 2015 Summer NABC.

The "A" flight (0-6000 MP) team, captained by Rusty Krauss handily beat a District 3 team in the finals to win their event. Team members are: ***Rusty Krauss, Barry Falgout, Mark Laken, Stan Schenker, Stephen Drodge, John Miller***

The "C" flight team lost a close match in the finals to a team from District 22. Our second place winners are: ***Adam Gann, Blake Schwartzbach, Myron Goldstein, Terry Klein, Shiang Chen***

The "Open Championship" team lost in the semifinals to gain a tie for third/fourth place. Team members are: ***William Cole, Beth Palmer, Ai -Tai Lo, William Pettis, Alan Schwartz, Sylvia Shi***  
*Congratulations to these teams for giving District 6 its finest showing ever in the Grand National Teams!*

Make checks payable to District 6 and send them to the D6 GNT Coordinator: Lynn Jones, 10 Tenby Court, Timonium, MD 21093. Along with the check, please send the names of all players on your team, their ACBL numbers, the Flight you are entering, and a contact e-mail address for the Team Captain.

Any questions, please contact Lynn Jones at 410-560-3244 or [bridgelynn@comcast.net](mailto:bridgelynn@comcast.net). You can find Conditions of Contest, directions to sites, & where to qualify at [www.districtsix.org](http://www.districtsix.org)

*\* There may be a second southern site in Richmond.*

#### **Open Bracket**

First Weekend: White Oak Community Center  
Saturday, April 30, 12 Noon  
Sunday, May 1, 11 A.M.

Second Weekend: Sites TBA  
Saturday, May 21, Time TBA  
Sunday, May 22, 11A.M. ... Finals

#### **A Bracket (0-6000 MP)**

First Weekend: White Oak Community Center  
Saturday, January 16, 12 Noon  
Sunday, January 17, 11 A.M.

Second Weekend: Arlington Fairfax Elks Lodge  
Saturday, February 20, 11 A.M.  
Sunday, February 21, 11 A.M. ... Finals

#### **B Bracket (0-2500 MP)**

First Weekend: *Northern Site:*  
White Oak Community Center  
Saturday, April 30, 12 Noon  
Sunday, May 1, 11A.M.

First Weekend: *Southern Site*  
Charlottesville, Cavalier Inn  
Saturday, April 30, 12 Noon  
Sunday, May 1, 11 AM

Second Weekend: *For all qualified teams*  
Sites TBA  
Saturday, May 21, 12 Noon  
Sunday, May 22, 11 A.M. ... Finals

#### **C Bracket (0-500 MP)**

First Weekend: *Northern Site*  
Saturday, April 30, 12 Noon  
White Oak Community Center

First Weekend: *Southern Site*  
Saturday, April 30, 12 noon  
Charlottesville, Cavalier Inn

Second Weekend: *For all qualified teams*  
Sunday, May 22, 11A.M.  
Site TBA ... Finals