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Excitement is Building
for the Summer D.C. NABC!

Once again, it's time for the big Party on the Potomac! All the key info you will need starts on page 6: ♣ Hospitality ♦ Volunteering ♥ Parking ♠ DC NABC FUNd Week June 13-19 ♣ Intermediate/Newcomer Programming ♦ NABC FUNd Silent Auction.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Volunteers are critical to the operation of our regionals, sectionals and other special events. On behalf of District 6, I want to express our gratitude to two people who have worked tirelessly to serve the best interests of our district. They are long-time D6 Grand National Teams (GNT) Coordinator Lynn Jones and D6 North American Pairs Finals Coordinator Barb Doran.

Lynn Jones is stepping down as GNT Coordinator after many years of dedicated efforts to make the D6 GNT competition into one of the finest in the country. Lynn has overseen all aspects of this event including marketing, conditions of contest, hospitality, seeding and game day logistics, and has done all of this over four weekends every GNT season. Lynn has done her job with enthusiasm and always with good humor. Lynn deserves the thanks of the entire District for her contributions to this very prestigious event.

Barb Doran is retiring from her position as NAP coordinator. Barb has admirably served the District for 39 years, managing the NAP's in the same way that Lynn managed the GNT's, and has played a major role in turning D6's NAP into a premier event. Barb has been instrumental in getting players from around the District interested in participating in the event. Barb is also D6's representative on the Grass Roots Committee at the national level, where she works with coordinators from around the country to continually improve the NAP and GNT events. Barb will continue to serve on the National Grass Roots Committee.

Please join with me in thanking these two fine volunteers for the countless hours they have given to our District.

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- ♣ Gold Rush events (0-750 MPs) every day
- ♦ Special Golden Mid-Flight events (0-3000 MPs) on Tuesday, Thursday, Friday and Sunday
- ♥ 199er newcomer games every day
- ♣ Two-session Dupli-Swiss on Thursday and Sunday
- ♣ Free bridge lesson and 0-20 relaxed game on Monday
- ♥ NEW! 299er Two-session Dupli-Swiss with free lunch on Friday

EXCLUSIVE TO THIS DISTRICT 4 REGIONAL!

- ♥ GOLDEN MID-FLIGHT PAIRS AND TEAM EVENTS. Limited to players with less than 3,000 MPs.

TOURNAMENT NOTES

Stratification (subject to Director's discretion):

Golden Opportunity Events

Gold Rush 2-Strat Pairs/Swiss: 0-300; 300-750
Gold Rush 3-Strat Pairs/Swiss: 0-100; 100-300; 300-750
Golden Mid-Flight Pairs/Swiss: 0-1500; 1500-3000

Open Events: A/X/Y Pairs: 0-1500; 1500-3000; 3000+
A/X Pairs/Swiss: 0-5000; 5000+
Open Pairs/Swiss: 0-750; 750-2500; 2500+

Stratification determined by average. No individual may be above the maximum.

KO events with one bracket may be handicapped.

Mid-chart conventions in top bracket & A/X events.

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MONDAY JUNE 27TH

12:00: Free Lesson for 0 - 20 MP Players
2:00: 0 - 20 Relaxed Game (NO ENTRY FEE; <20 MP)
2:00 & 7:30: Mon-Tue Bracketed KO (continues 10:30 and 3:00 Tues)
2:00 & 7:30: Gold Rush Pairs (2 sessions; <750 MP)
2:00 & 7:30: A/X/Y Stratified Open Pairs (2 sessions)
2:00 & 7:30: 199er Pairs (single sessions; <199 MP)
2:00: Charity Stratified Open Pairs (1 session)
7:30: Charity Stratified Open Pairs (1 session)
7:30: Charity Stratified Swiss Teams (1 session)

TUESDAY JUNE 28TH

10:30 & 3:00: Tue- Wed Bracketed KO (continues 10:30 and 3:00 Wed)
10:30 & 3:00: Gold Rush Pairs (2 sessions; <750 MP)
10:30 & 3:00: Golden Mid-Flight B/C Pairs (2 sessions; < 3000 MP)
10:30 & 3:00: A/X Pairs (2 sessions)
10:30 & 3:00: 199er Pairs (single sessions; <199 MP)
10:30: Morning Side Pairs Game Series (1 of 5)
3:00: Stratified Swiss Teams (one session)
3:00: Afternoon Side Pairs Game Series (1 of 5)
7:30: Evening Side Fast Pairs Game Series (1 of 4)

WEDNESDAY JUNE 29TH

10:30 & 3:00: Wed- Thu Bracketed KO (continues 10:30 and 3:00 Thu)
10:30 & 3:00: Gold Rush Pairs (2 sessions; <750 MP)
10:30 & 3:00: A/X/Y Pairs (2 sessions)
10:30 & 3:00: 199er Pairs (single sessions; <199 MP)
10:30: Morning Side Pairs Game Series (2 of 5)
3:00: Stratified Swiss Teams (one session)
3:00: Afternoon Side Pairs Game Series (2 of 5)
7:30: Evening Side Fast Pairs Game Series (2 of 4)

THURSDAY JUNE 30TH

10:30 & 3:00: Thu - Fri Bracketed KO (continues 10:30 and 3:00 Fri)
10:30 & TBA: A/X Dupli-Swiss (pre-duplicated boards with hand records: 2 sessions)
10:30 & TBA: Golden Mid-Flight B/C Dupli-Swiss (2 sessions; <3000 MP)

10:30 & TBA: Gold Rush Dupli-Swiss (2 sessions; <750 MP)
10:30 & 3:00: Open Pairs (2 sessions)
10:30 & 3:00: 199er Pairs (single sessions; <199 MP)
10:30: Morning Side Pairs Game Series (3 of 5)
3:00: Stratified Swiss Teams (one session)
3:00: Afternoon Side Pairs Game Series (3 of 5)
7:30: Evening Side Fast Pairs Game Series (3 of 4)

FRIDAY JULY 1ST

10:30 & 3:00: Fri - Sat Bracketed KO (continues 10:30 and 3:00 Sat)
10:30 & 3:00: Gold Rush Pairs (2 sessions; <750 MP)
10:30 & 3:00: Golden Mid-Flight B/C Pairs (2 sessions; <3000 MP)
10:30 & 3:00: A/X Pairs (2 sessions)
10:30 & 3:00: 199er Pairs (single sessions; <199 MP)
10:30 & TBA: Bracketed 299er Dupli-Swiss (2 sessions; <299 MP; free lunch, pre-registration encouraged)
10:30: Morning Side Pairs Game Series (4 of 5)
3:00: Stratified Swiss Teams (one session)
3:00: Afternoon Side Pairs Game Series (4 of 5)
7:30: Evening Side Fast Pairs Game Series (4 of 4)

SATURDAY JULY 2ND

10:30 & 3:00: Bracketed Compact KO
10:30 & 3:00: Gold Rush Pairs (2 sessions; <750 MP)
10:30 & 3:00: A/X/Y Pairs (2 sessions)
10:30 & 3:00: 199er Pairs (single sessions; <199 MP)
10:30: Morning Side Pairs Game Series (5 of 5)
3:00: Stratified Swiss Teams (one session)
3:00: Afternoon Side Pairs Game Series (5 of 5)
7:30: It's Midnight Somewhere Zip Swiss Teams (1 session)

SUNDAY JULY 3RD

10:30 & TBA: Dupli-Swiss (pre-duplicated boards with hand records; 2 sessions)
10:30 & TBA: Golden Mid-Flight B/C Dupli-Swiss (2 sessions; <3,000 MP)
10:30 & TBA: Gold Rush Dupli-Swiss (2 sessions; <750 MP)

VISIT THE DISTRICT 4 WEBSITE: www.district4.info



ALL KOs ARE BRACKETED, RANDOM DRAW & INCLUDE 0-300 MP PLAYERS. 1- & 2- BRACKET KNOCKOUTS ARE HANDICAPPED.

Tarheel Memorial Day Regional



TUESDAY, MAY 24

Seymour Johnson AFB Knockout ...1 & 7
Continues 1 & 7 Wednesday

Raleigh Open Pairs

(1500/3000/3000+)1 & 7

Carolina **GOLD RUSH** Pairs1 & 7

Fayetteville Side Series (1st, 2nd of 4) 1 / 7

Kickoff 49er and 499er Pairs1 / 7

Stratified Swiss Teams7

NLM/499er Swiss Teams7

Aft. pair games benefit ACBL Educational Foundation; Eve. pair games benefit Raleigh Junior Bridge

WEDNESDAY, MAY 25

0-5 Players play **FREE** all day

Cary Compact Knockout9

Two 12-board matches, concludes 9 am Thur

Early Bird Pairs Side Series (1st of 5)..9

Sunrise 49er and 499er Pairs9

USCGAS Elizabeth City Knockout...1 & 7

Continue 1 & 7 Thursday

Carthage Open Pairs

(1500/3000/3000+)1 & 7

Wolfpack **GOLD RUSH** Pairs1 & 7

Fayetteville Side Series (3rd, 4th of 4) 1 / 7

49er and 499er Pairs1 / 7

INTERMEDIATE/NOVICE PARTY—5 pm

Stratified Board-a-Match Teams7

NLM/499er Swiss Teams7

THURSDAY, MAY 26

Apex Compact Knockout9

Two 12-board matches, concludes 9 am Fri

Early Bird Pairs Side Series (2nd of 5)..9

Sunrise 49er and 499er Pairs9

MCAS Cherry Point Knockout1 & 7

Continues 1 & 7 Friday

Greenville Open Pairs (5000/5000+) 1 & 7

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THURSDAY, continued...

NEW! Greenville Mid-Flight Pairs

(1500/3000)1 & 7

Tarheel **GOLD RUSH** Pairs1 & 7

Smithfield Side Series (1st, 2nd of 4) 1 / 7

49er and 499er Pairs1 / 7

Stratified Swiss Teams7

NLM/499er Bracketed Pairs7

Pair game w/computer-assigned BAM teammates

FRIDAY, MAY 27 — GOODWILL DAY

Stratified Board-a-Match Teams9

Early Bird Pairs Side Series (3rd of 5) .9

Sunrise 49er and 499er Pairs9

Camp Lejeune A/X/Y Swiss Teams

(0-4000/4000-6000/6000+)1 & 7

Camp Lejeune Flight B (0-3000 MP)

Bracketed Teams1 & 7

8 teams per bracket, 3 in each win **GOLD**

Stratified Open Pairs1 & 7

Smithfield Side Series (3rd, 4th of 4) 1 / 7

49er and 499er Pairs1 / 7

Stratified Board-a-Match Teams7

NLM/499er Swiss Teams7

Lose-n-snooze Zip Knockout10:30

Eve. one-session games benefit ACBL

Educational Foundation

SATURDAY, MAY 28

Open Swiss Teams (1500/3000/3000+, two sessions).....9

GOLD RUSH Swiss Teams

(two sessions).....9

Swisses continue 9 am Sunday

Early Bird Pairs Side Series (4th of 5)..9

Sunrise 49er and 499er Pairs9

Bruce Reeve Junior Pairs

(under 19 years old)1

MCAS New River Knockout1 & 7

Continues 1 & 7 Sunday

Morehead Open Pairs (5000/5000+) 1 & 7

NEW! Morehead Mid-Flight Pairs

(1500/3000)1 & 7

Blue Devil **GOLD RUSH** Pairs1 & 7

Jacksonville Side Pairs Series

(1st, 2nd of 6).....1 / 7

49er and 499er Pairs1 / 7

Stratified Swiss Teams7

NLM/499er Swiss Teams7

Lose-n-snooze Zip Knockout10:30

SUNDAY, MAY 29

Stratified Swiss Teams (one session)....9

Early Bird Pairs Side Series (5th of 5)..9

Sunrise 49er and 499er Pairs9

Bruce Reeve Junior Swiss Teams

(under 19 years old)1

Last Chance Compact Knockout1 & 7

Wilson Open Pairs

(1500/3000/3000+)1 & 7

Pirate **GOLD RUSH** Pairs1 & 7

Jacksonville Side Series (3rd, 4th of 6) 1 / 7

49er and 499er Pairs1 / 7

Stratified Board-a-Match Teams7

NLM/499er Swiss Teams7

Lose-n-snooze Zip Knockout10:30

MONDAY, MAY 30

Fort Bragg A/X/Y Swiss Teams (0-4000/4000-6000/6000+) 10 am & TBA

Fort Bragg Flight B Bracketed Teams10 am & TBA

No player over 3000 MPs; 8 teams per bracket, 3 in each win **GOLD**

Jacksonville Pairs Side Series (5th, 6th of 6)10 am / TBA

49er and 499er Pairs10 am / TBA

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Monday, July 11

River Gorge Explorer Knockout 1 & 7	
<i>Continues 1 & 7 Tuesday</i>	
Open Pairs (1500/3000/3000+)..... 1 & 7	
Coolidge Park GOLD RUSH Pairs..... 1 & 7	
Chickamauga Dam Side Series (1st, 2nd of 4) 1 / 7	
49er and 499er Pairs..... 1 / 7	
Stratified Swiss Teams..... 7	
499er Swiss Teams..... 7	
<i>Aft. pair games benefit ACBL Educational Foundation</i>	
<i>Eve. pair games benefit Chambliss Child Care Center</i>	

TUESDAY, July 12

<i>0-5 MP players FREE all day</i>	
Harrison Bay Compact Knockout..... 9	
<i>Two 12-board matches, concludes 9 am Wed</i>	
Tennessee River Side Series (1st of 5)..... 9	
Sunrise 49er and 499er Pairs..... 9	
Tennessee Aquarium Knockout..... 1 & 7	
<i>Continues 1 & 7 Wednesday</i>	
Open Pairs (1500/3000/3000+)..... 1 & 7	
Olgiate Bridge GOLD RUSH Pairs..... 1 & 7	
Chickamauga Dam Side Series (3rd, 4th of 4) 1 / 7	
49er and 499er Pairs..... 1 / 7	
Stratified Board-a-Match Teams..... 7	
499er Swiss Teams..... 7	

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• Open events, including side series, are stratified 0-750, 750-3000, 3000+ unless otherwise noted.

• **GOLD RUSH** Pairs: no player over 750 MP; gold points to overall winners and section tops in 0-750; red points to 0-300 strat.

• 49er and 499er games stratified at director's discretion.

• '/' indicates single-sessions – you can play one or both sessions. '&' indicates multiple-session event – you are obligated to play both sessions.

Wednesday, July 13

Good Mornin' Swiss Teams (two sessions)..... 9	
<i>Concludes 9 am Thursday</i>	
Tennessee River Side Series (2nd of 5)..... 9	
Sunrise 49er and 499er Pairs..... 9	
Reba Jernigan Knockout..... 1 & 7	
<i>Continues 1 & 7 Thursday</i>	
Open Pairs (1500/3000/3000+)..... 1 & 7	
Veteran's Bridge GOLD RUSH Pairs..... 1 & 7	
Mae Massey Side Series (1st, 2nd of 4)..... 1 / 7	
49er and 499er Pairs..... 1 / 7	
Stratified Swiss Teams..... 7	
499er Swiss Teams..... 7	

Thursday, July 14

Southern Belle Compact Knockout..... 9	
<i>Two 12-board matches, concludes 9 am Friday</i>	
Tennessee River Side Series (3rd of 5)..... 9	
Sunrise 49er and 499er Pairs..... 9	
A/X Swiss Teams (5000/5000+)..... 1 & 7	
Flight B Bracketed Teams (0-3000)..... 1 & 7	

3 teams in each bracket win GOLD

Stratified Open Pairs..... 1 & 7	
Mae Massey Side Series (3rd, 4th of 4)..... 1 / 7	
49er and 499er Pairs..... 1 / 7	
499er Swiss Teams..... 7	

• All KOs are bracketed, random draw, 1- & 2-bracket knockouts are handicapped.

Friday, July 15 Goodwill Day

Chattanooga Choo Choo Compact Knockout..... 9	
<i>Two 12-board matches, concludes 9 am Sat.</i>	
Tennessee River Side Series (4th of 5)..... 9	
Sunrise 49er and 499er Pairs..... 9	
Chattanooga Ducks Knockout..... 1 & 7	
<i>Continues 1 & 7 Saturday</i>	
Open Pairs (1500/3000/3000+)..... 1 & 7	
Walnut Street Bridge GOLD RUSH Pairs..... 1 & 7	
Lake Chickamauga Side Series (1st, 2nd of 6) 1 / 7	
49er and 499er Pairs..... 1 / 7	
Stratified Board-a-Match Teams..... 7	
499er Swiss Teams..... 7	
<i>Eve one-session games benefit ACBL Ed Foundation</i>	

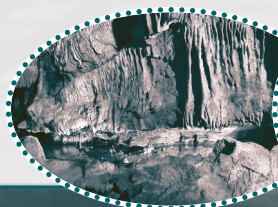
Saturday, July 16

Stratified Swiss Teams (one session)..... 9	
Tennessee River Side Series (5th of 5)..... 9	
Sunrise 49er and 499er Pairs..... 9	
Four Bridges Festival Compact Knockout... 1 & 7	
Open Pairs (1500/3000/3000+)..... 1 & 7	
Market Street Bridge GOLD RUSH Pairs..... 1 & 7	
Lake Chickamauga Side Series (3rd, 4th of 6) 1 / 7	
49er and 499er Pairs..... 1 / 7	
Stratified Swiss Teams..... 7	
499er Swiss Teams..... 7	

Sunday, July 17

A/X Swiss Teams (5000/5000+)..... 10 & TBA	
Flight B Bracketed Teams (0-3000)..... 10 & TBA	
<i>3 teams in each bracket win GOLD</i>	
Lake Chickamauga Side Series (5th, 6th of 6) 10 / 2	
49er and 499er Pairs..... 10 / 2	
499er Swiss Teams..... 10 / 2	

• Strats are determined by MP averages, but no individual may exceed event's limit.



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JULY 11-17, 2016

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MONDAY, AUGUST 15

Kickoff KO 1 & 7
CONTINUES 1 & 7 TUESDAY

Open Pairs 1500/3000/3000+ 1 & 7
Race Horse **GOLD RUSH** Pairs 1 & 7
Fox Hunt Side Series (1st, 2nd of 4) 1 / 7
I/N Pairs 5/20/50 & 100/300/500 1 / 7
Educational Foundation Swiss Teams 7
AFTERNOON GAMES BENEFIT ACBL ED. FOUNDATION; EVENING GAMES BENEFIT LOCAL CHARITY

TUESDAY, AUGUST 16

0-5 MP PLAYERS **FREE** TODAY

Fort McHenry Compact KO 9
TWO 12-BOARD MATCHES; CONTINUES 9 AM WED
Ravens Morning Side Series (1st of 5) 9
I/N Pairs 5/20/50 & 100/300/500 9 / 1 / 7
0-5 Trophy Pairs 1
Stratified Swiss Teams 10:30 & 3
Terrapin KO 1 & 7
CONTINUES 1 & 7 WEDNESDAY

Open Pairs 1500/3000/3000+ 1 & 7
Steeplechase **GOLD RUSH** Pairs 1 & 7
Fox Hunt Side Series (3rd, 4th of 4) 1 / 7
Stratified Swiss Teams 7
I/N Swiss Teams 100/300/500 7

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 17

Preakness Compact KO 9
TWO 12-BOARD MATCHES; CONTINUES 9 AM THURS
Ravens Morning Side Series (2nd of 5) 9
I/N Pairs 5/20/50 & 100/300/500 9 / 1 / 7
Daylight Open Pairs 10:30 & 3
Maryland KO 1 & 7
CONTINUES 1 & 7 THURSDAY

Open Pairs 1500/3000/3000+ 1 & 7
Pimlico **GOLD RUSH** Pairs 1 & 7
Hunt Valley Side Series (1st, 2nd of 4) 1 / 7
Stratified Board-a-Match Teams 7
I/N Swiss Teams 100/300/500 7

THURSDAY, AUGUST 18

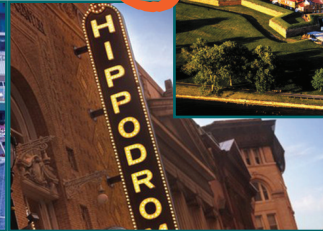
Inner Harbor Compact KO 9
TWO 12-BOARD MATCHES; CONTINUES 9 AM FRI
Ravens Morning Side Series (3rd of 5) 9
I/N Pairs 5/20/50 & 100/300/500 9 / 1 / 7
Daylight Open Pairs 10:30 & 3
A/X Swiss Teams (0-5000, 5000+) 1 & 7
Bracketed Flight B Swiss Teams
(0-3000) 1 & 7
8 TEAMS PER BRACKET; 3 IN EACH BRACKET WIN GOLD
Stratified Open Pairs 1 & 7
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Stratified Swiss Teams 7
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National Aquarium Compact KO 9
TWO 12-BOARD MATCHES; CONTINUES 9 AM SAT
Ravens Morning Side Series (4th of 5) 9
I/N Pairs 5/20/50 & 100/300/500 9 / 1 / 7
Daylight Open Pairs 10:30 & 3
Hunt Cup KO 1 & 7
CONTINUES 1 & 7 SATURDAY

Open Pairs 1500/3000/3000+ 1 & 7
Thoroughbred **GOLD RUSH** 1 & 7
Orioles Side Series (1st, 2nd of 6) 1 / 7
Stratified Board-a-Match Teams 7
I/N Swiss Teams 100/300/500 7

SATURDAY, AUGUST 20

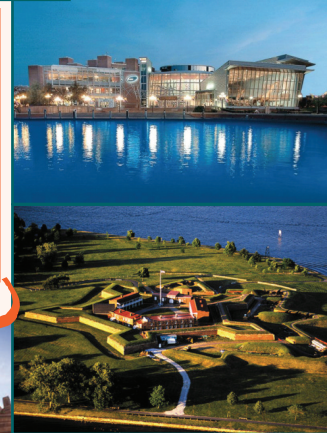
Stratified Swiss Teams 9
Ravens Morning Side Series (5th of 5) 9
I/N Pairs 5/20/50 & 100/300/500 9 / 1 / 7
Daylight Open Pairs 10:30 & 3
Weekend KO 1 & 7
CONTINUES 10:00 & TBA SUNDAY

Open Pairs 1500/3000/3000+ 1 & 7
Finish Line **GOLD RUSH** 1 & 7
Orioles Side Series (3rd, 4th of 6) 1 / 7
Stratified Swiss Teams 7
I/N Swiss Teams 100/300/500 7

SUNDAY, AUGUST 21

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 & 100/300/500 .10 / 2

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Excitement is Building for the Summer 2016 Washington D.C. NABC

Once again, it's time for the big Party on the Potomac! Below is a synopsis of the key info you will need to make your participation in this summer's DC NABC enjoyable. The complete schedule of events and details about all topics (including parking) can be found at www.acbl.org and on our D6 website at www.districtsix.org.

Hospitality—As is our tradition, again we will feature the nationally known musical comedy group The Capitol Steps as our special entertainment—this will be following the evening session on Saturday, July 23. Order your free tickets from Barb Doran, DCHospitality@districtsix.org. Also, start your NABC experience off by staying after the evening session Friday the 22nd for the ACBL-sponsored Welcome Reception. Great food and dance band—cash bar.

Volunteering—Adrienne Kuehneman is again acting as our Volunteer Coordinator and we need daily volunteers for Registration, Information, Hospitality, I/N Program, and Partner-



ships. Please contact Adrienne at DCVolunteers@districtsix.org if you would like to help out. It is very rewarding to help make such a huge event the “monumental” success it has always been!

Parking at the NABC—Arrangements for both on-site and off-site parking are ongoing—final details will be posted on the D6 website. The daily rate at the Marriott is \$28 (down from \$35 a day in 2009!). There is virtually no street parking during the week around the hotel. However, your local committee has been working hard to implement some lower-cost options:

LOCAL PLAYERS are encouraged to carpool or to ride the Red Line Metro to off-set on-site parking fees as well as to enable a larger number of cars to park on-site than would be possible if everyone came in her own car. If you drive, a discounted \$20 parking fee will be offered Friday, July 22 through Saturday, July 30, or as long as funding holds out! These funds have been made available courtesy of

your contributions to the DC NABC Fund Weeks (see more on page 8), by D6, and by Rusty Krauss, whose wealth management firm, KIG of Janney-Montgomery-Scott, is a Chief Corporate Sponsor of our NABC. The D6 website will have final details beginning in June, including what kind of additional ticket you will need in order to obtain this special rate.

As a service to **OUT-OF-TOWNERS** who choose to stay at the Marriott Wardman Park or another local hotel where parking may be difficult and/or expensive, local players have offered their suburban residences as an “off-site” parking alternative. If you are interested in pursuing this option, please contact Fred King at DCParking@districtsix.org and beginning in June, he will pair you with a local who has offered this “service”. You will be required to sign a form, releasing the player who has offered street parking in front of her house or in her driveway, from any liability in the unlikely event any damage may occur to your car during such time as it is parked there—locals are offering space where they themselves and their house guests park their vehicles, but there are, of course, no guarantees. You will be required to get yourself back to your hotel from the site where you leave your car—walking directions to the closest metro or phone numbers for cabs/Uber will be provided at such time as your request is confirmed. If you plan to come and stay the week or more, even a cab or Uber ride to and from the hotel will result in considerable savings.

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D.C. NABC Intermediate/ Newcomer Program

Participants in the Intermediate/Newcomer (I/N) Program at the 2016 Summer DC NABC are lucky indeed. Ron and Mary Ann Kral—long-time hosts of the successful Reston Regional I/N Program—will once again be your hosts at our NABC! They will be ably assisted by Lucy McCoy and Sheryl McEwan, who will ensure that your play at the under-300 games at 10, 3, and 7:30 is fun and rewarding. Playing in the I/N area, you will receive a special registration gift, table gifts, and enjoy several receptions just for the “IN” crowd.

Ron and Mary Ann have put together some terrific learning and playing experiences for you, beginning on Saturday, July 23 with Bridge University (BU). This is a series of 45 minute “courses” offered by local teachers. Have fun building your own curriculum from among a series of different topics! This educational experience is free and is preceded by a one-hour lecture from renowned ACBL Bulletin columnist, Jerry Helms.

Check out the full BU catalogue of courses plus a description of other free bridge lessons and all other I/N activities on the ACBL web site at www.acbl.org (see the “Just for Newcomers” on the DC NABC page) or the District 6 web site at www.districtsix.org.

❖Schedule❖

Friday, June 3

- ❖Stratified Pairs.....10 am & 2 pm
(0-300, 300-1250, 1250+ MPs)
(single sessions)
- ❖99er Pairs.....10 am & 2 pm
(single sessions) (if attendance warrants)

Saturday, June 4

- ❖Stratified Pairs (single session)10 am
(0-300, 300-1250, 1250+ MPs)
- ❖Bracketed Pairs/Board-A-Match Teams2 pm
(Play in a stratified pairs game. At the same time, each pair is teamed according to MP, highest with lowest, etc. *Two chances to win!*)

Sunday, June 5

- ❖Stratified Swiss Teams ...10 am & TBA

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Entry Fees

\$10 per person, per session. \$96 per Swiss Team. (\$3.00 additional per person per session for non or unpaid ACBL members.)

Directions to the Blacksburg Recreation Center

- ❖ **From I-81:** Take exit 118 B & follow signs to Blacksburg, which puts you on US route 460 W. After the light at Southgate Dr. (entrance to VT's athletic compound), go 2.5 miles further & take Tom's Creek Rd. exit. Turn right onto Tom's Creek Rd. At the first light turn left onto Patrick Henry Dr. Continue 1.1 miles to Blacksburg Recreation Center on the right.
- ❖ **From points west:** Take US route 460 E to Tom's Creek Rd. exit & turn left on Tom's Creek Rd. Continue as above.

♠ Norfolk/Va. Beach, VA ♣ JUNE 3-5, 2016 ♦



Norfolk/ Virginia Beach Summer Sectional

Unit 146 Bridge Center

4966 Euclid Road, Virginia Beach, VA 23462

—Stratification based on partnership/team 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
Motel 6, 4760 Euclid Road, Virginia Beach, 757-499-1935

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

Friday, June 3

(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, June 4

(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, June 5

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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Penalty Doubles vs. Takeout Doubles

Most doubles are takeout doubles. Are any of the following doubles penalty doubles? Do you have any rules about when doubles are for penalty?

	<u>RHO</u>	<u>You</u>	<u>LHO</u>	<u>Pard</u>
1)	2♠ Pass	Pass Double?????	3♠ Pass	Pass
2)	2♠ Pass	Pass Double?????	4♠ Pass	Pass
3)	2♠ 3♣*	Pass Pass	2NT (Ogust) 3♠	Pass- Double?????
	*3♣ is bad hand/bad suit			
4)	1♠ 2♠	Pass Double?????	1NT	Pass

The following experts have the right idea. Make a rule and live with it. There are two possibilities for the meaning of double here. One is penalties and the other is a light takeout double. Since you could have doubled earlier, penalties makes more sense. (Ogust is a convention whereby you bid 2NT over a weak two bid by partner to find out more about partner's suit quality and hand quality. 3♣ is bad hand/bad suit and 3♠ is good hand/good suit, 3♦ is usually good suit/bad hand and 3♥ is bad suit/good hand.)

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FRIDAY, June 10

Stratified Grass Roots Pairs (0-1500/3000/3000+ MPs)1 pm
 (The entry fee for this game is \$1 additional. 40% more masterpoints awarded!
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I/N Stratified Pairs (0-200/500/1000 MPs)1 pm

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

SATURDAY, June 11—2 single session events ☆

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

I/N Stratified Pairs (0-200/500/1000 MPs)10 am & 3 pm

SUNDAY, June 12

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

I/N Swiss Teams (0-5/20/50 and 100/200/500) 2 single session events . . .10 am & 2 pm

DIRECTIONS from North and South: take Baltimore-Washington Parkway (MD Route 295) to Baltimore Beltway East (I-695 toward Glen Burnie). Take the Northbound Camp Meade Road Exit #6A and continue north for 1/2 mile. You can see the Comfort Inn at the next traffic light.

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Newcomer Lecture 9:30 AM
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Stratified Open Pairs (750/2000/2000+) 10:30 AM
Stratified Open Pairs (750/2000/2000+) 3:00 PM

SATURDAY, JUNE 25

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, JUNE 26

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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There are some auctions where double is takeout even though you could have doubled earlier. After 1♥ – Pass – 2♥ – Pass – Pass, double is a balancing double and not a penalty double. After 1♣ – Pass – 1♥ – Pass – 2♣ or 1♣ – Pass – 1♥ – Pass – 1NT, double is a takeout double of 1♥. An example of the double of 2♥ would be ♠ KJ10x♥x♦Axxx♣AJ10x. You can't double 1♣ with a singleton heart.

There are experts who think all four doubles are penalty.

Kit Woolsey—All are penalties. General rule is: If had a chance to make a takeout double of the suit previously and passed instead, then the double is penalty. Only exception is when they raise (don't take a preference between two suits) to the two-level – then a double is takeout.

Fred Stewart—All of them are penalties. Our philosophy is to act sooner rather than later ... thus (1) unless they have raised (not taken a preference between two suits) to the two-level, and we could have made a take out double earlier, then all later doubles of that strain are for penalties. (2) All doubles of 4♠ and higher are penalties.

Jeff Rubens— (1) Penalty, but not so much spades as transferable values, typically three aces or the equivalent. (2) Penalty; above the “level of expected takeout,” so might include spade values. (3) Penalty; sort of hand that I did not want to double for takeout. (4) Penalty.

Carlos Pellegrini—All four are penalty doubles.

Marinesa Letizia—All are penalty. I have a simple rule. If I didn't make a takeout double, the first time, why would it be takeout the next time when suit is just repeated?

Chuck Berger—All are penalty.

Frank Stewart—In my opinion, all of these doubles are logically for penalty. Cy the Cynic has a rule about whether a double is for penalty. A double made in tempo is for penalty, a double made after some consideration is not. Cy says this “rule” is favored by certain players, especially if they are less experienced. Cy is just being his usual cynical self, but really — when learning players are exposed to cooperative action and all kinds of “you-figure-it-out” doubles, does that not tend to foster ethical problems?

Frank Stewart's Cy the Cynic rule is a good reason not to play 'You figure it out' doubles since partner's tempo could give you illegal information about his intent. The rest of the experts are guessing about some of the doubles. The problem with 'look at your hand doubles' is that LHO can bid 2NT with a singleton spade or four spades. He can also raise with two or five.

Richie Schwartz—Penalties. Only minors are takeout. Example: 1♦ – Pass – 1NT – Pass – 2♦ – double or Pass – Pass – double.

Alan Sontag— (2) and (4) are penalty. After the auction: 1♠ – Pass – 1NT – Pass – 2♠ – Pass – Pass – Double now is a “look at your hand double.” Generally if you are in front of the suit, double is takeout, unless you have another agreement like my example.

There are experts who play some of the doubles are takeout.

Ron Smith—(1) Takeout (2) Penalty (3) Takeout (4) Penalty.

Marty Bergen—If I currently played with an expert partner, these would all be defined. As it is, (1) sounds like light takeout. The

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Beth El Congregation, 3830 Seminary Rd, Alexandria 7:00pm
- Ohr Kodesh Congregation**, 8300 Meadowbrook Ln., Chevy Chase 7:30pm
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FRIDAY, JULY 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!** 7:30pm
—5 rounds, 5 boards a round, 5 minutes a board. **with beer, wine & desserts**
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- ♦ *StrataFlighted B/C/D Pairs (2000/1000/500) 10:00am
- ♥ *StrataFlighted A/X (unlim/3000) & B/C/D Pairs (2000/1000/500) 3:00pm
- ♠ Intermediate/Novice Pairs (300/200/100) & Newcomer Pairs (50/20/5) (single sessions) 10:00am, 3:00pm

SUNDAY, JULY 10

- (Lunch available for purchase. A/X BAM and Flight B
Bracketed Teams: 2-session playthru with break)**
- ♣ Flights A/X (unlim /5000) Board-A-Match Teams 11:00am & TBA
 - ♦ Bracketed Flight B Teams (no single player >3000) 11:00am & TBA
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**BETWEEN SESSIONS
 SATURDAY**

other three sound like penalty.

Jill Meyers—(1) Takeout. (2) Takeout with notrump strength but not great in other major. (3) Takeout. (4) Penalty. I play most low-level doubles are takeout.

Drew Casen—(1) Light takeout double with zero or one spade, probably 9-11 points, for sure at least four cards in all suits, or equal level conversion shape. (2) Typically 2=2=5-4 with no spade stopper and lots of defense. (3) Light takeout (4) Penalty. On the first three hands, the opponents voluntarily raised themselves in spades, so there is no penalty double. On the last auction, only one opponent bid spades, so there is no agreed fit by them, therefore penalty.

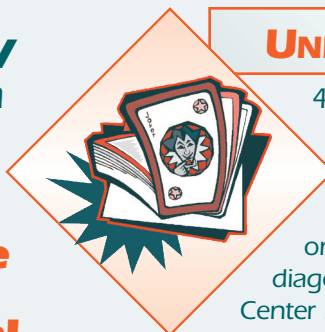
Danny Gerstman—(1) Takeout - but wrong shape. After all I'm forcing to the four-level. I'd guess a 2=4=2=5 pattern. (2) Penalty - the only one of the four I think is clear cut penalty. You're not coming in at the five-level now when you couldn't act earlier. (3) Penalty/cooperative - good hand, wasn't willing to walk into their good hand, but now that partner knows they're going nowhere, he has to protect. Not necessarily a spade-trap but good hand. (4) Takeout - right shape too weak to act the first time.

Billy Pollack— (1) Penalty. Makes no sense to pass at the two-level, and then back in at the three-level. Good trumps, not quite enough for 2NT the first time: ♠ KJ108♥Axx♦Axxx♣J10x. (2) Penalty, same as (1). (3) Takeout Doubles 'in front' much more likely to be takeout in unclear situations. (4) Penalty, as above.

Ronnie Rubin— (2) and (4) are penalties.

Norfolk/ Virginia Beach

2016 Non-Life Master Sectional



UNIT 146 BRIDGE CENTER

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Saturday, August 27 (Lecture/Workshop between sessions; Lunch served)

Stratified Pairs (0-50, 50-200, 200-NLM up to 500) 10:30 AM
Stratified Pairs (0-50, 50-200, 200-NLM up to 500) 3:00 PM

Sunday, August 28

Stratified Swiss Teams (0-100, 100-200, 200-NLM up to 500) 10:30 AM
(Play-through with 1/2 hour break for meal)

—Strata may be adjusted according to attendance—

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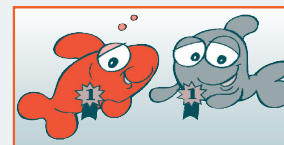
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Adam Wildavsky—I usually play all these as penalties, but it would be reasonable to play them as two-way. Surely partner will know your intent better than 95% of the time.

Two-way doubles can lead to disasters. For instance in the third auction, does LHO have four spades with a weak invite or does he have one spade and a strong hand? Auction (3) happened to me. I held ♠Ax♥Jxxx♦Q10xxx♣Jx and assumed that partner was making a light takeout double. I pulled partner's penalty double and went for -1700. LHO held ♠x♥AKQ10♦AKJxx♣Jx.

Zia Mahmood—I play most of these two-way. Penalty or takeout, but to be penalty, you MUST know partner has no more than one trump. (4) is penalty.

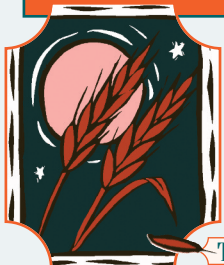
Steve Garner—Not strict rules - most doubles at the two- and three-level are takeout, but sometimes partner can work out they are NOT penalty. (1) This would be a “look at your hand” double. (2) Penalty in my book. (3) Takeout. (4)

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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 9

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 9

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 10

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 11

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.
A/X 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.

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Very likely penalty - but again, I would need confirmation by looking at my hand.

The problem with (4) being 'look at your hand double' is: suppose you hold ♠xx♥AKxx ♦Q10xxx♣Jx. The spade layout could be zero by responder and six by opener or three by responder and seven by opener.

Joel Wooldridge— (1) Two-way is optimal. If not, then takeout. (2) Penalty (3) Penalty (4) Penalty.

Barry Rigal— (1) Two way strong penalty or weak takeout. (2) Ditto. More likely penalty though. (3) Penalty (4) Penalty.

Eddie Kantar— (1). Either - or. I have found that in some sequences at times one would want to make a penalty double and at other times a takeout double. This is one of them. If partner looks at his spades he should be able to tell. (2) Penalty. It seems inconceivable that this could be for takeout after having passed 2♠. (3) Penalty. If a double of 2NT is played as a takeout double of spades, then this double should be for penalty. Without this agreement, I would play it as either-or. (4) Penalty. Suit has not been supported. Doubler is behind the bidder, responder normally short in spades. However, I'd be more comfortable with this double if the 1NT response was not forcing. If it was forcing and responder could have spades, then I can live with either-or. In truth, I would only play this way with a regular partner of expert quality. Since I haven't played seriously for many years, I have no idea if this either-or method is playable or simply disaster invitationally, which I fear.

Dave Berkowitz—Our simple rule is that if it is not defined in our notes as penalties, it is takeout. (1) and (3) two-way. Either light

takeout or penalty.

(2) and (4) Penalty.

Only two experts don't play (4) as penalties.

Steve Bloom—(2) Penalties. The rest are takeout. Might not be best, but our rules are pretty simple - doubles at the one and two-level are take-out, unless specifically agreed otherwise. Those exceptions are: (1) After a 1NT opening. (2) When we have shown length in the suit bid. (3) After a pre-empt opening by partner. (4) In a strong auction, double of a new suit. (5) Double of a notrump overcall.

So (4) shows some type of flawed take-out double. Doubles at the three-level are not penalty when the suit has been raised. So, (3) is not penalties. Doubles at higher levels are more penalty oriented, so (2) is penalties. The only ambiguous one here is (3), where the suit has been raised only in some indirect manner. Partner said she probably would not make such a double. If it came up, look at your hand and guess!

John Carruthers—I like (1), (2) and (3) as penalty; (4) as some sort of flawed takeout.

The following expert bases his doubles on the opponents' vulnerability since they are usually sounder when vulnerable.

Ralph Katz—Either you can play pass and then double as takeout, penalty, or, what might be best is takeout when the opponents are vulnerable and penalty when they are non-vulnerable. Best against opponents who are quite active when they are non-vulnerable. The last auction, a double of 2♠ is clearly penalty.

I think all four should be for penalties. However, what's more important is that your partner knows what the double is.



Norfolk/ Virginia Beach Summer Sectional

Unit 146 Bridge Center

4966 Euclid Road, Virginia Beach, VA 23462

—Stratification based on partnership/team average—

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

Friday, September 16

(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, September 17

(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, September 18

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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FRIDAY, September 30

Stratified Grass Roots Pairs: 0-1500/3000/3000+ MPs1 pm
(The entry fee for this game is \$1 additional. 40% more masterpoints awarded!
Helps fund the GNTs and NAPs)

I/N Stratified Pairs: 0-200/500/1000 MPs1 pm

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

SATURDAY, October 1 —2 single session events

Stratified Pairs: 0-1500/3000/3000+ MPs10 am & 3 pm

I/N Stratified Pairs: 0-250/500/1000 MPs10 am & 3 pm

SUNDAY, October 2

Stratified Swiss Teams . . .10 am - Playthru

Stratified by average of total MPs

I/N Swiss Teams10 am & 2 pm

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

DIRECTIONS from North and South: Take Baltimore-Washington Parkway (MD Route 295) to Baltimore Beltway East (I-695 toward Glen Burnie). Take the Northbound Camp Meade Road Exit #6A and continue north for 1/2 mile. You can see the Comfort Inn at the next traffic light.

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nVINCEable IMPs

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**Ring!
Ring!**

Playing IMPs in a recent sectional tournament with an expert partner, you, West, create a defensive problem for yourself:

Vul: N/S

Dealer: North

North

- ♠ Q763
- ♥ A76
- ♦ Q753
- ♣ A8

West

- ♠ KJT2
- ♥ 52
- ♦ AK8
- ♣ J953

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

You lead the ♣3 (in retrospect, not the best of leads) and the ♣8 holds in dummy, partner playing the ♣4 (upside down count and attitude). Declarer then cashes the ♣A, partner playing the 6. Declarer then leads a heart toward his hand. Plan the defense.

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Addendum & Errata

More Overall! NABC Placings at the Denver Fall 2015 NABC:

SENIOR MIXED PAIRS

- 15 Fred King; Rebecca Duty
- 27 Harry Gellis

We regret we misspelled the name of: **Caryl Solomon**. From Roanoke, VA, she became a life master in September.

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2016-17
NORTH AMERICAN PAIRS

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The District 6 Final for all flights will be held on the weekend of September 24-25, 2016 at the White Oak Community Center. The Open Flight and 0-2500 Flight Finals will be 4-session events, with roughly half the field qualifying for the second day. The NLM Flight Final will be a 2-session event held on Sunday, September 25.

Pre-registration is required in order to play in the District Finals. Pairs must pre-register by Sept. 15, 2016. Prepayment of \$50 (to cover two sessions) is required with registration. Instructions for pre-registration will be published in future issues of

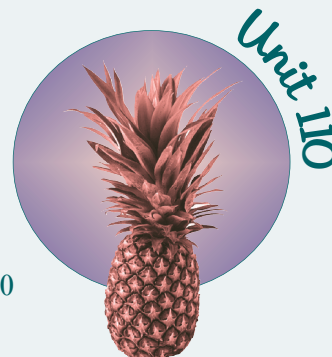
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♠ Williamsburg, VA ♣ SEP 30 - OCT 2, 2016 ♦

Williamsburg
Fall
Sectional

DOUBLETREE BY HILTON

50 Kingsmill Road • 757-220-2500



Friday, September 30

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 1

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, October 2—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

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THURSDAY, OCTOBER 6

- ♣ StrataFlighted A/X (unlim/2000) & B/C/D (1000/500/300) Pairs11:15 am
Rockville Duplicate Bridge Club, 301-503-3348 (Mark Lavine) **NO ENTRY TILL 11AM**
St. James Episcopal Church, 11815 Seven Locks Rd., Rockville
- ♦ StrataFlighted A/X (unlim/3000) & B/C/D (2000/1000/500) Pairs (both sites), Stratified NLM Pairs (NLM/1000/50) & 0-20 Pairs (Ohr Kodesh only) & Stratified 199er Swiss Teams (Beth El only)
Beth El Congregation, 3830 Seminary Rd, Alexandria7:00pm
Ohr Kodesh Congregation, 8300 Meadowbrook Ln., Chevy Chase7:30pm
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, OCTOBER 7

- ♣ *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!** ... 7:30pm
—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, 7:30pm

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SATURDAY, OCTOBER 8

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

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 9

- ♠ **Eynon Trophy**  —Lunch available for purchase—
First awarded in 1931— Try to add your name to the famous names inscribed here!
Flights A/X (unlim/5000) Eynon Trophy Swiss Teams (2 session playthrough w/break) 11:00am & TBA
- ♣ Bracketed Flight B Teams (no single player >3000) (2 session playthrough w/break) 11:00am & TBA
B Teams Bracketed by total team masterpoints; three overall places in each.
- ♦ 300/100/50 Swiss Teams, VPs (single sessions)11:00am, 3:00pm

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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). 1st light right on Forest Glen Rd. The Center is .7 mile on right.

North American Pairs, cont. from p 17

TableTALK, on the web, and in flyers distributed around the District.

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 2016-17 District Final to the completion of the North American Pairs Final at the Reno NABC in order to play in the National Final.

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

InVINCEable IMPs, cont. from p 16

North

- ♠ Q763
- ♥ A76
- ♦ Q753
- ♣ A8

West

- ♠ KJT2
- ♥ 52
- ♦ AK8
- ♣ J953

East

- ♠ A984
- ♥ KT843
- ♦ J94
- ♣ 64

South

- ♠ 7
- ♥ QJ9
- ♦ T62
- ♣ KQT72

Answer: Your partner may not realize how bad the opening lead was. You know that if declarer can get to their hand, they have at least seven tricks. You must make an unusual play to let partner know that action is called for. At trick two, you must drop the ♣J. This is called an *alarm clock* signal. The unnecessary play of a high honor tells partner that there's the need to make an unusual play. In this instance, you need to alert partner that the club suit is coming in for declarer. The only chance to beat the hand is for partner to win the first heart, and start on spades or diamonds. A lead of either suit will allow East/West to defeat the hand.

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Feb 29-Mar 6, 2016

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- 1 79.50 Marc Warner
- 79.50 Dewayne Jones
- 3 74.25 Steve Robinson
- 4 72.34 William Pettis
- 5 66.45 Fred King
- 6 63.07 Lucy McCoy
- 7 61.87 William Cole
- 8 59.31 Howard Miller
- 9 56.19 Dalia Kende
- 10 55.79 Mark Dahl

District 6 Players <3000 MPs

- 1 79.50 Marc Warner
- 2 46.61 Barbara Duer
- 3 41.22 Nicolas Karamaoun
- 4 39.06 Alex Marshall
- 5 37.45 Ronald Vande Bunte
- 37.45 Richard Wallace
- 7 36.23 Robert Burgess
- 8 33.35 John Hamilton
- 9 32.00 Thomas Jennings
- 32.00 James Augustine

District 6 Players <750 MPs

- 1 41.22 Nicolas Karamaoun
- 2 39.06 Alex Marshall
- 3 32.00 James Augustine
- 4 30.57 Anne West
- 30.57 Anne Atwood
- 6 30.56 Mi Kyeong Ham
- 7 30.31 David Wolfgang
- 8 28.82 Mary Rabb
- 28.82 Margaret Macon
- 10 28.47 Alice Faintich

District 6 Players <300 MPs

- 1 30.31 David Wolfgang
- 2 28.82 Mary Rabb
- 28.82 Margaret Macon
- 4 26.47 Susan Eckis
- 5 25.18 Michael Haddox-Schatz
- 6 24.42 Jeffrey Yutzler
- 7 23.46 William Vandyke
- 8 22.21 Jack Spooner
- 9 21.05 Thomas Kasvin
- 10 20.76 Iris Siqueir

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FRIDAY, OCTOBER 14

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, OCTOBER 15

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, OCTOBER 16

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

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NVBA FALL SECTIONAL TOURNAMENT

The Arlington/Fairfax Elks Lodge #2188
8421 Arlington Boulevard,
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THURSDAY, OCTOBER 20

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

*Evening games at: NVBA: Beth El Hebrew Congregation, 3830 Seminary Road, Alexandria, VA or
WBL: Ohr Kodesh Congregation, 8300 Meadowbrook Ln, Chery 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, OCTOBER 21

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 22

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****

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.

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

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 23

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.

A/X 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.

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May 21-22Flights B, C and Open GNT
2nd weekend

P 3...May 24-30 .Raleigh, NC D7 REGIONAL
Audrey and Lance Shull, 919-280-5447, 919-531-5535,
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.....June, 2016

P 6...~~Jun 4-5~~Kensington, MD NLM
CANCELLED—NO SITE AVAILABLE

P 7...Jun 3-5Blacksburg, VA
Rich Rio, 540-553-6228, richrio428@yahoo.com

P 8...Jun 3-5Norfolk/Va Beach
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P 9...Jun 10-12Baltimore, MD
Renate Conlon, 443-527-4744, rjconlon@hotmail.com

Jun 13-19 . . .NABC Promotional FUND Week

P 10...Jun 24-26Richmond, VA
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- **P 2...Jun 27-Jul 3** **D4 REGIONAL**
 Meyer Kotkin, **King of Prussia, PA**
 856-986-5109, guymath@comcast.net

.....July, 2016

- **P 11...Jul 7-10** **Silver Spring, MD**
 Steve Schatzow, 202-332-3729, sschatzow@his.com
- **P 12...Jul 8-10** **Charlottesville, VA**
 Betsy Ruehl, 540-942-3667, etruehl@ntelos.net
- **P 4...Jul 11-17 Chattanooga, TN D7 REGIONAL**
 Bert Shramko, 423-961-4123, bshramko@comcast.net
- Jul 21-31** ... **WASHINGTON, DC NATIONALS**
 Summer North American Bridge Championships

.....August, 2016

- **P 5...Aug 15-21 Hunt Valley, MD REGIONAL**
 Diane Jaworivsky, 410-461-2083, DianeJaw@verizon.net
- **P 13...Aug. 27-28** ... **Norfolk/VA Beach NLM**
 Brian Boyce, 757-412-4925, brian@bfboyce.com
- Aug 30-Sep5** ... **Atlanta, GA D7 REGIONAL**
 Jack Feagin, 404-252-9246, jfeagin2@bellsouth.net

.....September, 2016

- **P 14...Sep 8-11** **Fairfax, VA**
 Margot Hennings, 703-560-0245, margot10bridge@cox.net
- **P 15...Sep 16-18** **Norfolk/Va Beach**
 Chris Warnstaff, cwarnstaff@msn.com, 757-348-3188 &
 Karen Dickinson, kjdickinson1@verizon.net, 757-739-2919
- Sep 24-25** **D6 NAP Finals**
 Barb Doran, 301-608-0347, barb.doran@verizon.net
- **P 16...Sep 30-Oct 2** **Baltimore, MD**
 Renate Conlon, 443-527-4744, rjconlon@hotmail.com
- **P 17...Sep 30-Oct 2** **Williamsburg, VA**
 Jane Farthing, 703-850-9635, jane.farthing@gmail.com

.....October, 2016

- **P 18...Oct 6-9** **Silver Spring, MD**
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- **P 19...Oct 14-16** **Richmond, VA**
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- **P 20...Oct 20-23** **Fairfax, VA**
 Margot Hennings, 703-560-0245, margot10bridge@cox.net
- Oct 24-30** ... **Charlotte, NC D7 REGIONAL**
 Arnold Hoffman, 704-875-6923,
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- Oct 31-Nov 6** **D4 REGIONAL**
 John Klinger, **Manheim, PA**
 dhklinger@epix.net (Lancaster County)

.....November, 2016

- Nov 7-13** **D6 & Unit 190 StaC**
 Don Berman, 301-776-3581, don.berman@verizon.net
- Nov 14-20** .. **Norfolk/Va Beach, VA REGIONAL**
 Brian Boyce, brian@bfboyce.com
- Nov 24-Dec 4** .. **ORLANDO, FL NATIONALS**
 Fall North American Bridge Championships

.....December, 2016

- Dec 9-11** **Charlottesville, VA**
 Betsy Ruehl, 540-942-3667, etruehl@ntelos.net
- Dec 12-18** **D6 & Unit 190 StaC**
 Don Berman, 301-776-3581, don.berman@verizon.net
- Dec 27-Jan 2** **N Charleston, SC D7 REGIONAL**
 Steven Donaldson, 843-412-8097, folliboy@aol.com

.....January, 2017

- Jan 5-8** **Silver Spring, MD**
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- Jan 20-22** **Richmond, VA**
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.....January, continued...

- Jan 23-29** ... **Wilmington, NC D7 REGIONAL**
 Larry Harding, Larry.Harding57@gmail.com

.....February, 2017

- Feb 11-12** **Flight A GNT**
 1st weekend
- Feb 16-19** **Fairfax, VA**
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- Feb 24-26** **Williamsburg, VA**
 Jane Farthing, 703-850-9635,
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- Feb 20-26** ... **Asheville, NC D7 REGIONAL**
 Stewart Manning, smanning42@frontier.com

.....March, 2017

- Mar 4-5** **Flights B, C and Open GNT**
 1st weekend
- Mar 9-19** ... **KANSAS CITY, MO NATIONALS**
 Spring North American Bridge Championships
- Mar 17-19** **Fredericksburg, VA**
 Deborah Hage, 540-659-1321, debhage@hotmail.com
- Mar 25-26** **Flights B, C and Open GNT**
 2nd weekend

.....April, 2017

- Apr 6-9** **Silver Spring, MD**
 Steve Schatzow, 202-332-3729, sschatzow@his.com
- Apr 8-9** **Flight A GNT**
 1st weekend
- Apr 17-23** ... **Gatlinburg, TN D7 REGIONAL**
 Julia Misslin, 423-884-3550, jupe60@tds.net
- Apr 28-30** **Fairfax, VA**
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2015-16 North American Pairs — District 6 Does it Again at Reno NABC!

Congratulations to **Steve Robinson** and **Peter Boyd** for winning the Baldwin North American Pairs Flight A! Congratulations as well to **Lou Reich** and **Bob Bell** who placed 10th in that event, to **Steve Bunning** and **Jose Cortina** who were 15th in the Golder North American Pairs Flight B, and to **Terry Klein** and **Charles Dearolf**, who placed 5th in the President's Cup North American Pairs Flight C. Well done, all!

You can win glory next year by playing in the 2016-2017 North American Pairs. Club qualifying starts June 1.
~See article on p. 17~

Grand National Teams 2015-2016

The Number One Seed Wins the District Level 0-6000 GNT's

The Alex Prairie team cruised to an easy victory in the 0-6000 Grand National Team Competition. Fortunately, missing the major snow storm in February, the semi-final and final matches got off without a hitch. Following are the final standings:

- 1st** Place: **Alex Prairie, Noble Shore, Jian-Jian Wang, Stephen Drodge, Sylvia Shi, Michael Gill**
- 2nd Place: Tom Musso, Ellen Cherniavsky, Hal Hindman, Clyde Kruskal
- 3rd Place: Ted Ying, Hank Meyer, Vince Wilmot Jr., David Genne
- 4th Place: Mark Laken, David Rodney, Rusty Krauss, Stan Schenker, Joe Trapani, Richard Baum
- 5th-8th Place: Richard Price, Melissa Price, Walter Smith Jr., Hadi Abushakra
Marc Warner, David Platnick, Michael Lane, Joe Waller
Jason Meyer, Larry Kahn, Adam Gann, Brad Libros, John Edmonds
Eileen Houghton, Rose Berman, Mary Peters, Thomas Peters