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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE—Give Us a Hand When You Can

At the Raleigh Regional in May, ACBL District 6 (D6) Director Margot Hennings and I represented D6 in meetings with District 7 and Mid-Atlantic Bridge Conference officers. A key result of those meetings was the cessation of shared ownership of vast amounts of bridge equipment and transfer of ownership directly to the districts. That decision, coupled with the retirement of long-time tournament director Doug Grove, who had managed supplies and equipment for decades, created the need for a new model going forward.

Equipping our bridge events requires a tremendous amount of thought, planning and effort. Consider that a typical regional uses about 3 tons of "stuff," including bid boxes (500 lbs.), boards (900 lbs.), Bridgemates (100 lbs.), and table mats (60 lbs.). Scoresheets alone weigh 125 lbs., and they are but one of a dozen types of consumable paper we use. Add in the tables (3400 lbs.) and signs, stanchions, supports, racks, computers, printers and all sorts of office equipment and you get a better picture of what supplying a tournament involves.

In addition to regionals, D6 equipment is used at more than 30 sectionals each year as well as at Grand National Teams and North American Pairs events. Equipment has to be moved at least four times per event – storage to car to site, and then site to car and back to storage. You can do the math on total tons moved, but suffice it to say that our events require significant logistical planning and even more significant manpower.

District 6 has already started to improve our equipment. Over 1,000 bid boxes have been emptied, run through the dishwasher, and the inserts replaced or rejuvenated. We are labeling Bridgemates and board sets, which will make future inventorying and tracking more efficient. D6 Board member and Unit 139 President David Butler maintains table counts for all sectionals by day, which helps with supply and equipment planning. The District needs more players to pitch in. Many jobs, such as tracking inventory, can be done at your convenience. Event planning can be done by email. Extra hands at the end of an event mean that the hardest working volunteers & directors can get home a bit sooner. We appreciate it when you close your bid box, & hope that next time you will help load a bin or two. We have some of the lowest sectional and regional tournament entry fees in the country, and they have stayed low mainly because so much of the work is done by volunteers. We can minimize fee increases only if we expand our volunteer base. Tournament organizers will appreciate any assistance you can provide.

—Shawn Stringer, 301-275-6363, shstringer@aol.com

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Lou Bluhm Open Knockout	
Seeded; Continues 10:00 & 2:30 until complete	
Lou Bluhm Bracketed KO (0-7500)1:30 & 7:30	
Continues 10:00 & 2:30 Wednesday	
Open Pairs (1500/3000/3000+)1:30 & 7:30	

Olympic Side Series (1st, 2nd of 4)1:30 / 7:30 49er and 499er Pairs1:30 / 7:30 Eve. pair games benefit Atlanta Junior Bridge

WEDNESDAY. AUGUST 31

PUESDAY, AUGUST 30

0-5 MP players play free today Madine Wood Bracketed Knockout 10.00 % 2.70

Nadine wood Bracketed Knockout10:00 & 2:30
Continues 10:00 & 2:30 Thursday
A/X Pairs10:00 & 2:30
Mid-flight Pairs (0-3000)10:00 & 2:30
GOLD RUSH Pairs (0-750)10:00 & 2:30
Olympic Side Series (3rd, 4th of 4)10:00 / 2:30
0-5 Trophy Pairs (single sessions)
49er and 499er Pairs
Stratified Board-a-Match Teams2:30
Falcons Bracketed Knockout7:30
Continues 7:30 Thursday and Friday
Evening Side Game Series (1st of 5)7:30
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THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 1
Barb Borah Bracketed Knockout10:00 & 2:30
Continues 10:00 & 2:30 Friday
A/X Pairs10:00 & 2:30
Mid-flight Pairs (0-3000)10:00 & 2:30

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Billy Woodson Side Series (1st, 2nd of 4)10:00 / 2:30

Two-night Open Pairs (1500/3000/3000+)	7:30
Two-night GOLD RUSH Pairs (0-750)	7:30
Two-night events continue 7:30 Friday	
Evening Side Game Series (2nd of 5)	7:30
Stratified Board-a-Match Teams	7:30
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FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 2 - GOODWILL DAY	
Mannill Hall Proglested Knoolsout 10:00 %	2.70

Morrill Hall Bracketed Knockout 10:00 & 2:30 Continues 10:00 & 2:30 Saturday A/X/Y Swiss (4000/6000/6000+)10:00 & 2:30 Bracketed Flight B Teams (0-3000)10:00 & 2:30 Three teams in each bracket win gold

Billy Woodson Side Series (3rd, 4th of 4)10:00 / 2:30 Stratified Board-a-Match Teams2:30

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 3

Continues 10:00 & 2:30 Sunday		
A/X Pairs10:00	&	2:30
Mid-flight Pairs (0-3000)10:00	&	2:30
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Dickie Freeman Bracketed Knockout10:00 & 2:30

Peachtree Side Series (1st, 2nd of 6) 10:00 / 2:30

• STRATS DETERMINED BY MP AVERAGES, BUT NO PLAYER MAY EXCEED EVENT'S LIMIT • ALL KOS (EXCEPT LOU BLUHM OPEN KO) 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 • A/X STRATS: 5000/5000+ • Mid-Flight strats: 1500/3000 • Gold Rush STRATS: 300/750 (GOLD POINTS FOR 750 STRAT OVERALLS AND SECTION TOPS); RED POINTS TO 0-300 STRAT • STRATI-FLIGHTED EVENTS: A/B/C 3000/5000/5000+ SEPARATE FROM D/E/F 500/1000/2000 • Under 500 MP games stratified at direc-TOR'S DISCRETION • SINGLE-SESSION PAIRS ALWAYS ACCOMMODATED

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Two-night Open Swiss (1500/3000/3000+)7:30
Two-night GOLD RUSH Swiss Teams (0-750)7:30
Two-night events continue 7:30 Sunday
Evening Side Game Series (4th of 5)7:30
499er Swiss Teams
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 4
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A/X Pairs
Mid-flight Pairs (0-3000)
GOLD RUSH Pairs (0-750)10:00 & 2:30
Strati-flighted Swiss Teams2:30
Peachtree Side Series (3rd, 4th of 6)10:00 / 2:30
49er and 499er Pairs
Evening Side Game Series (5th of 5)
Stratified Swiss Teams
499er Swiss Teams

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 5

A/X Swiss Teams	.10:00 & TBA
Mid-Flight Swiss Teams (0-3000)	.10:00 & TBA
GOLD RUSH Swiss Teams (0-750)	.10:00 & TBA
Peachtree Side Series (5th, 6th of 6)	.10:00 / 2:00
49er and 499er Pairs	.10:00 / 2:00
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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. Foun-DATION; EVENING GAMES BENEFIT LOCAL CHARITY

TUESDAY, AUGUST 16

O-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 Stratified Swiss Teams10:30 & 3

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h	Continues 1 & 7 Wednesday
V	Open Pairs 1500/3000/3000+ 1 & 7
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<u>WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 17</u>

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 Pairs10:30 & 3 Marvland KO 8 7

CONTINUES I & I THURSDAY
Open Pairs 1500/3000/3000+ 1 & 7
Pimlico GOLD RUSH Pairs1 & 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 KO9 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 Pairs10:30 & 3 A/X Swiss Teams (0-5000, 5000+) . . 1 & 7 Bracketed Flight B Swiss Teams 8 TEAMS PER BRACKET; 3 IN EACH BRACKET WIN GOLD

Stratified Open Pairs 1 & 7

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

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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 Teams7
I/N Swiss Teams 100/300/500

SATURDAY. AUGUST 20

Ravens Morning Side Series (5th of 5) . . 9 I/N Pairs 5/20/50 & 100/300/500 9 / 1 / 7 Daylight Open Pairs10:30 & 3

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

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

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Tues-Wed Compact Knockout9:00

Sunrise 49er & 499er Pairs9:00

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

Goblins Bracketed Knockout1:00 & 7:00 Continues 1:00 & 7:00 Wednesday

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

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

49er & 499er Pairs1:00 / 7:00

Stratified Swiss Teams7:00

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WEDNESDAY, OCT. 26

Two-sess. Open Swiss $(1500/3000/3000+) \dots 9:00$ sess. **GOLD RUSH** Swiss Teams .9:00

Two-session Swisses continue at 9:00 Thu.

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Sunrise 49er & 499er Pairs9	:00
Lake Norman Side Series (2nd of 5)	:00
Ghosts Bracketed Knockout1:00 & 7	:00
Continues 1:00 & 7:00 Thursday	
Open Pairs (1500/3000/3000+)1:00 & 7	00:
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49er & 499er Pairs1:00 / 7	00:
Stratified Board-a-Match Teams	00:
499er Swiss Teams	00:

THURSDAY, OCT. 27

Thur-Fri Compact Knockout9:00 Continues 9:00 Friday Sunrise 49er & 499er Pairs9:00 Lake Norman Side Series (3rd of 5)9:00 Open Swiss Teams (0-5000/5000+) ...1:00 & 7:00 Mid-flight Swiss Teams

(1500/3000)1:00 & 7:00 **GOLD RUSH** Swiss Teams . .1:00 & 7:00 ▶

Stratified Open Pairs ...1:00 & 7:00

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

49er & 499er Stratified Swiss Teams7:00

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SINGLE-SESSION PAIRS ALWAYS

499er Swiss Teams7:00

• GOLD RUSH EVENTS AWARD GOLD

POINTS TO OVERALL WINNERS & SECTION

TOPS IN 0-750: RED POINTS IN 0-300

• Under 500 MP games stratified at

ALL KOS ARE BRACKETED. RANDOM DRAW WITH NO PLAYBACKS UNTIL UNAVOIDABLE. ONE- OR TWO-BRACKET KOS ARE HANDICAPPED.

OPEN EVENTS, INCLUDING SIDE SERIES, ARE STRATIFIED 0-750. 750-3000, 3000+ unless oth-ERWISE NOTED

FRIDAY, OCT. 28 - GOODWILL DAY

'I'wo-sess.	Open Swiss	(1500/3000/	3000+)9:00	J
Two-sess.	GOLD RUSI	# Swiss Teams	9:00	0
Tv	vo-session Swi	sses continue at	9:00 Thu.	
Sunrise 4	9er & 499er	r Pairs	9:00	0
Lake Nor	man Side Se	ries (4th of 5)	9:00	0
Zombies 1	Bracketed Ki	nockout	1:00 & 7:00	0
	Continues .	1:00 & 7:00 Satı	ırday	
Open Pair	es (1500/30	00/3000+)	1:00 & 7:00	0
GOLD RU	ISH Pairs		1:00 & 7:00	0
Knights S	dide Series (lst, 2nd of 6).	1:00 / 7:00	0
49er & 4	99er Pairs .		1:00 / 7:00	0
Stratified	Swiss Team	s	7:00	0
499er Sw	riss Teams .		7:00	0

Evening pair games benefit ACBL Ed. Foundation

SATURDAY, OCT. 29

<u> </u>	
Sunrise 49er & 499er Pairs	9:00
Lake Norman Side Series (5th of 5)	9:00
Open Pairs (1500/3000/3000+)	1:00 & 7:00
GOLD RIISH Pairs	1.00 % 7.00

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

49er & 499er Pairs 1:00 / 7:00 Stratified Swiss Teams7:00 499er Swiss Teams7:00

SUNDAY, OCT. 30

A/XY Swiss Teams10:00 & TBA

Bracketed Flight B Teams Knights Side Series (5th, 6th of 6) 10:00 / 2:00

• A/X/Y EVENT STRATS ARE 0-4000, 4000-6000, 6000+

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Evening games benefit Toys for Tots

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 15
Chrysler Compact KO9
Two 12-board matches; continues 9 am Wed.
Nauticus Side Series (3rd, 4th, 5th of 5) 9 / 1 / 7
I/N Pairs 5/20/50 & 100/300/500 9 / 1 / 7
0-5 MP players FR€€ today
Open Pairs 1500/3000/3000+ 1 & 7
Captain GOLD RUSH Pairs
MacArthur KO
Continues 1 & 7 Wednesday

Elizabeth River Compact KO9

Two 12-board matches; continues 9 am Thu.
Waterside Side Series (1st, 2nd, 3rd of 6) 9 / 1 / 7
I/N Pairs 5/20/50 & 100/300/500 9 / 1 / 7
Early Bird Open Pairs 1500/3000/3000+ .9 & 1
Early Bird GOLD RUSH Pairs
Freemason KO
Continues 1 & 7 Thursday
Stratified Swiss Teams

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 17

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۱	Marriott Compact KO
١	Two 12-board matches; continues 9 am Fri.
	Waterside Side Series (4th, 5th, 6th of 6) 9 / 1 / 7
	I/N Pairs 5/20/50 & 100/300/500 9 / 1 / 7
	Open Pairs 1500/3000/3000+ 1 & 7
	A/X Swiss 0-5000/5000+ 1 & 7
/	Bracketed B Teams 0-3000
	8 teams per bracket; 3 in each win gold
	Stratified Swiss Teams7
	FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 18
١	Old Dominion Compact KO
l	Two 12-board matches; continues 9 am Sat.
	USS Wisconsin Side Series (1st, 2nd of 4)9 / 1
	I/N Pairs 5/20/50 & 100/300/500 9 / 1 / 7
١	_ Open Pairs 1500/3000/3000+ 1 & 7 √

Scope KO 1 & 7 Continues 1 & 7 Saturday

I/N Swiss Teams 100/300/500

• ALL KNOCKOUTS (KOS) ARE BRACKETED, RAN-DOM DRAW & INCLUDE 0-300 MP PLAYERS

- Open events & side series, are stratified 0-750/750-3000/3000+, UNLESS NOTED
- I/N EVENTS STRATIFIED BASED ON ATTENDANCE
- GOLD RUSH PAIRS (0-300/300-750) AWARD GOLD POINTS TO OVERALL WINNERS AND 0-750 SECTION TOPS: RED POINTS TO 0-300 STRAT

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۱	Stratified Swiss Teams9
١	USS Wisconsin Side Series (3rd, 4th of 4) .9 / 1
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	Open Pairs 1500/3000/3000+ 1 & 7
	Admiral GOLD RUSH Pairs
	Granby Street KO 1 & 7
	Continues 10 am & TBA Sunday
	Ghent Side Series (2nd of 4)
	Stratified Board-a-Match Teams
١	I/N Swiss Teams 100/300/500
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SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 20

Seven 7-board matches with short lunch break
A/X Swiss 0-5000/5000+ 10 & TBA
Bracketed B Teams 0-3000 10 & TBA
8 teams per bracket; 3 in each win gold
Ghent Side Series (3rd, 4th of 4) $\dots 10 / 2$
I/N Pairs 5/20/50 & 100/300/500 10 / 2



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New Early Start Times

10:30 & 3:00

Intermediate/Newcomer Program

0-20 Relaxed Game on Monday at 2:00 PM with No Entry Fee

Stratified 199er Pairs at 2:00 PM & 7:30 PM on Monday

Stratified 199er Pairs at 10:30 AM & 3:00 PM on Tues. through Sat.

-Free lectures every day-

TAP

Teacher Accreditation Program

Oct 30 & Oct 31

See District 4 Website for information www.district4.info

Highlights

- Terrific Hospitality Nightly
- FREE Parking
- Gold Rush & Mid-Flight Pairs and Teams
- Great New Location

Schedule Features...

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Lunch Tickets Sold Before the Game

2016-17 North American Pairs

4 Pairs Qualify in the 0-2500 and NLM! (3 in the Open)

There's still time to qualify for the North American Pairs, a North American Championship that begins in your club and concludes at the Spring 2017 NABC in Kansas City, Missouri. Come out and play in a local club qualifier. You've got to play to win!

Club qualifying for the 2016-2017 event continues until the end of August 2016. There are three Flights: Open, 0-2500 and Non-Life Master (with fewer than 500 points). Qualification in a flight qualifies you for all lower flights for which you are eligible. Qualification is by individual (not pair) – including flight eligibility — from any club qualifier in the ACBL directly to the District 6 Final. Flight eligibility is determined by your masterpoint holding on June 1, 2016. All players who play in the District Final must have qualified at the club level and be bona fide members of District 6. There will be no exceptions. See the District 6 website (www.districtsix.org) for information on club games in your area.

The District 6 Final for all flights will be held on the weekend of September 24-25, 2016. 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.

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

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

Players with 0-2500 MPs and NLMs with fewer than 500 MPs may play at either site.

Pre-registration is required in order to play in the District Finals. Pairs must pre-register by Sept. 15, 2016. To

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♣ Norfolk, VA NLM ♦ AUGUST 27-28, 2016 ♥

Norfolk/ Virginia Beach

2016 Non-Life Master Sectional

UNIT 146 BRIDGE CENTER

4966 Euclid Road Virginia Beach, VA 23462

Directions: Take North Witchduck exit off I-264. After 4/10 mile, turn right onto Cleveland Street. After 3/10 mile, turn diagonally right onto 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

Play for SILVER POINTS!!!

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

Sunday, August 28 (Lunch served)

—Strata may be adjusted according to attendance—

Tournament Chair:

Karlie Walker, 757-467-2824, kwalker20@cox.net

Partnership Chair:

Brian Boyce, 757-412-4925, brian@bfboyce.com

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

<u>Great Hospitality:</u> Includes free snacks, sodas and coffee for all events; plus a meal between sessions both days.



♠ Fairfax, VA ♣ SEPTEMBER 8-11, 2016 ♦



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	>
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STRATIFIED OPEN (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	ı, 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	n. 7:30 p.m.
NVBA 199ER SWISS TEAMS (200/100/50/20); WBL NLM PAIRS (NLM/100/50) 7:00 p.m	n. 7:30 p.m.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

Genes Friday Morning Game <u>at KOCH</u> :
STRATIFIED OPEN (2000+/2000/750) or 500/300/100 PAIRS (NLMs only)
REST OF TOURNAMENT AT ELKS LODGE
Intermediate/Newcomer Lecture
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 board7:30 p.m.
I/N (500/300/100) PAIRS

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 Lecture
**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.
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SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

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 Centre 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

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Mid-Chart Conventions permitted in all A/X Events

Next NVBA Sectional Oct 20-23 at Arlington/ Fairfax Elks Lodge (Thurs at Beth El)

www.nvba.org

District Six Honor Roll: Reno Spring NABC, March 11-20, 2016

TOP TEN LISTS

District Six Members

1	185.25	Steve Robinson
	185.25	Peter Boyd
3	146.13	Greg Humphreys
4	142.53	Sylvia Shi
5	128.37	Marty Nelson
	128.37	Gil Cohen
7	68.00	Beth Palmer

8 60.40 Fred King

9 59.28 Mark Dahl

10 57.06 Ronald Kral

District Six Members with 0-3000 MPs

1	53.16	John McAllister
2	37.89	George Parkins
3	36.28	Ann Atcheson

36.28 M David Jackson

5 35.59 Tobey Roland

6 27.71 Charles Dearolf

7 24.99 Calvin Konner 8 24.94 Terry Klein

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District Six Members with 0-750 MPs

1	27.71	Charles Dearolf
2	24.94	Terry Klein
3	24.37	Ted Van Dyke
	24.37	Franny Van Dyke
5	14.65	Jeremy Lewis
6	11.99	Roberta Shaker
	11.99	Richard Shaker
8	10.17	Edward Kelley IV
9	8.71	Darlyn Counihan

District Six Members with 0-300 MPs

8.38 Charlton Gnadt Jr

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2	8.38	Charlton Gnadt Jr
3	4.94	Kathleen Parkins
4	3.52	Louise Ragland

5 2.68 Linda Meade

6 2.57 James Stiff

7 2.57 Brian Knapik

8 0.89 Eric Cassel

OVERALL PLACINGS IN NATIONALLY RATED EVENTS

Special congratulations to our 1st place overall winners:

Steve Robinson and Peter Boyd in the Baldwin Flight A North American Pairs

> **Greg Humphreys** in the Rockwell Mixed Pairs

Marty Nelson and Gil Cohen in the NABC+ Fast Pairs

Daniel Korbel

in the Jacoby Swiss Teams

BALDWIN FLT A NORTH AMERICAN PAIRS

- 1 **Steve Robinson,** Arlington VA; **Peter Boyd,** Darnestown MD
- 10 Robert Bell, Silver Spring MD; Lou Reich, Wheaton MD

GOLDER FLT B NORTH AMERICAN PAIRS

Steve Bunning, Vienna VA: Jose Cortina, Oak Hill VA

PRESIDENT'S CUP NAP FLT C

Terry Klein, Brookeville MD: Charles Dearolf, Silver Spring MD

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- Fred King, Mc Lean VA
- Sumner Steinfeldt, Washington DC: Kenneth Davis. Alexandria VA

10K SWISS TEAMS

14 Margot Hennings, Annandale VA

KAY PLATINUM PAIRS

- Peter Boyd, Darnestown MD; Steve Robinson, Arlington VA
- Svlvia Shi. Rockville MD: Beth Palmer. Chevy Chase MD

LEVENTRITT SILVER RIBBON PAIRS

- Gil Cohen. Ashburn VA: Marty Nelson, Annapolis MD
- 47 Mark Dahl. Richmond VA
- Mary Tenenbaum Alan Tenenbaum, Rockville MD

ROCKWELL MIXED PAIRS

- Greg Humphreys.
 - Charlottesville VA
- Stephen Sanborn Kerri Sanborn. Delray Beach FL
- Svlvia Shi. Rockville MD
- David Ruderman, Burtonsville MD: Linda Marshall, Bethesda MD

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Norfolk/Va. Beach, VA & SEPTEMBER 16-18, 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, 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

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

(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

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

Entries: \$10 per person per pairs session; \$84 per team (includes meal between sessions for 4 team members). Additional \$3 for unpaid or non-ACBL members. **Great Hospitality:** Includes free snacks, sodas and coffee for all events.

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

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♣ Baltimore, MD ◆ SEP 30 - OCT 2, 2016 ▼



The Maryland Bridge Association

—presents—

Baltimore's Chesapeake Fall Sectional

at the **COMFORT INN - BWI AIRPORT**

6921 Baltimore-Annapolis Blvd., Baltimore, MD 21225 & 410-789-9100

Silver Points!

Our Schedule! Including free coffee, soft drinks and refreshments and a <u>Lecture</u> with Game Analysis after the Saturday Morning Game! For the Sunday Swiss, sandwiches are available for purchase (partially subsidized by Maryland Bridge Assn.) —All pair events are single session—

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)

SATURDAY, October 1—2 single session events

SUNDAY, October 2

Stratified Swiss Teams . .10 am - PlaythruStratified by average of total MPs

<u>DIRECTIONS</u> 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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Reno Overalls, cont. from p 9

SILODOR OPEN PAIRS

- 12 Harry Gellis, Midlothian VA; Dewayne Jones, Mechanicsville VA
- 22 Mark Dahl, Richmond VA
- 28 Ai-Tai Lo, Reston VA
- 40 Ronald Kral, Reston VA

NABC+ FAST PAIRS

- **1 Marty Nelson,** Annapolis MD; **Gil Cohen.** Ashburn VA
- 4 Sylvia Shi, Rockville MD
- 6 Greg Humphreys, Charlottesville VA
- 18 Jay Kelkar, Oak Hill VA
- 21 David Walker, Salem VA
- Ronald Kral, Reston VA

JACOBY SWISS TEAMS

- **1 Daniel Korbel,** Rockville MD
- 23/24 Mark Dahl, Richmond VA
 - 27 John McAllister, Charlottesville VA
 - James Fox Judy Fox, Virginia Beach VA
 - 44 Steve Robinson, Arlington VA; Peter Boyd, Darnestown MD

VANDERBILT KO TEAMS

5/8 Daniel Korbel. Rockville MD

North American Pairs, cont. from p 7

pre-register, send the player names, contact information and player numbers and a check made payable to District 6 in the amount of \$50.00, to cover two (2) sessions of the event. For the NORTH, send it to: District 6, 3353 Taleen Ct., Annandale, VA 22003-1161. Pre-register for the SOUTH by sending a check for \$50.00 along with player information to: Barry Fratkin, 1935 Hickoryridge Road, Richmond, VA 23238. A list of registered pairs will be posted on the District 6 website after registration closes.

Qualifiers who play in the National Final will be subsidized (to various extents) for travel expenses and hotel rooms by the ACBL and/or District 6. Membership dues or Life Master service fee must be current and continuous from the start of the 2016-17 District Final to the completion of the North American Pairs Final at the Kansas City NABC in order to play in the National Final.

For more information and directions to the playing sites, visit the District 6 website at www.districtsix.org or contact Sylvia Shi at 289-788-0385 or sylviamshi@gmail.com.

Retrospective on Reno and Deliberations in DC —REPORT FROM DISTRICT

REPORT FROM DISTRICT DIRECTOR MARGOT HENNINGS,

Margot10bridge@cox.net

Like the ACBL, District 6 (D6) has been diligently looking for ways to cut costs and better serve you, its members. Starting this year, based on the results of a district-wide survey. the number of issues of the D6 TableTALK publication was reduced from six to four, saving D6 approximately \$7000 per issue. This decision to publish only quarterly is a good one, but like all decisions, has unintended consequences. Timing of ads and reports is sometimes skewed and it is that way with this report. The May-June-July issue went to print before the March NABC Reno Report could be written, so that report appears in this issue, which went to the printer before the July ACBL Board of Directors (BOD) meetings at the DC NABC even began. This means that any decisions or actions taken by the ACBL BOD this summer NABC in DC cannot be reported in TableTALK until November, when the Orlando NABC will start. A look at what will be discussed in DC is presented below, and a full report on the DC NABC BOD actions will be posted on the D6 website in mid-August.

<u>Congratulations to D6 Members on Top</u> NABC Event Finishes in Reno!

Perennial top finishers Peter Boyd and Steve Robinson were successful again this Spring, winning the Flight A North American Pairs (NAP) and placing 9th in the Platinum Pairs, arguably the toughest pairs event on the NABC schedule. Long-time players and D6 Members Gil Cohen and Marty Nelson notched a win in the NABC Fast Pairs, while new D6 resident Daniel Korbel together with his out-of-district teammates won the final weekend NABC+ Jacoby Swiss. Beth Palmer and Sylvia Shi tuned up in the Platinum Pairs, coming in 12th before going on to win the recent United States Bridge Federation's Women's Team Trials in CA and, thereby, the right to represent the US in Poland at the World Championships this summer. Sylvia also turned in her usual steady performance

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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

Saturday, October 1

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

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.



86th Annual D.C. CHAMPIONSHIPS

at the

at the MARGARET SCHWEINHAUT SENIOR CENTER

1000 Forest Glen Rd, Silver Spring, MD (Friday-Sunday only)

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 (2000/750) Pairs (both sites), Intermediate/Novice Pairs (500/300/100) & 0-20 Pairs (Ohr Kodesh only) & Stratified 199er Swiss Teams (Beth El only) Beth El Congregation, 3830 Seminary Rd, Alexandria7:00pm I-495 to Connecticut Ave. S. 4th light left E-W Hwy 410. Left Meadowbrook Ln. 1st left Freyman Dr. Parking

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 7

- * *StrataFlighted A/X (unlim/3000) & B/C Pairs (2000/750)(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 (500/300/100) & 49er Pairs (50/20/5) (single sessions) 10am, 2pm, 7:30pm

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

lot on left. No outside food allowed.

▲ Eynon Tropby

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 8

- * *StrataFlighted A/X (unlim/3000) & B/C Pairs (2000/750) (single sessions) 10:00am, 3:00pm
- Intermediate/Novice Pairs (500/300/100) & 49er Pairs (50/20/5) (single sessions) 10:00am, 3:00pm
- **▼ Machlin Sportsmanship Award** Presentation & **Panel Show** between sessions

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 9 —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 playtbrough 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.

♣ 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. Tournament Chair: Brad Theurer. 301-527-8819, batheurer 256@gmail.com; Hospitality Manager: Mike Zane: Volunteer Coordinator: Barbara Summers, 301-598-5838. iimbarb1184@aol.com: Partnerships: Barbara Doran, 301-608-0347, barb.doran@verizon.net, Online Partnership Desk available.

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Reno Report, cont. from p 11

in national events in Reno, coming in $4^{\mbox{th}}$ in the NABC Fast Pairs, and $8^{\mbox{th}}$ in the NABC Rockwell Mixed Pairs, the latter with former D6 resident, Jeff Roman. Fred King distinguished himself, placing 5th in the NABC IMP Pairs with his frequent D7 partner Dan Fowler, D6 also did well in the Flight B and C NAPs national finals, with Steve Bunning and José Cortina coming in 15th in Flight B and Terry Klein and Charles Dearoff coming in 5th in Flight C. For a complete list of those who did well at the Reno NABC, please see page 8 of this issue of TableTALK.

Reno as a Tournament Venue

Reviews were mixed with smoke-filled casinos contributing to player discomfort. Not only did players have to pass through the casinos to get to the three hotel playing sites, but smoke often filtered through the hotel ventilation systems into some of the playing areas (notably those downstairs in Circus Circus) as well. Even the one excellent playing site—the Convention Center—could not be accessed except by traipsing through the hotel casinos in order to get there, unless one chose a much more circuitous and lengthy route outside. Attendance fell slightly short (5%) of 12,000 tables projected (compared to the 13,500

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Don Berman don.berman@verizon.net

Mid-chart allowed in all events except I/N & Triple Nickel

estimated for DC this summer) as some players left early. It seems evident that we cannot contract with this hotel/playing site configuration again in Reno unless this problem can be solved—unlikely in a casino town. However, Reno is an attractive venue overall with low room rates, good food at low prices, and a convention center with some of the best playing space I have ever seen, so it will be a challenge to see if Management and the BOD can find a way to return to the "Biggest Little City in the World."

Key Actions in Reno

President Ken Monzingo started our year by recognizing that the difficult decisions facing this year's ACBL BOD deserve significant blocks of time set aside at each of our three meetings for in-depth discussion of specific issues that can impact the success or failure of our Strategic Plan. The strategic priorities that formed the basis of our initial Plan three years ago were revisited by the BOD in Reno and re-prioritized in an updated Strategic Plan to: 1. Increase membership acquisition and retention; 2. Develop and accelerate tournament director training and recruitment; 3. Build the confidence of ACBL members through dealing effectively with cheating and maintaining financial health; and 4. Upgrade technology and secure our infrastructure while establishing the future architecture of ACBL Score. As part of this re-prioritization and in support of it, issues discussed in-depth in Reno included Finance, Technology, Strategic Planning in general, and ACBL's commitment to International Bridge, with Finance. Technology. Strategic. International along with Board Composition to be the focus in DC. Many of the committees established for this year—most notably perhaps the Committee concerned with Board Restructuring/Composition—plus actions coming out of the Reno meetings reflect the fruits of open over motion-driven discussion that can effect real change in organizational structure, membership recruitment, technology, and advances to encourage ethics and confront cheating. Brief summaries of key actions, in no particular order, are below:

• Finances: —The 2016 budget, conditionally

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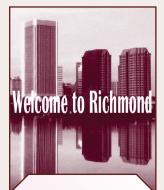
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SATURDAY, OCTOBER 15

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Salisbury, MD NLM & OCTOBER 14-15, 2016 •

Delmarva I/N Sectional

~MAC SENIOR CENTER~

909 Progress Circle Ste 100 Salisbury, MD 21804

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~Intermediate-Novice Pairs

Saturday October 15

~Intermediate-Novice Pairs

I/N Stratified Pairs10:00 AM & 3:00 PM 0-50/50-100/100-500 (single sessions)



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Building Turn right, then keep to the left, park, and enter the building with columns.

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District 7 Sectional Abingdon, VA OCTOBER 14-16, 2016

ABINGDON SENIOR CENTER

300 Senior Drive 276-628-5859

Directions: From I-81 take Exit 17, turn north onto Cummings Street for 0.8 mile, one block beyond Main Street. Turn right onto Valley Street for 0.7 mile. Turn left onto Whites Mill Road for one long block. Turn right onto Summers Street for one block. Turn right on Senior Drive.

Schedule:

Friday - October 14

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

SATURDAY - OCTOBER 15

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

SUNDAY - OCTOBER 16

Open Swiss Teams (masterpoints averaged and stratified)
2 sessions: 10am & tba

Tournament Chair

Nancy Metcalf 276-628-6287 metcalf 12@embargmail.com

Hospitality: Homemade goodies & snacks. Luncheon included each day.

Stratifications: 299er: 50/200/300;

Open: 750/2000/2000 +

approved last fall but requiring final approval this spring, was carefully reviewed and slashed to get from a \$60,000 deficit to approximately a \$100,000 excess of revenues over expenditures, again representing BOD commitment to reducing unnecessary expenses and focusing finances on projects that will help move the ACBL forward in concert with its strategic goals. -Some actions will be ongoing while smaller steps are being taken at every meeting. Example: In Reno, the President's budget was significantly reduced by substantially cutting travel to attend meetings at regionals, sectionals, and world or zonal competitions outside Zone 2 (Canada, Mexico and the US) and social activities in the President's Suite, including players from throughout ACBL. Additionally, an annual reduction of \$15,000 was achieved by BOD action that revised the way that the key NABC Host Committee Volunteers are honored by Management and the BOD. Volunteers are still the recipients of appropriate appreciation (e.g., discounted entry fees, a suite in which to relax between shifts attending to player needs) but the large-attendance (often 100 folks) Volunteer Dinner the night before the start of an NABC is now a thing of the past. — The desire to project annual expenses accurately given a number of uncapped commitments in our current regulations resulted in actions detailed in the following two bullets.

• Cooperative Advertising Reimbursements:

—Prior to Reno, ACBL covered 75% of eligible advertising expenses incurred by teachers, clubs, units and districts for date-specific programs and lessons designed for beginners/newcomers and/or to recruit ACBL members, with a ceiling per program of \$500. Following an almost unanimous vote in Reno, Cooperative Advertising Program (CAP) reimbursements will be funded at 50% and still with the \$500 per-program ceiling. This action helps reduce the total amount of expense that is completely unpredictable at the time an annual budget is set, while still offering generous support to Member entities.

• School Bridge Programs: In a move similar to reducing the high uncertain costs of CAP expenditures, the BOD voted unanimously to

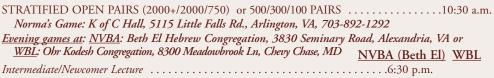
♠ Fairfax, VA ♣ OCTOBER 20-23, 2016



NVBA FALL SECTIONAL TOURNAMENT

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

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 20



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 <u>at KOCH</u> :	9:30 a.m.
STRATIFIED OPEN (2000+/2000/750) or 500/300/100 PAIRS (NLMs only)
REST OF TOURNAMENT AT ELKS LOD	<u>GE</u>

 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.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 22>

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 23>

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Margot Hennings, 703-560-0245

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Marty Bley nvbapartnerships@gmail.com 571.789.8338 (C)

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Next NVBA Sectional Feb 16-19 2017 at Arlington/ Fairfax Elks Lodge (Thurs at Beth El)

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♠ Charlottesville, VA ♣ DECEMBER 9-11, 2016 ♦

Shenandoah Valley Winter Sectional



<u>Cavalier Inn</u> <u>at the University</u>

105 N. Emmett St. (Corner Rt. 29/Rt.250 Business) Charlottesville, VA 22903

Directions From I-64, Exit 118B (29 bypass); then exit on Rt. 250 Business; turn right. The hotel is one mile on the left. Free underground parking is available.

Reservations

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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Non-Smoking Tournament with Hospitality Breaks

Free coffee, soft drinks, and more ...

Entries

\$10.00/person for pair games; \$96.00/team—Includes light lunch between sessions; \$3 additional per person for non or unpaid ACBL members

Tournament Chairs

Betsy Ruehl 540-942-3667 etruehl@ntelos.net

Steve Rothman 434-296-1714

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 9

10:30 AM . . Open Stratified Pairs or 199er Pairs The entry for these games is \$11.40% more masterpoints awarded helps fund the GNTs & NAPs

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

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10

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Friday and Saturday Stratification Limits

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

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11

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

better define the guidelines under which ACBL will support/provide materials to School Bridge Programs: 1. Students must be younger than 26; 2. High school graduates must be enrolled full time at a two-year or four-year college; 3. It is recommended that classes have at least 12 students, but they must have a minimum of four; and 4. Students may not be charged for a teacher's time.

- Effectiveness: The aforementioned Board Restructuring Committee with members from Management, the BOD, the Board of Governors (BOG), and at-large (including Daniel Korbel of D6) is looking at ways to increase the effectiveness of the BOD. This Committee was created in Denver last fall and wide-ranging suggestions are being entertained in an effort to find "a better way" to meet our organization's daily needs as well as its strategic goals—should the Board be smaller, should it comprise distinct skills needed by the League (e.g., legal, technology, tournament experience, club representation) in lieu of geographic representation? How big or small a Board is needed? How will Board members be elected? What mechanism can be developed that will allow the current districts to voice their concerns if geographic representation is eliminated?
- Encouragement of Newcomers and Social Bridge Players: For a separate stand-alone "newcomer game" for players with fewer than 20 masterpoints, players may now ask for advice, refer to notes, and have help on any hand. This game is intended to acquaint new players with duplicate bridge and to encourage participation by inexperienced and/or social bridge players. Teachers, club managers and administrators of programs such as Learn Bridge in a Day? or EasyBridge! should find this a perfect enticement or follow-on to lessons for players uncertain about entering the world of duplicate bridge.
- •NABC Events: At the request of the non-BOD Competition and Conventions Committee (C&C), the BOD entertained a motion to create yet another 7-day KO during the Fall NABC, so that there would be consistency in the scheduling across all NABCS—there are already NABC+ KOs starting on Monday in the

Spring (the Vanderbilt) and the Summer (the Spingold). Many unanswered questions remained as to how such a new event would impact existing events in the Fall, such as the first weekend's two-day NABC+ pair event and the Open Board-a-Match Teams (BAM), the mid-week three-day Blue Ribbon Pairs, and the three-day Reisinger BAM on the final weekend, so voting on this recommendation was deferred until DC.

• Cheating: A number of high-profile hearings scheduled to be held by the ACBL Ethical Oversight Committee (EOC. current composition listed on the ACBL website) were postponed at the request of the defendants. In the interim, decisions as to guilt and penalties imposed have been taken by the defendants' cognizant National Bridge Organizations (NBOs) and/or the World Bridge Federation, all of which will be taken into consideration when these cases are heard by EOC and reviewed by the Appeals and Charges Committee (A&C, of which I am a member) later this year.

•Legal Services, Standards, and Policy: Based on the recommendation of the Legal Services Review Committee, the position of League Counsel was eliminated and a fulltime in-house Legal Counsel, Linda Dunn, was hired after extensive search and interviews of highly capable applicants.

Although it sounds semantic, prompted by the many international cheating scandals, the standard of proof in cases involving severe discipline was changed from "preponderance of the evidence" to "comfortable satisfaction."

And, in a major change of policy, attorneys. never before permitted to represent their clients at hearings, will now be permitted in A&C hearings, but not in Unit or District hearings.

• Player Appeals Committees: "ACBL Tourna ment Directors will now hear and rule on all appeals for NABC+ events at NABCs. All Conduct and Ethics or Disciplinary matters shall continue to be referred to and heard by the NABC Tournament Committee or to its assignees." This process has been in place at Regionals and for non-NABC+ events at NABCs for well over a decade. Prior to the narrow passage of this new regulation (14-11 with one abstention and one absent), NABC+

Silver Spring, MD ♦ JANUARY 5-8, 2017 ♥

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Presidential Tournament ~

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THURSDAY, JANUARY 5

StrataFlighted A/X (unlim/2000) & B/C/D (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 A/X (unlim/3000) & B/C (2000/750) Pairs (both sites), Intermediate/Novice Pairs (500/300/100) & 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. 4th light left E-W Hwy 410. Left Meadowbrook Ln. 1st left Freyman Dr. Parking lot on left. No outside food allowed.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 6

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Intermediate/Novice Pairs (500/300/100) & 49er Pairs (50/20/5) (single sessions) . .10am, 2pm, 7:30pm

Panel Party SATURDAY, JANUARY 7 Show to Honor New Life Masters between sessions

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- Intermediate/Novice Pairs (500/300/100) & 49er Pairs (50/20/5) (single sessions) 10:00am, 3:00pm

SUNDAY, JANUARY 8

WBL Trophy Race Winners' Presentation —Lunch available for purchase—

- 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.

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♠ Norfolk/Va. Beach, VA ♣ JANUARY 6-8, 2017 ♦



Norfolk/ Virginia Beach

Winter Sectional

Unit 146 Bridge Center

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

Tournament

Chair

Susan Chambers

702-683-2463

Partnership Chair

Joe Siqueira

joesiqueira@hotmail.com

757-544-6535

chamberssa@yahoo.com

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

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Friday, January 6

(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 7

(Light lunch served between sessions)

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

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

(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 8

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

Entries: \$10 per person per pairs session; \$84 per team (includes meal between sessions for 4 team members). Additional \$3 for unpaid or non-ACBL members. **Great Hospitality:** Includes free snacks, sodas and coffee for all events.

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

appeals were heard by Committees composed of expert players. With good arguments on both sides—those favoring rulings by players versus those favoring rulings by Directorsfrom world-class players, this is the third time in the past ten years this proposal has been made—the third time being the charm. The "correctness" of these rulings will be monitored closely by reviewing them after-the-fact. and also including input from expert players before the final ruling is made. Motions for Consideration in DC

As noted above, I can only guess at the outcome of the numerous changes to ACBL regulations that might be forthcoming (or have happened by the time you read this) from the meetings in DC. What I can do with conviction is detail the categories and some specifics of the motions that I know will be considered even if their outcome is unknown:

NABC Event Entry: Clarification of ability of players who have suspension hearings pending with their own disciplinary bodies to participate in ACBL events or to partner with known co-conspirators.

NT Openers: By partnership agreement, a notrump opening or overcall is natural if it contains no void, at most one singleton, which must be the Ace, King, or Oueen and no more than two doubletons. This is in addition to other existing regulations governing NT openings.

Player Recruitment: Creation of a Player Recruitment Task Force that would include the ACBL Director of Marketing and two club owners as non-voting members.

Electronic Participation in Regionals and Sectionals: Furthering the progress made with a Phase I "electronic section" on June 6 at the Tampa Regional with clubs in NC. NY. and FL participating through Bridge Base Online, ACBL would like to conduct a Phase II electronic horizontal two-session Gold Rush Pairs event at the PGA Regional in FL on August 23 and 24 with clubs in NC, NY, and FL again participating.

Conditions of Contest: For the 2016/17 Collegiate Bridge Bowl, reinstating the eightteam face-to-face final at the Summer NABC: changing the methodology for team matchups in Women's NABC Team events; requiring 50% participation in each matchup for NABC events in which four-ways are needed; allowing American Bridge Association (ABA) members to play in ACBL Sectionals and Regionals without paying the non-member surcharge; encouraging High School Bridge Championships to be run under existing regulations for Youth and Junior Sectionals and Regionals.

Tournament Assistant (TA) Accreditation for Work at Sectionals: In order to work at Sectionals, TAs must pass the TA accreditation exam and be approved by the Director-in-Charge of the tournament. Local Directors may no longer work at Sectionals without having passed the TA accreditation exam.

Bridge Play Apps for Mobile Devices: A Feasibility Study requested by the BOG for "capable competent Volunteers" to develop interesting applications for mobile devices as a means to entice younger folks to try their hand at bridge.

Major Revisions to the Recorder Regulations: At the recommendation of the Bridge Integrity Task Force, proposed revisions to parallel strides being made by the Anti-Cheating Task Force to both encourage reports of ethical violations and to protect both the reporter and the person allegedly committing the infraction.

Miscellaneous:

- Videotaping/live-streaming of BOD and BOG meetings;
- A two-year term for the ACBL President;
- Indemnification of Anti-Cheating Task Force Commissioners;
- Day-long robot tournaments;
- Decrease in cost of Junior Memberships from \$15 to \$5, continuing all current benefits with the exception of a mailed Bulletin—encouraging more school bridge participants to become Members, thereby enabling ACBL to contact them via email.

As always, contact me with any questions at margot10bridge@cox.net. Hope to have seen many of you at the DC NABC by the time you read this!

—Margot

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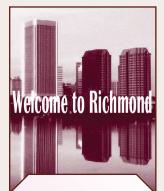
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	Feb 3-5		May 23-29
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2015-16 Grand National Teams — Open, B & C Bracket Winners!

In the Open Bracket, the number one seed was knocked out early, leaving a wide open field for the rest of the teams. There were many close matches and the winning margin in their final match was only 9 victory points. Congratulations to all of the teams! District 6 looks forward to seeing how you fare at the Summer NABC here in Washington in July.

WINNERS: OPEN BRACKET

1 Mark Chen, Noble Shore, Mike Gill, Ai-Tai Lo, Alan Schwartz

- 2 Donna Rogall, Clyde Kruskal, Sumner Steinfeldt, Hal Hindman
- 3 / 4 —Marty Graf, Mark Shaw, Alan Tenenbaum, David Ruderman
 - -Marc Warner, Dewayne Jones, Brad Theurer, Lyle Poe, Mark Dahl, David Butler
- 5/8 —Adam Gann, Fred King, Dick Wegman, Robert Gookin
 - —Robert Hopkins Jr, Kent Goulding, Rusty Krauss, Barry Falgout, Bob Bell, Lou Reich
 - —Linda Marshall, Mary Tenenbaum, David Rodney, Avril Rodney
 - -Richard Ferrin, Gene Kales, Ellen Cherniavsky, Robin Taylor

WINNERS: B BRACKET (0-2500)

1 Bob Burgess, Jian-Pian Chen, Leah Shao, Owen Byer

- 2 Walter Smith Jr, Albert Lauber, Jay Cherlow, Ned Griffith, Hadi Abushakra, James Beller
- 3 / 4 Mel Yudkin, Kiyomi Shiba, Debnarayan Dhar, Eugene Fisher, Jeffrey Kosnett
 - —Wiltold Palosz, Jeff Halle, Dale Sanders, Terry Klein

WINNERS: C BRACKET (0-500 NLM)

In the C Bracket, again we had a very close match between the Southern and Northern site teams.

1 Rick Bingham, Jim Metzger, Mike Corrigan, Jeff Yutzler

2 Forrest Swope, Chris McCrae, Morgan McLeod, Alice Faintich