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## DISTRICT



## 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,
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Shawn Stringer
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 Deliberations in DCfrom District Director
Margot Hennings
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bRACKETED, RANDOM DRAW \& INCLUDE 0-300 PLAYERS; 1-\& 2-bRACKEt KOS ARE HANDICAPPED MONDAY, AUCUST 15
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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

O-5 MP PLAYERS FREE TODAY
Fort McHenry Compact KO
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
Stratified Swiss Teams ....... 10:30 \& 3 Terrapin KO

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

## WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 17

Preakness Compact KO
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

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
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## THURSDAY, AUGUST 18

Inner Harbor Compact KO
Two 12-board matches; contivues 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 Hunt Valley Side Series (3rd, 4th of 4) 1 / 7 Stratified Swiss Teams
I/N Swiss Teams 100/300/500

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FRIDAY, AUGUST 19
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 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

## SATURIDAY, 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

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 I/N Swiss Teams 100/300/500

## 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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- Stratifications determined by MP averages, but no single player may exceed event's limit - Open events and side series stratified 0-750/750-3000/ 3000+, unLess noted • GOLD RUSH PAIRS (0-300/300-750) aWARd gold POINTS TO OVERALL WINNERS \& $0-750$ SECTION TOPS; RED POINTS TO 0 -300 STRAT - I/N EVENTS STRATIFIED www.districtsix.org FOR HOTEL PHOTOS \& OTHER INFO BASED ON ATTENDANCE MID-ATLANTIC ON THE WEB: www.mabclbridge.org


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## MONDAY, OCT. 24

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

Open Pairs (1500/3000/3000+)
GOLD RUSH Pairs 49 er \& 499er Pairs s 1:00 \& 7:00 (lst, 2nd of 4) . ...1:00 / 7:00 Stratified Swiss Teams . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . .7:00
499er Swiss Teams

Aft. pair games benefit ACBL Ed. Foundation Eve. pair games benefit Loaves and Fishes

## TUESDAY, OCT. 25 0-5 MP players play free today

 Tues-Wed Compact Knockout.9:00
Continues 9:00 Wednesday
Sunrise 49er \&e 499er Pairs
.9:00
Lake Norman Side Series (lst of 5) ........... 9:00
Goblins Bracketed Knockout ...........1:00 \&e 7:00
Continues 1:00 \&e 7:00 Wednesday
Open Pairs (1500/3000/3000+) . . . . . .1:00 \& 7:00

## GOLD RUSH Pairs

Panthers Side Series (3rd, 4th of 4) ..1:00 / 7:00 49er \&e 499er Pairs .........1:00 / 7:00 Stratified Swiss Teams 1:00 / 7:00 499er Swiss Teams . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . .7:00
 Stratified Open Pairs . 1:00 \&e 7:00 Tournament Co-chairs Arnold Hoffmann, 704-875-6923, 980-254-7476 ajhoffmann@carolina.rr.com Len Case, 704-992-0397 lencase@carolina.rr.com charlotteregional@gmail.com Partnerships: John \& Marlene Smith, 704-992-1260 crzy4brdg@yahoo.com

- ALL KOs ARE BRACKETED, RANDOM DRAW WITH No PLAYBACKS UNTIL UNAVOIDABLE. ONE- OR TWObRACKET KOS ARE HANDICAPPED.
- Open events, including side SERIES, ARE STRATIFIED 0-750, 750-3000, 3000+ UNLESS оTHERWISE NOTED
499er Swiss Teams ......7:00

Sunrise 49er \&e 499er Pairs .................9:00
Lake Norman Side Series (2nd of 5) . . . . . . . . .9:00
Ghosts Bracketed Knockout ............ 1:00 \& 7:00
Continues 1:00 \& 7:00 Thursday
Open Pairs (1500/3000/3000+) ......1:00 \&e 7:00
GOLD RUSH Pairs ................... . . $1: 00$ \& 7:00
Hornets Side Series (1st, 2nd of 4) . . . . 1:00 / 7:00 49er \& 499er Pairs . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 1:00 / 7:00
Stratified Board-a-Match Teams . . . . . . . . . . . . . .7:00
499er Swiss Teams
7:00
THURSDAY, OCT. 27
Thur-Fri Compact Knockout
9:00
Continues 9:00 Friday
Sunrise 49er \&e 499er Pairs
.9:00
.9:00 Open Swiss Teams (0-5000/5000+) ...1:00 \& 7:00 outs, Two Compact Knockouts, Four Two-ses sion Swiss Team Events ... Excellent Intermediate/Newcomer Program with expert lectures daily ...Eight GOLD RUSH events. in six days for 0-750 MP players ... Famous Mid-Atlantic Hospitality ...................... in the

## FRIDAY, OCT. 28 - GOODWILL DAY

Two-sess. Open Swiss (1500/3000/3000+)

## Two-sess. GOLD RUSH Swiss Teams

## Sunrise 49er \&e 499er Pairs

Lake Norman Side Series (4th of 5) ............9:00
Zombies Bracketed Knockout .......... 1:00 \&e 7:00 Continues 1:00 \&e 7:00 Saturday
Open Pairs (1500/3000/3000+) . . . . . .1:00 \& 7:00

## GOLD RUSH Pairs <br> 1:00 \& 7:00

Knights Side Series (lst, 2nd of 6) . . . . 1:00 / 7:00
49er \& 499er Pairs . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 1:00 / 7:00
Stratified Swiss Teams ..........................7:00
499er Swiss Teams .............................. 7:00
Evening pair games benefit ACBL Ed. Foundation
SATURDAY, OCT. 29
Sunrise 49er \&e 499er Pairs
Lake Norman Side Series (5th of 5) . . . . . . . . .9:00
Open Pairs (1500/3000/3000+) . . . . . .1:00 \&e 7:00
GOLD RUSH Pairs
.1:00 \& 7:00
Mid-flight Swiss Teams
(1500/3000)

$\because$ Knights Side Series (3rd, 4th of 6) : 1:00 / 7:00
$\therefore$ 49er \&e 499er Pairs ...... 1:00 / 7:00
Stratified Swiss Teams

## 499er Swiss Teams

7:00

## SUNDAY, OCT. 30

A/XY Swiss Teams
10:00 \& TBA

- GOLD RUSH EVENTS AWARD GOLD : Bracketed Flight B Teams POINTS TO OVERALL WINNERS \& SECTION TOPS IN 0-750; RED POINTS IN 0-300
- Under 500 MP GaMes stratified at dIRECTOR'S DISCRETION.
- Single-session pairs always aCCOMMODATED.
(0-3000)

10:00 \& TBA
Knights Side Series (5th, 6th of 6) 10:00 / 2:00
49er \&e 499er Pairs ................ . 10:00 / 2:00
499er Swiss Teams ...............10:00 / 2:00

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Afternoon games benefit ACBL $\in d$. Foundation Evening games benefit Tous for Tots

## TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 15

Chrusler Compact KO
Two 12-board matches; continues 9 am Wed.
Nouticus Side Series (3rd, 4th, 5th of 5) $9 / 1 / 7$
I/N Pairs 5/20/50 \& 100/300/500 . . . . . 9 / 1 / 7
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Open Pairs 1500/3000/3000+
Captain GOLD RUSH Pairs
MacArthur KO
Continues $1 \& 7$ Wednesday
Stratified Swiss Teams
I/N Swiss Teams 100/300/500
שEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 16
Elizabeth River Compact KO

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
Garly Bird Open Pairs 1500/3000/3000+ . 9 \& 1
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Continues $1 \& 7$ Thursday
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Stratified Swiss Teams

## fRIDAY, NOVEMBER 18

Old Dominion Compact KO
Two 12-board matches; continues 9 am Sot.
USS Wisconsin Side Series (1st, 2nd of 4) . . 9 / 1
I/N Pairs 5/20/50 \& 100/300/500 . . . . . 9 / 1 / 7
Open Pairs 1500/3000/3000+ . . . . . . . . . $1 \& 7$
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Stratified Swiss Teams
I/N Swiss Teams 100/300/500
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
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## THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 17

Marriott Compact KO
Two 12-board matches; continues 9 am fri

Ghent Side Series (2nd of 4) . . . . . . . . . . . . . 7
Stratified Board-a-Match Teams . . . . . . . . . . . 7
I/N Swiss Teams 100/300/500

## 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) ...... . 10 / 2 I/N Pairs 5/20/50 \& 100/300/500 . . . . . . . $10 / 2$

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New Knockouts begin Tuesday, Wednesday \&e Friday at 10:30 AM
1 Day Compact K0 Teams-Saturday

## Ochedule

## MONDAY, OCTOBER 31

0-20 Relaxed Game (Single Session; NO ENTRY FEE)
Monday-Tuesday Bracketed K0 Teams - Round 1 \& \& . . . . . . . . . . . . .2:00 PM \& 7:30 PM
(Continues on Tuesday at10:30 AM and 3:00 PM)
Stratiflighted A/X/Y Pairs (3000+; 1500-3000; 0-1500) GOLD RUSH 3-Strat Pairs ( $0-100 ; 100-300 ; 300-750$ ) Charity Stratified Open Pairs (Single Sessions)
199er Pairs (Single Sessions)
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## TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 1

Morning Side Pair Game Series (Session 1 of 5)
10:30 AM

Monday-Tuesday Bracketed K0 Teams (3rd \& 4th) Tuesday-Wednesday Bracketed K0 Teams (1st \& 2nd) Stratiflighted A/X Pairs (0-5000; 5000+) GOLDEN Mid-Flight B/C Pairs (0-1500; 1500-3000) GOLD RUSH 2-Strat Pairs ( $0-300 ; 300-750$ ) 199er Pairs (single sessions)
Afternoon Side Pair Game Series (Session 1 of 5) Stratified Swiss Teams (Single Session)
Evening Side Fast Pair Game Series (Session 1 of 4)

## WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 2

Morning Side Pair Game Series (Session 2 of 5)
Tuesday-Wednesday Bracketed K0 Teams (3rd \& 4th) Wednesday-Thursday Bracketed KO Teams (lst \&e 2nd) Stratiflighted A/X Pairs (0-5000; 5000+) .
GOLDEN Mid-Flight B/C Pairs - (0-1500; 1500-3000) GOLD RUSH 2-Strat Pairs ( $0-300 ; 300-750$ )
199er Pairs (single sessions)
Afternoon Side Pair Game Series (Session 2 of 5) Stratified Swiss Teams (Single Sessions)
Evening Side Fast Pair Game Series (Session 2 of 4)

## THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 3

Morning Side Pair Game Series (Session 3 of 5) Wednesday-Thursday Bracketed K0 Teams continue Open Bracketed Swiss Teams
Stratified Open Pairs
GOLD RUSH Bracketed Swiss Teams (0-300; 300-750) 199er Pairs (Single Sessions)
Afternoon Side Pair Game Series (Session 3 of 5) . .
Evening Side Fast Pair Game Series (Session 3 of 4)

## FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 4

Morning Side Pair Game Series (Session 4 of 5)
Friday-Saturday Bracketed K0 Teams (1st \&e 2nd)
Stratiflighted A/X Pairs (0-5000; 5000+)
GOLDEN Mid-Flight B/C Pairs - (0-1500; 1500-3000)
GOLD RUSH 2-Strat Pairs ( $0-300 ; 300-750$ )
199er Pairs (Single Sessions)
Afternoon Side Pair Game Series (Session 4 of 5) . .
Stratified Swiss Teams (Single Session)
Evening Side Fast Pair Game Series (Session 4 of 4)
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 5
Morning Side Pair Game Series (Session 5 of 5)
Friday-Saturday Bracketed KO Teams (3rd \&e 4th)
Stratiflighted A/X/Y Pairs ( $3000+$; 1500-3000; 0-1500) Bracketed Compact KO Teams
GOLD RUSH 2-Strat Pairs ( $0-300 ; 300-750$ )
199er Pairs (Single Sessions).
Afternoon Side Pair Game Series (Session 5 of 5) . Stratified Swiss Teams (Single Session)
Zip Swiss (Single Session)

## SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 6

Open Bracketed Swiss ss .............................
(All Swiss Teams will be seven 7 board matches with a half hour break)

0:30 AM \& 3:00 PM 10:30 AM \& 3:00 PM 10:30 AM \& 3:00 PM 10:30 AM \& 3:00 PM 10:30 AM \& 3:00 PM 0:30 AM \& 3:00 PM
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10:30 AM \& TBA


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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## 4966 Euclid Road

 Virginia Beach, VA 23462Directions: Take North Witchduck exit off l-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) 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 (Lunch served)

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-

## 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

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


A 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 TIIURSDAY, SEPTEVIBER 9 〕
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, VA or WBL: Ohr Kodesh Congregation, 8300 Meadowbrook Ln, Chery Chase, MD NVBA (Beth El) WBL Intermediate/Newcomer Lecture
.... .6:30 p.m. STRATAFLIGHTED OPEN PAIRS (A/X=3000+/3000; B/C=2000/750) ...... $7: 00$ p.m. $7: 30$ p.m. NVBA 199ER SWISS TEAMS (200/100/50/20); WBL NLM PAIRS (NLM/100/50) 7:00 p.m. 7:30 p.m.

## FRIDAY, SEPTEVIBER 9

Gene's Friday Morning Game at KOCH:
STRATIFIED OPEN (2000+/2000/750) or 500/300/100 PAIRS (NLMs only) ... REST OF TOURNAMENT AT ELKS LODGE...
Intermediate/Newcomer Lecture . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . .1:15 p.m. STRATAFLIGHTED A/X (3000+/3000) or B/C (2000/750) PAIRS 2 p.m. I/N (500/300/100) or 49ER (50/20/5) PAIRS . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 2 p.m. TRIPLE NICKEL SWISS-5 rounds, 5 boards, 5 minutes a board . .7:30 p.m. I/N (500/300/100) PAIRS

## SATURIDAY, 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

1:15 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) PAIRS
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 11
FLIGHTS A/X (5000+/5000) SWISS TEAMS $\qquad$ . 11 a.m. \& TBA BRACKETED FLIGHT B TEAMS (no single player >2500) . . . 11 a.m. \& TBA $B$ Teams Bracketed by Total Team Masterpoints: three overall places in each. 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) $\qquad$
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 Betway, and turn left at Javier Road (the second stoplight after the intersection of 50 and 495). Take an immediate right onto the access road that runs parallel to Route 50 . The Elks Lodge will be two buildings down on your left-parking on the side and in the rear. From Fairfax, heading East on Route 50: Pass the intersection of Route 50 and Prosperity Avenue--the Prosperity Medical Center will be on your right. Between the first and second lights after Prosperity, turn right into the access road that runs parallel to Route 50 and look for the Elks Lodge immediately to your right-parking on the far side of the building and in the rear.

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

$1 \quad 53.16$ John McAllister
$2 \quad 37.89$ George Parkins
$3 \quad 36.28$ Ann Atcheson
36.28 M David Jackson
$5 \quad 35.59$ Tobey Roland
$6 \quad 27.71 \quad$ Charles Dearolf
$7 \quad 24.99$ Calvin Konner
$8 \quad 24.94$ Terry Klein
$9 \quad 24.37$ Ted Van Dyke
24.37 Franny Van Dyke

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 |
| 10 | 8.38 | Charlton Gnadt Jr |

District Six Members with 0-300 MPs

| 1 | 8.71 | Darlyn Counihan |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 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 NATIONALIY 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 PairsMarty Nelson and Gil Cohen in the NABC+ Fast Pairs

## Daniel Korbel

in the Jacoby Swiss Teams

## BALDWIN FLT A NORTH AVERICAN 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

15 Steve Bunning, Vienna VA; Jose Cortina, Oak Hill VA

## PRESIDENT'S CUP NAP FLTT C

5 Terry Klein, Brookeville MD; Charles Dearolf, Silver Spring MD

## LEBHAR IMP PAIRS

5 Fred King, Mc Lean VA
46 Sumner Steinfeldt, Washington DC; Kenneth Davis, Alexandria VA
10K SWISS TEAMS
14 Margot Hennings, Annandale VA
KAY PLATINUM PAIRS
9 Peter Boyd, Darnestown MD; Steve Robinson, Arlington VA
12 Sylvia Shi, Rockville MD; Beth Palmer, Chevy Chase MD

## LEVENTRITT SILVER RIBBON PAIRS

37 Gil Cohen, Ashburn VA; Marty Nelson, Annapolis MD
47 Mark Dahl, Richmond VA
50 Mary Tenenbaum - Alan Tenenbaum, Rockville MD

## ROCKWELL MIXED PAIRS

## 1 Greg Humphreys,

 Charlottesville VA2 Stephen Sanborn - Kerri Sanborn, Delray Beach FL
8 Sylvia Shi, Rockville MD
23 David Ruderman, Burtonsville MD; Linda Marshall, Bethesda MD
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## A Norfolk/Va. Beach, VA s SEPTEMBER 16-18, 2016



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.

## Fipiday, Septem ber te

(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 )
Saturialay, Septembler ir
(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
Tournament Co-Chairs Chris Warnstaff cwarnstaff@msn.com 757-348-3188
Karen Dickinson kjdickinson1@verizon.net 757-739-2919
Partnership Chair Pearl Harrell pearlharrell@gmail.com 757-539-0951, 757-
(Play in a stratified pairs game. At the same time, each pair is teamed according to MP (highest to lowest). Two chances to win!)

## Sumdiay, September 18

Stratified Swiss Teams ( $0-750,750-1500,1500+\mathrm{MPs}$ ) $\qquad$ $.10: 30 \mathrm{AM} \& \mathrm{TBA}$
Novice Stratified Swiss Teams ( $0-100,100-200,200-$ NLM up to 500 ) . .10:30 AM \& TBA
Entries: $\$ 10$ per person per pairs session; $\$ 84$ per team (includes meal between sessions for 4 team members). Additional $\$ 3$ for unpaid or non-ACBL members. Great Hospitality: Includes free snacks, sodas and coffee for all events.

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


## \& 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 Blva., Baltimore, MD 21225 \& 410-789-9100 silver Poimts Our Schedule! Including free coffee, soft drinks and refreshments and a Lecture 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+ MPs . . . . . . . . 1 pm
(The entry fee for this game is \$1 additional. 40\% more masterpoints awarded! Helps fund the GNTs and NAPs)
I/N Stratified Pairs: 0-200/500/1000 MPs
.1 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+ MPs . . . . . . . . . . . . 10 am \& 3 pm
I/N Stratified Pairs: 0-200/500/1000 MPs
10 am \& 3 pm

## SUNDAY, October 2



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
32 Ronald Kral, Reston VA

## JACOBY SWISS TEAMS

1 Daniel Korbel, Rockville MD
23/24 Mark Dahl, Richmond VA
27 John McAllister, Charlottesville VA
31 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.

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.

## Congratulations to D6 Members on Top 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 $9^{\text {th }}$ 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 $12^{\text {th }}$ 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 continued on pg. 12, column 3

A Williamsburg, VA \& SEP 30-OCT 2, 2016

## Williamsburg Fall Sectional DOUBLETREE BY HILTON <br> 50 Kingsmill Road • 757-220-2500

## Friday, September 30

Stratified Pairs
. $0: 30 \mathrm{am} \& 3: 00 \mathrm{pm}$
( $0-300,300-1250,1250+$ 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

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.

## 86 ${ }^{\text {binnual }}$ 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) Pairs 11:15 am Rockville Duplicate Bridge Club, 301-503-3348 (Mark Lavine) St. James Episcopal Church, 11815 Seven Locks Rd., Rockville

## NO ENTRY TILL 11AM

- StrataFlighted 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. $4^{\text {th }}$ light left E-W Hwy 410. Left Meadowbrook Ln. 1 stleft Freyman Dr. Parking lot on left. No outside food allowed.

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


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


## a Eynon Tropby

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 9

## —Lunch available for purcbase-

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


## \& 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, batheurer256@gmail.com; Hospitality Manager: Mike Zane; Volunteer Coordinator: Barbara Summers, 301-598-5838, jimbarb1184@aol.com; Partnerships: Barbara Doran, 301-608-0347, barb.doran@verizon.net, Online Partnership Desk available.
*StrataFlighted if attendance warrants—otherwise combined into Stratified Pairs (unlim/2000/500) Stratification by avg. masterpoints of the team or pair. No individual may exceed the event's upper limit. Directions to the Margaret Schweinhaut Senior Center, 1000 Forest Glen Rd, Silver Spring, MD: I-495 to Georgia Avenue North (toward Wheaton). 1st light right on Forest Glen Rd. The Center is . 7 mile on right.

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in national events in Reno, coming in $4^{\text {th }}$ in the NABC Fast Pairs, and $8^{\text {th }}$ in the NABC Rockwell Mixed Pairs, the latter with former D6 resident, Jeff Roman. Fred King distinguished himself, placing $5^{\text {th }}$ 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 $15^{\text {th }}$ in Flight B and Terry Klein and Charles Dearoff coming in $5^{\text {th }}$ 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

## District 6 STAC <br> (Sectional Tournament at Clubs) <br> Nov 7-13 \& Dec 12-18. 2016 di Jan 10-16, 2017

\& Win sectionally rated silver points at your favorite local clubs.
\% Huge overall masterpoint awards; the more tables in play during any one session, the greater the awards.

* Clubs in MD, VA, and DE participate. Call any club for details, including entry fees and partnership arrangements.
* District 6 STaC Coordinator:

Don Berman
don.berman@verizon.net
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, and 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

Spacious Playing Area - Ample Parking - Famous Hospitality

Separate Friendly Bridge 0-300 games on both Friday and Saturday<br>Clarion Hotel Central

3207 North Boulevard, Richmond, VA 23230
Special Bridge Rate: $\$ 59.00$
Call 804-359-9441 for reservations
Friday, October 14
Newcomer Lecture
.9:30 AM
RBA Friendly Bridge 0 -300 game . . 10:30 AM / 3:00 PM
Stratified Open Pairs (750/2000/2000+) . ..... . $10: 30 \mathrm{AM}$
Stratified Open Pairs (750/2000/2000+) . . . . . .3:00 PM
Saturday, October 15
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 $M P$
(bighest to lowest). Two chances to win!!
Sunday, October 16
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.


## Salisburiy, MD NLM S OCTOBER 14-15, 2016

## Delmarva 1/N Sectional

~MAC Senior Center~
909 Progress Circle Ste 100
Salisbury, MD 21804

## riday October 14

~Intermediate-Novice Pairs
I/N Stratified Pairs $\qquad$ 10:00 AM \& 3:00 PM
0-50/50-100/100-500
(single sessions)
~Intermediate-Novice Pairs
I/N Stratified Pairs $\qquad$ .10:00 AM \& 3:00 PM
0-50/50-100/100-500
(single sessions)


## Eastern Sifore Clospitality

~Morning coffee and tea; afternoon snacks
~Light lunch between sessions available
Co-Chairs: Dee Hunter \& Kim Kvalnes
410-749-0497, deehunter@comcast.net
410-228-7061, kimruth1@comcast.net
Directions: $\sim$ From the Salisbury Bypass, exit North onto Snow Hill Road (Rt.12). Proceed for one mile and turn left at the Salisbury Wicomico Senior Center sign onto Progress Circle. Proceed to the tall maroon sign for Harry \& Janette Weinberg
 Building Turn right, then keep to the left, park, and enter the building with columns.
~From Route 13, turn onto College Avenue (West), then turn right onto Snow Hill Road. The Senior Center will be shortly on your right. Turn onto Progress Circle.

## District 7 Sectional Abingdon, VA <br> OCTOBER 14-16, 2016

## Abingdon Senior Center <br> 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: $1 \mathrm{pm} \& 7 \mathrm{pm}$
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 $12 @$ embarqmail.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


STRATIFIED OPEN PAIRS (2000+/2000/750) or 500/300/100 PAIRS . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . $10: 30 \mathrm{a} . \mathrm{m}$. Norma's Game: K of C Hall, 5115 Little Falls Rd., Arlington, VA, 703-892-1292 Evening games at: NVBA: Beth El Hebrew Congregation, 3830 Seminary Road, Alexandria, VA or WBL: Ohr Kodesh Congregation, 8300 Meadowbrook Ln, Chevy Chase, MD NVBA (Beth El) WBL Intermediate/Newcomer Lecture .6:30 p.m. STRATAFLIGHTED OPEN PAIRS (A/X=3000+/3000; B/C=2000/750) . . . . .7:00 p.m. 7:30 p.m. NVBA 199ER SWISS TEAMS (200/100/50/20); WBL NLM PAIRS (NLM/100/50) 7:00 p.m. 7:30 p.m.

## FRIDAY, DCTOBER 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 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.

## SATURIDAY, DCTDBER 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 Lecture

1:15 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) PAIRS . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 2 p.m. STRATIFIED OPEN (2000+/2000/750) or I/N (500/300/100) PAIRS 7:30 p.m. SUNDAY, DCTOBER 23 ?
FLIGHTS A/X (5000+/5000) SWISS TEAMS . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 11 a.m. \& TBA BRACKETED FLIGHT B TEAMS (no single player >2500) . . . 11 a.m. \& TBA B Teams Bracketed by Total Team Masterpoints: three overall places in each.
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.
DIRECTIONS: From Route 50/Arlington Boulevard heading west from DC and Arlington AND from Route 495/Beltway: Continue on/Take Route 50 West about one mile outside the Beltway, and turn left at Javier Road (the second stoplight after the intersection of 50 and 495). Take an immediate right onto the access road that runs parallel to Route 50 . The Elks Lodge will be two buildings down on your left-parking on the side and in the rear. From Fairfax, heading East on Route 50: Pass the intersection of Route 50 and Prosperity Avenue-the Prosperity Medical Center will be on your right. Between the first and second lights after Prosperity, turn right into the access road that runs parallel to Route 50 and look for the Elks Lodge immediately to your right-parking on the far side of the building and in the rear.

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## Shenandoah Valley Winter Sectional



Cavalier Inn at the University

105 N. Emmett St. (Corner Rt. 29/Rt. 250 Business) Charlottesville, VA 22903
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Free coffee, soft drinks, and more ...

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## Tournament Chairs Betsy Ruehl <br> 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

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

## 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 nonBOD 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+


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~ Presidential Tournament ~ at the Margaret Schweinhaut Senior Center 1000 Forest Glen Rd, Silver Spring, MD Friday-Sunday only

## THURSDAY, JANUARY 5

\& StrataFlighted $\mathrm{A} / \mathrm{X}($ unlim $/ 2000)$ \& $\mathrm{B} / \mathrm{C} / \mathrm{D}(1000 / 500 / 300)$ Pairs ...11:15am Rockville Duplicate Bridge Club, 301-503-3348 (Mark Lavine) NO ENTRY St. James Episcopal Cburch, 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., Chery Chase 7:30pm I-495 to Connecticut Ave. S. 4th light left E-W Hwy 410. Left Meadowbrook Ln. 1stleft Freyman Dr. Parking lot on left. No outside food allowed.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 6

\& *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
A Intermediate/Novice Pairs ( $500 / 300 / 100$ ) \& 49er Pairs ( $50 / 20 / 5$ ) (single sessions) . . $10 \mathrm{am}, 2 \mathrm{pm}, 7: 30 \mathrm{pm}$


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

* *StrataFlighted AXX (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

## SUNDAY, JANUARY 8

## WBL Trophy Race Winners' Presentation -Lunch available for purchase-

a Flights A/X (unlim/5000) 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


## * 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, batheurer256@gmail.com; Hospitality Manager: Mike Zane; Volunteer Coordinator: Barbara Summers, 301-598-5838, jimbarb1184@aol.com; Partnerships: Barbara Doran, 301-608-0347, barb.doran@verizon.net, Online Partnership Desk available. *StrataFlighted if attendance warrants—otherwise combined into Stratified Pairs (unlim/2000/500) Stratification by avg. masterpoints of the team or pair. No individual may exceed the event's upper limit. Directions to the Margaret Schweinhaut Senior Center, 1000 Forest Glen Rd, Silver Spring, MD: I-495 to Georgia Avenue North (toward Wheaton). 1st light right on Forest Glen Rd. The Center is 7 mile on right.

A Norfolk/Va. Beach, VA $\&$ JANUARY 6-8, 2017


# Norpiolle/ <br> Viropinia Beach 

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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.


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Stratified Swiss Teams (0-750, 750-1500, 1500+ MPs) . . . . . . . . . . . .10:30 AM \& TBA
Novice Stratified Swiss Teams ( $0-100,100-200,200-$ NLM up to 500 ) . .10:30 AM \& TBA
Entries: $\$ 10$ per person per pairs session; $\$ 84$ per team (includes meal between sessions for 4 team members). Additional $\$ 3$ for unpaid or non-ACBL members. Great Hospitality: Includes free snacks, sodas and coffee for all events.

- Strata may be adjusted at director's discretion based on attendance-
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 Queen 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-inCharge 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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Friday, January 20
Newcomer Lecture
.9:30 AM
RBA Friendly Bridge 0-300 game . . 10:30 AM / 3:00 PM Stratified Open Pairs (750/2000/2000+) ...... 10:30 AM Stratified Open Pairs (750/2000/2000+) . . . . . .3:00 PM
Saturday, January 21
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
(bighest to lowest). Two chances to win!!
Sunday, January 22
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.


## 2 Baltimore, MD > FEB 3-5, 2017

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Our Schedule .....Including free coffee, soft drinks and refreshments and a Lecture with Game Analysis after the Saturday Morning Game! For the Sunday Swiss, sandwiches are available for purchase (partially subsidized by Maryland Bridge Association)

## FRIDAY, February 3

Stratified Grass Roots Pairs: 0-1500/3000/3000+ MPs . . . . . . 1 pm (The entry for this game is \$1 additional, $40 \%$ more masterpoints awarded! Helps fund the GNTs and NAPs)
I/N Stratified Pairs: 0-200/500/1000 MPs . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 1 pm
Triple Nickel Swiss: (5 rounds, 5 boards, 5 minutes a board) . . . . . . 7 pm

## SATURDAY, February 4

Stratified Pairs: 0-1 500/3000/3000+ MPs (single sessions) . . 10 am \& 3 pm I/N Stratified Pairs: 0-200/500/1000 MPs (single sessions) . . . 10 am \& 3 pm

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## SUNDAY, February 5

Stratified Swiss Teams . . . 10:00 am - Playthru
Stratified by average of total MPs
I/N Swiss Teams . . . . . . . 10:00 am \& 2:00 pm 0-5/20/50 MPs \& 100/200/500 MPs
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## August, 2016

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2...Aug 30-Sep5 Atlanta, GA D7 REGIONAL Jack Feagin, 404-252-9246, jfeagin2@bellsouth.net

## ............September, 2016

P 8...Sep 8-11 . . . . . . . . . . . . . . .Fairfax, VA
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9...Sep 16-18 . . . . . . . .Norfolk/Va Beach Brian Boyce, 757-434-0792, brian@bfboyce.com Chris Warnstaff, cwarnstaff@msn.com, 757-348-3188 \& Karen Dickinson, kjdickinson1@verizon.net, 757-739-2919

Sep 24-25 . . . . . . . . . . . . . .D6 NAP Finals
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P 11...Sep 30-0ct 2 . . . . . . .Williamsburg, VA Jane Farthing, 703-850-9635, jane.farthing@gmail.com

October, 2016
P 12...Oct 6-9 . . . . . . . . . . .Silver Spring, MD Brad Theurer, 301-527-8819, batheurer256@gmail.com
13...Oct 14-16 $\qquad$ Richmond, VA Barry and Winnie Fratkin, 804-741-6782 (H), 804-837-6782 (C), fratco@mac.com
14...Oct 14-16 $\qquad$ .D7, Abington, VA Nancy Metcalf, 276-628-6287, metcalf12@embarqmail.com
14...Oct 14-15 . . . . . . . .Salisbury, MD NLM Dee Hunter, 410-749-0497, deehunter@comcast.net \& Kim Kvalnes, 410-228-7061, kimruth1@comcast.net
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## .October, continued...

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P 4...Oct 24-30 Charlotte, NC D7 REGIONAL Arnold Hoffman, 704-875-6923, ajhoffmann@carolina.rr.com

Op 6...Oct 31-Nov 6 D4 REGIONAL John Klinger,

Manheim, PA dhklinger@epix.net
(Lancaster County)

## .November, 2016

Nov 7-13
. Don Berman, 301-776-3581, don.berman@verizon.net
5...Nov 14-20 Norfolk/Va Beach, VA REGIONAL Brian Boyce, 757-434-0792, brian@bfboyce.com
Nov 24-Dec 4 . . .ORLANDO, FL NIIIONALS 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
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Jan 5-8 $\qquad$ .Silver Spring, MD Brad Theurer, 301-527-8819, batheurer256@gmail.com Jan 6-8 . . . . . . . . . . . . . .Norfolk/Va Beach Brian Boyce, 757-434-0792, brian@bfboyce.com Susan Chambers, 702-683-2463, chamberssa@yahoo.com
Jan 10-16 . . . . . . . . . . .D6 \& Unit 190 STaC Don Berman, 301-776-3581, don.berman@verizon.net
Jan 20-22 . . . . . . . . . . . . . . Richmond, VA Barry and Winnie Fratkin, 804-741-6782 (H), 804-837-6782 (C), fratco@mac.com
............January, continued...
Jan 23-29 . . .Wilmington, NC D7 REGIONAL Larry Harding, Larry.Harding57@gmail.com

## Jan 28-29

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1st weekend
.February, 2017
Feb 3-5 . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . Baltimore, MD
Renate Conlon, 443-527-4744, rjconlon@hotmail.com

## Feb 16-19

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

## Feb 24-26

. . .Williamsburg, VA
Jane Farthing, 703-850-9635, jane.farthing@gmail.com
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 24-26 . . . . . . . . . . . . . . .Lynchburg, VA Sara Gilkey, 434-384-8970, salgilkey@aol.com
Mar 31-Apr 2 . . . . . . Norfolk/Va Beach, VA Kathy Burch, kathy.m.burch@outlook.com .April, 2017

## Apr 6-9

$\qquad$ . .Silver Spring, MD Brad Theurer, 301-527-8819, batheurer256@gmail.com Apr 8-9 .Flight A GNT 2nd weekend
Apr 17-23 . . . Gatlinburg, TN D7 REGIONAL Julia Misslin, 423-884-3550, jupe60@tds.net
Apr 27-30
. Fairfax, VA
Margot Hennings, 703-560-0245, margot10bridge@cox.net

## .May, 2017

May 5-7 . . . . . . . . . . . . . . .Williamsburg, VA Jane Farthing, 703-850-9635,
jane.farthing@gmail.com
May 8-14 . . . . . . . . . . D6 \& Unit 190 STaC Don Berman, 301-776-3581, don.berman@verizon.net
May 23-29 . . . . . . Richmond, VA REGIONAL
George Lewis, george.lewis@lewisct.com \& Jacki
Shuman, 804-307-4304, richmondregional@aol.com June, 2017
Jun 3-4 . . . . . .Flights B, C and Open GNT 2nd weekend
Jun 5-11 . . . . Greenville, SC D7 REGIONAL Richard Brown, 864-855-1474, rbbrown100@charter.net
Jun 9-11
. Baltimore, MD
Renate Conlon, 443-527-4744, rjconlon@hotmail.com
Jun 12-18 . . . . . . . . . .D6 \& Unit 190 STaC
Don Berman, 301-776-3581, don.berman@verizon.net
Jun 19-25
.D4 REGIONAL
Meyer Kotkin, King of Prussia, PA 856-986-5109, guymath@comcast.net

Jun 23-25 . . . . . . . . . . . . . . .Richmond, VA Barry and Winnie Fratkin, 804-741-6782 (H),
804-837-6782 (C), fratco@mac.com

## ............July, 2017

Jul 3-9
. .Bethesda, MD REGIONAL
Marty Bley, 240-441-9885,
District6regionalbethesda@gmail.com
Jul 14-16 . . . . . . . . . . .Virginia Beach, VA
Brian Boyce, 757-434-0792, brian@bfboyce.com Jack Mallery, jmallery1@verizon.net
Jul 20-30 . . . . .TORONTO, ON NAIIONALS
Summer North American Bridge Championships
Jul 31-Aug 6 Columbia, SC D7 REGIONAL
Elizabeth Beckwith, elizbeck2O11@gmail.com)

## 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 <br> -Marc Warner, Dewayne Jones, Brad Theurer, Lyle Poe, Mark Dahl, David Butler |
| $5 / 8$ | —Adam Gann, Fred King, Dick Wegman, Robert Gookin <br> —Robert Hopkins Jr, Kent Goulding, Rusty Krauss, Barry Falgout, Bob Bell, Lou Reich <br> —Linda Marshall, Mary Tenenbaum, David Rodney, Avril Rodney <br> -Richard Ferrin, Gene Kales, Ellen Cherniavsky, Robin Taylor |

## WINNERS: B BRACKET (0-2500)

Bob Burgess, Jian-Pian Chen, Leah Shao, Dwen 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.


Rick Bingham, Jim Metzger, Mike Corrigan, Jeff Yutzler
2 Forrest Swope, Chris McCrae, Morgan McLeod, Alice Faintich


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