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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

In the future, TableTALK will be online, available in hard copy at all D6 sponsored events, and spread throughout the District by each local Unit. The District 6 (D6) Executive Committee decided to mail one more copy of *TableTALK* due to the website problems that resulted from technical difficulties experienced when our web provider upgraded their servers. We want to be sure that all of our tournament ads and other *TableTALK* columns reach our members.

We have plenty of bridge events in the works for 2017 – ranging from Grass Roots events such as the Grand National Teams D6 Finals that will take place this winter and spring, and the North American Pairs in the fall. In between you can take part in dozens of Unit-sponsored sectionals, District-wide STaCs, and our four District regionals.

This year's regionals begin in May with the Memorial Day event in Richmond, VA. The summer offers regionals in Bethesda, MD in July and our annual Hunt Valley, MD regional in August. Then we wrap up the year in the lovely Chesapeake Bay Resort in Cambridge, MD in November. Our volunteers and directors are already hard at work planning these events to make sure our players enjoy competitive bridge as well as both the hospitality and community that make all of our tournaments a pleasant experience. We hope you will join us as often as possible.

Volunteers have spent considerable time over the past year to clean, replace and upgrade our equipment, our goal being to improve the overall player experience. We have salvaged some equipment such as table mats and board carrying cases. If your club, Unit or program, such as youth bridge, is in need of equipment or supplies, please contact me by email. We may not have everything you need, but District 6 will support you where possible.

If you wish to subscribe to *TableTALK* and have each magazine mailed to your home, please send an email with your name, address and ACBL number to <a href="mailto:shstringer@aol.com">shstringer@aol.com</a>, or if you don't have access to an email account, mail a note or post card to: Shawn Stringer, 12818 Lacy Dr., Silver Spring, MD 20904-2916.

Best wishes for a safe and peaceful 2017.

-Shawn Stringer, shstringer@aol.com

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Feb 20-26
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Apr 17-23
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## **SECTIONALS**

Fairfax, VA
Feb 16-19 9
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<u>Fredericksburg, VA</u>
Mar 17-1911
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Mar 24-2612
Kensington, MD NLM
Mar 23-26
Norfolk/Va Beach, VA
Mar 31-Apr 2
Silver Spring, MD
Apr 6-9
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## **ASHEVILLE, NC ♦ FEBRUARY 20-26, 2017**

## **Crowne Plaza**

1 Resort Drive \* (828) 254-3211

Conveniently located off I-240

\$99 room rate for bridge players through Jan. 17, 2017

Free parking, shuttle to downtown destinations and to alternate hotel: Four Points - 22 Woodfin St, (828) 253-1851

## **Tournament Features** ♣ Eight GOLD

- **RUSH** events for 0-750 MP players, including two 2-session morning Swisses
- Prizes for section tops and overall winners
- ♥ Events named for beer styles and local craft beer breweries
- ♠ Excellent Intermediate/Novice program with expert lectures

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

Unless noted otherwise: ➤ Single-session open games are stratified 750/3000/3000+ ➤ Two-ses-SION OPEN GAMES 1500/3000/3000+ ➤ GOLD RUSH EVENTS (0-750 MP) AWARD GOLD POINTS TO OVERALL WINNERS AND SECTION TOPS IN 0-750; RED POINTS TO 0-300 STRAT ➤ 49ER AND 499ER GAMES ARE FOR NON-LIFE MASTERS, STRATIFIED AT DIRECTOR'S DISCRETION ➤ALL KOS ARE BRACKETED, RANDOM DRAW WITH NO PLAYBACKS UNTIL UNAVOIDABLE, ONE- AND TWO-BRACKET KNOCKOUTS ARE HANDICAPPED.

#### MONDAY, FEB 20

Pale Ale Bracketed Knockout1:00 & 7:00	)
Continues 1:00 & 7:00 Tuesday	
Stratified Open Pairs1:00 & 7:00	)
<b>GOLD RUSH</b> Pairs1:00 & 7:00	)
Lager Side Series (1rst, 2nd of 4)1:00 / 7:00	)
49er & 499er Pairs1:00 / 7:00	)
Stratified Board-a-Match Teams7:00	)
499er Swiss Teams7:00	)
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Eve pair games benefit a local charity

## TUESDAY, FEB 21 — Players with fewer than 5 MP play free Porter Compact Knockout..9:00 Continues 9:00 Wednesday Sunrise 49er & 499er Pairs .....9:00 Sunrise Side Series

(1st of 5).....9:00 Saison Bracketed

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	GOLD RUSH Pairs1:00 &	7:00
	Lager Side Series (3rd, 4th of 4)1:00 /	7:00
	49er & 499er Pairs1:00 /	7:00
	Stratified Swiss Teams	7:00
	499er Swiss Teams	7:00
	WEDNESDAY, FEB 22	
	Two-session Open Swiss Teams	9:00
	Two-session <b>GOLD RUSH</b> Swiss Teams	
	Two-session Swisses continue 9:00 Thursday	
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Sunrise 49er & 499er Pairs	9:00
Sunrise Side Series (2nd of 5)	9:00
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Continues 1:00 & 7:00 Thursday	
Stratified Open Pairs1:00 &	7:00
GOLD RUSH Pairs1:00 &	7:00

Kolsch Side Series (1st. 2nd of 6) .......1:00 / 7:00 49er & 499er Pairs......1:00 / 7:00 Stratified Board-a-Match Teams......7:00

499er Swiss Teams ......7:00

#### THURSDAY, FEB 23

Bock Compact Knockout9	:00
Continues 9:00 Friday	
Sunrise 49er & 499er Pairs9	:00
Sunrise Side Series (3rd of 5)9	:00
Stratified Open Swiss Teams1:00 & 7	:00
GOLD RUSH Swiss Teams1:00 & 7	:00
Open Pairs (750/3000/3000+)1:00 & 7	:00
Kolsch Side Series (3rd, 4th of 6)1:00 / 7	
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Continues 1:00 & 7:00 Saturday
Stratified Open Pairs1:00 & 7:00
<b>GOLD RUSH</b> Pairs1:00 & 7:00
Kolsch Side Series (5th, 6th of 6)1:00 / 7:00
49er & 499er Pairs1:00 / 7:00
Stratified Swiss Teams7:00
499er Swiss Teams7:00

#### SATURDAY, FEB 25

Sunrise 49er & 499er Pairs	9:00
Sunrise Side Series (5th of 5)	9:00
IPA Compact Knockout	1:00 & 7:00
Stratified Open Pairs	1:00 & 7:00
GOLD RUSH Pairs	1:00 & 7:00
Stout 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

Evening pair games benefit ACBL Ed. Foundation

#### SUNDAY, FEB 26

A/X/Y Swiss (4000/6000/6000+)....10:00 & TBA Flight B Bracketed Swiss Teams ....... 10:00 & TBA No player over 3000 MP; 3 teams in each bracket win gold, includes brackets for 0-500 MP players Stout Side Series (3rd, 4th of 4) .......10:00 / 2:00 49er & 499er Pairs......10:00 / 2:00

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- ♠ Beer Tastings by Craft Brewers

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## **Doubletree by Hilton Richmond-Midlothian** (804) 379-3800

10800 Midlothian Turnpike, Richmond, Va 23235 Bridge Rate of \$90.00+Tax—Call Early. HOTEL WILL SELL OUT. BRIDGE RATE GOOD UNTIL MAY 4. 2-NIGHT MINIMUM WHEN BOOKING FOR FRIDAY NIGHT. RESERVATIONS FOR MORE THAN ONE NIGHT THAT ARE CANCELED AFTER CUT-OFF DATE OR DURING TOURNAMENT ARE SUBJECT TO ONE-NIGHT CHARGE.

#### **DIRECTIONS**

**From North** — Take Exit 79 off I-95 to Powhite Parkway, Exit Rt. 60 West Midlothian Turnpike, after 2 miles turn right onto Koger Center Blvd. From South — Take I-95 North to Exit 67 Chippenham Parkway - 10 miles to Exit Rt. 60 West,

after about 5 miles turn right onto Koger Center Blvd. From West — I-64 East to I-195, follow to Powhite Parkway and follow rest of North's directions.

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**Fabulous Intermediate-Newcomer Program** includes Saturday afternoon NOVICE NOSH. Partners and Teammates guaranteed one hour before game time. Bridge Lectures daily & Prizes for all winners. Immediate results through FastResults and ACBL Live.

ALL KOS ARE BRACKETED AND RANDOM DRAW: ONE- AND TWO-BRACKET KOS HANDICAPPED; NO PLAYBACKS BELOW TOP BRACKET IF POSSIBLE

#### **TUESDAY. MAY 23**

Midlothian KO
Continues 1 & 7 Wednesday
Open Pairs 1500/3000/3000+1 & 7
GOLD RUSH Pairs1 & 7
Powhatan Side Series (1st & 2nd of 4)1 / 7
I/N Pairs 5/20/50 & 100/300/5001 & 7
Charity Swiss Teams7
Afternoon games benefit ACBL Ed. Foundation
Evening games benefit local charity

## WEDNESDAY, MAY 24—0-5 MP players FREE today

Petersburg Compact KO ......9 Two 12-board matches; continues 9 am Thursday Chesterfield Morning Side Series (1st of 5) ......9 I/N Pairs 5/20/50 & 100/300/500 .....9 / 1 / 7



#### WEDNESDAY, continued...

Continues 1 & 7 Thursday
Open Pairs 1500/3000/3000+1 & 7
GOLD RUSH Pairs
Powhatan Side Series (3rd & 4th of 4)
Stratified Board-a-Match Teams
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THURSDAY, MAY 25
Henrico Two-session Open Swiss9
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Two-session Swiss events continue 9 am Friday
Chesterfield Morning Side Series (2nd of 5) 9
I/N Pairs 5/20/50 & 100/300/5009 / 1 / 7
Ashland KO
Continues 1 & 7 Friday
A/X Pairs 0-5000/5000+1 & 7
Mid-flight Pairs 0-1500/3000 2 %
GOLD RUSH Pairs1 & 7
Prince George Side Series (1st & 2nd of 4)1 / 7
Stratified Swiss Teams
FRIDAY, MAY 26
Glen Allen Compact KO
Two 12-board matches; continues 9 am Saturday
Chesterfield Morning Side Series (3rd of 5)9
I/N Pairs 5/20/50 & 100/300/5009 / 1 / 7
Open Swiss Teams 0-5000/5000+
Mid-flight Swiss Teams 0-1500/3000 1 & 7
GOLD RUSH Swiss Teams
Open Pairs 1500/3000/3000+ 2 7
Prince George Side Series (3rd & 4th of 4)1 / 7

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Jacki Shuman and George Lewis (804) 307-4304 or richmondregional@aol.com

Partnerships: John Kloke (804) 356-0029, john@kbsmanage.com

Alternative Housing Information:

Contact tournament chairs or check online at www.DistrictSix.org

SATURDAY, MAY 27
James River Compact KO
Two 12-board matches; continues 9 am Sunday Chartonfield Manning Side Series (4th of E)
Chesterfield Morning Side Series (4th of 5) 9 I/N Pairs 5/20/50 & 100/300/500 9 / 1 / 7
Mechanicsville KO
Continues 1 & 7 Sunday
A/X Pairs 0-5000/5000+1 & 7
Mid-flight Pairs 0-1500/3000
GOLD RUSH Pairs
Virginia Side Series (1st & 2nd of 6) $1/7$
Stratified Swiss Teams
SUNDAY, MAY 28
Stratified Swiss Teams9
Chesterfield Moning Side Series (5th of 5)9
I/N Pairs 5/20/50 & 100/300/5009 / 1 / 7
Open Pairs 1500/3000/3000+
GOLD RUSH Pairs
Continues 10 & TBA Monday
Virginia Side Series (3rd & 4th of 6) 1 / 7
Stratified Board-a-Match Teams7
I/N Swiss Teams 100/300/5007
MONDAY, MAY 29
Seven 7-board matches with short lunch break
A/X/Y Swiss Teams 4000/6000/6000+ .10 & TBA
Bracketed Flight B Teams 0-300010 & TBA
No player over 3000 MPs 8 teams per bracket; 3 in each bracket win gold
Virginia Side Series (5th & 6th of 6) 10 / 2
I/N Pairs 5/20/50 & 100/300/50010 / 2
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- \* STRATS DETERMINED BY MP AVERAGES, BUT NO PLAYER MAY EXCEED EVENT LIMIT: STRATS FOR <500 MP EVENTS BASED ON ATTENDANCE
- ★ OPEN EVENTS AND SIDE SERIES ARE STRATIFIED 0-750/750-3000/3000+. UNLESS NOTED
- ★ GOLD RUSH EVENTS (0-300/300-750) AWARD GOLD POINTS TO OVERALL WINNERS AND 0-750 SEC-TION TOPS; RED POINTS TO 0-300 STRAT

★ TO BE SEEDED. PAIRS MUST BUY ENTRIES NO LATER THAN 15 MINUTES PRIOR TO GAME TIME

Mid-Atlantic Regional

## **GATLINBURG, TN**

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Gatlinburg Inn 755 Parkway (865) 436-5133 gatlinburginn.com B,WiFi,HP Great downtown location, 100 yds to Conv. Ctr. Rooms from \$79 to \$199. Newly remodeled rooms.

Glenstone Lodge 504 Historic Nature Trail (800) 562-9522 glenstonelodge.com R,CM,WiFi,FP,HP, HT,TR,Bal,I/OP Newly remodeled spacious rooms. \$86 (double Q or K). Use code "bridge17." 4-min. walk to Conv. Ctr. Restaurant with breakfast buffet (\$9.95). Outstanding customer service.

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Old Creek Lodge 680 River Road (888) 430-7200 oldcreeklodgegatlinburg.com B,WiFi,Bal,M,R Large riverfront rooms with many extras! Close to Conv. Ctr. Specify Tournament rate to get lowest rate available starting @ \$91.

Quality Inn Creekside 125 LeConte Creek Drive

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(800) 473-8319 qualityinncreekside.com HB,R,M,CM Secluded but convenient to Conv. Ctr. Some rooms w/balconies over a mountain stream. From \$90.

Reagan Resorts Inn 938 Parkway (800) 933-8674
reaganhotels.com R,WiFi,CM,CB Directly next
door to Conv. Ctr., on the main Parkway. Jacuzzi
rooms available. From \$114.99/night.

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Country Inn & Suites 421 Reagan Lane (865)-412-1004 Countryinns.com/gatlinburgtn HB,IP,USA, WiFi,WD,Bal Gatlinburg's newest select service hotel located downtown; 1 block from Conv. Ctr.

Crossroads Inn & Suites 440 Parkway (800) 925-8889 HB, WiFi, R, M, CM, HP, TR Large spacious rooms, restaurant, from \$79.99.

Days Inn & Suites (800) 294-2113 1109 Parkway B, WiFi,R,M,CM,G,USA daysinnsmokymountains.com Walking distance to Conv. Ctr. and major restaurants. Deluxe room with K or 2 Qs from \$79. Suites and Jacuzzi are 15% off.

Fairfield Inn and Suites 168 Parkway B,WiFi,I/OP,Fit, TS mariott.com/gtlno (866) 430-3659 Award winning hotel—all new look inside. Rates from \$99 weekdays.

Gatlinburg Chateau Rentals 102 Baskins Creek Bypass (800) 780-0556 TR,K Located ½ mile from Conv. Ctr. Two BR condos. From \$109.

Gillette Motel 235 Historic Nature Trail (800) 437-0815 or (865) 436-5601 gillettemotel.com WiFi,R,M,CM Directly across from Conv. Ctr. Some rooms have Jacuzzis. \$87 plus tax.

Greystone Lodge on the River 559 Parkway

greystonelodgetn.com (800) 451-9202 or (865) 436-5621 CB,WiFi,R,CM,Fit,G,HP,TS,Bal 3-yr. renovation project comp. ½ mile from Conv. Ctr. centrally located in heart of downtown adjacent to Ripley's Aquarium. Rms. overlook mountain stream. Exc. auto access/parking. \$85 (queen/king).

Holiday Inn Club Vacations® Smoky Mountain Resort 404 Historic Nature Trail (866) 327-3014 bit.ly/lvhltQB K,M,R,WiFi,CM,Bal,Fit,FP,HP,HT,I/OP,WD,WP Spacious villas complete your perfect mountain getaway with that "home-away-fromhome" feel. 2 blocks from Conv. Ctr. 1 BR villa-\$199; 2 BR villa-\$249; min. stay 2 nights. Book by 2/16/2017. Group Code: GBT.

Holiday Inn Express Gatlinburg Downtown 322 Historic Nature Trail (865) 868-6200 bit.ly/2edGnzT WiFi,CM,M,R,Fit,HB,HP,HT,IP 2 blocks from Conv. Ctr. Standard Rm w/ 2 Queen beds=\$122 (17-21) & \$158 (21&23). Book by 3/16/17. Group code:GB2.

Laurel Inn Condominiums 354 East Holly Ridge Road WiFi,K,FP (800) 548 2076 laurelinncondo.com 1 and 2 BR, fully equipped condos, some with Jacuzzis. From \$89.

Microtel 211 Historic Nature Trail WiFi, HBO (866) 399-0107 microtelinn.com Across from the Conv. Ctr. Rooms feature one queen bed; 2-room suites available.

Motel 6 309 Ownby St WiFi,R,M,TR motel6gatlin burg.com (800) 233-0325 Close to Conv. Ctr. and major restaurants. Deluxe rooms with K or 2 Qs from \$59. Suites & Jacuzzi 15% off.

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Convention Center Hall 1

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Course offered Fri Apr 14-Sun Apr 16
Convention Center Rooms 4 & 5

For information on the above courses, contact: Priscilla Smith, 770-973-7717

## TAP Seminar: Apr 14-15-16

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\*\*effect\*\*. Compact KO teams limited to 4 members. The top bracket may be handicapped. \*Unless otherwise indicated, masterpoint ranges for stratified events: 3000+/750-3000/0-750. \*Single-session pairs are always accommodated. \*I/N Partners guaranteed one hour before game time. \*Under 500 MP events stratified at director's discretion. \*All events are stratified by average MPs. (Exception: When an event has an upper MP limit, all players must have fewer than that number of MPs.)

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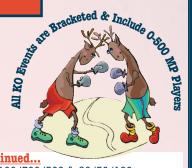
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WEDNESDAY, APRIL 19



WEDNESDAY, APRIL 19	
The Sinks Open KOS	
THREE SESSIONS. CONTINUE 9 AM THURSDAY & FRIDAY.	
Elkmont Stratified Side Game Series9 am (2ND OF 5 SESSIONS)	
Sunrise NLM 100/300/500 & 20/50/100	
Stratified Pairs	
Warci Ruehler Wednesday Onen KOs 1 & 7:30	
Marci Buehler Wednesday Open KOs 1 & 7:30 CONTINUE 1 & 7:30 THURSDAY.	
Stratified Mid-Flight (0-1500, 1500-3000)	
Pairs 1 & 7:30	
Stratified Open (0-5000, 5000+) Pairs 1 & 7:30	
Stratified Open (0-5000, 5000+) Pairs $1\ \&\ 7:30$ Azalea Stratified 300/750 GOLD RUSH Pairs $1\ \&\ 7:30$	
<b>Rocky Top Stratified Side Game Series</b> $\dots 1 / 7:30$	
(5TH & 6TH OF 6 SESSIONS)	
NLM 100/300/500 & 20/50/100 Stratified Pairs 1 / 7:30	
Tremont Dinner Bell Compact KOs	
LY 6:30. CONTINUE 4:45 THURSDAY. FRIDAY. SATURDAY.	
Strati-Flighted Swiss Teams7:30	
Stratified Board-a-Match Teams	
NLM 100/200/300 Swiss Teams7:30	
Lose-N-Snooze KOs11:00	
THURSDAY, APRIL 20	
Sugarlands (0-5000, 5000+) Swiss Teams 9 am	
Abrams Falls Mid-Flight (0-1500/1500-3000)	
Swiss Teams	
Swiss Teams 9 am Violets GOLD RUSH (300/750) Swiss Teams 9 am Sugarlands, Abrams Falls, and Gold Rush Swiss	
SUGARLANDS, ABRAMS FALLS, AND GOLD RUSH SWISS	
TEAMS ALL CONTINUE 9 AM FRIDAY.  Early-Bird Stratified Open Pairs 9 am & 1	
Metcalf Rottoms Compact KOs 9 am	
Metcalf Bottoms Compact KOs	
Elkmont Stratified Side Game Series 9 am	
(3RD OF 5 SESSIONS)	
Sunrise NLM 100/300/500 & 20/50/100	
Tince Cancelle Thursday Open FOC 1 le 7.70	
Stratified Pairs	
Stratified Mid-Flight (0–1500, 1500–3000)	
Pairs	
Pairs         1 & 7:30         Stratified Open (0-5000, 5000+) Pairs        2 & 7:30         Rhododendron Stratified 300/750 GOLD RUSH	
Rhododendron Stratified 300/750 GOLD RUSH	
<b>Pairs</b>	
Mt. LeConte Stratified Side Game Series1 / 7:30 (1st & 2nd of 4 sessions)	
NLM 100/300/500 & 20/50/100 Stratified Pairs 1 / 7:30	
Strati-Flighted Swiss Teams	
Stratified Board-a-Match Teams	
NLM 100/200/300 Swiss Teams7:30	
Lose-N-Snooze KOs11:00	
FRIDAY, APRIL 21 - Goodwill Day!	
Chimneys Compact Morning KOs	
TWO 12-BOARD MATCHES. CONTINUE 9 AM SATURDAY.  Elkmont Stratified Side Game Series 9 am	
(4th of 5 sessions)	
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Friday, continued
Sunrise NLM 100/300/500 & 20/50/100
Stratified Pairs
Marlene Wass Friday Open KOs
CONTINUE 1 & 7:30 SATURDAY.
Stratified Mid-Flight (0-1500, 1500-3000)  Pairs
Stratified Open (0-5000, 5000+) Pairs1 & 7:30
Iris Stratified 300/750 GOLD RUSH Pairs 1 & 7:30
Mt. LeConte Stratified Side Game Series 1 / 7:30
(3rd & 4th of 4 sessions)
NLM 100/300/500 & 20/50/100 Stratified Pairs 1 / 7:30
Strati-Flighted Swiss Teams7:30
Stratified Board-a-Match Teams
NLM 100/200/300 Swiss Teams
Lose-N-Snooze KOs
2nd Chance Late Night Speedball Bracketed KOs 12 am
SATURDAY, APRIL 22
Grotto Falls Compact KOs
FOUR 12-BOARD MATCHES. FINISH IN ONE DAY.  Elkmont Stratified Side Game Series 9 am
(Final session)
Sunrise NLM 100/300/500 & 20/50/100
Stratified Pairs
<b>Two-Session Swiss Teams</b>
A/X/Y Swiss (0-4000, 4000-6000, 6000+) Bracketed
FLIGHT B SWISS TEAMS (NO PLAYER OVER 3000 MPS): 8 TEAM BRACKETS BY MPS – 3 TEAMS IN EACH BRACKET WIN GOLD.
Stratified Mid-Flight (0–1500, 1500–3000)
Pairs
Stratified Open (0-5000, 5000+) Pairs 1 & 7:30
Redbud Stratified 300/750 GOLD RUSH Pairs 1 & 7:30
Newfound Gap Stratified Side Game Series $1/7:30$
(1ST & 2ND OF 4 SESSIONS)
NLM 100/300/500 & 20/50/100 Stratified Pairs 1 / 7:30 Stratified Board-a-Match Teams
"Groundhog Day" Zip KOs (Free)11:00
New matches and new brackets added until the last
PLAYER FALLS ASLEEP
SUNDAY, APRIL 23 (SUNDAY SWISS INCLUDES LUNCH)
0-5000, 5000+ Open Swiss Teams 10 am/2
0-1500/1500-3000 Mid-Flight Swiss Teams 10 am/2
<b>300/750 GOLD RUSH Pairs</b>

Newfound Gap Stratified Side Game Series .10 am/2

NLM 100/300/500 & 20/50/100 Stratified Pairs 10 am/2

NLM 100/300/500 Stratified Swiss Teams 10 am/2

(3rd & 4th of 4 sessions)

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#### MONDAY, JULY 3

Star Spangled KO1:30 & 7:30
Continues 1:30 & 7:30 Tuesday
Open Pairs 1500/3000/3000+1:30 & 7:30
George & Martha GOLD RUSH Pairs1:30 & 7:30
Bethesda Side Series (1st & 2nd of 4)1:30/7:30
I/N Pairs 5/20/50 & 100/300/5001:30/7:30
Charity Swiss Teams7:30
Afternoon games benefit ACBL Ed. Foundation
Evening games benefit local charity

#### TUESDAY, JULY 4

Jefferson Memorial Compact KO
National Zoo Morning Side Series (1st of 5)9:30
I/N Pairs 5/20/50 & 100/300/500 9:30/1:30/7:30
Open Pairs 1500/3000/3000+10:30 & 3
John & Abigail <b>GOLD RUSH</b> Pairs10:30 & 3
Yankee Doodle K0
Air & Space Museum FAST Pairs1:30 & 4:30
Bethesda Side Series (3rd & 4th of 4)1:30/7:30
Stratified Swiss Teams7:30
I/N Swiss Teams 100/300/5007:30

## **Tournament Chairs:** Marty & Ross Bley

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#### WEDNESDAY. JULY 5—

O-5 MP Players FREE TODAY
Lincoln Memorial Compact KO9:30
Two 12-board matches; continues 9:30 am Thurs
National Zoo Morning Side Series (2nd of 5)9:30
I/N Pairs 5/20/50 & 100/300/500 9:30/1:30/7:30
Daylight Open Pairs10:30 & 3
America the Beautiful KO1:30 & 7:30
Continues 1:30 & 7:30 Thursday
Open Pairs 1500/3000/3000+1:30 & 7:30
Abraham & Mary GOLD RUSH Pairs 1:30 & 7:30
Reston Side Series (1st & 2nd of 4)1:30/7:30
Stratified Board-a-Match Teams
I/N Swiss Teams 100/300/5007:30
THURSDAY, JULY 6
U. S. Capitol Compact KO
Two 12-board matches; continues 9:30 am Friday
National Zoo Morning Side Series (3rd of 5)9:30
I/N Pairs 5/20/50 &
100/300/5009:30/1:30/7:30
Daylight Open Pairs10:30 & 3

GOLD RUSH Swiss Teams 1:30 & 7:30 Reston Side Series (3rd & 4th of 4) .....1:30/7:30 \*\*\*\*\*\* OPEN EVENTS & SIDE SERIES ARE STRATIFIED 0-750/750-3000/3000+, UNLESS

0-5000/5000+ . . . . . 1:30 & 7:30

0-1500/3000 . . . . . . 1:30 & 7:30

750 SECTION TOPS; RED POINTS TO 0-300 STRAT •ALL KOS ARE BRACKETED AND RANDOM DRAW; ONE-

#### FRIDAY JULY 7

Two-session open Swiss 1500/3000/3000+9:30
Two-session <b>GOLD RUSH</b> Swiss9:30
Two-session Swiss events continue 9:30 am Sat
National Zoo Morning Side Series (4th of 5)9:30
I/N Pairs 5/20/50 & 100/300/5009:30/1:30/7:30
Daylight Open Pairs10:30 & 3
Battle Hymn of the Republic KO1:30 & 7:30
Continues 1:30 & 7:30 Saturday
A/X Pairs 0-5000/5000+1:30 & 7:30
Mid-flight Pairs 0-1500/3000 1:30 & 7:30
John & Jackie <b>GOLD RUSH</b> Pairs1:30 & 7:30
Woodley Park Side Series (1st & 2nd of 6)1:30/7:30
Stratified Swiss Teams7:30
I/N Swiss Teams 100/300/5007:30

#### SATURDAY, JULY 8

National 2	Zoo Morning	Side Ser	ries (5th	of 5)	9:	30
I/N Pairs	5/20/50 & 1	.00/300/	5009:	30/1:3	30/7:	30
Daylight (	Open Pairs			10	:30 &	e 3
an	Open Pa	airs				

1500/3000/3000+ . .1:30 & 7:30 Jimmy & Rosalynn GOLD RUSH Pairs ......1:30 & 7:30 Grand Old Flag KO . . . . . . . . . . 1:30 & 7:30 Continues 10 & TBA Sunday

Woodley Park Side Series (3rd & 4th of 6) 1:30/7:30 Stratified Swiss Teams ......7:30 I/N Swiss Teams 100/300/500 .7:30

> SUNDAY, JULY 9—SEVEN 7-BOARD MATCHES WITH SHORT LUNCH BREAK A/X/Y Swiss Teams 4000/6000/6000+ .....10 & TBA

Bracketed Flight B Teams 8 teams per bracket; 3 in each bracket win gold

Woodley Park Side Series (5th & 6th of 6) ..10 / 2 I/N Pairs 5/20/50 & 100/300/500 .....10/2

NOTED •GOLD RUSH EVENTS (0-300/300-750) AWARD GOLD POINTS TO OVERALL WINNERS & O-

Open Swiss Teams

Mid-flight Swiss Teams

& TWO-BRACKET KOS HANDICAPPED; NO PLAYBACKS BELOW TOP BRACKET IF POSSIBLE • TO BE SEEDED, PAIRS MUST BUY ENTRIES NO LATER THAN 15 MINUTES PRIOR TO GAME TIME

## BALTIMORE, MD AUGUST 7-13, 2017 BRACKETED, RANDOM DRAW & INCLUDE 0-300 PLAYERS; ONE- & TWO-BRACKET KOS ARE HAND-ICAPPED; NO PLAYBACKS BELOW TOP BRACKET IF POSSIBLE • STRATS DETERMINED BY MP AVER-AGES, BUT NO PLAYER MAY EXCEED EVENT LIMIT;

I/N EVENTS STRATIFIED BASED ON ATTENDANCE

#### MONDAY, AUGUST 7

	Kickoff KO
h	Continues 1 & 7 Tuesday
	Open Pairs 1500/3000/3000+1 & 7
	Race Horse <b>GOLD RUSH</b> Pairs $\dots$ 1 & 7
	Fox Hunt Side Series (1st, 2nd of 4) $1\/7$
	I/N Pairs 5/20/50 & 100/300/5001 / 7
	Charity Swiss Teams
h	Afternoon games benefit ACBL Ed. Foun-
	DATION; EVENING GAMES BENEFIT LOCAL CHARITY

#### **TUESDAY, AUGUST 8**

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 Teams ......10:30 & 3 Terrapin KO ......1 & 7 Continues 1 & 7 Wednesday

Open Pairs 1500/3000/3000+ ....1 & 7 Steeplechase GOLD RUSH Pairs ...1 & 7 Fox Hunt Side Series (3rd, 4th of 4) 1 / 7 

Preakness Compact KO . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 9

#### **WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 9**

	Two 12-board matches; continues 9 am Thurs
١	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
	Maryland KO $\dots 1 \& 7$
	Continues 1 & 7 Thursday
	A/X Pairs 0-5000/5000+ 1 & 7
١	$ \   \text{Mid-flight Pairs 0-1500/3000}  \dots 1  \&  7 \\$
	Pimlico <b>GOLD RUSH</b> Pairs1 & 7
	Hunt Valley Side Series (1st, 2nd of 4) $1\/7$

#### THURSDAY, AUGUST 10

Inner Harbor Compact KO ......9 Two 12-board matches; continues 9 am Fri Ravens Morning Side Series (3rd of 5) . . 9 I/N Pairs 5/20/50 & 100/300/500 9 / 1 / 7 Daylight Open Pairs ........10:30 & 3 Open Swiss Teams (0-5000, 5000+) 1 & 7 Mid-flight Swiss Teams 0-1500/3000 1 & 7 **GOLD RUSH** Swiss Teams 0-300/750 1 & 7 Hunt Valley Side Series (3rd, 4th of 4) 1 / 7



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Ravens Morning Side Series (4th of 5)9
I/N Pairs 5/20/50 & 100/300/500 9 / 1 / 7
Daylight Open Pairs10:30 & 3
Hunt Cup KO
Continues 1 & 7 Saturday
A/X Pairs 0-5000/5000+ 1 & 7
Mid-flight Pairs 0-1500/30001 & 7
Thoroughbred <b>GOLD RUSH</b> Pairs 1 & 7
Orioles Side Series (1st, 2nd of 6)1 / 7
Stratified Swiss Teams

#### **SATURDAY, AUGUST 12**

Stratified Swiss Teams9
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
Weekend KO
Continues 10:00 & TBA Sunday

Open Pairs 1500/3000/3000+ ....1 & 7 Finish Line **GOLD RUSH** Pairs . . 1 & 7 Orioles Side Series (3rd, 4th of 6) . . 1 / 7 

#### **SUNDAY, AUGUST 13**

7 SEVEN-BOARD MATCHES WITH SHORT LUNCH BREAK A/X/Y Swiss Teams

1 V 2 V 1 OWISS TCAINS
4000/6000/6000+
Bracketed B Teams 0-300010 & 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 & 100/300/50010 / 2

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## **District Six Honor Roll 2016 Fall NABC** Orlando. FL

TOP TEN LISTS				
District Six Members				
1	167.84	Daniel Korbel		
2	113.07	Steve Robinson		
3	103.33	Sylvia Shi		
4	82.29	Beth Palmer		
5	81.75	Mark Dahl		
6	73.47	Li Yiting		
7	68.02	William Pettis		
8	56.82	Peter Boyd		
9	56.71	Ai-Tai Lo		
10	50.61	Vonnie Lavender		
<u>Distric</u>		mbers with 0-3000 MPs		
1	48.41	Carolyn Wood		
2	46.92	Richard Ferrin		
3	45.37			
4	37.02	John McAllister		
5	31.71	Ann Atcheson		
	31.71	George Parkins		
7	30.32	Barry Spector		
8	30.25	Marvin Raines		
9	29.91	Patti Martin		
10 27.25		Calvin Konner		
	27.25	Thomas Din		
		mbers with 0-750 MPs		
1	45.37	Barry Ko		
2	25.14	Jeremy Lewis		
3	20.89	Regena Edwards		
4	15.19	James Mosley		
	15.19	Harry Potter		
6	12.89	Linda Dennis		
	12.89	Dorothy Osterberger		
8	12.42	Brian Mc Namara		
4.0	12.42	Richard Barth		
10	11.81	Richard Galleher		
	11.81	Carol Marks		
		mbers with 0-300 MPs		
1	15.19	James Mosley		
n	15.19	Harry Potter		
3	12.89	Dorothy Osterberger		
-	12.89	Linda Dennis		
5	12.42	Brian Mc Namara		
7	12.42	Richard Barth		
7		Carol Marks		
	11.81	Richard Galleher		

## **OVERALL PLACINGS** IN NATIONALLY RATED EVENTS

Special Congratulations to our 1st place overall winners:

Beth Palmer, Sylvia Shi, & Li Yiting in the Marsh May Sternberg Women's B-A-M Teams

#### NAIL LIFE MASTER OPEN PAIRS

- 5 Ai-Tai Lo, Reston VA: William Pettis, Silver Spring MD
- Sylvia Shi, Rockville MD

#### **SUPER SENIOR PAIRS**

Ed Lazarus, Baltimore MD

#### MITCHELL OPEN B-A-M TEAMS

- Daniel Korbel. Rockville MD
- Richard Ferrin, Washington DC; Eugene Kales, Arlington VA; Ann Lindley - Alfred Duncker, Gaithersburg MD

#### MARSHA MAY STERNBERG **WOMEN'S B-A-M TEAMS**

**1 Beth Palmer**, Chevy Chase MD: Sylvia Shi. Rockville MD: Li Yiting. Herndon VA

## **Observations** from Orlando

**—FROM DISTRICT DIRECTOR MARGOT HENNINGS.** Margot10bridge@cox.net

**CEO News:** First and foremost, let me address the news that ACBL CEO Robert Hartman has submitted his resignation, effective July 31, 2017. at the conclusion of the Toronto Summer NABC. His statement can be found under "News" on the ACBL website. The Board (BOD) was well aware that Robert would not stay on in this position indefinitely, and contractually, he was only required to give us 30 days' notice of intent to resign. He will remain in Horn Lake full-time until the end of March, and then will alternate between Headquarters (HO) and his new residence in FL

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#### 0-10.000 IMP PAIRS

Barry Spector, Springfield VA

#### KAPLAN BLUE RIBBON PAIRS

- Richard Wegman, Bethesda MD: Mark Laken, Glyndon MD
- William Pettis, Silver Spring MD: Beth Palmer. Chevy Chase MD
- 65 Mark Dahl, Richmond VA
- Mary Tenenbaum Alan 67 Tenenbaum, Rockville MD
- Alan Schwartz, Fairfax VA

#### 0-5000 MINI BLUE RIBBON PAIRS

- David Platnick. Charlottesville VA: Marsha Platnick, Bluefield WV
- Wavne Bardsley, Mc Lean VA

#### 0-10.000 FAST PAIRS

15 David Rodney, Fairfax VA; Rusty Krauss. Vienna VA

#### SENIOR MIXED PAIRS

- Paul Benedict, Pikesville MD; Lvnn Jones, Timonium MD
- 29 Ann Lindley - Alfred Duncker, Gaithersburg MD

#### **BAZE SENIOR KNOCKOUT TEAMS**

Steve Robinson, Arlington VA; Peter Boyd, Darnestown MD

#### NABC+ MIXED SWISS TEAMS

- Steve Robinson, Arlington VA
- Barry Ko, Arlington VA
- Ellen Cherniavsky William Cole. Silver Spring MD: Beth Palmer, Chevy Chase MD: Eugene Kales. Arlington VA
- Sylvia Shi. Rockville MD 13
- Zeke Letellier, Crofton MD 19
- 24 Merril Hirsh. Washington DC: Monique Smith, Arlington VA; Linda Marshall, Bethesda MD; David Ruderman, Burtonsville MD

#### NORTH AMERICAN SWISS TEAMS

Mark Dahl. Richmond VA

9

10

11.74

11.07

Robert Suter

Robbie Lloyd

## <u>Norfolk, VA</u> > <u>Regional Winners</u> November 14-20, 2016

#### TOP POINT WINNERS

D! t		C Dlar	70.00
<u>Distr</u>		<u>6 Play</u>	
		20.20	Daniel Korbel
	2	74.58	Sylvia Shi
	4	70.04	Steve Robinson William Cole
	4	10.01	William Dattia
	5		William Pettis
	6		Alan Schwartz
	0		Annie Schwartz
	8		Benjamin Pope III
	9	52.21	Paul Benedict
		52.21	Lynn Jones
		52.21	Dewayne Jones
		52.21	Marc Warner
<b>Distr</b>	<u>ict</u>		<u>vers &lt;3000 MPs</u>
	1	52.21	Marc Warner
	2		Patti Martin
	3		Jean Oakey
	4		William Belanich
	5		Evelyn Blachman
			Alan Blachman
	7		Gerald Botkin
	8	37.31	Adrienne Kuehnema
	9		Mike Ladd
		27.65	Betty Ladd
Distr	ict	6 Pla	vers < <b>750</b> MPs
	1		Nitin Shah
	2	25.76	
		25.76	Mary Baril
			Carolyn Wilson
	5	23.38	
	6	22.65	Elizabeth Fletcher
	7	21.05	Robert Van Duyne
		21.05	Arthur Fleming
	9		Darlene Selz
		20.88	
Dietr	ict	6 Pla	vers <300 MPs
Disti	1	25.76	
	2	23.38	
	$\frac{2}{3}$	21.05	
	4	18.31	
	5		George Holliday
	6	16.10	William Lowry
	7	15.97	
	8	15.07	
			Cindy Booth
	10		Kathleen Haglich

## **♣ Fairfax, VA ♦ FEBRUARY 16-19, 2017 ♥**



## **NVBA WINTER SECTIONAL**



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THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 16	
STRATIFIED OPEN PAIRS (2000+/2000/750) or 500/300/100 PAIRS	):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	and
WBL: Ohr Kodesh Congregation, 8300 Meadowbrook Ln, Chevy Chase, MD NVBA (Beth El)	<u>WBL</u>
	:00 p.m.
STRATAFLIGHTED OPEN PAIRS (A/X=3000+/3000; B/C=2000/750)7:00 p.m. 7:	
NVBA 199ER SWISS TEAMS (200/100/50); WBL 499ER PAIRS (500/300/100)7:00 p.m. 7:	
NEWCOMER PAIRS (0-20)	:30 p.m.
Gene's Friday Morning Game at KOCH:	ee

#### SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 18

\*\*ALL events on Sat. afternoon & evening award <u>REGIONALLY RATED</u> <u>SILVER POINTS</u> —an additional \$1 will be added to your entry fee to support Grass Roots events in our local area!\*\*

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## ♦ Williamsburg, VA ♣ FEBRUARY 24-26, 2017 ♦

# Williamsburg Winter Sectional

## **DOUBLETREE BY HILTON**

50 Kingsmill Road • 757-220-2500



## Friday, February 24

## Saturday, February 25

## Sunday, February 26—Including lunch!

**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.

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in the conduct of his duties as CEO until the end of July. A Search Committee is already actively working to market this position. In addition to the five Committee Members of the BOD CEO Review Committee, Bob Blanchard and Sylvia Moss have agreed to be part of this very important search. Bob and Sylvia are very successful in both business and bridge and bring a combined perspective and skill set that will be very valuable as we move forward. For those who are interested in details, you can read the CEO Succession Plan that is available online in the Codification, Chapter II, Business Management; Section B.5, Employees and Consultants at http://www.acbl.org/aboutacbl/administration/acbl-codification/. If you know anyone qualified to apply for this position, please encourage them to do so.

**Ouick Orlando NABC Overview:** The Fall NABC was a study in contrasts—great, well-lit ballroom space, plentiful restrooms, and a decent room rate but limited and more-expensive-than-usual on-site options for food and frustrating parking at the host hotels for those who chose to stay offsite. In addition, yet again incorrect "over-reporting" of overall results through ACBL Live and in the Daily Bulletins left many national event players feeling frustrated. Prevalent in several NABCs preceding Orlando, this is something a number of us on the Board of Directors (BOD) have asked specifically to be fixed before the Spring NABC in Kansas City, and I am hopeful that during this next NABC, this dissatisfaction will no longer be an issue. I have been on the NABC Advisory Committee most of my years on the ACBL BOD and I can assure you that we try to understand everything good and bad about each site we contract with for an NABC, and it is a frustrating and usually thankless task. It never seems to turn out the way we all hoped—the local Volunteers work so very hard and always do a great job, while site or technology missteps do much to mar the finished product. But it never is for lack of informed intent and weighing the often not-so-good alternatives. Back to this in a moment...

**New ACBL President:** One of the key actions at every Fall NABC is the election of the ACBL President for the coming year. For 2017, this position was won by our neighbor to the south, Bob Heller, from District 7. A long-time friend of mine, Bob is also a long-time friend and tireless

worker for our Mid-Atlantic Regional Tournaments. Many of you know him and I am sure wish him well in what promises to be another challenging year for ACBL. You can plan on offering him your ideas and support in person when he attends our D6 Memorial Day Regional in Richmond—Bob and his wife Barbara will be there for the final four days.

ACBL Goodwill, Volunteer, and Honorary Member of the Year Awards: The ACBL Aileen Osofsky Goodwill Member of the Year Award for this year goes to Eldon Clayman, who many of you know from our Mid-Atlantic Bridge Conference (MABC) Regional tournaments through the years. Eldon and his late wife Susie were instrumental in setting the bar for hospitality at regionals, particularly in D7, as well as being a fixture at the Partnership Desk at countless regionals, chairing that function with great proficiency. Nancy Erickson from District 22 is the 2017 recipient of the Nadine Wood Volunteer of the Year Award for 2017. I have had the pleasure of getting to know Nancy through my attendance for the past three years at the Palm Springs Regional in December. Nancy is a pure delight, the quintessential embodiment of a devoted behind-the-scenes Volunteer in the mold of our dear local D6 Kitty Gottfried, who received this award in 2013. It is terrific to be able to recognize Volunteers who do what they do for the sheer love of the game and with the goal of making the players happy, and Nancy does this so well. The Honorary Member of the Year Award this year goes to Eddie Wold, a truly fine player, winner of multiple NABC and several world championships, 2016 inductee into the Bridge Hall of Fame, and one who has given much of his time to the advancement of the game through, among other things, his perseverance in getting bridge on the college curriculum in his home town of Houston.

**2017 Tournaments Task Force:** Among his many talents, Bob Heller has been a conscientious tracker of tournament attendance—both sectional and regional—throughout ACBL, and also an active voice in NABC Site Selection for the BOD. Every year, it is the President's prerogative to assign BOD members to committees and create task forces to address critical issues. This year, Bob has created two special task forces—one to look closely at ACBL Clubs and the other at Tournaments, and he has asked me to lead the latter. The Tournaments Task Force (TTF) is already hard at work with D6 President Shawn Stringer having provided a lot of insight into the questions

## ♠ Fredericksburg, VA ♣ MARCH 17-19, 2017 ♦



## FRIDAY, MARCH 17

Stratified Open Pairs (0-300, 300-1500, 1500+)\* ...10:00 am Stratified Open Pairs (0-300, 300-1500, 1500+)\* ....3:00 pm 

## SATURDAY, MARCH 18

Stratified Open Pairs (0-300, 300-1500, 1500+)\* ...10:00 am Bracketed Pairs/BAM Teams ......3:00 pm A, B, and C play Sectional Pairs game. Simultaneously, Director pairs teams according to masterpoints (bigbest to lowest) giving all TWO chances to win!

## SUNDAY, MARCH 19

8 teams in each bracket, 7 rounds, playthrough, lunch available \*Strata may be modified based on attendance

### LOCATION

## Fraternal Order of Eagles

21 Cool Springs Rd., Fredericksburg, VA (Route 607)

**DIRECTIONS:** Coming from the North: Take 195 South to Exit 133-A (Rt 17 Business/Falmouth). Coming from the South: Take I95 North to Exit 133, take turnoff to Falmouth. From the exit, continue to the 3rd light, at Rt 1 (approx. 2 miles). Be sure to be in the left lane and cross Rt 1 and continue approx 3 miles to 3rd light at Rt 607 (Cool Springs Rd). Turn right and Eagles is 1 block on left.

## REFRESHMENTS

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(every session) Homemade Cookies Coffee, Tea, Soft Drinks Sunday: Doughnuts & Bagels and Box Lunch available between sessions

## TOURNAMENT CHAIR

Deborah Hage (540) 498-1206 debhage@hotmail.com

## **PARTNERSHIPS**

Sheila Young (540) 220-0868 Paul McGowan (540) 785-3277

## PAIR GAME STRATA

0-300, 300-1500, 1500+

## **ENTRY FEES**

\$10 per player/session; \$88 per team on Sunday;

\$3 additional per player/session for non or unpaid ACBL members

## ♣ Kensington, MD, NLM ◆ MARCH 23-26, 2017 ♠



# Non Life Master Sectional

Saturday & Sunday: NEWPORT MILL MIDDLE SCHOOL

11311 Newport Mill Road, Kensington, MD 20895

Thursday, March 23: OHR KODESH: 8300 Meadowbrook Ln., Silver Spring, MD

NLM StrataFlighted Pairs (NLM<500/200/100 and separate 20/10/5) 7:30 pm

Friday, March 24: ROCKVILLE DBC: 11815 Seven Locks Rd., Potomac, MD

Saturday, March 25: Rest of tournament at: NEWPORT MILL MIDDLE SCHOOL

Free ½ hour lesson before afternoon game, by Leslie Shafer, ACBL Teacher of the Year!

NLM StrataFlighted Pairs (500/200/100 and separate 50/20/10) ...10:30 am NLM StrataFlighted Pairs (500/200/100 and separate 50/20/10) ....3:00 pm

**Sunday, March 26** (All day playthrough with lunch break)

—All events are stratified by average masterpoints, but no individual's masterpoint total may exceed the event's upper limit. Strata may be adjusted according to attendance.—

#### **TOURNAMENT CHAIRS:**

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

PARTNERSHIPS: Andrea Weiswasser, andweis@aol.com

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

that need answering, and D6 (non-voting) Board Member David Rodney involved in formulating what data is needed to answer these questions and how that analysis should be performed. David is a formal member of the TTF along with wellknown Gatlinburg Tournament Chair Pete Misslin (yes, the annual Gatlinburg Regional WILL take place despite the recent tragic fires), and David Lodge, Tournament Manager and former District President from San Diego and Palm Springs. These three non-BOD TTF members will work closely with five BOD members from across the country plus myself, who together provide broad geographic representation for tournaments of all sizes, along with many years of experience in running and attending tournaments at all levels. Key to our research and analysis this year will be understanding what makes tournaments successful and that satisfying customers regardless of tournament size is what is most important.

Congratulations to D6 Members on Top-20 **NABC Event Finishes:** Continuing their winning ways. Beth Palmer and Sylvia Shi teamed up with Li Yiting and three non-D6 women to win the NABC Marsha May Sternberg Women's Board-a-Match (BAM) Teams. In addition, in order of the days on which the events were played, the following D6 players finished in the Top 20 in nationally rated events: Ai-Tai Lo and Bill Pettis—5<sup>th</sup> in NABC+ Nail LM Pairs; Sylvia Shi—14<sup>th</sup> in NABC+ Nail LM Pairs: Daniel Korbel—2<sup>nd</sup> in NABC+ Mitchell Open BAM; Ed Lazarus—4<sup>th</sup> in NABC Super Senior Pairs; Steve Robinson and Peter Boyd—5<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> in NABC Baze Senior KO Teams; Paul Benedict and Lynn Jones—6<sup>th</sup> in NABC Senior Mixed Pairs; David Rodney and Rusty Krauss—15<sup>th</sup> in NABC 10K Fast Pairs; Mark Dahl—8<sup>th</sup> in NABC+ Keohane North American Swiss; and Steve Robinson—3<sup>rd</sup>, Barry Ko—6<sup>th</sup>, Ellen Cherniavsky, Gene Kales, Beth Palmer, and Bill Cole—12<sup>th</sup>, Sylvia Shi—13<sup>th</sup>, and Zeke Letellier—19<sup>th</sup> in NABC+ Mixed Swiss.

Significant Cost-saving and Budgetary **Measures:** The 2017 operating budget showing a projected excess of revenue over expenses of \$234,283 and the 2017 capital budget of \$355,750 were presented to the BOD in Orlando and will be formally approved (with minor changes, as always) in Kansas City this Spring. The capital budget includes substantial monies for a long overdue overhaul of ACBLscore, focusing on usability and reliability. Among the key components included in the operating budget are the following:

- <u>Membership Dues:</u> Member dues will increase \$10, effective April 1, but only if you renew for just one year. A three-year renewal will enable you to renew at the current rate now in effect. This decision was based on a marketing strategy used by most membership organizations, whereby the time and energy spent by staff in annually sending out notices of one-year renewals can be put to much better use providing customer service to all.
- Change in BOD Meeting Process: Beginning with the Summer NABC this year and scheduled to continue for the Spring and Summer beginning in 2018, the BOD will not meet until the Wednesday or Thursday (start date dictated by the amount of business needed to get done, with the motion to strictly limit meetings to three days defeated 11-14) preceding each tournament. This motion was brought by the Finance Committee and focused on cost-savings, but its passage (18-6 with one abstention) precludes BOD members from playing in any events until Sunday afternoon at the earliest since meetings will last through the first Saturday. If we want to play in a national event, this means waiting until Monday in the Summer. Although I voted in favor of this motion based on financial considerations and lacking any good immediate alternative, I remain convinced there is a better way to realize cost savings and vet allow BOD Members who volunteer significant chunks of their time throughout the year (and who are, after all, bridge players!), to play in our NABCs from the outset. As Vice-Chair of the Governance and Board Operations Committee this year, I will be looking into ways to find a cost-effective process solution to this, as well as many other processrelated and operational issues. President Heller is committed to starting the Spring and Fall meetings a minimum of one day later this year, compressing our "face to-face" time and emphasizing even more electronic "meetings" in advance of each NABC. A motion to have the Board hold its Fall meetings at Headquarters outside Memphis instead of just prior to the site of the Fall NABC failed, 10-15—I was one of the 10. At its meeting on Sunday following the conclusion of the BOD meetings, the Board of Governors directed that this motion be sent back to the BOD in Kansas City for reconsideration.
- **Pre-tournament Hospitality.** By a vote of 15-10, the BOD eliminated the requirement for

## ♣ Lynchburg, VA ◆ MARCH 24-26, 2017 ▼



# 39th Annual LYNCHBURG SPRING SECTIONAL

~Great Location!~

at the **FOREST RECREATION CENTER** 1088 RUSTIC VILLAGE RD, FOREST, VA 24551

-Great Snacks and Hospitality!~

FRIDAY, MARCH 24 (single session events)

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

**SATURDAY, MARCH 25** (single session events)

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

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

**SUNDAY, MARCH 26** 

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

\*Strata may be modified based on attendance

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

Plenty of homemade food and catered lunch on Sunday!!!

\$3 additional/person for non/unpaid ACBL members

<u>Tournament Chair</u> – *Sally Gilkey* (434) 384-8970, salgilkey@aol.com <u>Partnership Chair</u> – *Jo Ann Stover* (434) 616-6966, joann24501@aol.com

## **Tournament Hotel**

La Quinta Inn & Suites 3320 Candlers Mtn Road Lynchburg, VA 24502 434-847-8655

Bridge Rate: \$89 plus tax incl.full breakfast buffet

<u>Directions to Rec Center</u>: From US-29B South or North merge onto or take Rt. 501 North (Lynchburg Expressway). Follow 3.1 miles, turn left on Forest Rd. US-221. Go 4.6 miles. Turn left at light onto Thomas Jefferson Rd. (Rt. 811). Take 1st left onto Rustic Village Rd. From Roanoke take US-460 East toward Lynchburg. Turn left on Thomas Jefferson Rd. Go 5 miles, turn right on Rustic Village Rd.

## Norfolk/Va. Beach, VA ♣ MAR 31-APR 2, 2017 ♦



## Norfolk/ Virginia Beach Spring Sectional

## **Unit 146 Bridge Center**

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

<u>Directions:</u> 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, March 31

(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

## Saturday, April 1

(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, April 2

<u>Entries:</u> \$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.

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

Tournament Co-Chairs

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

**Dot Martinette** 

Partnership Chair

Karlie Walker kwalker20@cox.net 757-467-2824 the locals to provide tours, lunches, and other hospitality for the spouses and Significant Others of BOD Members. Some local hosts enthusiastically embraced this requirement, seeing it as an opportunity to introduce their city to others, while others saw it as an extra responsibility that simply compounded the overall Volunteer burden of an NABC. Add this latter trend to the fact that by doing away with pre-tournament hospitality (paid for by ACBL), we could save the League \$7500 a year, I happily voted to eliminate this.

#### **Bridge Regulations:**

- Orlando saw the narrow passage (14-11) of a motion that now restricts hand records used in NABC+ and concurrent events only to those events, beginning with the first session played, I was one of the 14. Until now, final day sessions had separate hand records, but the qualifying sessions in NABC+ events used the same hand records as NABC and regional events that were held at the same time. It was always fun to compare with your friends what was done at different levels of the game, but the desire to reduce the possibility for cheating through earlier finishing of the non-NABC+ events and the potential for overhearing conversations about boards outweighed the desire on the part of many to continue using the same hand records throughout.
- By a vote of 5-20, a motion to *eliminate* online points from the Lifetime Masterpoint Lists failed. I voted not to eliminate.
- Due to continuing disappointing participation in nationally ranked women's events, both the *Machlin Women's Swiss Teams at the Spring NABC and the Wagar Women's KO Teams at the Summer NABC* were removed from the schedule. Starting with this Summer in Toronto, a four-session nationally ranked Wagar Women's Pairs was added, beginning on Monday. All carried unanimously.
- A motion to create and include a *seven-day KO event* named in honor of Paul Soloway in the schedule for the Fall NABC beginning on the first Friday of the tournament was defeated, 6-19. If it had passed, the motion stipulated that the Senior KO would move to the first Sunday of the Fall NABC, after the qualifying period for this new event was over. I voted against it until more time had passed from the changes recently implemented, so that the effect of these on attendance could be better estimated.
- Due to the many overlaps of one event with another, world bridge championships have long

allowed "drop-ins" from one world event to another for those who failed to qualify in the final sessions. ACBL is currently experimenting with this concept, but a motion that *drop-ins not be allowed from team events to premier pair events* passed in Orlando 17-8. I voted to continue to allow them. Drop-ins from pairs to pairs is still allowed under the current experiment.

- Under the capable leadership of Jay Whipple (BOD from D9 plus developer of Fast Results and creator of The Common Game), Management will continue to experiment with holding *online events at Regional tournaments*. Specific Conditions of Contest were approved for these tightly controlled games.
- A new "electronic devices" policy was passed almost unanimously, differentiating penalties by event levels, frequency of infractions in the same session versus across different sessions of the same event and across all events. D6 is putting in place a policy for its regionals that echoes these penalties, and I encourage sectional tournaments to do similarly, so that there will be consistency for players as they move from tournament to tournament. The ACBL policy can be found in the Minutes for Orlando under Item 163-07at <a href="http://web2.acbl.org/documentLibrary/about/163">http://web2.acbl.org/documentLibrary/about/163</a> OrlandoBoDMinutes.pdf.
- In very close votes, with my voting for the former and against the latter, motions to allow participation of extra B and C teams in the GNT for those Districts with a minimum of eight teams participating in their District and to provide subsidies to 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> place NAP teams both failed.

**Education and Charity Matter!** For many years, there have been two separate foundations associated with ACBL, one for Charity and the other for Education. D6 and all other districts are frequent beneficiaries of the funds raised by these two foundations.

• *The Charity Foundation* gives each district \$1000 annually to be donated to a 501c3 charitable organization; for the past six years, I have donated that money to Fisher House, a kind of Ronald McDonald House for the military. Since Fisher House has so many locations throughout D6, it was a perfect choice! Then, every six years, the Charity Foundation gives each of four districts in rotation \$30,000 to be given to 501c3 charities of their choosing who are special to their district. This year, D6 was a beneficiary of this \$30,000—please see the Norfolk Regional Minutes online on the D6 website (districtsixbridge.org) for a list

## ♣ Silver Spring, MD ◆ APRIL 6-9, 2017 ▼

# CITY OF WASHINGTON TOURNAMENT ~

at the MARGARET SCHWEINHAUT SENIOR CENTER

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

## THURSDAY, APRIL 6

- 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), 0-20 Pairs (both sites), Intermediate/Novice Pairs (500/300/100) (Ohr Kodesh only) & Stratified 199er (200/100/50) Swiss Teams (Beth El only)





## NEW DAYTIME START TIMES FRI. & SAT.

## FRIDAY, APRIL 7

- New: Relaxed & Fun Stratified IMP Pairs/Teams replaces fast-paced Triple Nickel! . . . . 7:30pm (unlim/2000/750)—2 Chances to Win!— This innovative & experimental game moves like a pair game & scores the better of your IMP pair & team game. Come as a team of 4 or as a pair & we'll find you teammates.
- ▲ Intermediate/Novice Pairs (500/300/100) & 49er Pairs (50/20/5) (single sessions) 11am, 3pm, 7:30pm

—Lunch available for purchase—

## SATURDAY, APRIL 8

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

- ♦ Intermediate/Novice Pairs (500/300/100) & 49er Pairs (50/20/5) (single sessions) . . . . . <u>11:00am</u>, <u>3:30pm</u>

#### —Lunch available for purchase—

## SUNDAY, APRIL 9

- 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 desserts. Sat. & Sun. lunch available for purchase. Tournament Chair: Brad Theurer, 301-527-8819, <a href="mailto:batheurer256@gmail.com">batheurer256@gmail.com</a>; Hospitality Manager: Mike Zane; Volunteer Coordinator: Barbara Summers, 301-598-5838, <a href="mailto:jimbarb1184@aol.com">jimbarb1184@aol.com</a>; Partnerships: Barbara Doran, 301-608-0347, <a href="mailto:barbara">barb.doran@verizon.net</a>, Online Partnership Desk available. \*StrataFlighted if attendance warrants—otherwise combined into Stratified Pairs (unlim/2000/500) Stratification by avg. masterpoints of the team or pair. No individual may exceed the event's upper limit.

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

Mid-chart allowed in all events except I/N

WASHINGTON BRIDGE LEAGUE, ORG

## **♦ Fairfax, VA ♣ APRIL 27-30, 2017 ♦**

# NORTHERN VIRGINIA BRIDGE ASSOCIATION PRING SECTIONAL TOURNAMENT

## The Arlington/Fairfax Elks Lodge #2188

8421 Arlington Boulevard, Fairfax, VA; 703-560-2188

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#### THURSDAY, APRIL 27

STRATTFIED OPEN PAIRS (2000+/2000/750) or 500/300/100 PAIRS	.10:30 a.m.
Norma's Game: K of C Hall, 5115 Little Falls Rd., Arlington, VA, 703-892-1292	
Evening games at: NVBA: Beth El Hebrew Congregation, 3830 Seminary Road, Alexandria,	VA and
WBL: Ohr Kodesh Congregation, 8300 Meadowbrook Ln, Chevy Chase, MD NVBA (Beth I	El) WBL
Intermediate/Newcomer Lecture	7:00 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); WBL 499ER PAIRS (500/300/100)7:00 p.m.	7:30 p.m.
NEWCOMER PAIRS (0-20)	7:30 p.m.

#### FRIDAY, APRIL 28

#### SATURDAY, APRIL 29

#### SUNDAY, APRIL 30

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Championship Events
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299er Events for Novice and
Intermediate Players!
Players with **0-5** Masterpoints
play **FREE** in **ALL** games!

#### **Tournament Chair**

Margot Hennings, 703-560-0245

## Partnership Chair

Leo Cardillo nvbapartnerships@gmail.com 571.789.8338 (C)

Mid-Chart Conventions permitted in all A/X Events

Next NVBA Sectional Sept 14-17 at Arlington/ Fairfax Elks Lodge (Thurs at Beth El)

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and description of the organizations chosen by the eight D6 units to receive these monies.

• The ACBL Educational Foundation is a 501c3 organization, which means that it allows you to make tax-deductible donations to it. It is a membership organization that comprised the ACBL BOD, with three of its nine trustees required to be BOD members and others elected by the BOD from the ACBL at large. D6 has been a beneficiary from this organization as well, with funding for the Reston Learn Bridge in a Day! (LBIAD) program held in July 2015 and the offshoot Williamsburg LBIAD run under the same license as Reston in early 2016. However, this Foundation was fairly small-scale, run by Volunteers, and receiving most of its monies from fundraisers such as "Ed Foundation" games at clubs, sectionals, regional, and the NABCs, and its individual grants were not large. An exciting change was enacted in Orlando when the BOD voted to make it independent of the BOD. The reason for this change was to enable the Educational Foundation to employ a skilled professional staff who would eventually embrace all of bridge education and raise significant monies to be used for that purpose—read: big projects! This is a major change and one that the BOD hopes will help solidify the future of our game.

As always, contact me with any questions at <a href="margot10bridge@cox.net">margot10bridge@cox.net</a>.

— Wargot

## **DISTRICT 6 STAC**

(Sectional Tournament at Clubs)

## May 8-14 & Jun 12-18

- 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

# Congratulations to Last Year's New Life Masters from District 6!

#### October 2015

James E Davis Jr, Toano, VA Kathy Dunkerley, Vienna, VA Lorne A Ginn, Towson, MD Marie W Hardy, Winchester, VA Kay M Hughes, Newport News, VA Linda H Wish, Towson, MD

## November 2015

Thayer Baine, Washington, DC
Michie P Bright, Ivy, VA
Lance Courtright, Woodstock, VA
Linda Dadson, Buena Vista, VA
Stanley J Fineman, Washington, DC
Adam Gann, Arlington, VA
Anne B Harrington, Manassas, VA
Gail L Harrison, Arlington, VA
Faye S Rosenthal, Louisa, VA
Dave Stephenson, Moneta, VA
Helen (Susie) J Tinney, Leesburg, VA
Lenore C Yellen, Washington, DC

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## ♦ Williamsburg, VA ♣ MAY 5-7, 2017 ♦

# Williamsburg Spring Sectional

## DOUBLETREE BY HILTON

50 Kingsmill Road • 757-220-2500



## Friday, May 5

## Saturday, May 6

## Sunday, May 7—Including lunch!

**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

Mike Jenks: jenks63@aol.com, 757 645-8165

## 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.

## Cambridge, MD ♦ MAY 18-20, 2017 ♥



## **THURSDAY MAY 18** (single sessions)

Stratified Pairs: 0-750/750-2000/2000+......10:00 AM & 2:30 PM I/N Stratified Pairs: 0-50/50-100/100-300......10:00 AM & 2:30 PM

## FRIDAY MAY 19 (single sessions)

Stratified Pairs: 0-750/750-2000/2000+......10:00 AM & 2:30 PM I/N Stratified Pairs: 0-50/50-100/100-300......10:00 AM & 2:30 PM

## **SATURDAY MAY 20** (Play-through – single-session teams accommodated)

(Teams stratified by average. No individual may exceed the event's upper limit.) Swiss Teams: 0-750/750-2000/2000+......10:00 AM / TBA I/N Swiss Teams: 0-50/50-100/100-300.......10:00 AM / TBA

## **Eastern Shore Hospitality**

Morning coffee; Afternoon cookies; Light lunch between all sessions

#### Co-Chairs:

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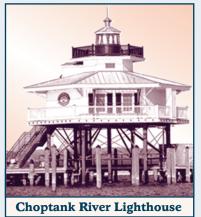
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<u>Directions</u>: Coming East: take US 50 crossing the Choptank bridge; stay straight on US 50, At the 6th TL turn left onto Bucktown road, then take the second left onto Moose Lodge road. Coming West: take US 50, turn right at the TL onto Bucktown Road, then take the second left onto Moose Lodge Road. Come back 4/10 of a mile; the lodge is on your left, (5446)

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#### **January 2016**

Jane Dolkart, Washington, DC Elizabeth W Fletcher, Chesterfield, VA Blake Schwartzbach, Rockville, MD

#### February 2016

Erik C Kitigawa, Silver Spring, MD Hugo H Van Dyke, Washington, DC

#### **March 2016**

Charles R Dearolf, Silver Spring, MD

## **April 2016**

Jean C Barquin, Betehsda, MD Rick P Bingham, Fairfax, VA Pamela Boyce, Norfolk, VA Nancy A Dempsey, Suffolk, VA Rhea Diamond, Basye, VA Susan W Eckis, Richmond, VA Susan S Gallaher, Fulks Run, VA Thomas N Gallaher, Fulks Run, VA Mi Kyeong Ham, Williamsburg, VA Armanda Henderson, Ashburn, VA Jane R Hesler, Chesterfield, VA Andrew Jacknain, Washington, DC Ann O Jennings, Arlington, VA Bruce E Kasold, Alexandria, VA Parke G Messier, Richmond, VA John K Pegues, Warrenton, VA Mary L Rabb, Richmond, Va Sharon Sutten, Chantilly, VA Denzil Willis, Fredericksburg, VA Otha L Wright Jr, Portsmouth, VA

#### **May 2016**

Joseph L Whitehill, Timonium, MD

## **June 2016**

Brian Boyce, Norfolk, VA Roger L Kube, Culpeper, VA Bill Murphy, McLean, VA Sally Schlein, Bethesda, MD

## **July 2016**

Tina Brinsfield, Bethesda, MD Susan Chambers, Virginia Beach, VA Karen T Crowley, Williamsburg, VA Yaeko N Perera, Vienna, VA Bob Textor, Middlebrook, VA

## August 2016

Joseph L Abita, Boyds, MD
Annette Graubart, Silver Spring, MD
Carl Ingebretsen, Fredericksburg, VA
Virginia Ivin, Washington, DC
Linda B McDaniel, Williamsburg, VA
Jerry Z Pruzan, North Bethesda, MD
Robert H Robey Jr, Frederick, MD
Bushra Shamma, Falls Church, VA

## September 2016

Anita C Christman, Columbia, MD
Ellen S Goldman, Stevenson, MD
Carolyn P Harmon, Mechanicsville, VA
Sharon F Irish, Richmond, VA
Steven W Mendelsohn, Gaithersburg, MD
Easley L Moore, Lexington, VA
Dorothy Osterberger, Columbia, MD
Jack C Turner, Yanceyville, NC
Patricia W Vandrey, Havre De Grace, MD
Tamara Vetter, Fairfax, VA

## October 2016

[None]

## November 2016

Alice S Faintich, Crozet, VA Cheri Hayes, Washington, DC

## **♠** Blacksburg, VA **♣** JUNE 2-4, 2017 **♦**

# Southwest Virginia \* Unit 231 \* Sectional Cash prizes \* Lunch provided each day Snacks, coffee, soft drinks during all sessions

#### **⋄Schedule ⋄**

## Friday, June 2

## Saturday, June 3

- ❖Stratified Pairs (single session) ......10 am (0-300, 300-1250, 1250+ MPs)
- Bracketed Pairs/Board-A-Match Teams .....2 pm (Play in a stratified pairs game. At the same time, each pair is teamed according to MP, highest with lowest, etc. Two chances to win!)

## Sunday, June 4

❖Stratified Swiss Teams ...10 am & TBA

## BLACKSBURG RECREATION CENTER

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# **Tournament Chairman**

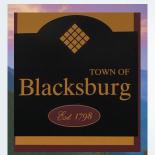
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## **Partnership Chair**

Susan Bricken 540-998-9751 sbricken@yahoo.com

## **Entry Fees**

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



# Host Hotel: Days Inn, Blacksburg

3503 Holiday Lane, Blacksburg, VA; 540-951-1330

\*Ask for the special bridge rate of \$65 per night
—10-minute drive from Days Inn to game site at the
Blacksburg Recreation Center—



## 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 purchaseŽ

—All pair events are single session—

## FRIDAY, June 2

Stratified Grass Roots Pairs (0-1500/3000/3000+ MPs)					
I/N Stratified Pairs (0-200/500/1000 MPs)					
<b>Triple Nickel Swiss:</b> (5 rounds, 5 boards, 5 minutes a board)					
SATURDAY, June 3—2 single session events         \$\frac{1}{2}\$           Stratified Pairs (0-1500/3000/3000+ MPs)					
SUNDAY, June 4 Stratified Swiss Teams Stratified by average of total MPs					

**DIRECTIONS**: See <u>www.americanlegionpost109.org</u> for detailed directions and map. Please note that there are two Sulphur Spring Roads here and do NOT turn onto Dewitt. If you're lost, call 410-242-5781.

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

Tournament Chair

Renate Conlon, 443-527-4744, rjconlon@hotmail.com



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

P 10...Feb 24-26 ..........Williamsburg, VA
Jane Farthing, 703-850-9635, jane.farthing@gmail.com

P 2...Feb 20-26 Asheville, NC D7 REGIONAL
Stewart Manning, smanning42@frontier.com

#### ......March, 2017

Mar 4-5 . . . . . . . Flights B, C and Open GNT

Mar 9-19 ....KANSAS CITY, MO NATIONALS

Spring North American Bridge Championships

P11...Mar 17-19 ......Fredericksburg, VA
Deborah Hage, 540-498-1206, debhage@hotmail.com

P 12...Mar 23-26 . . . . . . Kensington, MD NLM Julie Marquette, 301-642-9197,

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P 13...Mar 24-26 ......Lynchburg, VA Sally Gilkey, 434-384-8970, salgilkey@aol.com

P 14...Mar 31-Apr 2 . . . Norfolk/Va Beach, VA Karlie Walker, kwalker20@cox.net, 757-467-2824

## .....April, 2017

P 15...Apr 6-9 . . . . . . . Silver Spring, MD Brad Theurer, 301-527-8819, batheurer256@gmail.com

P 4...Apr 17-23 <u>Gatlinburg, TN</u> <u>D7</u> <u>REGIONAL</u> Julia Misslin, 423-884-3550, jupe60@tds.net



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	May 8-14		District6regionalbethesda@gmail.com  Jul 14-16Virginia Beach, VA  Jack Mallery, jmallery1@verizon.net, Brian Boyce, 757-	Oct 13-15
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	May 19-21		Jul 21-23	Oct 19-22
•	P 3May 23-29 <u>Richmond, VA REGIONAL</u> George Lewis, george.lewis@lewisct.com & Jacki		Jul 31-Aug 6 Columbia, SC D7 REGIONAL Elizabeth Beckwith, elizbeck2011@gmail.com)	Oct 23-29
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	Jun 3-4Flights B, C and Open GNT 2nd weekend		Jack Feagin, 404-252-9246, jfeagin2@bellsouth.netSeptember, 2017	Nov 23-Dec 3SAN DIEGO, CA NATIONALS Fall North American Bridge Championships
	Jun 5-11 <u>Greenville, SC D7 REGIONAL</u> Richard Brown, 864-855-1474, rbbrown100@charter.net		Sep 8-10Norfolk/Va Beach, VA Jennifer Christman, jchristman&@cox.net	December, 2017
	Jun 9-11		Sep 14-17	Dec 8-10
	Jun 12-18		margot10bridge@cox.net  Sep 23-24	Dec 11-17
	Jun 19-25		Sep 29-Oct 1	Dec 27-Jan 2 <u>Myrtle Beach, SC D7 REGIONAL</u> Karen Galleher, 843-318-6391, kgalleher@sc.rr.comJanuary, 2018
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## **2016-17 Grand National Teams — Get Your Open, B, or C Team Together!**

It is time to get to your local club or unit game to qualify to win a partially subsidized trip to the *Summer 2017 NABC* in *Toronto, Ontario.* If you win, you will represent District 6 in the national finals of this grassroots competition.

The club/unit game qualification period began on September 1, 2016 and will end on May 18, 2017. To qualify, you can go out and play as often as you want and with whomever you want. As long as whatever team you play on wins at least 50% of its matches during a qualifying game, then you are eligible. You can form the team you want to play on in the District Finals from among all eligible players in your bracket.

The competition contains four brackets. In the Open bracket all players may enter. Bracket B is limited to players with 0-2500 masterpoints. Bracket C is limited to Non-Life Masters with fewer than 500 masterpoints. Masterpoint eligibility is determined by the September 1, 2016 ACBL list of points. In club play, the Open and A brackets will be combined.

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

We will be holding the first weekend of the District finals of Brackets B and C at one northern site (White Oak Community Center) and one southern site (Comfort Inn Monticello).

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

Team captains must submit a check or money order for \$100 made out to District Six with the names and ACBL numbers of all players, email address for the Captain, the level of Bracket you are playing in, and your choice of the northern or southern site (if you are playing in Bracket B or Bracket C). This covers 2 sessions (one day) of play. Checks for pre-registration may be submitted to the GNT Coordinator at the Southern site, Nan Massie, or may be sent to Lucy McCoy, 3353 Taleen Ct., Annandale, VA 22003. For the Open, Bracket B and Bracket C, checks must be postmarked by February 23, 2017.

Any questions, please contact Bill Cole at 301-602-9024 or <a href="mailto:colebridge@aol.com">colebridge@aol.com</a>. You can find Conditions of Contest, directions to sites, & where to qualify at <a href="mailto:districtsix.org">districtsix.org</a>.

#### **Open Bracket**

First Weekend: White Oak Community Center Silver Spring, MD Saturday, March 4, 12 Noon Sunday, March 5, 11 A.M.

Second Weekend: For all qualified teams
Site TBA
Saturday, June 3, Time TBA
Sunday, June 4, Time TBA ... Finals

# Bracket B (0-2500 MP) Bracket C (0-500 MP) (-or-)

First Weekend: Northern Site White Oak Community Center Silver Spring, MD Saturday, March 4, 12 Noon Sunday, March 5, 11 A.M.

<u>First Weekend</u>: Southern Site Comfort Inn Monticello Charlottesville, VA Saturday, March 4, Time TBA Sunday, March 5, Time TBA

<u>Second Weekend</u>: For all qualified teams Site TBA

<u>B Bracket</u>: both days; <u>C Bracket</u>: Sunday only unless large turnout

Saturday, June 3, Time TBA Sunday, June 4, Time TBA ... Finals