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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE —*Shawn Stringer, shstringer@aol.com*

Thanks to all who played at the Chesapeake Regional and a special thanks to those who participated in the Knockouts (KO) that featured the two new formats approved experimentally by ACBL. The new formats had a few glitches, but those will be worked out with experience.

The primary goal of these events is to keep players competing in the brackets where they are most comfortable – to the extent reasonably possible – by allowing smaller brackets drawn along natural masterpoint break lines. Many players were pleased with the experiments and have asked us to continue them. ACBL needs feedback, and we are confident that if the players continue to enjoy the events, ACBL will turn them into standard Regional offerings.

One condition of having smaller brackets is that the KO is run as a two-session round robin instead of a series of straight, single session KO's. It is critical that once a team signs up for the event, they commit to play both sessions. This is similar to the commitment required for the Bracketed Swiss to be successful. Suffice it to say that dropouts leave a mess behind, so let's avoid that!

All of the Regionals we have planned for 2018 feature a combination of new formats, event schedules and start times, designed to acknowledge the changing demographics of our players.



The **Williamsburg Regional**, which begins February 26, will feature both the round robin KO format as well as the 3-session KO event, which will take place on Saturday. The 3-session KO features fewer boards per session (18, 20 and 22), and so is not as demanding as playing 72 boards in a day. It will start at 10 am instead of the usual 9 am, and those who do not advance after the first session will have time to play a new event at 1 pm.



Our annual **4th of July Regional** will be in Reston this year from July 2–8. This Regional features a major change from five to three start times. This allows us to make better use of space and director and volunteer resources. Instead of both 9:30 and 10:30 start times, now all morning games will begin at 10am. The afternoon games are now merged into one 2 pm start time. This will eliminate tiny events and the resulting games will be larger, more competitive and more rewarding. In addition, the Reston schedule introduces our first ever CHOICE PAIRS – a format that will be used in some Gold Rush and Open Pairs. The beauty of Choice Pairs is that players can decide which 2 out of 3 daily sessions they want to play, choosing among 10, 2, and 7:30, and

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regardless of which two sessions you play, you can win the event!

Our annual **Hunt Valley Regional** also has a very different schedule. Like Reston, we are going from five to three start times. In addition, the main, two-session events in Hunt Valley will be morning and afternoon. This is a first for District 6, and many players have been asking for the change. So main events will be at 10:30 and 3. Evening events promise to be lots of fun since we will feature a Fast Pairs side series across the evenings and Zip Swiss (aka Triple Nickel). For those who love a third session, you will finish early enough that you will be ready to go again the next morning.



We have experienced Tournament Chairs (TC) running Williamsburg (Jane Farthing and Karen Crowley) and Reston (Amanda Carter and David Rodney), and are delighted to welcome new TC's Mary Jo Chiesa and Stuart Diener to Hunt Valley. Please support all of our TC's and remember that volunteers are always needed.

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MONDAY, FEBRUARY 26

Kickoff KO1 & 7
CONTINUES 1 & 7 TUESDAY
Open Pairs 1500/3000/3000+1 & 7
Colonial GOLD RUSH Pairs1 & 7
I/N Pairs 5/20/50 & 100/300/500 ..1/7
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(1st, 2nd of 6)1/7
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TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 27

Fort Story Compact KO9
TWO 12-BOARD MATCHES; CONTINUES 9 AM WED
Jamestown Morning Side Series
(1st of 5)9
I/N Pairs 5/20/50 & 100/300/500...9/1/7
0-5 MP PLAYERS FREE TODAY
Open Pairs 1500/3000/3000+1 & 7
Colonial II GOLD RUSH Pairs1 & 7
Fort Eustis KO1 & 7
CONTINUES 1 & 7 WEDNESDAY
Williamsburg Side Series
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(2nd of 5)9
I/N Pairs 5/20/50 & 100/300/500...9/1/7
A/X Pairs 0-5000/5000+1 & 7
Mid-flight Pairs 0-1500/3000 ...1 & 7
Colonial III GOLD RUSH Pairs ..1 & 7

WEDNESDAY, continued...

Langley KO1 & 7
CONTINUES 1 & 7 THURSDAY

Williamsburg Side Series
(5th, 6th of 6)1/7
Stratified Swiss Teams7

THURSDAY, MARCH 1

Jamestown Morning Side Series
(3rd of 5)9
I/N Pairs 5/20/50
& 100/300/5009/1/7
A/X Swiss 0-5000/5000+1 & 7
Bracketed Flight B Swiss 0-3000 ..1 & 7
NO PLAYER OVER 3000 MPs; 8 TEAMS PER
BRACKET; 3 IN EACH WIN GOLD
Lafayette Side Series (1st, 2nd of 4) 1 & 7

FRIDAY, MARCH 2

Camp Peary Compact KO9
TWO 12-BOARD MATCHES; CONTINUES 9 AM SAT.
Jamestown Morning Side Series
(4th of 5)9
I/N Pairs 5/20/50 & 100/300/500 9/1/7
A/X Pairs 0-5000/5000+1 & 7
Mid-flight Pairs 0-1500/30001 & 7

- STRATS DETERMINED BY MP AVERAGES, BUT NO PLAYER MAY EXCEED EVENT LIMIT; <500 MP EVENT STRATS 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 SECTION TOPS; RED POINTS TO 0-300 STRAT
- ALL KOs ARE BRACKETED, RANDOM DRAW AND INCLUDE 0-300 PLAYERS; ONE- AND TWO-BRACKET KOs ARE HANDICAPPED
- TO BE SEEDED, PAIRS MUST BUY ENTRY NO LATER THAN 15 MIN. PRIOR TO GAME TIME

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FRIDAY, continued...

Colonial IV GOLD RUSH Pairs1 & 7
Naval Weapons KO1 & 7
CONTINUES 1 & 7 SATURDAY
Lafayette Side Series (3rd, 4th of 4) ..1/7
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SATURDAY, MARCH 3

Jamestown Morning Side Series
(5th of 5)9
I/N Pairs 5/20/50 & 100/300/500..9/1/7
Stratified Swiss Teams9
Open Pairs 1500/3000/3000+1 & 7
Colonial V GOLD RUSH Pairs1 & 7
Fort Monroe 3-session KO....10 & 2 & 7
SHORTER SESSIONS WITH FEWER BOARDS SO
EVENT FINISHES IN ONE DAY - ASK FOR DETAILS!
Yorktown Side Series (1st, 2nd of 4) ..1/7
Stratified Swiss Teams7

SUNDAY, MARCH 4

A/X/Y Swiss
4000/6000/6000+10 & TBA
Bracketed Flight B Swiss
0-3000.....10 & TBA
NO PLAYER OVER 3000 MPs; 8 TEAMS PER
BRACKET; 3 IN EACH WIN GOLD
Yorktown Side Series (3rd, 4th of 4) ...10/2

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MONDAY, JULY 2

Star Spangled KO	2 & 7:30
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Open Pairs 1500/3000/3000+	2 & 7:30
GOLD RUSH Pairs	2 & 7:30
Arlington Side Series (1st, 2nd of 5)	2 / 7:30
I/N Pairs 5/20/50 & 100/300/500	2 / 7:30
Stratified Swiss Teams	7:30
<i>Afternoon pair games benefit ACBL Ed. Foundation; Evening games benefit local charity</i>	

TUESDAY, JULY 3—0-5 MP Players FREE TODAY

Crimson Compact KO	10
<i>Two 12-board matches; continues 10 am Wed.</i>	
I/N Pairs	10 / 2 / 7:30
CHOICE Open Pairs 1500/3000/3000+	10 / 2 / 7:30
<i>2-session event: Pairs choose any two sessions</i>	
CHOICE GOLD RUSH Pairs	10 / 2 / 7:30
<i>2-session event: Pairs choose any two sessions</i>	
Arlington Side Series (3rd, 4th, 5th of 5)	10 / 2 / 7:30
Celebrating Freedom KO	2 & 7:30
<i>Continues 2 & 7:30 Wednesday</i>	
Stratified Swiss Teams	7:30

WEDNESDAY, JULY 4

White Compact KO	10
<i>Two 12-board matches; continues 10 am Thursday</i>	
I/N Pairs	10 / 2 / 7:30
CHOICE Open Pairs 1500/3000/3000+	10 / 2 / 7:30
<i>2-session event: Pairs choose any two sessions</i>	

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WEDNESDAY, continued...

CHOICE GOLD RUSH Pairs	10 / 2 / 7:30
<i>2-session event: Pairs choose any two sessions</i>	
Vienna Side Series (1st, 2nd, 3rd of 6)	10 / 2 / 7:30
United We Stand KO	2 & 7:30
<i>Continues 2 & 7:30 Thursday</i>	
Stratified Swiss Teams	7:30

THURSDAY, JULY 5

Blue Compact KO	10
<i>Two 12-board matches; continues 10 am Friday</i>	
I/N Pairs	10 / 2 / 7:30
Vienna Side Series (4th, 5th, 6th of 6)	10 / 2 / 7:30
Open Swiss Teams 0-5000/5000+	2 & 7:30
Mid-flight Swiss Teams 0-1500/3000	2 & 7:30
GOLD RUSH Swiss Teams	2 & 7:30
Stratified Swiss Teams	7:30

FRIDAY JULY 6

Bronze Compact KO	10
<i>Two 12-board matches; continues 10 am Sat</i>	
I/N Pairs	10 / 2 / 7:30
Friday Side Series (1st, 2nd, 3rd of 5)	10 / 2 / 7:30
A/X Pairs 0-5000/5000+	2 & 7:30
Mid-flight Pairs 0-1500/3000	2 & 7:30
GOLD RUSH Pairs	2 & 7:30
Stars & Stripes Forever KO	2 & 7:30
<i>Continues 2 & 7:30 Saturday</i>	
Stratified Swiss Teams	7:30

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SATURDAY, JULY 7

Stratified Swiss Teams	10
I/N Pairs	10 / 2 / 7:30
Fairfax Side Series (1st, 2nd, 3rd of 5)	10 / 2 / 7:30
Open Pairs 1500/3000/3000+	10 & 2
GOLD RUSH Pairs	10 & 2
Prime Time Open Pairs	2 & 7:30
Liberty for All 3-session KO	11 & 2 & 7:30
<i>Shorter sessions with fewer boards so event finishes in one day - ask for details!</i>	
Stratified Swiss Teams	7:30

SUNDAY, JULY 8

<i>Seven 7-board matches with short lunch break</i>	
A/X/Y Swiss Teams 4000/6000/6000+	10 & TBA
Bracketed Flight B Teams 0-3000	10 & TBA
<i>8 teams per bracket; 3 in each bracket win gold</i>	
Fairfax Side Series (4th, 5th of 5)	10 / 2
I/N Pairs	10 / 2

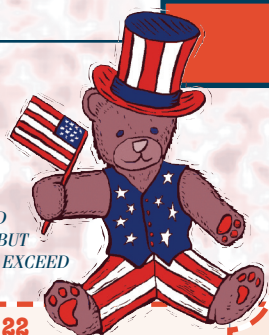
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Tarheel Memorial Day Regional



TUESDAY, MAY 22

Kinston Knockout.....1 & 7
Continues 1 & 7 Wednesday

Raleigh Open Pairs1 & 7

Atlantic Beach **GOLD RUSH** Pairs ..1 & 7

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

Non-LM 49er and 499er Pairs.....1 / 7

Stratified Swiss Teams.....7

Non-LM 499er Swiss Teams7

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

WEDNESDAY, MAY 23

0-5 MP Players FREE all day

Cary Compact Knockout.....9
Two 12-board matches, concludes 9 am Thu

Seymour Johnson AFB Side Series
(1st of 5).....9

Sunrise Non-LM 49er and 499er Pairs .9

Clinton Knockout.....1 & 7
Continue 1 & 7 Thursday

Fayetteville A/X Pairs.....1 & 7

Winterville Mid-Flight Pairs1 & 7

Greenville **GOLD RUSH** Pairs1 & 7

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

Non-LM 49er and 499er Pairs.....1 / 7

Stratified Board-a-Match Teams.....7

Non-LM 499er Bracketed Pairs.....7

Pair game—computer-assigned BAM teammates

THURSDAY, MAY 24

Camp Lejeune Open Swiss Teams (2 sess)9

GOLD RUSH Swiss Teams (2 sessions) ...9
Swisses continue 9 am Friday

Seymour Johnson AFB Side Series
(2nd of 5).....9

Sunrise Non-LM 49er and 499er Pairs .9

MCAS Cherry Point Knockout.....1 & 7
Continues 1 & 7 Friday

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Morehead A/X Pairs1 & 7

Emerald Isle Mid-Flight Pairs.....1 & 7

Vanderbilt **GOLD RUSH** Pairs.....1 & 7

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Smithfield A/X/Y Swiss Teams1 & 7

Sandhills Flight B Bracketed Teams ..1 & 7
No one over 3000 MP, 35-40% win GOLD

Farmville Open Pairs
(750/3000/3000+).....1 & 7

Cedar Point Side Series (3rd, 4th of 4)..1 / 7

Non-LM 49er and 499er Pairs.....1 / 7

Stratified Swiss Teams.....7

Non-LM 499er Swiss Teams7

One More Board Lose-n-snooze Zip KO 10:30

SATURDAY, MAY 26

Stratified Swiss Teams.....9

Seymour Johnson AFB Side Series
(4th of 5).....9

Sunrise Non-LM 49er and 499er Pairs9

Bruce Reeve Junior Pairs
(under 19 years old).....1

Wilson Knockout.....1 & 7
Continues 1 & 7 Sunday

Fuquay A/X Pairs1 & 7

Fuquay Mid-Flight Pairs1 & 7

Queen of Hearts **GOLD RUSH** Pairs ..1 & 7

Pinehurst Side Series (1st, 2nd of 5)..1 / 7

Non-LM 49er and 499er Pairs.....1 / 7

Stratified Board-a-Match Teams.....7

Misbehaving Locals Lose-n-snooze
Zip KO.....10:30

SUNDAY, MAY 27

Garner 3-session Knockout9 / 1 / 7

Seymour Johnson AFB Side Series
(5th of 5).....9

Sunrise Non-LM 49er and 499er Pairs9

Bruce Reeve Junior Swiss Teams
(under 19).....1

Stratified Board-a-Match Teams.....1

Middle Creek Open Pairs1 & 7

Pirate **GOLD RUSH** Pairs1 & 7

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MONDAY, MAY 28

Memorial Day A/X/Y Swiss Teams10 & TBA

Mem. Day Flight B Bracketed Teams10 & TBA
No one over 3000 MP, 35-40% win GOLD

Pinehurst Side Series (5th of 5)10

49er and 499er Pairs10

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• UNDER 500 MP GAMES STRATIFIED AT DIRECTOR'S DISCRETION

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MONDAY, AUGUST 13

Kickoff KO 1:30 & 7:30
CONTINUES 10:30 & 3 TUESDAY

Open Pairs 1500/3000/3000+ . . . 1:30 & 7:30

Racehorse **Gold Rush** Pairs . . . 1:30 & 7:30

Fox Hunt Side Series (1st, 2nd of 4) 1:30 / 7:30

I/N Pairs 5/20/50 & 100/300/500 1:30 / 7:30

Charity Swiss Teams 7:30

AFTERNOON GAMES BENEFIT ACBL ED. FOUNDATION

EVENING GAMES BENEFIT LOCAL CHARITY

TUESDAY, AUGUST 14

0-5 MP PLAYERS **FREE** TODAY

Terrapin KO 10:30 & 3
CONTINUES 10:30 & 3 WEDNESDAY

Open Pairs 1500/3000/3000+ . . . 10:30 & 3

Steeplechase **Gold Rush** Pairs . . 10:30 & 3

Fox Hunt Side Series (3rd, 4th of 4) 10:30 / 3

I/N Pairs 5/20/50 & 100/300/500 10:30 / 3 / 7:30

Stratified Swiss Teams 3

Evening Side Fast Pairs Series (1st of 4) 7:30

ZIP Swiss Teams 7:30

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 15

Maryland KO 10:30 & 3
CONTINUES 10:30 & 3 THURSDAY

A/X Pairs 0-5000/5000+ 10:30 & 3

Mid-flight Pairs 0-1500/3000 . . . 10:30 & 3

Pimlico **Gold Rush** Pairs 10:30 & 3

Hunt Valley Side Series (1st, 2nd of 4) 10:30 / 3

I/N Pairs 5/20/50 & 100/300/500 10:30 / 3 / 7:30

Stratified Swiss Teams 3

Evening Side Fast Pairs Series (2nd of 4) 7:30

ZIP Swiss Teams 7:30

THURSDAY, AUGUST 16

Open Swiss Teams 0-5000/5000+ 10:30 & 3

Mid-flight Swiss Teams 0-1500/3000 10:30 & 3

Gold Rush Swiss Teams 0-300/750 10:30 & 3

I/N Pairs 5/20/50 & 100/300/500 10:30 / 3 / 7:30

Hunt Valley Side Series (3rd, 4th of 4) 10:30 / 3

Evening Side Fast Pairs Series (3rd of 4) 7:30

FRIDAY, AUGUST 17

Hunt Cup KO 10:30 & 3
CONTINUES 10:30 & 3 SATURDAY

A/X Pairs 0-5000/5000+ 10:30 & 3

Mid-flight Pairs 0-1500/3000 . . . 10:30 & 3

Thoroughbred **Gold Rush** Pairs . 10:30 & 3

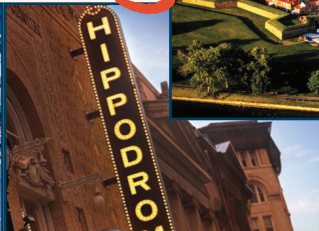


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FRIDAY, continued...

Orioles Side Series (1st, 2nd of 6) 10:30 / 3

I/N Pairs 5/20/50 & 100/300/500 10:30 / 3 / 7:30

Stratified Swiss Teams 3

Evening Side Fast Pairs Series (4th of 4) 7:30

ZIP Swiss Teams 7:30

SATURDAY, AUGUST 18

Open Pairs 1500/3000/3000+ . . . 10:30 & 3

Finish Line **Gold Rush** Pairs . . . 10:30 & 3

Orioles Side Series (3rd, 4th of 6) 10:30 / 3

I/N Pairs 5/20/50 & 100/300/500 10:30 / 3 / 7:30

3-Session Saturday KO . . . 11:30 & 3 & 7:30

FEWER BOARDS & SHORTER SESSIONS
- DETAILS ON DISTRICT 6 WEBSITE

Stratified Swiss Teams 3

ZIP Swiss Teams 7:30

SUNDAY, AUGUST 19

SEVEN 7-BOARD MATCHES WITH SHORT LUNCH BREAK

A/XY Swiss Teams 4000/6000/6000+ 10 & TBA

Bracketed B Teams 0-3000 10 & TBA

8 TEAMS PER BRACKET; 3 IN EACH BRACKET WIN GOLD

Orioles Side Series (5th, 6th of 6) . . . 10 / 2

• ALL KNOCKOUT (KO) EVENTS ARE BRACKETED, RANDOM DRAW & INCLUDE 0-300 PLAYERS; ONE- & TWO-BRACKET KOs ARE HANDICAPPED; NO PLAYBACKS BELOW TOP BRACKET IF POSSIBLE • STRATS DETERMINED BY MP AVERAGES, BUT NO PLAYER MAY EXCEED EVENT LIMIT; I/N EVENTS STRATIFIED BASED ON ATTENDANCE • ZIP SWISS (AKA TRIPLE NICKEL) IS 5 ROUNDS OF 5 BOARDS AND 5 MINUTES PER BOARD

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www.districtsixbridge.org FOR MORE INFORMATION

JEFFERSON BRIDGE SECTIONAL

Let's Play Bridge!



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

...FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 9

10:30 AM199ER AND STRATIFIED OPEN PAIRS

3:00 PM199ER AND STRATIFIED OPEN PAIRS

...SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 10

10:30 AM199ER AND STRATIFIED OPEN PAIRS

3:00 PM199ER AND STRATIFIED OPEN PAIRS

...SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11— Lunch Included

10:30 AM & TBABRACKETED SWISS TEAMS

*8 teams per bracket, 8 rounds, 7 boards per round
Bracketed by team average masterpoints.*

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ENTRY FEES

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

PAIR GAMES

\$10 per person

SUNDAY TEAM GAME

*\$25 per person,
includes lunch!*

**STRATIFICATION FOR
OPEN PAIR GAMES**

A: 1500+
B: 500 (OR LM) -1500
C: 0-500 (NLM)

HOSPITALITY

**MAGGIE ECKMAN AND
JEAN CRAIG**

**District Six Honor Roll:
San Diego, CA NABC,
Fall, 2017**

TOP TEN LISTS

District Six Members

1	184.63	Alan Sontag
2	91.03	Ai-Tai Lo
3	76.09	William Pettis
4	67.15	Chen Zhao
5	58.62	James Heneghan
6	55.24	David Ruderman
7	54.98	Peter Boyd
	54.98	Steve Robinson
9	46.75	Hal Jones Jr
10	38.35	Jim Gaarder
	38.35	Jimmy Ritzenberg

District Six Members with 0-3000 MPs

1	67.15	Chen Zhao
2	58.62	James Heneghan
3	46.75	Hal Jones Jr
4	38.35	Jimmy Ritzenberg
	38.35	Jim Gaarder
6	36.63	Carolyn Wood
7	35.81	Marvin Raines
8	35.33	Ann Acheson
	35.33	George Parkins
10	30.80	John McAllister

District Six Members with 0-750 MPs

1	67.15	Chen Zhao
2	58.62	James Heneghan
3	12.90	Barbara Teng
4	11.59	Robert Gray
5	11.04	Francesca Mazarella
	11.04	Rich Ardini
7	9.96	Anthony Hawks
8	8.05	Robbie Lloyd
	8.05	Carole Stringer
10	7.98	Regena Edwards

District Six Members with 0-300 MPs

1	67.15	Chen Zhao
2	58.62	James Heneghan
3	8.05	Robbie Lloyd
	8.05	Carole Stringer
5	7.03	Liz Barrett
	7.03	Bryan Barrett
7	4.50	Michele Greengard
	4.50	Joel Greengard
9	4.47	Sharon Bates
10	4.19	Amanda Stewart

**OVERALL PLACINGS
IN NATIONALLY RATED EVENTS**

NAIL LIFE MASTER PAIRS

- 12 Chen Zhao, College Park MD
36 Ai-Tai Lo, Reston VA
48 Mark Dahl, Richmond VA

0-10000 SWISS TEAMS

- 11 Bob Kerchner, Potomac MD

SUPER SENIOR PAIRS

- 10 Ed Lazarus, Baltimore MD
18 Mark Laken, Glyndon MD

MITCHELL OPEN B-A-M TEAMS

- 2 Alan Sontag, Gaithersburg MD
21 Steve Robinson, Arlington VA;
Peter Boyd, Darnestown MD
33 Beth Palmer, Chevy Chase MD
44 John McAllister, Charlottesville VA

BLUE RIBBON PAIRS

- 8 Ai-Tai Lo, Reston VA; William
Pettis, Chevy Chase MD
48 Steve Robinson, Arlington VA;
Peter Boyd, Darnestown MD
59 Beth Palmer, Chevy Chase MD;
William Cole, Silver Spring MD

0-5000 BLUE RIBBON PAIRS

- 38 Jerry Miller, Silver Spring MD
41 Betty Bursey, Herndon VA; Marsha
Brown, Alexandria VA

0-10000 FAST PAIRS

- 3 Jim Gaarder, Columbia MD; Jimmy
Ritzenberg, Bethesda MD

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♣ **Fairfax, VA** ♦ **FEBRUARY 15-18, 2018** ♥

NVBA WINTER SECTIONAL

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

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 15

STRATIFIED OPEN PAIRS (2000+/2000/750) or 500/300/100 PAIRS10:30 a.m.
Norma's Game: K of C Hall (KOCH), 5115 Little Falls Rd., Arlington, VA, 703-892-1292
*Evening games at: NVBA: Note special NVBA Thursday night site: **Elks Lodge** and*
*WBL: Ohr Kodesh Congregation, 8300 Meadowbrook Ln, Chevy Chase, MD **NVBA (Elks) WBL***
Intermediate/Newcomer Lecture6:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m.
STRATAFLIGHTED OPEN PAIRS (A/X=4000+/4000; B/C=2500/1500/750) .7:00 p.m. 7:30 p.m.
NVBA 199ER PAIRS (200/100/50); WBL 499ER PAIRS (500/300/100)7:00 p.m. 7:30 p.m.
NEWCOMER PAIRS (0-20)7:00 p.m. 7:30 p.m.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 16

Gene's Friday Morning Game at KOCH:9:30 a.m.
STRATIFIED OPEN (2000+/2000/750) or 500/300/100 PAIRS (NLMs only)
**...REST OF TOURNAMENT AT ELKS LODGE...
Intermediate/Newcomer Lecture1:15 p.m.**
STRATAFLIGHTED A/X (3000+/3000) or B/C (2000/750) PAIRS 2 p.m.
I/N (500/300/100) or 99ER (100/50/20)2 p.m.
TRIPLE NICKEL SWISS—5 rounds, 5 boards, 5 minutes a board .7:30 p.m.
I/N (500/300/100) PAIRS7:30 p.m.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 17

****ALL events on Sat. morning & afternoon award REGIONALLY RATED SILVER POINTS—an additional \$1 will be added to your entry fee to support Grass Roots events in our local area!****
TROPHY EVENT: MARGOT & DON HENNINGS TROPHY PAIRS
(2 SESSIONS – Qualifying and Barometer Final) . . .10:30 a.m. & 3 p.m.
STRATIFIED OPEN PAIRS (2000+/2000/750; Single session) 10:30 a.m.
If too few pairs for separate game, pairs will be accommodated in Poissant Pairs
I/N (500/300/100) or 49ER (50/20) PAIRS10:30 a.m.
STRATIFIED OPEN CONSOLATION (2000+/2000/750)3 p.m.
—Open to Non-Qualifiers and New Entrants.
Intermediate/Newcomer Lecture2:15 p.m.
I/N (500/300/100) PAIRS3 p.m.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 18

FLIGHTS A/X (6000+/6000) BOARD-A-MATCH TEAMS 10:30 a.m. & TBA
BRACKETED FLIGHT B TEAMS (no single player >3000) 10:30 a.m. & TBA
B Teams Bracketed by Total Team Masterpoints: three overall places in each.
A/X BAM& B Teams: 2-session events, a brief break & food available on-site.
I/N (500/300/100) SWISS TEAMS10:30 a.m. / 2:30 p.m.
49ER (50/20) SWISS TEAMS10:30 a.m.

SINGLE SESSION EVENTS are indicated by a slash (/) separating the start times.

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. **Games under 500 MP limit will be stratified based on attendance and may vary.**

DIRECTIONS: From Route 50/Arlington Boulevard heading west from Route 495/Beltway: Continue on/Take Route 50 West one mile outside the Beltway, & turn left at Javier Road (the second stoplight after the intersection of 50 and 495). Take an immediate right onto the access road; the Elks Lodge will be on your left—parking on the side & in the rear. **From Fairfax, heading East on Route 50:** Pass the intersection of Route 50 and Prosperity Avenue & turn right where you see the Elks Lodge #2188 sign.

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

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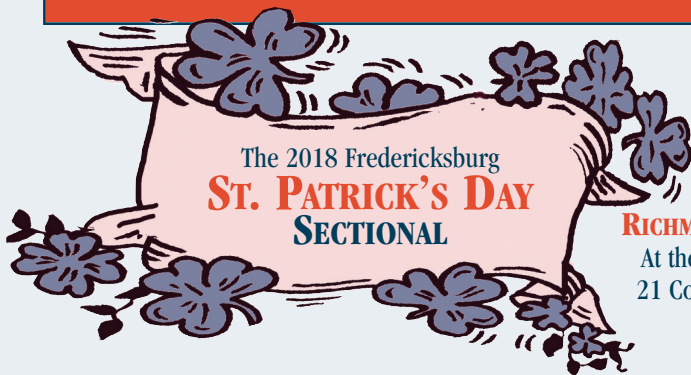
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Fredericksburg, VA



FRIDAY, MARCH 16

Stratified Open Pairs (0-300, 300-1500, 1500+)* . . . 10:00 am
Stratified Open Pairs (0-300, 300-1500, 1500+)* . . . 3:00 pm
99er Pairs (*pending sufficient entries*) 3:00 pm

SATURDAY, MARCH 17

Newcomer Pairs 0-300 10:00 am
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 (highest to lowest) giving all TWO chances to win!

SUNDAY, MARCH 18

Bracketed Swiss Teams 10:00 am & TBA
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. (Route 607), Fredericksburg, VA

DIRECTIONS: Coming from the North: Take 195 South to Exit 133-A (Rt 17 Business/Falmouth). Coming from the South: Take 195 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.

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

ENTRY FEES
\$10 per player/session;
\$88 per team on Sunday;
\$4 additional per player/session for unpaid ACBL members

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SENIOR MIXED PAIRS

- 31 Mary Tenenbaum - Alan Tenenbaum, Rockville MD
- 34 Eugene Kales, Arlington VA; Ellen Cherniavsky, Silver Spring MD

NORTH AMERICAN SWISS TEAMS

- 21 James Heneghan, Washington DC
- 24 David Ruderman, Burtonsville MD
- 26 Chen Zhao, College Park MD
- 27 Lyle Poe Jr, Ellicott City MD

NABC+ MIXED SWISS TEAMS

- 25 Tracy Brines - Maureen Brines, Virginia Beach VA

Sun, Fun, and Work in San Diego

—REPORT FROM DISTRICT DIRECTOR MARGOT HENNINGS, Margot10bridge@cox.net

The Fall NABC Venue and D6 Successes: If Toronto had not been so fabulous, I would be writing that the venue for this fall's NABC was the best in many years. The Grand Hyatt in San Diego was an excellent site with many nearby restaurants to fit all pocket-books, and the weather could not have cooperated any better than it did. I am fondly remembering mid-70s temperatures as I write this during one of the most prolonged severe cold spells the east coast has ever experienced. Hotter even than the temperatures in San Diego were District 6 (D6) partners **Bill Pettis** and **Ai-Tai Lo**, who placed **8th in the Blue Ribbon Pairs**, one of the two renowned three-day Pairs events at the fall NABC (the other being the Platinum Pairs, which kicks off the first weekend). This notable overall placement follows their even hotter win this past summer (with Beth Palmer and Bill Cole) in the final weekend three-day National Swiss.



40th Annual LYNCHBURG SPRING SECTIONAL

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FRIDAY, MARCH 23 (single session events)

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

SATURDAY, MARCH 24 (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 25

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 \$100/team
\$4 additional/person for unpaid ACBL members

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

Tournament Chair – **Anne Barlow** (434) 237-8143, abarlow503@gmail.com

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Tournament Hotel

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

Directions to Rec Center: 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.

The New Year Brings a New ACBL

President: The President for the following year is elected at the Fall NABC meeting of the ACBL Board of Directors (BOD), and it has been recent practice for the new President to give the reins to his successor shortly after the vote has been taken. This year, Bob Heller, 2016 ACBL President and our neighbor from District 7 to the south, turned over the direction of the BOD to Jay Whipple, his immediate neighbor (District 9) to the south, following the vote tally of this year's competitive Presidential election. Many of you know Jay, and those of you who think you don't, know his work through his creation of both the Fast Results (FR) and the Common Game (TCG) programs. For those of you who are interested, there is a good article about Jay and the background of these programs in the D9 publication, The Sunshine News. You can find it at http://www.district9acbl.org/SBN/SBN_Index.htm. Jay is dedicated, creative, always pushing forward (his email moniker is "What's Next?"), and perhaps the hardest working person I have ever met. Between Jay—who as President sets the Board agenda in response to the BOD's Strategic Plan and is instrumental in liaising with the ACBL CEO and Management to ensure strategic goals are met—and Bahar—your new ACBL CEO with lots of new "Big Ideas" (see below paragraphs of that name)—we can expect some interesting and fast-paced changes this year, with well-thought-out strategic direction from the help to guide them.

Special Recognition: The Fall is also the time when ACBL recognizes key individuals for their extraordinary contributions to the organization. The first awardee is well-known to many of us in D6 and his appointment is so-well deserved—**Pete Misslin**, who co-chairs the Gatlinburg Regional with his wife, Julia, was named the **2017 Nadine Wood Volunteer of the Year**. Gatlinburg is like a third NABC in terms of size, complexity, and the organizational skills required to run it successfully. I cannot say enough about Pete (and Julia)—the fact that Gatlinburg is an annual Regional and takes exceptional dedication year-round makes this an even more noteworthy appointment. Nadine would be very pleased. **Jan Martel**, who has done yeoman's work in making bridge accessible to all of us who like to kibitz national ACBL events online through BridgeBaseOnline (BBO),

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**71st Annual CITY OF
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at the **MARGARET SCHWEINHAUT SENIOR CENTER**
1000 Forest Glen Rd, Silver Spring, MD **(Friday-Sunday only)**



THURSDAY, APRIL 5

- ♣ 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. Mark Presbyterian Church, 10701 Old Georgetown Rd, N. Bethesda, MD
- ♦ StrataFlighted A/X (unlim/4000) & B/C/D (2500/1500/750) Pairs (*both sites*),
Intermediate/Novice Pairs (500/300/100) (*Kensington*), Stratified 199er
Pairs (200/100/50) (*Beth El*), & 0-20 Pairs (*both sites*)
Beth El Hebrew Congregation, 3830 Seminary Road, Alexandria 7:00pm
- ♣ **Kensington Town Hall**, 3710 Mitchell St., Kensington, MD 7:30pm
I-495 to Exit 33, Connecticut Ave. North (Rt. 185N to Kensington). 1.5 miles, right at light—Knowles Ave.
1st left at stop to parking lot on right. Additional parking in nearby lots.

FRIDAY, APRIL 6

- ♣ *StrataFlighted A/X (unlim/4000) & B/C/D Pairs (2500/1500/750) (single sessions)11 am, 3 pm
- ♦ **Relaxed & Fun Stratified IMP Pairs/Teams** (unlim/2500/750) 7:30 pm
—**2 Chances to Win!**— This innovative 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) 11 am, 3 pm, 7:30 pm

—Lunch available for purchase—

SATURDAY, APRIL 7

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

- ♣ *StrataFlighted A/X (unlim/4000) & B/C/D Pairs (2500/1500/750) (single sessions) . . .11 am, 3:30 pm
- ♦ Intermediate/Novice Pairs (500/300/100) & 49er Pairs (50/20/5) (single sessions) . . . 11 am, 3:30 pm

—Lunch available for purchase—

SUNDAY, APRIL 8

- ♣ Flights A/X (unlim/5000) Swiss Teams (*2 session playthrough w/break*)11 am & TBA
- ♣ Bracketed Flight B Teams (no single player >3000) (*2 session playthrough w/break*)11 am & TBA
B Teams Bracketed by total team masterpoints; three overall places in each.
- ♦ 500/300/100 Swiss Teams, VPs (single sessions)11 am, 3 pm

♣ **Lots of Intermediate & Novice Events w/ Silver Points!** ♥0-5 MP play FREE! ♠
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, bathurer256@gmail.com; **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/2500/750)
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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been instrumental in making the United States Bridge Federation a viable entity, and so much more, was named the **2017 ACBL Honorary Member of the Year**. Finally, **Nelda Linman** of Bend, Oregon was appointed the **2018 Aileen Osofsky ACBL Goodwill Member of the Year**.

The First Big Ideas: This past summer, you received ten proposed "Big Ideas" from ACBL Headquarters (HQ)/CEO Bahar. You ranked those ideas, as did the BOD, and in San Diego, we gave HQ our recommendations based on all input. The BOD applauds the hard work and out-of-the-box thinking by Management and Staff and is in favor of continuing this approach, albeit with an eye toward how plans and actions support the furtherance of the current strategic goals—increasing membership, investing in technology infrastructure to establish the future architecture of ACBLscore, and addressing Volunteer burnout and shortages. Regarding the first set of Big Ideas, the BOD suggested moving forward with the four that seek to Improve Teaching Results (with restrictions in the 2018 budget on the extent of funding that can be used for this), Advertise/Promote/Sponsor, Simplify Masterpoints, and Develop Strength-Based Ratings. Although not all of these directly support the current strategic goals, they do contribute to making bridge more understandable and accessible to Members and therefore will help attract new Members as well. The remain-

DISTRICT 6 STAC

(Sectional Tournament at Clubs)

May 7-13 and Jun 11-17

- ♣ 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
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ing six were considered non-starters or in need of significant improvement.

More Big Ideas: A number of motions and Discussion Items proposed by Management were voted on and approved in San Diego; others were voted down or withdrawn in Committee. Some Ideas that did not make the “Top Ten” list were considered examples of Management over-reach—e.g., standardizing District financial reporting, conducting post-tournament surveys (there was a different emphasis in this than in what is currently distributed and collated by Fast Results—plus HQ wanted to mandate District participation and charge Districts for this!)—and gained little traction. More Big Ideas are coming—including some involving clubs and online play among others, as discussed in Bahar’s column in the December 2017 ACBL Bulletin. The BOD is vetting all proposed new Big Ideas and requiring that Management present the Idea’s relevance to a “Theory of Change” and a cost/benefit analysis for all the Ideas it wishes to pursue in Philadelphia this Spring.

Experimental Regional Events: In my report of the actions at the Summer meetings in Toronto and beyond, I explained in detail the opportunities District 6 had to be on the cutting edge of “new, experimental events” involving running **regionally-rated Gold point events in clubs** and tweaking **Knockout formats and bracket sizes** to encourage more player participation. The combined trends of decreasing Regional participation—almost 7% overall in the past three years—and a slight increase in the number of Regionals held, call for creative ideas to stimulate continued Member interest in attending. The experiments in which D6 participated in November were highly successful with **REACH (Regional Event at the Club House)** drawing more than 1,800 players across three masterpoint “pools” during the week of November 13-17 in daytime clubs in primarily the Eastern time zone. This first REACH event in clubs was run by Jay Whipple through The Common Game and more REACH-like events will be run by ACBL in 2018, with the first one coinciding with the International Fund Game over the weekend of February 3 and continuing during “afternoons” of February 5-9 from the Eastern through the Pacific time zones. Format changes such as the **“variable-board/three-session/same-day” KO** that was played on Saturday at the Chesapeake Regional and allowed teams knocked out in the first round to enter a second championship event the same day are being scheduled for other District 6 Regionals this year. Also tried in

♠ **Norfolk/Va. Beach, VA** ♣ **APRIL 6-8, 2018** ♦



Norfolk/ Virginia Beach Spring Sectional

Unit 146 Bridge Center

4966 Euclid Road, Virginia Beach, VA 23462

—Stratification based on partnership/team average—

Directions: Take North Witchduck exit off I-264. After 4/10 mile, turn right onto Cleveland Street. After 3/10 mile, turn diagonally right on Euclid Road. The Bridge Center is at 4966 Euclid Road, 3/10 mile on the left, in the U-shaped Pocahontas Office Park.

Nearby Hotels: **Hampton Inn**, 5793 Greenwich Road, Virginia Beach, 757-490-9800
Motel 6, 4760 Euclid Road, Virginia Beach, 757-499-1935

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

Friday, April 6

(Light lunch served between sessions)

Stratified Pairs (single sessions)10:30 AM & 2:30 PM

(0-750, 750-1500, 1500+ MPs)

Novice Pairs (single sessions) . . .10:30 AM & 2:30 PM

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

Saturday, April 7

(Light lunch served between sessions)

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

Novice Pairs10:30 AM

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

Bracketed Pairs/Board-A-Match Teams2:30 PM

(Play in a stratified pairs game. At the same time, each pair is teamed according to MP (highest to lowest). *Two chances to win!*)

Sunday, April 8

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 \$4 for unpaid ACBL members.

Great Hospitality: Includes free snacks, sodas and coffee for all events.

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

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NORTHERN VIRGINIA BRIDGE ASSOCIATION
PRING SECTIONAL TOURNAMENT

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

THURSDAY, APRIL 26

STRATIFIED OPEN PAIRS (2000+/2000/750) or 500/300/100 PAIRS10:30 a.m.
Norma's Game: K of C Hall (KOCH), 5115 Little Falls Rd., Arlington, VA, 703-892-1292
*Evening games at: NVBA: *Beth El Hebrew Congregation* 3830 Seminary Rd, Alexandria, VA, and*
WBL: Ohr Kodesh Congregation, 8300 Meadowbrook Ln, Chevy Chase, MD **NVBA (Beth El) WBL**
Intermediate/Newcomer Lecture6:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m.
STRATAFLIGHTED OPEN PAIRS (A/X=4000+/4000; B/C=2500/1500/750) .7:00 p.m. 7:30 p.m.
NVBA 199ER PAIRS (200/100/50); WBL 499ER PAIRS (500/300/100)7:00 p.m. 7:30 p.m.
NEWCOMER PAIRS (0-20)7:00 p.m. 7:30 p.m.

FRIDAY, APRIL 27

Gene's Friday Morning Game at KOCH:9:30 a.m.
STRATIFIED OPEN (2000+/2000/750) or 500/300/100 PAIRS (NLMs only)
...REST OF TOURNAMENT AT ELKS LODGE...
Intermediate/Newcomer Lecture1:15 p.m.
STRATAFLIGHTED A/X (3000+/3000) or B/C (2000/750) PAIRS 2 p.m.
I/N (500/300/100) or 99ER (100/50/20)2 p.m.
TRIPLE NICKEL SWISS—5 rounds, 5 boards, 5 minutes a board .7:30 p.m.
I/N (500/300/100) PAIRS7:30 p.m.

SATURDAY, APRIL 28

****ALL events on Sat. morning & afternoon award REGIONALLY RATED SILVER POINTS—an additional \$1 will be added to your entry fee to support Grass Roots events in our local area!****
STRATAFLIGHTED A/X or B/C PAIRS10:30 a.m. / 3 p.m.
A/X (3000+/3000) or B/C (2000/750)
I/N (500/300/100) or 49ER (50/20) PAIRS10:30 a.m.
Intermediate/Newcomer Lecture2:15 p.m.
I/N (500/300/100) PAIRS3 p.m.

SUNDAY, APRIL 29

FLIGHTS A/X (6000+/6000) SWISS TEAMS10:30 a.m. & TBA
BRACKETED FLIGHT B TEAMS (no single player >3000) 10:30 a.m. & TBA
B Teams Bracketed by Total Team Masterpoints: three overall places in each.
A/X Swiss & B Teams: 2-session events, a brief break & food available on-site.
I/N (500/300/100) SWISS TEAMS10:30 a.m. / 2:30 p.m.
49ER (50/20) SWISS TEAMS10:30 a.m.

SINGLE SESSION EVENTS are indicated by a slash (/) separating the start times.

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. **Games under 500 MP limit will be stratified based on attendance and may vary.**

DIRECTIONS: From Route 50/Arlington Boulevard heading west from Route 495/Beltway: Continue on/Take Route 50 West one mile outside the Beltway, & turn left at Javier Road (the second stoplight after the intersection of 50 and 495). Take an immediate right onto the access road; the Elks Lodge will be on your left—parking on the side & in the rear. **From Fairfax, heading East on Route 50:** Pass the intersection of Route 50 and Prosperity Avenue & turn right where you see the Elks Lodge #2188 sign.

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Championship Events and 499er Events for Novice and Intermediate Players on Thursday and Friday!
Players with 0-5 Masterpoints play FREE in ALL games!

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Mid-Chart Conventions permitted in all AX Events

Next NVBA Sectional
Sept 6-9 at Arlington/
Fairfax Elks Lodge
(Thurs at KOCH)

www.nvba.org

Chesapeake and being integrated in upcoming District 6 Regional schedules is a “Mini-Soloway” **KO-style format** (see bullet below about this new fall NABC event), where KO brackets are run as 2-session Swisses or Round Robins the first day, with the top four teams in each bracket qualifying for the semi-finals the second day. As was done in Chesapeake, any event registered with ACBL as “experimental” may cut brackets at sizes smaller than have been prevalent in the past with no significant decrease in masterpoints awarded. The severe “hit” taken by sizing brackets smaller than 16 teams is one aspect of KOs that these new formats are seeking to address and correct. Other experimental formats are being tried by other Districts and District 6 may include some of those as well in its 2018 Regional schedules. Conditions of Contest will continue to evolve, with the goal of institutionalizing new formats and masterpoint awards by the end of the year at the latest. Please be sure to give tournament organizers your feedback on these events.

BOD Member Term Limits: Yes, this finally passed, at least its first hurdle. Since a change in the term (currently unrestricted) a BOD Member may serve is regulated by the Bylaws, this motion limiting District Directors to four consecutive three-year terms—which passed 15-9 with one Member absent when the vote took place—needs a second reading at the Spring meetings in Philadelphia, and then to be approved by the Board of Governors (BOG). Article V, Section 5.3.3 is now proposed to read: “District Directors are limited. If an alternate assumes the position of District Director and is in office for a period of six regular meetings or more, the alternate shall be deemed to have served a full three-year term. Terms served or started prior to January 1, 2019 shall not be counted towards the four consecutive three-year terms.” Those who voted for this motion (of which I was one) believe that four terms are a reasonable amount of time to serve and will help usher in new blood and new ideas while maintaining a cadre of BOD members who have historical perspective and practical experience in ACBL administrative practices as well as detailed knowledge of the context of issues critical to moving forward. Those who voted against this motion feel strongly that Districts should maintain the ability to elect their representatives for as long as they wish (a feeling I shared when this was last brought up for a vote).

Financial Topics: The preliminary budget is presented for review at the Fall meeting and revisited at the Spring NABC for final approval

based on additional information and projections available at that time. After a great deal of discussion in San Diego, a loss of \$170,000 was approved. ACBL has a great deal of cash in the bank and a great many internal needs that require serious expenditures, including continued training and mentoring of tournament directors, technology support (a key strategic goal), and marketing efforts to promote ACBL membership—another key strategic goal. To help fund these efforts, ACBL hopes to attract new Members through the sale of **new \$7.99 temporary ACBL memberships** in 2018. Temporary memberships may be purchased by anyone who has not previously been an ACBL Member, but the player must be sponsored by a club, tournament or teacher, who will receive a recruitment bonus; these memberships will be valid for one month and can be renewed. All players in charity events and in events with an upper masterpoint limit greater than 20 who wish to play in ACBL-sanctioned sectionals and regionals must have valid membership numbers in order to participate. Sponsoring organizations will continue to charge a mandatory additional fee of at least \$4 per person per session for inactive members. The vote for this was 14-9 with one abstention and one absent, but those of us who voted for it believed that we should give Management the opportunity to flex its marketing muscle and implement this idea for growth of our membership organization. Also contributing to the projected \$170,000 loss is a \$100,000 commitment to the World Bridge Federation (WBF) to support the World Championships in Orlando this coming September, and the expected loss to be incurred in supporting the NABC in Honolulu this Fall.

Other Key Actions: *Note:* More detailed information about all of the items discussed above and in this section can be found in the Minutes for the Fall meetings in San Diego at <http://www.acbl.org/about-acbl/administration/board-of-directors/meeting-motions-and-minutes/>.

- Following the success of the first **online Robot Tournament** during the summer NABC in Toronto—2,510 players participated in what became known as the “Pajama Games”—an NABC Robot individual tournament (format to be determined) will be added to the schedule for each of the three NABCs.

- Important news for **lapsed Members:** We have received numerous reports from NLMs that they are discouraged by the greater number of pigmented points required to attain LM status, and many have dropped their membership. If you



Blue Crab Sectional
TRAPPE VOL FIRE CO. HALL
 4001 Powell Avenue, Trappe, MD
New Event Site with Elevator

THURSDAY MAY 17 (single sessions)

Stratified Pairs: 0-750/750-2000/2000+10:00 AM & 2:15 PM
 I/N Stratified Pairs: 0-50/50-100/100-29910:00 AM & 2:15 PM

FRIDAY MAY 18 (single sessions)

Stratified Pairs: 0-750/750-2000/2000+10:00 AM & 2:15 PM
 I/N Stratified Pairs: 0-50/50-100/100-29910:00 AM & 2:15 PM

Eastern Shore Hospitality

Morning coffee; Afternoon cookies; Light lunch between all sessions

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Directions: On US 50 East, come through Easton, six miles to Trappe. Turn right on Greenfield Avenue, 0.2 miles past High’s Store. Powell Avenue is two blocks away. From Cambridge and further East, on US 50 West, cross the Choptank Bridge, 4 miles to turn left onto Main Street, drive a few blocks, Powell Avenue is on your Right.

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Choptank River Lighthouse



Non Life Master Sectional

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Maryland Hospitality

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Play for Silver!

NLMs with fewer than 500 MPs

Saturday, May 19

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, May 20 *(All day playthrough with lunch break)*

Stratified Swiss Teams (500/200/100) 10:30 am

—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 CHAIR & PARTNERSHIPS:

Murat Berk, mmerk@gmail.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.

know of Members to whom this applies, please be sure to tell them that: In San Diego, the BOD voted that if you joined the ACBL prior to 2010 and subsequently let your membership lapse, you can have your membership reinstated prior to July 1, 2018 at no charge and the LM rank requirements existing prior to 2010 will be applied to you. After July 1, 2018, you may rejoin for a \$50 fee and the LM rank requirements existing prior to 2010 will be applied to you.

• **Three-flighted Regional events** may be run with up to two strats in each of the top two flights and up to three strata in the third flight—this is a change from the current accepted practice of having three flights, each with two strats.

• A number of you have expressed chagrin about the way in which **overall awards** are calculated in **NABC+ events**. Now, for six-session NABC+ pair and team games, all pairs/teams that qualify for the final two sessions will be included in the overalls if there are at least 10/19 tables (pairs/teams) and the calculated award is not less than one (1.00) masterpoint. The depth of the award will be at least 10% of the number of pairs/teams in the field, up to a maximum of 25% of the number of pairs/teams in the field. Now we just need to get *ACBLscore* to implement this new requirement correctly!

• The **electronic device policy** in place at NABCs shall be adopted by all ACBL Regional tournaments. A similar proposal to require the same policy at sectionals was defeated 9-14-2—I was one of the nine who voted for it. If we expect to run Sectional Tournament at Clubs (STaCs) and other games in clubs, a consistent electronic policy at sectionals and in clubs should be followed.

• The **Mini-Blue Ribbon masterpoint limit** has been increased to 6,000 masterpoints from the previous 5,000 masterpoints, to match the upper limit of the GNT events.

• A **new extended team event**, the Soloway KO, will be introduced into the Fall NABC schedule, beginning in 2019. This will parallel the Vanderbilt in the Spring and Spingold in the Summer NABC, and will start with a two-day Swiss-qualifying event, after which the top 32 teams will proceed to the KO portion. This event is the request of the top-player-comprised National Competitions and Conventions Committee, and it is hoped that its format will encourage many teams that might not otherwise enter a high-level team event to do so.

• Any future NABC events with extended team games that have the quarterfinal of that

event on the first day of a three-day team event will allow **drop ins**. Specific rules govern masterpoint awards.

- A decision on accepting the newly proposed **Basic Chart, Basic+ Chart, Open Chart and Open+ Chart** to replace the current General Conventions Chart, ACBL Mid-Chart, ACBL Superchart and ACBL Limited Conventions Chart was deferred until the spring meeting to ensure sufficient time to thoroughly review all provisions within these charts.

- The motion requiring each pair (in an event without screens) to have one **Convention Card** that includes the names of each member of the partnership legibly filled out and on the table throughout the session was defeated. This motion was proposed because currently, TWO identical convention cards with the names of the partnership are required and this requirement is frequently not met. The fear on the part of those who defeated this motion (I was among them) was that by reducing the number from two to one, there was even LESS chance of there being even one card on the table. As with enforcement of slow play, this requirement is one that needs to be emphasized as important when director training is done, and enforcement must be consistent—not an easy goal to achieve.

- As of this month (subject to existing contracts), **Masterpoints awarded at Regionals at Sea** will be reduced from 100% to 80% of the award generated by the appropriate formula for the event.

BOD Meeting Durations: Again, at the Fall NABC, BOD face-to-face meetings overlapped with the first nationally rated events and ran four-and-a-half days, including six hours on Thanksgiving. The Fall meetings always have a “heavy” schedule due to the first publication of the budget. In 2018, Jay has projected that face-to-face formal BOD meetings will last just three days and finish before the start of the tournament—this latter now a requirement for the Spring and Summer based on passage of a motion in San Diego. Not having meetings on Fridays and Saturdays allows BOD members to attend other functions on those days and still saves the League one or two days in hotel and per diem fees depending on whether the BOG holds its meetings on Saturday or on Sunday.

As always, contact me with any questions at margot10bridge@cox.net. Hope to see many of you at the Williamsburg Regional at the end of February!

—Margot

♣ **Halethorpe, MD** ♦ **JUNE 1-3, 2018** ♥

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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 the Maryland Bridge Assc.).

—All pair events are single session—

FRIDAY, June 1

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)

Non-Life Master 499er Pairs (0-100/200/500 MPs)1 pm

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

SATURDAY, June 2

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

Non-Life Master 499er Pairs (0-100/200/500 MPs) (single sessions)10 am & 3 pm

SUNDAY, June 3

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

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

DIRECTIONS: See www.americanlegionpost109.org 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.

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Williamsburg Spring Sectional

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Unit 110

Friday, June 1

Stratified Pairs10:00 am & 2:30 pm
(0-300, 300-1250, 1250+ MPs—Average points) *(single sessions)*

Newcomer/99er Pairs *(single sessions) (if attendance warrants)* 10:00 am & 2:30 pm

Saturday, June 2

Stratified Pairs (0-300, 300-1250, 1250+ MPs —Average points)10:00 am

Newcomer/99er Pairs *(if attendance warrants)*10:00 am

Stratified Pairs/Board-A-Match Teams—*Two chances to win!*2:30 pm
(0-300, 300-1250, 1250+) Stratified pairs game. At the same time, each pair is teamed according to masterpoints for a BAM.

Sunday, June 3—*Including lunch!*

Swiss Teams10:00 am & TBA

Entry Fees: \$10 per person per session; \$88 *(includes lunch)* per Swiss Team
\$4 additional/person/session for unpaid ACBL members

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Williamsburg Hospitality!

Directions: Located off Rt. 60, east of Colonial Williamsburg.

Cambridge, MD Regional Winners November 13-19, 2017

TOP POINT WINNERS

District 6 Players

- 1 90.50 Brad Theurer
- 2 80.46 Steve Robinson
- 3 80.10 Rebecca Duty
- 4 77.34 William Cole
- 5 69.93 Fred King
- 6 62.37 Lyle Poe Jr
- 7 60.48 Andrew Gofreed
60.48 Muh-Sha Crawford
- 9 57.85 Brian Schoenfeld
- 10 57.31 Gregory Bright

District 6 Players <3000 MPs

- 1 56.02 Adrienne Kuehneman
- 2 42.59 Beth Reshefsky
- 3 42.46 Jack Smuck
42.46 John Becker
- 5 39.93 Carol Mumma
- 6 39.60 Peter Haglich
- 7 37.16 Hank Meyer
- 8 36.46 Barbara Devaney
- 9 35.68 Jay Cherlow
35.68 Albert Lauber

District 6 Players <750 MPs

- 1 36.46 Barbara Devaney
- 2 32.87 Richard Barth
32.87 Brian Mc Namara
- 4 30.67 Judy Retchin
- 5 29.69 Daria Snider
- 6 26.30 Glenn Terrell
26.30 Dottie Terrell
- 8 25.98 Armanda Henderson
25.98 John Henderson
- 10 25.89 Linda Meade

District 6 Players <300 MPs

- 1 36.46 Barbara Devaney
- 2 25.89 Linda Meade
- 3 22.02 Judith Fried
- 4 18.80 Amy Brisson
- 5 18.65 Herb Lichtenstein
- 6 17.94 John Graf
- 7 16.32 Chris Napjus
16.32 George Napjus
- 9 15.58 Beth Rafferty
- 10 14.95 Joan Park Buckle

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

November 2016

Alice Faintich, Crozet, VA
Cheri Hayes, Washington, DC
John Henderson, Ashburn, VA
Leo Potsiadlo, Columbia, MD
Charlie Wermine, West River, MD

December 2016

Flora Bradley, Aberdeen, MD
James Crowley, Williamsburg, VA
Christine D'Ambra, North Chesterfield, VA
Hannah Gallier, Richmond, VA
Thomas Kasvin, Richmond, VA
Stephanie McLeod, Virginia Beach, VA
Margaret Neiberger, Winchester, VA
Philip Somers, Prospect, VA
Karen Sprague, Port Tobacco, MD
Franny Van Dyke, Washington, DC

January 2017

Francine Donahue, Arlington, VA
David Street, Reston, VA
Carol Webster, Potomac, MD
Duane Webster, Potomac, MD

February 2017

Walter Beckerman, Crofton, MD
Shiang Chen, Centreville, VA
Ellen Davis, Danville, VA
Howard Haynes, Williamsburg, VA
Eileen Street, Reston, VA
Emmett Williams, Kitty Hawk, NC

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♠ **Blacksburg, VA** ♣ **JUNE 1-3, 2018** ♦

Southwest Virginia ♦ Unit 231 ♦ Sectional

*0-99 pair games Friday and Saturday
Cash prizes ♦ Lunch provided each day
Snacks, coffee, soft drinks during all sessions*

❖ **Schedule** ❖

Friday, June 1

- ❖ Stratified Pairs10 am & 2 pm
(0-300, 300-1250, 1250+ MPs)
(single sessions)
- ❖ 99er Pairs10 am & 2 pm
(single sessions) (if attendance warrants)

Saturday, June 2

- ❖ Stratified Pairs10 am
(0-300, 300-1250, 1250+ MPs)
- ❖ 99er Pairs10 am
- ❖ Bracketed Pairs/Board-A-Match Teams2 pm
(Play in a stratified pairs game. At the same time, each pair is teamed according to MP, highest with lowest, etc. *Two chances to win!*)

Sunday, June 3

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

**BLACKSBURG
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Entry Fees

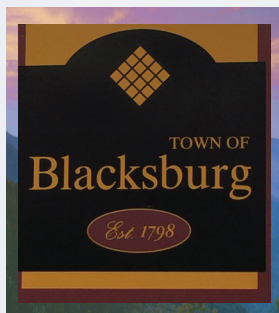
\$10 per person, per session. \$96 per Swiss Team. (\$4.00 additional per person per session for unpaid ACBL members.)

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Potomac

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

THURSDAY, JUNE 7

- ♣ StrataFlighted A/X (unlim/2000) & B/C/D (1000/500/300) Pairs ... 11:15am
Rockville Duplicate Bridge Club, 301-503-3348 (Mark Lavine)
St. Mark Presbyterian Church, 10701 Old Georgetown Rd, N. Bethesda, MD
- ♦ StrataFlighted A/X (unlim/4000) & B/C/D (2500/1500/750) Pairs (both sites),
Intermediate/Novice Pairs (500/300/100) (Ohr Kodesh), Stratified
199er Pairs (200/100/50) (Beth El), & 0-20 Pairs (both sites)
Beth El Hebrew Congregation, 3830 Seminary Road, Alexandria 7:00pm
Ohr Kodesh Congregation, 8300 Meadowbrook Ln., Chevy Chase 7:30pm
I-495 to Connecticut Ave. S. 4th light left E-W Hwy 410. Left Meadowbrook Ln.
1st left Freyman Dr. Parking lot on left. No outside food allowed.

FRIDAY, JUNE 8

- ♣ *StrataFlighted A/X (unlim/4000) & B/C/D Pairs (2500/1500/750) (single sessions) 11 am, 3 pm
- ♦ **Relaxed & Fun Stratified IMP Pairs/Teams** (unlim/2500/750) 7:30 pm
—2 Chances to Win!— This innovative 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) 11 am, 3 pm, 7:30 pm

—Lunch available for purchase—

SATURDAY, JUNE 9

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

- ♣ **15th Annual: Washington Bridge League Trophy Pairs**
awarding the **Steve Robinson Trophy** 11 am & 3:30 pm
Two session Open Pairs (unlim/4000), qualifying and final. Single session entries available.
- ♦ Stratified B/C/D Pairs (2500/1500/750) 11 am
- ♥ *StrataFlighted A/X (unlim/4000) & B/C/D Pairs (2500/1500/750) 3:30 pm
- ♦ Intermediate/Novice Pairs (500/300/100) & 49er Pairs (50/20/5) (single sessions) ... 11 am, 3:30 pm

—Lunch available for purchase—

SUNDAY, JUNE 10

- ♠ Flights A/X (unlim/5000) Swiss Teams (2 session playthrough w/break) 11 am & TBA
- ♣ Bracketed Flight B Teams (no single player >3000) (2 session playthrough w/break) ... 11 am & TBA
B Teams Bracketed by total team masterpoints; three overall places in each.
- ♦ 500/300/100 Swiss Teams, VPs (single sessions) 11 am, 3 pm
- ♣ **Lots of Intermediate & Novice Events w/ Silver Points! ♥0-5 MP play FREE! ♠**
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, batheurer256@gmail.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/2500/750)
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.



**73rd Annual
POTOMAC
VALLEY
TOURNAMENT**

Congratulations, New LMs! cont. from p 17

March 2017

[None]

April 2017

Alice Ling, Great Falls, VA
Susan Mathews, Norfolk, VA
Ted Dyke, Washington, DC

May 2017

Arthur Fleming, Williamsburg, VA
Jacob Hornberger, Ashburn, VA
Ed Krest, ElkrIDGE, MD
Phyllis Morgan, Chesapeake Beach, MD
Robert VanDuyne, Williamsburg, VA
Hanna Wagner, Washington, DC
Gary Wisniski, Scottsdale, AZ

June 2017

Marinus Koch, Forest, VA
Francesca Mazarella, Alexandria, VA
Richard McMillan Jr, Gibson Island, MD
Daniel Morgan, Vienna, VA
Jacqueline Poliquin, Midlothian, VA
Judy Retchin, Washington, DC
Andrew Richardson, Chesterfield, VA
Edie Ring, Chesterfield, VA
Mark Sonder, Linden, VA
Stephany Steinberg, Ellicott City, MD

July 2017

Irene Jacobs, Blacksburg, VA
Julie Marquette, Olney, MD
Alice Prior, Richmond, VA
Mark Prosser, Williamsburg, VA
Ila Shah, Mechanicsville, MD
Carrie Singer, Frederick, MD
Daria Snider, Gum Spring, VA

August 2017

Lawrence Fox, Fairfax Station, VA
Patrick Herbst, Falls Church, VA
David Lindley, Alexandria, VA
Gerard Mulvenna, Rockville, MD
Gordon Trotter, Ocean City, MD

September 2017

John Blodgett, Jefferson, MD
Sandra Brooks, Lynchburg, VA
Sue Erdman, Arnold, MD
Bernice Felix, Silver Spring, MD
Delray Green, Baltimore, MD
Carol Kahn, Silver Spring, MD
Mary Ourand, Washington, DC
James Wolf, Baltimore, MD

October 2017

[None]

November 2017

Joni Bialzak, Timonium, MD
Gretta Bordcosh, Falls Church, VA
Michael Corrigan, Reston, VA
Joseph Evans, Sparks, MD
Barry Ko, Arlington, VA
James Mosley, Herndon, VA
Richard Padgett, Reston, VA
Harry Potter, Herndon, VA
Martha Riviere, Annapolis, MD
Donnie Walsh, Richmond, VA
Irwin Yanus, Ellicott City, MD

December 2017

Jim Anderson, Williamsburg, VA
David Arbuthnot, Lusby, MD
Terry Coates, Wheaton, MD
John Horner, Silver Spring, MD
Joanne Livingston, Glen Allen, VA
Judith Perrier, Bethesda, MD
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Barbara Teng, Bethesda, MD

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Richmond Spring Sectional

—30% Bigger Playing Area—

—Plenty of Free Parking—

—Same Famous Richmond Hospitality—

ACCA Temple: 1712 Bellevue Avenue

Separate Friendly Bridge 0-300 games Fri. & Sat.

FRIDAY, JUNE 8 *Newcomer Lecture* 9:00 AM
RBA Friendly Bridge 0-300 game 10:00 AM / 3:00 PM
Stratified Open Pairs (750/2000/2000+) 10:00 AM
Stratified Open Pairs (750/2000/2000+) 3:00 PM

SATURDAY, JUNE 9 *Newcomer Lecture* 9:00 AM
RBA Friendly Bridge 0-300 game 10:00 AM
Stratified Open Pairs (750/2000/2000+) 10:00 AM
Bracketed Pairs/Board-a-Match Teams 3:00 PM
A, B, and C play in sectional pairs game. At the same time, each pair is teamed according to MP (highest to lowest). Two chances to win!!

SUNDAY, JUNE 10—*lunch provided*
Free coffee, bagels and donuts at 9:30 AM
Bracketed Swiss Teams 10:00 AM
8 teams in each bracket, seven rounds, play through

DIRECTIONS TO ACCA TEMPLE SHRINE, 1712 Bellevue Ave.:
From the West – take I-64 East to I-95 North. Take first exit (Exit 80 Hermitage/Lakeside). Stay straight on the ramp to the light. Turn left onto Hermitage Road. Go .2 of a mile and then turn right onto Bellevue Ave. Turn right into the parking lot. From the North – Take I-95 South to Exit 82 onto Route 301 towards Chamberlayne Ave. Go 1.4 miles and turn right onto Westwood Avenue. Go .9 miles and turn left onto Hermitage Road. Go .2 mile and turn right onto Bellevue. From the South – Take I-95 North. Merge with I-64 West and I-95 North. Stay on I-95 north towards Washington. Take Exit 80 (see above). From the East – Take I-64 West. Merge with I-95 N. Stay on I-95 north towards Washington and take Exit 80 (see above).



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Norfolk/ Virginia Beach Summer Sectional

Unit 146 Bridge Center

4966 Euclid Road, Virginia Beach, VA 23462

—Stratification based on partnership/team average—

Directions: Take North Witchduck exit off I-264. After 4/10 mile, turn right onto Cleveland Street. After 3/10 mile, turn diagonally right on Euclid Road. The Bridge Center is at 4966 Euclid Road, 3/10 mile on the left, in the U-shaped Pocahontas Office Park.

Nearby Hotels: **Hampton Inn**, 5793 Greenwich Road, Virginia Beach, 757-490-9800
Motel 6, 4760 Euclid Road, Virginia Beach, 757-499-1935

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

Friday, July 13

(Light lunch served between sessions)

Stratified Pairs (single sessions)10:30 AM & 2:30 PM

(0-750, 750-1500, 1500+ MPs)

Novice Pairs (single sessions) . .10:30 AM & 2:30 PM

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

Saturday, July 14

(Light lunch served between sessions)

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

Novice Pairs10:30 AM

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

Bracketed Pairs/Board-A-Match Teams2:30 PM

(Play in a stratified pairs game. At the same time, each pair is teamed according to MP (highest to lowest). *Two chances to win!*)

Sunday, July 15

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 \$4 for unpaid ACBL members.

Great Hospitality: Includes free snacks, sodas and coffee for all events.

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

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.....February, 2018

Feb 2-4Halethorpe, MD

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Feb 5-11 . . .Hilton Head, SC D7 **REGIONAL**

Ann Grindstaff, annkurt@hargray.com

● **P 6...Feb 9-11**Charlottesville, VA

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● **P 7...Feb 15-18**Fairfax, VA

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P 2...Feb 26-Mar 4 Williamsburg, VA REGIONAL

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.....March, 2018

Mar 8-18 . . .PHILADELPHIA, PA **NATIONALS**

Spring North American Bridge Championships

● **P 8...Mar 16-18**Fredericksburg, VA

Deborah Hage, debhage@hotmail.com, 540-659-1321

Mar 19-25 . .Pine Mountain, GA D7 **REGIONAL**

Len Perkins, lenperkins@hotmail.com

● **P 9...Mar 23-25**Lynchburg, VA

Anne Barlow, abarlow503@gmail.com

.....April, 2018

● **P 10...Apr 5-8**Silver Spring, MD

Brad Theurer, 301-527-8819, batheurer256@gmail.com

● **P 11...Apr 6-8**Norfolk/Va Beach, VA

Brian Boyce, brian@bfboyce.com, 757-434-0792

Apr 7-8GNT Flight A (0-6000)

2nd weekend

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

1 Year DISTRICT 6 Calendar OF EVENTS

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

.....April, continued...

Apr 14-15GNT Open, Flight B, Flight C
1st weekend

Apr 16-22Gatlinburg, TN D7 REGIONAL
Julia Misslin, 423-884-3550, jupe60@tds.net

P 12...Apr 26-29Fairfax, VA
Margot Hennings, 703-560-0245, margot10bridge@cox.net

Apr 30-May 6 Wilmington, DE D4 REGIONAL
Bruce and Judy Gwaltney, 302-478-2396,
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.....May, 2018

May 5-6GNT Open, Flight B, Flight C
2nd weekend

May 7-13D6 StAc
Don Berman, 301-776-3581, don.berman@verizon.net

P 13...May 17-18Trappe, MD
John & Willie DiLaura, jwdilaura@yahoo.com,
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P 14...May 19-20Kensington, MD NLM
Murat Berk, mberk@gmail.com

P 4...May 22-28 . .Raleigh, NC D7 REGIONAL
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.....June, 2018

P 15...Jun 1-3Halethorpe, MD
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P 17...Jun 1-3Williamsburg, VA
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.....June, continued...

P 18...Jun 7-10Silver Spring, MD
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P 19...Jun 8-10Richmond, VA
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Jun 11-17D6 & Unit 190 StAc
Don Berman, 301-776-3581, don.berman@verizon.net

Jun 25-Jul 1D4 REGIONAL
Meyer Kotkin,
King of Prussia, PA
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.....July, 2018

P 3...Jul 2-8Reston, VA REGIONAL
Amanda Carter, aecarter3@juno.com

P 20...Jul 13-15 . .Norfolk/Virginia Beach, VA
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Jul 20-22Charlottesville, VA
Betsy Ruehl, 540-942-3667, etruehl@ntelos.net

Jul 26-Aug 5ATLANTA, GA NATIONALS
Summer North American Bridge Championships

.....August, 2018

P 3...Aug 13-19 Hunt Valley, MD REGIONAL
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Stuart Diener, stuartdiener@gmail.com, 443-465-6733

Aug 25-26 . .Norfolk/Virginia Beach, VA NLM
Kathleen Haglich, 757-467-4136, kathyvsh@gmail.com

Aug 28-Sep 3 . .Augusta, GA D7 REGIONAL
Robert Coleman, csrabridge@yahoo.com

.....September, 2018

Sep 6-9Fairfax, VA
Margot Hennings, 703-560-0245, margot10bridge@cox.net

Sep 14-16Norfolk/Va Beach, VA
Brian Boyce, 757-412-4925, brian@bfboyce.com

.....September, continued...

Sep 28-30Williamsburg, VA
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.....October, 2018

Oct 11-14Silver Spring, MD
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Oct 12-14Richmond, VA
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Oct 12-14D7 Abingdon, VA
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Oct 22-28Charlotte, NC D7 REGIONAL
David Smith, davidbsmith@bellsouth.net

Oct 25-28Fairfax, VA
Margot Hennings, 703-560-0245, margot10bridge@cox.net

Oct 29-Nov 4D4 REGIONAL
John Klinger,
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Lancaster, PA

.....November, 2018

Nov 10-11D6 NAP Finals

Nov 22-Dec 2 . .HONOLULU, HI NATIONALS
Fall North American Bridge Championships

.....December, 2018

Dec 11-17D6 & Unit 190 StAc
Don Berman, 301-776-3581, don.berman@verizon.net

Dec 27-Jan 2 . .Charleston, SC D7 REGIONAL
Karen Galleher, 843-318-6391, kgalleher@sc.rr.com

.....January, 2019

Jan 28-Feb 3 Wilmington, NC D7 REGIONAL
Larry Harding, larry.harding57@gmail.com

2017-18 Grand National Teams — There is still time!

There is still time to get to your local club or unit game to qualify to win a partially subsidized trip to the **Summer 2018 NABC** in **ATLANTA, GEORGIA**. 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, 2017 and will end on May 5, 2018. 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 A is limited to players with 0-6000 masterpoints. 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 August 6, 2017 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 (Schweinhaut Senior Center, Silver Spring, MD) and one southern site (Comfort Inn Monticello, Charlottesville, VA).

You must pre-register to play. Pre-registration 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 Lynn Jones 10 Tenby Court Timonium, MD 21093. For the Open, Bracket B and Bracket C, checks must be postmarked by April 5, 2018.

Any questions, please contact Lynn Jones at 401-560-3244 or bridgelynn@comcast.net. You can find Conditions of Contest, directions to sites, & where to qualify at districtsixbridge.org.

Open Bracket

First Weekend:

Schweinhaut Senior Center
Silver Spring, MD
Saturday, April 14, 12 Noon
Sunday, April 15, 11 A.M.

Second Weekend: For all qualified teams

White Oak Community Center
Saturday, May 5, 12 Noon
Sunday, May 6, 11 A.M. ... Finals

Bracket A (0-6000 MP)

First Weekend:

Completed Jan 20-21

Second Weekend: For all qualified teams

WBL Sectional
Silver Spring, MD
Saturday, April 7, 11A.M.
Sunday, April 8, 11 A.M. ... Finals

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

First Weekend: Northern Site

Schweinhaut Senior Center
Silver Spring, MD
Saturday, April 14, 12 Noon
Sunday, April 15, 11 A.M.

First Weekend: Southern Site

Comfort Inn Monticello
Charlottesville, VA
Saturday, April 14, 12 Noon
Only 1 day for C teams unless large turnout
Sunday, April 15, Time TBA

Second Weekend: For all qualified teams

White Oak Community Center
B Bracket: both days; C Bracket: Sunday only unless large turnout
Saturday, May 5, 12 Noon
Sunday, May 6, 11A.M. ... Finals

Addendum

**More Top 10s! ... at the
Bethesda July 2017 Regional:**

DISTRICT 6 PLAYERS <300 MPS
4/5 Craig Pritzker