

## Mark Chen

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**From:** NVBA Board of Directors <announcements@nvba.org>  
**Sent:** Monday, December 4, 2023 7:02 AM  
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**Subject:** NVBA E-News - Margot Hennings New ACBL President, Atlanta NABC Results, and Free Wine & Cheese at Club Championship This Week

### Dear Mark:

Congratulations to NVBA's own Margot Hennings on being [elected as the new ACBL President](#)! Her term begins January 1, 2024 and runs for one year. We have been blessed by decades of [Margot's service](#) for our Unit 218 and District Six, including District Six Director since 2011; Region 4 Director since 2022; Sectional TC 1989-Current; Unit Board Member, 12 years; Unit Vice President, six years; Unit President, 1999-2001; District Vice President 2005; District President, 2005-06; District 6 Representative to the MABC, 1998-2006; Co-Chair of D.C. NABC, 1993; Chair of D.C. NABCs, 2002, 2009 and 2016; Regional TC 1989-2010. We all know Margot as a person of high integrity, strong work ethic, willingness to listen and engage, and the ability to synthesize this input into the big picture. She has been instrumental in the past District Six and NVBA success. Best wishes to Margot as she uses her talents to lead the ACBL in 2024 and beyond!



The [Atlanta NABC](#) wrapped up yesterday, we had a parade of NVBA winners in national level events (listed in chronological order)!

- Hailong Ao 8th in the [Nail Life Master Pairs](#)
- Annie & Alan Schwartz 3rd in the [Senior Mixed Pairs](#). Check out this [great opening lead \(p. 20\)](#) by Alan!
- Weizhong Bao & Hailong Ao 9th in the [Mitchell BAM](#)
- Monique Smith & Linda Marshall 2nd in the [Whitehead Women's Pairs \(p. 6\)](#)
- Amy Brisson & Hal Hindman 3rd in the [0-10K Fast Pairs](#)
- Jeff Roman 8th in the [Kaplan Blue Ribbon Pairs](#)
- Check out the [NVBA Winner's Circle](#) later in the week to see the complete list of Atlanta NABC masterpoint winners.
- Thank you also to our very own Mark Chen who provided insightful, fun video voice commentary for the [Soloway KO](#) semifinal and final matches on [Vugraph](#).

The [Life Master of the Universe](#) Jeff Meckstroth was at the Atlanta NABC. Click [here](#) and see the December 2023 ACBL Bulletin for two articles on his great bridge career and great bridge personality.

### Thursday Night Unit Games Schedule

- This week - Thursday 12/07/23 [Stratiflighted](#) Club Championship - Separate 499er Section if at least six pairs register. **Free wine and cheese provided by Mark Tonnesen!**
- The [NVBA Unit Game](#) will be In-Person at [Beth El](#) (3830 Seminary Rd, about a mile east of I-395) Thursdays at 7PM each week. Please arrive at least ten minutes before game time so we can start promptly at 7PM.
- The Open Game and its 499er section use the [RSVP Bridge](#) Reservation System to manage reservations. Sign up [here](#) to receive NVBA RSVP Bridge unit game notices and register to play

online. Pick the date of the game and choose your partner. Check out the [RSVP Bridge YouTube videos](#) for additional details.

- If you need a partner for the unit game at Beth El, please email Jason Carter at the [NVBA Partnership Desk](#) or use the [RSVP Bridge](#) Reservation System to assist you in finding a partner.
- **PLAN AHEAD** -- The [NVBA Unit Game](#) will be In-Person at [Beth El](#) Thursdays at 7PM each week.
  - 12/14/23 - Sectional Tournament at Clubs and Holiday Appetizers and Cake
  - 12/21/23 - [GNT Qualifier](#)
  - 12/28/23 - [Stratiflighted](#) Club Championship
  - See the NVBA Website for the rest of the [4th Quarter Unit Game Schedule](#) and [Unit Game Results](#).

#### 49ers News

- The American Contract Bridge League (ACBL) invites you to play in the weekly [Tuesday Evening Community Game](#) on the BBO Platform.
  - 0-20 game at 6 pm, 0-50 game at 6:10 pm
  - Play 12 hands, should take about 90 minutes
  - \$5 entry fee includes FREE LESSON after the game, covering 3 or more of the 12 hands played
- For Thursday evening at the Unit Game, your **entry fee is free!** NVBA hopes to re-establish a true Newcomer Game, but we expect that our 0-20 and 0-50 players will be playing in the 499er Section until attendance grows. Questions? Contact [Kevin O'Brien](#) at [OBrien.bridge@gmail.com](mailto:OBrien.bridge@gmail.com).
- [Atlanta NABC Daily Bulletins](#) include a **New Players feature** on Page 5 of every issue, including tips/quizzed by Frank Stewart, -- don't miss these

#### NVBA, ACBL, and District Six News

- With classic benefits and new programs launching all the time, the ACBL is incredibly excited about the future of bridge! To support its growth and give you the best-possible service, dues for a one-year membership will be increasing to \$59 on January 1, 2024. This is the first price increase since 2017. **When you renew before December 31, 2023, you can lock in the current membership dues fee of \$49 US – even if your membership isn't expiring yet!** That's a savings of 17%. PLUS save even MORE when you renew for three years, just \$117 (price will increase to \$147 starting January 1, 2024).
- There are 16 in-person club games listed with times in green on the updated [Clubs](#) page of the NVBA website that are scheduled to be held. Anyone who is interested in playing an in-person game should contact the listed director in advance to confirm the game is on and to make a reservation.
- Here is the current schedule for [NVBA Online Games](#) on BBO.

#### Upcoming Sectional, Regional, and National Tournaments

- [Atlanta ACBL Fall NABC Results](#) - Thursday 11/23 to Sunday 12/3
- [WBL Winter Sectional](#) - Thursday 1/18 to Sunday 1/21

Play well, have fun, and see you at the tables!

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