



Newsletter

October–December 2022

President's Message



Hopefully we have seen the last of the hot weather. So far, the official autumn has been beautiful. If you were at the Baltimore tournament, I hope you had a great time; I know I did. The location was great as was the bridge and the free lunches everyday that were provided by Jimmy Johns. Many thanks to Marty and Ross Bley, the tournament chairs. No one can appreciate the amount of work that goes into putting on an event of that scale. You may not realize it, but the planning for a tournament starts 3-5 years before the tournament actually takes place. Marty and Ross were the oil that made it all run smoothly. Without Shawn Stringer, the District 6 Tournament Committee Chair, we wouldn't even have had a tournament! She finds the hotels and draws up the contracts with the hotels and even reads them word for word (many times!). She also oversees all the logistics of getting the tables and boards and all the paraphernalia that goes with a tournament to the site and on time. I only heard of two people testing positive for Covid after the tournament ended, and they may not have gotten it there. That says something for the mask and vaccine policies that were in place for the tournament.

If you missed the tournament, I hope you were able to attend the NVBA September sectional at the Elks Club. We had a good turnout and everyone seemed happy to be out playing Face-to-Face bridge. Tournament Chair Margot Hennings did a great job, as usual. Again, Margot starts a couple of years in advance to negotiate with the venue. She has to hire directors and again there are a lot of logistics involved in arranging for a smooth event that went off without a single hiccup. The people that make your bridge experience enjoyable are all volunteers. Yep, no money for hundreds of hours of work. The problem is, we need more volun-

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teers. The same people can't keep doing it over and over. Please don't be afraid to volunteer. Nobody knows what to do or what is needed at first, but those experienced will be glad to show you the ropes. Start out small, there are many small but important jobs that can be done, and stay small if you want. Or once you get your feet wet, you may want to take on a bigger role. All help is greatly appreciated. The NVBA can't survive without your help. If you look at the nvba.org website, you will see there are many positions and some need filling or your help. Many people say they would like to help but don't know who to talk to. Just ask any volunteer and they will tell you what needs doing or who you should see. The more volunteers, the more enjoyable a game for everyone. I hope to see you at the table and behind the scenes.

P.S. The Board would like to hold a Holiday Party this year in December, but currently Beth El does not allow food to be brought on the premises. We are hoping that by December, this policy will have changed, or that we can get an exception to it so we can hold a party along with the face-to-face game on December 8. Keep an eye on the weekly e-newsletters and the NVBA website for current information on this possible event.



Parade of Winners

Providence, RI NABC **July 13-24, 2022**

SHEINWOLD GNT Flight B

3/4 Rick Bingham – Mel Yudkin – Ernie Schuler – Tom Peters

Sat 0-3000 Bracketed Teams Bkt #2 (9 Teams)

1 Alan Munro – James Dahlberg – Colin Schloss – Nick Migliacci

Sun Eve Side Game (37 Pairs)

1 Harry Potter – James Mosley

Sun Top Flight Swiss Teams (82 Teams)

2 Ron Kral – Val Kovachev – Viktor Aronov- Abu Zobu

Sun Mid-Flight Swiss Teams (56 Teams)

1 Jeffrey Schwartz – David Yoon – Catherine Williams – Sue Murphy

Sun Eve Side Game (62 Pairs)

1 Harry Potter – James Mosley

Parade of Winners (continued)

Mon Bracketed Teams Bkt #7 (9 Teams)

- 1 Jeffrey Schwartz – Catherine Williams – Betsy Scherl – Audrey Meredith

Mon Bracketed Teams Bkt #9 (9 Teams)

- 1 Robert Ives – Robert Robinson – Harry Potter – James Mosley

Mon Open Pairs (102 Pairs)

- 1 Mel Yudkin – Johannes Braakman

Mon-Tues Daylight Pairs (40 Pairs)

- 2 Harry Potter – James Mosley

Tues Bracketed Round Robin Teams Bkt #1 (17 Teams)

- 2 William Bailey – Aaron Jones – Daniel Hoekstra – Bjorgvin Kristinsson

Tues Bracketed Round Robin Teams Bkt #8 (9 Teams)

- 2 Jason Carter – John Huffman – Chris Pesce – Matteo Pesce

Wed Gold Rush Pairs (72 Pairs)

- 2 1 Jichong Chai – R Mani
- 2 1 Owen Barnett – Jeffrey Boitnott
- 2 Leqin Shi – Danyi Xu

Thurs Fast Open Pairs (26 Pairs)

- 2 Ryan Connors – Randi Adelman

Thurs Bracketed B Round Robin Teams Bkt #3 (9 Teams)

- 1 Alan Munro – James Dahlberg – Colin Schloss – Nick Migliacci

Thurs Bracketed B Round Robin Teams Bkt #6 (13 Teams)

- 1 Jichong Chai – R Mani – Rolf Swenson – Kathy Kopnisky

2nd Fri Bracketed B Round Robin Teams Bkt #5 (9 Teams)

- 1 Jason Carter – Kathy Kopnisky – Arvind Bhand – Harriet Lewit

Sat Fast Open Pairs (16 Pairs)

- 2 Ron Kral – Thomas Rush

Sun Flt B Bracketed Swiss Teams Bkt #2 (13 Teams)

- 2 Alan Munro – James Dahlberg – Terry Jones – David Goldfrank

0-10,000 Mixed Swiss Teams (26 Teams)

- 3 Margot Hennings – Don Berman – Carole Weinstein – Bob Gorse – Michael Ranis

Parade of Winners (continued)

Baltimore, MD Regional August 22-28, 2022

Mon Open Pairs (40 Pairs)

- 2 Howard Stevens – Livingston Johnson

Mon Gold Rush Pairs (20 Pairs)

- 1 John Huffman – Jason Carter
2 Harriet Lewit – Arvind Bhand
2 Robert Drosdzal – Susan Drosdzal

Mon 199er Pairs (8 Pairs)

- 1 1 Craig Johnston – Joe Marshall

Chesapeake Bracketed Teams Bkt #4 (7 Teams)

- 2 John Huffman – Jason Carter – Arvind Bhand – Harriet Lewit

Tues Open Pairs (32 Pairs)

- 1 Ron Kral – Val Kovachev

Tues Gold Rush Pairs (43 Pairs)

- 2 Diana Jarrett – Cynthia Larre
2 Victoria Luchini – Joseph Luchini

Choptank Bracketed Teams Bkt #2 (10 Teams)

- 1 Mel Yudkin – Rick Bingham – Tom Peters – Ernie Schuler

Choptank Bracketed Teams Bkt #3 (10 Teams)

- 1 John Huffman – Stephen Collier – Arvind Bhand – Harriet Lewit

Wed A/X/Y Pairs (36 Pairs)

- 2 Hal Jones Jr – Mark Tonnesen
1 Georgette Weiss – Dave Tonnesen

Thurs Top Flight Swiss Teams (18 Teams)

- 2 Mark Chen – Brad Theurer – Rusty Krauss – David Rodney
1 Ron Spieker – Margot Hennings – Daniel Rodney – Avril Rodney

Thurs Mid Flight Swiss Teams (23 Teams)

- 2 1 Harry Potter – James Mosley – Richard Padgett – Michael Corrigan

Thurs Gold Rush Swiss Teams (15 Teams)

- 1 1 Jichong Chai – R Mani – Howard Wachtel – Robert Bogin
2 Cynthia Larre – Diana Jarrett – Joan Axilbund – Dee Ann Gretz
2 Stephen Collier – John Huffman – Georgia Booker – Sylvester Booker
1 Tom Osborne – Paul Cassedy – Tom Nichols – Bettina Darrell

Parade of Winners (continued)

Thurs Open Pairs (14 Pairs)

- 1 Ron Kral – Val Kovachev
- 2 Jay Kelkar – Andy Gofreed

Potomac Bracketed Teams Bkt #3 (10 Teams)

- 1 Sheila Ellis – Charles Ellis – Joan Axilbund – Virginia Ivin

Fri A/X/Y Pairs (34 Pairs)

- 1 1 1 Gaurang Sheth – Ramakrishnan Iyer
- 2 2 2 Sven Pride – David Genne

Fri Gold Rush Pairs (34 Pairs)

- 2 Nicole Swain – Gail Gibson

Patuxent Bracketed Teams Bkt #2 (10 Teams)

- 1 Alexander Stille – Barb Devaney – John McCormick – Eleanor Schwartz

Sat Open Pairs (26 Pairs)

- 2 Michael Klein – Steve Lapidés
- 1 Gene Schuyler – Mohammad Zaidi

Sat Gold Rush Pairs (23 Pairs)

- 1 1 1 Paul Cassidy – Tom Osborne
- 2 Jichong Chai – R Mani

Sun Top Flight Swiss (14 Teams)

- 1 Ron Kral - Val Kovachev – Jacqueline Chang – Iulian Rotaru
- 2/3 1/2 Sven Pride – Richard Wegman – David Ruderman - David Genne
- 2/3 1/2 Mark Chen – Brad Theurer – Noble Shore – Michael Gill
- 1 Jonathan Rodney – Daniel Rodney – Avril Rodney – David Rodney

Sun Flt B Bracketed Teams Bkt #2 (8 Teams)

- 1 Jichong Chai – R Mani – Rolf Swenson – Kathy Kopnisky

NVBA September Sensations Sectional

September 8-11, 2022

Thurs Eve A/X Pairs (23 Pairs)

- 1 Margot Hennings – Ron Spieker

Thurs Eve B/C/D Pairs (22 Pairs)

- 1 1 Eric Poskanzer – Paul Marjoram
- 2 2 David Lindley – Kathleen LaMarre

Fri Aft A/X Pairs (16 Pairs)

- 2 Bobbie Gookin – Fred King
- 1/2 Gene Schuyler – Mohammad Zaidi
- 1/2 Susan Brawn – Jeff Youngen

Parade of Winners (continued)

Fri Aft B/C/D Pairs (12 Pairs)

- 1 John Huffman – Jamie Dahlberg
- 2 1 1 Cynthia Lare – Joan Axilbund
- 2 Ramakrishnan Iyer – Gaurang Sheth

Fri Aft 499er Pairs (10 Pairs)

- 1 1 Rekha Arness – Karen Magley
- 2 Susan Drosdzal – Robert Drosdzal
- 2 Joseph Luchini – Victoria Luchini

Fri Eve Triple Nickel Swiss (10 Teams)

- 1 1 Stan Schenker – Greg Bright – John Klayman – Ram Sarangan
- 2 Lucy McCoy – Bill Cole – Shawn Stringer – Bill Pettis
- 2 Monique Smith – Linda Marshall – Mark Chen – Hal Hindman
- 1 David Goldfrank – Francesca Mazarella – Nancy Smagala – Craig Pritzker

Sat A/X Pairs (16 Pairs)

- 2 Deb Dhar – Jay Kelkar
- 2 Sven Pride – Linda Marshall

Sat B/C/D Pairs (25 Pairs)

- 1 1 1 JiChong Chai – R Mani
- 2 2 2 Jason Carter – John Huffman

Sat AM 499er Pairs (17 Pairs)

- 1 1 1 Luanne Beutel – Nicole Swain
- 2 Betsy Rock – Sharon Kellett
- 2 Jeffrey Galginaitis – Kathryn Larsen
- 2 Sharad Naik – Selma Sawaya

Sat Aft 499er Pairs (7 Pairs)

- 1 Betsy Rock – Sharon Kellett
- 2 Susan Drosdzal – Robert Drosdzal
- 1 Mark Geier – David Geier
- 2 Jeffrey Galginaitis – Kathryn Larsen

Sun A/X Swiss (8 Teams)

- 1 Weizhong Bao – Hailong Ao – Huailin Chen – Jim Zhong

Sun Flt B Bkt 1 (6 Teams)

- 1 Alan Munro – James Dahlberg – Terry Jones – David Goldfrank
- 2 Livingston Johnson – Bud Morgan – Nancy Smagala – Craig Pritzker

Sun Flt B Bkt 2 (8 Teams)

- 2 Jim Deckant – Liz Jones – Katherine Koch – Betsy Lauer

Parade of Winners (continued)

WBL Fall Sectional

September 29-October 2, 2022

Thurs AM B/C/D Pairs (16 Pairs)

- 2 1 Stephen Collier – John Huffman
- 2 1 Jane Marcus – Cheryl Savramis

Thurs Eve A/X Pairs at Beth El (24 Pairs)

- 1 Rick Bingham – Mel Yudkin
- 2 Ram Sarangan – Eric Poskanzer

Thurs Eve B/C/D Pairs at Beth El (26 Pairs)

- 2 1 1 Li Chen – Fanjun Kong

Fri AM A/X Pairs (15 Pairs)

- 1 1 Jay Cherlow – Al Lauber

Fri AM B/C/D Pairs (22 Pairs)

- 2 2 2 Stephen Collier – John Huffman

Fri AM 499er Pairs (8 Pairs)

- 1/2 David Espo – Linda Meade
- 1 Betsy Rock – Sharon Kellett
- 2 Sharad Naik – Lucy Baker

Fri Aft A/X/Y Pairs (12 Pairs)

- 1 Mark Chen – Brad Theurer
- 2 Ken Davis – Jim Wakefield
- 1 Rick Uhrig – Melanie Manfield
- 2 Brian Sutton – Rich Ardini

Fri Aft 0-750 Pairs (19 Pairs)

- 2 2 2 Ramakrishnan Iyer – Gaurang Sheth

Sat AM A/X Pairs (20 Pairs)

- 2 Sven Pride – Linda Marshall
- 2 Mohammad Zaidi – Gene Schuyler

Sat Aft A/X Pairs (16 Pairs)

- 2 Craig Olson – Michael Lawrence

Sat Aft B/C/D Pairs (27 Pairs)

- 1 1 1 Harry Potter – James Mosley
- 2 2 2 Fanjun Kong – Li Chen

Sun A/X Swiss (11 Teams)

- 1 Weizhong Bao – Hailong Ao – Huailin Chen – Jim Zhong

Sun Flt B Bkt 2 (7 Teams)

- 1 Harry Potter – James Mosley – John Wertman – Joia Hertz
- 2 John Huffman – Jason Carter- Nancy Lea Ross – Stephen Collier

Parade of Winners (continued)

Congratulations to team of Terry Jones, David Goldfrank, Garry Grossman and Elyse Grossman that won the B Bracket in the WBL Round Robin this year.

They were in 1st place after the initial round robin and played the 2nd place Davenport team for the championship. They were tied at the half, 22-22, and then the Jones team won the 2nd half by 26 to win the event.



Story from John Mason

Visiting Bogotá several years ago, I played in a weekly duplicate game. At one table, Vera Rosembusz, President of the Colombian Bridge Association, my RHO, was declarer at 3NT. I was on lead with AJT9xx in clubs. Recalling Goren's lessons from my misspent youth, I led the Jack of clubs. My partner was an intermediate player who didn't much like card games, but he played bridge because his expert wife made him. He had the Kx of clubs and knew enough to go up – if, for no other reason, to unblock. The King held, to his surprise, and he returned the suit. Poor Vera's Queen-third was dead meat. I ran the suit. Vera's partner glared furiously at me. Vera smiled, and asked if I'd be kind enough in future to sit on her right. Bad luck, I said. Her tres sintriufo (3NT contract) deserved a better fate. She replied, "That's bridge. Sometimes nothing goes right."

And this was how I learned that Vera Rosembusz, among other things, spoke flawless English.

John Mason used to run club games in the Northern VA area but has moved to Irvington, VA. He often wintered in Bogotá, Colombia over the years.

Hail and Farewell

We welcome the following new members into our Unit:

Lola Biggs
Virender Dhawer
Nalini Lall
Todd Mayman
Nina Melrose
Harry Napier
Stephen Smith

We are sorry to note the passing of two of our members:

Marie-Beth Hall
Terrence Nelson

We welcome the following people who have transferred into our Unit:

Mary K Busbee
Meg T Casey
Roger Carroll
Ronald W Cherry
Deborah A Cress
Kaye E Dillingham
Lenore Eisenschiml
Dr Ronald A Footer
Lewie E Gayton
John A Hazlett
Pat D Inman
Paul Marjoram
Leona Pchelkin
Nicholas R Pchelkin
Steven Schwartz
Josefine T Scott
Michael L Smith
Susan Smith
Victor W Weedn

We give our regards to the following people who have transferred out of our Unit:

William Bailey
Betty Bursej
Amanda Carter
Marian Corey
Rosemary Cronin
Sherry K Griffin
Harvey F Lipsher
Ibrahim R Mady
Anika Malik
Johnny M Marsh
Susan Sonnthal
Maher E Tadros



Climbing the Ladder

New Junior Masters

Joseph Celio
Lauren I Murray
Dr Valsala S Pal
Molly Pruett
Sherry V Simon
Stephen G Smith
Jeffrey Yin

New Club Masters

Luanne J Beutel
Mary E Poole
Louis J Roman
Barada C Sarma
Christine P Rudisill

New Sectional Masters

Peter McCloskey
Theodore Velkoff

New Regional Masters

Kendrea E Delauter
Dawn B Jones
Nicole M Swain

New NABC Masters

Jichong Chai
Li Chen
Molly D Downs
Will D Downs JR
Brenda Egeland
Diana F Jarrett
Fanjun Kong

New Life Master

David M Espo

New Silver Life Masters

Nancy Detweiler
Mari W McColl
John A Wertman

New Ruby Life Masters

Bud Morgan
Youssof Seraj

New Gold Life Master

Martha D Bley

New Diamond Master

Peter A Lesnik

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Playing bridge improved nearly everything for me, whether it's my brain, my mind, or my swiftness of eyeing the cards. ♠

- Dora J., 5th Grade

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