



# Newsletter

## July–September 2023

### President's Message



Hi everyone, I hope you're getting ready for the Reston regional. We are looking forward to an enjoyable and fun-filled tournament and an opportunity to win lots of gold points. As a reminder it starts on Monday, July 3 and runs through Sunday, July 9. We are anticipating a great turnout. It is not too late to book a room at the bridge rate.

There are several events for people looking to become Life Masters. The Intermediate/Newcomer (IN) flyer and the Reston Regional flyer can be found online under "Find a Tournament" on acbl.org.

Good news, our Life Master/non-Life Master game at Beth El drew the largest number of tables we've seen since the pandemic, more than 20 tables. I think everyone had a great time. I know I did. It was good to see so many people that I hadn't seen face-to-face in three years. Many thanks to Joe Hertz for all his work pairing up people.

More good news, the Longest Day game at Beth El was also a success. We had a large turnout and people were very generous with their donations. We took in more than \$2600. We have reached 85% of our goal. It is not too late to donate to the Longest Day. You can go online to Alzheimer's Association or donate at your local club. You can also send a check to our Bridge Heroes leader Kevin O'Brien. With your generous support we anticipate meeting our goal.

The RSVP website is now available for players to sign up for the Unit Game more than a week in advance. You can also look for partners on RSVP. The first thing you need to do is set up an account with RSVP. Then you will be notified every week, as a reminder for the game, how many people have signed up, and if anyone is looking for a partner. I think it will be a great asset to our Unit Game. In case you haven't heard, we will be playing every Thursday evening

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## *Parade of Winners*

### **Lynchburg, VA Sectional**

**March 31 - April 2, 2023**

#### **Sat AM Open Pairs (35 Pairs)**

- 1 Amy Elmore – C Elmore

### **Richmond Regional**

**May 22-26, 2023**

#### **Mon Open Pairs (64 Pairs)**

- 1 Mel Yudkin – Rick Bingham

#### **Tues RR Bkt #1 (8 Teams)**

- 1/2 Lucy McCoy – Hal Jones – Mark Tonnesen – Dalia Kende
- 1/2 Alan Schwartz – Bill Cole – Steven Robinson – Bill Pettis

#### **Tues RR Bkt #3 (10 Teams)**

- 2 Glenn Preston – Debra Graham – Marty Bley

#### **Wed RR Bkt #1 (8 Teams)**

- 1 Alan Schwartz – Bill Cole – Steven Robinson – Bill Pettis

#### **Wed RR Bkt #6 (10 Teams)**

- 2 Jason Carter – John Huffman – Liz Jones – Nancy Harrington

#### **Wed A/X Pairs (20 Pairs)**

- 1 Welzhong Bao – Chongmin Zhang

#### **Wed Mid-Flight Pairs (18 Pairs)**

- 2 Doug Althouse – Craig Pritzker

#### **Thurs RR Bkt #1 (7 Teams)**

- 2 Alan Schwartz – Annie Schwartz – Bill Cole – Steven Robinson – Bill Pettis

#### **Thurs RR Bkt #2 (10 Teams)**

- 1/2 Doug Althouse – Craig Pritzker – Terry Jones – Nancy Smagala

#### **Thurs A/X Pairs (20 Pairs)**

- 2 Welzhong Bao – Chongmin Zhang
- 2 Ram Sarangan – Divakar Bhargava

## *Parade of Winners (cont'd)*

### **Fri 0-3000 RR Bkt #4 (10 Teams)**

2      Randolph Elkins – Harriet Lewit – Patricia Janik – Jim Hanik

### **Baltimore Sectional**

**June 2-4, 2023**

#### **Sat AM Pairs (48 Pairs)**

1 1     Daniel Morgan – John Blodgett

#### **Sat Aft Pairs (44 Pairs)**

2      Jichong Chai – R Mani

### **WBL Sectional**

**June 8-11, 2023**

#### **Thurs AM 0-1000 Pairs 11 Pairs)**

2 1 1   Phil Theis – Jeanne Theis

#### **Thurs Eve Open Pairs (30 Pairs)**

1      Deb Dhar – Jay Kelkar

2      Georgette Weiss – Ann Atcheson

#### **Thurs Eve 0-2500 Pairs (22 Pairs)**

1 1     John Wertman – Joia Hertz

1      James Connor- Ron Shoemaker

2/3    Glenn Preston – Jo Ann Allen

2/3    James Mosley – Harry Potter

#### **Fri AM A/X Pairs (14 Pairs)**

1      Gene Schuyler – Mohammad Zaidi

#### **Fri AM B/C/D Pairs (17 Pairs)**

1 1 1   Stephen Collier – Paul Marjoram

2 2     John Wertman – Joia Hertz

## *Parade of Winners (cont'd)*

### **Fri AM 499er Pairs (10 Pairs)**

- 1 1 Phil Theis – Jeanne Theis
- 2 2 Luanne Beutel – Sylvia Hall

### **Fri Aft A/X/Y Pairs (17 Pairs)**

- 2 Hal Jones – Amanda Carter
- 1 John Wertman – Joia Hertz
- 2 David Espo – Linda Meade

### **Sat Open Pairs (14 Pairs)**

- 1 David Rodney – Rusty Krauss

### **Sat Aft Consolation Pairs (8 Pairs)**

- 2 Sven Pride – Linda Marshall
- 1/2 Jay Cherlow – Al Lauber

### **Sat AM B/C Pairs (24 Pairs)**

- 1 1 1 James Mosley – Harry Potter
- 2 2 2 Stephen Collier – Mohammad Zaidi

### **Sat AM 499er Pairs (15 Pairs)**

- 1 1 Sylvia Hall – Edith Berman
- 1 Luanne Beutel – Nicole Swain
- 2 Tim Bezanson – Ken Weems

### **Sat Aft 499er Pairs (6 Pairs)**

- 1 1 Mary Mitchelson – Kate Beardsley

### **Sun A/X Swiss (12 Teams)**

- 1 Alan Schwartz – Bill Cole – Steve Robinson – Peter Boyd – Bill Pettis
- 2 Weizhong Bao – Hailong Ao – Fred King – Dick Wegman
- 1/2 Jay Cherlow – Eric Branfman - Hadi Abushakra – Al Lauber

### **Sun Ft B Bkt 1 (5 Teams)**

- 2 James Mosley – Harry Potter – John Wertman – Joia Hertz

### **Sun Ft B Bkt 2 (5 Teams)**

- 1 George Fleeson – Randolph Elkins – Harriet Lewit – Ellen Simonoff

## President's Message (cont'd)

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at 7:00 o'clock at Beth El starting July 13, 2023. We will run the weekly game through September. We will reevaluate in September whether or not to continue playing face-to-face weekly. Our table numbers are increasing, but we have a long way to go to reach our pre-pandemic levels. Our success is up to you. For those of you who have difficulty getting to Beth El to play, we plan on continuing the online version of our game on BBO for now. Hope to see you at the table.

Have a great summer.

Georgette



## District 6 North American Pairs (NAP) Competition for 2023-2024

The club qualifying period for players to compete to play in the District-level Finals and win a subsidized trip to the Spring NABC in Louisville, KY, March 13-24, 2024 is underway. By ACBL Rules all players must be CLUB QUALIFIED. Club qualifiers are being held in Face-To-Face and Online games on BBO from June-August 2023. There will be online qualifiers in the Wednesday night District Six games, and District Six is running additional qualifiers on July 11 and August 7. To find a list of some other Club qualifiers on the [districtsixbridge.org](https://districtsixbridge.org) website:

- 1> Click on NAP icon (top right side of screen)
- 2> Click on club qualifier games (upper left side of the screen)

District Six North American Pairs Finals will be held as follows:

Flight B: September 30-October 1, 2023  
 NLM (0-500): October 1, 2023

Being held online on BBO.

Will start first session in the 11:15/11:30 AM timeframe. Second session start TBA (to be announced after 1st session ends).

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# District 6 North American Pairs (NAP) Competition for 2023-2024 cont'd

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Open Flight (face-to-face) November 11-12, 2023

Game starts at 11:30 AM on Saturday and 10:30 AM on Sunday; second session is TBA.

Playing site is:

Viers Mill Park Building  
4425 Garrett Park Rd.  
Wheaton, MD 20906

This is a competitive event against your peers, and the top three finishers in the Open, top four in the 0-2500 and top four in the NLM Flight will represent District 6 in the National Finals. Winning pairs win gold points: 48 points in the Open event, 33 points in the Flight B and 15 half gold/half red points in the NLM event.

Once you are club qualified, you then pre-register to play in the Finals. To pre-register:

Send Player Names, ACBL numbers and e-mail addresses (and BBO names for Flight B or NLM), the Flight you are playing in, and a check for \$56 (make check out to District Six), which covers first two sessions that you play (additional fees will be charged if you play on the 2nd day of your event) to:

Lucy McCoy  
3353 Taleen Ct.  
Annandale, VA 22003

Deadline for pre-registration for the Flight B and NLM is Thursday, September 21, and for the Open Flight is Thursday, November 2.

For more information, contact: Bill Cole, 301-602-9024, email: colebridge@aol.com



## Hail and Farewell

### We welcome the following new members into our Unit:

Robin Benson  
Jih Hsiang Chen  
Lydia Church  
Wilton Corkern  
Carl R Devore  
Alice Mortara Gomes  
Martha W High  
Edwin Lu  
Kelly M McGowan  
Katie Pegoraro  
Carol A Rentz  
Michael A Stephens  
Heidi Wei  
Ken M Weldy

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

Andras G Budinszky  
Rebecca Evans  
Phillip F Marzec  
Keith Richard

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

Diana Cleland  
Joyce M Farley  
Carol M Fink  
Patricia A McAlarnen  
Bill Murphy  
Louis J Roman  
Julia Wannamaker

### We are sorry to note the passing of three of our members:

Robert Padgett  
Ed Taborek  
Norman H Thomas



## Climbing the Ladder

### New Junior Masters

Chris Allen  
Gangagee Balkissoon  
Robert A Finley  
Clifton W Flowers  
Michael McMillan  
Art Muirhead  
Michael D Payne  
Roy Sammarco  
Heidi Wei  
Ryan Xu

### New Club Masters

Angela R Boggs  
Joseph Celio  
Rene Costales  
Marge Herbert  
Dori Humphries  
Jane Keough

### New Sectional Masters

Judith S Agnew  
Helen S Joseph

### New Regional Masters

Edith Z Berman  
Phyllis Peterson  
Leqin Shi

### New NABC Master

Dr. Sylvester C Booker  
Jennifer B Maggio  
Nicole M Swain

### New Advanced NABC Masters

Jichong Chai  
Nancy F Harrington  
Diana F Jarrett  
Fanjun Kong  
Cynthia Larre

### New Life Masters

Dr Georgia A Booker  
Jim Deckant

### New Bronze Life Masters

Dr Georgia A Booker  
Gil Krawitz  
Eleanor Linde

### New Silver Life Master

Nancy A Arnold

### New Ruby Life Masters

Armanda Henderson  
Patrick J Herbst  
David E Street

### New Gold Life Master

Catherine S Bardsley  
Craig Pritzker  
Susan A Smith

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