



Newsletter

April–June 2024

President's Message



Happy Spring all bridge players. I guess what they say about April showers is true. We have had more than enough rain. I hope you had a chance to play at the Regional in Williamsburg. I know I had a good time. I saw many WBL and NVBA players there.

Our next big event is the spring sectional at the Elks club. It will be held starting from May 2, Thursday night at the NVBA and WBL Unit game, and running May 3-5 at the Elks Lodge on Rt. 50 in Fairfax, VA. There will be extra silver points on Saturday. Please contact Jason Carter at 703 - 508 - 8685 if you are looking for a partner. There will

be box lunches available for purchase on Saturday and Sunday. I hope to see you all there.

Our annual NVBA meeting will be held at Beth El on May 23. We will be holding elections. There are 4 positions open for election: Vice President, Treasurer and two Board members. Also, due to the resignation of Eric Poskanzer as Secretary, we need someone to fill that position until the end of his term, which is May 2025. If you are interested in running for the Board and/or know of someone who would make a great secretary, please call me (Georgette) at 202-441-1182. We will be serving dinner prior to the meeting. We will be giving out the Mini-McKenney awards and the Ace of Clubs awards. The meeting will be followed by our usual Thursday night bridge game. Please put it on your calendar; we would love to see you there. Your votes are important to us. We are here to serve you.

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Parade of Winners

WBL 59th Annual Presidential Sectional January 18-21, 2024

Thurs A/X Pairs (39 Pairs)

- 1 Robbie Hopkins – Kent Goulding
- 2 1 1 Jason Carter – John Huffman

Thurs Eve A/X Pairs (39 Pairs)

- 2 Mark Tonnesen – Ken Davis
- 1 Hal Hindman – Amy Brisson
- 2 Jay Cherlow – Mel Yudkin

Fri AM A/X Pairs (17 Pairs)

- 1 Hal Hindman – Bob Bell
- 2 1 Amy Brisson – Barbara Devaney
- 2 1 John Huffman – Jason Carter
- 2 Lewis Hutchinson – Li Chen

Fri Aft A/X Pairs (18 Pairs)

- 1 Ken Davis – Jim Wakefield
- 2 1 John Wertman – Joia Hertz

Sat Aft A/X Pairs (23 Pairs)

- 1 Mark Chen – Brad Theurer

Sat AM B/C/D Pairs (40 Pairs)

- 1 1 1 Lewis Hutchinson – Li Chen
- 2 2 John Wertman – Joia Hertz
- 2 Ben Umansky – Brooks Chupp

Sat Aft B/C/D Pairs (28 Pairs)

- 1 1 James Mosley – Harry Potter
- 2 2 1 Phillip Articola – Matt Murbach
- 2 Michael Miale – Pam Yood

Sun A/X Swiss (15 Teams)

- 2 David Genne – Sven Pride – Linda Marshall – Vince Willmot

Parade of Winners (cont'd)

Sun Ft B Bkt 1 (6 Teams)

- 1 Daniel Morgan- Candy Greenway – John Blodgett – Robert Weaver
- 2 Terry Jones – Patrick Herbst – David Goldfrank – Ben Sharp

Sun Ft B Bkt 2 (8 Teams)

- 1 John Wertman – Joia Hertz – James Mosley – Robert Robinson

NVBA Winter Sectional

February 15-18, 2024

Thurs Eve A/X Pairs (26 Pairs)

- 1 Hal Hindman – Amy Brisson

Thurs Eve B/C/D Pairs (28 Pairs)

- 1 1 1 Ken Weems – Tim Bezanson
- 2 2 2 Michael Miale – Pamela Yood

Fri Aft B/C/D Pairs (26 Pairs)

- 2 2 Onorica Luculescu – Alina Galaszewska

Fri Aft 499er Pairs (11 Pairs)

- 1 1 Santosh Chokhani – Matt Murbach
- 2 2 1 Rene Costales – Yanfei Xia
- 2 Robert Finley – Tamar Atinc

Fri Eve Triple Nickel Swiss (13 Teams)

- 1 Ken Davis – Jim Wakefield – Hal Jones – Bruce Houston
- 1 Hal Hindman – Amy Brisson – Katy Culp – Mark Chen
- 1 1 Santosh Chokhani – Alden Sherman – Jacob Freeman – Katie Sullivan
- 2 Kevin O'Brien – Herbert Hackney – Matt Murbach – Oleg Dolgikh

Fri Eve 0-750 Pairs (8 Pairs)

- 1 Lewis Hutchinson – Fanjun Kong
- 2 Betsy Rock – Sharon Kellett

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Parade of Winners (cont'd)

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Margot and Don Hennings Trophy Pairs (14 Pairs)

- 1 David Rodney – Rusty Krauss
- 2 Robbie Hopkins – Kent Goulding

Consolation Pairs (44 Pairs)

- 1 Stan Schenker – Ram Sarangan
- 2 1 1 Tom Stanley – Nancy Lea Ross
- 2 Ken Weems – Tim Bezanson

Sat B/C/D Pairs (32 Pairs)

- 1 1 Irene Reiter – Sitaraman Sathiamoorthy
- 2 2 1 Jichong Chai – R Mani
- 2 Brian Detter – Howard Stevens

Sat AM 0-750 Pairs (26 Pairs)

- 1 1 Phillip Articola – Matt Murbach
- 2 2 Sharon Saile – George Saile
- 2 Charles Dunn – Sandra Dunn

Sat Aft 0-750 Pairs (17 Pairs)

- 1 1 Vatsala Mehra – Fadi Eidi
- 2 Dee Ann Gretz – Lynn Wilson
- 2 Li Chen – Fanjun Kong

Sun A/X Swiss (13 Teams)

- 1 Rusty Krauss – Barry Falgout – Robbie Hopkins – Joan Lewis
- 2 1 Margot Hennings – Scott Tumperi – David Rodney – Avril Rodney

Sun 0-3000 Bkt 1 (8 Teams)

- 1 Joe Hertz – Eric Poskanzer – John Wertman – Joia Hertz
- 2 Rich Ardini – Francesca Mazarella – Eleanor Schwartz – Nancy Lea Ross

Sun Ft B Bkt 2 (10 Teams)

- 1 Robert Linn – Haoyi You – Jichong Chai – Ed Larson
- 2 John Mattioli – Michelle Cantave – Phillip Articola – Matt Murbach



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Parade of Winners (cont'd)

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Sun 499er Pairs (11 Pairs)

- 1 Sharon Saile – George Saile
- 2/3 Jon Labadie – Santosh Chokhani
- 2/3 Yanfei Xia – Sharad Naik

Spring NABC – Louisville, KY

March 13-24, 2024

(includes finishers in top 10 of National events)

North American Pairs – Flight B

- 1 Alan Munro – Colin Schloss

1st Sat Aft Side Game (20 Pairs)

- 1 Brenda Egeland – Keith Hafen

0-10,000 KO Teams

- 2 Rusty Krauss – David Rodney – Barry Plotkin – Michael Botwin

Wednesday Bracketed Teams – Bkt 3 (7 Teams)

- 1 Michael Berard – Alexander Stille – Rolf Swenson – Danielle Cusson

2nd Wed AM Side Game (24 Pairs)

- 2 Lucy McCoy – Steve Robinson

2nd Thurs Eve Side Game (31 Pairs)

- 2 Andy Hawks- Jack Hawks

2nd Saturday Mid-Flight Pairs (39 Pairs)

- 2 1 1 Jichong Chai – R Mani

2nd Sunday Bracketed Teams – Bkt 4 (12 Teams)

- 2 Jichong Chai – R Mani – Fran Van Fleet – Mary Beck

Hail and Farewell

We welcome the following new members into our Unit:

Rudra Aamidala
 Paul E Ammann
 Kim Brickhouse
 Robert Cover
 Cheryl Daly
 Kelly Depumpo
 Christine Harris
 Joshua Hartt
 Hiroko Imamura
 Irene H Kratky
 Mark Linton
 Eli Naftulin
 Barbara Nido
 Bonnie L Norem
 Walter Poole
 Philip Schrag
 Sallie Stillwell
 James Talman

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

Bryan Coleman
 Errie Eayrs
 Sharon Gassman
 Joan Robertson

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

James Braunworth
 Judith Ellison
 Doris Knief
 Terry Lavender
 Dr Edward Molnar
 Susan Slattery
 James Wade

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

Christian Luong
 Charles Pellegrini



Climbing the Ladder

New Junior Masters

Hu Benton
 Dr Madhu Bhatia
 Janet Hansen

New Club Masters

Kathleen Barbour
 Carl Devore
 Elizabeth Dobrenz
 Jo Ann Edwards
 Robert Finley
 Thomas Richardson
 Ben Umansky

New Sectional Masters

Rene Costales
 Sandra Dunn

New Regional Masters

Susan Austin
 Steve Olsen

New NABC Masters

Don Beyer
 Dr Stephen Fitzgerald
 Lewis Hutchinson

New Advanced NABC Masters

Li Chen
 Jim Zhong

New Bronze Life Master

Huailin Chen

New Silver Life Masters

Ellen Simonoff
 Glenn Terrell

New Ruby Life Masters

Nancy Smagala
 Diane Woodworth

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We are always looking for volunteers. I plan on having a sign-up sheet where people can write down their name and phone number and any area they would be interested in volunteering. We could use help with people volunteering to bring snacks to the Unit Game, helping out at the May sectional or at the 4th of July Regional in Reston.

The Annual Meeting is a good place to express any opinions that you may have about how to improve the Unit Game.

Please be aware that Kevin O'Brien is running a program for people who are leery of playing face-to-face bridge. You can come to the Unit game, and he will either play with you or find you a partner to work on your bridge skills at the table. You can sign up on RSVP or just show up.

Georgette Weiss
NVBA President

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