

## NVBA E-News - news from annual meeting

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Dear Ronald:

The NVBA annual meeting was held before the unit game last week. **Jay Simon** and **Ann Atcheson** were reelected as Vice President and Treasurer. **Joe Hertz** was reelected as a board member. **Dan Morgan** was elected as a board member in place of **Hal Jones**. Many thanks to Hal for his service to the Northern Virginia bridge community.



Several NVBA awards that have been on hiatus since the pandemic were awarded again this year during the annual meeting. These awards were given to the members who won the most masterpoints in 2025 playing in NVBA events. Congratulations to **Hal Hindman**, who received the Man of the Year award; **Annie Schwartz**, who received the Woman of the Year award; **Samriti Malik**, who received the Rookie of the Year award (for a player who started 2025 with fewer than 20 masterpoints); and **Amy Elmore**, who received the Rush Buckley award (for a player who started 2025 as a non-life master with more than 20 masterpoints).



*NVBA President Georgette Weiss with Woman of the Year Annie Schwartz and Man of the Year Hal Hindman.*

The annual meeting also recognized members who won NVBA Mini-McKenney awards (most total masterpoints won in 2025), Ace of Clubs awards (most masterpoints won at clubs in 2025), and Ace of Virtual Clubs awards (most masterpoints won at online clubs in 2025) in categories defined by masterpoints held at the start of the year. Congratulations to the following recipients of these awards:

Category	Mini-McKenney	Ace of Clubs	Ace of Virtual Clubs

0-5	Samriti Malik	Jai Singh	Birthe Christensen
5-20	Luke Brezak	John Randolph	Philip Schrag
20-50	Anthony Wang	Anthony Wang	Sherry Simon
50-100	Ben Umansky	Steven Schwartz	Steven Schwartz
100-200	Luanne Beutel	Angela Boggs	Joe Marshall, Jr.
200-300	Timothy Bezanson	---	Joan Kadonoff
300-500	Michael Miale	Donald Morello	Sharon Saile
500-1,000	Santosh Chokhani	Santosh Chokhani	Rekha Arness
1,000-1,500	Jichong Chai	Rich Ardini	Jill Norvell
1,500-2,500	Colin Schloss	Jack Hall	Michael Hampton
2,500-3,500	Mel Yudkin	Dave Tonnesen	Joyce Currie
3,500-5,000	Michael Klein	---	Donna Hickling
5,000-7,500	Annie Schwartz	Ernie Eayrs	Hailong Ao
7,500-10,000	Ronald Kral	Mark Tonnesen	Mark Tonnesen
10,000+	Alan Schwartz	Kenneth Davis	Sumner Steinfeldt

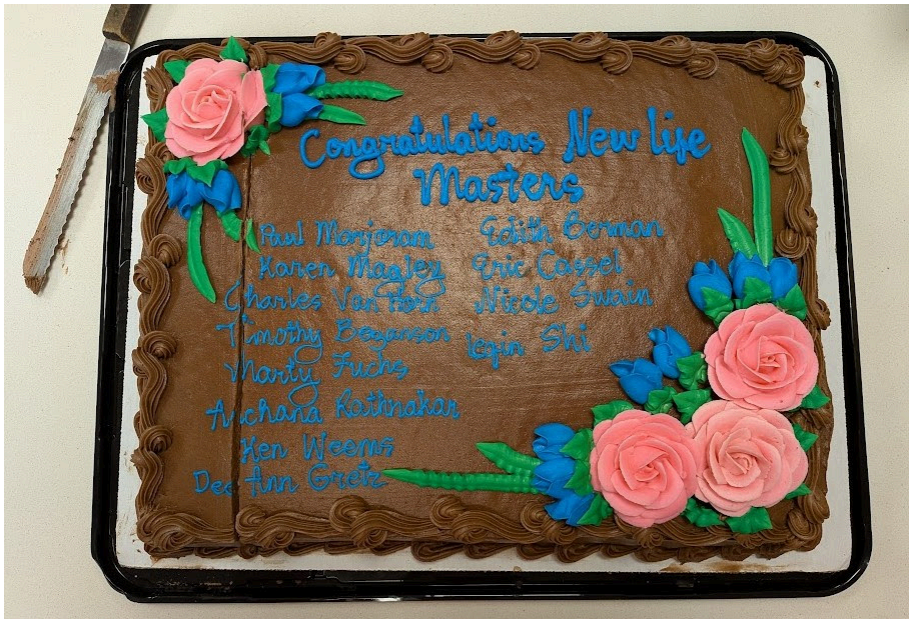


*NVBA President Georgette Weiss with some of the Mini-McKenney winners: Ronald Kral, Alan Schwartz, Annie Schwartz, Timothy Bezanson, Michael Miale, Mel Yudkin, and Luke Brezak.*



*NVBA President Georgette Weiss with some of the Ace of Clubs winners: Rich Ardini, Ernie Eayrs, Mark Tonnesen, and Kenneth Davis.*

Last but not least, the refreshments at the annual meeting included a cake honoring the 12 NVBA members who achieved the rank of life master during 2025. Congratulations to **Paul Marjoram, Karen Magley, Charles Van Horn, Timothy Bezanson, Marty Fuchs, Archana Rathnakar, Ken Weems, Dee Ann Gretz, Edith Berman, Eric Cassel, Nicole Swain, and Leqin Shi**. Also on the refreshments front: If you brought a salad in this bowl (see picture) but didn't take home the bowl, please [contact Marty Bley](#) to retrieve it.



The regular unit game followed the annual meeting, with 17 tables in two sections. Congratulations to winners **Marty Bley - Ross Bley** (Section B, EW), **Barry Falgout - Rusty Krauss** (Section B, NS), **Amy Brisson - Hal Hindman** (Section A, EW), and **Luke Brezak - Mel Yudkin** (Section A, NS). See [full Section A results](#) and [full Section B results](#).

This week's unit game will be part of the WBL Spring Sectional. It will be at the now-regular unit game location, St. Andrews Episcopal Church, 4000 Lorcom Lane, Arlington. **If possible, please preregister** using [RSVP Bridge](#). If you've never used RSVP Bridge before, start with [these instructions](#). After your first

time, you can just log in at the [RSVP Bridge home page](#). The remainder of the sectional will continue through the weekend in Silver Spring. For details, see the [tournament flyer](#).

Congratulations to the following members who [advanced in rank in April](#): new club masters **Mary Kay Carlson, Norma Netherwood, Cynthia Sweeder**, and **James Sweeder**; new sectional master **Samriti Malik**; new regional masters **Sherra Babcock, Stanley Legum**, and **Karen Stamos**; new advanced NABC master **John Macpherson**; new bronze life masters **George Saile** and **Sharon Saile**; and new silver life masters **Arvind Bhand** and **Huailin Chen**.

This Friday, May 15, is the registration deadline for the **2026 WBL round robin teams competition**. NVBA members are welcome to participate. See the [WBL website](#) for details.

If you haven't already, please sign up for the annual **life master/non-life master game**, which will be held at the unit game on June 11. You can sign up, with or without a partner, using [this online form](#) (preferred) or on paper forms available each week at the unit game. Each partnership in the LM/NLM game must include one life master and one non-life master. We'll match you up if you don't already have a partner in mind. This is typically a very popular game with both life masters and non-life masters, so signing up well in advance is recommended in case turnout exceeds capacity.

## Hail and Farewell

We welcome the following new members: **David Klein** and **Jo Ann Klein**. We welcome the following members who have transferred into our Unit: **Eleanor Linde, Ronald Shoemaker, Christina Starr**, and **Alan Starr**.

## Club News

- The **Tuesday evening game at Army-Navy Country Club** will not take place on May 26.

## Selected Upcoming Tournaments

- [Silver Spring Sectional](#) - Thu May 14 to Sun May 17
- [Richmond Sectional](#) - Fri May 29 to Sun May 31
- [Baltimore Sectional](#) - Fri Jun 5 to Sun Jun 7
- The NVBA website has a list of other [tournaments of interest](#)

## Useful Links

**Link of the week:** Lists of recipients of ACBL awards, including the Mini-McKenney and Ace of Clubs awards mentioned above and many others, can be found at ACBL's [Awards and Recognition](#) page. Please reply to this email to suggest future links of the week!

The NVBA website includes more information about the [unit game](#), listings of local [clubs](#) and [tournaments](#), help with [finding a partner](#), and much more. Webmaster [Ron Kral](#) welcomes your feedback and suggestions.

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

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