



Newsletter

July–September 2022

President's Message



I hope this finds everyone well. In spite of vaccines and booster shots, COVID is still rampant. Fortunately, for most who do catch COVID it is like a mild cold, for some it is more like the Flu. We are taking precautions at the NVBA Unit Game, held face-to-face every other Thursday. Everyone must be vaccinated in order to play. There is no food or drink except bottled water. The tables are spread far apart and, if requested, people are prepared to mask up.

Attendance has been quite low so far. Not just for the live NVBA Unit Game but for most club games in our area. Hopefully, you will soon venture out to play in the Unit and or club games. We are not in the business to make money but we have been losing big. We have not raised our prices even though our rent has gone up significantly. The larger the attendance, the more sustainable the game. We will continue to play face-to-face every other week for the foreseeable future, alternating weeks with the Washington Bridge League Unit Game. Every Thursday there is the option of playing online. There are a lot of pluses to playing online, but I find face-to-face so much more enjoyable and worth the effort to get dressed and go out at night. I really missed the camaraderie and fellowship of other bridge players during the lockdown. I like being able to complain about my stupid mistakes and bad luck in person. I look forward to seeing you at the bridge table.

There is a Regional being held in Baltimore from August 22-28, 2022 at the Inner Harbor Hilton. I bet you can't imagine a better place to hold a regional with so many great restaurants nearby and so much to see and do so close to the hotel. The best news is the parking

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will be free, thanks to Rusty Krauss. Even better, there will only be two games a day, so your evenings will be free to explore all the Harbor has to offer. I hope to see you all there.

Following that Regional, NVBA will be holding a sectional at the Fairfax Elks Lodge September 8-11, 2022 and WBL is holding a sectional September 29-October 2, 2022. Come out and win those silver points!



Parade of Winners

NVBA Spring Sectional May 12-15, 2022

Thurs Eve A/X Pairs (10 Pairs)

- 1 Robert Hopkins Jr – Brad Theurer
- 2 Mark Tonnesen – Hal Jones Jr
- 1 Mel Yudkin – Bill Young

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

- 1 Gaurang Sheth – Natasha Mullin
- 2 Howard Stevens – Livingston Johnson
- 2 1 Jichong Chai – R Mani
- 2 Nicole Swain – Luanne Beutel

Fri Aft A/X Pairs (20 Pairs)

- 1 Mark Tonnesen – Hal Jones Jr
- 2 1 Dale Dallaire – Kevin O'Brien
- 2 Bob Zier – Martha Zier

Fri Aft B/C/D Pairs (17 Pairs)

- 1 Bud Morgan – Alan Munro
- 2 1 1 Robert O Connor – Mike Morstein
- 2 2 Liz Jones – Jim Deckant

Fri Aft 499er Pairs (10 Pairs)

- 2 1 Will Downs Jr – Molly Downs
- 2 William Perkey – Natasha Mullin

Parade of Winners (continued)

Triple Nickel Swiss (15 Teams)

- 1 Fred King – Brad Theurer – Bob Bell – Bobby Gookin
- 2 Rusty Krauss – David Rodney – Avril Rodney – Jonathan Rodney
- 1 1 Jichong Chai – R Mani – Brendan O'Malley – Linda O'Malley
- 2 Sheila Ellis – Charles Ellis – Emerita Hayward – Jenny Shaefer

Sat AM A/X Pairs (27 Pairs)

- 1 Jay Cherlow – Al Lauber
- 2 Richard Popper – Robert Gookin
- 1 Susan Brawn – Neil McKinney
- 2 David Goldfrank – Raman Srivastav

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

- 1 1 1 Harriet Lewit – Arvind Bhand
- 2 2 2 Stephen Parker – Gaureng Sheth

Sat AM 499er Pairs (12 Pairs)

- 1 1 Nicole Swain – Luanne Beutel
- 2 Ron Shoemaker – Deborah Forbes
- 2 Timothy Bezanson – Ken Weems

Sat Aft A/X Pairs (20 Pairs)

- 1 David Rodney – Rusty Krauss
- 2 David McIntyre – Mohammad Zaidi

Sat Aft B/C/D Pairs (18 Pairs)

- 1 1 1 Ramakrishnan Iyer – M Khan
- 2 Eleanor Schwartz – Lucia Enica
- 2 Joan Axilbund – Cynthia Larre
- 2 Michael Miale – Pam Yood

Sat Aft 499er Pairs (12 Pairs)

- 2 1 Joseph Luchini – Victoria Luchini

Sun A/X Swiss (15 Teams)

- 1 Mark Chen – Brad Theurer – Marty Graf – Mark Shaw
- 2 David Rodney – Avril Rodney – Margot Hennings – Don Berman
- 1 Carol Crawford – Ryan Connors – Monique Smith – Merrill Hirsh

Parade of Winners (continued)

Sun Fit B Bkt 1 (6 Teams)

- 1 Alex Stille – Barbara Devaney – John McCormick – Eleanor Schwartz
- 2 Terry Jones – David Goldfrank – Craig Pritzker – Nancy Smagala

Sun Fit B Bkt 2 (8 Teams)

- 2 Michael Miale – Pam Yood – Ellen Simonoff – Glenn Preston

Rehoboth Beach, DE Regional May 2-6, 2022

Mon Open Pairs (12 Pairs)

- 1 William Bailey – Aaron Jones

Tues KO RR #1 (10 Teams)

- 2 Robert Hopkins Jr – Joan Lewis – Linda Marshall – Lyle Poe

Tues Gold Rush Pairs (42 Pairs)

- 2 Diana Jarrett – Joan Axilbund

Wed KO RR #1 (10 Teams)

- 1 Robert Hopkins Jr – Joan Lewis – Linda Marshall – Lyle Poe

Thurs Mid-Flight Pairs (16 Pairs)

- 1 1 Rochelle Hilton – Alice Faintich

Thurs Gold Rush Pairs (24 Pairs)

- 1 1 1 Li Chen – Fanjun Kong

Fri KO RR #1 (8 Teams)

- 1 William Bailey – Aaron Jones – Todd Thorsen – Rolf Swenson

Raleigh, NC Regional May 23-29, 2022

Mon 499er Pairs (6 Pairs)

- 1 Glenn Preston – Marian Corey

Parade of Winners (continued)

Tues RR #1 (8 Teams)

2 Ken Davis – Lynn Jones – Sumner Steinfeldt – Paul Benedict

Wed AM Side Game (17 Pairs)

2 1 Harry Potter – James Mosley

Wed Mid-Flight Pairs (14 Pairs)

2 1 Harry Potter – James Mosley

Wed-Thurs KO Bkt #2 (12 Teams)

2 Ron Kral – Mel Yudkin – William Young – Deborah Hoveland – Marc Goldberg – Suzanne Goldberg

Fri Mid-Flight Pairs (12 Pairs)

2 2 Harry Potter – James Mosley

Sat Gold Rush Pairs (17 Pairs)

2 Harry Potter – James Mosley

King of Prussia Regional, Valley Forge, PA June 27 – July 3, 2022

Mon Open Pairs (20 Pairs)

2 Robert Gookin – Sarah Cressy

Tues Gold Rush Pairs (49 Pairs)

2 1 Will Downs Jr – Molly Downs

Fri-Sat KO Bkt #2 (7 Teams)

1 Ryan Connors – Jody Connors – Randi Adelman – Michael Kelly

Sat Open Pairs (19 Pairs)

1 Jay Kelkar – David Hoffner

Hail and Farewell

We welcome the following new members into our Unit:

Anya Abraham
Sloane Carle
Girish K Chitnis
William Denk
Linda Gower
Costakis Konteatis
Meaghan McLaughlin
Diane Miller
Douglas Miller
Lauren Murray
Milena Nikolova
Elizabeth Northrup
Milania Ruparelia
Jaya Shah
Kira Shah
Pratham Shukla
Patricia L Smith
Dilip Sundaram
Srikar Vuyyuri
Richard White
Benjamin Wilson
Jeffrey Yin

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

Judith Bollinger
Mark Brownstein
Rosemary Cronin
Alex Marshall
Cheri Nolan
David Nolan
Manu Patel
David Stearman

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

John Graf
Kay Holdren
Shirley Lafferty
John Mason
Tim Murtaugh
William Perkey
Ralph Russo
Charles Yaple
Alice Zhang

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

David Evans
Mary Laney
John Miles
Stephen Swearingen



Climbing the Ladder

New Junior Masters

Franklin Barca
Luanne Beutel
Alesia Frerichs
Stephen Frerichs
Janice Gay
Ben Umansky

New Club Master

Lee Prior

New Sectional Masters

Peter McCloskey
Theodore Velkoff

New Sectional Master

Sajid Masood

New NABC Master

Deanna Shuman

New Life Master

Albert R Sperling

New Bronze Life Masters

Ronald Friedman
Anita Lancaster

New Silver Life Masters

George S Fleeson
Brian D Lamm
Jeffrey Schwartz
Nancy Smagala
Howard Stevens
Eileen Street

New Ruby Life Masters

John Bakovic
Margaret Storey

New Sapphire Life Master

Betsy Eliot

New Gold Life Masters

Ross Bley
Susan Brawn

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