



Newsletter

October–December 2024

President's Message



Happy Fall you all!

I am sitting inside writing this on the 1st nice day we've had in more than a week. I was beginning to think it would never stop raining. I hear the rain will be back tomorrow, oh well. On the brighter side the Unit Game has been improving. Our Life Master/non-Life Master game was a success. We had 22 tables. The most exciting to me was the number of truly beginner duplicate players. Susan Miskura and Dennis Schwanz and Marty Bley and Keith Hafen and Kevin O'Brien and others that I have forgotten to mention have done a phenomenal

job on getting these new players ready for duplicate bridge. The only way for duplicate to grow is for the beginner players to experience duplicate at the table and become more comfortable with the process.

We had a great turnout for our sectional. The table count keeps going up. It was good to see many faces I had not seen in a long time and many new faces. I really enjoyed the Subs from Firehouse Sub shop. Thank you, Tournament Chair Amy Brisson for all your hard work. I was excited to see the number of players with 0-20 masterpoints who showed up to play. I am certainly looking forward to our next sectional. If you need silver points, WBL is having a sectional in October 17-20, and there is one in Richmond October 4-6.

District 6 has scheduled two regionals in 2025. Unit 218, NVBA, will be hosting the July 4th regional, being held June 30-July 5 at the Westfield Marriott near Dulles airport. While there is no food nearby, so you will have to drive to nearby restaurants, the hotel does have free on-site parking. Another regional is scheduled at the MD Live Casino in Hanover, MD for August 17-22, 2025.

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Parade of Winners

Reston Regional

July 1-6, 2024

Mon Open Pairs (50 Pairs)

- 1 Weizhong Bao – Jiang Gu
- 1 1 Howard Stevens – Livingston Johnson
- 2 Shiang Chen – Rosemary Shaw
- 2 Leqin Shi – Lewis Hutchinson

Tues Gold Rush Pairs (25 Pairs)

- 2 Sharon Saile – George Saile
- 1 Rene Costales – Archana Rathnakar

Tues RR Bkt #1 (7 Teams)

- 1 John Miller – Lynn Shannon – Robert Hopkins Jr – Joan Lewis
- 2 Alan Schwartz – Ann Schwartz – Judy Fox – James Fox

Tues RR Bkt #2 (7 Teams)

- 1 Jim Wakefield – Hal Jones – Susan Smith – Michael Smith

Tues RR Bkt #3 (7 Teams)

- 1 Mary Mudd – Barry Sparks – Alan Munro – Colin Schloss

Tues RR Bkt #4 (8 Teams)

- 1 Tobi Bear – Susan Klaber – Nancy Harrington – Sharon Kellett

Tues RR Bkt #5 (8 Teams)

- 1 Jill Norville – Mark Orms – Mary Liz Higgins – Paul Higgins
- 2 Kathleen Barbour – Marlene Sienicki – Rita Winkel – Phyllis Bowman

Tues Open Pairs (58 Pairs)

- 2 David Rodney – Rusty Krauss
- 1 Arvind Bhand – Mahadeo Patwardhan

Tues Gold Rush Pairs (36 Pairs)

- 1 Sharon Saile – George Saile
- 2 James Sprung – James Connor
- 1 1 Angela Boggs – Joseph Celio
- 2 2 Carl Devore – Caroline Town

Parade of Winners (cont'd)

Tues AM 0-20 Pairs (17 Pairs)

- 1 1 1 Helen Critchfield – David Nordquist
- 2 2 2 Nancy Kay – Bart Fischer

Tues Aft 0-20 Pairs (13 Pairs)

- 1 1 Stephen Winer – Donald Albers
- 2 2 1 Carole Frost – John Crumrine

Wed RR Bkt #2 (7 Teams)

- 2 Jim Wakefield – Hal Jones – Susan Smith – Michael Smith

Wed RR Bkt #3 (7 Teams)

- 1 Mary Mudd – Barry Sparks – Alan Munro – Colin Schloss
- 2 Jerry Nolte – Betty Nolte – Ken Hopke – Catherine Bardsley

Wed RR Bkt #4 (8 Teams)

- q q1 Howard Tash – Martin Reed – Katy Culp – Julie Marquette

Wed RR Bkt #5 (10 Teams)

- 1 Jay Simon – Mark Jones – Rich Ardini – Garry Grossman
- 2/3 Paul Mohler – John Graf – Ellen Simonoff – Diana Jarrett
- 2/3 John Wertman – Joia Hertz – Eric Poskanzer – Joe Hertz

Wed RR Bkt #6 (10 Teams)

- 2 Eric Cassel – Richard Long – David Ball – Lilly Trabucco

Wed A/X Pairs (30 Pairs)

- 2 Michael Klein – Sven Pride

Wed Mid-Flight Pairs (28 Pairs)

- 1 1 Jichong Chai – Haoyi You
- 2 Michael Lawrence – Craig Olson
- 2 Patrick Herbst – Benjamin Sharp

Wed Gold Rush Pairs (32 Pairs)

- 1 1 Sharon Saile – George Saile
- 2 Carole Stallings – Benjamin Guttridge

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Thurs RR Bkt #1 (11 Teams)

- 1 Vince Wilmot – Sven Pride – Richard Wegman – David Genne
- 2/3 Alan Schwartz – Jeffrey Schwartz – Peter Boyd – Steven Robinson
- 2/3 Fred King – Barry Falgout – Robert Bell – Rusty Krauss

Thurs RR Bkt #4 (8 Teams)

- 2 Li Chen – Fanjun Kong – Leqin Shi – Lewis Hutchinson

Thurs RR Bkt #5 (8 Teams)

- 1 Dee Ann Gretz – Lynn Wilson – Mary Liz Higgins – Paul Higgins
- 2/3 Michael Miale – Pam Yood – Randolph Elkins – Harriet Lewit

Thurs A/X Pairs (30 Pairs)

- 2 Hailong Ao – Jiang Gu
- 2 Shiang Chen – Rick Uhrig

Thurs Gold Rush Pairs (33 Pairs)

- 2 2 James Sprung – James Connor
- 1 Tamar Manuelyan Atinc – Robert Finley
- 2 Joseph Luchini – Victoria Luchini

Fri RR Bkt #1 (9 Teams)

- 1 Ethan Derman – John McAllister – Mark Chen – Brad Theurer
- 2 David Rodney – Rusty Krauss – Robert Hopkins Jr – Joan Lewis

Fri RR Bkt #2 (7 Teams)

- 2 Robert Brady – Stephen Drodge – John Miller – Lynn Shannon

Fri RR Bkt #3 (7 Teams)

- 2 Raman Srivastav – David McIntyre – Oleg Dolgikh – Kevin O'Brien

Fri RR Bkt #4 (7 Teams)

- 2 Jerry Nolte – Betty Nolte – Ken Hopke – Catherine Bardsley

Fri RR Bkt #5 (8 Teams)

- 1 Li Chen – Fanjun Kong – Leqin Shi – Lewis Hutchinson

Fri RR Bkt #7 (8 Teams)

- 1 John Huffman – Paul Marjoram – Lilly Trabucco – David Ball

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Fri Open Pairs (44 Pairs)

- 1 Susan Harden – Paul Cassedy

Fri Gold Rush Pairs (23 Pairs)

- 1 Rene Costales – Archan Rathnakar
- 2 Jeff Galginaitis – Michael Beaghen

Sat A/X Swiss (32 Teams)

- 2 1 Vince Wilmot – Monique Smith – David Genne – Sven Pride
- 2 Robert Brady – Stephen Drodge -John Miller – Lynn Shannon

0-3000 Bracketed Teams Bkt 1 (7 Teams)

- 1 Shiang Chen – Dale Sanders – Dave Marchal – Bernard Klein

0-3000 Bracketed Teams Bkt 2 (8 Teams)

- 1 Daniel Morgan – John Blodgett – Patrick Herbst – Ben Sharp
- 2 Brian Childers – Rachel Bethe – Peter Schiff – Jill Bernson

0-3000 Bracketed Teams Bkt 4 (8 Teams)

- 1 John Huffman – Archana Rathnakar – Lilly Trabucco – David Ball
- 2 John Zhan – Nina Nie – Allison Zhan – Leon Zhan

Baltimore Regional

August 19-25, 2024

Mon Open Pairs (48 Pairs)

- 2 Fanjun Kong – Lewis Hutchinson

Mon Gold Rush Pairs (13 Pairs)

- 1 1 Santosh Chokhani – David Ball
- 2 Sylvia Hall – Edith Berman

Chesapeake Bracketed Teams Bkt #4 (8 Teams)

- 1 Eva Messro – David Gervasio – Sylvia Hall – Arvind Bhand – Archana Rathnakar

Chesapeake Bracketed Teams Bkt #5 (8 Teams)

- 1 John Huffman – Santosh Chokhani – David Ball – Paul Marjoram

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Tues Gold Rush Pairs (21 Pairs)

1 Victoria Luchini – Joseph Luchini

Choptank Bracketed Teams Bkt #1 (7 Teams)

2 Rusty Krauss – Marty Graf – Mark Shaw – David Rodney

Choptank Bracketed Teams Bkt #2 (12 Teams)

1 Rick Bingham – Mel Yudkin – Hal Hindman – Clyde Kruskal

Choptank Bracketed Teams Bkt #3 (8 Teams)

1 Martha Bley – Ross Bley – Phyllis Morgan – Jack Smuck

Wed A/X Pairs (26 Pairs)

1 Ron Kral – Val Kovachev

Wed Mid-Flight Pairs (18 Pairs)

1 Mary Mudd – Barry Sparks

2 1 Jichong Chai – Haoyi You

Wed Gold Rush Pairs (21 Pairs)

1 1 Victoria Luchini – Joseph Luchini

2 Anne Carter – Jennifer Maggio

Tues-Wed Online Gold Rush Pairs (26 Pairs)

2/3 Rene Costales – Archana Rathnakar

Thurs Open Pairs (40 Pairs)

2 1 Jim Sandefur – Stephen Silvius

2 David Espo – Linda Meade

0-3000 Bracketed Teams Bkt #1 (9 Teams)

1 Amy Brisson – Keith Hafen – Sheryl McEwan – Brenda Egeland

2 Daniel Morgan – Ben Umansky – Ben Sharp – Patrick Herbst

0-3000 Bracketed Teams Bkt #2 (10 Teams)

1 Jason Carter – John Huffman – Cynthia Larre – Joan Axilbund

0-3000 Bracketed Teams Bkt #3 (10 Teams)

1 Brian Hudson – Everett Baker – Virginia Ivin – David Delziingaro

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Potomac Bracketed Teams Bkt #1 (12 Teams)

1 Rusty Krauss – Alan Sontag – Noble Shore – Norman Beck

Potomac Bracketed Teams Bkt #2 (7 Teams)

2 David Rodney – Avril Rodney – Daniel Rodney – Jonathan Rodney

Fri A/X Pairs (29 Pairs)

2 1 Jay Cherlow – Eric Branfman

Fri Mid-Flight Pairs (16 Pairs)

1 1 Jim Sandefur – Stephen Silvius

Fri Gold Rush Pairs (16 Pairs)

2 2 Rene Costales – Archan Rathnakar

Patuxent Bracketed Teams Bkt #2 (7 Teams)

1 Margot Hennings – Scott Tumperi – David Platnick – Bryan Coleman

2 Jim Wakefield – Hal Jones – Susan Smith – Michael Smith

Patuxent Bracketed Teams Bkt #3 (7 Teams)

2 Li Chen – Fanjun Kong – Leqin Shi – Lewis Hutchinson

Patuxent Bracketed Teams Bkt #4 (9 Teams)

1 Nicole Swain – Victor Weedn – Luanne Beutel – Jim Gerding

Patuxent Bracketed Teams Bkt #5 (10 Teams)

1 Joe Hertz – Eddie Timanus – Willis Chang – Aaron Cogbill

Sat Open Pairs (31 Pairs)

2 Jay Cherlow – Eric Branfman

2 Irene Reiter – Rene Costales

Sat Gold Rush Pairs (13 Pairs)

1 1 1 Cumbakonam Vasudevan – Sudhir Watwe

2 2 Sharon Saile – George Saile

Sun A/X Swiss (24 Teams)

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Sun A/X Swiss Teams (24 Teams)

- 2 Mark Chen – Brad Theurer – Michael Gill – Noble Shore
- 1 Jim Wakefield – Hal Jones – Susan Smith – Michael Smith

Sun 0-3000 Bracketed Teams Bkt #1 (7 Teams)

- 1 Li Chen – Fanjun Kong – Leqin Shi – Lewis Hutchinson

Sun 0-3000 Bracketed Teams Bkt #2 (7 Teams)

- 1 Phillip Articola – John Mattioli – H Phillip Davis – Sheldon Rappeport
- 2 Rich Ardini – Nancy Lea Ross – Stephen Collier – Santosh Chokhani

NVBA Fall Sectional

September 11-15, 2024

Thurs Eve B/C/D Pairs (18 Pairs)

- 1 1 Marty Zupan – Andy Hawks
- 2 2 1 Ken Weems – Tim Bezanson

Fri Aft A/X Pairs (22 Pairs)

- 1 1 Katy Culp – Joe Leighton
- 2 Kiyomi Shiba – Lloyd Rawley

Fri Aft B/C/D Pairs (24 Pairs)

- 1 Emerita Hayward – Sitaraman Sathiamoorthy
- 2 1 George Fleeson – Victor Weedn
- 2 1 Santosh Chokhani – Deborah Cobb

Fri Eve Triple Nickel Open Swiss (10 Teams)

- 1 Rusty Krauss – Fred King – Barry Bragin – Barry Falgout
- 2 Mark Chen – Brad Theurer – Linda Marshall – Bob Bell
- 1/2 Hal Hindman – Amy Brisson – Rick Bingham – Mel Yudkin
- 1/2 Rich Ardini – Ernie Eays – Jichong Chai – R Mani

Fri Eve Triple Nickel B/C/D Swiss (6 Teams)

- 1 1 1 Daniel Morgan – Ben Umansky – Kimberly Ferguson – Joe Hertz
- 2 Francesca Mazarella – Eleanor Schwartz – Irene Reiter – Rene Costales
- 2 Harry Potter – James Mosley – Willis Chang – Aaron Cogbill

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

- 1 1 Nancy Lea Ross – Rich Ardini
- 2 Willis Chang – Aaron Cogbill

Sat AM 499er Pairs (20 Pairs)

- 1 Mary Liz Higgins – Paul Higgins
- 2 Terrance Mullin – Ronald Shoemaker

Sat AM 0-20 Pairs (13 Pairs)

- 1 1 1 Nancy Doyle – Allison Granstedt

Sat A/X Pairs (23 Pairs)

- 1 1 Phillip Articola – Ernie Eayrs
- 2 Linda Marshall – Sven Pride

Sat B/C/D Pairs (32 Pairs)

- 1 Jichong Chai – R Mani
- 2 2 1 Michael Miale – Pam Yood
- 2 Barbara Norton – Diane Binnick

Sat Aft 499er Pairs (21 Pairs)

- 2 Yanfei Xia – Utku Moral

Sun A/X Swiss (13 Teams)

- 1 Rusty Krauss – Barry Falgout – Mark Chen – Jason Meyer
- 2 Jay Kelkar – James Geist – Muh-Sha Crawford – Rebecca Duty
- 1 Jay Cherlow – Barbara Devaney – Alex Stille – Hadi Abushakra
- 2 Hal Hindman – Amy Brisson – David Rodney – Avril Rodney

Sun Fit B Bkt 1 (6 Teams)

- 1 Harry Potter – James Mosley – Brenda Egeland – Keith Hafen
- 2 Daniel Morgan – John Blodgett – Brewster Porcella – Candy Greenway

Sun Fit B Bkt 2 (6 Teams)

- 2 Nicole Swain – Victor Weedn – John Graf – Paul Mohler

Sun Fit B Bkt 3 (7 Teams)

- 1 Anne Carter – Jennifer Maggio – Sharon Saile – George Saile
- 2 Luanne Beutel – John Mattioli – Stephen Collier – Santosh Chokhani

Hail and Farewell

We welcome the following new members into our Unit:

Donald P Albers
 Joy Andrews
 Bill Browning
 Birthe Christensen
 Aaron Cogbill
 John P Crumrine
 Gene R Erickson
 Carole A Frost
 Lewis Glasener
 Allison M Granstedt
 Gerald Harned
 Nancy E Kay
 Oscar A Lloyd
 Jose Molina
 Soma Reddy
 Sudha Reddy
 Jai Singh
 Yanfei Xia

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

Judith H Bone
 Walter W Collins
 Susan K Gampfer
 John M Grantham
 Dougalyn W Guthrie
 Randy Jean Hiltbrand
 Robert E Norman
 Pat Peterson
 Sharon Ramsey
 Archana Rathnakar
 Karen Stamos

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

Brooks Chupp
 Jody J Daniels
 David Domnitch
 Nancy M Griggs
 Anne Hastings
 Glenn Heidbreder
 Bruce Kasold
 Sharon Owens
 Kathleen Parkins
 Kiran Patel
 Marlene Sienicki
 Aly Stoeger

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

Marina P Damkilde
 Shuba Dey



Climbing the Ladder

New Junior Masters

Cheryl Daly
 Kelly A Depumpo
 Patrick A King
 Philip Schrag
 Virginia D Sorkin
 Yanfei Xia

New Club Masters

Nina Nie
 Sherry V Simon
 Caroline H Town
 John Zhan

New Sectional Masters

Kathleen Barbour
 Joseph Celio
 Oleg Dolgikh
 Norma J Hibbs
 John Macpherson
 Jane Marcus
 Eileen Marean
 Christel M Nugent
 Mary Poole
 Carols A Tomassoni
 Ben Umansky
 Elisabeth A Wessels

New Regional Masters

Brooks Chupp
 Rene Costales

New NABC Masters

Susan Harden
 James G Sprung

New Advanced NABC Masters

Santosh Chokhani
 Brenda Egeland
 Mary Liz Higgins
 Paul M Higgins
 Jennifer B Maggio
 Lynn C Wilson

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As usual we are always looking for volunteers. If you are interested in helping at any of the regionals, please let someone on the board know. We could also use donations of snacks at our weekly Unit Game. Thank you, Pam Yood, for the cookies you donated last week. They certainly went quickly.

Before you know it, it will be time for the Holiday party. It is scheduled for December 19th. If you would like to volunteer or have some suggestions, please let me know.

Don't forget that for the first 2 Thursdays in October, the Unit Game will not be at Beth El. The game on October 3 is being held at the Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 8922 Little River Tpk, Fairfax, VA 22031. The game on October 10 is being held at St. Andrews Episcopal Church, 4000 Lorcom Ln. Arlington, VA 22207. Please grab your partners and join us at the bridge table. Bridge is a great exercise for the brain, and it keeps us young.



Climbing the Ladder (cont'd)

New Life Masters

James E Connor
Deborah K Forbes
Lewis Hutchinson
Diana F Jarrett
Fanjun Kong
George Saile
Sharon Saile

New Bronze Life Masters

Phillip J Articola
Deborah K Forbes
Lewis Hutchinson

New Silver Life Master

James M Mosley
Nicholas R Pchelkin
Harry Potter
Tamara Vetter
Cathy Walton

New Ruby Life Masters

Sandy Carroll
Jeffrey Schwartz

New Gold Life Masters

Ryan C Connors
Yvonne K Markell

New Sapphire Life Master

Donna Hickling

New Diamond Life Master

Deb Dhar

New Emerald Life Master

Jim Wakefield

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