



Newsletter

January–March 2025

President's Message



Happy holidays and good cheer to everyone,

I am writing to you from somewhere in the Caribbean; it is a sea day for us. I am halfway through a wonderful three-week bridge cruise. Now that the busy holiday season is coming to a close, I hope to see everyone back at the bridge table. I would like to thank everyone who participated in our NVBA holiday party. There was certainly an abundance of delicious food as well as good bridge.

Slowly but surely our numbers at the table are increasing. We still have a long way to go before we can break even. Thank you to all our bridge teachers who have been working hard to encourage their students to come out to the Unit Game for a free lesson and some duplicate bridge. Our volunteers have worked hard to set up a great program of instruction for our beginners and anyone else interested in a review.

ACBL is raising virtual club fees as part of an effort to encourage players to come back to the table for face-to-face bridge. Online games will be going up in price soon. We realize the convenience of staying home and playing bridge in your PJ's, but you are missing the fellowship and fun of face-to-face bridge. Many people don't come out to games because they no longer need specific colored points to achieve their next rank. It is too bad because they also miss the enjoyment of an in-person well-played hand.

Just a reminder that the NVBA is holding a sectional February 20-23, starting with the Unit Game Thursday night and then three days at the Fairfax Elks club. This is a wonderful opportunity to get silver points. WBL also has a sectional in early January from the 9th to the 12th. Sectionals typically have bigger turnouts than club or unit games. They are a wonderful way to catch up with old friends and make new partnerships. I am looking forward to seeing everyone at the bridge table.

Georgette Weiss

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Parade of Winners

WBL Sectional

October 17-20, 2024

Thurs AM A/X Pairs (18 Pairs)

- 1 Bob Lawrence – Santosh Chokhani

Thurs AM B/C/D (8 Pairs)

- 1 1 Robert Finley – Tamar Atinc

Thurs Eve A/X Pairs (27 Pairs)

- 1 Stan Schenker – Deb Dhar
2 Yen De Anda – David Fleischer

Thurs Eve B/C/D (30 Pairs)

- 2 2 Benjamin Sharp – Patrick Herbst
1 Santosh Chokhani – Archana Rathnakar
2 Lewis Hutchinson – Leqin Shi

Fri AM A/X Pairs (14 Pairs)

- 1 David Rodney – Rusty Krauss
1 Keith Hafen – Amy Brisson

Fri AM B/C/D Pairs (18 Pairs)

- 1 1 David Espo – Linda Meade
2 2 1 Sharon Kellett – Betsy Rock

Fri AM 499er Pairs (10 Pairs)

- 2 Sharon Saile – George Saile

Fri Aft 0-750 Pairs (12 Pairs)

- 1 1 Luanne Beutel – Archana Rathnakar

Sat A/X Pairs (30 Pairs)

- 1 1 Jichong Chai – Haoyi You
2 2 Lloyd Rawley – Michael Richey

Sat AM B/C/D Pairs (24 Pairs)

- 2 2 1 Victor Weedn – Nicole Swain

Sat AM 499er Pairs (17 Pairs)

- 2 Santosh Chokhani – David Ball
2 Paul Bernstein – Terrance Mullin

Parade of Winners (cont'd)

Sat Aft 2500/1500/750 Pairs (19 Pairs)

- 1 1 John Wertman – Joia Hertz
- 2 2 1 Nicole Swain – Victor Weedn

Sat Aft 499er Pairs (11 Pairs)

- 1 Santosh Chokhani – David Ball
- 2 Sharon Saile – George Saile
- 1 Utku Moral – Yanfei Xia

Sun A/X Swiss (10 Teams)

- 1/2 1 Amy Brisson – Hal Hindman – David Rodney – Avril Rodney
- 1/2 1 Mark Chen – Brad Theurer – Rusty Krauss – Barry Falgout

Sun Ft B Bkt 1 (6 Teams)

- 1 John McCormick – Eleanor Schwartz – Behnaz Fardshisheh – Thomas Reckford

Sun Ft B Bkt 2 (6 Teams)

- 1 John Huffman – Paul Marjoram – Santosh Chokhani – David Ball
- 2 Luanne Beutel – Archana Rathnakar – Victor Weedn – George Fleeson

Las Vegas, NV NABC

November 28 – December 8, 2024

Kaplan Blue Ribbon Pairs (78 Pairs)

- 2 Weizhong Bao – Hailong Ao

Monday Jay Silberberg Bracketed Round Robin Teams Bkt #16 (7 Teams)

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

Wednesday Bracketed Round Robin Teams Bkt #18 (7 Teams)

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

2nd Thursday Mid-Flight Pairs (88 Pairs)

- 2 Jichong Chai – R Mani

Kevin Stansbury Bracketed Round Robin Teams Bkt #17 (7 Teams)

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

Parade of Winners (cont'd)

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Friday Mid-Flight Pairs (70 Pairs)

- 1 Jichong Chai – R Mani

Saturday Open Pairs (66 Pairs)

- 2 1 Li Chen – Lewis Hutchinson

District 6 Grand National Teams Event 2024-2025

District Six is not requiring club qualification this year in any flight, and there are major changes to flight limits starting in 2025.

The FLIGHT MASTERPOINT LIMITS are as follows:

Open Championship Flight Unlimited

Flight A 0-6000 Masterpoints

Flight B 0-3000 Masterpoints

Flight C Non-Life Master 0-750 Masterpoints

Flight eligibility will be established by ACBL's September 2024 masterpoint cycle. This information was produced on August 6, 2024 in Horn Lake, MS. Masterpoints won after this cycle will not impact flight eligibility for these events.

The first qualifying weekend for the Open Championship Flight will be held February 1-2, 2025 at the Silver Spring Civic Building. The Open Championship Final will conclude February 22-23, 2025 at the NVBA Sectional. To enter the event, you must pre-register your team online on the DistrictSixBridge.org website by January 23, 2025.

Flight B and Flight C will be contested February 1-2, 2025, possibly including a satellite site and with any final rounds also at the NVBA Sectional February 22-23.

In Flight B the first weekend will be February 1-2, 2025 at the Silver Spring Civic Building. The final will conclude February 22-23, 2025 at the NVBA Sectional. To enter the event, you must pre-register your team online on the DistrictSixBridge.org website by January 23, 2025. Flight C will be a one-day event played at one of two sites (team choice): Saturday, Feb 1, 2025 in Richmond OR Sunday, Feb 2, 2025 in Silver Spring. To enter the event, you must pre-register your team online on the DistrictSixBridge.org website by January 16, 2025. Provided there are sufficient entries at each site, the winning team at each site will be qualified to represent District 6 at the 2025 Summer NABC Final in Philadelphia in July.

For Flight A, the first weekend will be May 17-18 in North Bethesda and the second weekend will be in June at the MBA sectional in Catonsville on June 7-8. Please check the DistrictSixBridge.org website in April for the pre-registration instructions.

If you have any questions about this event, please contact the GNT Coordinator and Grass Roots Chair Mary Peters, mpeters496@verizon.net.

Hail and Farewell

We welcome the following new members into our Unit:

Virginia Berg
 Eveline Coady
 Nancy Doyle
 Johon M Feigert
 Patricia Leslie
 Andy Liang
 Andrew Margrave
 William Mims
 Christie Olsen
 Vivek Ramakrishna
 Maggie Rohde
 Kari Sprecher
 Cynthia Sweeder
 James Sweeder

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

Barbara L Alexander
 Theri C Andino
 Sherra Babcock
 Alexander K Crosby
 Paul F Harding
 Dragen Koprivica
 Barbara D Langley
 Eric S Mayefsky
 Dee I Steil
 Patricia T Turk
 Alan H Yu

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

Ilker Altinoglu
 Bob Boyd

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

Paul Arendal
 Diana F Jarrett
 Eleanor Linde
 Matt Murbach
 Brian Sims
 Mary Sophos
 Kathryn Ward-Johnson
 Pam Yood



Climbing the Ladder

New Junior Masters

Virginia Berg
 Bill Browning
 Aaron Cogbill
 Westy T Kent
 Nalini Lall
 Andrew Margrave
 John D Randolph
 Carol A Rentz
 Mindy G Scango
 Mary Starner

New Club Masters

Thomas Caldwell
 Willis H Chang
 Donald F Clark
 Aaron Cogbill
 Bonnie Norem
 Pannala V Reddy
 Lawrence Zerolnick
 Yanfei Xia

New Sectional Masters

Seema Behl
 Alesia Frerichs
 Stephen Frerichs

New NABC Masters

Edith Berman
 Anne Carter
 Sylvia Hall
 Cumbakonam Vasudevan
 Ken Weems

New Advanced NABC Masters

Sylvia S Hall
 Nicole M Swain
 Pam Yood

New Life Masters

Santosh Chokhani
 Janyce C Cone
 Brenda Egeland
 Liz Jones
 Cynthia Larre
 Michael Miale
 Mark Orms

New Bronze Life Masters

Cynthia Larre
 Mark Orms
 Victor W Weedn

New Silver Life Masters

Jichong Chai
 Lewis Hutchinson
 Daniel Morgan
 Larry Settle

New Ruby Life Masters

Dr Michael E Canes
 Joseph Lebaron

New Gold Life Master

Bernice R Hacke

New Emerald Life Master

Mark J Tonnesen

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