



Newsletter

January–March 2023

President's Message



Happy New Year to all you bridge players and to your families, who put up with your obsession. I wish I had something new to report. However, we are still in limbo with the COVID pandemic. This season we can add our worries about RSV and flu running rampant. Our Unit will continue alternating every other week face-to-face bridge with online games on Thursday nights, at least through the end of March. We will reevaluate in March. You can find the schedule in the weekly NBVA email newsletter and on the NVBA website. Mark and Ed do a great job keeping everyone up to date on what is going on in the Unit.

Our first sectional of the year will start February 16th. We are looking for volunteers. If you are interested, please contact me or Margot Hennings. Our second sectional will be March 30 -April 2. If you need silver points, please keep these sectionals in mind. If you are looking for gold points, then look no further than the Reston Regional being held July 3-9 this year. The number of face-to-face players is slowly increasing at the Unit game. If you haven't been recently, please come, we miss you. The only way for the game to survive is if you come out and play. There are still plenty of daytime games in the area, as well as several evening games. Please check the newsletter to find the days and times of the games. I know how easy it is to play a game online. However, the lack of fellowship and socialization outweighs the convenience of online play. It is just way more fun to compete face-to-face against your friends and enemies.

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Parade of Winners

Lancaster PA Regional

Market Day Bracketed Teams Bkt 2 (8 Teams)

1 Hal Jones – Ron Kral – Rick Bingham – Mel Yudkin

Goat Race Bracketed Teams Bkt 5 (8 Teams)

1 Joia Hertz – John Wertman – David Delginzaro – Tim French

Wed. A/X Pairs (22 Pairs)

2 Ron Kral – Mel Yudkin

Wed. Gold Rush Pairs (45 Pairs)

2 Arvind Bhand – Harriet Lewit

Quilting Bee Bracketed Teams Bkt 2 (9 Teams)

1 Hal Jones – Mark Tonnesen – Amy Brisson – Hal Hindman

Quilting Bee Bracketed Teams Bkt 3 (8 Teams)

1 Craig Olson – Michael Lawrence – Ben Stauss – Jeff Kosnett

Quilting Bee Bracketed Teams Bkt 4 (8 Teams)

1 Ross Bley – Marty Bley – Glenn Preston – Debra Graham

Thurs. Gold Rush Pairs (40 Pairs)

1 Li Chen – Fanjun Kong

Shoofly Pie Bracketed Teams Bkt 3 (10 Teams)

1 Craig Olson – Michael Lawrence – Ben Stauss – Jeff Kosnett

Shoofly Pie Bracketed Teams Bkt 5 (10 Teams)

1 David Delzingaro – Tim French – Randolph Elkins – Pradip Khan

Fri. Gold Rush Pairs (20 Pairs)

1 Li Chen – Fanjun Kong

Barn Raising Bracketed Teams Bkt 3 (10 Teams)

1 Craig Olson – Michael Lawrence – Ben Stauss – Jeff Kosnett

Sat. A/X Pairs (26 Pairs)

2/3 Ram Sarangan – Jim Geist

Sat. Gold Rush Pairs (14 Pairs)

1 Timothy Bezanson – Ken Weems

Bis Widder Bracketed Teams Bkt 1 (10 Teams)

2/3 Paul Benedict – Ed Lazarus – Sumner Steinfeldt – Kent Hartman

Parade of Winners (continued)

Fall NABC – Phoenix, AZ
November 24-December 4, 2022
(finishers in top 10 of National Events)

Congratulations to Annie and Alan Schwartz who won the SENIOR MIXED PAIRS and 80 Platinum Points. Alan shared a couple of interesting hands they played at this NABC. See page 5.

International Fund Open Pairs (32 Pairs)

4 Margot Hennings - Laurie Rowe

Gordon Markham 0-3,000 Bracketed Teams Bkt 2 (10 Teams)

1 Eric Schneider - Jeffrey Schwartz - Cynthia Ogden - Leslie Weisbrod

Felix Moore 0-3,000 Bracketed Teams Bkt 2 (9 Teams)

1 Eric Schneider - Jeffrey Schwartz - Cynthia Ogden - Leslie Weisbrod

Tues-Fri Side Game (13 Pairs)

2 1 1 Jichong Chai – R Mani

Jennifer O'Neill Bracketed Teams Bkt 7 (8 Teams)

1 Jeffrey Schwartz - Cynthia Ogden - Daniel Lev – Catherine Williams

Thurs Open Pairs (106 Pairs)

2 Andy Hawks – Jack Hawks

Gayle Quiros Memorial Fast Pairs (28 Pairs)

1 1 Andy Hawks – Jack Hawks

Tues-Fri Side Game (12 Pairs)

1 1 Kevin O'Brien – Graham Fenton

Hail and Farewell

We welcome the following new members into our Unit:

Angela R Boggs
 Carol Bracey
 Rene Costales
 Betty O Fraser
 Charles M Horn
 Maged Hussein
 Barbara Napier
 Magdy Ramzy
 Carlos A Tomassoni
 Anthony Wang

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

Paul Leblang
 Sally Patton
 Karen K Phillips
 Nathaniel Saunders
 Stuart Warren
 Alice Y Zhang

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

Allison R Brandt
 Barbara Butow
 David C Butow
 Wanda T Clandorf
 Candy Clanton

Bruce Dautrich
 Karen Fygi
 Joe Gems
 Mike Giesler
 Gary Hinson
 Margaret Hinson
 Nora Klein
 Jane Marsh
 Margie Mastran
 Ava M Neff
 Brewster Porcella
 Eric Segal
 Lynne A Sonley
 Richard Thrift
 Holly J Wright



Climbing the Ladder

New Junior Masters

May Geadah
 Linda G Gower
 John S Macpherson
 Magdy Ramzy
 Thomas Richardson
 Silvia B Sagari

New Club Master

Paula Metcalf

New Sectional Masters

Chris Siple
 Deborah A Wood

New Regional Masters

Anne C Carter
 Sylvia S Hall
 Ramakrishnan S Iyer
 Joseph S Luchini
 Victoria Luchini
 Corinna Muzic
 Marie T Petersen

New NABC Master

Michael P Miale

New Advanced NABC Masters

Robert Drosdzal
 Susan R Drosdzal
 John Huffman
 Liz Jones

New Life Masters

Charles C Ellis
 Sheila W Ellis

New Bronze Life Masters

Sheila W Ellis
 Gail L Harrison
 Betsy R Rock
 Ellen Simonoff

New Silver Life Masters

Andy Hawks
 Terry Mitchell

New Ruby Life Masters

Tobi Bear
 Rick Bingham
 Amy R Brisson
 Livingston M Johnson
 Francesca E Mazarella
 Rick A Uhrig

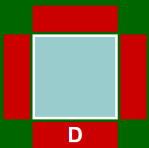
New Gold Life Masters

Peter B Harrington
 Raman H Srivastav

New Emerald Life Master

Jeffrey Klemm

*Excellent Cardplay by Grand Life Master Alan Schwartz in
the Blue Ribbon Pairs and Senior Mixed Pairs
Phoenix, AZ North American Bridge Championships
November 24-December 4, 2022*

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Alan thought it was close between bidding 3H and 4H, but decided the flat pattern was worth only 3H. His partner (his wife Annie) went to 4H.

After the ♣K lead, it's reasonable to duck with the 3♣ preempt, playing for clubs 7-0, and duck again at trick 2. Alan decided to win the ace, hoping clubs were 6-1, which they were. After drawing trump ending in dummy, he led a spade, hoping North would have the KQ and split. When N played low, Alan had no choice but to win the ace. Now he played three rounds of diamonds pitching a spade, went to dummy with a heart spot and led another spade. North, a top player, reflexively won the king. Now N was endplayed and had to give Alan a ruff-sluff, so Alan made 6H, worth 93% on the Board.

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In the Senior Mixed Pairs, the event that Alan and Annie won, Alan made the same play on this hand when S didn't cash clubs after Alan false-carded with the ♣9 at trick 1.

He made 4H for a top on the board when North hopped up with the ♦K when the 2nd round was led, and now had to give Alan a ruff-sluff with a diamond continuation.

District 6 will be running its GNT Finals competition in January and February 2023.

All players may participate. The winners in each Flight will represent District 6 at the Summer NABC in Chicago, IL being held July 13-23, 2023. Teams are not required to club qualify before entering.

The Open Flight competition will be held face-to-face both weekends. For Flight A (0-6000), Flight B (0-2500), and Flight C (NLM, 0-500), the entire event for these three flights is being held ONLINE this year.

The following information is for the Open, Championship flight only. The Open is being held face-to-face on the following dates:

First weekend: January 7-8, 2023, starting at 11:20 AM on January 7 and 10:30 AM on January 8.

Second Weekend: February 18-19 (at the NVBA Sectional)

The location for the first weekend will be the Capitol View-Homewood Park, 2929 Edgewood Road, Kensington, Maryland 20895. The second weekend will be held in conjunction with the NVBA sectional at the Fairfax, VA Elks Lodge.

Initial entry fees are \$112 per team, which covers two sessions for the whole team for the whole first day. To enter the GNT Championship Flight event, write a check payable to District Six and mail it to: Lucy McCoy, 3353 Taleen Ct., Annandale, VA 22003.

Please include the following information with your entry:

The names and ACBL numbers of the players on the team, the GNT Flight you are entering (Championship), and the Captain's email address. Deadline for pre-registration is December 29, 2022.

FLIGHT A (0-6000): The first weekend is February 4-5, 2023. Start time is 11:30 am on BBO both days. The second weekend is February 25-26, 2023. Start time is 11:30 am on BBO both days. Teams must pre-register by January 26, 2023.

FLIGHT B (0-2500): The first weekend is February 4-5, 2023. Start time is 11:30 am on BBO both days. The second weekend is February 25-26, 2023. Start time is 11:30 am on BBO both days. Teams must pre-register by January 26, 2023.

FLIGHT C (NLM, 0-500): The event will be played Sunday only of two weekends. The entire event will be played on BBO. The start time is 11:30 am Sunday, February 5, 2023 the first weekend and at 11:30 am Sunday, February 26, 2023 the second weekend.

Teams must pre-register by January 26, 2023.

To pre-register for all flights, send a check made out to District Six for \$112 to Lucy McCoy, 3353 Taleen Ct., Annandale, VA 22003. Include the following information with the check:

Email address of the Captain and all player names with ACBL numbers and BBO names (legibly written please)

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