



# Newsletter

## January–March 2024

### President's Message



Hi fellow bridge players,

I need your support. Our Unit game is foundering. We have tried everything we can think of to increase attendance at the Thursday night Unit game. Unfortunately, we haven't been very successful. We had our monthly board meeting Sunday, and our financials are on shaky ground. To break even we need 20 -22 tables. On a good night we get 8 tables. Consequently, we are losing at least \$2,000 a month. Most of our expenses are fixed, such as rent, security guard and director fees. Free plays run about 12% of our cost. Unfortunately, we are

going to suspend free plays at the beginning of the year (so, use them now). FYI, the Board has not taken free plays since 2019. We hope attendance will grow and the free plays will be back soon. We would really hate to shut down the Unit game, but that may be our only choice in the coming year.

We can't change our expenses, so we must increase participation. Face-to-face (F2F) bridge is so much more interesting than online bridge. The fellowship and the snacks make it more fun. Plus, you can discuss the hands in person. In the near future the Board members are going to reach out to Unit 218 members with a phone call inviting lapsed members back and inquiring why they no longer play F2F regularly or at all. Please give us a few minutes of your time when we call. We represent you and want to make sure we have your best interests at heart.

Georgette Weiss

President 218

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## *Parade of Winners*

### **NVBA Sectional**

**October 12-15, 2023**

#### **Thurs Eve B/C/D (22 Pairs)**

- 1 1 Livingston Johnson – Howard Stevens  
 1 Jichong Chai – R Mani

#### **Fri AM A/X Pairs (24 Pairs)**

- 1 Jeffrey Schwartz – Alan Schwartz  
 2 1 Katy Culp – Joe Leighton

#### **Fri AM B/C/D Pairs (22 Pairs)**

- 1/2 1/2 1 Jason Carter – Jo Ann Allen  
 1/2 1/2 Stephen Gold – Al Stolpe

#### **Fri Aft 499er Pairs (7 Pairs)**

- 1 1 Robert Finley – Tamar Atinc

#### **Fri Eve Triple Nickel Swiss (11 Teams)**

- 1 Hal Jones – Jim Wakefield – Susan Smith – Michael Smith  
 2 Mark Chen – Brad Theurer – James Geist – Bob Bell  
 1/2 Ana Kovacevic – Miroslav Kovacevic - Lawrence Dinkes – Tim Bezanson  
 1/2 1 Kim Gandy – David Cissel – Nooren Razi – Syed Khan

#### **Sat AM A/X Pairs (27 Pairs)**

- 1 Hal Jones – Betty Bursey

#### **Sat AM B/C/D Pairs (29 Pairs)**

- 1 1 1 Mitchell Karlick – Lawrence Dinkes  
 2 2 Onorica Luculescu – Alina Galaszewska  
 2 Mark Orms – Cumbakonam Vasudevan

#### **Sat AM 499er Pairs (18 Pairs)**

- 2 Paul Bernstein – Terrance Mullin

#### **Sat Aft A/X Pairs (21 Pairs)**

- 1 Hal Jones – Betty Bursey

#### **Sat AM B/C/D Pairs (29 Pairs)**

- 1 1 1 Michael Miale – Pam Yood

## *Parade of Winners (cont'd)*

### **Sat Aft 499er Pairs (12 Pairs)**

2 2 Michael Beaghen – Jeff Galginitis

### **Sun A/X Swiss (13 Teams)**

- 1 Sven Pride – David Genne – Vince Wilmot – Andy Gofreed
- 1 Robert Graves – Sorina Negulescu – David Fleischer – Carole Banks
- 2 Hal Jones – Jim Wakefield – Susan Smith – Michael Smith

### **Sun Ft B Bkt 1 (8 Teams)**

2 Jean Schoepe – Noi West – Brian Brunsvold – Marty Fuchs

### **Sun Ft B Bkt 2 (11 Teams)**

- 1 Jason Carter – John Huffman – Peter Monroe – Lilly Trabucco
- 2 Brian Childers – Barry Lieberman – Jeff Youngen – Rachel Bethe

## **Atlanta, GA NABC**

### **November 23 – December 3, 2023**

### **Saturday Bracketed Round Robin Teams Bkt #3 (9 Teams)**

1 Lucia Enica – Kohur Gowrisankaran – David Barbour – Terry Jones

### **Saturday Mid-Flight Pairs (36 Pairs)**

1 1 Danut Gliga – Olga Gavrik

### **Sat Top Flight Swiss Teams (16 Teams)**

1 Margot Hennings – Lamya Agelidis – Scott Tumperi – Wirt Gilliam

### **Lee Wilcox Bracketed Round Robin Teams Bkt #10 (10 Teams)**

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

### **Charles Pierson Bracketed Round Robin Teams Bkt #9 (7 Teams)**

1 Harry Potter – James Mosley – R Mani – Jichong Chai

### **Wednesday Mid-Flight Pairs (64 Pairs)**

1 Danut Gliga – Olga Gavrik

### **Whitehead Women's Pairs (52 Pairs)**

2 Monique Smith – Linda Marshall

## *Parade of Winners (cont'd)*

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### **Wednesday Evening Pairs (35 Pairs)**

1 Harry Potter – James Mosley

### **Ron Niu Bracketed Round Robin Teams Bkt #10 (8 Teams)**

1 Lisa Eklund – Jim Dickson – R Mani – Jichong Chai

### **Thursday Gold Rush Pairs (60 Pairs)**

1 1 Nicole Swain – Judy Rockwell

### **Sunday Fast Pairs (63 Pairs)**

1 Hailong Ao – Jiang Gu

## **District 6 Holiday StaC**

### **Monday AM Game – (12 Pairs)**

2 Julie Marquette – Katy Culp

### **Monday Aft Game – (92 Pairs)**

1 Mickey Hughes – Terry Mitchell

1 Rita Winkel – Marty Fuchs

### **Tuesday AM Game – (51 Pairs)**

1 Tom Jennings – Ken Hopke

2 Susan Smith – Mike Smith

2 Mahadeo Patwardhan – Arvind Bhand

2 James Sprung – James Connor

### **Tuesday Eve Game – (37 Pairs)**

1 Lucy McCoy – Mark Tonnesen

2 Alan Munro – Colin Schloss

### **Wednesday AM Game – (35 Pairs)**

1 Molly Downs – Will Downs Jr

### **Wednesday Eve Game – (24 Pairs)**

1 Hal Hindman – Amu Brisson

2 Robert Finkelstein – David Street

1 Rick Uhrig – Matt Murbach

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### **Thursday Aft Game – (56 Pairs)**

- 1 Mohammad Zaidi – Gene Schuyler
- 2 Phillip Articola – Matt Murbach

### **Thursday Eve Game – (47 Pairs)**

- 1 James Sprung – Eleanor Schwartz
- 2 Mark Tonnesen – Ken Davis
- 2 1 Ken Weems – Tim Bezanson
- 2 Michael Miale – Rene Costales

### **Sunday Aft Game – (25 Pairs)**

- 1 Eileen Street – David Street
- 2 1 Dick Kreimborg – Gene Klein
- 2 Howard Stevens – Brian Detter

## **Online Winter Wonderland Regional December 19-22, 2023**

### **Tuesday Side Game – 5 PM (50 Pairs)**

- 1 Jay Kelkar – Jim Geist
- 1 Jeffrey Schwartz – Cynthia Ogden

### **Thursday 499er – 1:30 game (24 Pairs)**

- 2 2 Joe Marshall Jr – Craig Johnston

## Hail and Farewell

### We welcome the following new members into our Unit:

Alan Carroll  
Sean Dermody  
Quinn Early  
Glenn Hogan  
Spencer Jackson  
Scott James  
Sanford Levy  
Rebecca Pariseau  
John Randolph  
Andrew Sjurset  
Maggie Thomas  
Tom Wiltshire

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

Brooks Chupp  
Marie Hardy  
Patricia Harragan  
Michael Jones  
Steve Olsen  
Charles Sampson

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

Donna Graves  
James Hewitt  
Robert Moore  
Alexander Robertson

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

Scott Berman  
Dale Dallaire  
Rod Dallaire  
Andrew Lipps  
Linda Sernoff  
Dr Gaurang Sheth  
Jason Stewart  
Sharon Updike



## Climbing the Ladder

### New Junior Masters

Janet Brooks  
Thomas Caldwell  
Cil Danielski  
Paula Monks  
Max Gonson  
Nancy Ryback  
Anju Vajja  
Sardhi Vajja  
Norma Volpino  
Elisabeth Wessels

### New Club Masters

Brooks Chupp  
Alesia Frerichs  
Norma Hibbs  
Maria Hopper  
Charles Sampson  
Celeste Szewczyk

### New Sectional Masters

Angela Boggs  
Lenore Eisenschiml  
Craig Johnston  
Joe Marshall Jr  
Marianne Sarich

### New Regional Masters

Luanne Beutel  
Rebecca Evans

### New NABC Masters

Edith Berman  
Anne Carter  
Sylvia Hall  
Cumbakonam Vasudevan  
Ken Weems

### New Advanced NABC Masters

Marty Fuchs  
Ann Lawrence  
Richard Long

### New Life Masters

Jichong Chai  
Nancy Harrington

### New Bronze Life Masters

Charles Ellis  
David Espo  
Joia Hertz  
Mahadeo Patwardhan

### New Silver Life Master

Shirley Prikals

### New Ruby Life Masters

Will Colmer  
Brian Lamm  
Paul Mohler  
Craig Olson

### New Gold Life Masters

Dean Baird  
David Goldfrank  
Donna Stoker

### New Sapphire Life Master

Georgette Weiss

### New Diamond Life Master

Kamel Tabbara

# District 6 Grand National Teams (GNT) Competition for 2023-2024

Please note that this year, players must qualify to play in the Open Flight and Flight A ONLY.

There are no club qualifiers for Flight B or Flight C – any District 6 player who meets the masterpoint requirements for B or C may enter the event.

In the Flight A: a player must qualify by playing:

1> in a GNT Club Qualifier online OR face-to-face

OR

2> in a Sunday District Six Sectional Team game

Players qualify as individuals. Teams for the District level competition can be formed from qualified players without regard to the partnerships/teams that played together in club qualifying.

District Six is requiring qualifiers to support our clubs and Sectionals.

To qualify, all a player needs to do is **play in the qualifying event**. Result or placement does not matter.

Dates of the GNT District Finals are:

Open:

1st weekend: January 6-7, 2024 at  
Viers Mill Park Building  
4425 Garrett Park Rd.  
Wheaton, MD 20906

January 6, 2024: 11:30 AM  
January 7, 2024: 10:30 AM

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2nd weekend: February 17-18, 2024 at NVBA Sectional site (Elks Lodge, Fairfax, VA)

Flight B (0-2500) Online

1st weekend:

February 3: 10:45 AM on BBO

February 4: 10:45 AM on BBO

2nd weekend:

March 9: 10:45 AM on BBO

March 10: 10:45 AM on BBO

NLM Flight (0-500) Online

1st weekend: February 4, 2024 on BBO starting at 11 AM

2nd weekend: March 10, 2024 on BBO starting at 11 AM

The Flight A (0-6000) finals will be held online.

1st weekend: March 2, 2024 on BBO starting at 11 AM

March 3, 2024 on BBO starting at 11 AM

2nd weekend: April 13, 2024 on BBO starting at 11 AM

April 14, 2024 on BBO starting at 11 AM

Winners will represent District 6 at the 2024 Summer NABC in Toronto, Canada.

To register, send player names, ACBL numbers, phone numbers and e-mail addresses (and BBO names for Flights A, B, and C), the Flight you are playing in, and a check for \$112 (make check out to ACBL District Six), which covers first two sessions that you play (additional fees will be charged if you play on the 2nd day of your event) to:

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