



# Newsletter

## July–September 2024

### President's Message



Hi everyone and happy summer. June has definitely been a hot month. If you want to cool off, head to Reston for the regional tournament. It starts on Monday, July 1 and ends with team games on Saturday, July 6. I hope I see all of you there. If you have under 20 masterpoints, you can play for free on Tuesday. If you've never been to a regional or are afraid that you won't know what to do, this is your perfect opportunity to learn what regionals are all about. There will be plenty of people there to guide you through the process. Who knows, you may win gold points!

We had a great turnout for our Annual Meeting and elections. I would like to welcome Hal Jones as our new secretary. We have two new Board members. They are Terry Jones and Georgia Booker. You may remember Georgia used to be our secretary; we gladly welcome her back. Sadly, we say goodbye to John Wertman and Kevin O'Brien. We appreciate their dedication and service and all their hard work while serving on the board.

Speaking of hard work, I want to thank Kevin O'Brien for all he's done for the Longest Day campaign and fundraising for Alzheimer's Research. He has been extremely successful in raising money for the past several years. The final numbers are not in yet for this year, but I'm sure it has been a success. In fact, it's not too late; if you meant to, but forgot to contribute, you can still do this by contacting Kevin.

Please take note we have one regional tournament left on the books for District 6 and that is this August in Baltimore. We are looking for a new Regional Tournament Coordinator, as Shawn Stringer is finally stepping down from that role after over 15 years of finding sites and

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## *Parade of Winners*

### **NVBA Spring Sectional**

**May 2-5, 2024**

#### **Thurs A/X Pairs (39 Pairs)**

- 1 Robbie Hopkins – Kent Goulding
- 2 1 1 Jason Carter – John Huffman

#### **Thurs Eve A/X Pairs (34 Pairs)**

- 1 Alan Schwartz – Annie Schwartz
- 1 Ryan Connors – Rick Bingham

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

- 1 1 1 Lewis Hutchinson – Li Chen
- 2 2 Robert Wissman – Terry Lisson

#### **Fri Aft A/X Pairs (20 Pairs)**

- 2 1 Ron Spieker – Lucia Enica

#### **Fri Aft B/C/D Pairs (18 Pairs)**

- 1 1 John Wertman – Joia Hertz
- 2 2 1 Vatsala Mehra – Fadi Eidi
- 2 Arvind Bhand – Mahadeo Patwardhan

#### **Fri Aft 499er Pairs (6 Pairs)**

- 1 1 Santosh Chokhani – Matt Murbach
- 2 2 Terrance Mullin – Kelly Depumpo

#### **Fri Eve Triple Nickel Swiss (12 Teams)**

- 1 Bill Cole – Lucy McCoy – Alan Schwartz – Annie Schwartz
- 1 1 Jichong Chai – R Mani – Edward Johnson – Ken Iobst
- 2 2 Ken Weems – Tim Bezanson – Nooreen Razi – Syed Khan

#### **Sat AM A/X Pairs (26 Pairs)**

- 1 Deb Dhar – Mahadeo Patwardhan

#### **Sat AM B/C/D Pairs (30 Pairs)**

- 1 1 Brenda Egeland – Keith Hafen
- 2 2 1 Alden Sherman – David Cissel
- 2 Robert Wissman – Terry Lisson

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

### **Sat AM 0-499 Pairs (18 Pairs)**

- 1 Jennifer Maggio – Anne Carter
- 2 1 Sharad Naik – Dena Bright
- 2 1 Craig Johnston – Joe Marshall Jr
- 2 Joseph Celio – Angela Boggs

### **Sat Aft A/X Pairs (24 Pairs)**

- 2 Margot Hennings – Don Berman

### **Sat Aft B/C/D Pairs (31 Pairs)**

- 2 2 David Espo – Linda Meade
- 1 James Mosley – Santosh Chokhani

### **Sat Aft 0-499 Pairs (8 Pairs)**

- 1 Jennifer Maggio – Anne Carter
- 2 1 Luanne Beutel – Rene Costales
- 2 Ron Shoemaker – Terrance Mullin

### **Sun A/X Swiss (15 Teams)**

- 2/3 2 Sven Pride – David Genne – Linda Marshall – Mary Tenenbaum
- 2/3 Jay Kelkar – Lloyd Rawley – Clyde Kruskal – James Geist

### **Sun Ft B Bkt 1 (6 Teams)**

- 1/2 Keith Hafen – Brenda Egeland – Nooreen Razi – Syed Khan
- 1/2 Ross Bley – Marty Bley – Janice Scavongelli – Gary Scavongelli

### **Sun Ft B Bkt 2 (10 Teams)**

- 1 Robert Linn – Haoyi You – Jichong Chai – Louis Coccodrilli
- 2 David Espo – Linda Meade – Brian Childers – Rachel Bethel

## Parade of Winners (cont'd)

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### 74th Annual City of Washington Sectional

**May 16-19, 2024**

#### Thurs AM A/X Pairs (19 Pairs)

- 1 Robert Hopkins Jr – Kent Goulding
- 2 Betty Bursey – Mickey Hughes

#### Thurs AM B/C/D Pairs (14 Pairs)

- 1 1 Stephen Collier – Santosh Chokhani

#### Thurs Eve A/X Pairs (33 Pairs)

- 2 Jim Wakefield – Hal Jones Jr
- 1 Mary Mudd – Barry Sparks

#### Thurs Eve B/C/D Pairs (24 Pairs)

- 1 1 Howard Stevens – Livingston Johnson
- 2 2 1 Joseph Drodge - Derek Smith
- 2 Matt Murbach – John Mattioli

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

- 1 1 1 Stephen Collier – Santosh Chokhani
- 2 Jean Valentine – Ralph Bayrer

#### Sat AM A/X Pairs (25 Pairs)

- 2 Ram Sarangan – Bob Bell

#### Sat AM B/C/D Pairs (26 Pairs)

- 1 Jody Connors – Ryan Connors
- 2 Joia Hertz – John Wertman

#### Sat AM 499er Pairs (11 Pairs)

- 2 2 Santosh Chokhani – Elisabeth Wessels

#### Sat Aft A/X Pairs (26 Pairs)

- 1 Jim Geist – Jay Kelkar
- 2 Daniel Morgan – Brooks Chupp

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

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

- 1 Mark Chen – Lyle Poe – Clyde Kruskal – Brad Theurer

### **Sun Fit B Swiss (5 Teams)**

- 2 James Mosley – Harry Potter – John Wertman – Joia Hertz

### **Sun Fit B Bkt 2 (5 Teams)**

- 1 Dan Morgan – John BLodgett – Ben Sharp – Patrick Herbst

## **Baltimore Sectional June 7-9, 2024**

### **Sat AM Pairs (56 Pairs)**

- 2 Lewis Hutchinson – Fanjun Kong

### **Sat Aft Pairs (49 Pairs)**

- 2 Leqin Shi – Lewis Hutchinson

### **Sun Open Swiss (21 Teams)**

- 1/3 Ron Kral – Hank Meyer – William Neumann – Jim Geist

## Hail and Farewell

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

William L Carr  
 Sherri Chema  
 Candy Clary  
 Victoria L Harris  
 Raquel Hecker  
 Mary E Pivec  
 Mark C Rutzick  
 Mindy G Scango  
 John F Tarrant  
 Evelyn Telfer  
 Lawrence Zerolnick

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

Bruce Brofman  
 Anjenette C Cooper  
 Susan Harden  
 Patrick A King  
 Jim Showalter Jr  
 Linda Sultan  
 Amy Lou Waters  
 Gordon Wheeler

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

Frank Feng  
 Cynthia A Richmond

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

Fred Gramlich  
 Craig Jennings  
 Ranbir Khare  
 George H Quester



## Climbing the Ladder

### New Junior Masters

Robert W Cover  
 Bonnie L Norem

### New Club Masters

Rahul Prakash  
 Anthony Wang  
 Elisabeth A Wessels

### New Sectional Masters

Lauren Brown  
 David Domnitch  
 Robert A Finley  
 John B Morse  
 Aly Stoeger

### New Regional Masters

Susan J Gruskiewicz  
 Matt Murbach

### New NABC Masters

Mary Liz Higgins  
 Paul M Higgins  
 Vatsala Mehra  
 Lyle Priddy  
 Alden Sherman  
 Leqin Shi  
 Ronald Shoemaker  
 Tracy P Welch

### New Advanced NABC Masters

Eric W Cassel  
 Mark Orms

### New Life Masters

Phillip J Articola  
 Brian Detter  
 Andrea L Fritz  
 Ann Lawrence  
 Jill Norvell

### New Bronze Life Masters

Jichong Chai  
 Brian Detter

### New Silver Life Master

Jill Norvell

### New Ruby Life Masters

Dr Jose Cortina  
 Sitaraman Sathiamoorthy  
 John A Wertman

### New Gold Life Master

Mel S Yudkin

### New Sapphire Life Master

Steven A Rothman

### New Platinum Life Master

Jeffrey Klemm

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negotiating contracts. It is an extremely important job, and she will gladly guide you through the process. If you would like the job or can recommend someone, please let me or Shawn know. I don’t know about you, but I look forward to Regionals and would hate to see them discontinued for lack of volunteers.

On a more pleasant note, happy Fourth of July and let’s celebrate at Reston! Also, after that, we have the annual LifeMaster/Non-LifeMaster game to look forward to on September 19!

Georgette Weiss, NVBA President



## District 6 North American Pairs (NAP) 2024-2025

The District North American Pairs Final is a competitive event against your peers and the top three finishers in Flight A, top four in Flights B and C will represent District 6 in the National Finals at next year’s Spring NABC in Memphis, TN March 13-23, 2025.

The club qualifying period for players to compete to play in the District-level Finals and win a subsidized trip to the Spring NABC starts June 1 and runs through August 2024. By ACBL Rules all players must be CLUB QUALIFIED. Club qualifiers are being held **Face-To-Face** until the end of August and Online games from July 1-7 and August 5-11, 2024 as NAP qualifier weeks in **ACBL Virtual Clubs on BBO**.

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