Northern Virginia Bridge Association

Newsletter

April–June 2025

President's Message

Happy Spring fellow bridge players,

My last letter came to you from one of the Caribbean islands. This letter comes to you from Monaco. I am enjoying a Viking cruise that started in Barcelona and will end in Rome. Fortunately, the weather is beautiful. I hope the weather back home is just as nice.

I want to remind everyone that May will be a very busy month. We will be holding our annual Unit Membership meeting and elections at the Unit Game on May 15. I hope everyone will try to attend. This will be followed by the 1st weekend of the Flight A Grand National Teams (GNT) qualifiers on Saturday, May 17 and Sunday, May 18. This event is open to all players with 0-6000 masterpoints. If you are interested in playing in it, you must pre-register your team by May 8. Information on how to pre-register is on the District 6 website (districtsixbridge.org).

There is a regional (red and gold points available) in Richmond, VA from May 19-May 23, 2025 (please note this is a 5-day tournament). The following weekend is our NVBA sectional, May 29-June 1st with Friday-Sunday games at the Fairfax Elks Lodge. Before you know it, May is over!

The District 6 Regional that used to be held in Reston, VA over the 4th of July, will be held in Chantilly, VA from June 30-July 5, 2025 at the Westfields Marriott hotel. It is only a couple of miles from the Chantilly Expo center and very close to Dulles airport. There are many good restaurants within a couple of miles of the hotel.

(Continued on page 9)

In This Issue:

President's Message	1
Ace of Clubs/Mini-McKenney	2/3
Parade of Winners	4
Hail and Farewell/Climbing the Ladder	10

NVBA Ace Of Clubs Winners 2024

0 to 5 Masterpoints

John Zhan	22.94
Aaron Cogbill	21.32
Nina Nie	20.13

5-20 Masterpoints

Willis Chang	27.29
Ben Umansky	23.93
Caroline Town	14.48

20-50 Masterpoints

Katie Barbour	47.96
Jane Keough	40.89
Carlos Tomassoni	38.88

50-100 Masterpoints

Angela Boggs	58.12
Seema Behl	35.51
Steven Schwartz	34.22

100-200 Masterpoints

James Sprung	29.65
Patricia Kiefer	29.64
Roger Pauley	22.36

200-300 Masterpoints

John Daly	65.65
David Rubin	49.60
Nicole Swain	41.29

300-500 Masterpoints

Phillip Articola	167.84
Santosh Chokhani	80.02
Donald Morello	70.99

500-1000 Masterpoints

Jichong Chai	78.08
Marlene Sienicki	73.05
David Delzingaro	70.25

1000-1500 Masterpoints

Rich Ardini	94.88
Terry Mitchell	81.09
Rita Winkel	75.21

1500-2500 Masterpoints

Jack Hall	145.16
David Street	82.16
Jean Schoepe	66.06

2500-3500 Masterpoints

Dave Tonnesen	144.93
Susan Smith	122.92
David Goldfrank	93.11

3500-5000 Masterpoints

Mickey Hughes	146.96
Michael Smith	122.92
Kathryn Kiley	93.11

5000-7500 Masterpoints

Earnie Eayrs	290.71
Mark Tonnesen	151.63
Jim Wakefield	111.26

7500-10000 Masterpoints

Ron Kral	48.47
Rusty Krauss	47.25
Bruce Houston	45.22

Over 10000 Masterpoints

Ken Davis	167.51
Alan Schwartz	128.70
Sumner Steinfeldt	60.31

NVBA Mini-McKenney Winners 2024

0 to 5 Masterpoints

Aaron Cogbill	34.24
John Zhan	30.27
Nina Nie	27.46

5-20 Masterpoints

Ben Umansky	60.28
Willis Chang	40.21
Caroline Town	18.86

20-50 Masterpoints

Katie Barbour	60.61
Robert Finley	54.33
Jane Keough	40.89

50-100 Masterpoints

Brooks Chupp	90.66
Angela Boggs	64.18
Rene Costales	62.05

100-200 Masterpoints

Leqin Shi	162.91
Luanne Beutel	61.86
Terrance Mullin	50.70

200-300 Masterpoints

Michael Miale	104.90
Nicole Swain	84.93
John Daly	68.61

300-500 Masterpoints

Phillip Articola	243.47
Santosh Chokhani	193.78
Li Chen	157.20

500-1000 Masterpoints

Jichong Chai	542.73
Lewis Hutchinson	283.37
Jill Norvell	196.33

1000-1500 Masterpoints

John Wertman	196.39
Michael Hampton	164.88
Rich Ardini	143.44

1500-2500 Masterpoints

Alan Munro	277.32
Mel Yudkin	241.84
Amy Brisson	234.77

2500-3500 Masterpoints

Sven Pride	275.13
Susan Smith	248.15
David Goldfrank	220.92

3500-5000 Masterpoints

Michael Smith	248.15
Mickey Hughes	187.97
Mark Chen	142.37

5000-7500 Masterpoints

Jim Wakefield	408.67
Mark Tonnesen	400.30
Earnie Eayrs	393.23

7500-10000 Masterpoints

Rusty Krauss	353.24
Ron Kral	350.87
Lucy McCoy	230.13

Over 10000 Masterpoints

Alan Schwartz	376.94
Sumner Steinfeldt	281.46
Robert Hopkins Jr	253.12

Parade of Winners

60th Annual Presidential Sectional
January 9-12, 2025

Thurs AM A/X Pairs (16 Pairs)

1 Robbie Hopkins – Joan Lewis
2 1 1 Jason Carter – John Huffman

Thurs Eve A/X Pairs (33 Pairs)

2 Rick Bingham – Mel Yudkin

Thurs Eve B/C/D Pairs (9 Pairs)

1 1 1 Tim Bezanson – Ken Weems
2 2 2 Ben Umansky – Jo Ann Allen

Fri AM A/X Pairs (18 Pairs)

1 Robbie Hopkins – Joan Lewis

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

2 Colin Schloss – Michael Swift

Fri AM 499er Pairs (6 Pairs)

1` Sharon Saile – George Saile

Fri Aft A/X/Y Pairs (28 Pairs)

1 Ram Sarangan – Jim Geist
2 James Mosley – Harry Potter

Sat AM A/X Pairs (24 Pairs)

1 David Rodney – Rusty Krauss

Sat AM B/C/D Pairs (22 Pairs)

1 1 1 Thomas Webster – Michael Miale

Sat AM 499er Pairs (11 Pairs)

2 Anne Carter – Jennifer Maggio
2 Max Gonson – John McElhenny

Sat Aft A/X Pairs (24 Pairs)

2 2 Sven Pride – Michael Klein

Parade of Winners (cont'd)

Sat Aft B/C/D Pairs (14 Pairs)

2 1 James Mosley – Harry Potter
2/3 1/2 Tom Webster – Michael Miale
2/3 1/2 Willis Chang – Aaron Cogbill

Sat Aft 499er Pairs (7 Pairs)

1 1 Scott James – Robert Gentry
2 2 Anne Carter – Jennifer Maggio

Sun A/X Swiss (14 Teams)

1 Stan Schenker – Michael Klein – Joe Trapani – Greg Bright
2 Steve Robinson – Peter Boyd – Alan Schwartz – William Cole
2 Jay Cherlow – Mel Yudkin – Deb Dhar – Hadi Abushakra

Sun Flt B Bkt 1 (6 Teams)

1/2 Daniel Morgan- Candy Greenway – John Blodgett – Brewster Porcella
1/2 John McCormick – Eleanor Schwartz – Tom Reckford – Behnaz Fardshisheh

Sun Flt B Bkt 2 (9 Teams)

1 Tom Webster – Michael Miale – Jichong Chai – Haoyi You

NVBA Winter Sectional
February 20-23, 2025

Thurs Eve A/X Pairs (29 Pairs)

2 Ben Umansky – Daniel Morgan

Thurs Eve B/C/D Pairs (28 Pairs)

1 1 Santosh Chokhani – Gerald Lerner
2 2 Richard Long – Eric Cassel
2 Kathleen LaMarre – Kimberly Ferguson

Fri Aft A/X Pairs (20 Pairs)

2/3 David Rodney – Richard Price
1 Marge Gazzola – Hal Jones
2 Hal Hindman – Amy Brisson

(Continued on page 6)

Parade of Winners (cont'd)

(Continued from page 5)

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

1 1 Andy Hawks – Marty Zupan
2 2 1 John Huffman – Paul Marjoram
2 Archana Rathnakar – Arvind Bhand

Fri Aft 499er Pairs (7 Pairs)

1 1 Terrance Mullin – Kelly Depumpo
2/3 2/3 Eva Vorndran – Martha High

Fri Eve Triple Nickel Swiss (9 Teams)

1 Robert Gookin – Fred King– Bob Bell – Brad Theurer
2 1 Jim Wakefield – Hal Jones – Susan Smith – Michael Smith
2 Deborah Cobb – David Fleischer – Robert Robinson – Rich Ardini

Fri Eve B/C/D Swiss (7 Teams)

2 2 Daniel Morgan – Kimberly Ferguson – Francesca Mazarella – Joe Hertz

Margot and Don Hennings Trophy Pairs (10 Pairs)

1 Hailong Ao – Weizhong Bao
2 Stan Schenker – Greg Bright

Consolation Pairs (34 Pairs)

2 Margot Hennings – Don Berman
2 Mohammad Zaidi – Santosh Chokhani
1 Michael Miale – Thomas Webster

Sat AM B/C/D Pairs (35 Pairs)

1 1 Katy Culp – Joe Leighton
2 1 1 Jichong Chai – Shitao Fan
2 Patrick Herbst – Dan Morgan

Sat AM 0-499 Pairs (19 Pairs)

1 1 1 Carol Rentz – Catherine Walli
2 2 2 Angela Howard – Gurupran Khalsa
2 Charles Dunn – Sandra Dunn

(Continued on page 7)

Parade of Winners (cont'd)

(Continued from page 6)

Sat AM 0-20 Pairs (6 Pairs)

1 1 1 John Crumrine - Carole Frost
2 2 2 Carol Bracey – Birthe Christensen

Sat Aft 0-750 Pairs (21 Pairs)

1 1 Terrance Mullin – Kelly Depumpo
2 2 Nicole Swain – Luanne Beutel
1 Scott James – Robert Gentry
2 Angela Howard – Gurupran Khalsa

Sun A/X Swiss (11 Teams)

1 Jay Kelkar – Jason Meyer – Lloyd Rawley – James Geist
1/2 Rachel Bethe – Brian Sutton – Brian Childers – David Grabiner
1/2 Jay Cherlow – Al Lauber – Hank Meyer – Melissa Price

Sun Flt B Bkt 1 (8 Teams)

1 Keith Hafen – Brenda Egeland – Nooreen Razi – Syed Khan
2/3 Rich Ardini – Terry Jones – Sitaraman Sathiamoorthy – Emerita Hayward
2/3 Daniel Morgan – Ben Umansky – Benjamin Sharp – Patrick Herbst

Sun Flt B Bkt 2 (8 Teams)

1 John Huffman – Paul Marjoram – Lilly Trabucco - David Ball
2 Alex Gretsinger – Isaac Belfer – Willis Chang – Aaron Cogbill

Spring NABC – Memphis, TN
March 13-25, 2025
(includes finishers in top 10 of National events)

Tues Side Game (24 Pairs)

1 Jichong Chai – R Mani

Wednesday Bracketed Teams – Bkt 4 (10 Teams)

1 Alan Munro – Colin Schloss – Jichong Chai – R Mani

(Continued on page 8)

Parade of Winners (cont'd)

(Continued from page 7)

Rockwell Mixed Pairs (128 Pairs)

2 Margot Hennings – Bob Heller

Leventritt Silver Ribbon Pairs

6 Rusty Krauss – Barry Falgout

1st Fri Eve Side Game (21 Pairs)

1 Ben Umansky – Brooks Chupp

2nd Thurs Open Bracketed Teams – Bkt 4 (7 Teams)

2 Alan Munro – Colin Schloss – Hamilton Sawczuk – Jacob Baron

2nd Fri Open Bracketed Teams – Bkt 1 (12 Teams)

1 Alan Munro – Colin Schloss – Hamilton Sawczuk – Jacob Baron

2nd Saturday Fast Pairs (15 Pairs)

1 1 1 Alan Munro – Colin Schloss

2nd Sunday Top-Flight Swiss (41 Teams)

2 2 Alan Munro – Colin Schloss- Hamilton Sawczuk – Robert Linn

2nd Sun Side Game (21 Pairs)

1 1 Craig Olson – Michael Lawrence

President's Message (cont'd)

If you are interested in running for any position on the NVBA Board, please let me or someone on the Board know. This year we are electing the President, the Secretary and four Executive Directors. We are always looking for new people to get involved in the Unit. If you are worried that you are not yet ready to be a Board member, a good way to start is as a volunteer.

I hope to see you all back at the bridge table next week.

Georgette Weiss,

President NVBA Unit 218

Hail and Farewell

We welcome the following new members into our Unit:

Tatjana Clagett
Irina Clements
Constance Crosby
Casey Empey
Jacqueline Jackman
Amy Jones
Art Ladenburg
Maren Mahoney
Samriti Malik
Margaret Masters
Becky McCullough
Sandra McDougall
Corrine Parver
Jackie Pyke
Jacob Rodney
Julianna Rodney
Caroline Schropp
Jp Sheehan
Anna Sherman
Austin Shi
Allen Shollenberger
Louis Sokol
Margaret Van Winkle
Tom Wright

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

B. B. Gordon
Sylvia L Hand
Barry V Hansen
Elizabeth A King
Edward J Langley
James M. Roberts

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

Paul Arendal
Kathy Bailey
Mark Chen
Mayer Jacobovits
Bin Ouyang

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

Marshall E. Kuschner
Michael D. Payne

♠ ♥ ♦ ♣ ♠ ♥ ♦ ♣ ♠ ♥ ♦ ♣

Climbing the Ladder

New Junior Masters
Scott James
Christie Olsen
Louis Sokol

New Club Masters
David Gervasio
Max Gonson
Steve Morse
Linda Phelps
John Randolph
Virginia Sorkin

New Sectional Masters
Willis Chang
Carl Devore
Emily Morse
Sherry Simon

New Regional Masters
Charles Davidow
Diane Godding
John Macpherson

New NABC Master
Victoria Luchini

New Life Masters
Li Chen
Richard Long
Sheila Selker

New Bronze Life Masters
Janyce Cone
Kimberly Ferguson
Richard Long
Sheila Selker

New Silver Life Masters
Jason Carter
Joia Hertz
James Lister
John Huffman
Richard Long

New Gold Life Master
Keith Hafen

New Emerald Life Master
Pete Hughes

Northern Virginia Bridge Association

2024— 2025 Board of Directors

Georgette Weiss — President
Jay Simon — Vice President
Hal Jones — Secretary
Ann Atcheson — Treasurer
Marty Bley — Past President
Jason Carter — Executive Director
Jamie Dahlberg — Executive Director
Terry Jones — Executive Director
Joe Hertz — Executive Director

Unit Game Chief Director — Jim Gerding
Membership — Eric Poskanzer
Newsletter Editor — Lucy McCoy
Newsletter Production — Joe Hertz

The *NVBA Newsletter* is published four times a year by the Northern Virginia Bridge Association. If you need membership information or have a change of address to report, contact Eric Poskanzer at **NY2VA@yahoo.com**; for information/suggestions about newsletter content, contact Lucy McCoy at 703-848-2331 or **newsletter@nvba.org**. .