

Hello Everyone,

I am pleased to announce the Unit 122 Spring Sectional will take place on April 29th - April 30th. On Saturday April 29th will take place the 2022 Awards Dinner between the first and second session. The unit will be recognizing all the members who became life masters in 2022. I would like to personally congratulate **Billie Brandon**, **Katherine Fernyak**, **Jan Hall**, **John Heft**, and **Skip Yassenoff** on becoming life masters. Becoming a life master is not easy and requires a lot of great results at the tournaments and the club. Please congratulate them if you see them at the club.

The unit will also be awarding the John Davis trophy, most points earned by a non-life master at unit 122 sectionals, to **Rex Miller** and **Charlie Driscoll**, as well as the Owen C Obetz trophy, most points earned at unit 122 sectionals, to **Gary Shade**. The unit will also honor those who achieve first place in the Ace of Club and Mini-McKenney races. Both races have 15 masterpoint categories with the Ace of Clubs recognizing those who excelled at the club and the Mini-McKenney recognizing those who achieved the most total points in 2022. RSVP for the dinner at the sectional at cobabridge.org. The sectional will be at the Abruzzi Italian Club for directions please see the event flyer on cobabridge.org.

April will be host to a lot of other great bridge opportunities. The month starts off with the Dayton STAC (Sectional Tournaments at the Club) April 3-9th. The extra sanction fee for this game (\$1.75 per person) will be covered by the unit so please come out and support local clubs and get those valuable silver points. In the middle of the month April 15-16th the District 11 Grand National Teams (GNT) qualification will take place (more details later). From April 23-29th there will be the Louisville National Fundraising Game, this game helps raise money for the Spring 2024 Louisville National and also represents some of the highest masterpoints payout the club can award.

Starting May 1 the United States Bridge Federation will be holding trials to select teams to represent the US in the world championship. These team trials are a great time to kibitz the best players in the country such as Jeff Meckstroth, Zia Mahmood, and Joe Grue to name a few. A lot of the time later stages of the knockouts have voice commentary from great players. For more details on when and how to kibitz visit usbf.org or feel free to ask me.

I hope to see everyone at the Awards Dinner/ Sectional.

All Question/Comments Appreciated

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Unit Sectional- New Life Master & 2022 Awards Dinner Honorees**2022 John Davis Race**

Most Points earned by non-life master at
unit 122 Sectional

1	Charles Driscoll	6.83
1	Rex Miller	6.83
3	Cynthia Windsor	6.19
4	Jim Janik	5.32
5	Corey Sanders	3.95

2022 Owen C Obetz

Most Points Earned at Unit 122 Sectionals

1	Gary Shade	31.93
2	Cheryl Schneider	25.47
3	Tom Bishel	23.03
4	Charles Kopp	19.02
5	Terry James	18.79

Ace of Clubs

Most black masterpoints earned

Category	Awardee
0-5	Shirley Block
5-20	Randall Olsen
20-50	Matthew Yackshaw
50-100	Irene Heiberger
100-200	Jim Janik
200-300	Barbara Giller
300-500	James Jasperse
500-1000	Dace Sprecher
1000-1500	Karen Clemency
1500-2500	John Reger
2500-3500	Tom Bishel
3500-5000	Brian Snell
5000-7500	Gary Shade
7500-1000	Chery Schneider
10,000+	Jim Bachelder

Mini-McKenney

Most Total Points Earned

Category	Awardee
0-5	Shirley Block
5-20	Randall Olsen
20-50	Philip Hinkle
50-100	Robert Kaplan
100-200	Jim Janik
200-300	Rex Miller
300-500	James Jasperse
500-1000	A Moulton
1000-1500	Karen Clemency
1500-2500	John Bishel
2500-3500	Tom Bishel
3500-5000	Mary Gladfelter Michael Galdfelter
5000-7500	Gary Shade
7500-1000	Chery Schneider
10,000+	Jim Bachelder

New District 11 Online Game

Starting Wednesday April 26th there will be a new online district 11 VACB evening game for district 11 members. This game will be hosted on bbo under the name VACB 197145. This game will be 18 boards with following start times:

7:00 PM EST : 0- 200
7:05 PM EST : 0-1250
7:10 PM EST: Unlimited
Price: \$6.00
Director: Bill Gottschal
All Games are Matchpoints

If a District 11 member would like to play with someone outside of the district please email bill.gottschall@gmail.com and Bill add them before the game . Seventy-Five percent of the profits will go to supporting the upcoming Louisville Nationals in Spring 2024.

Future Sectionals

The April 29-30th sectional will take place at the Abruzzi Italian Club. The COBA board is hopeful this place will become the home of unit 122 sectionals in the future.

Unit 122 Central Ohio Board Members :

Term Expiring 2023 - Tom Bishel, Judy Willaimons, Lewis Rakocy, Joe Wernet
Term Expiring 2024- Janet Cordova, Howard Sanders
Term Expiring 2025- Toni Bales (2nd), Trish Jones (2nd) , Daniel Loveland, Siraj Haji

If you are interested in becoming a board member please contact Tom Bishel. It is highly likely if you do run to become a board member you will be unopposed. The board is charged with promoting and organizing bridge in central ohio.

Grand National Teams

On April 15 and 16th at the Cincinnati Bridge Club teams will be selected to represent D11 at the Chicago Nationals in the summer. Gold/Red Points will be awarded to teams that place in the overalls. Teams selected will receive \$1000 in travel compensation, if you win you do not have to go. There are 4 masterpoint categories , <500 (must be a non-life master), <2500, <6000 and Championship Level. For more details visit <http://www.district11bridge.com/GNT.html>

Upcoming Bridge Events

April 3rd- April 9th - D11 STAC (Sectional at the Club)
April 17-23 Gatlinburg Regional
April 21-April 23 - Cleveland Sectional
April 23 April 29th Louisville Fundraising Week
April 29 & April 30 - Unit 122 Sectional
May 23-30 Cleveland Regional
June 4-10th Cincy Regional

New Ranks Achievements

Junior Master - Robert Wagoner, Cristine Lebtourneau
Club Master- Aimee Calvert, MARK Devine
Regional Master- Jerry Smith
NABC Master - Bob Davis , Ted Price , Diane Russel, Beverley Wynee
Advanced NABC Master - Rex Miller
Silver Life Master- Eva Allen
Diamond Life Masters- Michael Galdfelter , Brian Snell

2022 Phoenix Nationals Unit 122 Member Achievements

Toni Bales - 4th in 0-10K Swiss
Cristine Letourneau- 1st Thursday 299ers both the 10AM & 2:30PM
Dennis Day- 1st Friday 3:00 PM Side Game

2023 New Orleans Nationals Unit 122 Member Achievements

Mary and Mike Gladfelter
 2nd After 1st Session in NABC+ Fast Pairs
 11th After 1st Session in Mixed Pairs
Tim Kington and Corey Sanders
 4th in Sat Mid-Flight Pairs
 7th in Mondays Mid-Flight Pairs
Cheryl Schneider- Terry James
 50th in NABC + Lebhar Imp Pairs
Daniel Loveland and James Bishel
 10th in 0-2500 Pairs
Robert Kaplan
 2nd in C in Tuesday Gold Rush
Thomas McDown V and Thomas McDown VI
 2nd in Thursday Swiss - Bracket 6
Suman Agarwal
 3/4th in 0-10K Knockouts
 3rd Thursday Swiss - Bracket 3
 1st Saturday Bracketed Teams

D11 Tournament Standouts

Loiusville-Lexington Regional

Up and Comers	
Thursday Gold Rush Swiss 2nd-B	Friday Gold Rush
Jan Hall Skip Yassenoff Melanie Myers Debbie Marhefka	Robert Kaplan (2nd C) Randolph Rhode(2nd C)

Event Winners		
Monday Swiss	Tuesday Pairs	Wednesday Pairs
Cheryl Schneider(1st) Terry James(1st)	A Moulton(2nd) Daniel Loveland(2nd) Randolph Rhode (4th) Robert Kaplan (4th)	Cheryl Schneider(2nd) Terry James(2nd) Randolph Rhode (1st B) Robert Kaplan (1st B) A Moulton(3rd B) Daniel Loveland(3rd B)
Thursday Horizontal Swiss	Friday Open Pairs	Saturday Pairs
Robert Kaplan (1st) Randolph Rhode (1st) Skip Yassenoff (1st) Debbie Marhefka(1st) A Moulton (2nd) Daniel Loveland(2nd)	Cheryl Schneider(1st) Tom Bishel (1st) A Moulton (1st C) Daniel Loveland (1st C)	A Moulton(4th B) Daniel Loveland (4th B)