

## **Region 3 Director Report – April 2024**

### **Masterpoints and Bridge Clubs**

A lot of questions have arisen lately and I would like to clarify the relationship between BBO and the ACBL. The online games on BBO, called "ACBL" games, are not run by the ACBL. They are run by BBO. BBO is an independent bridge club, just like other virtual bridge clubs. BBO uses their own game directors and makes all the rules for their bridge club.

BBO recently decided to reinstitute 18 board games that had been suspended for a short period of time. 18 boards are required by the ACBL to award the winners full masterpoints. The ACBL has no control over the number of boards played in BBO games or other club games.

Most other virtual bridge clubs on BBO play 18 boards and pay full masterpoint awards. To reach the schedule of online virtual clubs – go to BBO and click on “Virtual Clubs” and then click on “ACBL-North America” and you will see a list of available games for you to play in that begin play in the next two hours. All visitor restrictions have been lifted and there are many choices of games available for every masterpoint level.

The largest masterpoint awards available to you are at your local face-to-face club, where you receive full masterpoint awards for playing 18 boards and additional proportional awards for every board played over 18 boards.

### **Support your local club – it’s good for you and good for bridge!!**

The North American Bridge Championships were held last week in Louisville, Kentucky. The tournament was very successful and exceeded table estimates. Below is a list of Region 3 (District 3 and District 4) players who finished in the overalls in national events.

**Baldwin North American Pairs – Flight A:** 1 – Alex Allen and Abe Pineles

**Robot Individual Pairs:** 1 – Jiang Gu

**Senior Mixed Pairs:** 2 – Nancy Molesworth and Ron Gerard; 7 – Ethan Stein and Susan Duval; 16 – Bob and Joann Glasson; 20 – Laura Brill; 26 – Martin de Bruin and Betty Scull

**Lebhar IMP Pairs:** 22 – Richard Oshlag; 28 – Abe Pineles and Alex Allen; 47 – Barry Spector

**Leventritt Silver Ribbon Pairs:** 19 – Bob and Joann Glasson; 24 – Martin de Bruin and Betty Scull; 37 – Kenneth Chatzinoff and Douglas Dye; 39 – Richard Oshlag

**Rockwell Mixed Pairs:** 35 – Richard Oshlag; 36 – Don Chillrud; 46 – Laura Brill; 51 – Joan Brody

**Kay Platinum Pairs:** 8 – Yinghao Liu; 26 – Xiaowen Li

**0 – 2,500 Swiss Teams:** 6 – Steven Siegel and Larry Gordon

**Silodor Open Pairs:** 11 – Jiang Gu; 14 – Richard Oshlag; 26 – Ron Gerard; 62 – Jill Marshall and Robert Rebelein

**Smith Women’s Pairs:** 3 – Nancy Molesworth; 12 – Maureen McLaughlin; 17 – Lisa Mita and Susan Morse

**0 – 2,500 Pairs:** 11 – Steven Siegel and Larry Gordon; 13 – Daniel Droz and Barbara Droz

**Jacoby Open Swiss:** 6 – Alex Perlin, Jiang Gu; 14 – Connie Goldberg

**NABC+ Women’s Swiss Teams:** 4 – Maureen McLaughlin; 5 – Xiaowen Li

**Golder North American Pairs – Flight B:** 8 – Lawrence Kidder, Gene Marks; 20 – Sean Casey, Jason Tokuda

**President’s Cup North American Pairs – Flight C:** 15 – Ryan Lock, Elisa Lock