54th SPRING NATIONAL TOURNAMENT BALTIMORE, MARYLAND



Issue One		Sunday	April 7, 2024				
EVENTS OF TOMORROW							
		MONDAY					
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		April 8, 2024					
	"FAVOR	ITE SPORTS TEAM DAY"					
9	:00 AM	Morning KO Teams (1	st Round)				
-		(Registration by 7:30 P					
		Side Game	//				
1	:30 PM	C.G. Fredd KO Teams	Championship				
		(Registration by 7:30 Pl					
		Side Game	- Sunday)				
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NAME OF ACTIVITY	Date/Time	LOCATION	Chairman
NTC	4/8 12 pm Monday	Club 21	Deborah Cole
aba.ECF Board Mtg.	4/8 5-7 pm Monday	Club 21	Clarice Reid
Bridge Education & Teacher Certification	4/8 6:30 pm Monday	Club 21	Eunice Patton
NEW PLAYERS RECEPTION	4/9 After 1:30 Game Tuesday	Club 21 (By Invitation Only)	Reuben Schooler
Awards Ceremony and Dinner	4/10 7:00 pm Wednesday	David's Restaurant Dining Room	Willetta Phipps
General Membership Meeting	4/11 10:00 am Thursday	Headliner Room	Gloria Christler President
ABA Board Meeting	4/12 After Play Friday	Hall Suite Level Boardroom	Gloria Christler President

Who was C. G. Fredd? C.G. Fredd was regarded as the South's leading player, qualifying as a ranking player in the ABA for more than 35 years who won over 567 sanctioned events during that time (41 sanctioned events during one year). His trademark was a cigar dangling from his mouth and a bag of peppermint sticks. Long before online bridge existed, C.G. played with 87 different partners from 31 different cities, including Mable Burks, Tom Hunt, Will E. Richardson, and Vassie Ray. Among his accomplishments, he was the creator and former Chair of the Tournament Authority and the former Chair of each of the Tournament Committee, Publishing Board, and Card Committee (now Appeals & Ethics), as well as ABA BULLETIN Editor. He was the inventor of the Round Robin form of bridge game, IMPs converted to Victory Points, and the flighted teams concept. Passionate about members' ability to play, he sponsored and co-sponsored bus trips to various tournaments where he would often recite poetry to entertain bus riders on their journey. The Spring National Knock Out Team Game is named after C. G. Fredd. *(Written by Linda Dunn)*

ANNOUNCEMENT

Players can enjoy a 10% discount at any restaurant in the casino (other than Cheesecake Factory and Koho) by showing your lanyard to indicate that you are with the ABA.

You may not bring food (including food from the food court) *through the casino*—you must enter through a hotel entrance when carrying food.

Complimentary coffee and tea will be provided in the playing area Monday and Tuesday morning. A continental breakfast will be provided immediately before the Membership Meeting on Thursday morning.

	OPI	EN P.	AIR	S U	NDER 600 4/6/2024 10:00 AM	Tables:	5
Ove	r Al	.1		ction			
A	в	С	A	в	C Pairs	Scores	MPA
1			1		Pamela Larson, Pasadena, CA Staajabu Heshimu, ,	53.38	10.56
2			1		Philippe Gerdes, Queens Village, NY Donna Woo, Sunnyside, NY	45.88	7.92
3			2		Paulette Kirkwood, St Louis, MO Yvonne Patton, St Louis, MO	44.88	6.34
			2		Brenda Smith, Baton Rouge, LA Louis Perkins, Durham, NC	44.13	1.98
	OPE	'N PZ	AIRS	5	0/2000 4/6/2024 10:00 AM	Tables:	12
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A	в	С	Α	в	C Pairs	Scores	MPA
1			1		Reginald Chapman, FT Washington, MD Harold Singleton III, Atlanta, GA	110.70	19.54
2	1		1	1	Phil Articola, , Matt Murbach, ,	107.55	14.65
3			2		Janice McBean, Rockville Centre, NY Lynda Straker, West Hempstead, NY	105.57	11.72
4			2		Dwight Bush, Gadsden, AL Lillian Holeman, Fairburn, GA	97.57	9.77
5			3		Hedy Echard, Durham, NC Leon Ragland, Suffolk, VA	96.33	8.79
6			3		Larry Rich, Alpharetta, GA Eunice Patton, Bloomington, IL	93.21	7.81
			4		Elaine Conway, Silver Spring, MD Clara Berryhill, Silver Spring, MD	89.63	2.40
	2		4	2	Jawanza Phoenix, Passaic, NJ Kenneth Smith, ,	88.43	10.80
			5		Nathaniel Cook, Atlanta, GA Barbara Hutson, Detroit, MI	85.79	2.16
			5		Warren Norris, Cleveland, OH Tamera Norris, Cleveland, OH	85.71	2.16
	3			1	Deborah Crockett, Washington, DC Joan Mobley, Palm Beach Gdns, FL	82.70	8.64
	4			2	Tanya Rodich, Gwynn Oak, MD Louise Hellwig, Baltimore, MD	82.53	7.20

	OPE	N PA	IRS	UND	ER	2000	4/6/2024	2	:00 PM		Tables:	4
Α	в	С	Α	в	С	Pairs				Score	es	MPA
1			1				adley, Mables e Cotton, St	-		24.00	0	6.89
2			2				obley, Palm Be Crockett, Wa		-	20.00)	5.17
			3			Irene D	oavis, Chicago yn Leverett,	0, IL		18.50)	1.03
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1			1			-	d Chapman, FT rk, Arlington		gton, Mi		9.08	19.78
2			2			Alice B Mark Da	rown, Midloth hl	nian, VA		16	8.28	14.83
3			1				Minus, Silver unn, Memphis,		, MD	16	1.83	11.87
4			2				Thomas, Upper Bickham, Carm		ro, MD	158	8.68	9.89
5			3			-	hiles, Columb Polk, Portlan			158	8.66	8.90
6			3			Evelyn	Adkins, Atlan Singleton III	nta, GA	ta, GA	15	8.04	7.91
7			4			Elaine	Conway, Silve erryhill, Sil	er Sprin	g, MD	15:	3.02	6.92
	1		5	1		Barbara	Garner, Temp Goka, New Yor	ole Hill	-	144	4.17	14.47
			6			Barbara	Childs, Wash mith, Silver	nington,		14:	1.82	1.93
			7			Lewis C	leveland, New True, Potomac	/ Carrol		D 140	0.00	1.69
			4			Vincent	Wilmot Jr, G Banks, Silver	Gaithers	2.	D 13	6.73	2.41
			5			Debra O	verstreet, Ha Johnson, Chic	azelcres	t, IL	13	5.14	2.17
	2		6	1		Phillip	Articola, , rbach, ,			134	4.81	10.85
			7			Lynda S	traker, West McBean, Rockv	-	-		0.40	1.69
	3			2		Jawanza	Phoenix, Pas Smith, ,				8.32	8.68
	4			3		Larry G	utman, New Yo ennan, New Yo	•		120	6.59	7.24
	5					Eunice	Patton, Bloom ich, Alpharet	nington,	IL	12:	3.68	6.51
				2		Marilyn	Johnson, Bir lexander, Bes	mingham	-	119	9.87	2.71

	ALB	ERTA	A PEJ	TERSON SCHOLARSHIP U/600 4/6/2024	7:30 PM	Tables: 3
A	в	С	A	B C Pairs	Scores	MPA
1			1	Martha M Harris, Highland, IN Luann King, ,	29.50	9.46
2			2	Patricia Binyard, Westbury, N Beverly Session-Kelly, Roseda		7.09
1	ALBE	RTA	PETE	ERSON SCHOLARSHIP U/2000 4/6/2024 7	:30 PM	Tables: 4
A	в	A	в	Pairs	Scores	MPA
1		1		Linda Johnson, Chattanooga, TN Annie Bartlett, Madison, TN	36.50	10.34
2		2		Leon Bradley, Mableton, GA Michelle Cotton, St Louis, MO	36.00	7.76
		3/4		Elizabeth Lyons, Washington, DC Louis Perkins, Durham, NC	34.00	1.42
		3/4		Joan Mobley, Palm Beach Gdns, FL Deborah Crockett, Washington, DC	34.00	1.42



How Sleep Affects Your Health 1 in 3 adults don't get enough sleep. How much sleep do you need? Most adults need 7 to 9 hours of sleep each night. Poor sleep may put you and your health at higher risk for: • Alzheimer's disease • cardiovascular disease • Cognitive decline and dementia • Depression • Diabetes • High blood pressure • High blood sugar Poor sleep can cause: • High cholesterol • Infections • Obesity • Accidents • Breathing problems • Hormone imbalance • Memory and cognitive issues • Increased appetite and unhealthy eating • Inflammation • Stress • Weight gain. Benefits of good sleep: Healing and repair of cells, tissues and blood vessels, Stronger immune system, More creativity and productivity, Improved mood and energy, Better brain function including alertness, decision-making, focus, learning, memory, reasoning and problem-solving , Healthy growth . Better ability to build muscle, Quicker reflexes ,Less risk of chronic disease Remember: 7 to 9 hours will help you feel fine, so get your ZZZs

ALBERTA PETERSON SCHOLARSHIP 0/2000 4/6/2024 7:30PM Tables:17								
Over All Section								
A	в	С	A	в	C Pairs Scores	MPA		
1			1		Reginald Chapman, FT Wash., MD 175.00 Mae Clark, Arlington, TX	29.74		
2			2		Alice Brown, Midlothian, VA 172.00 Mark Dahl, ,	22.30		
3			3		Leon Ragland, Suffolk, VA 154.50 Hedy Echard, Durham, NC	17.84		
4	1		1	1	Denise Smith, Chicago, IL 150.50 Deborah Cole, Chicago, IL	21.76		
5			2		Harold Minus, Silver Spring, MD 147.50 Jerrie Thomas, Upper Marlboro, MD	13.38		
6	2		3	2	Annie Mays, St Louis, MO 147.00 Michael Goldman, St Louis, MO	16.32		
7	3		4	1	Warren Norris, Cleveland, OH 145.00 Tamera Norris, Cleveland, OH	13.06		
8			5		Harold Singleton III 144.00 Evelyn Adkins, Atlanta, GA	8.92		
9			6		Lewis Cleveland, MD 140.50 Sandra True, Potomac, MD	7.43		
	4		4	3	Valerie Brooks, Brooklyn, NY 140.00 Christian Baxter, Brooklyn, NY	10.88		
			7		Clarice Reid, Bethesda, MD 138.00 Sylvia Christian, Lakeland, FL	2.54		
			5		Willetta Phipps, Atlanta, GA 137.00 Cheryll Jones, Jamaica, NY	3.26		
			6		Tyrone Davis, Philadelphia, PA 136.50 Claude Weems, Philadelphia, PA	2.90		
		7	/8		Nathaniel Cook, Atlanta, GA 136.00 Barbara Hutson, Detroit, MI	2.36		
		7	/8	4	Gladys Smith, Bronx, NY 136.00 Barbara Davis, Philadelphia, PA	2.72		
				2	Wilma Gidney, Washington, DC 130.50 Robert Young, Columbia, MD	4.08		



MAJOR KNOCKOUT TEAMS CONDITIONS OF CONTEST

BRACKETING - Each flight may consist of 16 teams aligned according to the average master point holding of the top four members of each team. In Flight "A" the defending team will be seeded number one provided four members of the original team are still members. Opponent pairing in all Flights of the MAJOR KNOCKOUT TEAMS will be determined by seeding. Teams will be seeded in each flight to determine their ranked positions and numerical designations. Adjustments may be made in the lower flights to accommodate excess registrants. However, the Association reserves the right to use other methods. Byes will be used only as a last resort. Opponent pairing in all flights can be determined for the first round by subtracting your team number from 17 where they are 16 teams in the flight. Flights of less than 16 subtract your team number from the total number of teams in the flight plus one.

TEAM ENTRY The Team Entry shall be completed with 4, 5 or 6 names. Each name shall be followed with an ABA Number and Current Master Point holding. The Total Master Point Holding for the team (4, 5 or 6 members) shall be placed in the space for Total MPA's found at the top of the Entry Form. THE CAPTAIN OF THE TEAM IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE ACCURACY OF THIS MASTER POINT TOTAL. Any change in the TOTAL MASTER POINT HOLDING SHOULD BE REPORTED IMMEDIATELY (that is before team assignments are made). Failure to do so will result in DISQUALIFICATION.

SCORING – Each match will be scored by Imps, with a margin of single IMP constituting a victory. Any tie at the end of regularly scheduled number of boards will be resolved by a 5 board playoff. Such playoffs will begin immediately after a short (5 minute) interval and continue until the match is resolved.

REQUIRED PARTICIPATION – A player is not required to play in the first match. However to be eligible for masterpoints and / or prizes, each member of the team, after the first round of the knockout, must play at least 50% of all ensuing matches as long as the team progresses. The National Supervisory Director may waive this requirement only in cases of dire emergency. Sit outs must be reported at the time results are turned in. If for any reason a player is dropped or absent from a team, it must be reported immediately to the Director-in-Charge (DIC). No substitutes are allowed at <u>anytime</u> without prior authorization of the DIC. **CONCURRENT PARTICIPATION** – Players entering two games concurrently must play the entire session of the event in which there is active participation. Substitutes are not permitted. Players are not allowed to register for single session games opposite any round of the Knockout Teams other than the first. Players must notify the Director selling entries, at the time of registration, that they are playing in another game. Should a player's team progress to the next round this player will receive masterpoints for only the team game regardless of the next level of finish in the single game session event. Violations of these rules could result in disqualification from both games. Entry fees in these instances will not be refunded.

SEATING – There are no seeding rights. In the first half, Tables and Directions are determined by the Directors. The North / South and East/West are assigned to a specific table. In the second half, the team that trails in the match sits first and the Leaders sit around them. For the second half, partnerships may be reassigned, but no pair that met in the first half will play each other in the second half. In the event of a tie at the half, simply reverse the initial assignment by the Directors.

CONVENTIONS – All conventions shown on the General Convention Chart are allowed in this event. Conventions listed as Mid-Chart are allowed in all flights where the bottom team has an average of 1200 or more masterpoints. The Super Chart applies to Flight "A". The National Tournament Authority must approve all special conventions at least two hours prior to the start of the game.

PROTEST PERIOD – The period for the appeal of Directors' rulings or for filing protest expires 30 minutes after each match. An appeal of a Director's ruling on an infraction that occurred during the first half must be made known to the DIC and the opposing Captain before the start of the second half of the match; and for tied matches before the bidding begins in the playoff. When a committee is required, the DIC should have it convene before the match resumes.

PENALTIES – ALL STARTING TIMES WILL BE PROMINENTLY POSTED AND OBSERVED. FAILURE TO SEAT A COMPLETE TEAM BY THE OFFICAL STARTING TIME WILL, AT THE DIRECTOR'S DISCRETION DURING A TEN (10) MINUTE GRACE PERIOD, CARRY THE FOLLOWING PENALTIES FOR TARDINESS.

A. 1 IMP for the first 5 minutes

B. 2 IMPS for each additional 5 minutes.

The 10-minute grace period does not mean the event is scheduled to start 10 minutes after the official start time, but rather this is the period where the Director can excuse tardiness without penalty.

If the player doesn't have an acceptable excuse then the penalties identified can be imposed at the Director's discretion. **BE ON TIME!** In addition, the match will be curtailed one board for each 5 minutes of lateness after the grace period, up to a maximum of three (3) boards. 3 IMPS per board will be awarded for tardiness during the 10-minute grace period. 30 minutes after the posted starting time for the game the DIC will declare the match forfeited if a team has failed to seat four members. Starting times may not be changed by agreement between the teams except with the approval of the National Supervisory Director. If additional costs are associated with this change, they must be borne by the teams involved. Once a team member begins play in a match, he must complete that half. In case of an emergency, the DIC may excuse the player. **SUBSTITUTES** – Substitutes may be used in an emergency with the express permission of the DIC with no penalty. (An emergency is defined as an unforeseen combination of dire circumstances, or the resulting state, requiring exigent action). A substitute may also be used to temporarily replace a late (unexcused) player. A substitute cannot be or have been a member of a team in the same flight as the team for which he is substituting. The presumed skill level of the substitute cannot be greater than that of the deposed player unless approved by the opposing team. If a substitute is used to replace a player who is not excused by the DIC, there will be a three (3) IMP penalty for the first board played by the substitute and a two (2) IMP penalty for each subsequent board played.

PLAYING TIME LIMITS Time limits apply: 6½ minutes per board. Playing time for 24 boards is 3 hours. Times are adjusted accordingly for other numbers of boards. Players have the responsibility to inform the Director of slow play. When the Director has fixed responsibility for slow play and all the boards are not completed in the prescribed time, a 3 IMP penalty will be assessed the offending team for each board missed.

ACCEPTANCE OF PENALTIES – Penalties assessed by the Director for an infraction, including slow play, tardiness and lateness, must be accepted by the non-offending team. **REPORTING RESULTS** – Each Captain should sign his name on the reporting slip of the opposing team. The winning team Captain should turn in the slips for both teams at the assigned reporting station as soon as possible after results are determined and agreed upon.

KIBITZERS – Kibitzers will be permitted but must remain at one table. Any player may request the Director to remove a spectator from his table for cause. Fifth and sixth members may kibitz only at tables which are at least two tables removed from where their teammates are playing. During the finals, kibitzers are permitted only in the "Open Room" if there is a "Closed Room".

DISQUALIFICATION – A team may be disqualified, at the discretion of the NTA, for failure to comply with the conditions of contest.

ZERO TOLERANCE – Discourtesy to opponents, partner, or Director will not be tolerated. Repeated offenses will subject the offender to suspension from participation in that particular match. The NTA will determine any future participation in the event and the tournament.

BOARDS IN PLAY - All Flights will have 24 Boards in play all rounds.

Congratulations, Donors' Campaign Participants!



SLAM BID: \$151.00 AND ABOVE		
Norman James	Northern Section	\$500
John Jordan	Southern Section	\$500
Leon Ragland	Eastern Section	\$201
Shirley Williams	Southern Section	\$200
Willetta Phipps	Southern Section	\$200
Noah Newman	Southern Section	\$200
Anderson Williams	Southern Section	\$200
Harold Bickham	Northern Section	\$200
Gloria Christler	Southern Section	\$200
Henry Irwin Leon Bradley	Southern Section Southern Section	\$200 \$200
Martha Flowers	Southern Section	\$200
Charleen Mills	Northern Section	\$200
Gloria Hobbs	Eastern Section	\$200
	Eastern Section	\$200
Barry Jamison Brooklywites Duplicate Bridge	Eastern Section	\$151
Brooklynites Duplicate Bridge	Eastern Section	\$151
GAME BID: \$100 - \$150		
Mary M. Brown	Southern Section	\$150
D. Watson	Eastern Section	\$150
Linda Dunn	Southern Section	\$125
Lynda Straker	Eastern Section	\$125
Marguerite Stams-Jackson	Northern Section	\$125
Martha Harris	Northern Section	\$125
Gwendolyn White	Southern Section	\$105
Patricia Binyard	Eastern Section	\$100
Staajabu Heshimu	Western Section	\$100
Janice McBean	Eastern Section	\$100
Dorothy Bailey	Southern Section	\$100
Andrew Echols	Southern Section	\$100
Loann Julia Honesty King	Northern Section	\$100
Gail Williams	Southern Section	\$100
Marsha Holmes	Northern Section	\$100
Katrina Paster	Eastern Section	\$100
Daisy M. Jones	Southern Section	\$100
Margaret Pulley-Johnson	Southern Section	\$100
Thomas & Clara Hunt	Eastern Section	\$100
James Hunter (Echard)	Northern Section	\$100
James Hunter (Echaru)	Northern Section	\$100

DONATIONS ARE STILL BEING ACCEPTED



Cashless Game Registration Available



April 6-12, 2024 It's going to be a great time at the tables !!! elcon Greek Day DAY 4 Tuesday, April 9 Morning KO Teams (2nd Round) DAY Saturday, April 6 9AM 10AM Open Pairs (Only Session) 9AM Side Game Open Pairs (Only Session) 1:30 & 7:30PM CG Fredd KO Teams Semi-2PM 7:30PM F. Alberta Peterson Scholarship Finals/Finals Game 1:30 Open Pair (only session) 7:30PM Open Pair (Barometer scoring) My Bridge Club Day Ethnic Attire Dau Wednesday, April 10 DAY 5 9:00 & 1:30PM Dan Scrivens Open Pairs 9:00AM Side Game 1:30PM Side Game DAY 2 Sunday, April 7 WORSHIP SERVICE AWARDS CEREMONY AND 8:30AM 7:00PM 👷 George Hudson PRO-AM Game 10AM DINNER 2 & 7:30PM Mixed Pairs Spring National Shirt Day Women's Pairs (2 sessions play thru) 2 & 7:30PM 2PM Side Game DAY 6 Thursday, April 11 GENERAL MEMBERSHIP 7:30PM Side Game 10:00AM MEETING 1:30 & 7:30PM Board-A-Match Favorite Sports Team Day (Flighted – Stratified) (Registration by 7:30PM Wednesday) DAY 3 Monday, April 8 1:30PM Side Game 9AM Morning KO Teams (1st Round) 7:30PM Side Game (Registration by 7:30PM Sunday) 9AM Side Game DAY 7 Friday, April 12 1:30 & 7:30PM CG Fredd KO Teams Championship Au Revoir Pairs 9AM (Registration by 7:30PM Sunday) 9 A M Morning KO Teams Finals 1:30PM Side Game See you this summer Bye Bye 7:30PM Side Game in Atlantal