

Hi Everybody!

Welcome to 2024 at the MVBA. We have a number of new Board Members this year and so our enthusiasm is high for a great year.

We are two weeks away from finishing our first set of classes this year. We started with 16 taking the class and now are up to 17. Hopefully, those who are not playing at the Club right now will take the next step and become members and frequent players.

Starting in late March, we will be starting another set of lessons. One lesson will be on defense (the next step after declarer play) and the other lesson will be for beginners. So far, Susan Freeman and I have been contacted by 9 non-members interested in learning bridge. We think this number will grow once we advertise the starting date and times.

Speaking of advertising, Rob Bradford has set up a new website for the MVBA as a test to see whether or not we want to use this site. This is a "bare-bones" setup, but I think that each of you should take the time and look at the site. The web address is: <https://www.bridgewebs.com/miamivalley/>. Please let a Board member know about what you think of the site.

Finally, in March the Spring Nationals are being held in Louisville, Kentucky. If you are going to attend, the Louisville club still needs some volunteers to help at various times. Also, if you get your entries online instead of from the director at the game, you will save \$10 per entry because you are from our district. I believe that they are still running a special at the host hotel (Galt House) -- stay for two nights and get two nights free. Quite the deal!

Come on out and play at the club!

Bob