

As we approach Spring and the Louisville NABC Tournament, I am happy to report that the MVBA is having (with a couple of exceptions) a great start to 2024.

1. We have hired a cleaning person to clean the Bridge Center twice a week. I think that Samuel will do a great job for us.
2. We are adding at least 2 (and up to 4) air purifiers for the Bridge Center, and the carpet is going to be professionally cleaned this month for the first time since we moved into the Bridge Center. Hopefully, this will help alleviate any allergy problems that some of our members have been reporting.
3. We have finished one set of bridge classes where we started with 16 attendees and finished with 17. Included in these 17 are 4 new members who will be joining on the first of April.
4. Our next set of classes will start the week of March 25. There will be a class on defense and either 2 or 3 classes of beginners. So far, 12 have signed up for the defense class and 9 have signed for the beginner class. There is still room for more members in the beginner class. Contact Susan Freeman or me for more details.
5. Stay tuned for upcoming announcements about the Super Mentor/Mentee program as well as the regular Mentor/Mentee program. The Super Mentor/Mentee program is an idea that Connie Wiest has proposed, and I am really excited about this program.
6. We will have a new website up and running by the end of this month or the beginning of April. I think everybody will really like the new site. As soon as it is ready, we will send out an email to everybody about the particulars.

A couple of our games are struggling for players. The Wednesday afternoon game and the Monday evening game have been low in attendance or not even held lately. We talked about this at the March Board Meeting, and we have an ad hoc committee that will be discussing this issue as well as a way to streamline all of our financial reports so that each member will be easily able to see how the MVBA is doing financially.

I wish the best of luck to all of the members who are traveling to Louisville for the NABC tournament that starts this week. It certainly isn't very often that the Nationals are held this close to our Unit.

Please feel free to contact me at any time about concerns that you have with the club. Our board's goal is to make the club an enjoyable experience for everybody.

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