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# **NVBA E-News - The Spring Sectional Tournament starts this Thursday!**

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#### **Dear Ronald:**

The 2024 sectional tournament starts this Thursday evening and there is a nonstop full tournament schedule from Thursday evening to Sunday evening for all levels! Come and toast the start of this spring tournament with us at Beth El: It is our first Thursday-of-the-month free wine



celebration of bridge at our Unit Game! The NVBA February Sectional was the largest NVBA tournament since Covid. There were 216.5 tables in play and over 300 players turning out across the four days of play. Saturday and Sunday the entire Elks Lodge upstairs playing area was full of bridge players, what a really great sight!



Hope there are even more players at this week's NVBA Spring Sectional, come to play and enjoy:

- Hospitality provided at every session with box/bag lunches available for purchase for Saturday and Sunday between the morning and afternoon sessions.
- On-site cashless entries
- Free Intermediate/Newcomer Lecture by NVBA Master Teacher Ron Kral on Friday 5/3/24 at 1:30PM
- "Come Play Cards with Us" special event on Saturday 5/4/24 6:45PM will be a casual introduction to bridge and opportunity for supervised play along with other card games that participants want to play.
- For more information, see the ACBL NVBA Sectional Email.
- If you have other questions, please contact Margot Hennings at margot10bridge@cox.net.

### Thursday Night NVBA Unit Game

- Thank you to those who played in last week's unit game and helped us have a nice turnout of 13 tables! Congratulations to Lewis Hutchinson/Leqin Shi and Mark Tonnesen/Kenneth Davis for being the section top winners.
- This Thursday's Unit Game is the first event in the NVBA Spring Sectional. It will be a combined NVBA/WBL Unit Game field for lots of silver points since combined table counts are used to determine overall masterpoints. The NVBA Unit Game starts at 7PM and is at Beth El (3830 Seminary Rd, about a mile east of I-395). Please arrive at least ten minutes before game time.
- If you need a partner or teammates for any Thursday game at Beth El, please email Jason Carter at the NVBA Partnership Desk by 4PM Tuesday afternoon for your best chance to obtain a partner. You can also use the RSVP Bridge Reservation System to assist you in finding a partner.
- Plan ahead for future unit games by viewing the 2024 Unit Game Schedule.
- Save the dates! Stay tuned for more information on each.
  - Thursday May 23 is the NVBA Annual Meeting, with a pregame dinner.
  - Thursday June 6 is the annual Life Master-Non-Life Master game.

## Sign up for the WBL Round Robin

Play in the WBL Round Robin and compete against our friends across the river! This is a fun social event that can be played virtually or face to face. Leagues normally consist of 5-7 teams with a playoff after completion of round robin play. There are no residency requirements, so invite anyone to join your team. Play begins on 5/13/24 and the deadline for entries is 5/6/24. For more information, click here.

### Just for 0-20, 0-49, 0-199, and 0-499 Players

- Learn to play bridge in 8 weeks at the Annandale JCC on Tuesdays 5/7/24 to 7/2/24 7-9PM (no class on 6/11/24). Click here to register. For more information, contact Shari.Berman@theJ.org or call 703 537-3068.
- Check out the 0-49 game at SwanGames.com, 7:30PM Monday evenings.
- Supervised Play continues to be available at Beth El on Thursday evenings! New in-person players have tried this out and have had fun! This is especially for players moving from online-only play or informal play or returning to in-person play after a long break.
- ACBL Community Games run on BBO Monday through Friday, advertised at 0-20, 0-50, and 0-99 levels.
- Visit the lower right-hand portion of the NVBA Home Page for lots of Learn About Bridge resources.
- Try out the BBO Test Your Bridge Skills May Quiz.
- For more details on these items, see the 4/1/24 NVBA Weekly Email.

#### **NVBA, ACBL, and District Six News**

- For Black ACBL Masterpoints, and occasionally other pigments (Silver, Red, Gold), playing at SE Carolina Club of Clubs benefits NVBA, as we are a member club. See their Web page at https://sites.google.com/view/se-club-of-clubs/home for game schedule, lessons, and more. Each game advertises a 0-750 section, a 0-2500 section, and an Open section.
- There are 16 in-person club games on the Clubs page of the NVBA website. Anyone who is interested in playing an in-person game should contact the listed director in advance to confirm the game is on and to make a reservation.
- Here is the current schedule for NVBA Online Games on BBO.

### **Upcoming Sectional, Regional, and National Tournaments**

- Rehoboth Regional Monday 4/29 to Saturday 5/4
- NVBA Spring Sectional Thursday 5/2 to Sunday 5/5

- WBL Sectional Thursday 5/16 to Sunday 5/19
- Richmond Sectional Friday 6/7 to Sunday 6/9
- Baltimore Sectional Friday 6/7 to Sunday 6/9
- Reston Regional Monday 7/1 t0 Saturday 7/6
- Baltimore Regional Monday 8/19 to Sunday 8/25
- The NVBA website includes all 2024 tournaments of interest.

Play well, have fun, and see you at the NVBA sectional!

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