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## NVBA E-News - Toronto NABC and NVBA 499er Game on 7/23/24

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**Dear Ronald:**

The Toronto Summer North American Bridge Championships starts this Wednesday 7/17/24! The NABC Grand National Teams Open, Flight A, Flight B, and Flight C all start that day. Good luck to the NVBAers on our District Six GNT teams. Good luck to the NVBA players traveling to the rest of the tournament which runs through Sunday 7/28/24.



### Thursday Night NVBA Unit Game

- Congratulations to Terry Jones/David Goldfrank and Hal Jones Jr/Jim Wakefield for section tops in last week's Unit Game.
- This Thursday's Unit Game will be an **NAP Qualifier**. 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 **Amy Elmore** 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**.

### NVBA 499ers – Join Us on BBO for an NVBA Hosted 499 Game

What: NVBA and SE Carolina (SEC) host a 499 Game with NVBA Director Joe Hertz

Why: Come play with other NVBA 499ers you know - and also support NVBA as \$2.00 per NVBA participant is shared with NVBA. While this BBO game is open to all BBO members – we anticipate most players will be NVBA 499ers.

When: Tuesday - July 23 @7:00PM

Where: Go to BBO Online: 1) then select “Virtual Clubs”, 2) then “ACBL-North America”, then select 3) “SE Carolina”.

All can play in the **SE Carolina Club of Clubs**. This benefits NVBA as we are a member club. We get two dollars for each NVBA player buying an entry to this club game. The more people that play online in this game the more money we earn. 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.

### District Six Monthly Online Game on 7/17/24

Play against the best in District Six from the comfort of your couch! Our next monthly District Six online pair game will be Wednesday 7/17/24 with game times of 7:05 PM for 0-199, 7:10 PM for 0-999, and 7:15 PM for the Open Game. The entry fee is only \$5 and the game is held on the third Wednesday of each month. If

you have any problems registering, please send a BBO chat message to the VACB139840 account — that will reach the director of the game who will be able to address the situation for you.

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

- **FREE 0-20 Sections at local tournaments**
  - Baltimore Regional, Tuesday Aug 20 -- Lecture at 9:30 am, game at 10 am. more post-game. 0-20 play FREE all day; see [Baltimore Regional Day #1 Bulletin](#) for more details
  - Fairfax (ELKS) Sectional, Saturday Sept 14, morning session. See flier (not yet out) for details but mark your calendar NOW!
- Annual NVBA Life Master-Non-Life Master (LM/NLM) game Thurs Sept 19 at Beth El -- mark your calendars now and sign up as soon as the link appears in this e-mail. Much fun, one of the four most popular NVBA Unit Games of the year, have fun, learn a lot, as low-key as you want it to be!
- Check out the 0-49 game at [SwanGames.com](#), 7:30PM Monday evenings.
- ACBL participates in no-Masterpoints Social Bridge games 3-6PM Sundays on the [RealBridge](#) platform.
- [Shark Bridge](#) offers no-Masterpoints games/tournaments on their site daily. You play 12 boards vs. Robots with a Robot partner. Each day's game starts at 12:01AM and ends at 11:59PM EDT. There is no board or round timer, start any time you want.
- 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.

## NVBA, ACBL, and District Six News

- Congratulations to Ryan Connors, Brenda Egeland, Donna Hickling, Lewis Hutchinson, John Macpherson, Eileen Marean, Nicholas Pchelkin, Mary Poole, Jeffrey Schwartz, and Tamara Vetter who all achieved recent [ACBL Rank Changes](#)!
- Check out the NVBA players who won Masterpoints at the Reston Regional by visiting the [NVBA Winner's Circle](#).
- Thank you to Terry Jones, other NVBA players, and the bridge celebrities who supported the [ACBL Educational Foundation 3rd Annual Fundraiser](#) for Youth Bridge Programs. The foundation's auction has raised over \$46K so far but they are still well short of their \$100K goal. It's not too late to contribute to the Spark! youth bridge fundraiser and get a backstage pass for the online celebrity auction bridge tournament and after-party. Any donations of \$10 or more made by mid-day on Monday, July 15 will entitle the donor to receive a link to the webinar. Here is a direct link to donate: <https://www.acbleducationalfoundation.org/donate.php>. Terry Jones will be partnering with George Jacobs, and they will be featured playing with Larry Cohen on board 10 of the tournament!
- The ACBL is planning another bridge-themed Family Feud at the Summer NABC. Click [here](#) to help out by answering the bridge Family Feud surveys.
- Encourage friends and family to join bridge by pointing them to the latest videos on the [Bridge BFF YouTube channel](#), [Kai's It's Your Call](#), and [College Bridge Online](#) videos.
- There are 15 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.
- A few NVBA members stepped up in response to our last appeal for more volunteers. But there's still room for you as well! Next time you see NVBA President Georgette Weiss, see if you can ask her "Where does NVBA need my help?" before she asks you "Where are you best able to help NVBA?"

## Upcoming Sectional, Regional, and National Tournaments

- [Toronto NABC - Wednesday 7/17 to Sunday 7/28](#)
- [Charlottesville Sectional - Friday 8/9 to Sunday 8/11](#)
- [Baltimore Regional - Monday 8/19 to Sunday 8/25. See the \*\*Baltimore Regional Day #1 Bulletin\*\* for lots of tournament information.](#)
- [NVBA September Sensations Sectional - Thursday 9/12 to Sunday 9/15](#)
- The NVBA website includes all [2024 tournaments of interest](#).

Play well, have fun, and see you at the tables!

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