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NVBA E-News - special membership meeting Dec 18

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Dear Ronald:

Last week's unit game had 13 tables. Congratulations to winners **Hal Jones - Jim Wakefield (NS)** and **Ben Umansky - Dan Morgan (EW)**. [Full results here](#). This week's unit game will be part of a [Sectional Tournament at Clubs \(STaC\)](#) in Districts 4 and 6, so masterpoint awards will be silver. Several local clubs will also be participating in the STaC. Check [this list](#) for your favorite club.



On Saturday, November 15, the NVBA and WBL will hold a joint game to **celebrate the centennial of contract bridge**. The game will be at 1pm at St. James Episcopal Church, [11815 Seven Locks Road, Potomac MD](#). Please [sign up in advance](#) to help us make sure we have enough tables, equipment, and refreshments.

The NVBA will hold a **special membership meeting on December 18** before the unit game, starting at 5:30pm. The purpose of the meeting will be to vote on proposed amendments to the NVBA constitution. See the end of this email for the details of the proposed amendments. The annual holiday party will also be held before the December 18 unit game. A future email will provide more details about the holiday party.

The NVBA website now has a list of [top NVBA masterpoint winners](#) from the Lancaster regional last month. Congratulations to top winners **Sumner Steinfeldt** (63.55 masterpoints), **Hal Hindman** (51.26), and **Amy Brisson** (51.26). Results from previous tournaments are available from the [Winner's Circle](#) page.

Longtime NVBA member **Bud Morgan** passed away on October 29. A brief [obituary](#) is on the NVBA website (also available via the [In Memoriam](#) page).

NVBA member **Michael Swift** recently became a life master. He writes: "I started playing Bridge at the UCSB Bridge Club and the Santa Barbara Bridge Center when I was a physics grad student in 2017. Our team took our own flavor of Precision to the NABC Collegiate Bridge Bowl in 2018, and we had a great time. Then, life got busy: I got married, had a daughter, and have another child on the way! I held two postdoc positions before becoming a Research Physicist at the U.S. Naval Research Laboratory in DC. Through it all I kept my hand in Bridge, playing about once a week at clubs when I could, going to the occasional local tournament, and playing online on BBO and Into Bridge. I made Life Master on a 60% game with **Colin Schloss**: a narrow second-place finish in the Friday morning game in the Silver Spring sectional. Thanks to **Andrew Rowberg** for teaching and mentoring me, to **Marty Bley** and **Edna Mae Trevey** for being so welcoming at the ANCC game, and to my recent partners Colin Schloss and **Nancy Ross** for all the great games!"

Club News

- Effective November 11, the Tuesday evening Army-Navy Country Club game will offer a **new separate section just for players with under 100 masterpoints**. Contact [Marty Bley](#) if you have questions, if you need help finding a partner, or to let her know you'll be attending.

- **Note to NVBA club managers:** If you would like your team games, closures, location changes, holiday parties, or other special events announced in this space, please either contact NVBA club liaison [Samriti Malik](#) or reply to this email.

Selected Upcoming Tournaments

- [San Francisco NABC](#) - Thu Nov 27 to Sun Dec 7
- The NVBA website has a list of other [2025 tournaments of interest](#)

Useful Links

Link of the week: [The Setting Trick](#) podcast provides long-format interviews with expert bridge players. Please reply to this email to suggest future links of the week!

The NVBA website includes more information about the [unit game](#), listings of local [clubs](#) and [tournaments](#), help with [finding a partner](#), and much more. Webmaster [Ron Kral](#) welcomes your feedback and suggestions.

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

Your NVBA Board

Proposed Amendments to the NVBA Constitution

This email provides the required 30-day notice of a special membership meeting at 5:30pm before the unit game on December 18, 2025, to consider amendments to the [NVBA constitution](#). The proposed amendments are as follows.

1. In Article V, Section 3, amend the second sentence as follows:

Said Nominating Committee shall meet prior to the **mailing-of** notices of the Annual Meeting and shall prepare a slate of officers and executive directors to be placed in nomination by it at the Annual Meeting of the members.

The constitution formerly required notice of the Annual Meeting to be provided to members by postal mail. The purpose of this change is consistency with a previous change that allowed notification by email or other means.

2. In Article V, Section 9, amend the fourth and fifth sentences as follows:

Each Year before the Annual Meeting, the President shall be required to appoint **an-auditor** **volunteer** who shall **perform appropriate procedures on** **examine** the Association's financial records and the Treasurer will make a report during the Annual Meeting concerning the condition of the books. The **volunteer** **auditor** shall not be an official of the Association.

The volunteer fulfilling this role is not required to be a CPA, but the current language may imply that they would be performing CPA functions, which could potentially violate state CPA licensing regulations. The purpose of the change is to ensure that the volunteer is not put in legal jeopardy by the current language.

3. In Article V, Section 12, amend the fifth, sixth, and seventh sentences and add an eighth sentence as follows:

Except as authorized by the Board of Directors, the Treasurer shall make all disbursements by check or electronic payment. All checks drawn on Association funds shall bear the signature of the Treasurer, ~~and either~~ or the President or the Secretary ~~or, in an emergency, in the absence of the Treasurer, of the President and the Secretary~~. The Treasurer, and such other officers, members, and employees of the Association as the Board of directors may determine, shall be bonded, at the expense of the Association. Also, the Treasurer will arrange annually for a volunteer to look over all NVBA accounts and assets.

The purpose of this change is to allow the NVBA to make payments electronically, to remove the requirement for two officers to sign all payments, and to specify the NVBA Treasurer's role in recruiting the volunteer discussed under Amendment 2.

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