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# **NVBA E-News - unit game 11/20 is teams (GNT qualifier)**

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## **Dear Ronald:**

On Saturday, the NVBA and WBL held a joint game to celebrate the centennial of contract bridge. There were 32 tables in play, including 23 in two open sections and 9 in a 0-750 section. Congratulations to winners Fred King - Robert Bell (Open A, NS), Bruce Houston - Hal Jones,

Jr. (Open A, EW), Jay Kelkar - Andrew Gofreed (Open E, NS), Stuart Fogel - Brian Sutton (Open E, EW), Sharon Saile - George Saile (0-750, NS), and Timothy Bezanson - Ken Weems (0-750, EW). Full results here (open) and here (0-750).

Last week's unit game had 10 tables. Congratulations to winners **Robert Hopkins, Jr. - Joan Lewis** (NS) and **Annie Schwartz - Alan Schwartz** (EW). Full results here. Hopkins-Lewis and Schwartz-Schwartz were also 1st and 2nd respectively in the combined STaC results together with the WBL unit game.

This week's unit game will be a Grand National Teams (GNT) qualifier team game. See here for the schedule of remaining 2025 unit games. The 2026 unit game schedule is also now online as a printable PDF and as a webpage with links to results (when available).

The District 6 finals for Flight A of the North American Pairs have concluded. Congratulations to the pairs who qualified for the national finals at the Spring NABC in St. Louis: **Rick Bingham - Ryan Connors**, **Peter van Zijl - Murat Berk**, and **Michael Berard - Hakan Berk**. Full results of the district finals are here.

Congratulations to the following NVBA members who advanced in rank in October: new junior masters Marian Ewell and Robert Randolph; new club masters Virginia Berg, Nalini Lall, and Jai Singh; new sectional master Luke Brezak; new NABC master Joyce Wainwright; new life masters Edith Berman, Eric Cassel, and Nicole Swain; new silver life master Noi West; new ruby life master Eileen Street; new sapphire life master Robert Finkelstein; and new emerald life master Annie Schwartz.

Before the unit game on December 18, at 5:30pm, the NVBA will hold a **special membership meeting and annual holiday party**. The membership meeting will consider amendments to the NVBA constitution. The text of the constitution, with the proposed amendments shown in redline/strikeout, is here. For an explanation of the reasons for the proposed changes, see last week's email. For the holiday party, chicken and eggnog will be provided, and players are asked to bring a side dish or dessert.

### **Club News**

- The Tuesday evening Army-Navy Country Club game now offers a separate section just for players
  with under 100 masterpoints. The first game last week had four tables. 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 NVBA website has a list of NVBA clubs, but did you know it also has a list of WBL clubs? 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!

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