

## Mark Chen

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**From:** NVBA Board of Directors <announcements@nvba.org>  
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**Subject:** NVBA E-News - Free Wine at this Thursday's NVBA Unit Game!

**Dear Mark:**

Congratulations to Annie Schwartz/Alan Schwartz and Irene Reiter/Francesca Mazarella who were the section top winners at [last week's NVBA Unit Game](#). This Thursday's NVBA Unit Game is a [Stratified](#) Unit Club Championship. **Free wine courtesy of Mark Tonnesen and Appliance Connection!** The NVBA Unit Game is at [Beth El](#) (3830 Seminary Rd, about a mile east of I-395) at 7PM. Please arrive at least ten minutes before game time. If you need a partner or teammates for the unit game at Beth El, please email Jason Carter at the [NVBA Partnership Desk](#) or 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 Winter Sectional

The NVBA will hold its first sectional of the year, the [NVBA Winter Sectional](#), from February 15 - 18. This is an opportunity to see your friends and to play competitive bridge in a socially fun environment in the nicely renovated main hall at the [Elks Lodge](#) conveniently located just outside the Beltway off Route 50 in Virginia. Please see the [tournament flyer](#) for the complete schedule and other important information. If you have other questions, please see the [NVBA Winter Sectional Tournament Email](#) or contact Margot Hennings at [margot10bridge@cox.net](mailto:margot10bridge@cox.net) or Amy Brisson at [Bridgebrisson@yahoo.com](mailto:Bridgebrisson@yahoo.com).

### NVBA, ACBL, and District Six News

- The [Rotary of Great Falls Foundation](#) is sponsoring a [Chicago Style Bridge Tournament](#) on Saturday 2/3/24 from 12:30-4:30PM to support the Gift of Life fundraiser. Click [here](#) for details.
- Fairfax County Park Authority is offering Bridge I, Bridge II, Bridge III, and Brush Up Bridge classes. Spring class registration begins Tuesday, January 30 at 9AM. Register by February 9 to save \$8 on each class. Search for bridge in the [Parktakes Registration](#) or see p. 149 of the [Parktakes Catalog](#).
- [Joe Hertz](#) and [Ron Kral](#) have been carpooling from Reston for the Thursday night Unit Game (often with a pre-game meal at [Valentino's Pizza](#)). We're looking for one or two people who would be interested in joining us so as to qualify for HOV toll avoidance when driving in the 495 HOT lanes. Anyone who is interested should contact [Joe Hertz](#) via email.
- There are 16 in-person club games listed with times in green on the updated [Clubs](#) page of the NVBA website that are scheduled to be held. 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.

### Just for 0-750 Players

Saturday at the [NVBA Winter Sectional](#) offers lots of extra silver points at both sessions. In the morning, there is a one-session [Stratified](#) Pairs game for B/C/D players. In the afternoon, there will be a [Stratified](#) Pairs for all

players who want to play a one-session game. For \$1 more each session, all events that day will be regionally rated. There will be a free Intermediate/Newcomer Lecture by NVBA Master Teacher [Ron Kral](#) on Friday at 1:30PM and another again on Saturday at 2:30PM.

### Upcoming Sectional, Regional, and National Tournaments

- [Virginia Beach Sectional Results](#) - Friday 1/26 to Sunday 1/28
- [Charlottesville Sectional](#) - Friday 2/9 to Sunday 2/11
- [Baltimore Sectional](#) - Friday 2/9 to Sunday 2/11
- [NVBA Winter Sectional](#) - Thursday 2/15 to Sunday 2/18
- [Williamsburg Regional](#) - Monday 2/26 to Friday 3/1
- The NVBA website includes all [2024 tournaments of interest](#).

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

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