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## NVBA E-News - Baltimore Regional Free 0-20 Games and Red Points at NVBA Tuesday Night Online 499er Game

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**Dear Ronald:**

The [Baltimore Regional](#) starts in two weeks! Check out the 9-page [Baltimore Regional Day #1 Bulletin](#) to make your plans to play 8/19/24 to 8/25/24 and for everything you need to know about the tournament.



Are you a novice player, or do you know a novice player, who might like to play in the 0-20 masterpoint section at the [Baltimore Regional](#)? They would play for **free** and park in the hotel garage for **free**! In July, **many** novice players took advantage of this **opportunity** at the Reston Regional, and we hope that more will play face-to-face duplicate bridge against their peers in Baltimore, so we are having **two FREE games** on Tuesday 8/20/24 specifically for beginning players who have less than 20 masterpoints. They will meet new people and learn about duplicate bridge while experiencing the excitement of a regional tournament! If you are an interested player or you know of potential participants, please let Susan Miskura know at [smiskura@aol.com](mailto:smiskura@aol.com) or 703-447-3036. If you would like to play and need a partner, you can contact Jim Gerding (Partnership chair) at [jimgerding@verizon.net](mailto:jimgerding@verizon.net) or 703-268-9173. Click [here](#) and see the Newcomer Section for everything new players need to know about the tournament.

### NVBA Online 499er Game Red Points

There is a special **Red** Master Point opportunity for 499ers so join us this Tuesday night 8/6/24 for the [North American Pairs \(NAP\)](#) qualifying game that will award 50% **Red** Points! This **499er game** is run on BBO using the SE Carolina Club of Clubs platform. While the 499 game is open to any BBO player, but we hope most players will be NVBA members. Joe Hertz will again direct that game. To NVBA members playing in other ACBL online 499 evening games, please consider our new 499 game on Tuesday night and help us bring back the Golden Age of the friendly NVBA 199/499er games with folks you know.

**What:** NVBA and SE Carolina (SEC) host a 499 Game with NVBA Director [Joe Hertz](#), cost is \$5 for 18 Boards

**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 8/6/24 @7:00PM

**Where:** Go to BBO Online: 1) then select “Virtual Clubs”, 2) then “ACBL-North America”, then select 3) “SE Carolina”. It should specify 7:00, 499er Game. You should be able to sign on with your partner. If you need a partner, BBO has a partnership feature on all pair games.

Congratulations to [last week's NVBA 499 game](#) point winners - Jennifer Maggio and Anne Carter for their overall top finish (62.50%), Ruth Hansen and Larry Plotkin close behind at (59.72%), Sylvia Hall and her partner (56.02), and Amy Elmore with Duncan Wainwright (53.25%).

All can play in any [SE Carolina Club of Clubs](#) game. They also offer daily 0-750, 0-2500, and Open games. 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.

### Thursday Night NVBA Unit Game

- Congratulations to Keith Hafen/Hal Jones Jr and Amy Brisson/Hal Hindman for section tops in [last week's Unit Game](#).
- This Thursday's Unit Game will be a [North American Pairs \(NAP\)](#) qualifying game. 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](#).
- Annual [NVBA Life Master-Non-Life Master \(LM/NLM\) game](#) Thurs Sept 19 at Beth El -- mark your calendars now and sign up [here](#). 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!
- Supervised Play
  - A "Faithful Few" have enjoyed Supervised Play Thursday Evenings at Beth El throughout July since the Reston Regional
  - All of them are eager to continue, but this event will morph into a two-table 0-20 or 0-50 Newcomer Game once we have eight players
  - Between "0-5 always play free at NVBA events," Entry Fee for Newcomer Game is only \$5," and "We won't start any boards after 8:50PM," expect any Newcomer Game
    - to play 6-8 hands in about 90 -105 minutes
    - to provide an opportunity for players to ask questions and receive answers during the auction and the play
    - to cost players \$2 (Beth El Security Fee) to \$7 (add \$5 entry fee once you achieve 5 ACBL Masterpoints)
  - Fewer than 8 players? same Supervised Play as usual, hope for more players next Thursday

### 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 9:30AM, game at 10AM. 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!
- 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

- 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.

### Upcoming Sectional, Regional, and National Tournaments

- [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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