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NVBA E-News - Baltimore Regional starts next week!

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Dear Ronald:

The [Baltimore Regional](#) starts next week! We have a great location in a vibrant area next to the iconic Camden Yards ballpark, a short stroll to the thriving waterfront of the Inner Harbor, full of pubs, restaurants, and lively entertainment and of course lots of bridge! 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](#)? If so, we are having **two FREE games** on Tuesday 8/20/24 specifically for beginning players who have less than 20 masterpoints. If you are an interested player or you know of potential participants, please let Susan Miskura know at smiskura@aol.com or 703-447-3036. Click [here](#) and see the Newcomer Section for everything new players need to know about the tournament.

Thursday Night NVBA Unit Game

- Congratulations to Alan Schwartz/Jeffrey Schwartz and Mark Tonnesen/Kenneth Davis for section tops in [last week's Unit Game](#).
- This Thursday's Unit Game will be a unit championship 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](#) continues on Thursday evenings.

NVBA Online 499er Update

Congratulations to last Tuesday's [NVBA 499er online game](#) top point winners – all NVBA members: Ruth Hansen and Larry Plotkin with an overall top of 61%, followed by Sharon and George Saile at 60%, and Christel Nugent with Carol Voss finishing at 55% - each receiving 50% "red" master points. NVBA director Joe Hertz was the host. Notably, last week's game was comprised of 70% NVBA members - fulfilling a goal of providing a comfortable online 499er game with local players you might know. NVBA co-hosts the 499er game with BBO virtual club "SE Carolina Club of Clubs" that allows NVBA to open the 499er game to all BBO players - so freely invite your out-of-town friends and family to join us or partner with you.

Next Game: Tuesday Evening - August 13 at 7:00PM Cost \$5.00 for 18 Boards Where: Go to BBO Online: 1) then select "Virtual Clubs", 2) then "ACBL-North America", then select 3) "SE Carolina". You should see the SE Carolina/NVBA 499er Game listed at 700PM.

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!
- The [ACBL Intro to Bridge](#) has new sessions starting up!
- 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 Phillip Articola, James Connor, Deborah Forbes, Diana Jarrett, Fanjun Kong, Yvonne Markell, James Mosley, Harry Potter, George Saile, and Sharon Saile for making [new life master rank changes](#)! Congratulations to all of the other NVBA members who achieved [new rank changes](#) in July.
- Check out the [NVBA Winner's Circle](#) to see the Toronto NABC winners.
- 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.
- 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

- [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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