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NVBA E-News - Thank you to the District Six Regional Volunteers for a Successful Baltimore Regional!

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Dear Ronald:

The [Baltimore Regional](#) was a success! There were a lot of out-of-town professional players there all week! There were 11 tables of 0-20 players on Tuesday 8/20/24 for BOTH sessions! The great competitive bridge, beautiful playing site, and Baltimore Orioles baseball right across the street created an exciting, energetic atmosphere for those who attended! We ended up with 661 attendees and a table count of 894.5, which was a slight uptick compared to [last year's Baltimore Regional](#). See [Baltimore Regional Bulletins](#) for additional details. Many thanks to tournament chairs [Marty and Ross Bley](#) and the other volunteers who helped to make the tournament a success this week! Thank you also to [Rusty Krauss](#) and the [Krauss Investment Group](#) for being a tournament sponsor and providing complimentary parking for the players. We also appreciated the complimentary coffee from [Mark Tonnesen](#) and the [Appliance Connection](#). Congratulations to the NVBA players who were [Baltimore Regional Masterpoint Winners](#). Check out the [NVBA Winner's Circle](#) in a few days to see Baltimore Regional masterpoint results for NVBA players.



District Six Regionals are renown for being organized, efficient and fully thought out and executed. The 2024 Baltimore Regional was all of that and more! [Shawn Stringer](#), our esteemed District Six Regional Tournament Coordinator, has been the quiet force behind the scenes for the past 15 years! With grace and precision organizational skills, she has tirelessly orchestrated our District Six Regionals by negotiating contracts with venues, ensuring tournaments ran smoothly, and making players feel welcomed. Shawn's role extended far beyond logistics as she was the glue that bound local volunteers, playing sites, and the District Six leadership together. Shawn Stringer announced her decision to step down at the close of the 2024 tournament year, so this will be the last regional with her as the tournament coordinator. Please join us as we thank Shawn for her commitment, passion, and unwavering dedication that has left an indelible mark on District Six Bridge!

Thursday Night NVBA Unit Game

- This Thursday's Unit Game will be an [NAP Qualifier](#). 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 – Tuesday August 27 – New Time 7:15PM

- What: NVBA offers this new online 499 game to provide a comfortable playing experience for intermediate and rising area players where you might use your BBO chat feature to say Hello to someone you know. The game is open to all BBO members so invite family and friends to join us or partner with you.
- When: Tuesday – August 27 @ 7:15PM
- Where: Go to BBO Online: 1) then select “Virtual Clubs”, 2) then “ACBL North America”, then select 3) “SE Carolina”.

Just for New, 0-20, 0-49, 0-199, and 0-499 Players

- **FREE** 0-20 Sections at Fairfax (ELKS) Sectional, Saturday Sept 14, morning session. See [flier](#) for details and mark your calendar NOW!
- 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.

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- 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 Results](#) - Monday 8/19 to Sunday 8/25.
- [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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