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NVBA E-News - Two Corrections to 9/2/24 Weekly Email

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Dear Ronald:

There are two corrections to the weekly email message that was sent out this morning, see below in **red**. The 9/5/24 Unit Game is a **GNT Qualifier** team game, not a Club Championship pair game. See also for the corrected MP stratifications for the 9/14/24 NVBA Sectional Pair games on Saturday. Thank you to those readers who found these discrepancies.



Your NVBA Board

The NVBA 2024 sectional tournament season wraps up with our exciting **September Sensations Sectional** from September 12-15. Join us for fantastic bridge and camaraderie! The festivities kick off on **Thursday night, September 12**, at both Unit Game sites.

From Friday to Sunday, the tournament continues at the **Arlington/Fairfax Elks Lodge**. **Friday** features pairs events in the afternoon and the **Triple Nickel Swiss** in the evening. Keith Hafen will present an Intermediate/Newcomer lecture on Friday at 1:30PM on "Cue Bid Shows a Limit Raise or Better".

Saturday is packed with opportunities to earn extra silver points, with separate games in both the morning and afternoon sessions:

- **A/X Pairs (6000+/6000)** - two-session play-thru
- **B/C/D Pairs (4000/2500/750)**
- **499er Pairs (500/300/100)**
- Additionally, a special **FREE 0-20 Pairs event** for new players will be held on Saturday morning

For just \$1 more per session, all events on Saturday will award regionally rated Silver Points, with the extra income supporting District 6 players who represent us at the national level in **NAP** and **GNT** competitions. **Firehouse Subs** can be pre-ordered for \$10 on Saturday and Sunday before the 10:30AM game start time. This consists of a choice of Cuban, tuna, turkey or vegetarian sub, or a gluten free chef salad with turkey. Each lunch comes with a soda, chips, and cookies.

The tournament concludes on **Sunday, September 15**, with **Flight A Swiss** and **Bracketed B Teams**. Please see the **tournament flyer** for the complete schedule and other important information. If you have other questions, please contact the Tournament Chair for this sectional, **Amy Brisson**.

Thomas Jefferson High School Bridge Club

It's always wonderful to see young people learning and playing bridge, bringing fresh energy to our bridge membership. For over 20 years, the NVBA has proudly supported the Thomas Jefferson High School Bridge

Club. They typically meet on Friday afternoons, with their first meeting of the school year on September 6, 2024. A big thank you to the dedicated TJ volunteers: Catherine Bardsley, Ken Hopke, Steve Rothman, Elizabeth Huffman, Jim Gerding and our newest volunteer Rochelle Hilton! Please contact [Catherine Bardsley](#) if you would like more information about the TJ Bridge Club.

Vichill League's Fall Season

Sign up to play in the [Vichill League](#), an online team competition sponsored by Districts 5 and 6 and open to all. There are five round robin leagues grouped by masterpoint level to provide enjoyable and challenging competition for all levels. NVBA and WBL members have enjoyed participating in this competition and have done well. For more information, click [here](#). The deadline for entries is September 9th but register early to ensure a spot in the league, since participation is limited.

Thursday Night NVBA Unit Game

- Congratulations to Sumner Steinfeldt/Hal Hindman and Alan Schwartz/Annie Schwartz for winning their sections in [last week's 15-table unit game!](#)
- This Thursday's Unit Game will be a **GNT 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.
- Thank you to Mark Tonnesen and the [Appliance Connection](#) for providing free wine at this Thursday's NVBA Unit Game.
- 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.
- [Supervised Play](#) continues on Thursday evenings.
- Plan ahead for future unit games by viewing the [2024 Unit Game Schedule](#).
- Annual [NVBA Life Master-Non-Life Master \(LM/NLM\) game](#) is 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!

NVBA Online 499er – Tuesday Sept 03 7:15PM - Win a Free Entry to Sept Sectional

There is a special 499 Game Promotion – NVBA will award the top scoring NVBA pair in tomorrow's online 499er game a **“Free Entry”** to the upcoming NVBA [September Sensations Sectional](#) at the Elks Club (The free entry is non-transferrable). Congratulations to last week's online 499 winners: Victoria and Joseph Luchini at 68%, Deanna Shuman and Ann Hunter at 54%, and Kendrea Delauter and Joyce Wainwright at 51% - all NVBA members.

- **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 – Sep 03 @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 the [flier](#) for details. In addition to the information on the flyer, please note that [Ron Kral](#) will present a talk about the mechanics and ethics of duplicate bridge at 9:30AM before the game.

- 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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- Check out the [NVBA Winner's Circle](#) to see all NVBA players who won masterpoints at the [Baltimore Regional](#).
- 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

- [NVBA September Sensations Sectional](#) - Thur 9/12 to Sun 9/15
- [North American Online Bridge Championships](#) - Mon 9/16 to Sat 9/21
- [Richmond Fall Sectional](#) - Fri 10/4 to Sun 10/6
- [92nd Annual DC Championships WBL Sectional](#) - Thu 10/17 to Sun 10/20
- [Virginia Beach Fall Sectional](#) - Fri 10/18 to Sun 10/20
- [Lancaster Fall Regional](#) - Mon 10/28 to Sun 11/3
- The NVBA website includes all [2024 tournaments of interest](#).

Happy [Labor Day](#)! Play well, have fun, and see you at the [NVBA September Sensations Sectional](#)!

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