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NVBA E-News - unit game 10/31 is teams - free lessons for novices start 11/14

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Dear Ronald:

Last Thursday's unit game had 12 tables. Congratulations to winners **Aaron Cogbill - Willis Chang (NS)** and **Alan Schwartz - Josh Feldstein (EW)**. [Full results here](#). There was also a table of supervised play. Thank you to **Marty Bley** and **Ross Bley** for withdrawing from the open section to help with the supervised play.



This week's unit game will be a team game, rated as a [Grand National Teams](#) qualifier for extra masterpoint awards. In the spirit of Halloween, **Mark Chen** is offering to play a one-hour ACBL online speedball game with whoever wears the best costume to the game this week. The unit game will have one GNT qualifier per month through the rest of the year (see [calendar](#)).

Congratulations to the top NVBA finishers in last Tuesday's online NVBA 699er game: **Kendrea Delauter - Joyce Wainwright (60%)**, **Amy Elmore - Duncan Wainwright (55%)**, and **Ruth Hansen - Lawrence Plotkin (51%)**. [Full results here](#).

In the World Bridge Games in Buenos Aires, six days of qualification matches wrapped up on Sunday. A 16-team knockout in each category starts Monday (10/28). The [daily bulletins](#) and the latest [results and standings](#) are online. You can also watch selected matches live on BBO vugraph (see [schedule](#) - for Eastern time subtract 1 hour), and Australian expert Pete Hollands is doing [daily reports on Youtube](#).

Big News for Newer Players: Free Lessons Before the Unit Game

Starting Thursday, November 14, there will be free lessons for newer players before the weekly NVBA unit game (located at Beth El Hebrew Congregation, [3830 Seminary Road, Alexandria](#)). These lessons are being presented to keep up the momentum from the 0-20 games held at the September Sectional in Fairfax and the July and August Regionals in Reston and Baltimore. We had impressive turnout of newer players at those tournaments, and we want to keep you coming back.

Each week's lesson will be **from 6:15pm to just before 7pm**. If there are eight or more attendees, a **separate mini game limited to players with fewer than 99 masterpoints will start at 7pm and end at about 9pm**. The lessons for the first four weeks will deal with opening 1NT and responder's possible responses to that bid.

Reservations are not required, but it would be nice to know who is attending, so we can prepare enough handouts and set up tables for the 7pm-9pm mini game. If you plan to attend the first session on November 14, **please inform Marty Bley** at campspringsduplicatebc@gmail.com.

Thursday Night NVBA Unit Game

- The NVBA unit game starts at 7pm. Please arrive at least ten minutes before game time.

- The game is held at [Beth El \(3830 Seminary Road, Alexandria\)](#).
- Starting 11/14, there will be a free lesson for newer players before the game at 6:15pm, and a separate 0-99 mini game (if attendance suffices) from 7pm to 9pm.
- If you need a partner or teammates for any Thursday unit game, please email [Amy Elmore](#), preferably by 4pm on Tuesday. You can also use the [RSVP Bridge](#) reservation system to look for a partner.
- Plan ahead for future unit games by viewing the [2024 Unit Game Schedule](#).

NVBA Clubs and Online Games

- The [Clubs](#) page of the NVBA website lists 16 in-person club games. If you're interested in playing one of these games, please contact the listed director to confirm the game is on, make a reservation, and get help finding a partner if you need one.
- The [NVBA online 699er \(formerly 499er\) game](#) is on BBO every Tuesday at 7:00pm. The game is hosted by NVBA director Joe Hertz in partnership with the SE Carolina Club of Clubs. On BBO, select "Virtual Clubs", then "ACBL - North America", then "NVBA/SE Carolina - 699".
- All can play in any [SE Carolina Club of Clubs](#) game on BBO. Multiple 799er, 0-2500, and open games are offered each day. If you are an NVBA player, \$2 of your entry fee comes back to the NVBA to help support our activities.

Just for New and Intermediate Players

- Players of all levels are always welcome at the NVBA unit game on Thursday evenings. Starting 11/14, there will be a free lesson for newer players before the game, and a separate mini 99er game (if attendance permits).
- The NVBA online 699er game on Tuesday evenings was established specifically for new and intermediate players.
- ACBL offers [Community Games](#) on BBO on Tuesday and Thursday evenings at 6pm (0-20 players) and 6:10pm (0-50 players) with a free lesson on Zoom after the game.
- [ACBL Clubhouse](#) games take place on BBO daily, with multiple sessions for 0-20, 49er, 99er, 199er, and 299er players.
- ACBL offers free no-masterpoints [Social Bridge](#) games on RealBridge every Monday from 6pm to 9pm. Drop in any time and stay as long as you like.
- [Shark Bridge](#) offers ACBL members a free daily 12-board no-masterpoints tournament with a robot partner against robot opponents. No board timer or round timer. Start any time and finish by midnight.
- The *Learn About Bridge* section of the [NVBA home page](#) has a list of links to useful resources.

Selected Upcoming Sectional, Regional, and National Tournaments

- [Lancaster Fall Regional](#) - Mon 10/28 to Sun 11/3.
- District 6 [North American Pairs \(NAP\)](#) finals - Sat 11/2 to Sun 11/3 - (registration deadline was 10/24).
- [Las Vegas 2024 Fall NABC](#) - Thu 11/28 to Sun 12/8
- District 6 [Sectional Tournament at Clubs \(STAC\)](#) - Mon 12/9 - Sun 12/15
- The NVBA website has a list of other [2024 tournaments of interest](#).

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

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