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NVBA E-News - Sad News: Marshall Kushner - free lessons for novices start 11/14

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Dear Ronald:

Long-time NVBA member **Marshall Kushner** died on October 21. He was an excellent player, a club manager and bridge teacher, an ACBL tournament director, and a regular contributor to the NVBA newsletter. He is survived by his wife, Candy; two sons, Douglas and Daniel; and three grandsons, Benjamin, Joshua, and Jordan. A link to a more complete obituary will appear in this space in the very near future.



Last Thursday's unit game was a GNT qualifier with seven teams. Congratulations to the winning team **Willis Chang - Aaron Cogbill - Jon Farber - Steven Fox**. [Full results here](#). The winner of the costume contest was **Jan Cone**, who wore a Halloween themed t- shirt and earrings. This week, the unit game will offer **free wine**, courtesy of **Mark Tonnesen** and [Appliance Connection](#).

Congratulations to the top NVBA finishers in last Tuesday's online NVBA 699er game: **Kendrea Delauter - Joyce Wainwright** (65%), **Ruth Hansen - Lawrence Plotkin** (56%), and **Joseph Luchini - Victoria Luchini** (49%). [Full results here](#).

The [District Six North American Pairs Finals](#) were held this past weekend. Congratulations to the top three finishers in [Flight A](#) and the top four in [Flight B](#) and [Flight C](#), all of whom are now eligible to represent District 6 in the National Finals at the Memphis NABC in March 2025. The qualifying pairs will also receive subsidies from the ACBL and District 6 to help them participate in the National Finals. [Full results here](#).

The World Bridge Games concluded on Sunday evening. More details in the [final bulletin](#).

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](#)). 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.

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.

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 permits) 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

- [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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