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NVBA E-News - holiday party at unit game this week

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Dear Ronald:

At last week's unit game, the open section was a **GNT qualifier** team game with 7 teams. Congratulations to the winning team of **Rusty Krauss - Barry Falgout - Richard Ferrin - Eugene Kales**. [Full results here](#). The 99er game had 2.5 tables. Congratulations to the top pairs **Elisabeth Clark - Donald Clark** (79.17%), **Catherine Suggs - Christine Olsen** (54.17%), and **Birthe Christensen - Carol Bracey** (50.00%). [Full results here](#). The free pre-game lesson discussed Jacoby transfers in response to 1NT. It's great to see continued solid turnout for the lesson and the 99er game. Please keep coming back, and if you have friends or family members who might be interested, please encourage them to join us. More details below.



This week's unit game will be a sectional tournament at clubs (STaC) offering **silver masterpoints**. It will include the usual open and 99er sections and a free pre-game lesson wrapping up the discussion of notrump auctions. It will also include the **NVBA holiday party starting at 6pm**. Baked chicken, sodas, cake, and eggnog will be provided. **Everyone should bring a side dish**. No pork or shellfish, please. Holiday-themed sweaters and other festive attire are strongly encouraged!

The Tuesday online NVBA 699er game will be held this week at the usual 7pm start time. NVBA director **Joe Hertz** will again host a post-game Zoom recap to discuss the boards and answer other bridge questions.

Congratulations to the NVBA members who played at the **Fall NABC in Las Vegas**. Detailed results of all the events are [here](#). A future email will announce when Las Vegas winners are added to the NVBA **Winners Circle**.

The Fairfax County Parks Authority has announced its **winter class schedule**, including multiple sections of Bridge I, Bridge II, and Brush-Up Bridge at various locations around the county. Instructors include NVBA members **Marilyn Golias** and **James Connor**. To see the available classes and register, go to the [search page](#) and enter "bridge" in the first box.

Free Beginner Lessons Before the Unit Game and 99er Mini Game Alongside the Open Game

There are now **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**. The lessons will be aimed at beginning players and anyone else who wants to review or relearn the fundamentals of bridge. The next lesson will wrap up the discussion of opening and responding in notrump auctions.

If there are eight or more players, a **separate mini game limited to players with fewer than 100 masterpoints will start at 7pm and end at about 9pm**. You are welcome to play in the 99er mini game whether or not you participate in the lesson.

Reservations are not required, but it would be nice to know who is attending, so we can prepare enough handouts for the lesson and set up tables for the mini game. If you plan to attend this week's session, or a future session, **please inform Marty Bley** at campspringsduplicatebc@gmail.com. If you need a partner for the mini game, please mention that in your email.

The lesson is free. All participants in the mini game must pay the facility's \$2 security fee. The mini game is otherwise free for first timers and players with under 5 masterpoints, and half price (\$5) for players with 5 to 20 masterpoints. If you are attending the lesson and planning to play in the mini game, it will help the game start on time if you pay before the lesson starts.

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 \(3830 Seminary Road, Alexandria\)](#).
- There is a free lesson for newer players before the game at 6:15pm, and a separate 99er mini game (if attendance permits) from 7pm to 9pm. If you need a partner for the 99er game, please email [Marty Bley](#).
- If you need a partner or teammates for the open section of 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](#). The 2025 schedule is coming soon.

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 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". Joe will host a recap of the boards on Zoom following the game.
- 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. There is now 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

- 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](#). 2025 tournaments will be added soon.

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

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