
NVBA E-News - last call for Open and Flight B GNT entries

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Dear Ronald:

Last week's unit game was a team game with 17 tables. Congratulations to the winning team of **Terry Jones - David Goldfrank - Mary Mudd - Barry Sparks**. [Full results here](#). This week's game will be pairs, with a separate 99er section (attendance permitting) and a free pre-game lesson on minor suit opening bids.



The online NVBA 699er game will take place as usual this Tuesday evening (attendance permitting).

Only a few days remain to to [register](#) for Flight B and the Championship (Open) Flight of the **District 6 finals** of the [Grand National Teams](#). The deadline is **this Thursday, January 23**.

The NVBA website now lists [NVBA masterpoint winners](#) from this month's Silver Spring sectional. Congratulations to top winners **Michael Klein** (24.69), **Stan Schenker** (24.23), and **David Rodney** (17.03).

Players of all levels are always welcome at the Thursday unit game and at NVBA club games, some of which offer separate sections for less experienced players. In addition, the unit game offers a **separate 99er section** (attendance permitting) and a **free pre-game lesson**, and there is an **online NVBA 699er game** (attendance permitting) on Tuesday evenings, followed by a **discussion of the hands on Zoom**. We can only continue offering these activities, however, if enough players show up. So if they are of interest to you, please come out and give them a try, whether in person on Thursdays or virtually on Tuesdays, and please encourage your friends and family to check them out also. See below for more details.

Free Lessons for Newer Players 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 are aimed at players who want to review or relearn the fundamentals of bridge. They address a progression of topics on bidding and play of the hand. There is a schedule of [future lesson topics](#), with links to handouts from past lessons when available.
- 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 [2025 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 game](#) is on BBO every Tuesday at 7:00pm (if attendance permits). 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 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

- [Virginia Beach Sectional](#) - Fri Jan 24 to Sun Jan 26
- [District 6 GNT Finals](#) (first round) - Sat Feb 1 to Sun Feb 2 - must [register](#) by Jan 23 (Open and Flight B) - Flight C registration has closed
- [Baltimore Sectional](#) - Fri Feb 7 to Sun Feb 9 - the Sunday game will finish well before the Super Bowl starts
- [NVBA Winter Sectional](#) - Thu Feb 20 to Sun Feb 23
- [District 6 GNT Finals](#) (second round) - Sat Feb 22 to Sun Feb 23 (at the sectional)
- [Hilton Head Lowcountry Classic Regional](#) - Mon Feb 24 to Sun Mar 2

- The NVBA website has a list of other [2025 tournaments of interest](#)

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

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