
NVBA E-News - special offer for Tuesday 699er online game - seeking a volunteer club liaison

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Dear Ronald:

Last week's unit game had a total of 12 tables. In the open section, with 10 tables, congratulations to winners **Hal Hindman - Amy Brisson** (NS) and **John Huffman - Jason Carter** (EW). [Full results here](#). In the 99er section, with 2 tables, congratulations to winners **Samriti Malik - Mehmet Esen** and **Scott James - Robert Gentry** (tie). [Full results here](#). This week's game will be pairs, with a separate 99er section (attendance permitting) and a free pre-game lesson on declarer strategy in suit contracts versus notrump contracts.



In last week's online NVBA 699er game, congratulations to top NVBA finishers **Amy Elmore - Duncan Wainwright** (54%), **Anne Carter - Sharon Saile** (50%), and **Ruth Hansen - Larry Plotkin** (49%). [Full results here](#). The online 699er game will return again this week at the usual time of 7pm Tuesday (attendance permitting). As usual, the game will be followed by a discussion of the hands on Zoom. **If you can, please sign up early, as this helps to increase attendance.**

Special offer for the Tuesday online NVBA 699er game: If you play twice in this game between now and the end of February, you will receive a **free play** for any in-person Thursday unit game in March. (You will still need to pay the unit game facility's \$2 security fee.)

The NVBA Board is seeking a volunteer club liaison, to facilitate communication between the board and our local clubs. If you're interested, please contact Georgette Weiss at georgetteweiss@hotmail.com for more information.

If your team has registered for the **District 6 GNT finals** -- Flight B, Flight C, or Open (Championship) Flight -- remember that the first round will take place this weekend at the Silver Spring Civic Building. The registration deadline for new teams has already passed. Once the events are complete, a link to the results should be posted [here](#).

Save the dates and mark your calendar for the **2025 NVBA Winter Sectional Tournament, February 20-23**. [Flyer here](#).

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". If you can, please sign up early, as this helps to increase attendance. Joe hosts 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

- [District 6 GNT Finals](#) (first round) - Sat Feb 1 to Sun Feb 2 - Open, Flight B, and 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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