
NVBA E-News - Fairfax sectional coming up soon

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Dear Ronald:

The **NVBA Winter Sectional Tournament** is coming up soon. It will start with the Thursday unit game on February 20 at the usual Beth El location and at the WBL unit game, then continue through Sunday, February 23, at the Elks Lodge in Fairfax. For more details, see the [tournament flyer](#). There will be events for players of all levels, including a full schedule of games for 99ers and two free lectures for intermediate/novice players. Don't forget to coordinate with your partner to compete in the annual Margot & Don Hennings Trophy Pairs on Saturday, February 22!



Last week's unit game had 13 tables. Congratulations to winners **Barry Falgout - Rusty Krauss** (NS) and **Amy Brisson - Hal Hindman** (EW). [Full results here](#). Kudos to the 99er pairs who stayed after the lesson to participate in the open game. This week's game will be a Stardust pairs game, meaning 25% gold points. There will be a separate 99er section (attendance permitting) and a free pre-game lesson on bidding with no fit. If you plan to play in the 99er section, it will help us plan if you sign up in advance at [RSVP Bridge](#).

Last week's online NVBA 699er game had 4 tables. Congratulations to top NVBA finishers **Sharon Saile - George Saile** (75.93%, **wow!**), **Amy Elmore - Duncan Wainwright** (62.96%), and **Luanne Beutel - Archana Rathnakar** (48.15%). [Full results here](#). This week's game will be at the usual time of 7pm Tuesday (attendance permitting), followed by the usual discussion of the hands on Zoom. The game is open to all ACBL members, so please invite friends and family to join us. If you can, please sign up early, as this helps to increase attendance. And remember the **special offer**: Play twice in this game through the end of February, and 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.)

Many thanks to **Samriti Malik**, who has volunteered to be the NVBA's **Club Liaison**, facilitating communication between the NVBA Board and our local clubs.

Free Lessons for Newer Players Before the Unit Game and 99er Mini Game Alongside the Open Game

- There are **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 sign up at [RSVP Bridge](#), which can also help you find a partner, if you need one.

- 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

- [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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