
NVBA E-News - Fairfax Sectional & D6 GNT Results

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Dear Ronald:

The **NVBA Winter Sectional Tournament** was this past weekend. It began with the unit games on Thursday (19 tables at Beth El plus 8 at the WBL game) and continued through the weekend at the Fairfax Elks with a total of 218.5 tables! [Full results here](#). Congratulations to the [winners](#):



- Thursday A/X Pairs: **Keith Heckley - Douglas Dolbear**
- Thursday B/C/D Pairs: **Gerald Lerner - Santosh Chokhani**
- Thursday 99er Pairs: **Jackie Pyke - Casey Empey**
- Friday afternoon A/X Pairs: **Brad Theurer - Robert Bell**
- Friday afternoon B/C/D Pairs: **Andy Hawks - Marty Zupan**
- Friday afternoon 499er Pairs: **Terrance Mullin - Kelly Depumpo**
- Friday evening A/X/Y Triple Nickel Teams: **Fred King - Brad Theurer - Robert Bell - Robert Gookin**
- Friday evening B/C/D Triple Nickel Teams: **Rhys Lossman - Tyler Van Andel - Michael Mullin - Isabel Lagdameo**
- Saturday morning B/C/D Pairs: **Katy Culp - Joe Leighton**
- Saturday morning 499er Pairs: **Carol Rentz - Catherine Walli**
- Saturday morning 99er Pairs: **John Crumrine - Carole Frost**
- Saturday Margot and Don Hennings Trophy Pairs: **Hailong Ao - Weizhong Bao**
- Saturday afternoon Consolation Pairs: **Brian Childers - Patrice Gordon**
- Saturday afternoon 0-750 Pairs: **Terrance Mullin - Kelly Depumpo**
- Sunday A/X Swiss Teams: **Jason Meyer - Lloyd Rawley - James Geist - Jay Kelkar**
- Sunday 0-3000 Bracketed Teams Bracket 1: **Keith Hafen - Brenda Egeland - Nooreen Razi - Syed Khan**
- Sunday 0-3000 Bracketed Teams Bracket 2: **John Huffman - Paul Marjoram - Lilly Trabucco - David Ball**

The **District Six Grand National Teams** was also this past weekend. Congratulations to the winners and best wishes to them as they represent our district at the Philadelphia Summer National!

- GNT Open Flight (completed 2/23/25) Winners: **Steve Robinson, Peter Boyd, Bill Cole, Mike Gill, Alan Schwartz, Noble Shore**
- GNT Flight B (completed 2/23/25) Winners: **Rick Bingham, Alan Munro, Colin Schloss, Mel Yudkin**
- GNT Flight C North Silver Spring (completed 2/2/25) Winners: **Jennifer Moore, Fenby Moore, Elisa Donohoe, Hamilton Sawczuk**
- GNT Flight C South Richmond (completed 2/1/25) Winners: **David Cohn, Gordon Kellett, Nicholas Farrell, David Johannas**

This week's unit game will be the usual pairs game, with an open section, a 99er section (attendance permitting), and a free pre-game lesson on overcalls.

The NVBA holds an online 699er game on BBO every Tuesday at 7pm (attendance permitting), followed by a discussion of the hands on Zoom. The game is open to all ACBL members, so please invite friends and family to join us, and if you can, please sign up early, as this helps to increase attendance. Congratulations to last week's top NVBA scorers **Archana Rathnakar - Santosh Chokhani** (56.94%), **Ruth Hansen - Larry Plotkin** (55.56%), and **Sharon Saile - George Saile** (50.00%). [Full results here](#). **This month there is a 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.)

Do you know an NVBA member who is not receiving these weekly emails? Please let them know that they can email announcements@nvba.org if they need help getting re-subscribed.

Selected Upcoming Sectional, Regional, and National Tournaments

- [Hilton Head Lowcountry Classic Regional](#) - Mon Feb 24 to Sun Mar 2
- [Memphis NABC](#) - Wed Mar 12 to Sun Mar 23
- [Fredericksburg Sectional](#) - Fri Mar 14 to Sun Mar 16
- [Lynchburg Sectional](#) - Fri Mar 28 to Sun Mar 30
- The NVBA website has a list of other [2025 tournaments of interest](#)

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.
- 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 plan to attend, please sign up at [RSVP Bridge](#), which can also help you find a partner, if you need one.
- 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.

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

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