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NVBA E-News - In Memoriam: Earl Glickstein

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Dear Ronald:

Earl Glickstein, long-time NVBA player and ACBL grand life master, passed away on Thursday, April 3. An [obituary](#) has been posted in the [In Memoriam](#) section of the NVBA website.



Last week's unit game had 15.5 tables and was part of the WBL Spring Sectional. In the Open section, congratulations to winners **Alan Schwartz - Annie Schwartz (NS)** and **Sumner Steinfeldt - Hal Hindman (EW)**. [Full results here](#). In the B/C/D section, congratulations to **James Mosley - Harry Potter (NS)**, with a huge score of 72.08% and **John Huffman - Jason Carter (EW)**. [Full results here](#). This week's game will include the usual Open and 99er sections (attendance permitting). The free pre-game lesson will be the first in a new series focused on play of the hand. This week's topic will be "Making a Plan."

For full results from the WBL sectional, check [ACBL Live](#). The tournament's top NVBA masterpoint winners will be reported next week.

Club News

Bull Run Bridge Club in Gainesville will have a team game on Saturday, May 10, at 10am, with electronic scoring and hand records. This is a great opportunity to get some team practice in before the upcoming sectionals and regionals. Sign up on [RSVP Bridge](#) (if you already play at Bull Run), or request to join [here](#), or email Brenda Egeland at brenda@rsvpbridge.com.

Selected Upcoming Tournaments

- [Charlottesville Sectional](#) - Fri Apr 11 to Sun Apr 13
- [Gatlinburg Regional](#) - Mon Apr 21 to Sun Apr 27
- [Rehoboth Bridge at the Beach Regional](#) - Mon Apr 28 to Fri May 2
- [Williamsburg Sectional](#) - Thu May 8 to Sat May 10
- [District 6 GNT Flight A Qualifying](#) - Sat May 17 to Sun May 18
- [Richmond Regional](#) - Mon May 19 to Fri May 23
- 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](#).
- If you haven't played at the unit game since before Covid, you can play your first time back for free.
- The unit game entry fee is \$16 for open players, \$9 for 5-99 players, and \$2 for 0-5 newcomers. These fees are all inclusive, with no separate security fee.

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.
- 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).
- 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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