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NVBA E-News - unit game is teams this week

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Dear Ronald:

Last week's unit game had 11.5 tables. Congratulations to winners **Alan Schwartz - Annie Schwartz (NS)** and **Mark Tonnesen - Ken Davis (EW)**. [Full results here.](#)



This week's unit game will be a GNT qualifier team game, with a separate 99er pairs section (attendance permitting). The free pre-game lesson will be on "Eliminating Losers: Ruffing and Discarding." **The pre-game lesson now starts at 6:00** to give more time for practice and questions.

Good luck to NVBA members attending the **Rehoboth Beach regional** this week. Once the tournament starts, you can follow your friends' results [here](#).

May 8 is the deadline to register for the 2025 **District 6 Flight A Grand National Teams** (all players must be under 6000 masterpoints). The event includes a qualifier on May 17-18 and a final on Jun 7-8. More details, including an online registration form, are [here](#). The winners will represent District 6 in the national GNT competition at the Philadelphia NABC in July.

Elections for the NVBA board will be held at the annual meeting, before the unit game on May 15. The positions up for a vote are President, Secretary, three board members with 2-year terms, and one board member with a 1-year term. If you are interested in running, please send a picture and a short bio to NVBA Secretary **Hal Jones**.

The **U.S. Bridge Championships** have started. Winning teams from this event will represent the United States in the World Bridge Team Championships, to be held in Denmark in August. The Open competition runs through May 5. The Women's is May 3-5. The Mixed is May 7-16. The Seniors is May 17-26. ([See full schedule.](#)) If you want to follow the action, you can [kibitz online](#) (including voice or video commentary for some sessions) or read the [daily bulletins](#).

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

- [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

- [NVBA Spring Sectional \(Fairfax Elks\)](#) - Thu May 29 to Sun Jun 1
- [Baltimore Summer Sectional \(Catonsville\)](#) - Fri Jun 6 to Mon Jun 9
- [District 6 GNT Flight A Final](#) - Sat Jun 7 to Sun Jun 8
- 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 6:00pm 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. Participants in the mini game pay the discounted unit game entry fee of \$9 or \$2, depending on 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](#).
- The regular unit game entry fee is \$16. A discounted fee of \$9 applies for players with 5-99.99 masterpoints, juniors (under age 26), and full-time students. Newcomers with under 5 masterpoints pay only \$2. If you haven't played at the unit game since before Covid, you can play your first time back for free.

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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