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NVBA E-News - results from Silver Spring sectional

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Dear Ronald:

Congratulations to all NVBA members who had success at the WBL sectional in Silver Spring. [See results here.](#)



Last week's unit game had 12 tables. In the A/X (open) section, with 6 tables, congratulations to winners **David Rodney - Jonathan Rodney**. In the B/C/D (0-2500) section, also with 6 tables, congratulations to winners **Nicole Swain - Robert Graves**. See full results [here \(A/X\)](#) and [here \(B/C/D\)](#). The game was part of the Silver Spring sectional and was scored together with the WBL unit game. In the combined results, the Rodneys won the A/X (14 combined tables), while Swain and Graves placed third in the B/C/D (9 combined tables).

This week's unit game will be a regular pair game. Before the game, from 6:00pm to 6:45pm, there will be a **free Q&A session aimed at beginner and intermediate players** -- bring your questions about auctions that start with 1 of a minor or any other bridge-related topic.

Do you have a team together yet for next week's unit game (10/30)? It will be a Grand National Teams qualifier.

Congratulations to the following NVBA members who [advanced in rank](#) in September: new sapphire life master **Grant Lewis**; new bronze life master **Sylvie Kramer**; new regional master **Michael Beaghen**; new sectional masters **Nancy Bleeker** and **Lawrence Zerolnick**; new club master **Lynda Farren**; and new junior masters **Gerald Harned**, **Jose Molina**, **Mark Rayford**, and **Aditi Sardar**.

The **2025 Buffett Cup** tournament, modeled on golf's Ryder Cup, is under way in Qingdao, China, with teams representing the United States, Europe, and China. Rosters, results, and bulletins are available [here](#). This [BridgeWinners thread](#) explains the format and provides some other details. Some matches can be viewed on [vugraph at BBO](#).

Club News

- The **Tuesday morning game at Bethlehem Lutheran** on October 21 will be a team game.
- The **Tuesday evening game at Army-Navy Country Club** on October 21 will be a team game.
- **Note to NVBA club managers:** If you would like your team games, holiday (and other) closures, location changes, holiday parties, or other special events announced in this space, please either contact NVBA club liaison [Samriti Malik](#) or reply to this email.

Selected Upcoming Tournaments

- [Lancaster Fall Regional](#) - Mon Oct 27 to Sun Nov 2
- [San Francisco NABC](#) - Thu Nov 27 to Sun Dec 7
- The NVBA website has a list of other [2025 tournaments of interest](#)

Useful Links

Link of the week: The [Wednesday Morning Tournament](#). Every Wednesday at 10am, bridge pros Gavin Wolpert and Rob Barrington play an eight-board BBO tournament live on YouTube. They explain their thinking on every bid and every card, and even poll the audience for critical decisions that could go either way. Rob is an excellent teacher who focuses on the A-B-Cs of bidding and play (great for newer players) while Gavin, a world-class player who has represented the USA at the Bermuda Bowl and elsewhere, brings high-level insight especially into card play and complex inferences. No matter your skill level, you'll always learn something during the "Best Hour in Bridge". Each episode is recorded and available forever on demand on Youtube, but if you tune in live, you can participate in the chat, ask questions, and vote on those tough calls. (Suggested by **Ben Umansky**.) Please reply to this email to suggest future links of the week!

The NVBA website includes more information about the [unit game](#) including the free pre-game lessons, listings of local [clubs](#) and [tournaments](#), help with [finding a partner](#), and much more. Webmaster [Ron Kral](#) welcomes your feedback and suggestions.

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

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