

## NVBA E-News - the winter sectional is here!

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Dear Ronald:

The **NVBA winter sectional** is this week, February 19-22. It will include the regular NVBA and WBL unit games on Thursday, followed by a variety of pairs and teams events Friday through Sunday at the Arlington-Fairfax Elks Lodge. See the [tournament flyer](#) for the full schedule of games, including pairs events for players of all levels, the triple nickel (fast) Swiss teams on Friday evening, the Margot and Don Hennings trophy pairs on Saturday, and bracketed teams on Sunday. Plus there will be free lectures for intermediate and novice players and **free play on Saturday morning for players with fewer than 20 masterpoints**.



Do you need a partner or teammates for the sectional? Tournament partnership chair **Marty Bley** has players at various levels who are actively looking for partners and teammates. As of Sunday, she has a pair looking for teammates for the 0-2500 triple nickel on Friday night, another pair looking for teammates for the open triple nickel on Friday night, and players looking for partners for the 0-499 and open pairs games on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. Contact Marty at [campspringsduplicatebc@gmail.com](mailto:campspringsduplicatebc@gmail.com).

Last week's unit game had 11.5 tables. Congratulations to winners **Hal Hindman - Sumner Steinfeldt** (EW) and **Hal Jones - Jim Wakefield** (NS). [Full results here](#). This week's game will be part of the sectional, with separate sections for A/X (open), B/C/D (0-2500 masterpoints), and if attendance permits, 99ers (0-100 masterpoints).

### Selected Upcoming Tournaments

- NVBA Winter Sectional (Fairfax) - Thu Feb 19 to Sun Feb 22
- St Louis NABC - Wed Feb 25 to Sun Mar 8
- Charlottesville Sectional - Thu Mar 19 to Sun Mar 22
- Lynchburg Sectional - Fri Mar 27 to Sun Mar 29
- The NVBA website has a list of other tournaments of interest

### Useful Links

**Link of the week:** Have you tried playing on [IntoBridge](#)? They recently introduced "Coach Luc", an AI coach that will provide (optional) feedback on your bidding in robot games. During February this new feature is free and unlimited for paid members, and free but limited for free members. To try it, go to [www.intobridge.com](http://www.intobridge.com) or download the mobile app IntoBridge on the Apple or Google app store. (link suggested by **Mark Chen**) What links would you suggest to your fellow bridge players? Please reply to this email to suggest future links of the week!

The NVBA website includes more information about the [unit game](#), [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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