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NVBA E-News - free plays for rank advancement

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Dear Ronald:

The NVBA now offers **one free play in the unit game each time you advance in ACBL rank**. This policy is retroactive to the start of 2026, so if you have advanced in rank this year, and when you advance in the future, watch your email for a free play notification. If you're expecting one and you don't get it, check your spam folder and add NVBABoard@nvba.org to your contacts list.



Get ready for the **Chantilly regional, June 29 to July 3** at the Westfields Marriott. **The discounted hotel room rate is available through June 5**. See the [tournament flyer](#) for details of how to get that rate, along with the tournament schedule and other information. There will be a variety of pairs and teams events for players of all levels, including a game on Tuesday just for players with 0-99 masterpoints. **Players with 0-20 masterpoints play free on Tuesday!**

Last week's unit game had 10.5 tables. Congratulations to winners **Ben Sharp - Dan Morgan** (EW) and **Hal Hindman - Amy Brisson** (NS). [See full results](#). This week's game will support the ACBL Grass Roots Fund, which funds travel stipends for finalists in the North American Pairs and Grand National Teams. Grass Roots Fund games also offer increased masterpoint awards. **If possible, please preregister** using [RSVP Bridge](#). The game will be at the now-regular unit game location, St. Andrews Episcopal Church, [4000 Lorcom Lane, Arlington](#).

Congratulations to all [NVBA members who won masterpoints in the recent WBL sectional](#), including top winners **Rusty Krauss** (17.74 masterpoints), **Jay Kelkar** (17.12), and **Alan Schwartz** (15.96).

Signups remain open for the **annual life master/non-life master game** at the unit game on June 11. Each partnership in this game must include one life master and one non-life master. **Sign up, with or without a partner**, using [this online form](#) (preferred) or on paper forms available each week at the unit game. We'll match you up if you don't already have a partner in mind. Signing up early will give you priority in case turnout exceeds capacity.

The registration deadline has been extended for the **2026 WBL Round Robin teams competition**. The deadline to register is now June 1, and the competition starts on June 8. See the [WBL website](#) for details.

Club News

- The **Tuesday evening game at Army-Navy Country Club** will not be held on May 26.

Selected Upcoming Tournaments

- [Richmond Sectional](#) - Fri May 29 to Sun May 31
- [Baltimore Sectional](#) - Fri Jun 5 to Sun Jun 7
- [Chantilly Regional](#) - Mon Jun 29 to Fri Jul 3

- [Minneapolis NABC](#) - Wed Jul 8 to Sun Jul 19
- The NVBA website has a list of other [tournaments of interest](#)

Useful Links

Link of the week: On the [Bridge with Ballers](#) YouTube channel, Charlottesville player John McAllister shares his love of bridge with top athletes. In [this recent episode](#), UVA and NBA basketball player Sean Singletary plays some Bridge Master hands on BBO, with coaching and commentary from John. 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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