
NVBA E-News - NVBA launches mentorship program

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Dear Ronald:

The NVBA has launched a mentorship program. Are you an experienced player who would be willing to mentor someone less experienced? Are you a less experienced player who would like a mentor to help you improve your game? For more details, including how to sign up, [click here](#).



The unit game last week had 9 tables. Congratulations to winners **Maurice Kitces - Nicole Swain** (EW) and **Thomas Jennings - David Goldfrank** (NS). [Full results here](#). This week's unit game will be a team game. If possible, please preregister your team at [RSVP Bridge](#).

The NVBA website now lists [members who won masterpoints at the Chantilly regional](#). Congratulations to top masterpoint winners **Robert Hopkins, Jr.** (50.81 masterpoints), **David Rodney** (50.16), and **Margot Hennings** (47.02).

Congratulations to the following NVBA members who [advanced in rank](#) in June: new sapphire life masters **David Goldfrank**, **Sven Pride**, and **Dave Tonnesen**; new life master **Amy Elmore**; new advanced NABC masters **Sharon Douaire**, **Farida Mazhar**, and **Barbara Norton**; new NABC masters **Robert Finley** and **Edward Umbrell**; new sectional masters **Jose Molina** and **Asim Shaikh**; and new club masters **Ken Elder**, **Sudha Reddy**, and **Robert Wells**. All these players have been sent an email with a **free play at the unit game** in recognition of their accomplishment.

The **Minneapolis NABC** continues through this week. Good luck to all NVBA members who are participating, and congratulations to those who have already found success. [See full results](#).

Howard Stevens is looking for restaurant recommendations near the new unit game location. Where do you like to have dinner before the game? Send your suggestions in a reply to this email. We'll compile them and publish a list in a future issue.

Hail and Farewell

We welcome the following new member: **Andrea Ryon**. We welcome the following members who have transferred into our Unit: **Bharati Parikh** and **Gregory Point**. We give our regards to the following member who has transferred out of our Unit: **Edward Micka, Jr.**

Club News

- The **Tuesday morning game at Bethlehem Lutheran** will be closed on July 21 and August 4 because of other activities at the church.
- The **new Tuesday evening 99er game** continues this week at the Army-Navy Country Club in Arlington. It currently begins at 5pm and ends by 7pm. Soon it will shift to a 7pm start and play

alongside the Army-Navy open game. If you have fewer than 100 masterpoints, email Marty Bley at campspringsduplicatebc@gmail.com to sign up or for more information. You do not have to be a member of the country club to play in this game.

- **Note to NVBA club managers:** If you would like your closures, location changes, team games, 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

- [Minneapolis NABC](#) - Wed Jul 8 to Sun Jul 19
- [Virginia Beach Sectional](#) - Fri Jul 24 to Sun Jul 26
- [Charlottesville \(Keswick\) Sectional](#) - Fri Aug 7 to Sun Aug 9
- [Baltimore \(Ellicott City\) Sectional](#) - Fri Aug 21 to Sat Aug 22
- The NVBA website has a list of other [tournaments of interest](#)

Useful Links

Link of the week: The NVBA website now includes a categorized list of links to [462 bridge articles by Larry Cohen](#), one of the world's best-known bridge authors, teachers, and theorists. 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](#), our [mentorship program](#), 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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