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From: NVBA Board of Directors <announcements@nvba.org>
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Subject: NVBA E-News - NAP Open Winners and Lots of Great Bridge Education on the NVBA Website

Dear Mark:

Congratulations to the [District Six NAP Open Flight Winners](#) Jay Kelkar(NVBA) and Deb Dhar(NVBA)! Finishing 2nd were Andy Gofreed and Alan Tenenbaum, and finishing 3rd were David Genne and Sven Pride(NVBA). These three pairs will represent [District Six](#) at the [NABC in Louisville, KY](#) in March 2024.



Bridge is widely recognized as one of the greatest and most entertaining games ever devised! Each bridge deal is like a different puzzle. A deck of 52 cards can be dealt [635+ billion different bridge deals](#), so there is an infinite amount of bridge "puzzles" to solve. Whether you are just starting out or a D6 NAP winner, there is always more to learn in our great game of bridge! Thanks to NVBA webmaster Ron Kral, NVBA has some great educational resources in the "Learn about Bridge" section at the right-hand portion of the [NVBA Home Page](#):

Beginner

- [Richard Pavlicek Learn to Play Bridge](#) - This lesson is intended for the complete beginner, one who knows nothing, or almost nothing, about bridge.
- [Beginner's guide to playing bridge](#) - A nice beginner's guide designed to teach bridge in schools.
- [ACBL Play Bridge](#) - Learn to Play and more.
- [Free ACBL Learn to play Software](#) - Learn to Play Bridge I is for beginners; Learn to Play Bridge II is for those who know the basics but want to develop their playing, bidding and defense skills.

Intermediate (0-499er)

- [Karen Walker's Bridge Library](#) - An "encyclopedia" of about any topic you can think of related to the game of bridge.
- [Larry Cohen's Learning Center](#) - Another "encyclopedia" of about any topic you can think of related to the game of bridge. This includes [Larry Cohen's Basic Bidding Series](#).
- [NVBA unit game Lectures](#) - An archive of lessons from NVBA experts and teachers on various bidding and card play topics. There is a short write-up of each topic.
- [ACBL Play Bridge](#) - Play neat Minigames such as Just Declare, Play Online for Masterpoints, and Play in Person, Learn to Play, and more.
- [Free ACBL Learn to play Software](#) - Learn to Play Bridge I is for beginners; Learn to Play Bridge II is for those who know the basics but want to develop their playing, bidding and defense skills.
- [Best e Bridge](#) - Video lessons and exercises on bidding and card play.
- [BridgeBee hands](#) - Load the BridgeBee app to play and practice interactive bridge hands tailored to your preferences.
- [Info on local Bridge Teachers](#) - A listing of teachers who give private and group bridge lessons.
- [American Bridge Teachers Assoc.](#) - Online community of bridge teachers.

- [The Convention Card](#) - Learn how to fill out a convention card.
- [Bridge Ethics](#) - Understand the written and unwritten rules on ethics in bridge.
- [Tournament Terminology](#) - Learn the terms used to describe the different types of bridge events played at clubs and tournaments.
- [Baron-Barclay Bridge Books & S/W](#) - Bridge books, software, and supplies company.

Advanced

- [Richard Pavlicek For Bridge Players](#) - [Richard Pavlicek](#) is a great bridge player/author. His site has great articles, [TOUGH quizzes](#), calculators, and simulators.
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Let us know if you have any comments/suggestions on the above by contacting the [NVBA webmaster](#). Hope the above helps you learn more about this fascinating game, and then come out to play at our Thursday Night Unit Game!

Thursday Night Unit Games Schedule

We had an 11-table turnout in last week's [Club Championship Stratified Pairs](#) NVBA Unit Game, thank you for coming out to the game!

- The [NVBA Unit Game](#) will be In-Person at [Beth El](#) (3830 Seminary Rd, about a mile east of I-395) Thursdays at 7PM each week. Please arrive at least ten minutes before game time so we can start promptly at 7PM.
- The open game and its 499er section use the [RSVP Bridge](#) Reservation System to manage reservations. Sign up [here](#) to receive NVBA RSVP Bridge unit game notices and register to play online. Pick the date of the game and choose your partner. Check out the [RSVP Bridge YouTube videos](#) for additional details.
- This week - Thursday 11/16/23 [Grand National Teams Club Qualifier](#) with a separate Non-Life Master section if we have at least three teams.
 - If you need a partner or teammates for the unit game at Beth El, please email Jay Simon at the [NVBA Partnership Desk](#) or use the [RSVP Bridge](#) Reservation System to assist you in finding a partner.
 - [WBL](#) is hosting an in-person 7:30PM Stratiflighted Unit Championship.
- [PLAN AHEAD](#) -- The [NVBA Unit Game](#) will be In-Person at [Beth El](#) Thursdays at 7PM each week.
 - 11/23/23 - Closed for Thanksgiving
 - 11/30/23 - [Stratiflighted](#) Club Championship -- 98th birthday of Contract Bridge!
 - 12/07/23 - [Stratiflighted](#) Club Championship
 - 12/14/23 - Sectional Tournament at Clubs **and Holiday Party!**
 - See the NVBA Website for the rest of the [4th Quarter Unit Game Schedule](#) and [Unit Game Results](#).

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- The American Contract Bridge League (ACBL) invites you to play in the weekly [Tuesday Evening Community Game](#) on the BBO Platform.
 - 0-20 game at 6 pm, 0-50 game at 6:10 pm
 - Play 12 hands, should take about 90 minutes
 - \$5 entry fee includes FREE LESSON after the game, covering 2 or more of the 12 hands played
- For Thursday evening at the Unit Game, your **entry fee is free!** NVBA hopes to re-establish a true Newcomer Game, but we expect that our 0-20 and 0-50 players will be playing in the 499er Section until attendance grows. Questions? Contact [Kevin O'Brien](#) at OBrien.bridge@gmail.com.

NVBA, ACBL, and District Six News

- There will be a **District 6 Grand National Team Qualifier online Wednesday 11/15/23 7:15PM**. Those of you still needing to qualify and those who like to play in team games come on out. You can sign up as early as two hours before gametime (7:15PM). To find the game: Sign into BBO and click on virtual clubs->North America->Search for District 6. Sign up with your partner as normal. Once both your partnership and your teammates are signed up go back to the game like you were signing up and click on Select Teammates. The invitor of the second pair will be invited to team. Once that is accepted you are ready to play. Pairs that do not select teammates or whose teammates are not online at the start of the game will be randomly teamed up. See also [Virtual Swiss Team Game on BBO](#) for details.
- Congratulations to the [NVBA Lancaster Regional MP Winners](#).
- There are 16 in-person club games listed with times in green on the updated [Clubs](#) page of the NVBA website that are scheduled to be held. Anyone who is interested in playing an in-person game should contact the listed director in advance to confirm the game is on and to make a reservation.
- Here is the current schedule for [NVBA Online Games](#) on BBO.

Upcoming Sectional, Regional, and National Tournaments

- [Atlanta ACBL Fall NABC](#) - Thursday 11/23 to Sunday 12/3

Hope you had a nice Veteran's Day this past Saturday. Thank you to our veterans who served our country. Their service helps us have personal freedoms to do fun things like play bridge. Play well, have fun, and see you at the tables!

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