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Subject: NVBA E-News - GNT Qualifier at Thursday Night Unit Game and Open Flight GNT Results

Dear Mark:

Thank you to [Rusty Krauss](#) for bringing the complimentary wine at [last week's Unit Game](#)! Congratulations to David Rodney/Rusty Krauss and Harry Potter/James Mosley who were the overall and section top winners. This Thursday night 1/11/24 we are having a [Grand National Teams](#) qualifier at [Beth El](#) (3830 Seminary Rd, about a mile east of I-395) at 7PM. Please arrive at least ten minutes before game time. If you need a partner or teammates for the unit game at Beth El, please email Jason Carter at the [NVBA Partnership Desk](#) or use the [RSVP Bridge](#) Reservation System to assist you in finding a partner.



Please better support our Unit 218 by playing more often in the Thursday night Unit Game. The [2024 Unit Game Schedule](#) is now available. We need more players to help make it [financially viable](#) again. Please also continue to provide unit game feedback by emailing [NVBA President Georgette Weiss](#).

District Six Open Flight GNT Results

The first weekend of the District Six Open Flight [GNTs tournament](#) occurred last weekend. Ten teams played in a round robin, four qualified for the second weekend which will occur 2/17/24 and 2/18/24. The results were as follows:

Robinson	149
Neuman	114
Bao	107
Marshall	92
Geist	88
Tenenbaum	86
Hopkins	81
Richey	73
Meyer	68
Negulescu	41

See [Open Flight GNT Rosters](#) for additional details.

RealBridge Bidding Contest

The [BridgeBase Online Bidding Challenge](#) is now the [RealBridge Bidding Contest](#). This is a fun way to improve your game while also getting great insight from a [world-class expert panel](#)! Entries for the [January 2024 contest](#) are due by 1/31/24.

District Five/Six Winter 2024 Online IMP League

Register by 1/15/24 for the [District 5/District 6 Winter 2024 Online IMP League](#). Play is on most Wednesday nights from 1/24/24 through 4/24/24. If you've never played in this event, why not? It's great fun if you like team games. Teams of 4-6 players are bracketed and play a 9-session competition against teams with similar masterpoints. Where else can you play a bridge competition from the comfort of your home, and play with teammates who might live in a different city? And the concept provides competition and masterpoints for all experience levels. They have a great [Vichill League website](#) and it is really neat how all teams in the bracket play the same hands in the [match recaps](#) (click on a team name). See the [Conditions of Contest](#) for further details.

NVBA, ACBL, and District Six News

- [Joe Hertz](#) and [Ron Kral](#) have been carpooling from Reston for the Thursday night Unit Game (often with a pre-game meal at [Valentino's Pizza](#)). We're looking for one or two people who would be interested in joining us so as to qualify for HOV toll avoidance when driving in the 495 HOT lanes. Anyone who is interested should contact [Joe Hertz](#) via email.
- 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.

Sad News

With great sadness, [Doris Knief](#) passed away December 13, 2023. Click [here](#) to see her obituary.

Upcoming Sectional, Regional, and National Tournaments

- [WBL Winter Sectional](#) - Thursday 1/18 to Sunday 1/21
- [Virginia Beach Sectional](#) - Friday 1/26 to Sunday 1/28
- [Charlottesville Sectional](#) - Friday 1/26 to Sunday 1/28
- [Baltimore Sectional](#) - Friday 2/9 to Sunday 2/11
- [NVBA Winter Sectional](#) - Thursday 2/15 to Sunday 2/18
- [Williamsburg Regional](#) - Monday 2/26 to Friday 3/1
- The NVBA website includes all [2024 tournaments of interest](#).

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

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