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NVBA E-News - NVBA Pair wins the NABC NAP Flight B!

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Dear Ronald:

Congratulations to NVBA players Alan Munro and Colin Schloss for winning the NABC Golder North American Pairs Flight B! See p. 1 of the 3/25/24 NABC Bulletin for a writeup of their big win and picture of our two new national champions! It was a long journey for Alan and Colin to be national NAP winners. Back in the summer of 2023 they had to qualify at the club level. Then during the weekend of 9/30/23 they had to come in the top three during the District Six Flight B NAP tournament. They represented our District Six and competed against the other 24 districts this past weekend at the Louisville national and they came in first place! They will now be forever enshrined as bridge national champions out at https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/North_American_Pairs#Winners. This could be you next year, hope you play in the Flight A, Flight B, or Flight C 2025 North American Pairs.



The Louisville Spring North American Bridge Championships just wrapped up, hope all who attended had fun and had a safe trip back home. Check out the [NABC Results](#) and read the [NABC Daily Bulletins](#) to see how your friends did in the tournament. Click [here](#) for loads of pics from each day, including candid photos and big winners!

Thursday Night NVBA Unit Game

Back here at home congratulations to John Wertman/Joia Hertz and Michael Richey/Debnarayan Dhar for being the section top winners at [last week's unit game](#). This Thursday's Unit Game is a stratiflighted club championship. The NVBA Unit Game starts at 7PM and is at Beth El (3830 Seminary Rd, about a mile east of I-395). Please arrive at least ten minutes before game time. If you need a partner or teammates for any Thursday game at Beth El, please email Jason Carter at the [NVBA Partnership Desk](#) by 4PM Tuesday afternoon for your best chance to obtain a partner. You can also use the [RSVP Bridge](#) Reservation System to assist you in finding a partner. Plan ahead for future unit games by viewing the [2024 Unit Game Schedule](#).

Just for 0-20, 0-49, 0-199, and 0-499 Players

See the Monday Evening 7:30 pm Eastern Time [49er game](#) at Swan Bridge, below!

Check out the [Just for New Players](#) section of the [Louisville NABC Daily Bulletins](#). There are 10 days' worth of good tips for new players and newcomer news, it is usually around p. 5.

Supervised Play continues to be available at Beth El on Thursday evenings! New in-person players have tried this out and have had fun! This is especially for players moving from online-only play or informal play or returning to in-person play after a long break. It's in-person play with a round timer, bidding boxes, BridgeMates, and alerts/announcements. There will also be teaching on bidding, play, and defense. "Graduates" of supervised play should find they can play comfortably in face-to-face games competing for masterpoints in clubs and tournaments. Use the RSVP Registration System, or contact Jim Gerding, Jason

Carter, or E-mail Kevin O'Brien (OBrien.Bridge+Individual@gmail.com) for more information. All we need to get started is four players, are you one of them? Do you have a friend or relative, neighbor or co-worker who might be interested? This will only cost you ... Beth El's \$2 Security Fee (pay by credit card at Beth El) and your Thursday evening, about 6:30 - 9:30PM. Need a ride? We may even be able to help with that, but no guarantee.

ACBL Community Games run on BBO Monday through Friday, advertised at 0-20, 0-50, and 0-99 levels. Entry Fee is always \$5, and you can find all the information at <https://www.acbl.org/portfolio/community-games/>. The Tuesday Evening games at 0-20 and 0-50 levels are consistently drawing 12-19 tables (0-20) and 13-26 (0-50) tables this year. Thursday evening, we would prefer you come to Beth El and play in person. The 99er games are apparently running Mon, Wed, and Fri only, and have smaller fields.

Playing Bridge Online for ACBL Masterpoints(R)

- For Black ACBL Masterpoints, and occasionally other pigments (Silver, Red, Gold), playing at **SE Carolina Club of Clubs** benefits NVBA, as we are a member club. See their Web page at <https://sites.google.com/view/se-club-of-clubs/home> for game schedule, lessons, and more. Each game advertises a 0-750 section, a 0-2500 section, and an Open section.
- For clear/"invisible" Masterpoints, your best bet is Matchpoint Pairs at Swan Games; they give you \$35 credit when you first create your account, and charge \$3.50 for an 18-board game awarding ACBL Masterpoints -- so you get ten \$FREE games. Unlike BBO, they allow you to see and hear your opponents at the virtual table -- but you can also decline to do so. Sign up at <https://info.swangames.com/signup>. For tutorial videos on their features, see their YouTube channel at <https://www.youtube.com/@SwanGames-BridgeReimagined>. For their current schedule, see <https://info.swangames.com/schedule>. Note there's only a Monday Evening 0-49 game! For more info, see <https://info.swangames.com/faq>. For help, try <https://info.swangames.com/help>. If you're stuck and all else fails, try Contact at <https://info.swangames.com/support> for support. They are just getting started, so please be patient.

NVBA, ACBL, and District Six News

- Congratulations to NVBA Players Phillip Articola, David Domnitch, Carol Farnow, Andrea Fritz, Susan Gruskiewicz, Mary Liz Higgins, Paul Higgins, Jeffrey Klemm, Vatsala Mehra, Ronald Michaelis, Matt Murbach, Nina Nie, Sitaraman Sathiamoorthy, Alden Sherman, Aly Stoeger, Anthony Wang, John Wertman, Mel Yudkin and John Zhan for their new **ACBL Rank Changes**.
- Fairfax County Park Authority is offering Bridge I, Bridge II, Bridge III, and Brush Up Bridge classes. Search for bridge in the **Parktakes Registration** or see p. 149 of the **Parktakes Catalog**.
- There are 15 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

- **Louisville Spring NABC Results** - Wednesday 3/13 to Sunday 3/24
- **Gatlinburg Regional** - Monday 4/15 to Sunday 4/21
- **Rehoboth Regional** - Monday 4/29 to Saturday 5/4
- **NVBA Spring Sectional** Thursday 5/2 to Sunday 5/5
- **Reston Regional** Monday 7/1 to Saturday 7/6
- The NVBA website includes all **2024 tournaments of interest**.

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

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