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Dear Mark:

The NVBA will hold its first sectional of the year, the [NVBA Winter Sectional](#), from February 15 - 18. This is an opportunity to see your friends and to play competitive bridge in a socially fun environment!



The kick-off session will be held Thursday night February 15 at both Unit Game sites, continuing our tradition of competing in your favorite location for lots of silver points, since combined table counts are used to determine overall masterpoints for that night. The tournament will continue at the nicely renovated main hall of the Arlington/Fairfax [Elks Lodge](#) Friday-Sunday, with pairs events Friday afternoon, and the [Triple Nickel Swiss](#) and our newest event - a 0-750 pairs game - Friday night. Saturday offers lots of extra silver points at both sessions. In the morning, we begin our annual two-session [barometer](#) final Open pairs event plus a one-session [stratified pairs](#) game for B/C/D players. In the afternoon, there will be a Stratified Consolation Pairs for those who do not qualify for the [Barometer](#) Final plus all other players who want to play a one-session game. For \$1 more each session, all events that day will be regionally rated, with the extra income going to [District 6](#) to help support our players who win our District [NAP](#) and [GNT](#) competitions and represent us at the national level in these events. The tournament concludes with Flight A [Swiss](#) and [Bracketed](#) B Teams on Sunday the 18th.

0-750 players, we have special events just for YOU at the sectional! There will be a free Intermediate/Newcomer Lecture by NVBA Master Teacher [Ron Kral](#) on Friday at 1:30PM (What Does that Double Mean?) and another again on Saturday at 2:30PM (When to Bid One More?). Use your new knowledge to play in Saturday morning's one-session [Stratified](#) Pairs game for B/C/D players and Sunday's two-session [Bracketed](#) B Teams.

Please see the [tournament flyer](#) for the complete schedule and other important information. If you have other questions, please contact Margot Hennings at margot10bridge@cox.net or Amy Brisson at Bridgebrisson@yahoo.com.

In Memoriam

We recently announced the passing of two of our longtime NVBA members. See below for more on their life and legacy.

- We lost our dear friend [Bob Boyd](#) on 1/16/24. Bob was a volunteer extraordinaire! He was the first to raise his hand, no matter what the task, and he lent his time and expertise to the success of countless

tournaments – including several national tournaments held in the Washington, DC area. He served as President and Vice President of the NVBA and was in charge of seeding for sectional and regional tournaments. His demeanor at the table was a perfect example to us all. He greeted every new opponent with a smile and a kind word. In fact, he made a habit to know everyone in the unit and to greet them by name when they came to his table. He also found the time to author a book about his favorite game, he wrote [Bridge Gimmicks and Gadgets \(2011\)](#) along with bridge and poker luminary Mike Cappelletti Sr.

Bob's memorial service is at [St. Andrew and St. Margaret Anglican Catholic Church](#) on Saturday 3/9/24 at 2PM. For any further info, call the church office at 703-683-3343. Click [here](#) to see a lot more about Bob's life and legacy.

- [Vin Bartone](#) passed away on 1/18/24. Click [here](#) to see Vin's bio written by his loving wife Adair Gellman and see also [Adair's heartfelt LinkedIn post](#). Vin was a kind and caring person. He will be remembered and treasured by his wife Adair Gellman and his brothers Joseph and Richard Bartone. There will be no service. His wife will continue to honor his wishes and continue his many donations to Veterans and Animal charities.

Thursday Night NVBA Unit Game

Congratulations to Kenneth Davis/Mark Tonnesen and Eugene Schuyler/Jo Ann Allen who were the section top winners at [last week's NVBA Unit Game](#). Thank you to Mark Tonnesen and [Appliance Connection](#) for providing free wine! This Thursday's NVBA Unit Game is a [GNT](#) Club Qualifier. The NVBA Unit Game is 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. Plan ahead for future unit games by viewing the [2024 Unit Game Schedule](#).

NVBA, ACBL, and District Six News

- Flight B and Flight C played the first round of District Six [GNT](#) this past weekend. Congratulations to the teams that advanced to the second weekend! In Flight B, the top four were Bingham(123 VPs), Aldrich(121), Devaney(115), and Munro(98). In Flight C, the top two were Sawczuk(36) and Chen(35). The complete results and upcoming schedule are out at the [District Six GNT Results](#) page.
- [The Virginian](#) is having their weekly Sunday game at 1PM. If interested in playing, email Marilyn Golias at Virginianbridge@aol.com.
- Fairfax County Park Authority is offering Bridge I, Bridge II, Bridge III, and Brush Up Bridge classes. Register by February 9 to save \$8 on each class. Search for bridge in the [Parktakes Registration](#) or see p. 149 of the [Parktakes Catalog](#).
- [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 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.

Just for 0-20, 0-49, 0-99 Players

Players interested in supervised in-person play should contact [Kevin O'Brien](#). As soon as there are four or more players, Kevin will present this opportunity on Monday and/or Tuesday evenings. This is especially for players moving from online-only play to 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. E-mail Kevin O'Brien (OBrien.Bridge+Individual@gmail.com) for more information.

Upcoming Sectional, Regional, and National Tournaments

- [Charlottesville Sectional](#) - Friday 2/9 to Sunday 2/11
- [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
- [Louisville Spring NABC](#) - Wednesday 3/13 to Sunday 3/24
- [Fredericksburg Sectional](#) - Friday 3/15 to Sunday 3/17
- The NVBA website includes all [2024 tournaments of interest](#).

Play well, have fun, and hope to see you at our winter sectional!

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