

Mark Chen

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Subject: NVBA E-News - Louisville Spring NABC in full swing this week

Dear Mark:

The [Louisville Spring North American Bridge Championships](#) is in full swing this week, good luck to the NVBA players who are playing! For those who are not traveling to the tournament, there are still many ways to enjoy the tournament.



- Check the [NABC Results](#) to see how your friends are doing.
- Read the [NABC Daily Bulletins](#).
- Want a free front row seat to watch the greatest players in the world play bridge? Starting on Tuesday 3/19/24, you can watch the [Vanderbilt KO Tournament](#) via BBO Vugraph! If you have never done this before, it looks like [this](#). See [Vugraph Schedule](#) for the broadcast times for the Round of 64 all the way through to the finals.
 - There are often voice or chat commentators that add nice insight to the play. Hope you watch when Mark Chen from NVBA and Brad Theurer from WBL are the video commentators.
 - The default view is to kibitz all four hands. If you want to kibitz a certain player, move the cursor over North/South/East/West and hit the right mouse button.
 - Click on the player's name to see that player's profile and convention card. There are lots of interesting world-class bidding and carding methods there!
- Want to test your bridge prognosticating abilities for the Vanderbilt KO Tournament? Check out [Bridge Winners](#) and click on "pre-register for the Fantasy bracket" before the Tuesday matches start.

Thursday Night NVBA Unit Game

Back here at home congratulations to Kimberly Ferguson/Debra Graham and John Mattioli/Ernie Eayrs 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](#) or use the [RSVP Bridge](#) Reservation System to assist you in finding a partner. Jason works hard and does an excellent job; reach him before 4PM Tuesday afternoon for your best chance to obtain a partner among your peers. Plan ahead for future unit games by viewing the [2024 Unit Game Schedule](#).

District Six Monthly Online Game on 3/20/24

Play against the best in District Six from the comfort of your couch! Our next monthly District Six online pair game will be Wednesday 3/20/24 with game times of 7:05 PM for 0-199, 7:10 PM for 0-999, and 7:15 PM for the Open Game. The entry fee is only \$5 and the game is held on the third Wednesday of each month. If you have any problems registering, please send a BBO chat message to the VACB139840 account — that will reach the director of the game who will be able to address the situation for you.

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

Check out the Just for New Players section of the [Louisville NABC Daily Bulletins](#). There are 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.

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- 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](#) - 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](#).

Hope you enjoyed your St. Patrick's Day: May your cards be lucky and your tricks plentiful! Hope you enjoy the bridge [limerick](#) below, click [here](#) and [here](#) for more bridge limericks.

Bridge is a lovely game to learn.

With just 52 cards to turn

But billions of hands

And myriad plans,

Keep improving is what we yearn!

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