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NVBA E-News - 25% gold at the unit game this week

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Dear Ronald:

Last week's unit game was a GNT qualifier with 13 teams. Congratulations to the winning team of **Rusty Krauss - Barry Falgout - David Genne - Sven Pride**. [Full results here](#). Many thanks to Rusty for providing pizza!



This week's unit game will offer 25% gold masterpoints, with the usual open section and a separate 99er section (attendance permitting). The free pre-game lesson will be on "Watching out for Entries." **The pre-game lesson now starts at 6:00** to give more time for practice and questions.

If you ever arrive early for the unit game and find the front door locked, with no one to let you in, do not despair. From the front entrance, go down the ramp, and at the end, turn right. Continue about 10-15 feet, then turn right again and go along the privacy fence until you reach the back door. There is a buzzer button on the wall to the right of the door. Push it. It rings in the kitchen area and is audible in the bridge room. Someone will come and let you in.

This Thursday, May 8, is the deadline to register for the 2025 **District 6 Flight A Grand National Teams** (all players must be under 6000 masterpoints). The event includes a qualifier on May 17-18 and a final on Jun 7-8. More details, including an online registration form, are [here](#). The winners will represent District 6 in the national GNT competition at the Philadelphia NABC in July.

Elections for the NVBA board will be held at the annual meeting, before the unit game on May 15. The positions up for a vote are President, Secretary, three board members with 2-year terms, and one board member with a 1-year term. If you are interested in running, please send a picture and a short bio to NVBA Secretary [Hal Jones](#).

Do you remember seeing some useful information in one of these emails, but you've deleted it? All NVBA weekly emails since 2022 are [archived](#) on the NVBA website. If you lose that link, go to nvba.org and look for the link to "All NVBA weekly emails."

Club News

Bull Run Bridge Club in Gainesville will have a team game on Saturday, May 10, at 10am, with electronic scoring and hand records. This is a great opportunity to get some team practice in before the upcoming sectionals and regionals. Sign up on [RSVP Bridge](#) (if you already play at Bull Run), or request to join [here](#), or email Brenda Egeland at brenda@rsvpbridge.com.

Selected Upcoming Tournaments

- [Williamsburg Sectional](#) - Thu May 8 to Sat May 10

- [District 6 GNT Flight A Qualifying](#) - Sat May 17 to Sun May 18
- [Richmond Regional](#) - Mon May 19 to Fri May 23
- [NVBA Spring Sectional \(Fairfax Elks\)](#) - Thu May 29 to Sun Jun 1
- [Baltimore Summer Sectional \(Catonsville\)](#) - Fri Jun 6 to Mon Jun 9
- [District 6 GNT Flight A Final](#) - Sat Jun 7 to Sun Jun 8
- The NVBA website has a list of other [2025 tournaments of interest](#)

Free Lessons for Newer Players Before the Unit Game and 99er Mini Game Alongside the Open Game

- There are **free lessons for newer players before the weekly NVBA unit game** (located at Beth El Hebrew Congregation, [3830 Seminary Road, Alexandria](#)). Each week's lesson will be **from 6:00pm to just before 7pm**. The lessons are aimed at players who want to review or relearn the fundamentals of bridge. They address a progression of topics on bidding and play of the hand.
- If there are eight or more players, **a separate mini game limited to players with fewer than 100 masterpoints will start at 7pm and end at about 9pm**. You are welcome to play in the 99er mini game whether or not you participate in the lesson.
- Reservations are not required, but it would be nice to know who is attending, so we can prepare enough handouts for the lesson and set up tables for the mini game. If you plan to attend this week's session, or a future session, please sign up at [RSVP Bridge](#), which can also help you find a partner, if you need one.
- The lesson is free. Participants in the mini game pay the discounted unit game entry fee of \$9 or \$2, depending on masterpoints. If you are attending the lesson and planning to play in the mini game, it will help the game start on time if you pay before the lesson starts.

Thursday Night NVBA Unit Game

- The NVBA unit game starts at 7pm. Please arrive at least ten minutes before game time.
- The game is held at [Beth El \(3830 Seminary Road, Alexandria\)](#).
- There is a free lesson for newer players before the game at 6:15pm, and a separate 99er mini game (if attendance permits) from 7pm to 9pm. If you plan to attend, please sign up at [RSVP Bridge](#), which can also help you find a partner, if you need one.
- If you need a partner or teammates for the open section of any Thursday unit game, please email [Amy Elmore](#), preferably by 4pm on Tuesday. You can also use the [RSVP Bridge](#) reservation system to look for a partner.
- Plan ahead for future unit games by viewing the [2025 Unit Game Schedule](#).
- The regular unit game entry fee is \$16. A discounted fee of \$9 applies for players with 5-99.99 masterpoints, juniors (under age 26), and full-time students. Newcomers with under 5 masterpoints pay only \$2. If you haven't played at the unit game since before Covid, you can play your first time back for free.

NVBA Clubs and Online Games

- The [Clubs](#) page of the NVBA website lists 16 in-person club games. If you're interested in playing one of these games, please contact the listed director to confirm the game is on, make a reservation, and get help finding a partner if you need one.
- All can play in any [SE Carolina Club of Clubs](#) game on BBO. Multiple 799er, 0-2500, and open games are offered each day. If you are an NVBA player, \$2 of your entry fee comes back to the NVBA to help support our activities.

Just for New and Intermediate Players

- Players of all levels are always welcome at the NVBA unit game on Thursday evenings. There is a free lesson for newer players before the game, and a separate mini 99er game (if attendance permits).
- ACBL offers [Community Games](#) on BBO on Tuesday and Thursday evenings at 6pm (0-20 players) and 6:10pm (0-50 players) with a free lesson on Zoom after the game.
- [ACBL Clubhouse](#) games take place on BBO daily, with multiple sessions for 0-20, 49er, 99er, 199er, and 299er players.
- ACBL offers free no-masterpoints [Social Bridge](#) games on RealBridge every Monday from 6pm to 9pm. Drop in any time and stay as long as you like.
- [Shark Bridge](#) offers ACBL members a free daily 12-board no-masterpoints tournament with a robot partner against robot opponents. No board timer or round timer. Start any time and finish by midnight.
- The *Learn About Bridge* section of the [NVBA home page](#) has a list of links to useful resources.

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

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