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NVBA E-News - annual meeting before unit game this week

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Dear Ronald:

The NVBA annual meeting will be held before this week's unit game.

Come early at 6pm for **free pizza, salad, soda, and cake**. Meeting business will begin at about 6:30. The game will start at 7pm as usual. There will be no pre-game lesson this week.



Elections for the NVBA board will be held during the annual meeting. 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're interested in running, there's still time to send a picture and a short bio to NVBA Secretary [Hal Jones](#).

Last week's unit game had 15 tables. In the open section, with 12 tables, congratulations to winners **Sumner Steinfeldt - Hal Hindman** (EW) and **Jim Sandefur - David Goldfrank** (NS). [Full results here](#). In the 99er section, with 3 tables, congratulations to winners **Karen Phillips - Michael Richman**, **Samriti Malik - Mehmet Esen**, and **Meghan Rainey - Jamie Smith** (a three-way tie!). [Full results here](#).

Congratulations to the top NVBA masterpoint winners at the recent [Gatlinburg regional](#) -- **Jichong Chai** (67.42 masterpoints), **Terry Jones** (48.03), and **David Goldfrank** (48.03) -- and at the recent [Rehoboth regional](#) -- **Barry Sparks** (47.66), **Mary Mudd** (47.66), and **John Huffman** (41.82).

Congratulations to the NVBA members who [advanced in rank](#) in April: new ruby life master **Benazir Ghaussy**; new bronze life masters **William Krieger** and **Paul Marjoram**; new advanced NABC master **Legin Shi**; new regional masters **Robert Finley**, **Shirley Lee Klein**, and **Betty Quirk**; new sectional masters **Judi Ornoff** and **Anthony Wang**; new club master **Maged Hussein**; and new junior masters **Art Ladenburg**, **Samriti Malik**, **Vivek Ramakrishna**, and **Caroline Schropp**.

Get ready for the **NVBA Spring Sectional May 29 - June 1 at the Fairfax Elks Lodge**. [See flyer](#). A future email will provide more details.

Get ready for the **annual NVBA lifemaster-nonlifemaster game on June 5 at the unit game**. This popular NVBA tradition requires each partnership to include one lifemaster and one nonlifemaster. [Sign up here](#) to register your partnership (if you have one already) or to get help finding a partner.

Selected Upcoming Tournaments

- [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 6:00pm, 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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