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NVBA E-News - bring your questions for the pre-unit-game Q&A throughout August

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Dear Ronald:

Last week's unit game had 11.5 tables. Congratulations to winners **Alan Schwartz - Annie Schwartz** (NS) and **Martha Bley - Ross Bley** (EW). [Full results here](#). This week's game will be a North American Pairs qualifier, with a separate 99er section if attendance permits. This week and for the remainder of August, the pre-game lesson will be a question and answer session. Please bring your bridge-related questions: a hand you had trouble with, a bridge term you've heard that you'd like explained, a question about bidding or play or scoring or how tournaments work, or anything else.



The regional in Hanover MD (formerly held in Baltimore) starts next week. Details are in the [tournament flyer](#). There will be a full schedule of events for players of all levels, including a special game on Tuesday, August 19, just for players with fewer than 100 masterpoints (players with 0-20 masterpoints play FREE that day!). Hotel rooms are still available if you are interested in staying at the site overnight.

The list of [top NVBA masterpoint winners](#) from the Philadelphia NABC is now on the NVBA website. Here are the top six: **Alan Schwartz** (152.68 masterpoints), **Jichong Chai** (81.17), **Mel Yudkin** (75.19), **Rick Bingham** (70.00), **Colin Schloss** (70.00), and **Alan Munro** (70.00). Rick has written [this account](#) of the Bingham-Yudkin-Schloss-Munro team's victory in the Sheinwold GNT Flight B. [Here is the honor roll](#) of District 6 players who placed in nationally rated events. In addition to those mentioned in previous emails, congratulations to **Ryan Connors** who captained the winning team in the 0-6000 Mini-Spingold Knockout Teams.

Congratulations to the following NVBA members who [advanced in rank](#) in July: new junior masters **Lewis Glasener**, **Jacob Rodney**, **Julianna Rodney**, **Austin Shi**, **Cynthia Sweeder**, and **James Sweeder**; new club masters **Joan Carter**, **Birthe Christensen**, and **Silvia Sagari**; new sectional master **Aaron Cogbill**; new NABC master **Rene Costales**; new life master **Ken Weems**; new bronze life masters **Eileen Aronovitch**, **Santosh Chokhani**, and **Michael Miale**; new silver life masters **Joan Axilbund** and **Thomas Stanley**; and new ruby life masters **Howard Stevens** and **Elizabeth Traylor**.

The NVBA will hold an online 799er game this Tuesday evening at 7pm on BBO in partnership with the SE Carolina Club of Clubs. The game will be an NAP qualifier, awarding 50% red masterpoints. The game is open to all ACBL members, so please invite friends and family to join us. If you can, please sign up early, as this helps to increase attendance.

Selected Upcoming Tournaments

- [Hanover MD \(formerly Baltimore\) Regional](#) - Mon Aug 18 to Fri Aug 22
- [NVBA Fall Sectional](#) - Thu Sep 11 to Sun Sep 14
- [Digital NABC \(online\)](#) - Mon Sep 22 to Sun Sep 28
- The NVBA website has a list of other [2025 tournaments of interest](#)

Useful Links

Link of the week: The NVBA website has a new article on [bridge etiquette](#), written by NVBA member **Ron Kral**. Please reply to this email to suggest future links of the week!

The NVBA website includes more information about the [unit game](#) including the free pre-game lessons, listings of local [clubs](#) and [tournaments](#), help with [finding a partner](#), and much more. Webmaster **Ron Kral** welcomes your feedback and suggestions.

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

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