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NVBA E-News - happy holidays!

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Dear Ronald:

Happy holidays and best wishes for a healthy and bridge-filled new year!



Last week's unit game had 18 tables. Congratulations to winners **Eugene Kales - Richard Ferrin** (Section A - NS), **Luke Brezak - Colin Schloss** (Section A - EW), **Alan Schwartz - Annie Schwartz** (Section B - NS), and **Andre L'Heureux - Mickey Hughes** (Section B - EW). Full results [here \(Section A\)](#) and [here \(Section B\)](#). The membership meeting before the game unanimously approved the proposed amendments to the NVBA constitution. Many thanks to everyone who brought food and drink for the pre-game holiday party, and especially to those who helped set up for the party and stayed to help clean up after it.

There will be no unit game on December 25 and January 1 because of the holidays. The next game, on January 8, will be part of the WBL winter sectional. See [tournament flyer](#) for more details.

Congratulations to the following members who [advanced in rank](#) in November: new junior masters **Hansa Dave, Gene Erickson, Asim Shaikh, and Mary Starnier**; new club master **Catherine Suggs**; new sectional masters **Karen Columbo and Natasha Mullin**; new regional masters **Katie Barbour, Carl Devore, and Charles Dunn**; new NABC master **Mary Pike**; new life master **Dee Ann Gretz**; and new ruby life master **Brian Brunsvold**.

District 6 Finals for the 2026 Grand National Teams

Preregistration is required for the District 6 Finals in all flights. Please note the registration deadlines for the different flights and submit your team information using the link for the flight in which you wish to play.

- **Championship/Open Flight (unlimited masterpoints)**

Deadline to register: Jan 22, 2026

Weekend 1: Jan 31-Feb 1, 2026, at Newport Mill Middle School, Kensington MD

Weekend 2: Feb 21-22, 2026, at the NVBA Sectional in Fairfax VA

Registration Link: <https://forms.gle/4UW9CDK3i2MDb3kcA>

- **Flight A (0-6000 masterpoints)**

Deadline to register: Mar 19, 2026

Weekend 1: Mar 28-29, 2026, at Veirs Mill Local Park Building, Wheaton MD

Weekend 2 (if needed): May 2-3, 2026, at location TBD

Registration Link: <https://forms.gle/SCn2kdczgdv1Wan89>

- **Flight B (0-3000 masterpoints)**

Deadline to register: Jan 15, 2026

One weekend only (Jan 31-Feb 1, 2026) at either of two sites:

(North) Newport Mill Middle School, Kensington MD

(South) Virginia Beach Bridge Center, Virginia Beach VA

Registration Link: <https://forms.gle/3QtXBALfxKMXsuR9A>

- **Flight C (0-750 masterpoints and not a life master)**
Deadline to register: Jan 15, 2026
One day only (Jan 31, 2026) at either of two sites:
(North) Newport Mill Middle School, Kensington MD
(South) Richmond Bridge Center, Richmond VA
Registration Link: <https://forms.gle/cdVxVt63KeMvgg3k9>

Club News

- The **Tuesday evening Army-Navy Country Club game** will be closed for the holidays on December 23, December 30, and January 6.
- The **Hollin Hall Senior Center** bridge club will be closed for the holidays on December 25 and January 1.
- **Note to NVBA club managers:** If you would like your team games, closures, location changes, holiday parties, or other special events announced in this space, please either contact NVBA club liaison [Samriti Malik](#) or reply to this email.

Selected Upcoming Tournaments

- [WBL Silver Spring Sectional](#) - Thu Jan 8 to Sun Jan 11
- [Virginia Beach Sectional](#) - Fri Jan 16 to Sun Jan 18
- [Richmond Sectional](#) - Fri Jan 23 to Sun Jan 25
- [Hilton Head Regional](#) - Mon Jan 26 to Sun Feb 1
- The NVBA website has a list of other tournaments of interest in [2025](#) and [2026](#)

Useful Links

Link of the week: [ACBL Tournament and Club Table Data](#), with lots of charts showing trends in table counts at NABCs, regionals, sectionals, and face-to-face clubs. Did you know that total club table counts have increased every quarter since the post-COVID reopening? Did you know that in 2025, for the first time ever, there were more teams tables than pairs tables at ACBL regionals? Please reply to this email to suggest future links of the week!

The NVBA website includes more information about the [unit game](#), 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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