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## NVBA E-News - unit game is teams this week

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**Dear Ronald:**

This week's unit game will be a **GNT qualifier team game**.

There was no unit game last week because of the snow and ice. Some NVBA players instead played in the WBL unit game, which was held online ([results here](#)).



Two flights of the **District 6 GNT Finals** were contested last weekend. Congratulations to all NVBA players who had success.

- In the Open Flight, with eight teams, the top four qualified for a second weekend, with the following matchups:
  - **Robbie Hopkins - Joan Lewis - Barry Falgout - Rusty Krauss - Kent Goulding vs. Linda Marshall - David Genne - Sven Pride - Vince Wilmot**
  - **Jason Meyer - Lloyd Rawley - Monique Smith - Merrill Hirsh vs. Steve Robinson - Mark Shaw - Bill Cole - Alan Schwartz - Mike Gill - Ai-Tai Lo**
- In Flight B, with 13 teams, the top four qualified for a second weekend, with the following matchups:
  - **Alan Munro - Colin Schloss - Jichong Chai - Haoyi You vs. John Wertman - Joia Hertz - Harry Potter - James Mosely**
  - **Luke Brezak - Hamilton Sawczuk - Jim Dickson - Todd Zimnoch vs. Tim Bezanson - Ken Weems - Alan Yu - Lixin Zheng**
- Flight C was cancelled and will be rescheduled.

A revised schedule for Flight C and the second weekend of Flight B and the Open Flight will be announced when available.

Long-time NVBA member **Tony Robson** passed away on May 1. [See obituary](#).

The monthly **NVBA board meeting** will be held virtually online at 9:30am on Saturday, February 7. Any member wishing to attend should contact [Joe Hertz](#) for the Zoom link.

Get ready for the **NVBA winter sectional February 19-22**. The tournament will start on Thursday with the NVBA and WBL unit games, held at their usual times and locations but scored across both locations for higher masterpoint awards. The remaining events, Friday through Sunday, will be at the Arlington-Fairfax Elks Lodge. Games will be offered for all levels of player, from 499er pairs each day to the Margot and Don Hennings Trophy Pairs on Saturday and the Triple Nickel fast Swiss teams on Friday evening. Ron Kral will give free lectures for intermediate and novice players on Friday and Saturday afternoons, and **players with fewer than 20 masterpoints play free** on Saturday morning. See the [tournament flyer](#) for more details.

**Hail and Farewell**

We welcome the following new members to our Unit: **William Briggs, Lucas Flaherty, and Carl Newby**. We welcome the following member who has transferred into our Unit: **Zack M. Turley**. We give our regards to the following member who has transferred out of our Unit: **Susan K. Gampfer**. We are sorry to note the passing of two of our members: **Bernard H. Oetjen** and **Lynn Weidman**.

## Selected Upcoming Tournaments

- [Baltimore \(Catonsville\) Sectional](#) - Fri Feb 6 to Sun Feb 8
- [NVBA Winter Sectional \(Fairfax\)](#) - Thu Feb 19 to Sun Feb 22
- [St Louis NABC](#) - Wed Feb 25 to Sun Mar 8
- The NVBA website has a list of other [tournaments of interest](#)

## Useful Links

**Link of the week:** [Bridge World Standard 2017](#), "the standard system developed by *The Bridge World* magazine based on the preferred methods of leading American experts. The system is ideal for use by impromptu or casual partnerships and as a basis for discussion by those who wish to formulate their own system."

**It's hard to come up with a great new bridge link each week. What links would you suggest to your fellow bridge players? 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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