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## Fwd: NVBA E-News - unit game has moved to St. Andrews

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Yes the regular one went out on Monday as usual. Here's my copy. If you still don't find yours let me know and I'll check on iContact when I get a chance. Currently on the road heading for Gatlinburg.

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From: **NVBA Board of Directors** <announcements@nvba.org>  
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**Dear Daniel:**

Starting this week, **the regular Thursday evening unit game will be held at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, 4000 Lorcom Lane, Arlington.** It will no longer be at Beth El. This is a permanent move. The start time is still 7pm. We hope all of you will come out for the game at the new location. You can register either in person or through [RSVP Bridge](#).



Last week's unit game, with 12.5 tables, was part of the NVBA Spring Sectional. In the open section, with 9.5 tables, congratulations to winners **Eugene Kales - Richard Ferrin (NS)** and **Monique Smith - Hal Hindman (EW)** ([see full results](#)). In the 0-2000 section, with 3 tables, congratulations to winners **Amy Elmore - James Connor** ([see full results](#)).

The sectional set a post-pandemic attendance record, with a total of 226.5 total tables in play. The teams events on Sunday drew a total of 41 teams, beating the post-pandemic record by 5 teams. Here are the winners of each event ([see full results](#)):

- Thursday Open Pairs: **Ronald Zucker - Linda Marshall**
- Thursday 0-2000 Pairs: **Dean Resnick - Utku Moral**
- Friday afternoon Open Pairs: **Jeffrey Schwartz - Alan Schwartz**
- Friday afternoon 0-2500 Pairs: **John Huffman - Paul Marjoram**
- Friday afternoon 499er Pairs: **Edward Umbrell - Stephen Umbrell**
- Friday evening Open Triple Nickel Swiss: **Brian Childers - Brian Sutton - Hongbo Li - Jichong Chai**
- Friday evening B/C/D Triple Nickel Swiss: **John Wertman - Joia Hertz - James Mosley - Harry Potter**
- Saturday morning Open Pairs: **Terry Klein - Leon Masiewicki**
- Saturday morning B/C/D Pairs: **Gene Klein - Nancy Detweiler and Andy Pedersen - Elaine Reynolds (tie)**
- Saturday morning 499er Pairs: **Matthew Queler - Chad Clanton**
- Saturday afternoon Open Pairs: **Daniel Aldrich - Jacob Baron**
- Saturday afternoon B/C/D Pairs: **Haoyi You - Jichong Chai**
- Saturday afternoon 499er Pairs: **Edward Umbrell - Stephen Umbrell**
- Sunday Open Teams: **Robert Bell - Fred King - Hailong Ao - Weizhong Bao**
- Sunday Bracketed Teams Bracket 1: **John McCormick - Eleanor Schwartz - Terry Klein - Bob Lawrence and Mansur Hasib - Jessie Brinkley - Dave Marchal - Jakob Madsen (tie)**

- Sunday Bracketed Teams Bracket 2: **Hamilton Sawczuk - Lisa Eklund - Jim Dickson - Jacob Baron**
- Sunday Bracketed Teams Bracket 3: **Angela Howard - Willis Chang - Aaron Cogbill - Matthew Queler - Isaac Belfer**

On Saturday afternoon at the tournament, we celebrated the success of local players in recent NABC events, including **Rick Bingham - Mel Yudkin - Colin Schloss - Alan Munro**, winners of the 2025 Grand National Teams Flight B, **Luke Brezak - Hamilton Sawczuk**, winners of the 2026 North American Pairs Flight C, and several others. **Marty Bley** provided congratulatory carrot cake. By popular request, Marty agreed to share her carrot cake recipe:

### **Marty's Carrot Cake**

For the cake:

4 eggs  
 1.5 cups of vegetable oil  
 2 cups of sugar  
 2 cups of flour (I use King Arthur)  
 2 tsp of cinnamon  
 2 tsp of baking powder  
 2 tsp of baking soda  
 3 to 4 cups of grated carrots (about 1 pound of carrots)

Grate carrots. Beat eggs, sugar, and oil well for 5ish minutes while you measure the dry ingredients. Add dry ingredients (except carrots) and mix well. Add carrots until combined. Bake in a greased and floured bundt pan at 325 degrees for 55 to 60ish minutes until a toothpick comes out clean. Let cool before putting on a plate. Let cool completely before icing.

For the icing:

two 8 ounce packages of cream cheese  
 1 stick of salted butter  
 up to about 1 cup of confectioners sugar  
 2 tsp of vanilla  
 a couple of tablespoons of COLD milk

Beat cream cheese and butter until fluffy. Add confectioners sugar in 1/4 cup intervals until you reach the desired sweetness, beating thoroughly and scraping the bowl between each addition. (Mostly I use 1/2 to 3/4 cup of confectioners sugar. I taste it between additions, and once I reach 1/2 cup of sugar added I add the rest in smaller amounts. You don't want it too sweet.) Add the vanilla and beat well. Taste it, and if more sugar is needed, add a small amount and taste again. Once you have the desired sweetness, add a couple of tablespoons of COLD milk while the mixer runs, to "pull it together".

Ice the cake and put it in the refrigerator to set. Take it out of the fridge several hours before serving.

### **Club News**

- The **Tuesday morning game at Bethlehem Lutheran** is cancelled on April 21 because the church is an election polling place.
- If you plan to play in the **Tuesday evening game at Army-Navy Country Club** on April 21 or April 28, please be sure to sign up in advance on [RSVP Bridge](#). Attendance may be down because of the Gatlinburg and Rehoboth regionals, and if it drops below 5 tables the game will not be held.

## Selected Upcoming Tournaments

- [Gatlinburg Regional](#) - Mon Apr 20 to Sun Apr 26
- [Rehoboth Beach Regional](#) - Mon Apr 27 to Fri May 1
- [Williamsburg Sectional](#) - Thu May 7 to Sat May 9
- [Silver Spring Sectional](#) - Thu May 14 to Sun May 17
- [Richmond Sectional](#) - Fri May 29 to Sun May 31
- [Baltimore Sectional](#) - Fri Jun 5 to Sun Jun 7
- The NVBA website has a list of other [tournaments of interest](#)

## Useful Links

**Link of the week:** If you play on BBO, check out the [BBO Helper](#) browser extension, which adds a variety of features including automatic alerts, the real names of most ACBL opponents, and additional double dummy information in the history pane (suggested by **Mark Chen**). 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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