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**Dear Mark:**

Please be on the lookout for a postal mailing from the NVBA Board and District 6 administrators regarding events in our area.



### **Return of the In-Person Unit Games:**

- Members of NVBA and WBL are welcome to play in either the Thursday in-person Unit game or the Thursday online Unit game on BBO regardless of which club is hosting the game.
- Starting on Thursday, 4/28, NVBA will host in-person games at the Beth El Hebrew Congregation (3830 Seminary Rd, Alexandria, VA 22304) every other week. For these NVBA hosted in-person Unit games:
  - The games will start at 7:00 pm.
  - Initially, three sections of games will be scheduled - Open, Flight B (under 2500), and 199ers, with a minimum of three tables required for a section to run.
  - The game fee is \$10.00 plus a security fee of \$2.00. Working to become a cash-free enterprise, NVBA plans to use Square - hardware for processing credit cards - for the purchase of all entry fees.
  - You must be vaccinated and be able to provide proof to both the NVBA and Beth El. There are no exceptions. You will only need to do this once for each organization.
  - The Beth El Mask Policy states masks are optional. However, if any player requests that all wear masks at their table, NVBA asks that the request be honored. Please bring a mask and mask-up if requested.
  - The main entrance doors are locked at all times. NVBA will have a person at the doors from 6:30 pm until just before 7:00 pm to allow players to enter. Please try to arrive by 6:45 pm.
  - Beth El is a no smoking campus. Smoking is prohibited inside or out while on Beth El property.
- Starting on Thursday, 5/5, WBL will host the in-person games at the Ohr Kodesh Congregation (8300 Meadowbrook Lane, Chevy Chase, MD 20815) every other week. For these WBL hosted in-person Unit games:
  - The games will start at 7:30 pm.
  - You must be fully vaccinated (including a booster) unless you have a documented medical exemption. Documentary evidence of vaccination or medical exemption is required to enter the OKC building.
  - For more information, please visit the WBL web site [Unit 147, Washington Bridge League](#).

### **NVBA Spring Sectional:**

- The in-person NVBA Spring Sectional will be from Thursday, 5/12 to Sunday, 5/15!

- Thursday's games will be at Beth El. Then the Sectional moves to Arlington/Fairfax Elks Lodge #2188 for Friday thru Sunday's play.
- The schedule can be found at [NVBA Spring Sectional](#).
- Since proof of vaccination is required to play in this Sectional, save time by going to the NVBA website where you can register and provide information on your COVID vaccination status prior to playing at [NVBA Mid-May Sectional Registration](#).
- NVBA is maintaining a [NVBA Spring Sectional FAQ](#) web page.
- Pick up a flyer when you play face-to-face games this week.

#### NVBA News:

- The **NVBA Annual Meeting** will be held as a Zoom meeting on Thursday, 5/5 starting at 5:30 pm. At the meeting, the terms for two of the four Board Officers – Vice President and Treasurer – and two of the five Executive Directors will expire. If you, or someone you know, is interested in running for one of these positions, please email [Georgette Weiss, NVBA President](#) and/or [Jay Simon, NVBA Vice President](#). Additional information concerning the Annual Meeting will be forthcoming.
- April is Charity Month for the ACBL Charity Foundation. All in-person games played in April can be designated by the director as a charity game with upgraded black points.
- All games listed with times in green on the [Clubs](#) page of the NVBA web site are holding in-person games! Anyone who is interested in an in-person game should contact the director listed in advance to confirm the game is on and to make a reservation.
- Here is the current schedule for [NVBA online games](#) on BBO.

#### Thursday's Online Unit Games:

- This Thursday, NVBA and WBL will have their normal weekly joint unit games on BBO with Open, Flight B (under 2500), 499er, 199er, and 0-20 sections. Congrats to those who did well in last week's [Open](#), [0-2500](#), and [499er](#) unit games!
- Pregame Lesson - Bridge pro Jeff Roman answers questions and gives online lessons each week before the Unit Games. It's a great opportunity for NVBAers to get his insight and advice! Join [Jeff Roman's Zoom Lesson](#) at 6PM!
- Jeff Roman, Alan Schwartz, and many others participate in a postgame discussion after the Unit Games. Join the [Unit Game Zoom Postgame Discussion](#) right after the Open Unit Game is over. If you need technical help with Zoom, email [Joe Hertz](#).
- There are no plans to change the schedule or lineup of online Unit games due to the return of in-person Unit games.

#### District Six and ACBL Events:

- The next monthly [District Six Wide Online Pair Game](#) will be on BBO this Wednesday, 4/20. Games are open to all members of the district and their guests. The 199er game starts at 7:05 pm, the 999er at 7:10 pm, and the Open at 7:15 pm.
- Stardust Week happens at the BBO Virtual Clubs from Monday, 4/25 thru Sunday, 5/1. All games will award double regular club masterpoints, and the points awarded will be 25% gold, 75% black!
- On Monday, 5/2, the [Rehoboth Beach Regional](#) begins five days of in-person tournament bridge play as gold points and red points are awarded at the Rehoboth Beach Convention Center.

- If you cannot attend the Regional tournament, play the in-person District 6 Sectional Tournament at Clubs. Check out the [STaC D6 Participating Clubs](#) web page to learn if your club is participating from Monday, 5/2 thru Sunday, 5/8.
- If you cannot play enough bridge at the NVBA Spring Sectional, you can also play the online Grass Roots Weekend on BBO. This new online special event runs Saturday, 5/14 and Sunday, 5/15. You can win double black points. More information to follow.

Play well and have fun!

Your NVBA board

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