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**From:** NVBA Board of Directors <announcements@nvba.org>  
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**Subject:** NVBA Newsletter 2/13/2023 - Winter Sectional is Here!

**Dear Mark:**

The [NVBA Winter Sectional](#) starts up this week! Join us for four days of face-to-face bridge right in our backyard! Play starts Thursday 2/16 and continues through Sunday 2/19. The opening night session will be in-person Thursday Night Unit Games at both the NVBA and the WBL locations. The combined table counts are used to determine overall masterpoints for that night. Let's bring back the "old" pre-pandemic excitement of competing at your favorite location for lots of silver points! See [Winter Sectional Flyer](#) for the full schedule and policies. In particular, please note we are CASHLESS: Be sure to have a credit card with you to pay for entries and food. Even better, use the [ACBL Entry Express](#) to sign-up for a game beforehand. Encourage your ACBL friends with fewer than 5 ACBL masterpoints to play: They can receive a free play (no game fee) at any Sectional game!



### **NVBA Winter Sectional - Entry Express Instructions:**

- **Entry Express** provides the ability for ACBL members to purchase their entries for any NVBA Winter Sectional game in advance and save time when arriving at the playing site.
- Click on the link [NVBA Winter Sectional - Entry Express](#). If you see your name in the upper right-hand corner, you are ready to purchase. If not, click on the login button and login into the ACBL web site.
- Once logged in, you select any session of the Sectional and purchase an entry. The cost will be \$14 per player per session.
- After completing your purchase, you will receive a confirmation email with instructions about what to do once you arrive at the site to play.
- When using **Entry Express**, you must buy your entry no later than 11:59 pm on the day before the session is played.
- Please do not use **Entry Express** if you are applying for a discount, such as Juniors and players with less than 5 masterpoints.
- See [Entry Express Help](#) if you have any other questions.

### **Thursday Night Unit Games:**

- **This week - NVBA Winter Sectional - Thursday, 2/16:**
  - To kick-off the in-person NVBA Winter Sectional, NVBA will be hosting Stratiflighted Pairs games at Beth El. There will be A/X Pairs (unlimited/4000 max), B/C/D Pairs (2500 max/1500 max/750 max), and 199er Pairs (200 max/100 max/50 max) games as long as the three-table minimum required for a section to run is met. All games start promptly at 7:00pm.
  - If you need a partner for the games at Beth El, please email Jason Carter at [NVBA Partnership Desk](#).
  - For this game, we are offering free plays (no game fee) to the following players, although they will still need to pay the security fee:

- Any ACBL member with fewer than 5 ACBL masterpoints
  - Any in-person unit game first-timer, regardless of their masterpoint total.
  - Anyone who has not played at an in-person NVBA Unit Game since January 2020.
- To get a seat at a table before the game day, see the ACBL **Entry Express** information above.
- As part of the Sectional, WBL will be hosting an in-person Stratiflighted Pairs game at their home club. Please visit the [WBL Home Page](#) for additional information concerning their in-person Unit game policies, procedures, and partnership opportunities.
- Due to the Sectional, there will be no Zoom Postgame Discussion.
- **Next week - Thursday, 2/23:**
  - NVBA will be hosting an in-person Education Foundation Pairs. Please visit the [NVBA Unit Game Page](#) for additional information concerning the in-person Unit game policies, procedures, and partnership opportunities.
  - WBL will be hosting the NVBA/WBL Joint "Unit" Pairs Games on BBO with Open, Flight B (under 2500), 499er, and 199er games. The 499er and 199er games start promptly at 7:05pm. The other two - Open and Flight B - begin at 7:15pm.
  - We will have the [Zoom Postgame Discussion](#) after the online play.
- See [2023 Unit Game Schedule, January – March](#) and [NVBA Unit Game Results](#) for more information.

#### NVBA, District 6, and ACBL News:

- Congratulations to Hal Hindman and Jay Cherlow (Flight A), Weizhong Bao, Huailin Chen, and Jim Zhong (Flight A), and Nancy Smagala and Craig Pritzker (Flight B) for making it to the District Level GNT Finals! See [District Six GNT Results](#) for details.
- Congratulations to Ron Kral (Emerald Life Master 7500 MPs) and the other NVBA players who achieved recent [ACBL Rank Changes!](#)
- Register by 2/22 for the Wednesday night [District 5/District 6 Spring 2023 Online IMP League](#). Play is from 3/1 through 5/31 with breaks during the ACBL Spring National and the Gatlinburg Regional. If you've never played in this event, why not? It's great fun if you like team games. The league is a "round-robin" where you play every other team once. Teams of 4-6 players play a 9-session competition against teams with similar masterpoints. Where else can you play a bridge competition from the comfort of your home, and play with teammates who might live in a different city? And the concept provides competition and masterpoints for all experience levels. See [Spring Online Imp League email](#) for additional details.
- District Six we will be holding another District-wide online pairs game on Wednesday 2/15/23. Game times will be 7:05 pm for the 0-199 game, 7:10 pm for the 0-999 game, and 7:15 for the Open game.
- AARP is sponsoring the Larry Cohen webinar series "Bridge to Brain Health - Learning Bridge: The Game of a Lifetime" on Tuesday mornings. The 5th of 5 sessions is entitled "Bring it all Home" and is Tuesday, 2/14. For more information, including recordings and class notes from previous sessions, see [Bridge to Brain Health](#) web page.
- February is ACBL Educational Foundation Month - For in-person clubs, all sessions in February can be run as an Educational Foundation game and will award double regular club black points. Check with your local club for details.
- There are 14 in-person club games listed with times in green on the updated [Clubs](#) page of the NVBA website that are scheduled to be held. Anyone who is interested in playing an in-person game should contact the listed director in advance to confirm the game is on and to make a reservation.
- Here is the current schedule for [NVBA Online Games](#) on BBO.

#### Upcoming Sectional and Regional Tournaments:

- NVBA Winter Sectional - Thursday, 2/16, thru Sunday, 2/19 - See the [Tournament Flyer](#) and the ACBL web page at [NVBA Winter Sectional](#).
- Jefferson Bridge Sectional (Charlottesville)- Friday, 3/3, thru Sunday, 3/5 - See the ACBL web page at [Jefferson Bridge Sectional](#).
- St. Patrick's Day Sectional (Fredericksburg) - Friday, 3/10, thru Sunday, 3/12 - See the ACBL web page at [St. Patrick's Day Sectional](#).
- Hagerstown Spring Sectional - Friday, 3/17, thru Sunday, 3/19 - See the [Tournament Flyer](#) and the ACBL web page at [Hagerstown Spring Sectional](#).
- NVBA Spring Sectional - Thursday, 3/30, thru Sunday, 4/2 - See the ACBL web page at [NVBA Spring Sectional](#).

See you at the sectional, play well, and have fun!

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