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From: NVBA Board of Directors <announcements@nvba.org>
Sent: Monday, June 5, 2023 7:09 AM
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Subject: NVBA E-News - Lots of Local In-Person Bridge Coming Up!

Dear Mark:

The NVBA LM/NLM game was a rousing success, we had twenty-one tables total! Congratulations to Virginia Ivin & Debra Graham who won [Section A](#) and Jay Simon & Alisa Lofgren who won [Section B](#)! Wasn't that great to have a room full of people playing in-person bridge?



Good news, there is another chance for us to play in-person bridge with lots of others and we can win SILVER masterpoints! The Washington Bridge League presents their [Spring Sectional](#) at the Schweinhaut Senior Center in Silver Spring June 8-11. On Thursday, there will be a single session pair game starting at 10:30AM at the St. James Episcopal Church, and pair games in the evening at two sites (Ohr Kodesh at 7:30PM and Beth El Hebrew at 7PM). There will be single session pair games on Friday. On Saturday, Flight A/X players get the opportunity to play a 2-session qualifying and final pair event for the Steve Robinson Trophy! Other flights will play single session games. There will be a 2-session Swiss (top-flight) or Bracketed (lower flights) Teams on Sunday with single session team events for intermediate/newcomers. See the [flyer](#) containing the tournament schedule and other details. During the breaks, enjoy the many nice [restaurants near Margaret Schweinhaut Center](#).

Not too long after the WBL Sectional, you can play in an even bigger tournament, the [Reston Regional](#) is occurring July 3-9! Players will have many opportunities to win GOLD Masterpoints. There will be Gold Rush pairs on five days, as well as GOLD RUSH Swiss or Bracketed Teams on all but Monday. See the schedule on the flier [here](#). Nearby parking will be subsidized courtesy of tournament sponsor [Krauss Investment Group](#). There are also many great restaurants nearby. **Please book your rooms now while they are still at the special \$117 bridge rate**, see the [Reston Regional flier](#) for hotel reservation details. For players who are new or just need to brush up on their bridge we are offering Bridge University on Monday morning July 3. Attend free classes and then play a game for masterpoints! We also offer lectures every afternoon on different bridge conventions or strategies. If you have any questions about the Reston regional, see the [4th of July Regional Welcome Back Letter](#) or email/call Tournament co-chair [Georgette Weiss](#) at 202-441-1182.

Thursday Night Unit Games

- This week - Thursday, 6/8:
 - NVBA will host an in-person 7PM [strati-flighted pairs](#) unit game at [Beth El](#) as a part of the [WBL Sectional](#).
 - If you need a partner for the unit game at Beth El, please email Jason Carter at the [NVBA Partnership Desk](#).
 - If you are an ACBL member with fewer than 5 ACBL Masterpoints® or a first-time player to the NVBA Unit Game, you only pay the security fee. The game fee is waived. For more details, see the [NVBA Unit Game](#) page.
 - There is no BBO online game.

- Next week - Thursday, 6/15:
 - NVBA will be hosting an in-person Sectional Tournament at Clubs ([STaC](#)) game. Play in the normal unit game but you can win silver points!
 - WBL will be hosting the BBO online game.
- [PLAN AHEAD](#) -- The [NVBA Unit Game](#) will be In-Person at Beth El all five June Thursdays at 7PM each week.
 - June 08 -- WBL Sectional, **Silver** Masterpoints® at Sectional Rate
 - June 15 -- Sectional Tournament at Clubs (STaC), **Silver** Masterpoints® at 81.8% Sectional Rate
 - June 22 -- The Longest Day®, **Black** Masterpoints® at 63.6% Sectional Rate, see below
 - June 29 -- North American Pairs Club Qualifier, half **Red**/half **Black** Masterpoints® at 81.8% Sectional Rate

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- Click [here](#) to contribute to the [Bridge Heroes 2023 team](#) Alzheimer's Association/ACBL annual The Longest Day® fund-raising campaign. Thanks to many who have made advance contributions, we are already at 12% of our goal. Bridge-related events for this campaign will be held from Sunday June 18 through Sunday June 25.
- The ACBL Educational Foundation is hosting an [Online Charity Auction for Spark\(!\)](#), bidding opened on 6/1/23. Bid on an amazing array of world champions, bridge celebrities, authors and legends to partner YOU in a 20-board online Pro-Am game on 7/10/23! The event is to raise revenue which will be dedicated to "Spark!" - the ACBL young adult (age 17-31) initiative. This fund will use these dollars exclusively to provide grants for projects and programs which promote bridge in that age group
- Congratulations to the NVBA players who won masterpoints in the [May 2023 Richmond Regional](#).
- There are 17 in-person club games listed with times in green on the updated [Clubs](#) page of the NVBA website that are scheduled to be held. [Gene Schuyler's Wednesday Morning 10:30AM game](#) is reopening June 7. 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, Regional, and National Tournaments

- [WBL Spring Sectional](#) - Thursday 6/8 to Sunday 6/11
- [National Capital July 4th Regional](#) - Monday 7/3 to Sunday 7/9
- [Chicago Summer NABC](#) - Thursday 7/13 to Sunday 7/23
- [WBL Summer Sectional](#), Thursday 8/3 to Sunday 8-6
- [Baltimore Regional](#) - Monday 8/21 to Sunday 8/27
- [NVBA Fall Sectional](#) - Thursday 10/12 to Sunday 10/15

Play well, have fun, and see you at the tables!

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