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Dear Mark:

Thanks to all of you who participated and donated to the Alzheimer's Association's "Longest Day" campaign! NVBA's "Longest Day" efforts were on TV in the news, check out the video at [Bridge players gather to raise money, awareness for Alzheimer's Association!](#) As of this morning, [Bridge Heroes 2023](#) and their \$18,505 raised ranks [sixth](#) among all ACBL teams in the event. Although "The Longest Week" ended yesterday, the fundraising campaign continues. Funds raised and reported by July 31 are counted in the campaign for ACBL, and funds raised and reported by August 31 are counted in the Alzheimer's Association's 2023 campaign. So you haven't missed your opportunity to make a generous contribution through the [Bridge Heroes 2023 team](#). Besides being credited to the team, these funds can also be credited to your choice of the Team members -- individuals or clubs. Bridge activities continue through August 31, contact Team Captain [Kevin O'Brien](#) for more information. We can reach the \$22,000 team goal.



Reston Regional, coming July 3-9

The [National Capital 4th of July Regional](#) is occurring July 3-9! See the schedule on the flier [here](#). We have an excellent location in [Reston Town Center](#) – walk to many restaurants and shops, and a fine host hotel ([Hyatt Regency](#)). **Rooms are still available at the special \$117 bridge rate**, see the [Reston Regional flier](#) for hotel reservation details.

Here are some new things about the tournament since last week's E-newsletter:

- Parking - There is an [updated information sheet](#) on parking. Thank you to tournament sponsor [Krauss Investment Group](#) for subsidizing parking. Those participating in Bridge University and playing Monday afternoon will be reimbursed for the entire day.
- Third Session on Wed/Thur - Reston Regional will be offering an online component to the schedule. Now working players can play in the Reston Regional on Wednesday and Thursday evening and win GOLD! It is a two-evening event starting at 7:30. It is \$20 each session, the same as every other two-session event. For those of us who like to play three times a day this is our opportunity. The game will be played on BBO.
- Entries - [ACBL Entry Express](#) has been activated to buy entries for this tournament in advance.

We have great activities for new players!

- Bridge University - ACBL District 6 is offering free bridge Lessons. [Bridge University](#) will be held on Monday July 3rd with up to four (of 12) free lessons and then a FREE intermediate/Novice 199er game. Make your plans to attend and take advantage of this free offer. See this [flyer](#) for more information. Commuters parking for the entire day will be fully reimbursed (see [parking](#)).
- Intermediate/Newcomer Lecture Series - There are lots of [Intermediate/Newcomer Events](#).

See the [4th of July Regional Welcome Back Letter](#) for detailed information on the following topics:

- Who's who at this Tournament?
- Health and Safety Guidelines
- Get Your Results
- Partnerships
- Hospitality
- ZERO Tolerance
- Prizes
- Electronic Device Policy
- Smoking and Scents Policy

If you have any questions about the Reston regional, email Tournament co-chair [Georgette Weiss](#) or call at 202-441-1182.

Thursday Night Unit Games Schedule

- This week - Thursday, 6/29:
 - NVBA will host an in-person 7PM [North American Pairs](#) Club Qualifier, half **Red**/half **Black** Masterpoints® at 81.8% Sectional Rate.
 - If you need a partner for the unit game at Beth El, please email Jason Carter at the [NVBA Partnership Desk](#).
 - The NVBA Unit Game now uses the RSVP Bridge reservation system. See this RSVP Bridge [YouTube video](#) for details. If you did not get an RSVP Bridge email invitation, please email [Jim Gerding](#) and he can add you to the Northern Virginia Unit Game Group. Although walk-ins are always welcome, using the reservation system helps the game start on time and run more smoothly.
 - WBL is hosting the BBO online unit game. The 499er game starts at 7:05PM, and the open and flight B games start at 7:15PM.
- **PLAN AHEAD** -- The [NVBA Unit Game](#) will be In-Person at Beth El all summer Thursdays at 7PM each week.
 - July 06 -- **closed** for Reston Regional
 - July 13 -- [NAP](#) Qualifier
 - July 20 -- [NAP](#) Qualifier
 - July 27 -- [Stratiflighted](#) Unit Championship
 - See the NVBA Website for the rest of the [Third Quarter Unit Game schedule](#) and [Unit Game Results](#).

District Six, ACBL and NVBA News

- The club qualifying period for players to compete to play in the [North American Pairs](#) District-level Finals and win a subsidized trip to the Spring NABC in Louisville, KY, March 13-24, 2024 is underway. [Club qualifier games](#) are being held in Face-To-Face and Online games on BBO from June-August 2023.
- The ACBL Educational Foundation is hosting an [Online Charity Auction for Spark\(!\)](#). 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

- Check out the [NVBA Awards - standings and history](#) in the "Awards and Contests" section of the NVBA website. You can see the 2023 Mini McKinney and Ace of Clubs leaders. See also the [BBO Monthly Bidding Challenge](#). Answers for the June 2023 BBO Bidding Contest are due 6/28/23!
- 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. 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

- [National Capital July 4th Regional](#) - Monday 7/3 to Sunday 7/9
- [Chicago Summer NABC](#) - Thursday 7/13 to Sunday 7/23
- [Virginia Beach Summer Sectional](#) - Friday 7/28 to Sunday 7/30
- [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 Fourth of July Regional!

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