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Dear Mark:

After a four-year hiatus due to the pandemic, it was great to have big time regional bridge in our backyard in Reston! Congrats to the NVBA players who did well, there are a lot of us in the [National Capital Regional Masterpoint Winners](#) list. The [Chicago NABC](#) starts on Thursday. Good luck to those travelling to the national tournament and hope you enjoy the even bigger bridge experience!



Thursday Night Unit Games Schedule

- This week - Thursday, 7/13:
 - 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.
 - NVBA is also hosting an online [NAP](#) Club Qualifier unit game. The 499er game starts at 7:05PM, and the open and flight B games start at 7:15PM.
 - WBL is also hosting an in-person [NAP](#) Club Qualifier unit game.
- [PLAN AHEAD](#) -- The [NVBA Unit Game](#) will be In-Person at Beth El all summer Thursdays at 7PM each week.
 - July 20 -- [NAP](#) Qualifier
 - July 27 -- [Stratiflighted](#) Club Championship
 - See the NVBA Website for the rest of the online [Third Quarter Unit Game schedule](#) and [Unit Game Results](#).

ACBL, District Six and NVBA News

- The ACBL Educational Foundation's [First Online Charity Auction for Spark\(!\)](#) is complete! The event is to raise revenue which will be dedicated to "Spark!" - the ACBL young adult (age 17-31) initiative. Click

[here](#) to see the winning bids to play with an amazing array of world champions, bridge celebrities, authors and legends in the **20-board online Pro-Am game tonight 7/10/23 at 7PM!** NVBA member Terry Jones is extremely excited to have placed the winning bid to play with bridge personality George Jacobs! There is a [Second Online Charity Auction for Spark\(!\)](#) which features a [live Zoom kibitzer party available for \\$10](#) which includes expert commentary, interactions with commentators and players, and an invitation to the zoom after-party with the players! **Entries must be purchased by 3PM today!** This will be a fun evening to schmooze with and learn from the top pros and your fellow bridge players, while supporting a good cause! The online auction has raised over \$62,000 so far. These funds will be used exclusively to provide grants for projects and programs which promote bridge in the 17-31 age group. It is not too late to purchase an [entry](#) to kibitz or even grab a partner and sign up to play in Section B or Section C.

- The in-person [ACBL Summer Instant Matchpoint Game](#) is on 7/10/23. The closest location is the 12PM game at the [District of Columbia DBC](#). Go back to the [IMG](#) website on 7/11/23 for exclusive video analysis from experts Robert Barrington and Gavin Wolpert.
- As of this morning, [Bridge Heroes 2023](#) and their \$19,389 raised ranks [seventh](#) among all ACBL teams in the event. Although "The Longest Week" ended on 6/25/23, the fundraising campaign continues. Funds raised and reported by 7/31/23 are counted in the campaign for ACBL, and funds raised and reported by 8/31/23 are counted in the Alzheimer's Association's 2023 campaign. You can still make a generous contribution through the [Bridge Heroes 2023 team](#) and help them get to their \$22,000 goal. Bridge activities continue through 8/31/23, contact Team Captain [Kevin O'Brien](#) for more information.
- 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 until August 2023.
- Congratulations to the NVBA players who achieved new [ACBL Rank Changes](#).
- 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 Results](#) - 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

It was great seeing many of you at the Fourth of July Regional. Play well, have fun, and see you at the tables!

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