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Dear Mark:

Thursday Night Unit Games:

This Thursday, 7/21, NVBA will host an in-person North American Pairs Qualifiers at Beth El. Games start promptly at 7:00PM. NAP Qualifier



- Northern Virginia Bridge Association masterpoints are awarded in equal amounts of two colors - red and black - with the total at an approximate 3.75 times the normal club game award.
- Please visit The NVBA Unit Game on the NVBA website for additional information concerning Unit • game policies and procedures.
- For those looking for a partner for the NVBA-hosted in-person games on Thursday, Marty Bley will be running a partnership desk. For more information, please visit NVBA Partnership Desk on the NVBA website.
- For those who wish to play online this Thursday, WBL will be hosting the weekly joint Unit games on BBO with Open, Flight B (under 2500), 499er, 199er, and 0-20 sections. The 499er, 199er, and 0-20 games start promptly at 7:05PM. The other two - Open and Flight B - begin at 7:15PM.
- Due to prior commitments, there will be no Zoom Postgame Discussion this week after the online play.

Baltimore Regional:

- Looking for a chance to win gold masterpoints? Set your sights on the **Baltimore Regional**. It begins 5 • weeks from today! The tournament is occurring from Monday, 8/22, to Sunday, 8/28, at the Baltimore Convention Center.
- New and Intermediate players are very welcome at the Regional. Bridge University will be held on Monday and daily lectures will be given on Tuesday through Friday. More specific information can be found at the **Bridge University and Daily I/N Teachers** page on the NVBA website.
- Stay at the beautiful Baltimore Inner Harbor Hilton! It connects to the Baltimore Convention Center via an enclosed, climate-controlled pedestrian walkway.
- Register at the Hilton by Thursday, 7/28, for a special room rate. See the link above for more information and the special rate code.

NVBA, District Six, and ACBL News:

- The third NVBA Newsletter for 2022 has been posted as the **Current Newsletter** on the NVBA website.
- Congratulations to the 14 players who had their ACBL rank upgraded last month. See NVBA Member ACBL Rank Changes for the list.
- The NVBA Board has posted the minutes from their June 5 Board meeting on the NVBA Board and Annual Meeting Minutes web page.

- There are 15 in-person club games listed with times in green on the updated <u>Clubs</u> 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 **<u>NVBA online games</u>** on BBO.
- District Six-wide Online Pair Games will be held as District 6 NAP Qualifier Games on two Wednesdays in both July and August. Play for increased amounts of red and black masterpoints on 7/27, 8/17, and 8/31! Games begin at 7:15PM on BBO. NAP stratifications are: Unlimited/2500/500. For more information, go to NAP - District Six Bridge.
- The Bridge Heroes 2022 team is continuing fund-raising through August 31. Both the team and ACBL has just passed the 80% marks for reaching their goal. Please help them reach 100% by contributing at Bridge Heroes 2022. If you have any questions, please contact <u>Kevin O'Brien</u>.

Reminder About Partnership Desks:

For a variety of reasons, many players are looking for a partner these days. Several are turning to Partnership Desks for assistance. And for good reason - the Partnership Desks have been successful. Please be aware that Partnership Desks are unique for each event. NVBA Partnership Desk for Thursday Night Unit games is for NVBA-hosted in-person Thursday Night Unit games only. According to the WBL website, they offer a similar service for their events. The flyer for the Baltimore Regional linked above provides information for the Partnership Desk for that event. So, if you are looking for a partner, please check the event website or flyer to see if a Partnership Desk has been established. If you cannot find out, please contact the event Director and inquire. Good luck.

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

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