Mark Chen

Dear Mark:

Thursday Night Unit Games:

- This Thursday, 8/4, NVBA will host an in-person North American Pairs Qualifier at Beth El. Games start promptly at 7:00PM. NAP Qualifier masterpoints are awarded in equal amounts of two colors - red and black - at an increased factor times the normal club game award.
- Please visit **The NVBA Unit Game** on the NVBA website for additional information concerning game policies and procedures.
- For those looking for a partner for the NVBA-hosted in-person games on Thursday, Marty Bley is running a partnership desk for this event. For more information, please visit **NVBA Partnership Desk** on the NVBA website.
- Since the return of the in-person Unit Games at Beth El, NVBA has welcomed 107 players. That's over 26 tables. Are you one of those players? If so, we hope that you return. If you are not, please come out this Thursday and enjoy in-person bridge again.
- 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.
- This week, we are fortunate to have the informative **Jeff Roman Zoom Postgame Discussion** after the online play.

Baltimore Regional:

- The seven-day Baltimore Regional begins 3 weeks from today at the Baltimore Convention Center. See **Baltimore Regional Update** for an 8-page pamphlet with lots of new information.
- New and Intermediate players are very welcome at the Regional. Bridge University will be held on Monday and daily lectures will be given at 2:15PM on Tuesday through Friday. More specific information can be found on page 3 of the Update linked above and 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.
- If you have not reserved your room at the Hilton and would like the special room rate, please follow the online approach - go to **https://book.passkey.com/e/50238921**. You will be redirected to "https://book.passkey.com/event/50238921/owner/61726/landing" and receive the special room rate, if it is still available. We recommend reserving your room as soon as possible.
- Please note that the best telephone number to reach Avril Rodney, the Partnership Chair for the event, is 571-269-7079.

NVBA, District Six, and ACBL News:

- The next NVBA Board Meeting is scheduled for this Sunday, 8/7, starting at 9:30AM via Zoom. Please email **Joe Hertz** if you wish to attend.
- There are 15 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.
- District Six-wide Online Pair Games will be held as District 6 NAP Qualifier Games on two Wednesdays in August. Play for increased amounts of red and black masterpoints on 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**.
- Both The **Bridge Heroes 2022 team** and the ACBL begin their final fund-raising month at 89% of their goal. Please help them reach 100%. If you have any questions, please contact **Kevin O'Brien**.

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

Your NVBA Board