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From: NVBA Board of Directors <announcements@nvba.org>
Sent: Monday, November 14, 2022 10:20 AM
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Subject: NVBA Weekly Email 11/14/2022 - GNT District Six Finals Dates are Set

Dear Mark:

The ACBL Grand National Teams (GNT) contest begins with each of the ACBL's 25 districts selecting teams to represent them at the national GNT competition at the summer North American Bridge Championship (NABC). The District Six GNT finals Open Flight starts on 1/7/2023 and Flights A, B, and C each start on 2/4/2023. The exact start times of the events are still TBD. This year the Open competition will be in-person while the Flight A, B, and C competitions will be held on BBO. Teams are not required to qualify at a club before entering the district competition. Pre-registration is due about 10 days before the start date. Please visit the [District 6 Bridge](#) web site for registration details and the complete schedule for each flight.



Thursday Night Unit Games:

- NVBA will be hosting an in-person Upgraded Club Championship (UpCC) on Thursday, 11/17, at Beth El. There will be Open, Flight B (under 2500), and 199er games as long as the three-table minimum required for a section to run is met. All games start promptly at 7:00PM. UpCC masterpoints are awarded at an increased factor times the normal club game award.
- Marty Bley is running the NVBA Partnership Desk for the 11/17 UpCC game. For more information, please visit [NVBA Partnership Desk](#) on the NVBA website.
- Please visit the [NVBA Unit Game](#) page for additional information concerning the in-person game policies and procedures.
- For those who wish to play online this Thursday, 11/17, WBL will be hosting the weekly joint Unit games on BBO with Open, Flight B (under 2500), 499er, and 199er games. The 499er and 199er games start promptly at 7:05PM. The other two - Open and Flight B - begin at 7:15PM.
- We will have the [Zoom Postgame Discussion](#) after the online play.

NVBA, District 6, and ACBL News:

- The monthly Wednesday Night District 6 Online Pair Game will be played on BBO this week on 11/16. Game times will be 7:05pm for the 0-199 game, 7:10pm for the 0-999 game, and 7:15pm for the Open game. Everyone who is a District 6 member is eligible to play in this event, and District 6 members can invite a player from outside the district to play as their guest. If you have any problems registering, please send a BBO chat message to the VACB139840 account — that will reach the director of the game who will be able to address the situation for you.
- The next meeting of the NVBA Board will be held virtually on Sunday, 11/20, beginning at 9:30am. If you wish to attend, please sign in at [Join Zoom Meeting](#).
- A District 6 STaC Tournament will be held the week of Monday, 12/5, to Sunday, 12/11. Gold, red, silver, and black masterpoints will be awarded at these in-person games. Check out the [ACBL List of Participating Clubs](#) to learn if your club plans to participate.

- 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.
- Congratulations to all NVBAers who achieved recent [ACBL Rank Changes](#). Congratulations also to Dave Delzingaro who achieved Life Master status at the recent Lancaster regional (will appear in the next rank changes update).

Bidding Contests:

- Several of us have tried the interactive [ACBL Bidding Contest](#), it is very nice! Every week on Monday five hands will appear automatically in the app on your (and your partner's) phone or tablet. You bid these hands with your partner, turn by turn. After the bidding is over (sometimes Opps interfere), you get a score from 0-10. The scoring is imps. You have until Sunday midnight to finish the bidding. Shortly afterwards you will get a detailed score report email that includes showing how an expert pair bid each hand and your weekly ranking. This bidding contest is free for ACBL members! The other aspects of the app (which look pretty good!) require a low-cost subscription.
- For those who like the more traditional survey-like bidding contests, try out [ACBL It's Your Call](#), [BBO Bidders Challenge](#), and the [Bridge World Master Solvers Club](#).

Hope to see you at the bridge tables, play well, and have fun!

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