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From: NVBA Board of Directors <announcements@nvba.org>
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Subject: NVBA Newsletter 2/27/2023 - GNT Winners & Winter Sectional Recap

Dear Mark:

District Six has determined their [Grand National Teams \(GNT\)](#) winners! Click [here](#) for the Open, Flight A, Flight B, and Flight C GNT Finals results and rosters. Congratulations to these NVBA GNT winners!



- Open Flight - Fred King on the Neumann team (1st). Congratulations also to NVBAers Rick Bingham and Mel Yudkin on the Berard team for their strong second place showing in the Open Flight.
- Flight A - Weizong Bao, Huailin Chen, and Jim Zhong on the Bao team (1st)
- Flight B - Fox team (1st) and Nancy Smagala and Craig Pritzker on the Althouse team (2nd). Both teams will represent District Six at the summer NABC.
- Flight C - Helfman team (1st)

Best wishes to our District Six GNT representatives in the [Chicago Summer NABC](#) GNT tournament!

The **NVBA Winter Sectional** was a success, there were over 200 tables for the entire tournament! It was nice to see in-person bridge alive and well, especially Saturday and Sunday when the entire Elks Lodge playing area was full of bridge players! We got lots of positive feedback from many players. Special thanks to Margot Hennings for her work as tournament chair and Jason Carter for his partnership desk work arranging dozens of pairings and teamings. Many thanks to Ted Ying and Jim Gerding for their yeoman's work as the tournament directors. The two of them did a fantastic job handling the large crowd and running the games. Thank you also to all the other volunteers who helped make the tournament a success!

Congratulations to Hailong Ao and Weizong Bao for winning the [2023 Margot & Don Hennings Trophy Pairs](#) (hit link then hover over their name to see their picture)! Congratulations to the 257 NVBA players who are listed in the [NVBA Winners Circle](#) for the 2023 NVBA Winter Sectional.

Attendance in the Winter Sectional was 37% higher compared to the previous September Sectional. Face-to-face bridge is on the rebound! Good news, the [NVBA Spring Sectional](#) is only a little more than a month away, make your plans to play!

Thursday Night Unit Games:

- **This week - Thursday, 3/2:**
 - NVBA will be hosting the NVBA/WBL Joint "Unit" Pairs 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.

- NVBA will have BBO video chat in the 3/2 and 3/16 online unit game. Look for a future message from us on how to setup and use BBO video chat.
- We will have the [Zoom Postgame Discussion](#) after the online play.
- WBL will be hosting an in-person Stratiflighted Unit Championship for ACBL members. Both partners must be ACBL members to win masterpoints. Please visit the [WBL Home Page](#) for additional information concerning their in-person Unit game policies, procedures, and partnership opportunities.
- **Next week - Thursday, 3/9:**
 - NVBA will be hosting a Stratiflighted Unit Championship in-person Pairs games at Beth El. There will be A/X Pairs (unlimited/4000), B/C/D Pairs (2500/1500/750), and 199er Pairs (200/100/50) games as long as the three-table minimum required for a section to run is met. All games start promptly at 7:00pm.
 - If you need a partner for the Education Foundation Pairs games at Beth El, please email Jay Simon at [NVBA Partnership Desk](#).
 - New players play free! For details, see the [NVBA Unit Game](#) page.
 - For those who wish to play online, 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.
- See [2023 Unit Game Schedule, January – March](#) and [NVBA Unit Game Results](#) for more information.

NVBA, District 6, and ACBL News:

- The NVBA Annual Meeting will be on 5/11/23. Five Board positions are up for election: President, Secretary, and three executive members. The current Secretary, Georgia Booker, has informed the Board that she will not be seeking re-election. If you are interested in any of these five positions, please contact the [NVBA Board](#).
- See the [District 5/District 6 Spring 2023 Online IMP League](#) website to see the rosters, results, and standings. Play starts this Wednesday 3/1/23, 52 teams signed up to play. There are NVBA players in all five brackets, good luck to all!
- There are 14 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 Tournaments:

- Jefferson Bridge Sectional (Charlottesville)- Friday, 3/3, thru Sunday, 3/5 - See the [Tournament Flyer](#) and the ACBL web page at [Jefferson Bridge Sectional](#).
- New Orleans Spring NABC - Wednesday, 3/8, thru Sunday 3/19 - See the [Tournament Flyer](#) and the ACBL web page at [New Orleans National](#).
- St. Patrick's Day Sectional (Fredericksburg) - Friday, 3/10, thru Sunday, 3/12 - See the [Tournament Flyer](#) and the ACBL web page at [St. Patrick's Day Sectional](#).
- Hagerstown Spring Sectional - Friday, 3/17, thru Sunday, 3/19 - See the [Tournament Flyer](#) and the ACBL web page at [Hagerstown Spring Sectional](#).
- NVBA Spring Sectional - Thursday, 3/30, thru Sunday, 4/2 - See the [Tournament Flyer](#) and the ACBL web page at [NVBA Spring Sectional](#).
- Gatlinburg Regional - Monday, 4/17, thru Sunday, 4/23 - See the [Tournament Flyer](#) and the ACBL web page for the "Fourth National" at [Gatlinburg Regional](#).

Play well and have fun!

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