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Subject: NVBA Newsletter 3/20/2023 - Spring Sectional, March 30 - April 2

Dear Mark:

Join us for in-person bridge at the [NVBA Spring Sectional](#) from March 30 - April 2! For additional details, see the bulleted items below.



Thursday Night Unit Games:

- **This week - Thursday, 3/23:**
 - NVBA will be hosting in-person Strati-flighted ACBL Membership Pairs games at Beth El. Both partners must be ACBL members to win masterpoints. 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 these Pairs games at Beth El, please email Jason Carter at [Jason @ NVBA Partnership Desk](#).
 - If you are an ACBL member with fewer than 5 ACBL masterpoints or a first-time player to the NVBA Unit Game, you only pay the security fee. The game fee is waived. For more 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.
 - We will have the [Zoom Postgame Discussion](#) after the online play.
- **Next week - NVBA Spring Sectional - Thursday, 3/30:**
 - To kick-off the in-person NVBA Spring Sectional, NVBA will be hosting Strati-flighted Pairs games at Beth El. There will be A/X Pairs (unlimited/4000 max), B/C/D Pairs (2500 max/1500 max/750 max), and 199er Pairs (200 max/100 max/50 max) 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 games at Beth El, please email Jason Carter at [Jason @ NVBA Partnership Desk](#).
 - For this game, we are offering free plays (no game fee) to the following players, although they will still need to pay the security fee:
 - Any ACBL member with fewer than 5 ACBL masterpoints
 - Any in-person unit game first-timer, regardless of their masterpoint total.
 - Anyone who has not played at an in-person NVBA Unit Game since January 2020.
 - To get a seat at a table before the game day, see the ACBL **Entry Express** information below.
 - As part of the Sectional, WBL will be hosting an in-person Strati-flighted Pairs game at their home club. Please visit the [WBL Home Page](#) for additional information concerning their in-person Unit game policies, procedures, and partnership opportunities.
 - Due to the Sectional, there will be no Zoom Postgame Discussion.

- See the [2023 Unit Game Schedule, January – June](#) and the [NVBA Unit Game Results](#) for more information.

NVBA Spring Sectional:

- NVBA will be hosting the remainder of its in-person Spring Sectional from Friday, 3/31, thru Sunday, 4/2, at the Arlington/Fairfax Elks Lodge #2188.
- See [Spring Sectional Flyer](#) for the full schedule and policies.
- If you need a partner for games at the Elks Lodge, please email Jason Carter at [Jason @ NVBA Partnership Desk](#).
- To avoid waiting in line, sign-up for a game beforehand. See the ACBL **Entry Express** information below.
- Any ACBL member with fewer than 5 ACBL masterpoints can receive a free play (no game fee) at any Sectional game. Security fees may be charged where applicable.
- If you have other questions, please contact Tournament Chair [Margot Hennings](#).

NVBA Spring Sectional - Entry Express:

- **Entry Express** provides the ability for ACBL members to purchase their entries for any NVBA Spring Sectional game in advance and save time when arriving at the playing site.
- Click on the link [NVBA Spring Sectional - Entry Express](#). If you see your name in the upper right-hand corner, you are ready to purchase. If not, click on the login button and login into the ACBL web site.
- Once logged in, you select any session of the Sectional and purchase an entry. The cost will be \$14 per player per session that you purchase, with all events on Saturday costing \$15 per player per session for the regionally rated masterpoints and support of the District 6 Grass Roots events.
- After completing your purchase, you will receive a confirmation email with instructions about what to do once you arrive at the site to play.
- When using **Entry Express**, you must buy your entry no later than 11:59 pm on the day before the session is played.
- Please do not use **Entry Express** if you are applying for a discount, such as Juniors and players with less than 5 masterpoints.

ACBL Spring National:

- Congratulations to all NVBA players who have placed in the [tournament overalls](#) and [won masterpoints](#).

NVBA, District Six, and ACBL News:

- Play the ACBL Spring 2023 online tournament, **Hollywood Magic**, this week. For four days - Thursday, 3/23, thru Sunday, 3/26 - you can play bridge and win regionally rated masterpoints on BBO. See the [Hollywood Magic Schedule](#) for more information.
- The next meeting of the NVBA Board will be held virtually this coming Sunday, 3/26, beginning at 9:30am. If you wish to attend, please sign in at [Join Zoom Meeting](#).
- Hopefully, you can join us at Beth El on Thursday evening, 5/11, for the following events:
 - The NVBA 2023 Annual Meeting - 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. The other four position holders have indicated a desire

to seek reelection. If you are interested in any of these five positions, please contact the [NVBA Board](#).

- Dinner will be provided for those in attendance at Beth El.
- NVBA will be hosting an in-person STaC tournament at Beth El. Players will be able to win sectionally rated masterpoints.
- More information will be provided as it becomes available.
- 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.

Upcoming Sectional, Regional, and National Tournaments:

- [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 at [Gatlinburg Regional](#).
- [Virginia Beach Spring Local Sectional](#) - Friday, 4/28, thru Sunday, 4/30 - See the [Tournament Flyer](#) and the ACBL web page at [Virginia Beach Spring Local Sectional](#).

NVBA learned last week of the passing of two local bridge players. Donald R. Smith passed away in Woodbridge in late December. See the [Donald R. Smith Bio](#) on the NVBA web site for more information. Jeanie Ginsburg, of Alexandria, passed away on March 5. See the [Jeanie Ginsburg Bio](#) on the NVBA web site for more information.

Play well and have fun!

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