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Dear Mark:

The most recent trainee on composing, editing, and sending these weekly e-mails is learning on the job, and learned a great deal while preparing this e-mail; which took much more time than expected. Here it is, with more news than usual and a day or more later than usual.



Celebration of life for Ann Lindley

The celebration of life for Ann Lindley, which will be held on Saturday, May 20th, from 11 to 2 at the Roseborough Center of Asbury Methodist Village, is at capacity for the venue with current RSVPs. Anyone who is not signed up to attend in person can attend online at <https://meet.google.com/hfr-tqob-eqr> or by phone at 707-563-1439 (PIN: 229 765 563#). Additional phone numbers are available at <https://tel.meet/hfr-tqob-eqr?pin=2796554122982>.

United States Bridge Championships

The 2023 United States Bridge Championships (USBC) started May 1 and continues throughout the month of May! Open is complete, Mixed is from 5/10 to 5/18, Seniors and Womens are from 5/19 to 5/27. See the [2023 USBC Schedule](#) for details. We encourage you to go to [2023 USBC Kibitzing](#) to watch these great players! It is also fun to read the [USBC Daily Bulletins](#). Good luck to NVBA players who are competing!

Thursday Night Unit Games

- This week - Thursday, 5/18:
 - NVBA will be hosting the online 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.
 - We will have the [Zoom Postgame Discussion](#) after the online play.
 - WBL will be hosting the in-person Unit Game.
- Next week - Thursday, 5/25:
 - NVBA will host a Grass Roots FUNd game at Beth El. There will be an Open and a 499er game (500, 200, 100, attendance permitting), awarding Black ACBL Masterpoints® at 63.6% Sectional Rate. Both games start promptly at 7:00pm.
 - If you need a partner for the unit game at Beth El, please email Jason Carter at the [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.
- **PLAN AHEAD -- The NVBA Unit Game will be In-Person at Beth El all five June Thursdays at 7PM each week.**
 - June 01 --- **Life Master-Non-Life Master Game.** [Register](#) now, show up at 6:30 PM
 - June 08 -- **WBL Sectional, Silver** Masterpoints® at Sectional Rate
 - June 15 -- **Sectional Tournament at Clubs (STaC), Silver** Masterpoints® at 81.8% Sectional Rate
 - June 22 -- **The Longest Day®**, **Black** Masterpoints® at 63.6% Sectional Rate, see below
 - June 29 -- **North American Pairs Club Qualifier**, half **Red**/half **Black** Masterpoints® at 81.8% Sectional Rate

NVBA Annual Meeting Summary and Results

- the meal was fantastic, many compliments were given to the volunteer chefs, **Georgette Weiss** and **Ann Atcheson**,
- the candidates were all elected by acclamation, to two-year terms expiring at the 2025 NVBA Annual Meeting,
 - President **Georgette Weiss** re-elected
 - Secretary **Eric Poskanzer**
 - Board of Directors member **Jamie Dahlberg**, re-elected
 - Board of Directors member **Jason Carter**, re-elected
 - Board of Directors member **John Wertman**, re-elected
- the annual **Life Master-Non-Life-Master game** was announced as **in-person, at Beth El, on Thursday June 1 at 7PM** (show up at 6:30PM to meet your partner and find your table and finish filling out your convention card)
 - [register](#) using this form to get a partner or announce your partnership to the organizers.
 - More than 60 players have indicated they have interest in attending, but *[this did not register you!](#)* **Time now to [register!](#)**
- the Bridge Heroes 2023 Team kicked off its campaign to raise funds for Alzheimer's Association for the 11th consecutive year of "The Longest Day®" fund-raiser. More below:
- 78 of us played Bridge in the Sectional Tournament at Clubs (some arrived after the Annual Meeting was over)
 - The Open Game had two 8-table sections, 64 players in all.
 - The 499er game had 3.5 tables, 14 players in all,
- Of those 78 members, 40 won ACBL Silver Masterpoints® in varying amounts
 - As reported by ACBL Live for Clubs Open [Sections A & B](#), 499ers-Non-Life Masters [Section E](#)
 - As reported by The Common Game Open [Section A](#) & [Section B](#), 499ers-Non-Life Masters [Section E](#)
 - Results also are posted at the [NVBA Website](#)
 - Overall results for all Clubs participating in the STaC can be found [here](#) on the ACBL website. If you won Masterpoints®, you won only the higher of the amounts reported in the Overall or Club results, not both.

Whether or not you won, try again in the June STaC, at local in-person Clubs June 12-18.
- Annual Meeting Minutes are posted [here](#) on the NVBA Website.



The **Bridge Heroes 2023** team kicked off our participation in the Alzheimers Association/ACBL annual **The Longest Day**® fund-raising campaign for 2023.

- Use the Q/R Code at the right to access the Bridge Heroes Team page, where you can join the team or make a contribution to any team member or to the team in general. Don't do Q/R? Click [here](#) instead.
- Early contributions have the team's total at over \$800, 4 percent of our \$20,000 goal for 2023.
- Bridge-related events for this campaign will be held from Sunday June 18 through Sunday June 25.
- The Unit Game on Thursday Evening June 22 will be a Longest Day in-person game at Beth El; game time at 7 pm. As in past years, the game will be \$Free, you are asked to make a donation to Alzheimer's Association, through the Bridge Heroes 2023 team, at the game. (We may each need to pay the Beth El Security Fee).
- VACB games on BBO on June 24-25 will be Longest Day Games; for the Bridge Heroes 2023 team, these will be hosted by VACB229872, as in 2020, 2021, and 2022.
- Many local In-Person games will be holding Longest Day Games during the week of June 2-19-25. We will have more information on participating local games as we get closer to the date.
- We will NOT have the traditional Expert Players Auction this year, Ron Kral and Kevin O'Brien are each providing other Bridge-related events to raise funds for Alzheimer's Association through the Bridge Heroes team. E-mail [Ron](#) or [Kevin](#) for details of these events.

NVBA, District Six, and ACBL News

- Although NVBA has a page with information on local Bridge Teachers, it hasn't had a post-Pandemic update yet. Here's better news about Local Bridge Teachers
You can find information on Bridge Teachers as local as you want on the ACBL website, at [Find A Teacher](#) -- search by location or by teacher name; each teacher has a personal page with all the information you need to get started or resume In-Person Bridge Lessons at any level.
- Check out the [ACBL Facebook page](#).
- There are 17 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.

New Beginnings for ACBL

This week is Bronia Jenkins' first week on the job in Horn Lake MS as Executive Director. Outgoing temporary ED Paul Cuneo will work with her this week and next week; then she's on her own. Wish her luck, say a prayer even!

Upcoming Sectional, Regional, and National Tournaments

- [Richmond Memorial Day Regional](#) - Monday 5/22 to Friday 5/26
- [Baltimore \(Catonsville\) Sectional](#) - Friday 6/2 to Sunday 6/4
- [WBL Spring Sectional](#) - Thursday 6/8 to Sunday 6/11
- [National Capital July 4th Regional](#) - Monday 7/3 to Sunday 7/9
- [Chicago Summer NABC](#) - Thursday 7/13 to Sunday 7/23
- WBL Summer Sectional, Thursday 8/3 to Sunday 8-6
- [Baltimore Regional](#) - Monday 8/21 to Sunday 8/27
- NVBA Fall Sectional - Thursday 10/12 to Sunday 10/15

Have fun, play well, and see you at the tables!

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