

## Mark Chen

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**From:** NVBA Board of Directors <announcements@nvba.org>  
**Sent:** Monday, July 3, 2023 7:05 AM  
**To:** mark\_chen@cox.net  
**Subject:** NVBA E-News - National Capital Regional and Bridge University Starts Today!

**Dear Mark:**

The [National Capital 4th of July Regional](#) starts today! See the schedule on the flier [here](#). We have an excellent location in [Reston Town Center](#) – walk to many restaurants and shops, and a fine host hotel ([Hyatt Regency](#)). Make sure you know about these three important items:



- There is an [updated information sheet](#) on **free parking**. Thank you to tournament sponsor [Krauss Investment Group](#) for subsidizing parking. Those participating in Bridge University and playing Monday afternoon will be reimbursed for the entire day.
- [ACBL Entry Express](#) is available. Skip the lines and buy your entry nice and early! See [Entry Express - Players Will Ask](#) if you have never used Entry Express before.
- We are pleased to announce the [Inaugural Reston Regional Online](#)! This special District Six members only offering is for Gold Rush Pairs ([stratified](#) 300/750) and Open Pairs (stratified 1500/3000/3000+). These will be two session online events, with the first session starting at 7:30PM on Wednesday, July 5 and the second at 7:30PM on Thursday, July 6. For additional details such as how to register, click [here](#).

We have great activities for new players!

- Bridge University - ACBL District 6 is offering free bridge Lessons. [Bridge University](#) will be held **today** starting at 9:30AM with up to four (of 12) free lessons and then a FREE intermediate/Novice 199er game. Make your plans to attend and take advantage of this free offer. See this [flyer](#) for more information. Commuters parking for the entire day will be fully reimbursed (see [parking](#)).
- Intermediate/Newcomer Lecture Series - There are lots of [Intermediate/Newcomer Events](#).

See the [4th of July Regional Welcome Back Letter](#) for detailed information on the following topics:

- Who's who at this Tournament?
- Health and Safety Guidelines
- Get Your Results
- Partnerships
- Hospitality
- ZERO Tolerance
- Prizes
- Electronic Device Policy
- Smoking and Scents Policy

If you have any questions about the Reston regional, email Tournament co-chair [Georgette Weiss](#) or call at 202-441-1182.

## Thursday Night Unit Games Schedule

- This week - **Closed** on 7/6/23 for the Reston Regional, there is no in-person or online unit game.
- **PLAN AHEAD** -- The [NVBA Unit Game](#) will be In-Person at Beth El all summer Thursdays at 7PM each week.
  - July 13 -- [NAP](#) Qualifier
  - July 20 -- [NAP](#) Qualifier
  - July 27 -- [Stratiflighted](#) Unit Championship
  - See the NVBA Website for the rest of the online [Third Quarter Unit Game schedule](#) and [Unit Game Results](#).

## ACBL, District Six and NVBA News

- The [NABC Robot Invitational](#) starts on 7/8/23. Check out this instructional video on [BBO Robot Tendencies](#). Local player Rob Brady (BradyBot on YouTube) is an expert bridge player with a master's degree in computer science. He placed 7th in the Spring 2023 NABC Robot Individual Tournament on BBO and shares some of the secrets to his success in this video. He starts with the science behind bridge AI, then principles that BBO robots tend to follow, and finally demonstrates many of the concepts with examples, all while presenting the ideas in a digestible way to the casual player.
- The [ACBL Summer Instant Matchpoint Game](#) (Digital Edition) is on 7/10/23.
- As of this morning, [Bridge Heroes 2023](#) and their \$18,989 raised ranks [seventh](#) among all ACBL teams in the event. Although "The Longest Week" ended on 6/25/23, the fundraising campaign continues. Funds raised and reported by 7/31/23 are counted in the campaign for ACBL, and funds raised and reported by 8/31/23 are counted in the Alzheimer's Association's 2023 campaign. You can still make a generous contribution through the [Bridge Heroes 2023 team](#) and help them get to their \$22,000 goal. Bridge activities continue through 8/31/23, contact Team Captain [Kevin O'Brien](#) for more information.
- The ACBL Educational Foundation is hosting an [Online Charity Auction for Spark\(!\)](#). Bid on an amazing array of world champions, bridge celebrities, authors and legends to partner YOU in a 20-board online Pro-Am game on 7/10/23! The event is to raise revenue which will be dedicated to "Spark!" - the ACBL young adult (age 17-31) initiative. This fund will use these dollars exclusively to provide grants for projects and programs which promote bridge in that age group
- The club qualifying period for players to compete to play in the [North American Pairs](#) District-level Finals and win a subsidized trip to the Spring NABC in Louisville, KY, March 13-24, 2024 is underway. [Club qualifier games](#) are being held in Face-To-Face and Online games on BBO from June-August 2023.
- 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.

## Sad News

Longtime NVBA member [Dave Milton](#) passed away suddenly last week. There will be a memorial service at a later date. These words are from his 25 plus years bridge partner [Stan Schenker](#), "During his 25 plus years living in Northern Virginia, Dave was able to pursue his lifelong passion for bridge at the club, sectional, regional and national level. He recently reached the status of Emerald Life Master. He will be missed."

## Upcoming Sectional, Regional, and National Tournaments

- [National Capital July 4th Regional](#) - Monday 7/3 to Sunday 7/9
- [Chicago Summer NABC](#) - Thursday 7/13 to Sunday 7/23
- [Virginia Beach Summer Sectional](#) - Friday 7/28 to Sunday 7/30
- [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

Play well, have fun, and see you at the Fourth of July Regional!

**Your NVBA Board**

**Join us at the 2023 National Capital 4th of July Reception  
Hyatt Regency at Reston Town Center, July 3**



**Visit the Information Desk** to receive reimbursement for parking garage fees and meet the Krauss Investment Group.

**To receive reimbursement**, park in a Reston Town Center public garage and bring your receipt to the information desk. Pay for parking at a kiosk or via the ParkRTC mobile app to receive a receipt.

**For garage locations**, visit [www.restontowncenter.com/parking](http://www.restontowncenter.com/parking).



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