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**From:** NVBA Board of Directors <announcements@nvba.org>  
**Sent:** Monday, July 17, 2023 7:02 AM  
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**Subject:** NVBA E-News - Free Wine and Cheese at the Unit Game was a big hit!

**Dear Mark:**

Thank you to [Rusty Krauss](#) for bringing free wine and cheese to last week's Unit Game! We had [nine full tables](#), and the bridge, wine, and cheese were all excellent! We are going to offer free wine and cheese for the next few [Unit Games](#), so come on out and play and enjoy!



The [Chicago NABC](#) continues all this week. Good luck to the NVBA players who are playing this week! For those who are not traveling to the tournament, there are still many ways to enjoy the tournament.

- Check the [NABC Results](#) to see how your friends are doing.
- Read the [NABC Daily Bulletins](#).
- Want a free front row seat to watch the greatest players in the world play bridge? Starting on Tuesday 7/18/23, you can watch the [Spingold KO Tournament](#) via BBO Vugraph! If you have never done this before, it looks like [this](#). See [Vugraph Schedule](#) for the broadcast times for the Round of 64 all the way through to the finals.
  - There are often voice or chat commentators that add nice insight to the play.
  - The default view is to kibitz all four hands. If you want to kibitz a certain player, move the cursor over North/South/East/West and hit the right mouse button.
  - Click on the player's name to see that player's profile and convention card. There are lots of interesting world-class bidding and carding methods there!
- Want to test your bridge prognosticating abilities for the Spingold KO Tournament? Check out [Bridge Winners](#) and click on "pre-register for the Fantasy bracket" before Tuesday's matches start.

### Thursday Night Unit Games Schedule

- This week - Thursday, 7/20:
  - NVBA will host an in-person 7PM [North American Pairs](#) Club Qualifier, half **Red**/half **Black** Masterpoints® at 81.8% Sectional Rate.
  - If you need a partner for the unit game at Beth El, please email Jason Carter at the [NVBA Partnership Desk](#).
  - The NVBA Unit Game now uses the [RSVP Bridge](#) reservation system. See this RSVP Bridge YouTube video for details. If you did not get an RSVP Bridge email invitation, please email [Jim Gerding](#) and he can add you to the Northern Virginia Unit Game Group. Although walk-ins are always welcome, using the reservation system helps the game start on time and run more smoothly.
  - WBL is hosting an online [NAP](#) Club Qualifier unit game. The 499er game starts at 7:05PM, and the open and flight B games start at 7:15PM.
- **PLAN AHEAD** -- The [NVBA Unit Game](#) will be In-Person at Beth El all summer Thursdays at 7PM each week.

- 7/27/23 -- [Stratiflighted](#) Club Championship
- 8/3/23 - [WBL Summer Sectional](#) Stratiflighted Pairs
- 8/10/23 - [Stratiflighted](#) Club Championship
- 8/17/23 - [North American Pairs](#) Club Qualifier
- See the NVBA Website for the rest of the online [Third Quarter Unit Game schedule](#) and [Unit Game Results](#).

### **The Longest Day/Bridge Heroes News -- Fund-raising continues through August 31**

- ONLINE BRIDGE CLASS -- Improve your Game while helping to #ENDALZ "Practice Expert Thinking" -- an 8-week class with 1-2 hours of solo homework and an online (probably Sunday Evening) group review of the results will help you develop the discipline and consistency necessary to improve your results at the online AND In-Person Bridge Tables. Tuition depends on the number of students; to be paid on July 24. 100% of tuition goes to Alzheimer's Association (ALZ) through the Bridge Heroes team. Interested? Contact [Kevin O'Brien](#) at OBrien,Bridge+TLD at gmail.
- As of this morning, [Bridge Heroes 2023](#) and their \$19,389 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.

### **ACBL, District Six and NVBA News**

- The ACBL Educational Foundation's [Pro-Am Game for Spark\(!\)](#) occurred on 7/10/23! Click [here](#) to see how the event raised over \$50K for the ACBL young adult (age 17-31) initiative and was a huge success! Here is a [picture](#) of NVBA's Terry Jones playing with her partner George Jacobs and playing against the [2023 ACBL Queen of Bridge Olivia Schireson](#). Congratulations to Terry for her fine showing and coming 8th out of 20 in the [star-studded pro-am field](#)! Click [here](#) for video footage of the entire pro-am game charity event with commentary by ACBL Executive Director Bronia Jenkins. Click [here](#) for a written board analysis and commentary by Barry Rigal for the pro-am charity game.
- 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 until 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.

### **Upcoming Sectional, Regional, and National Tournaments**

- [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 tables!

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