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From: Sent: To: Subject: NVBA Board of Directors <announcements@nvba.org> Monday, August 14, 2023 6:46 AM mark_chen@cox.net NVBA E-News - Play in the Baltimore Regional!

Dear Mark:

Make your plans to play 8/21/23 to 8/27/23 in the <u>Baltimore Regional</u>! This is a great D6 site in a vibrant area next to the iconic Camden Yards ballpark, a short stroll to the thriving waterfront of the Inner Harbor, full of pubs, restaurants, and lively entertainment. Check out the 9-page <u>Baltimore Regional Day 1</u> <u>Bulletin</u> for everything you need to know about the tournament.



- Free Parking compliments of the Krauss Investment Group!
- Entry Express has been activated. This system works very well, we recommend that you prepurchase your entries by doing the following:
 - Sign into your <u>MyACBL</u> account.
 - Click "Find-a-Tournament" in the left panel.
 - Click "Tournament Calendar" in the center of the screen.
 - Click "Click Here To See Available Tournaments" in the Entry Express section or click <u>Entry</u> <u>Express Tournament List</u>.
 - Click "Baltimore Summer Regional". Select events and then prepay.
 - To see additional instructions, see the <u>ACBL Entry Express help</u> page.

Volunteer to help the Thomas Jefferson High School Bridge Club

Thanks to dedicated volunteers from the NVBA and WBL, we have helped run a bridge club at Thomas Jefferson High for Science and Technology for the past 20+ years! The club meets on most Fridays during the last two blocks of the day, 2:20-3:00PM and 3:10-3:50PM. Attendance typically ranges from 10 to 30 in each block. One volunteer runs a teaching table and any other volunteers will typically kibitz (and offer light-touch instruction) and/or fill in to complete a table, if needed. What a wonderful way for us to foster interest in the game among the younger generation and get new players in our great game! Interested in joining the ranks of the volunteers at the TJ Bridge Club? If so, please email <u>Catherine Bardsley</u> or call 703-819-9795. Thank you to all who are a part of the ACBL's efforts to Grow the Future of Bridge.

Thursday Night Unit Games Schedule

Continued thanks to <u>Rusty Krauss</u> for bringing free wine and cheese to the Thursday Night in-person Unit Game! We are going to offer free wine and cheese for the next few <u>Unit Games</u>.

- This week Thursday, 8/17:
 - o NVBA will host an in-person 7PM North American Pairs Club Qualifier.
 - If you need a partner for the unit game at Beth El, please email Jason Carter at the <u>NVBA</u> <u>Partnership Desk</u>.

- Please use the <u>RSVP Bridge</u> Reservation System for the Thursday Night Unit Games at Beth El. <u>RSVP Bridge</u> helps bridge clubs manage reservations. All you need to get started is your Username and Password. Email <u>Jim Gerding</u> to get your unique RSVP Bridge Username and then click <u>here</u> to set your password. Pick the date of the game and choose your partner. Check out the <u>RSVP Bridge YouTube videos</u> for additional details.
- There is no online BBO unit game.
- WBL is hosting an in-person 7:30PM <u>Stratiflighted</u> Unit Championship.
- PLAN AHEAD -- The NVBA Unit Game will be In-Person at Beth El Thursdays at 7PM each week.
 - o 8/24/23 No game due to the Baltimore Regional
 - 8/31/23 <u>Stratiflighted</u> Club Championship
 - 9/7/23 <u>Stratiflighted</u> Club Championship
 - o 9/14/23 Grand National Teams Club Qualifier
 - See the NVBA Website for the rest of the online <u>Third Quarter Unit Game schedule</u> and <u>Unit</u> <u>Game Results</u>.
 - The WBL board of directors has decided to resume running weekly face-to-face unit games starting Thursday, August 10, 2023. The WBL bi-weekly online game will be <u>discontinued</u> after that date.

NVBA, ACBL, and District Six News

- The August NVBA Board Meeting is on 8/20/23 9:30AM. All members are welcome to attend via Zoom.
- Fairfax County <u>Parktakes</u> (p. 119) is offering bridge classes. <u>Register</u> by searching for 'bridge'. NVBA member Marilyn Golias has taught sessions at McLean CC, Reston CC, OakMarr Rec center and Providence Rec centers. NVBA member James Connor teaches the sessions at South Run Park in Burke VA. Thank you, Marilyn and James!
- The <u>District 5/District 6 Fall 2023 Online IMP League</u> starts on 9/13/23. Matches are on Wednesday nights until 11/15/23. The registration deadline is 9/6/23, click <u>here</u> to register. See <u>2023 Spring Vichill</u> <u>League</u> for last season's results.
- The regular District Six Online Pair Game (third Wednesday of each month) will be on August 16th. Game time is 7:05 PM for 0-499, 7:10 PM for 0-2500, and 7:15 for the open game.
- The club qualifying period for players to compete to play in the <u>North American Pairs</u> District-level Finals and win a subsidized trip to the Spring NABC in Louisville, KY, March 13-24, 2024 is underway. <u>Club qualifier games</u> are being held in Face-To-Face and Online games on BBO until August 2023.
- The ACBL recently posted <u>Annual Membership Meeting Presentation and Recordings</u>.
- There are 16 in-person club games listed with times in green on the updated <u>Clubs</u> 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 <u>NVBA Online Games</u> on BBO.

Upcoming Sectional, Regional, and National Tournaments

- <u>Baltimore Regional</u> 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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