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Subject: NVBA E-News - NVBA Unit Game will be in person each week

Dear Mark:

The <u>Baltimore Regional</u> was a success! There were a lot of out-of-town players there all week, including <u>Jeopardy James Holzhauer</u>! The great competitive bridge, beautiful playing site, and Baltimore Orioles baseball right across the street created an exciting, energetic atmosphere for those who attended! We



ended up with 646 attendees and a table count of 873.5, which was a nice uptick compared to <u>last year's Baltimore Regional</u>. See <u>Baltimore Regional Bulletins</u> for additional details. Many thanks to tournament chairs <u>Marty and Ross Bley</u> and the other volunteers who helped to make the tournament a success this week! Thank you also to the <u>Krauss Investment Group</u> for being a tournament sponsor and providing complimentary parking for the players. Congratulations to the NVBA players who were <u>Baltimore Regional Masterpoint</u> <u>Winners</u>. Check out the <u>NVBA Winner's Circle</u> in a few days to see Baltimore Regional masterpoint results for NVBA players.

Wasn't it great to see lots of bridge players playing in an in-person tournament at the Baltimore regional? We want to recreate that feel on Thursday nights, so **the NVBA Board has decided that the Thursday Night Unit Game will be in-person every week**. For now, we have paused the Thursday Night online unit game.

Thursday Night Unit Games Schedule

- This week Thursday, 8/31/23 Stratiflighted Club Championship
 - If you need a partner for the unit game at Beth El, please email Jason Carter at the <u>NVBA</u> Partnership Desk.
 - 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 RSVP Bridge YouTube videos for additional details.
 - o There is no online BBO unit game.
 - WBL is hosting an in-person 7:30PM NAP Qualifier.
- PLAN AHEAD -- The NVBA Unit Game will be In-Person at Beth El Thursdays at 7PM each week.
 - o 9/7/23 Stratiflighted Club Championship
 - 9/14/23 Grand National Teams Club Qualifier
 - o 9/21/23 Stratiflighted Club Championship
 - 9/28/23 Stratiflighted Club Championship
 - See the NVBA Website for the rest of the <u>Third Quarter Unit Game schedule</u> and <u>Unit Game</u> Results.

World Bridge Championships

The <u>World Bridge Championships</u> in Marrakech Morocco started on 8/20/23 and goes on until 9/2/23. There is a lot of great content on the <u>World Championships website</u> such as <u>Daily Bulletins</u>, <u>Results</u>, <u>Match Scorecards</u>, and Expert Convention Cards. You can watch the action via BBO Vugraph, see the Vugraph schedule.

NVBA, ACBL, and District Six News

- Interested in joining the ranks of the volunteers at the Thomas Jefferson High 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 <u>Grow the Future of Bridge</u>.
- Fairfax County <u>Parktakes</u> (p. 119) is offering bridge classes. <u>Register</u> by searching for 'bridge'. Classes start in mid-September.
- 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 League</u> for last season's results.
- 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

- Baltimore Regional Results 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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