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From: NVBA Board of Directors <announcements@nvba.org>
Sent: Monday, September 25, 2023 7:00 AM
To: mark_chen@cox.net
Subject: NVBA E-News - More and More People are coming to the Thursday Night Unit Game!

Dear Mark:

Our attendance for the Thursday Night Unit Game continues to increase, keep it coming! There were 13 tables at the [9/21/23 Royal STaC](#) and 12 teams at the [9/14/23 GNT Qualifier](#). It is nice to see the regulars again each week. For those of you who used to play, come on back! For those of you who are new, join us on Thursday nights and experience the excitement and camaraderie of in-person, live bridge!



NVBA Fall Sectional

Join us for face-to-face bridge at the [NVBA Fall Sectional](#) from October 12-15! See the [Fall Sectional Flyer](#) and the [ACBL tournament web page](#) for the schedule and tournament policies (**Please note:** *The flyer and tournament info are correct except that Entry Express will **not** be available for advance entry purchase*). If you need a partner, please email Jason Carter at [NVBA Partnership Desk](#). If you have other questions, please contact Tournament Co-Chair [Amy Brisson](#) (703-527-1745).

Thursday Night Unit Games Schedule

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.

- This week - Thursday 9/28/23 [Stratiflighted](#) Club Championship
 - If you need a partner or teammates for the unit game at Beth El, please email Jason Carter at the [NVBA Partnership Desk](#).
 - Please use the [RSVP Bridge](#) Reservation System for the Thursday Night Unit Games at Beth El. [RSVP Bridge](#) helps bridge clubs manage reservations. All you need to get started is your Username and Password. Email [Jim Gerding](#) to get your unique RSVP Bridge Username and then click [here](#) to set your password. Pick the date of the game and choose your partner. Check out the [RSVP Bridge YouTube videos](#) for additional details.
 - WBL is hosting an in-person 7:30PM [GNT Qualifier](#).
- **PLAN AHEAD** -- The [NVBA Unit Game](#) will be In-Person at Beth El Thursdays at 7PM each week.
 - 10/5/23 - Club Appreciation Pairs
 - 10/12/23 - [NVBA Fall Sectional](#)
 - 10/19/23 - Club Appreciation Teams
 - 10/26/23 - [Stratiflighted](#) Club Championship
 - See the NVBA Website for the rest of the [4th Quarter Unit Game Schedule](#) and [Unit Game Results](#).

Bidding Contests

Want a fun way to improve your bidding? Try these bidding contests! It is great fun, great learning, and free!

- The interactive [ACBL Bidding Contest](#) occurs weekly. Every week on Monday five hands will appear automatically in the app on your (and your partner's) phone or tablet. You bid these hands with your partner, turn by turn. You have until Sunday midnight to finish the bidding. For every final contract you will receive points for the weekly and monthly ranking. See also the new [Bid72 Video Series](#) called Pros and Cons. In each video, a bridge champion weighs the pros and cons of challenging bidding decisions. They take you by the hand (haha, hand) and guide you through their way of thinking.
- [BBO Bidders Challenge](#) has over 5000 participants, join the fray! Go to [BBO Bidders Challenge](#) and click on the [Oct 2023 Problem Set](#) which is due on 9/28/23. Then after that, read the [scores and comments](#) from the [Expert Panel](#). You can also [compare bids](#) with your friends and the Expert Panel.
- Bridge World Master Solvers Club is due on the last day of each month. Go to [Bridge World MSC](#) and click on Enter Solutions. The Nov 2023 problem set is due on 9/30/23. Then after that read the [scores](#) for that month's contest.

NVBA, ACBL, and District Six News

- [Bull Run Bridge Club](#) is experimenting with a new sanctioned Saturday game, to be held only once or twice a month at the [Hampton Inn in Gainesville](#) (right off I-66). The first game is on Saturday 9/30/23 at 10AM, followed by a game on 10/21/23 at 1PM, and then a game on Saturday 11/11/23 at 10AM. Entry fee is \$10; for the game on 11/11 (Veteran's Day) military veterans get \$5 off. If you're interested, contact [Brenda Egeland](#). If you are already on RSVP, you may see a Join button on your "My Clubs" tab.
- There are 16 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.
- Check out [Swan Games](#), an online bridge platform where you can play bridge and win ACBL masterpoints. The main difference between this and BBO is the [integrated sound and video](#) to emphasize the social aspects of bridge.
- The [District 5/District 6 Fall 2023 Online IMP League](#) started on 9/13/23. Good luck to those who have entered. You can go to the [League Website](#) to see the rosters and how the NVBA teams are doing.

Upcoming Sectional, Regional, and National Tournaments

- [Richmond Fall Sectional](#) - Friday 10/6 to Sunday 10/8
- [NVBA Fall Sectional](#) - Thursday 10/12 to Sunday 10/15
- [Virginia Beach Fall Sectional](#) - Friday 10/20 to Sunday 10/22
- [Lancaster Fall Regional](#) - Monday 10/30 to Sunday 11/5
- [Atlanta ACBL Fall NABC](#) - Thursday 11/23 to Sunday 12/3

Play well, have fun, and see you at the tables.

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