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Subject: NVBA E-News - Join us this Thursday for our Holiday Unit Game!

Dear Mark:

Congratulations Annie & Alan Schwartz and Daniel Morgan/Jonathan Ramseur who were the two winners in <u>last week's 11-table NVBA Unit Game!</u> Thank you to Mark Tonnesen who provided the free wine and cheese. Come join us this Thursday for the holiday edition of our Unit Game! It will be



a Sectional Tournament at Clubs (STaC) game and there will be holiday appetizers and cake for all to enjoy!

Thursday Night Unit Games Schedule

- This week Thursday 12/14/23 STaC game Separate 499er Section if at least six pairs register.
- The <u>NVBA Unit Game</u> will be In-Person at <u>Beth El</u> (3830 Seminary Rd, about a mile east of I-395) Thursdays at 7PM each week. Please arrive at least ten minutes before game time so we can start promptly at 7PM.
- The Open Game and its 499er section use the <u>RSVP Bridge</u> Reservation System to manage reservations. Sign up <u>here</u> to receive NVBA RSVP Bridge unit game notices and register to play online. Pick the date of the game and choose your partner. Check out the <u>RSVP Bridge YouTube videos</u> for additional details.
- If you need a partner for the unit game at Beth El, please email Jason Carter at the <u>NVBA Partnership</u>

 <u>Desk</u> or use the <u>RSVP Bridge</u> Reservation System to assist you in finding a partner.
- PLAN AHEAD -- The NVBA Unit Game will be In-Person at Beth El Thursdays at 7PM each week.
 - 12/21/23 GNT Qualifier
 - 12/28/23 <u>Stratiflighted</u> Club Championship
 - See the NVBA Website for the rest of the <u>4th Quarter Unit Game Schedule</u> and <u>Unit Game</u> <u>Results</u>.

49ers News

- The American Contract Bridge League (ACBL) invites you to play in the weekly <u>Tuesday Evening</u> <u>Community Game</u> on the BBO Platform.
 - 0-20 game at 6 pm, 0-50 game at 6:10 pm
 - Play 12 hands, should take about 90 minutes
 - \$5 entry fee includes FREE LESSON after the game, covering 3 or more of the 12 hands played
- For Thursday evening at the Unit Game, your **entry fee** is **free!** NVBA hopes to re-establish a true Newcomer Game, but we expect that our 0-20 and 0-50 players will be playing in the 499er Section until attendance grows. Questions? Contact <u>Kevin O'Brien</u> at OBrien.bridge@gmail.com.

NVBA, ACBL, and District Six News

- Congratulations to Susan Austin, Kathleen Barbour, Li Chen, Elizabeth Dobrenz, Robert Finley, Nancy Smagala, Glenn Terrell, and Diane Woodworth who all achieved new <u>ACBL Rank Changes</u>.
- The ACBL is having issues with its membership auto-renew, please check your ACBL membership to make sure it has not expired. ACBL dues for a one-year membership will be increasing to \$59 on January 1, 2024. This is the first price increase since 2017. When you renew before December 31, 2023, you can lock in the current membership dues fee of \$49 US even if your membership isn't expiring yet! That's a savings of 17%. PLUS save even MORE when you renew for three years, just \$117 (price will increase to \$147 starting January 1, 2024).
- Reston Duplicate Bridge Club will be offering a STaC game and holiday party on Wednesday 12/13/23 7PM. We invite you to bring a dish to share as long as the dish is vegetarian (the Congregation has picky dietary restrictions). This is the last game of the calendar year.
- Bull Run Bridge Club is having a STaC game on Sunday 12/17/23 1PM.
- 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

- WBL Winter Sectional Thursday 1/18 to Sunday 1/21
- The NVBA website now includes all <u>2024 tournaments of interest</u>.

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

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