### **Mark Chen**

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Subject: NVBA E-News - Williamsburg Regional Starts this Week and RIP Terry Lavender

## **Dear Mark:**

Swing into Spring as District 6 welcomes you back to a popular regional site known for Virginia hospitality. The <u>Williamsburg Regional</u> is this Monday 2/26 to Friday 3/1! Can't be in Williamsburg in person? No worries! You can still be part of the fun. Log into BBO to join on February 28 & 29.



# Wednesday 2/28/24

- Online Open Pairs (Session 1 of 2) 7:30PM
- Online Gold Rush Pairs (Session 1 of 2) 7:30PM

# Thursday 2/29/24

- Online Open Pairs (Session 2 of 2) 7:30PM
- Online Gold Rush Pairs (Session 2 of 2) 7:30PM

<u>Registration</u> opens 24 hours prior to the event. You only need to register once for the first session, and you'll be automatically enrolled for the second session. Click <u>here</u> to register. Once you've registered, your partnership will automatically be enrolled for the second session. Just be sure to be online and ready to dive into the action. If you have any questions, feel free to contact <u>Paul DeMarsh</u>.

## Just for 0-20, 0-49, 0-499 Players

We heard from many of you last weekend at the NVBA sectional that you liked the new 0-750 events! Good news, you can play in more bridge like that and win gold points at the <u>Williamsburg Regional</u> this week! There are <u>Gold Rush</u> pair events Monday through Thursday (including online Wed & Thu). <u>Gold Rush</u> means it is stratified 750/300/100 with gold points to overall winners & section tops; red points to 100 & 300 strat). There are <u>bracketed team</u> events Tuesday through Friday.

#### **Thursday Night NVBA Unit Game**

This Thursday's Unit Game is on a February 29th this year. Do you know anyone born on Leap Day? Longtime NVBA member and bridge afficionado Terry Jones has a Leap Day birthday and we are going to celebrate with a Leap Day Birthday Cake! Come celebrate her birthday and play in the <u>stratiflighted</u> unit championship. The NVBA Unit Game starts at 7PM and is at <u>Beth El</u> (3830 Seminary Rd, about a mile east of I-395). Please arrive at least ten minutes before game time. If you need a partner or teammates for any Thursday game at Beth El, please email Jason Carter at the <u>NVBA Partnership Desk</u> or use the <u>RSVP Bridge</u> Reservation System to assist you in finding a partner. Jason works hard and does an excellent job; reach him before 4PM Tuesday

afternoon for your best chance to obtain a partner among your peers. Plan ahead for future unit games by viewing the <u>2024 Unit Game Schedule</u>.

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

- Check out this list of <u>NVBA Winter Sectional Masterpoint Winners</u> and NVBA Players who were <u>WBL</u>
  Winter Sectional Masterpoint Winners.
- Fairfax County Park Authority is offering Bridge I, Bridge II, Bridge III, and Brush Up Bridge classes. Search for bridge in the <u>Parktakes Registration</u> or see p. 149 of the <u>Parktakes Catalog</u>.
- There are 15 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.

## **Sad News**

Long time NVBA member and ACBL Director <u>Terry Lavender</u> passed away last week. She loved the game, the travel, the characters, and made many genuinely dear lifelong friendships that meant so much to her. We loved having her and she will be missed dearly. Click <u>here</u> to see this remembrance written by her son Jeff Roman. Terry and Jeff were a regular mom/son pair in the NVBA online unit game. See also this <u>BridgeWinners Post</u> for many touching tributes on her bridge life.

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

- Williamsburg Regional Monday 2/26 to Friday 3/1
- ACBL Spring Online Tournament Tuesday 3/5 to Friday 3/8
- Louisville Spring NABC Wednesday 3/13 to Sunday 3/24
- Fredericksburg Sectional Friday 3/15 to Sunday 3/17
- Gatlinburg Regional Monday 4/15 to Sunday 4/21
- NVBA Spring Sectional Thursday 5/2 to Sunday 5/5 (schedule coming soon, save the dates!)
- Reston Regional Monday 7/1 t0 Saturday 7/6
- The NVBA website includes all 2024 tournaments of interest.

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

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