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NVBA E-News - unit game ***cancelled*** this week (10/22)

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Dear Ronald:

Last week's unit game was a GNT qualifier with 13 teams. Congratulations to winners **Hal Jones - Jim Wakefield - Mark Tonnesen - Ken Davis**. Full results here. **This week's unit game is cancelled** because St. Andrew's is unavailable and we were unable to find an alternate location. Consider playing in the WBL unit game that evening, at Ohr Kodesh Congregation, 8300 Meadowbrook Lane, Chevy Chase MD. Note that their start time is 7:30pm, not 7pm.

Congratulations to the following additional NVBA members who advanced in rank in September: new club master **Georgiy Shevchenko** and new junior masters **Lee Anastasi**, **Aseem Aziz**, **Brian Butler**, **Carol Calder**, **Jim Firman**, **Jacqueline Fleming**, **James Gilbert**, **Mark Linton**, **Norma Reck**, **Michael Richman**, **Sudhir Watwe**, and **Allison Zhan**.

The **WBL Fall Sectional** will be held Thursday through Sunday, October 22-25. For details, see the tournament flyer. As noted above, there will be no NVBA unit game on October 22, but the WBL unit game that evening will be part of the sectional. Please also note the location of the Friday events, St. Mark's Presbyterian in Rockville, which is different from other recent WBL sectionals. The Saturday and Sunday events will be at the Silver Spring Civic Building as usual. The tournament offerings include events for players of all levels, including games just for intermediate players (0-500 masterpoints) on Saturday morning and afternoon, and a game just for newcomers (0-20 masterpoints) on Saturday morning.

Many thanks to NVBA member **Margaret Masters**, who has volunteered to coordinate our social media outreach.

Congratulations to the winners of the North American Pairs District 6 finals: **Jay Kelkar - James Geist** (Championship Flight), **Jonathan Rodney - Jeffrey Schwartz** (Flight A), **Richard Jones - Karol McIntosh** (Flight B), and **Willis Chang - Nuwan Warusawitharana** (Flight C). The leading pairs in each flight will represent District 6 in the national finals at the March 2027 Spring NABC in Dallas, TX.

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- On October 21, the **Wednesday morning game at St. Andrew's** will participate in the ACBL Instant Matchpoint Game, with gold points available, instant scores as you play, and a souvenir analysis booklet. Learn more here.
- On October 22, the **Thursday evening unit game** is cancelled. It will return as usual on October 29.
- On October 24, the **Saturday morning Bull Run Bridge Club game** at the Hampton Inn in Gainesville will hold a club appreciation team game. First place gets a smattering of gold points!
- **Note to NVBA club managers:** If you would like your closures, location changes, team games, holiday parties, or other special events announced in this space, please either contact NVBA club liaison Samriti Malik or reply to this email.

Selected Upcoming Tournaments

- WBL Fall Sectional - Thu Oct 22 to Sun Oct 25 (see tournament flyer)
- Lancaster (Manheim) Regional - Mon Oct 26 to Sat Oct 31
- Virginia Beach Regional - Mon Nov 9 to Sat Nov 14
- San Diego NABC - Thu Nov 26 to Sun Dec 6
- The NVBA website has a list of other tournaments of interest

Useful Links

Link of the week: Bridge Deal Generator is a powerful tool for generating deals for practice or teaching according to specified criteria, with a library of recipes for many conventions. Learning to use the tool can be challenging: for some tips, try the user guide and this Reddit thread. Please reply to this email to suggest future links of the week!

The NVBA website includes more information about the unit game, listings of local clubs and tournaments, help with finding a partner, our mentorship program, and much more. Webmaster Ron Kral welcomes your feedback and suggestions.

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

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