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Dear Mark:

Thursday Night Unit Games:



- **This week - Thursday, 2/9:**
 - NVBA will be hosting the NVBA/WBL Joint "Unit" Pairs Games on BBO with Open, Flight B (under 2500), 499er, and 199er games. The 499er and 199er games start promptly at 7:05pm. The other two - Open and Flight B - begin at 7:15pm.
 - We will have the [Zoom Postgame Discussion](#) after the online play.
 - WBL will be hosting an in-person Stratiflighted Unit Championship. Please visit the [WBL Home Page](#) for additional information concerning their in-person Unit game policies, procedures, and partnership opportunities.
- **Next week - NVBA Winter Sectional - Thursday, 2/16:**
 - To kick-off the in-person NVBA Winter Sectional, NVBA will be hosting Stratiflighted Pairs games at Beth El. There will be A/X Pairs (unlimited/4000 max), B/C/D Pairs (2500 max/1500 max/750 max), and 199er Pairs (200 max/100 max/50 max) games as long as the three-table minimum required for a section to run is met. All games start promptly at 7:00pm.
 - If you need a partner for the games at Beth El, please email Jason Carter at [NVBA Partnership Desk](#).
 - For this game, we are offering free plays (no game fee) to the following players, although they will still need to pay the security fee:
 - Any ACBL member with fewer than 5 ACBL masterpoints
 - Any in-person unit game first-timer, regardless of their masterpoint total.
 - Anyone who has not played at an in-person NVBA Unit Game since January 2020.
 - To get a seat at a table before the game day, see the ACBL **Entry Express** information below.
 - As part of the Sectional, WBL will be hosting an in-person Stratiflighted Pairs game at their home club. Please visit the [WBL Home Page](#) for additional information concerning their in-person Unit game policies, procedures, and partnership opportunities.
 - Due to the Sectional, there will be no Zoom Postgame Discussion.
- See [2023 Unit Game Schedule, January – March](#) and [NVBA Unit Game Results](#) for more information.

NVBA Winter Sectional:

- NVBA will be hosting the remainder of its in-person Winter Sectional from Friday, 2/17, thru Sunday, 2/19, at the Arlington/Fairfax Elks Lodge #2188.
- See [Winter Sectional Flyer](#) for the full schedule and policies.
- If you need a partner for games at the Elks Lodge, please email Jason Carter at [NVBA Partnership Desk](#).

- To avoid waiting in line, sign-up for a game beforehand. See the ACBL **Entry Express** information below.
- Any ACBL member with fewer than 5 ACBL masterpoints can receive a free play (no game fee) at any Sectional game. Security fees may be charged where applicable.

NVBA Winter Sectional - Entry Express:

- **Entry Express** provides the ability for ACBL members to purchase their entries for any NVBA Winter Sectional game in advance and save time when arriving at the playing site.
- Click on the link [NVBA Winter Sectional - Entry Express](#). If you see your name in the upper right-hand corner, you are ready to purchase. If not, click on the login button and login into the ACBL web site.
- Once logged in, you select any session of the Sectional and purchase an entry. The cost will be \$14 per player per session.
- After completing your purchase, you will receive a confirmation email with instructions about what to do once you arrive at the site to play.
- When using **Entry Express**, you must buy your entry no later than 11:59 pm on the day before the session is played.
- Please do not use **Entry Express** if you are applying for a discount, such as Juniors and players with less than 5 masterpoints.

NVBA, District 6, and ACBL News:

- Spring 2023 District 5/6 Online IMP League: Register by 2/22 for the Wednesday night [District 5/District 6 Spring Online IMP League](#). Play is from 3/1 through 5/31 with breaks during the ACBL Spring National and the Gatlinburg Regional.
- AARP is sponsoring the webinar series "Bridge to Brain Health - Learning Bridge: The Game of a Lifetime" on Tuesday mornings. The 4th of 5 sessions deals with the bidding auction and will be presented this Tuesday, 2/7. For more information, including recordings and class notes from previous sessions, see [Bridge to Brain Health](#) web page.
- February is ACBL Educational Foundation Month - For in-person clubs, all sessions in February can be run as an Educational Foundation game and will award double regular club black points. Check with your local club for details.
- There are 14 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.

Upcoming Sectional and Regional Tournaments:

- Hilton Head Lowcountry Classic Regional - Monday, 2/6, thru Sunday, 2/12 - See the [Tournament Flyer](#) and the ACBL web page at [Hilton Head Lowcountry Classic Regional](#).
- Baltimore Sectional - Friday, 2/10, thru Sunday, 2/12 - See the [Tournament Flyer](#) and the ACBL web page at [Baltimore Sectional](#).
- NVBA Winter Sectional - Thursday, 2/16, thru Sunday, 2/19 - See the [Tournament Flyer](#) and the ACBL web page at [NVBA Winter Sectional](#).
- Jefferson Bridge Sectional (Charlottesville)- Friday, 3/3, thru Sunday, 3/5 - See the ACBL web page at [Jefferson Bridge Sectional](#).

- St. Patrick's Day Sectional (Fredericksburg) - Friday, 3/10, thru Sunday, 3/12 - See the ACBL web page at [St. Patrick's Day Sectional](#).
- Hagerstown Spring Sectional - Friday, 3/17, thru Sunday, 3/19 - See the [Tournament Flyer](#) and the ACBL web page at [Hagerstown Spring Sectional](#).
- NVBA Spring Sectional - Thursday, 3/30, thru Sunday, 4/2 - See the ACBL web page at [NVBA Spring Sectional](#).

Sad news: Unfortunately, we received some sad news last week. On January 28, Ann Lindley passed away. She was married to Al Duncker. There will be a celebration of Ann's life in late May.

See you at the tables, play well, and have fun!

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