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Subject: NVBA E-News - The Longest Day Game

Dear Mark:

NVBA's The Longest Day Game

Thursday June 22 7PM is NVBA's The Longest Day game, raising funds for Alzheimer's Association (ALZ) through the Bridge Heroes 2023 team. As usual, NVBA pays all the expenses and charges \$ZERO entry fee and \$ZERO security fee.



- You play for \$FREE, everybody is encouraged to make a most generous contribution to ALZ through the [Bridge Heroes 2023](#) team. As of this morning, Bridge Heroes 2023 and their \$11,164 raised ranks [fourth](#) among all ACBL teams in the event.
 - Contributions accepted through
 - check (payable to "Alzheimer's Association"),
 - cash,
 - credit card via computer through the Bridge Heroes 2023 web page. You can do this on your computer or smartphone; or use the laptop present for that purpose at the game.
- Come dressed up if you like; "traditional;" wear for this game is purple; some also wear pearls (ALZ colors are purple and white).
- ACBL is negotiating through their publicity consultants with a local TV station for coverage of the event.
- If you need a partner for The Longest Day Game at Beth El, please email Jason Carter at the [NVBA Partnership Desk](#).
- This is NVBA's first Unit Game using the RSVP Bridge reservation system. See below for more.
- Other NVBA face-to-face clubs will also be running The Longest Day games. See below for details.

Reston Regional, coming July 3-9

The [National Capital 4th of July Regional](#) is occurring July 3-9! See the schedule on the flier [here](#). We have an excellent location in [Reston Town Center](#) – walk to many restaurants and shops, and a fine host hotel ([Hyatt Regency](#)). **Rooms are still available at the special \$117 bridge rate**, see the [Reston Regional flier](#) for hotel reservation details.

See the [4th of July Regional Welcome Back Letter](#) for detailed information on the following topics:

- Who's who at this Tournament?
- Health and Safety Guidelines
- Get Your Results
- Parking - Nearby [parking](#) will be subsidized courtesy of tournament sponsor [Krauss Investment Group](#).
 - Those participating in Bridge University and playing Monday afternoon will be reimbursed for the entire day.
- Partnerships
- Hospitality

- Bridge University - ACBL District 6 is offering free bridge Lessons. [Bridge University](#) will be held on Monday July 3rd with up to four (of 12) free lessons and then a FREE intermediate/Novice 199er game. Make your plans to attend and take advantage of this free offer. See this [flyer](#) for more information. Commuters parking for the entire day will be fully reimbursed (see [parking](#)).
- Intermediate/Newcomer Lecture Series - There are lots of [Intermediate/Newcomer Events](#).
- Entries - [ACBL Entry Express](#) has been activated to buy entries for this tournament in advance.
- ZERO Tolerance
- Prizes
- Electronic Device Policy
- Smoking and Scents Policy

If you have any questions about the Reston regional, email Tournament co-chair [Georgette Weiss](#) or call at 202-441-1182.

Thursday Night Unit Games In-Person Schedule

- This week - Thursday, 6/22:
 - NVBA will host an in-person 7PM Longest Day® Game, Black Masterpoints® at 63.6% Sectional Rate unit game at [Beth El](#). There is \$FREE entry and \$FREE security to support [The Longest Day](#). Everything contributed by check, cash, or credit card goes directly to Alzheimer's Association through the [Bridge Heroes 2023 team](#).
 - If you need a partner for the unit game at Beth El, please email Jason Carter at the [NVBA Partnership Desk](#).
 - WBL is hosting an in-person Stratiflighted Unit Championship, so there is no BBO online game.
- **PLAN AHEAD** -- The [NVBA Unit Game](#) will be In-Person at Beth El all summer Thursdays at 7PM each week.
 - June 29 -- North American Pairs Club Qualifier, half **Red**/half **Black** Masterpoints® at 81.8% Sectional Rate
 - July 06 -- **closed** for Reston Regional
 - July 13 -- [NAP](#) Qualifier
 - July 20 -- [NAP](#) Qualifier
 - July 27 -- [Stratiflighted](#) Unit Championship
 - See the NVBA Website for the rest of the [Third Quarter Unit Game schedule](#) and [Unit Game Results](#).

RSVP Bridge Reservation system for In-Person NVBA Unit Game

- The Unit Game is expected to run faster and easier by using [RSVP Bridge](#). If you received an e-mail Friday morning from **RSVP Bridge Message Robot**, subject **Welcome to our bridge group - NVBA / Northern Virginia Unit Game**, then you are now ready to use the system. Your email address is registered with the Northern Virginia Unit Game Group in RSVP Bridge. The first time you access [RSVP Bridge](#), you will need to hit "Forgot Username" and then you will get an email with your RSVP Bridge username. Hit "Need a new password" to set your password. See this RSVP Bridge [YouTube video](#) for details.
- You can use R-Bucks (similar to BBO Bucks) to pay table fees for events. Click on your name in the bottom right corner of the RSVP Bridge website to purchase R-Bucks.
- If you did not get an RSVP Bridge email invitation, please email [Jim Gerding](#) and he can add you to the Northern Virginia Unit Game Group. Thank you to Jim for setting us up in RSVP Bridge.

- The four main enhancements that the RSVP Bridge reservation system provides to the Unit Game are
 - the ability for the Director to appropriately seed the field and assign seating before game time,
 - the ability for players to see who and how many pairs have registered for the game,
 - the ability for a pair to request a stationary position before arriving at the game site,
 - enhanced pre-game communication among players and with the Director, including seeing who else is seeking a partner and choosing one from among those seeking one

Thursday Night Unit Games Online Schedule

- WBL and NVBA will continue the Thursday Evening online Unit Game at least through the end of September, with the exception of either Unit's Sectional and the Reston and Baltimore Regionals. All Sections run on BBO; each depends on at least 5 pairs registered at game time. 0-20, and 0-499 start at 7:05 pm; 0-2000 (B/C/D) and Open (A/X/Y) start at 7:15 pm
 - NVBA will run the Online Joint Unit Game July 13, July 27, August 10, August 31, September 21.
 - WBL will run the Online Joint Unit Game July 20, August 17, September 14, September 28
 - No Online Joint Unit Game July 6 (Reston Regional), August 3 (WBL Sectional), August 24 (Baltimore Regional),

NVBA and ACBL News

- **The Longest Day Face-to-Face Club Games in NVBA-Land**
[Bridge-related events](#) for Alzheimer's Association/ACBL annual [The Longest Day](#)[®] fund-raising campaign will be held from Sunday June 18 through Sunday June 25. Within our Unit 218:
 - 6/19 - [Fairfax Duplicate Club](#)
 - 6/21 - [Arlington County DBC](#)
 - 6/21 - [Mt. Tabor Bridge Club](#)
 - 6/22 - [Northern VA Unit 218](#)
 - 6/23 - [Loudoun Duplicate Bridge](#)
 - 6/23 - [Westminster Lake Ridge](#)
 - 6/25 - [The Virginian](#)
- **The Longest Day Online Club Games in NVBA-Land**
 - 6/24 - Bridge Club of Northern Virginia -- VACB229872, 9:25 am on BBO.
 - 6/25 - Bridge Club of Northern Virginia -- VACB229872, 12:40 pm on BBO.
- The ACBL Educational Foundation is hosting an [Online Charity Auction for Spark\(!\)](#), bidding opened on 6/1/23. Bid on an amazing array of world champions, bridge celebrities, authors and legends to partner YOU in a 20-board online Pro-Am game on 7/10/23! The event is to raise revenue which will be dedicated to "Spark!" - the ACBL young adult (age 17-31) initiative. This fund will use these dollars exclusively to provide grants for projects and programs which promote bridge in that age group
- See the [NVBA Winner's Circle](#) for the NVBA players who won masterpoints in recent regionals and sectionals.
- There are 17 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, Regional, and National Tournaments

- [National Capital July 4th Regional](#) - Monday 7/3 to Sunday 7/9

- [Chicago Summer NABC](#) - Thursday 7/13 to Sunday 7/23
- [WBL Summer Sectional](#), Thursday 8/3 to Sunday 8/6
- [Baltimore Regional](#) - Monday 8/21 to Sunday 8/27
- [NVBA Fall Sectional](#) - Thursday 10/12 to Sunday 10/15

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

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