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Subject: NVBA E-News - Junior Fund Game at this Thursday's NVBA Unit Game

Dear Mark:

It was nice to see many of you at the [WBL Winter Sectional](#) this past Thursday 1/18 to Sunday 1/21. Congratulations to all WBL Sectional [masterpoint winners](#)! Good news, you do not need to wait long until there is another local sectional tournament. The [NVBA Winter Sectional](#) is Thursday 2/15 to Sunday 2/18. Take a look at the [NVBA Winter Sectional Flyer](#) for information on the tournament schedule, playing sites, partnership desk, food, and intermediate/novice lectures.



This Thursday's NVBA Unit Game is an [ACBL Junior Fund Game](#). Come and play to support the [ACBL Education Foundations](#) efforts to recruit more juniors to play bridge! Even better, [donate](#) to the ACBL Education Foundation by clicking [here](#). Check out the [ACBLEF's Facebook page](#) to see some of the good work being done to recruit juniors to play bridge. The NVBA Unit Game as normal is at [Beth El](#) (3830 Seminary Rd, about a mile east of I-395) at 7PM. Please arrive at least ten minutes before game time. If you need a partner or teammates for the unit game at Beth El, please email Jason Carter at the [NVBA Partnership Desk](#) or use the [RSVP Bridge Reservation System](#) to assist you in finding a partner. Plan ahead for future unit games by viewing the [2024 Unit Game Schedule](#).

Sad News

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of two of our longtime NVBA members. Bob Boyd passed away on 1/13/24 and Vin Bartone passed away on 1/18/24. We will post their obituary out at the [In Memoriam](#) portion of the NVBA website and/or in this newsletter as it becomes available.

NVBA, ACBL, and District Six News

- The District Six Flight B (0-2500 MPs) and Flight C (NLM/0-500 MPs) [GNT registration deadline is this Thursday 1/25/24!](#) For additional details, see the [District Six GNT](#) website.
- [Joe Hertz](#) and [Ron Kral](#) have been carpooling from Reston for the Thursday night Unit Game (often with a pre-game meal at [Valentino's Pizza](#)). We're looking for one or two people who would be interested in joining us so as to qualify for HOV toll avoidance when driving in the 495 HOT lanes. Anyone who is interested should contact [Joe Hertz](#) via email.
- There are 16 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.

Just for 0-20, 0-49, 0-99 Players

Many of you are ready to play at our Thursday evening game at Beth El, except for one or more of the following: 1) want a regular partner, 2) want teaching before and after the game, and 3) want to play against peers instead of Grand Life Masters. This is not unique to NVBA and is an ACBL-Wide challenge. ACBL is helping all of its players at your level to find what you feel you need to have the fun and success you want in playing bridge.

- ACBL has added a second 10-lesson class to its popular "**The ACBL Intro to Bridge Series**" -- see the first entry at <https://www.acbl.org/teachers-lounge/#programs> for more information.
- ACBL has expanded its **Community Games** program on BBO; now Mon-Fri with earlier hours on Mon, Wed, and Fri, more Bridge those days (18 boards vs 12), and post-game teaching when YOU want it by e-mail. See details at <https://acbl.org/portfolio/community-games/>. Follow the instructions, register for the game, and if you are partnerless ACBL will find a partner for you.
- Here in NVBA-land, as soon as eight of you pre-register for a **Thursday Evening Newcomer Section** (0-20 or 0-50), we will hold it. We have a team of volunteers calling you now (if we have your phone number). It's a small team; if you're tired of waiting for a call, send an e-mail to Kevin O'Brien (OBrien.Bridge+Newcomers@gmail.com) asking for information, and you will be contacted ASAP.
- And for the partnerless among you, NVBA has a new event, the **Partner-Seeking Individual Section**. As soon as eight of you pre-register, we will hold this event the next Thursday evening. You will play two hands partnering each of the other seven in the event. After one evening of bridge, you may find one or more of the other seven might be an appropriate partner for a full evening of bridge. Ask them or say "yes" when they ask you! E-mail Kevin O'Brien (OBrien.Bridge+Individual@gmail.com) for more information.

Just for 0-199 or 0-499 Players

- NVBA will start its 199er or Non-Life-Master (NLM, usually 0-499) Section as soon as at least eight of you pre-register for a particular Thursday. E-mail Kevin O'Brien (OBrien.Bridge+NLM@gmail.com) for more information.
- For those of you who need a partner, NVBA will run the Partner-Finding Individual event (yes, we can run 0-50 and 0-499 on the same evening). E-mail Kevin O'Brien (OBrien.Bridge+Individual@gmail.com) for more information.

Upcoming Sectional, Regional, and National Tournaments

- [WBL Winter Sectional Results](#) - Thursday 1/18 to Sunday 1/21
- [Virginia Beach Sectional](#) - Friday 1/26 to Sunday 1/28
- [Charlottesville Sectional](#) - Friday 1/26 to Sunday 1/28
- [Baltimore Sectional](#) - Friday 2/9 to Sunday 2/11
- [NVBA Winter Sectional](#) - Thursday 2/15 to Sunday 2/18
- [Williamsburg Regional](#) - Monday 2/26 to Friday 3/1
- The NVBA website includes all [2024 tournaments of interest](#).

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

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