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Dear Mark:

Happy Fourth of July to all!

On this day of remembrance, let's not forget in-person bridge games. Since April 28, NVBA has held 5 in-persons Unit games at Beth El. Ninety-four players have attended at least one session. If all of them were to show up on the same night, there would 23.5 tables - certainly enough for 2 sections, maybe even 3. And if that were to happen, then NVBA might be able to show a tiny profit for the evening. If you want in-person games in the future, do not forget about them in the present.



Thursday Night Unit Games:

- This Thursday, 7/7, NVBA will host an in-person Upgraded Club Championship (UpCC) at Beth El. Games start promptly at 7:00PM. UpCC masterpoints are awarded at an approximate 3.75 times the normal club game award.
- Please visit [The NVBA Unit Game](#) on the NVBA web site for additional information concerning Unit game policies and procedures.
- For those looking for a partner for the NVBA-hosted in-person games on Thursday, Marty Bley will be running a partnership desk. For more information, please visit [NVBA Partnership Desk](#) on the NVBA web site.
- For those who wish to play online this Thursday, WBL will be hosting the weekly joint Unit games on BBO with Open, Flight B (under 2500), 499er, 199er, and 0-20 sections. The 499er, 199er, and 0-20 games start promptly at 7:05PM. The other two - Open and Flight B - begin at 7:15PM.
- We will have the usual [Jeff Roman Zoom Postgame Discussion](#) after the online play.

Baltimore Regional:

- The tournament is occurring from Monday, 8/22, to Sunday, 8/28, at the Baltimore Convention Center.
- See [Baltimore Regional Flyer](#) for a tournament schedule.
- New and Intermediate players are very welcome at the Regional. Bridge University will be held on Monday and daily lectures will be given on Tuesday thru Friday. More specific information will be announced soon.
- Stay at the beautiful Baltimore Inner Harbor Hilton! It connects to the Baltimore Convention Center via an enclosed, climate-controlled pedestrian walkway.
- Register at the Hilton by Thursday, 7/28, for a special room rate. See the Flyer for more information and the special rate code.

NVBA News:

- The next NVBA Board Meeting is scheduled for this Sunday, 7/10, starting at 9:30AM via Zoom. Please email [Joe Hertz](#) if you wish to attend.
- Here is the current schedule for [NVBA online games](#) on BBO. And in the holiday spirit, Bridge Club of Northern Virginia has a Fourth of July Holiday Bridge special! If their 6:40PM Open Pairs game tonight has ten or more tables, each player's net entry fee will be only BB\$ 2. That means two-buck early evening bridge that finishes 30-45 minutes before the fireworks light up the sky over the mall!
- There are 15 in-person club games listed with times in green on the updated [Clubs](#) page of the NVBA web site 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.

The Longest Day Fundraiser:

From the desk of Kevin O'Brien: Thanks to the tremendous outpouring of donations from local players and those NVBA members reached out to, we topped our original goal. Because Alzheimer's Association still needs more to finance education for all, research for a cure, and care for victims and their caregivers, we revised the Bridge Heroes 2022 team goal to \$20,000. We're continuing fund-raising through August 31. Please consider contributing at [Bridge Heroes 2022](#). If you have any questions, please contact [Kevin O'Brien](#).

District Six News:

District Six-wide Online Pair Games will be held as District 6 NAP Qualifier Games on two Wednesdays in both July and August. Play for increased amounts of red and black masterpoints on 7/13, 7/27, 8/17, and 8/31! Games begin at 7:15PM on BBO. NAP stratifications are: Unlimited/2500/500. For more information, go to [NAP - District Six Bridge](#).

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

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