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From: NVBA Board of Directors <announcements@nvba.org>
Sent: Monday, August 22, 2022 7:06 AM
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Subject: NVBA Weekly Email 8/22/2022 - Baltimore Regional is here!

Dear Mark:

The **Baltimore Regional** is here! Play starts today 8/22 and continues through Sunday 8/28. See the [District Six Baltimore Regional webpage](#) for everything you need to know.



- There are lots of events for all levels! See [Baltimore Regional Flyer](#) and [Baltimore Regional Intermediate/Newcomer Events](#) for the tournament schedule.
- **Entry Express** has been activated. Entry Express is ACBL's new portal for tournaments. You are able to view tournament details and buy event entries in advance. Check it out by:
 - Go to the [Find a Tournament / My Tournaments](#) web page and locate the Baltimore Summer Regional box.
 - For additional information, including an intro video and a FAQ page, go to the [ACBL Entry Express](#) main page.
- Thanks to the continued generosity of player Rusty Krauss and his firm Janney Montgomery Scott LLC, we have teamed with the Hilton to provide FREE parking in the hotel garage! See [Baltimore Regional Free Parking](#) for details.
- We will follow ACBL and local Covid protocols. See [Baltimore Regional Health and Safety Policies](#) for details.
- Lunch will be provided from Tuesday through Sunday. Each player will receive a coupon for that day's offerings. We have made arrangements with Jimmy Johns, a sandwich shop located on Pratt Street just below the playing area, to provide several different sandwich/sub/wrap choices in box lunch style (grab and go) with chips and a drink. The shop has both inside and outside seating plus there are plenty of other areas where you can take a break and eat. The choices for each day will be posted onsite and in the electronic daily bulletin.
- There are lots of other [lunch, dinner, and entertainment options](#) in the surrounding area.
- New and Intermediate players are very welcome at the Regional. Bridge University will be held on Monday with four educational sessions and a 0 - 199 game in the afternoon. For Tuesday through Friday, there will be I/N games every day at 10:00AM and 3:00PM if there are enough people for 3 full tables. In addition, there will be an educational session 45 minutes before the afternoon game. More specific information can be found at the [Bridge University and Daily I/N Speaker Program](#) page on the NVBA website.

NVBA September Sensations Sectional:

- NVBA will be holding its September Sensations Sectional from Thursday, 9/8, thru Sunday, 9/11. See [September Sensations Sectional Flyer](#) for the full schedule.
- See [September Sensations Sectional FAQs](#) for lots of good, new information.

Thursday Night Unit Games:

- There is no in-person unit game at WBL on 8/25/22 because of the Baltimore Regional.
- There will be an online unit game hosted by NVBA. This Thursday's online game is another BBO NVBA NAP Qualifier, NAP stratifications are Unlimited/2500/500. The 499er game starts promptly at 7:05PM. The other two - Open and Flight B - begin at 7:15PM. You can see the results shortly afterwards out at [NVBA Unit Game Results](#).
- There will be no [Zoom Postgame Discussion](#) after the online play this week.

NVBA, District Six, and ACBL News:

- The District Six-wide Online Pair Game on Wednesday 8/31/22 will be held as a District 6 NAP Qualifier Game. Games begin at 7:15PM on BBO. NAP stratifications are: Unlimited/2500/500.
- The NAP qualifying season ends on 8/31/22. See [District Six NAP Qualifiers grouped by Unit](#) if you need to check if you have qualified. See [upcoming NAP Qualifier Games](#) if you still need to qualify.
- The [Bridge Heroes 2022 team](#) is continuing fund-raising for the Longest Day through 8/31/22. If you have any questions, please contact [Kevin O'Brien](#).
- From Thursday 9/15/22 through Sunday 9/18/22 you can **Fall into Bridge** and harvest gold and red masterpoints. Play four days of single-session and two-session events in this BBO online regionally rated tournament. There will be games for players of all experience levels. See the [Fall into Bridge Schedule](#) for more information.
- Registration is now open for the 2022 - 2023 school year program of ACBL's Educational Foundation's **BridgeWhiz** program. Classes begin Sunday, 10/17. This free, exciting, digital initiative is designed to teach young people (grades 4 - 12) the essentials of the fascinating game of bridge. For more information, see the [BridgeWhiz Flyer](#) or go to [BridgeWhiz](#) home page.
- There are 15 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.

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

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