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From: NVBA Board of Directors <announcements@nvba.org>
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Subject: NVBA Weekly Email 10/31/2022 - Happy Halloween!

Dear Mark:

Happy Halloween, hope you are getting lots of tricks and treats while you are making your sinister bids, deceptive declarer plays, and killing defense! Here are some Halloween events going on tonight:



- [Dave Rubin's Sterling Duplicate Bridge Club](#) is having a Halloween party this afternoon! The game starts at 12:30 PM, please show up by 12 Noon to enjoy the holiday treats. They are not able to accommodate walk-in singles, but if a pair shows up, they will be able to make room for them.
- [#BOO BBO](#). Help support local Virtual Club Games in NVBA-Land. Bridge Base Online entry fee is up to \$2.99 Bridge Bucks (BB) for their 18-board games offering ACBL Invisible (clear) Masterpoints. [BCNV](#) can scare them with a better alternative. This evening's Monday 6:40PM BCNV online game is BB\$3 this evening -- just a penny more! Online Open and 499er games at 6:40PM, 21 boards, 6 minutes average per board -- VISIBLE (Black) ACBL Masterpoints, same club rate as BBO. Proceeds from these games support the ACBL Ed Foundation and Alzheimer's Association (50% of net income).
- Some spirited folks in Bethesda have organized a one-time Halloween bridge game/costume party (optional) tonight at 7PM at the Promenade Towers in Bethesda (5225 Pooks Hill Road). If you are interested (single or pair) please contact [Jim Geist](#).

To those who wish to enjoy a Halloween tale from the crypt from the great Victor Mollo, scroll to the bottom of this message and enjoy!

Thursday Night Unit Games:

- This Thursday, 11/3, NVBA will be hosting in-person GNT Qualifying Games at Beth El. There will be Open Championship Flight (unlimited masterpoints), Flight B (under 2500), and Flight C (Non-Life Master with less than 500) playing in a single section in a Swiss team format. All games start promptly at 7:00PM. See [NVBA Unit Game](#) if you are not familiar with the unit game policies and procedures.
- Jay Simon is running the NVBA Partnership Desk for the 11/3 GNT Qualifying game. Email [Jay @ Partnership Desk](#) or call him at 571-789-8338.
- For those who wish to play online this Thursday, 11/3, WBL will be hosting the weekly joint Unit 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.

NVBA, District 6, and ACBL News:

- Congratulations to Mark Chen (NVBA), Hal Hindman (NVBA), Brad Theurer, Mark Laken, and Barry Bragin for winning the [2022 WBL Round Robin League](#) among [ten teams](#). NVBA players have done well in this event the [past five years](#).

- The October – December 2022 NVBA Newsletter is available at [Current NVBA Newsletter](#).
- 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.

Looking to Improve your Game:

- If you are looking for local bridge teachers to improve your play, check out the [Bridge Teachers in the DC metro area](#) list on the NVBA web site.
- Fairfax County has announced its Winter 2023 Bridge Class schedule. See the link on the [NVBA home page](#) for more information.

Upcoming Tournaments:

- [Lancaster Fall Regional](#) (10/31 - 11/6)
- [Williamsburg Fall Sectional](#) (11/4 - 11/6)
- [Phoenix 2022 Fall NABC](#) (11/24 to 12/4)

Tale from the Crypt:

This Halloween let's remember the great [Victor Mollo](#) and his great bridge caricatures! Today's killing defense tale features the [Menagerie characters](#) Hideous Hog, Rueful Rabbit, Walter the Walrus, and Timothy the Toucan.

T.T.
Q87
A72
QJ9
AJT6

R.R.	H.H.
JT9	AK32
J983	T54
T876	432
54	Q32

W.W.
654
KQ6
AK5
K987

Walter the Walrus declared 3NT, Rueful Rabbit found the SJ lead which held T1. RR continued with the S9 and Hideous Hog won his SK. HH cashed the SA but cunningly concealed his S3 and then shifted to the D2. WW had to guess clubs for his ninth trick, expecting RR to have the thirteenth spade, the Walrus took the club finesse against him.

'Surprise, surprise,' chanted the Hog as he pounced on the CJ with his CQ and shot the S3 across the table for the setting trick!

Happy Halloween! Hope you give the kids lots of good candy/snacks tonight, the Card Gods will reward you at the bridge table for doing so. Hope to see you at the bridge tables, play well, and have fun!

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