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From: NVBA Board of Directors <announcements@nvba.org>
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Subject: NVBA Newsletter 12/12/2022 - Two New Life Masters and Bridge Book Gift Suggestions

Dear Mark:

Congratulations to John Huffman and Glenn Preston! In last Thursday's [NVBA STaC Unit Game](#), John got 1.88 silver points and Glenn got 0.59 silver points and they both became Life Masters! We had a nice turnout of 9.5 tables at the 12/8/22 in-person NVBA Unit Game. Glad to see more people playing bridge in-person, the way bridge is meant to be played. Come on out to the 12/22/22 in-person NVBA Unit Game and let's see if we can get over ten tables!



Thursday Night Unit Games:

- WBL will be hosting the in-person unit game this week on Thursday, 12/15. There are Open, Flight B (under 2500), and 499er games, attendance permitting, with a pre-game intermediate/novice lesson at 7:00pm. Please visit the [WBL Unit Game Page](#) and [Welcome Back to Thursday Bridge](#) for additional information concerning their in-person Unit Game policies, procedures, and partnership opportunities.
- For those who wish to play online this week on Thursday, 12/15, NVBA 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:

- [Grand National Team \(GNT\)](#) Season has started and pre-registration is due soon. District 6 will be running the GNT District finals in January and February 2023. Please visit the [District 6 Bridge](#) web site for additional information, including the [Conditions of Contest](#) web page and the [Frequently Asked Questions](#) web page.
- Entries are due by Sunday 12/18/22 for the [2022-23 WBL Unit Knockout](#). Teams can be made up of four, five or six players. The players do not have to be members of District 6.
- Winter Wonderland - an ACBL regionally rated tournament - will be held online on BBO from Tuesday, 12/20, thru Friday, 12/23. See the [Winter Wonderland Schedule](#) for more information.
- The Fairfax County Park System is offering bridge lessons at various sites starting in January 2023. Click [Activities Search](#) to search for classes. On the page, type bridge in the Search Text box and then click the Search Activities button.
- 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.

'Tis the season of giving, how about getting a bridge book as a gift for one of your friends? Or buy one for yourself and support these great authors! Here are some of our favorite books:

Beginner Books

- [Teach Me To Play: A First Bridge Book](#) by Jude Goodwin and Don Ellison
- [The Everything Bridge Book](#) by Brett Manley
- [The Fun Way to Serious Bridge](#) by Harry Lampert

Intermediate Books

- [Winning No Trump Leads](#) by David Bird
- [Winning Suit Contract Leads](#) by David Bird
- [Back Through The Pack](#) by Julian Pottage
- [100 Winning Bridge Tips](#) by Ron Klinger
- [Matchpoints](#) by Kit Woolsey
- [A Switch in Time](#) by Pamela and Matthew Granovetter
- [The Complete Book on Balancing](#) by Mike Lawrence
- [The Complete Book on Overcalls](#) by Mike Lawrence
- [Complete Book of Opening Leads](#) by Easley Blackwood
- [The Play of the Hand at Bridge](#) by Louis H. Watson

Advanced Books

- [Natural Therapy for Defense Disorders](#) by Lajos Linczmayer
- [The Rodwell Files](#) by Eric Rodwell
- [Killing Defense at Bridge](#) by Hugh Kelsey
- [The Contested Auction](#) by Roy Hughes
- [Play These Hands with Me](#) by Terrance Reese

These books should also be available at [Barclay Bridge Books](#).

Do you like reading online bridge content instead of books? Check out the right panel of the [NVBA Home Page](#) where Ron Kral has provided some great material on Learn About Bridge, Play Bridge Online, and many other interesting topics. Thank you, Ron!

Hope you are having a good holiday season. Play well and have fun!

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