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From: NVBA Board of Directors <announcements@nvba.org>
Sent: Monday, January 16, 2023 9:20 AM
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Subject: NVBA Newsletter 1/16/2023 - NVBA Winter Sectional is Back!

Dear Mark:

The [NVBA Winter Sectional](#) is back! Spread the word and encourage your friends to come out and play during 2/16/23 to 2/19/23! See [NVBA Winter Sectional Flyer](#) for details. Club players can pick up these flyers at their favorite club beginning the week.



Congratulations to Ai-Tai Lo (Team Captain Robinson), Rick Bingham & Mel Yudkin (Team Captain Berard), and Robbie Hopkins & Joan Lewis (Team Captain Hopkins) and teammates for qualifying for the GNT Open semifinals! See [GNT Open Results 2023 First Weekend](#) for details. It will be Robinson vs. Berard and Hopkins vs. Neumann in the semifinals during the weekend of 2/18/23. Good luck to our NVBA players!

Congratulations also to Al Duncker (10,000 MPs), Monique Smith (5,000 MPs), and to the others who achieved recent [ACBL Rank Changes](#)!

Thursday Night Unit Games:

NVBA has published the NVBA/WBL Thursday Unit Game Schedule for the first quarter of 2023 on their website. Please see [2023 Unit Game Schedule, January – March](#) for more information.

- This week - Thursday, 1/19:
 - NVBA will be hosting an in-person Stratiflighted Unit Championship at Beth El.
 - Jason Carter is running the NVBA Partnership Desk for the Stratiflighted Unit Championship. For more information, please visit [NVBA Partnership Desk](#) on the NVBA website.
 - We are offering free plays (no game fee) to the following players who play in any in-person NVBA event (unit games and sectional tournaments)! Those who receive a free play (no game fee) will still need to pay the security fee.
 - Any ACBL member with fewer than 5 ACBL masterpoints
 - Any in-person unit game first-timer, regardless of their masterpoint total.
 - Anyone who has not played at an in-person NVBA Unit Game since January 2020.
 - WBL will be hosting the online BBO game 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.
- Next week - Thursday, 1/26:
 - NVBA will be hosting the online BBO game 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.

- WBL will be hosting an in-person Stratiflighted Unit Championship. Please visit the [WBL Home Page](#) for additional information concerning their in-person Unit game policies, procedures, and partnership opportunities.

NVBA, District 6, and ACBL News:

- AARP is sponsoring a virtual seminar on [Learn to Play Bridge: The Basics](#) on Tuesday 1/17/23. Invite your friends to join ACBL Hall of Famer Larry Cohen in a five-session series that will teach them the fascinating and challenging game of bridge! AARP membership not required. See also [Learning Bridge: The Game of a Lifetime](#) and [Bridge to Brain Health: Let's Talk About Bridge](#).
- District Six we will be holding another [District-wide online pairs game](#) on Wednesday 1/18/23. Game times will be 7:05 pm for the 0-199 game, 7:10 pm for the 0-999 game, and 7:15 for the Open game.
- The deadline for registering for the District 6 GNT District finals for Flight A (0-6000), Flight B (0-2500), and Flight C (NLM, 0-500) is Thursday, 1/26. Please visit the [District 6 Bridge GNT News Item](#) on their website for the latest information and the [Conditions of Contest](#) web page and the [Frequently Asked Questions](#) web page.
- 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 14 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.

Upcoming Sectional and Regional Tournaments:

- Virginia Beach Winter Sectional - Friday, 1/27, thru Sunday, 1/29 - See the ACBL web page at [Virginia Beach Winter Sectional](#).
- Baltimore Sectional - Friday, 2/10, thru Sunday, 2/12 - See the [Tournament Flyer](#) and the ACBL web page at [Baltimore Sectional](#).
- NVBA Winter Sectional - Thursday, 2/16, thru Sunday, 2/19 - See the [Tournament Flyer](#) and the ACBL web page at [NVBA Winter Sectional](#).
- Jefferson Bridge Sectional - Friday, 3/3, thru Sunday, 3/5 - See the ACBL web page at [Jefferson Bridge Sectional](#).
- NVBA Spring Sectional - Thursday, 3/30, thru Sunday, 4/2 - See the ACBL web page at [NVBA Spring Sectional](#).

Happy Martin Luther King Day to all! Dr. King said, "The surest way to be happy is to seek happiness for others." So, praise and build up your partner, be nice to the opponents, and you will then play well and have fun!

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