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Dear Mark:

Join us for face-to-face bridge at the [NVBA Spring Sectional](#) from March 30 - April 2! Our attendance continues to grow as we welcome you back with the opportunity to play competitive bridge against your friends and peers in a socially fun environment. The kick-off session will be held Thursday night March 30 at BOTH Unit Game sites. The tournament will continue at the Fairfax Elks Lodge Friday-Sunday, with pairs events Friday afternoon; and the Triple Nickel Swiss and a 499er pairs Friday night. For just \$1 more per session, Saturday's events will be regionally rated, which offers lots of extra silver points at both sessions for players of all levels! Join us for cake between sessions on Saturday to honor Al Duncker's new [rank status](#) of Platinum Life Master (10,000 MPs). The tournament concludes with Flight A Swiss and Bracketed B Teams on Sunday. Hospitality is provided at every session! For additional details, see the bulleted items below.



- See [Spring Sectional Flyer](#) and the [ACBL tournament web page](#) for the schedule and tournament policies.
- If you need a partner, please email Jason Carter at [NVBA Partnership Desk](#).
- Entry Express (EE)! - the technology to skip the lines by buying your pairs/team entry in advance is available at [NVBA Spring Sectional - Entries](#). When using EE, you must buy your entry no later than the day before you want to play: Wednesday for Thursday, Thursday for Friday, etc. See [Entry Express - Players Will Ask](#) if you need any other assistance with EE.
- If you have other questions, please contact Tournament Chair [Margot Hennings](#).

In addition to the upcoming sectional, there are a lot of other fun things to report this week. See below for information on using the new BBO Video Chat in our online unit game. See also Vanderbilt KO Tournament BBO Vugraph and fantasy brackets!

Thursday Night Unit Games:

NVBA has added the optional BBO Video Chat feature to allow video chatting for these online unit games. We tried this out in the 3/2 NVBA online unit game and it was a success! Many players enjoyed using video chat and it did not cause any unintended disruptions to the game. Go to [NVBA Video Chat Instructions](#) and [About Video Chat on BBO](#) to learn how to use BBO Video Chat in the 3/16 online unit game. Please note you may need to close and reopen the BBO Video Chat widget to get the Join button to appear.

- **This week - Thursday, 3/16:**
 - NVBA will be hosting the NVBA/WBL Joint "Unit" Pairs 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.

- 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.
- Due to the New Orleans Spring NABC, there will be no Zoom Postgame Discussion.
- **Next week - Thursday, 3/23:**
 - NVBA will be hosting in-person Stratiflighted ACBL Membership Pairs games at Beth El. Both partners must be ACBL members to win points. There will be A/X Pairs (unlimited/4000), B/C/D Pairs (2500/1500/750), and 199er Pairs (200/100/50) games as long as the three-table minimum required for a section to run is met. All games start promptly at 7:00pm.
 - If you need a partner for these Pairs games at Beth El, please email Jason Carter at [NVBA Partnership Desk](#).
 - If you are an ACBL member with fewer than 5 ACBL masterpoints or a first-time player to the NVBA Unit Game, you only pay the security fee. The game fee is waived. For details, see the [NVBA Unit Game](#) page.
 - For those who wish to play online, 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.
- See the [2023 Unit Game Schedule, January – June](#) and the [NVBA Unit Game Results](#) for more information.

ACBL Spring National:

- Hope NVBAers are jazzing it up with lots of fun and success at Bridge in the Big Easy! The [New Orleans ACBL Spring National](#) started on 3/8/23 and continues through 3/19/23.
- Congratulations to NVBAers who have placed in the [tournament overalls](#) and [won masterpoints](#).
- Want a free front row seat to watch the greatest players in the world play bridge? Starting on Tuesday 3/14/23, you can watch the [Vanderbilt KO Tournament](#) (p. 20-25) via [BBO Vugraph](#)! If you have never done this before, it looks like [this](#). See [Vugraph Schedule](#) for the broadcast times for the Round of 32 all the way through to the finals.
 - There are often voice or chat commentators that add nice insight to the play.
 - The default view is to kibitz all four hands. If you want to kibitz a certain player, move the cursor over North/South/East/West and hit the right mouse button.
 - Click on the player's name to see that player's profile and convention card. There are lots of interesting world-class bidding and carding methods there!
- Want to participate in March Madness and fill out a bracket? No, not NCAA basketball but for bridge! See [2022 Vanderbilt KO Fantasy Brackets](#) for how it worked last year. Check [Bridge Winners](#) on Monday evening or Tuesday morning to play this year.

District Six, ACBL, and NVBA News:

- The next [Wednesday Night District Six online pair game](#) is on 3/15/23. This game occurs on the third Wednesday night of each month.
- Play the ACBL Spring 2023 online tournament **Hollywood Magic!** For four days - Thursday, 3/23, thru Sunday, 3/26, you can play bridge and win regionally rated masterpoints on BBO. See the [Hollywood Magic Schedule](#) for more information.
- The NVBA 2023 Annual Meeting will be held in-person at Beth El and virtually online on 5/11/23. We encourage members to attend to show support for NVBA and to help NVBA reach a quorum.

- 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.
- [Four H's DBC](#) is under new directorship now and has face-to-face ACBL sanctioned play on Monday and Thursday morning at 10:30AM. Since we play at a Fairfax senior center, you must be a Fairfax County Senior Center member. If you are interested in joining us, please contact [Kermit Quick](#).
- Here is the current schedule for [NVBA Online Games](#) on BBO.

Upcoming Sectional, Regional, and National Tournaments:

- [New Orleans Spring NABC](#) - Thursday, 3/9, thru Sunday, 3/19 - See the [Schedule of Events](#) and the ACBL web page at [New Orleans National](#).
- [Hagerstown Spring Sectional](#) - Friday, 3/17, thru Sunday, 3/19 - See the [Tournament Flyer](#) and the ACBL web page at [Hagerstown Spring Sectional](#).
- [NVBA Spring Sectional](#) - Thursday, 3/30, thru Sunday, 4/2 - See the [Tournament Flyer](#) and the ACBL web page at [NVBA Spring Sectional](#).
- [Gatlinburg Regional](#) - Monday, 4/17, thru Sunday, 4/23 - See the [Tournament Flyer](#) and the ACBL web page at [Gatlinburg Regional](#).
- [Virginia Beach Spring Local Sectional](#) - Friday, 4/28, thru Sunday, 4/30 - See the [Tournament Flyer](#) and the ACBL web page at [Virginia Beach Spring Local Sectional](#).

Play well and have fun!

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