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Dear Mark:

Continued thanks to [Rusty Krauss](#) for bringing free wine and cheese to the Thursday Night in-person Unit Game! We had a good turnout of ten full tables and lots of fun at [last week's NVBA Unit Game](#). We are going to offer free wine and cheese for the next few [Unit Games](#). This Thursday's Unit Game should be even better as it is the start of the WBL Sectional!



The [WBL Summer Sectional](#) is this Thursday through Sunday. There will be a single-session pair game on Thursday starting at 10:30AM at the St. Mark Episcopal Church and pair games in the evening at two sites (Ohr Kodesh at 7:30PM and Beth El Hebrew at 7:00PM). The remainder of the tournament will be held as usual at the [Margaret Schweinhaut Senior Center](#) in Silver Spring. As in past sectionals, there will be two single-session pair games on Friday and two single-session pair games on Saturday. Swiss teams will be held on Sunday where players in the A/X game get to compete for the prestigious Eynon Trophy! Flight B will have bracketed 2-session teams, and intermediate/newcomers can play in either or both single-session Swiss team events. Players with fewer than 5 masterpoints play FREE throughout the tournament. There are plenty of events for intermediate players and newcomers. The schedule and other useful information are available on the [WBL Summer Sectional Flyer](#).

Want to play more tournament bridge after the WBL Summer Sectional? Make your plans to play 8/21/23 to 8/27/23 in the **Baltimore Regional!** Check out the 9-page [Baltimore Regional Day 1 Bulletin](#) for everything you need to know about the tournament.

Get on board the RSVP Reservation System for Thursday Evening Games at Beth El

The RSVP Reservation Software is a tremendous tool for both the Director and the players, its efficiency is best when most players are using it to pre-register for the game ... and that includes YOU!

All you need to get started is your Username and Password. Oh! you might also need the [rsvpbridge.com](#) website address, which is >>> [here](#) <<<.

Little-known secret (shhhhh!): most RSVP Usernames are FirstnameI such as georgew. If you are George Wilson, someone else may have the georgew username. Email [Jim Gerding](#) to get your unique RSVP Username.

As for your password, if you don't know it, never knew it, or forgot it, just tell the software you forgot your password. At the speed of the Internet, your email inbox will have an email from RSVP with instructions for you to reset your password. Follow the simple instructions, and you have your own personal password, and you are ready to go.

Pick the date of the game and choose your partner. If you need bells and whistles (stationary pair, it's a team game and you need teammates, looking for a partner, available to substitute, etc), you may choose to be enlightened by the [RSVP Bridge YouTube videos](#) for details.

Finally, if you did not get an RSVP Bridge email invitation (you're new to Bridge or just moved to this area), please email [Jim Gerding](#) and he can add you to the Northern Virginia Unit Game Group.

Thursday Night Unit Games Schedule

- This week - Thursday, 8/3:
 - NVBA will host an in-person 7PM [WBL Summer Sectional](#) Stratiflighted Pairs.
 - If you need a partner for the unit game at Beth El, please email Jason Carter at the [NVBA Partnership Desk](#).
 - The NVBA Unit Game now uses the [RSVP Bridge](#) reservation system. See this [RSVP Bridge YouTube video](#) for details. If you did not get an RSVP Bridge email invitation, please email [Jim Gerding](#) and he can add you to the Northern Virginia Unit Game Group. Although walk-ins are always welcome, using the reservation system helps the game start on time and run more smoothly.
 - There is no online BBO unit game this week.
 - WBL is hosting an in-person 7:30PM [WBL Summer Sectional](#) Stratiflighted Pairs.
- **PLAN AHEAD** -- The [NVBA Unit Game](#) will be In-Person at Beth El all summer Thursdays at 7PM each week.
 - 8/10/23 - [Stratiflighted](#) Club Championship
 - 8/17/23 - [North American Pairs](#) Club Qualifier
 - 8/24/23 - No game due to the [Baltimore Regional](#)
 - 8/31/23 - [Stratiflighted](#) Club Championship
 - See the NVBA Website for the rest of the online [Third Quarter Unit Game schedule](#) and [Unit Game Results](#).

The Longest Day fundraising for Alzheimer's Association ends Today!

- As of this morning, Bridge Heroes 2023 and their \$26,015 raised ranks [eighth](#) among all ACBL teams in the event. Funds raised and reported by TODAY are counted in the campaign for ACBL. You can still make a generous contribution through the [Bridge Heroes 2023 team](#) and help us get to our \$30,500 goal. Great job keeping those donations coming!
- **ONLINE BRIDGE CLASS** -- Improve your Game while helping to #ENDALZ "Practice Expert Thinking" -- an 8-week class with 1-2 hours of solo homework and an online (Sunday Evening) group review of the results will help you develop the discipline and consistency necessary to improve your results at the online AND In-Person Bridge Tables. Register TODAY by making a \$100 (or more!) donation to the [Bridge Heroes 2023 team](#). 100% of tuition goes to Alzheimer's Association (ALZ) through the Bridge Heroes team. Team Captain [Kevin O'Brien](#) will contact you TODAY with the homework for this week, and the first class will be about 8PM Sunday August 3 on Zoom; expect an email with the link to be awaiting you when you get home from the WBL Sectional.

NVBA, ACBL, and District Six News

- The club qualifying period for players to compete to play in the [North American Pairs](#) District-level Finals and win a subsidized trip to the Spring NABC in Louisville, KY, March 13-24, 2024 is underway. [Club qualifier games](#) are being held in Face-To-Face and Online games on BBO until August 2023.
- There are 16 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, Regional, and National Tournaments

- [WBL Summer Sectional](#), Thursday 8/3 to Sunday 8/6
- [Baltimore Regional](#) - Monday 8/21 to Sunday 8/27
- [NVBA Fall Sectional](#) - Thursday 10/12 to Sunday 10/15

Check out these [five powers of encouragement](#). You and your partner can help each other improve and enjoy the game even more! Hope you play well, have fun, and while doing so encourage your partner!

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