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From: NVBA Board of Directors <announcements@nvba.org>
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Dear Mark:

The NVBA had its Board Meeting yesterday morning. Plans are for more help and more emphasis on our Unit Game. More players at every level means both more fun and more Masterpoints! Look for 49ers Links and 499ers News below and every week.



See the [NVBA Board Home Page](#) if you wish to see prior meeting minutes and financial reports.

Thursday Night Unit Games Schedule

We had a nine-table turnout in last week's [Club Championship Stratified Pairs](#) NVBA Unit Game. Hope you enjoyed the free wine and cheese from [Rusty Krauss](#)! This week we will also have a [0-499 game](#) at [Beth El](#) (3830 Seminary Road, Alexandria). **There is no entry fee for 0-49ers** (\$2.00 Security fee still required). The free bridge for 0-49ers is a limited time offer through the end of the year.

- This week - Thursday 11/9/23 [Stratiflighted](#) Club Championship and [0-499er game with no entry fee for 0-49ers](#).
 - If you need a partner or teammates for the unit game at Beth El, please email Jason Carter at the [NVBA Partnership Desk](#).
 - Please use the [RSVP Bridge Reservation System](#) for the Thursday Night Unit Games at Beth El. [RSVP Bridge](#) helps bridge clubs manage reservations. All you need to get started is your Username and Password. Email [Jim Gerding](#) to get your unique RSVP Bridge Username and then click [here](#) to set your password. Pick the date of the game and choose your partner. Check out the [RSVP Bridge YouTube videos](#) for additional details.
 - [WBL](#) is hosting an in-person 7:30PM [Grand National Teams](#) Club Qualifier.
- **PLAN AHEAD** -- The [NVBA Unit Game](#) will be In-Person at [Beth El](#) Thursdays at 7PM each week.
 - 11/16/23 - [Grand National Teams](#) Club Qualifier
 - 11/23/23 - Closed for Thanksgiving
 - 11/30/23 - [Stratiflighted](#) Club Championship
 - 12/07/23 - [Stratiflighted](#) Club Championship
 - See the NVBA Website for the rest of the [4th Quarter Unit Game Schedule](#) and [Unit Game Results](#).

*** 499er News ***

- When you go to <https://www.rsvpbridge.com/> to register for the game (see above), you should find both the Open Game and, as a separate event, the 499er section. It still takes at least six pairs for this section to run.

- If you need a partner, you'll find RSVP Bridge Reservations lets you request a partner with under 500 Masterpoints; you can also choose from among others who are seeking such a partner.
- Don't see the minimum number of pairs reserving a spot? Ask some of your 499er friends to come and join you at the game!

*** 49ers Links ***

- The American Contract Bridge League (ACBL) invites you to play in the weekly Tuesday Evening Community Game on the BBO Platform.
 - 0-20 game at 6 pm, 0-50 game at 6:10 pm
 - Play 12 hands, should take about 90 minutes
 - \$5 entry fee includes FREE LESSON after the game, covering 2 or more of the 12 hands played
 - See <https://www.acbl.org/portfolio/community-games/> for more details, and the lessons from previous games.
- Try a game with your peers, and enjoy the company and the challenges. If you don't have a partner, show up a few minutes early and find one!
- For Thursday evening at the Unit Game, your Entry Fee is the always-popular \$ZERO, although each of us playing does pay the \$2 Security Fee which goes to help cover the cost of Beth El's off-duty Law Enforcement security.
- NVBA hopes to re-establish a true Newcomer Game, but we expect that our 0-20 and 0-50 players will be playing in the 499er Section until attendance grows. Questions? Contact [Kevin O'Brien](mailto:OBrien.bridge@gmail.com) at OBrien.bridge@gmail.com.

NVBA, ACBL, and District Six News

- Good luck to all in the Open Flight District Six North American Pairs Finals on November 11-12, 2023. Click [here](#) for details.
- [Bull Run Bridge Club](#) is experimenting with a new sanctioned Saturday game, to be held only once or twice a month at the [Hampton Inn in Gainesville](#) (right off I-66). **The next game will be on Saturday 11/11/23 at 10AM.** Entry fee is \$10; for the game on 11/11 (Veteran's Day) military veterans get \$5 off. If you're interested, contact [Brenda Egeland](#). If you are already on RSVP, you may see a Join button on your "My Clubs" tab.
- 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

- [Lancaster Fall Regional Results](#) - Monday 10/30 to Sunday 11/5
- [Atlanta ACBL Fall NABC](#) - Thursday 11/23 to Sunday 12/3

Tomorrow is Election Day. We encourage you to vote, see [Fairfax County Voter Guide](#) for everything you need to know for Election Day 2023. Other local jurisdictions will have similar; use your favorite search engine to find yours.

Play well, have fun, and see you at the tables!

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