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From: NVBA Board of Directors <announcements@nvba.org>
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Subject: NVBA E-News - Unit Game Feedback and D6 Monthly Game this Wednesday

Dear Mark:

We had 14.5 tables at [last week's NVBA Unit Game](#)! Hope you had fun at our holiday Unit Game and congratulations to James Sprung/Eleanor Schwartz and Mark Tonnesen/Kenneth Davis who were the two winners! Keep that unit game attendance coming to help make the Unit Game financially viable again. Thank you to those who replied to the [Unit Game Survival Letter](#). Your suggestions and feedback were helpful. Please continue to provide feedback by emailing [NVBA President Georgette Weiss](#).



Thursday Night Unit Games Schedule

- This week - Thursday 12/21/23 [GNT Qualifier](#)
- The [NVBA Unit Game](#) will be In-Person at [Beth El](#) (3830 Seminary Rd, about a mile east of I-395) Thursdays at 7PM each week. Please arrive at least ten minutes before game time so we can start promptly at 7PM.
- The Open Game and its 499er section use the [RSVP Bridge](#) Reservation System to manage reservations. Sign up [here](#) to receive NVBA RSVP Bridge unit game notices and register to play online. Pick the date of the game and choose your partner. Check out the [RSVP Bridge YouTube videos](#) for additional details.
- If you need a partner or teammates for the unit game at Beth El, please email Jason Carter at the [NVBA Partnership Desk](#) or use the [RSVP Bridge](#) Reservation System to assist you in finding a partner.
- **PLAN AHEAD** -- The [NVBA Unit Game](#) will be In-Person at [Beth El](#) Thursdays at 7PM each week.
 - 12/28/23 - [Stratiflighted](#) Club Championship
 - See the NVBA Website for the rest of the [4th Quarter Unit Game Schedule](#) and [Unit Game Results](#). The 2024 Unit Game schedule is in the process of being finalized.

District Six Monthly Game 12/20/23 7:15PM

This game is held every third Wednesday night of the month at 7:15PM. Playing in this game also helps our Unit 218. On Wednesday 12/20/23, the game will be a [GNT Qualifier](#). Everyone who is a District 6 member is eligible to play in this event, and District 6 members can invite a player from outside the district to play as their guest. You can sign up as early as two hours before gametime (7:15PM). To find the game: Sign into BBO and click on virtual clubs->North America->Search for District 6. Sign up with your partner as normal. Once both your partnership and your teammates are signed up go back to the game like you were signing up and click on Select Teammates. The invitor of the second pair will be invited to your team. Once that is accepted you are ready to play. Pairs that do not select teammates or whose teammates are not online at the start of the game will be randomly teamed up. See also [Virtual Swiss Team Game on BBO](#) for details. If you have any problems registering, please send a BBO chat message to the VACB139840 account — that will reach the director of the game who will be able to address the situation for you.

49ers News

- 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 3 or more of the 12 hands played
- For Thursday evening at the Unit Game, your **entry fee is free!** 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](#) at OBrien.bridge@gmail.com.

Holiday Gift Suggestions (Listed from Beginner to Intermediate to Advanced)

- [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
- [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
- [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!

NVBA, ACBL, and District Six News

- The ACBL is having issues with its membership auto-renew, **please check your ACBL membership to make sure it has not expired**. ACBL dues for a one-year membership will be increasing to \$59 on January 1, 2024. This is the first price increase since 2017. **When you renew before December 31, 2023, you can lock in the current membership dues fee of \$49 US – even if your membership isn't expiring yet!** That's a savings of 17%. PLUS save even MORE when you renew for three years, just \$117 (price will increase to \$147 starting January 1, 2024).
- 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 Winter Sectional](#) - Thursday 1/18 to Sunday 1/21
- [NVBA Winter Sectional](#) - Thursday 2/15 to Sunday 2/18
- [Williamsburg Regional](#) - Monday 2/26 to Friday 3/1
- The NVBA website now includes all [2024 tournaments of interest](#).

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

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