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# **NVBA E-News - Reston Regional & ACBL The Longest Day**

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#### **Dear Ronald:**

In a few short weeks, the Reston Regional will provide you plenty of opportunities to play the game we love and hang out with your friends in a nicely appointed facility, with many places to dine and socialize between games. We have events for all players from novices to experts. Think of



coming to the Regional as a mini vacation! No need for grocery shopping or cooking - just enjoy your friends and experience relaxing dinners out in a wide variety of restaurants within an easy stroll from the Hyatt playing site. It is not too late to get a room at the very low rate of \$124 per night. And parking is free at the Hyatt for hotel guests. We ask you to understand that if you want to have tournaments in upscale venues, we need you to stay at the hotel and help fill our room block. We really hope you will support District 6 and join us for this annual celebration of bridge and America's birthday!

The Reston Regional starts on Monday 7/1 and runs through Saturday 7/6! See the Reston Regional Day One Bulletin for everything you need to know about the tournament.

#### ACBL The Longest Day Fundraiser

Let's support the ACBL's The Longest Day Alzheimer's Association (ALZ) fundraiser! Local clubs may be running Longest Day games at their regular club games June 17-23. In many of these games, entry fees are collected as usual, and all are encouraged to make additional contributions to Alzheimer's Association. ACBL Black Masterpoints are awarded as usual in all ACBL F2F Longest Day games.

- NVBA's The Longest Day game is at Beth El on Thursday 6/20/24 7PM. As in the past, NVBA covers entry fees and security fees. We will be collecting ALZ donations that night through the Bridge Heroes 2024 Team, please be generous as you have been in the previous 12 years of the event.
- Bridge Club of Northern Virginia will schedule such games Saturday morning 9:30AM, Saturday afternoon 1:30PM and Sunday afternoon 12:40PM. No pre-registration needed for any of these.
- Dave Rubin
  - Sterling Cascades Senior Center, 12:30PM TODAY
  - Leesburg Senior Center, 9:30AM FRIDAY June 21, FREE Lunch between sessions
  - Leesburg Senior Center, 1:00PM FRIDAY June 21
- Gene Schuyler St Andrews Episcopal Church, 10:30PM WEDNESDAY June 19
- ACBL decrees that online (VACB) games supporting The Longest Day will be June 22 & 23 only.

Others local Directors may also be running Longest Day games, the above are the ones who have notified us. Contact the Director at your local F2F club to see if they too are running Longest Day games.

### **Thursday Night NVBA Unit Game**

• Thank you to those who played in last week's NVBA Unit Game. There were 12 tables, congratulations to Ben Umansky/Brooks Chupp and Alan Schwartz/Annie Schwartz for being the section top winners.

- This Thursday's Unit Game will be a Longest Day Charity Pairs game (see above). The NVBA Unit Game starts at 7PM and is at Beth El (3830 Seminary Rd, about a mile east of I-395). Please arrive at least ten minutes before game time.
- If you need a partner or teammates for any Thursday game at Beth El, please email Jason Carter by 4PM Tuesday afternoon for your best chance to obtain a partner. You can also use the RSVP Bridge Reservation System to assist you in finding a partner.
- Plan ahead for future unit games by viewing the 2024 Unit Game Schedule. Please note the NVBA Board recently changed the 2024 Unit Game Schedule.

#### Supervised Play at NVBA Unit Game

We will have at least one table of much slower, low-key, No Masterpoints Supervised Play at the Unit Game. Those who participated last time this was held are all returning. If you (with or without a partner) come June 20, we may actually have two or more tables this week.

# District Six Monthly Online Game on 6/19/24

Play against the best in District Six from the comfort of your couch! Our next monthly District Six online pair game will be Wednesday 6/19/24 with game times of 7:05 PM for 0-199, 7:10 PM for 0-999, and 7:15 PM for the Open Game. The entry fee is only \$5 and the game is held on the third Wednesday of each month. 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.

### Just for New, 0-20, 0-49, 0-199, and 0-499 Players

- Let's create a 0-20 Section at the Reston Regional! Please see this 0-20 Reston Regional email or contact Susan Miskura at smiskura@aol.com or 703-447-3036 for additional information.
- Learn how to play bridge at the WBL Educational Foundation bridge classes. In-person classes start on 6/22/24.
- Supervised Play continues to be available at Beth El on Thursday evenings! Check out the 6/3/24 NVBA E-News for additional information.
- Check out the 0-49 game at SwanGames.com, 7:30PM Monday evenings.
- ACBL participates in no-Masterpoints Social Bridge games 3-6PM Sundays on the RealBridge platform.
- Shark Bridge offers no-Masterpoints games/tournaments on their site daily. You play 12 boards vs. Robots with a Robot partner. Each day's game starts at 12:01AM and ends at 11:59PM EDT. There is no board or round timer, start any time you want.
- ACBL Community Games run on BBO Monday through Friday, advertised at 0-20, 0-50, and 0-99 levels.
- Visit the lower right-hand portion of the NVBA Home Page for lots of Learn About Bridge resources.

# **NVBA, ACBL, and District Six News**

- Check out the updates to the NVBA Winner's Circle.
- Check out the Washington Bridge League Round Robin league latest results.
- For Black ACBL Masterpoints, and occasionally other pigments (Silver, Red, Gold), play at the SE
   Carolina Club of Clubs. This benefits NVBA as we are a member club. We get two dollars for each
   NVBA player buying an entry to this club game. The more people that play online in this game the
   more money we earn. See their Web page at https://sites.google.com/view/se-club-of-clubs/home
   for game schedule, lessons, and more. Each game advertises a 0-750 section, a 0-2500 section, and an
   Open section.
- There are 16 in-person club games on the Clubs page of the NVBA website. 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**

- Reston Regional Monday 7/1 to Saturday 7/6. See also the Reston Regional Day One Bulletin.
- Baltimore Regional Monday 8/19 to Sunday 8/25
- NVBA September Sensations Sectional Thursday 9/12 to Sunday 9/15
- The NVBA website includes all 2024 tournaments of interest.

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

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