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## NVBA E-News - The Baltimore Regional: Bridge, Fun, and Camden Yards!

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### Dear Ronald:

Greetings, bridge enthusiasts! The much-anticipated **Baltimore Regional** kicks off today! Gather your cards, polish your bidding skills, and join us for an exciting week of competitive play. Here's what you need to know:



- **Prime Location:** Our venue is nestled in the heart of Baltimore, right next to the iconic Camden Yards ballpark. Experience the thrill of in-person daytime bridge matches and then live nighttime baseball! There are lots of other entertainment options. Take a leisurely stroll to the vibrant waterfront of the Inner Harbor. Discover charming pubs, delightful restaurants, and lively entertainment!
- **Bridge Galore:** Of course, there'll be plenty of bridge action all week from Monday 8/19/24 through Sunday 8/25/24! Compete, strategize, and forge new partnerships! The Baltimore Regional promises intense games and camaraderie. Dive into the 9-page **Baltimore Regional Day #1 Bulletin**. It's your go-to resource for schedules, pairings, and essential details.
- Are you a novice player, or do you know a novice player, who might like to play in the 0-20 masterpoint section at the **Baltimore Regional**? If so, we are having **two FREE games** on Tuesday 8/20/24 specifically for beginning players who have less than 20 masterpoints. If you are an interested player or you know of potential participants, please let Susan Miskura know at [smiskura@aol.com](mailto:smiskura@aol.com) or 703-447-3036. Click [here](#) and see the Newcomer Section for everything new players need to know about the tournament.
- **Free Parking:** Thanks to the continued generosity of player Rusty Krauss and his firm the **Krauss Investment Group**, we have teamed with the Hilton to provide FREE parking in the hotel garage. Click [here](#) and go to p. 2 to see how to get reimbursed for parking.
- **Last Chance?:** District Six enthusiasts, listen up! This might be our final regional tournament for a while. While plans are brewing for a 2025 event, nothing's set in stone. Let's rally together, fill those tables, and demonstrate the demand for more regionals in our beloved area. Your presence matters!

### Thursday Night NVBA Unit Game

- Congratulations to Mark Tonnesen/Kenneth Davis and Debra Graham/Michael Miale for section tops in **last week's Unit Game**.
- **There is no Thursday Unit Game this week** due to the **Baltimore Regional**.
- Plan ahead for future unit games by viewing the **2024 Unit Game Schedule**.
- Annual **NVBA Life Master-Non-Life Master (LM/NLM) game** Thurs Sept 19 at Beth El -- mark your calendars now and sign up [here](#). Much fun, one of the four most popular NVBA Unit Games of the year, have fun, learn a lot, as low-key as you want it to be!

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

- **FREE 0-20 Sections at local tournaments**

- [Baltimore Regional, Tuesday Aug 20](#) -- Lecture at 9:30AM, games at 10:30AM and 3:00PM. 0-20 play FREE all day; see [Baltimore Regional Day #1 Bulletin](#) for more details.
- Fairfax (ELKS) Sectional, Saturday Sept 14, morning session. See [flier](#) for details and mark your calendar NOW!
- The [ACBL Intro to Bridge](#) has new sessions starting up!
- 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

- All can play in any [SE Carolina Club of Clubs](#) game. They also offer daily 0-750, 0-2500, and Open games. 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 15 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

- [Baltimore Regional](#) - Monday 8/19 to Sunday 8/25. See the [Baltimore Regional Day #1 Bulletin](#) for lots of tournament information.
- [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 Baltimore Regional!

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