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Subject: Welcome to 2022!

Dear Mark:

We hope that you all had an enjoyable holiday season, in whatever way you celebrate. As we start 2022, let us hope that some kind of return to normalcy is not too far away.



Unfortunately, we must start with some bad news. We are very sorry to report that George Parkins passed away a few days ago. George was an enthusiastic bridge player and served two terms on the NVBA Board, to which he brought much-needed military order. He also served for time as NVBA liaison to local clubs. We send our commiserations and sympathy to Kathy.

Second, the Board decided at its meeting yesterday to cancel plans for a sectional in February. Many of you responded to the survey that was sent out, and those responses were of great value in helping the Board come to a decision. It was readily apparent that the continuing pandemic, especially with the emergence of the latest new strain, meant that many local players are not yet ready to gather with a lot of other people. A number of units around the country have held sectionals in the past few months, and attendance has been no more than 30-40% of pre-Covid numbers. It seemed likely that a February sectional in our area would struggle to reach even that level of participation.

However, the Board continues to make plans for a sectional in May, assuming that omicron has receded by then and, of course, that no new Greek letters come to plague us. We will keep you updated.

Here are the current schedules of [online games](#) and [club games](#).

According to present information, **Jeff Roman** will be back on Zoom to give a lesson before this week's Unit Game. His lessons are lively and informative, and he loves to take questions from participants. He is online beginning around 6 pm and typically spends the first 15 minutes, before the lesson begins, answering any and all questions that you have. Jeff has insights and advice for players at all levels, so please join in and participate. He and others, often including Alan Schwartz, run a post-game discussion afterwards. The Zoom site for Jeff's lessons is [here](#) and the site for the post-game discussion is [here](#). If you need technical help with Zoom, email [Joe Hertz](#).

Play well and have fun!

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