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Dear Mark:

February is ACBL's month for support of the Educational Foundation, whose purpose is to bring new people, and especially young people, into the world of duplicate bridge. Game fees will be slightly higher, with extra dollars going to the Fund, but you will earn black points at double the usual rate. All in-person games in February are eligible to part of the promotion, at the directors' discretion. Online games during the week of Feb. 21-27 will automatically support the Fund. Here are the current schedules for [online games](#) and [club games](#).



Congratulations to Craig Pritzker and Dave Delzingaro, who scored a 76.98% result in the Fairfax game on Monday evening, Nov. 22, last year. Their names appear on the Big Games page of the February Bulletin (page 74). ACBL has announced that the postal delivery of the Bulletin is likely to be delayed, but you can read the Bulletin online.

Return of the Unit Game: Representatives of NVBA and WBL recently met to discuss how and when the Unit Game will go live. The present plan is for face-to-face play to resume in April, with (for the time being), each Unit holding an in-person game on alternate Thursdays, while the other Unit holds an online game on the same evening. In addition, NVBA is making plans to hold a live sectional in May. As always, these plans remain somewhat tentative, but we will keep you updated as the situation firms up.

Jeff Roman will be 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](#).



A personal note: I started the weekly NVBA email some 6 years ago, as best my failing memory will tell. I hope the email has been helpful to local bridge players, especially during these pandemic years, and that it has fostered a sense of connectedness in the local bridge community. Writing the email has certainly made me feel that I am part of a larger community than I knew about when I was merely playing my regular games with a handful of partners.

But now it's time to move on. Some of you may know that I retired recently and have decided to move to New England, where they have real snowstorms but know how to deal with them; what they don't have is inhumanly hot summers. And I have a number of good friends up there.

The weekly email will now be in the hands of Ed Egan and Mark Chen. You can reach them by replying to this message. Feel free to keep them informed of local bridge news and salacious gossip. I'm sure they will do a great job!

--- *David Lindley*

Play well and have fun!

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