

## Mark Chen

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**From:** NVBA Board of Directors <announcements@nvba.org>  
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**Subject:** Educational Foundation & Valentine's Weekend

**Dear Mark:**

**February is support month for the ACBL Educational Foundation:** Programs that you'll be supporting include [BridgeWhiz: Bridge for Kids](#); the [Bridge "First Hands" Series](#); and students' travel to the [ACBL's Collegiate Bridge Bowl](#). Game fees will be slightly higher, with extra dollars going to the Foundation, but you will earn black points at double the usual rate. All in-person games in February are eligible to be part of the promotion, at the directors' discretion. Online games held in the Virtual Clubs during the week of February 21-27 will automatically support the Foundation. Here are the current schedules for [online games](#) and [club games](#).



**Double the Fun – and Your Red and Black Points – on Valentine's Weekend:** Celebrate this Valentine's Day by playing bridge! On February 12-13 (Saturday and Sunday), all Virtual Club games will award double the regular club masterpoints, and they will be half red / half black. You do not need to do anything special to participate in these games; any game in the Virtual Clubs will be automatically included.

**Thursday's Unit Game:** 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](#).

**Sad News:** We are sorry to report that ACBL Gold Life Master Mike Stafford, a longtime NVBA member, passed away recently. For those wishing to make a remembrance in Mike's name, the Washington Post [obituary](#) indicates that donations can be made to the Disabled American Veterans ([dav.org](#)).

Play well and have fun!

Your NVBA board

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