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Dear Mark:

District 6 Games: This coming Wednesday - February 16 - District 6 will be hosting their once-monthly District-wide online pairs games on BBO. As in the previous months, there will be three flights in the event: 0-199; 0-999; and Open. In January, there was a grand total of 41 tables. Game times will be: 7:05 pm for the 0-199 game, 7:10 pm for the 0-999 game, and 7:15 for the Open game.



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 next week - February 21-27 - will automatically support the Foundation.

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

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](#).

Masterpoint Races: In 1974, the ACBL Board of Directors voted to recognize the masterpoint achievements of all players and the Mini-McKenney races were established. These recognize the ACBL members who earn the most masterpoints in sanctioned tournaments and clubs (excluding NAP/GNT qualifiers and STaCs) within a calendar year. This race is named after William E. McKenney, ACBL's first executive secretary.

Since the vast majority of ACBL members play in local club games, the Ace of Clubs competition was created in 1984. All points won at the club level are counted in this contest with the exception of those won in STaCs. The award was renamed in 2011 in honor of Grand Life Master Helen Shanbrom. Shanbrom was one of ACBL's most active players and won the top category of the Ace of Clubs more times than any other member.

There are 15 race categories ranging from 0-5 masterpoints to 10,000+. A player is placed in a category based on his/her masterpoint total at the beginning of a given year.

The results of the 2021 races have been determined and the top 25 players in each category can be viewed at the following web pages: [District 6 2021 Mini-McKenney Awards](#); [Unit 218 2021 Mini-McKenney Awards](#); [District 6 2021 Helen Shanbrom Ace of Clubs Awards](#); and [Unit 218 2021 Helen Shanbrom Ace of Clubs Awards](#).

Congratulations to all those who are listed for a year well played.

Play well and have fun!

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