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Dear Mark:

Thursday's Unit Game:

- We are excited to announce that the Northern Virginia Bridge Association and Washington Bridge League are planning to transition back to holding in-person Thursday night unit games starting on 4/28/2022! See the right-hand portion of the **Washington Bridge League** home page for details.
- Until then, the NVBA and WBL will continue to hold a weekly Thursday evening joint unit games on Bridge Base Online with open, flight B (under 2500), and 499er/199er sections.
- Pregame Lesson Bridge pro Jeff Roman gives online lessons and answers questions each week before the Unit Game. For those of you who don't know Jeff, he resided in this area for most of his life but now lives in Oregon. Jeff is a smart, fun, and witty guy, what a great opportunity for all NVBAers to get his insight and advice! Join <u>Jeff Roman's Zoom Lesson</u> at 6PM!
- Postgame Discussion Just like the 19th hole in golf, we have Board 25 in bridge! Jeff Roman, Alan Schwartz, and many others participate in a postgame discussion after each Unit Game. Join the <u>Unit Game Zoom Postgame Discussion</u> right after the Unit Game is over. If you need technical help with Zoom, email <u>Joe Hertz</u>.

Other Club Games: Here are the current schedules for online games and club games.

The Longest Day: This is an annual fundraising event held to support the fight against Alzheimer's disease by the Alzheimer's Association. This is the 10th year of ACBL's partnership with the organization. The event spans the longest day of the year, the Summer Solstice, and symbolizes the challenging journey of those living with Alzheimer's and their caregivers. Bridge is uniquely suited for The Longest Day because studies have shown that playing strategic games, like bridge, help keep your brain healthy.

As in the past, NVBA Board Member Kevin O'Brien has taken the lead through Bridge Heroes 2022, one of 39 ACBL Longest Day teams. To show your support, please join the team at The Longest Day: Bridge Heroes 2022. If you would like to become more involved, please email Kevin@Bridge Heroes.

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 from February 21-27 will automatically support the Foundation.

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