The Unitizer



Message from the President...
Janelle Van Rensselaer

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As we shelter in place for another month, I hope you have been playing games online and connecting with your favorite bridge partners.

Thankfully, each of our directors have been able to bring their games online and now you have the ability to play every day in one of Jenny's, Patti's, Raad's and Robert's virtual games. To see a current schedule of lessons, games and times, go to our website, www.unit498.com. The times have been shifting, so check in advance to be sure something has not changed. Thanks to Mary Bates, the schedules have been updated and maintained on this website immediately.

More good news, most of the fees from virtual games and Support Your Local Club games go to our club owners. Last week it was reported that the first cash distributions were made to clubs, which will continue on a monthly basis going forward. So please play in these games and support our clubs!!

The physical locations for our clubs are all closing. Patti is moving out of the BBC location and Jenny and Raad have moved out of Fattoria. The Unit has stored tables, side tables, bridge mates, trophies and a dealing machine, so when we are able to go back to live/in-person games, we have the equipment to support getting them up and running.

All of our Unit 498 games and Sectionals are currently cancelled; however, we are hoping to have a Virtual Unit Mentor/Mentee game in May. Currently we plan to do this on Thursday, May 28th, at 6:30 pm. Mark the date on your calendar; if you are interested in playing as a mentor or mentee, let Jenny or me know. We will be reaching out to you with more information soon.

If you have not played on line and would like some coaching to get you over the "hump", please email me at <u>janellevanr@janellevanr.com</u> and I will do my best to acquaint you with the tools available to help you.

Again, I want to wish everyone well as we do our part in helping curtail the spread of this virus. As they say, "We will get through this together".

Stay safe, stay well.

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