Dear Bridge Players, please check out our website <u>The Greater Venice Duplicate Bridge Club</u>, <u>Englewood FI (bridgewebs.com)</u> for news and schedule of upcoming events. Highlights include:

- Club Champ week of 2/7, no extra charge
- Silver point STaC week of 2/14, extra dollar
- Upgraded Club Champ week of 2/21, no extra charge

We must **cancel the game Friday**, **February 24**. Church needs to set up for fundraising rummage sale Saturday 2/25 to support roof repairs. We are all invited to shop and we are welcome to contribute items which may be brought to the game 2/23. Contact me to arrange storage for items you wish to contribute earlier than 2/23.

Our seasoned players are so welcoming and friendly and eager to answer questions (if asked) that we've stopped trying to offer a limited section. Our 299er group prefers to play in the open section. Thank you all for being so gracious and patient.

A directory of GVDBC members is in preparation. We will include email and cell phone contact information. Please let me know if you **do not** wish to be included. This will be ready for distribution around April 1.

We had a nice turnout for \$5 Fridays in January, and hope for sufficient number of tables (8) to be solvent going forward. Fee is now \$8. I must tell you that I am going to recommend to our Board of Directors that due to disappointing turnout we discontinue the Sunday game and perhaps the Friday game, if we can't muster 8 tables. We'll keep you posted. February schedule is a lock. Stay tuned for news or watch the website. Starting this Sunday, lite lunch (nothing elaborate) will be offered on Sunday (no extra charge).

You have likely noticed roof repairs are underway. They have promised to keep the noise down on bridge days from now on. Christ Lutheran is making every effort to arrange the work around our bridge schedule. If occasional closure becomes necessary, it will be posted on the website. Please notice the workers as you arrive for bridge. Roof repair is sloppy work and you should park away from work areas to avoid possible damage to your car/tires.

Beginning Bridge School II started1/24; latecomers are welcome, contact Elaine (859-816-4581). She offers a variety of learning options. It has been proposed that we offer a formal mentoring program. If you are seasoned player available to mentor, or an aspiring player looking for a mentor, let me know and I'll try to match you up.

As always, contact Tom (508-737-7181) for partners, and me for other stuff. Thanks for playing in our club.

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