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**To:** mark\_chen@cox.net  
**Subject:** F2F NVBA Unit Game Survival - Letter from Unit 218 President

**Dear Mark:**

Fellow bridge players, I need your support. Our Unit game is foundering. We have tried everything we can think of to increase attendance at the Thursday night Unit game. Unfortunately, we haven't been very successful. We had our monthly board meeting Sunday, and our financials are on shaky ground. To break even we need 20 -22 tables. On a good night we get 8 tables. Consequently, we are losing at least \$2,000 a month. Most of our expenses are fixed Such as rent, security guard and director fees. Free plays run about 12% of our cost. Unfortunately, we are going to suspend free plays at the beginning of the year (so, use them now). FYI, the board has not taken free plays since 2019. We hope attendance will grow and the free plays will be back soon. **We would really hate to shut down the Unit game but that may be our only choice in the coming year.**



**We can't change our expenses, so we must increase participation.** Face to face bridge is so much more interesting than online bridge. The fellowship and the snacks make it more fun. Plus, you can discuss the hands in person.

In the near future the board members are going to reach out to Unit 218 members with a phone call inviting lapsed members back and inquiring why they no longer play F2F regularly or at all. Please give us a few minutes of your time when we call. We represent you and want to make sure we have your best interests at heart.

**Georgette Weiss**  
**President Unit 218**

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