

We have a very event-centric post for you this month. Our Unit hosts bridge events throughout the year, but these two upcoming events are crowd-pleasers: one is to give back to our loyal players, and the other is to support a worthwhile cause.

The annual **Player Appreciation Party** is scheduled for Sunday, May 15 at the Soledad Club with all the bells and whistles: extra championship points, a delicious catered buffet lunch, door prizes, recognition of award recipients in a fun format, a preview of our Alzheimer's TLD auctioned pros, and above all, meeting up with fellow players you may not have seen in two years or longer. This special game will commemorate our return to face-to-face bridge.

Preparations are abound for the annual The Longest Day fundraiser auction to benefit the Alzheimer's Association, where you can bid on top bridge players for a future online game of your choice. A marathon of bridge games is scheduled for June 19.

Don't miss your chance to play with world-renowned players Zia Mahmood and Mark Itabashi, who have agreed to face off for a fun, instructive game with their winning bidders in a special BBO event.

To place a bid or get more information, visit [this auction page](#). This is a fantastic opportunity to play with several nationally recognized bridge professionals who have generously volunteered their time to help our effort. Last year, our Unit was the top fundraising team in San Diego, having raised more than \$8,000. As this is **the 10th year** of ACBL's successful partnership with The Longest Day, our Unit set a goal of \$10,000. Please help us exceed last year's donations. For more information, please check our website at sandiegobridge.com or to donate, visit [Alzheimer's Association The Longest Day fundraising page](#).

Our last scheduled online Unit game was held on Sunday, May 1. Many players have requested the continuation of our online game when we return to face-to-face competition. Although it is possible to run online and concurrent games, we need to evaluate the pros and cons of that strategy. The current plan is for the Unit to run a number of face-to-face games and thereafter review where we stand based on popular demand, table count, and volunteer capacity. We are still actively recruiting new board members to join us in June. If you are interested please email omalley_c-m@cox.net.

The Unit welcomes new members Jorge Finkleberg and Karen Primus. Our Membership and Awards Chairperson Jane Petering will be in contact to offer a free play at any of our future Unit games.

We hope you'll join us to celebrate the growing return of face-to-face bridge, see your friends, and more at the self-proclaimed best game in town.

San Diego Club News:

At [Redwood Bridge Club](#), there are multiple games every day except Sunday and lessons for players at all levels. Check out the websites for upcoming classes, descriptions of all the games, and daily results.

[San Diego Bridge Club](#) offers sanctioned games at 10:30 a.m. every Tuesday and Thursday at the Masonic Center at 3366 Adams Avenue. Call (619) 847-3001 for more information. Be sure to check the websites of all these clubs for updates to their game schedules.