

As we approach the holiday season, and the end of this “more normal” year, it’s comforting to know that our face-to-face Unit games are back to offer the “aerobics for the mind” that we all need to stay active. On a typical Sunday afternoon, there are between 10-13 tables in the Unit’s Open game at the Soledad Club. We offer a light lunch and an opportunity to meet old friends and make new ones. Come join us and bring your bridge friends.

The online 499er game did not reach a critical mass, so it has been discontinued for now. We would love to offer a 499er game live at the Soledad Club if we could reach enough tables. If you would be interested in being part of a live 499er game, or an online game, or both, please email [lanya.agelidis@gmail.com](mailto:lanya.agelidis@gmail.com).

By the time this update goes to print, our STaC game will have been done and dusted, and only three Unit games remain for 2022: November 20, December 4, and December 18. There will be no game on Sunday, January 1. Check the Unit’s [website](#) for updated information.

Unit 539 continued our strong support for The Longest Day-ACBL's charitable fundraiser for the fight against Alzheimer's. This year the Unit raised \$11,145 for the worthy cause.

We sponsored an auction for many of the local pros, who have continued to support the fundraising efforts, but this year we added a unique bidding opportunity, both Zia Mahmood and Mark Itabashi agreed to play an online match partnering with their respective successful bidders. The match was played on September 15, kibitzed by over 200 bridge players on BBO with commentary by Rick Roeder and John Jones.

Unit 539 is proud to welcome new member Aaron Chizhik. In addition, Jason Burghouwt transferred into our Unit from Rhode Island. Membership and Awards Chairperson Jane Petering will be in contact to offer a free play at any of our future Unit games. Last month, one of our Unit members, Abe Gleiberman, turned 99 years old, so please join us in wishing him a very happy birthday.

In addition to the Unit games scheduled for the first and third Sundays at the Soledad Club, our social clubs [San Diego Bridge Club](#) and [Redwood Bridge Club](#) are offering games for players at various experience levels. Thank you to everyone for supporting the Unit and our local clubs. It’s nice we can shuffle up and deal in face-to-face games again.

Have a wonderful holiday with your loved ones. Happy Thanksgiving!

Club News: Redwood Bridge Club in Balboa Park offers games Monday through Saturday. We have games for players of all levels, from newcomers to the most experienced. Bridge classes are winding down as the holidays approach, but there will be a series of new classes offered to start in January. You can check us out at our website [redwoodbridgeclub.org](http://redwoodbridgeclub.org). Please direct any questions to our club manager David Walters at [davwal@yahoo.com](mailto:davwal@yahoo.com) or (619) 298-5756.

[San Diego Bridge Club](#) offers sanctioned games at 10:30 a.m. every Tuesday and Friday at the Masonic Center at 3366 Adams Avenue. Call John Lagodimos at (619) 847-3001 for more information.