

The luck of the Irish is on your side in March. May you enjoy an abundance of high-card points and game bonuses this month. O'Plenty of Unit 539 news in store for you:

Our first Spring Sectional since 2020 concluded at St. Gabriel Catholic Church in Poway, with over 100 tables competing over two days. The venue was a new one; there was ample space to spread our tables out across the sizable church hall, parking was plentiful, and the hospitality each day didn't disappoint.

It takes dedicated work and substantial personnel to organize and execute a Sectional. We extend our gratitude to all the volunteers and workers—seen and unseen—who made this event possible. Special thanks go to Lamya Agelidis and John Boackle, who arranged and coordinated the entire function. Selby Winkler did a fantastic job handling partnerships, and Kevin O'Neill worked tirelessly all weekend. We also express our appreciation for our board members for volunteering throughout the weekend.

For those who decided not to attend, we would like to hear your reasons so we can fix them if they're within our control. Please provide your suggestions to lamya.agelidis@gmail.com.

Charles and Marjorie O'Malley were the top masterpoints winners with 18.97 MPs, and Daniel Koppenhafer and Chris Hastie tied for second with 13.68 MPs. Congratulations to these bridge maestros! We would love to acknowledge each winner if space permitted, but the complete list of masterpoint winners at this event and others can be found on the [ACBL Live Tournament Events page](#).

For those who didn't get enough bridge at the Sectional, our regular Unit game was held on Sunday, March 5, as well as a chance to qualify for Grand National Teams (GNT). Because none of the San Diego Clubs are offering face-to-face GNT qualifying games, our Unit sponsored three games (NLM <500, 0-2500, and Open section), allowing 11 teams to qualify for the District final in San Juan Capistrano on April 22–23. Phyllis Yates, Nagy Nosseir, Freda Anderson, and Judy Laxer were first in Flight A, and finishing first in Flight B were Jerry Miller, Janice Joerger, Gene Katz, and Richard Stryker. Flight C was won by Linda Atkinson, Ramey Farah, Brian Castle, and Patrick Staley.

Complete game results are posted at BridgeResults.net. To receive notifications when your results are published, follow the prompts at the [Bridge Results registration page](#).

The Unit welcomes new members Karen Peterson, Henry Siegel, Oliver and Sandy Smoot, as well as Ron Jackson, who transferred into our Unit. Membership Chairperson Bridget Poizner will contact our new members to offer a free play at any future Unit games.

Our March 19 Unit game is a Charity Game, so lots of masterpoints will be awarded. In addition, one of our favorite bridge teachers will be returning to support the 499ers. Aside from leading a mini-lesson at 12:30 p.m., he will be directing the 499er game, providing invaluable supervision and white glove treatment to our enthusiastic group.

Calling all 1499ers too! 1499ers seeking their own sections are encouraged to preregister by emailing lamya.agelidis@gmail.com so the three sections can be organized. As always, we also welcome our Open players to another round of highly competitive bridge.

Remember, nothing is quite like in-person play! Wishing you a pot of gold at the tables this month.

Club News: [Redwood Bridge Club](#) in Balboa Park offers games Monday through Saturday. They have games for players of all levels, from newcomers to the most experienced. Check the website for upcoming classes, game descriptions, and daily results. Please direct any questions to our club manager David Walters at 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.