

It was wonderful to see so many of you at our annual membership meeting game two weeks ago, where we saw 18.5 tables in play. We had a great turnout, and it was terrific to see many old friends once again. Slowly but surely, the tables are now buzzing, the directors are now running, and our kitchen helper Kevin is busy replenishing the hospitality.

Here are a few announcements if you missed the annual membership meeting:

The San Diego Unit board has recently voted to revise our Covid safety protocols. As a result, both Unit games and Sectionals will no longer be checking proof of vaccination. Masking remains optional; all we ask is that if your (masked) opponents request that you mask up for that round, please do. But, of course, we'd rather you stay home if you have the sniffles or aren't feeling at your best.

Next up, The Longest Day is almost here! And that means we're in the final stretch of fundraising for Alzheimer's research and care, all culminating in a period of gameplay in which table sanction fees will be donated. Things are off to an exciting start. This year, thanks to the generous contribution of one of the donors, our Unit received the largest donation to date.

We will host our Longest Day bridge games on Sunday, June 18, at 1:00 at the Soledad Club. There will be extra masterpoints awarded, and the Unit will match one dollar from each player's card fees to donate to the cause.

A lineup of local and international bridge stars in our [Expert auction](#) features 18 experts this year! *David Abelow, Kitty Cooper, Paul Darin, Ish Delmonte, Mitch Dunitz, Jason Feldman, Lynne Feldman, Wirt Gilliam, Mark Itabashi, Daniel Korbel, Sam Madison, and Rick Roeder* will be available again to play with the highest bidder. *Davis Bennett, Vlad Isporski, John Jones, Marjorie Michelin, Claude Vogel, and Rhoda Walsh* are new to this illustrious group this year. Don't miss this chance to play with the best. You can secure your chosen star using the "Buy Now" feature. Please note that the highest bidder will arrange their game with the expert directly, and there is no obligation to play in our Unit game.

Local artists Judy Rimer and Phyllis Yates will have a few of their beautiful creations on display for us. You can purchase those at our face-to-face games on June 4 and 18.

Finally, if none of this is your cup of tea, and all you want to do is be a good citizen and contribute to the cause, we'll be happy to take your money. You can donate securely online at our [fundraising page](#), through Venmo or Zelle, or by giving us a check during one of our upcoming face-to-face games. For more information, see the attached flyer on page 15 or sandiegobridge.com. Please don't let technology get in the way of your generous contributions. If any websites give you headaches, please email me at byrnekathleen25@gmail.com, and I'll gladly guide you through the process.

Don't just wish for silver points—play for them during the Summer Sectional, hosted jointly with the La Jolla Unit, scheduled for August 11-12 at the Soledad Club. Swiss Teams (Stratified A/X/Y and Bracket B) are on **Saturday** of the Sectional starting at 10:00. But if teams aren't your thing and you prefer the strategies of matchpoint playing, we will also offer two single-session Open Pairs games each day of the tournament at 10:00 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. We expect a full house, so we must limit seating to the first 40 tables. Please follow the reservation instructions on the flyer on page 20.

We are thrilled to offer our limited 599er game weekly at the Unit games, hosted by La Jolla and San Diego, on alternate weeks. The game is preceded by a mini-lesson at 12:30. If you plan on joining us at the 599er game, please message Bridget at bridgefun1430@gmail.com.

Don't forget to mark your calendars for the July 2 Unit game, during which we will host the Open Pairs trophy game. The winners of our Open game will be engraved on the trophy and will join the ranks in the prestigious list of winners among the top players in San Diego.

Kudos to board members Sam Madison and Wayne Sottosanti for starting an introductory bridge series at one of the local San Diego libraries. Eighteen newcomers attended the first session; what a great start!

The Unit welcomes new member Faye Foroutanpour this month. Membership Chairperson Bridget Poizner will contact our new member to offer a free play at any future Unit games.

Summer, and hopefully some sun, is on its way. Have a great month ahead!

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.