

It's officially Fall, and every trick is a treat! Here are the announcements and plans for the upcoming Fall season.

We will hold a special *Player Appreciation Game* on Sunday, October 15, at the Soledad Club, which will pay the highest number of masterpoints we can offer at any of our games, excluding Sectionals. Our Unit awards lots of masterpoints at our weekly Unit Championship games, but this game offers more than 28% additional masterpoints at no extra cost. Plus, we are planning special hospitality. Preceded by a mini-lesson at 12:30, the game will have sections for both Open Pairs and 599ers. If you plan on joining us at the 599er game, please message Bridget at bridgefun1430@gmail.com.

A Grand National Team Qualifier will be held on November 5. Because none of the San Diego area clubs are offering face-to-face GNT qualifying games, the Unit will be sponsoring three—NLM <500, 0-2500, and Open section—allowing all qualifiers to participate in the district final. Details can be found on the D22 [website](#). This is your chance to participate in this prestigious grassroots event. Pizza will be served at the special qualifier team game.

As usual, game results and other useful information are posted on our [website](#). To receive notifications when your results are published, visit the [Bridge Results login page](#) and register your email address.

Along with a few intrepid volunteers, Unit board members Wayne Sottosanti and Sam Madison are spearheading an effort to introduce and teach bridge to beginners in San Diego at the North University Community Library at 8820 Judicial Drive. Held every other Saturday, the course comprises 12 two-hour lessons with more than 30 registered students. We hope to add more education programs in San Diego in the near future. Moreover, we will develop plans to keep the attendees engaged in our bridge community upon course completion.

The Unit welcomes new members Jorge Finkelberg, Karen Primus, and Richard Blum. Membership Chairperson Bridget Poizner will contact our new members to offer a free play at any future Unit games.

And finally, we are saddened to learn of Roger Doughman's passing. Larry Sherman, an occasional scribe for this publication, said it best: "The San Diego bridge community lost a big hitter recently; it's Mickey Mantle, really."

Roger's wit and banter were prime examples of why many of us prefer to play bridge at clubs as opposed to online. Personally, I never left a round against Roger without a laugh (and a hug), as he would always pull out the double card as soon as I arrived at his table before the bidding commenced! You can find Larry's article, which includes many remembrances from Roger's bridge friends and partners, [here](#).

Let's all Fall for some fun at the tables this month!

There is lots of Club News this October, which is Club Appreciation Month! You can earn upgraded masterpoint awards at clubs through October 31.

[Redwood Bridge Club](#) will host a special fundraiser on Saturday, November 18. Bridge Director Philippe Gagne recently returned from Africa, where he went on numerous safaris in South Africa, Zimbabwe, and Botswana. Redwood Club members will enjoy wine and cheese during an exhibition of beautiful photographs of animals and sunsets. As the Redwood Club recently endured a security compromise, the event aims to assist with reinforcing building safeguards. Two games will also be held, one open and one limited, both of which start at noon. The exhibition begins at 3:45 p.m. It costs \$10 to participate in games and a \$15 donation to indulge in wine and cheese at our safari fundraiser afterward. A head count for the games isn't necessary, but those attending the fundraiser should RSVP the club at (619) 298-5756. All ACBL games from September 6 through Oct. 28 will be awarded bonus masterpoints. Please direct any questions to our club manager, David Walters at davwal@yahoo.com.

[San Diego Bridge Club](#) offers sanctioned games at 10:30 a.m. every Tuesday and Friday at the Masonic Center at 3366 Adams Avenue and will also host Club Appreciation games during the weeks of October 9 and October 23. Call John Lagodimos at (619) 847-3001 for more information.