

Whew! We made it through January—it felt long, didn't it? Now, with February, the shortest month of the year, let's make it count by enjoying the game we all love, especially as we celebrate Valentine's Day.

Show your love by joining us for the unit game on Sunday, February 16, a charity game supporting the ACBL Education Foundation. If you plan to participate in the 699er game or need a partner for any games, please message Bridget at [bridgefun1430@gmail.com](mailto:bridgefun1430@gmail.com). Game results and other pertinent information are available on our [website](#).

It would be even lovelier to see you at our Sectional weekend from February 28 to March 1 at [San Diego Oasis Rancho Bernardo](#). The Swiss Teams event (Stratified A/X/Y and Bracket B) will kick off on Saturday at 9:30 a.m. If you prefer matchpoint strategies over team games, we offer two single-session Open Pairs games daily at 9:30 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. Please refer to the flyer on page **XX** for more details.

Following the Sectional, we will host our regularly scheduled Unit game at the Soledad Club on March 2.

Fifteen players successfully completed the *Intro to Bridge* class taught by Wirt Gilliam. We're thrilled that certified bridge teacher and expert player Wirt Gilliam is beginning his second year of bridge lessons at the North University Community Library. These free introductory classes are held most Saturdays from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., February through May. With 30 registered attendees, it's a fantastic opportunity for both new and returning players to learn, practice, and enjoy the game in a welcoming environment.

In recent months, we've welcomed several new members to our Unit. A warm welcome to Bette Marks, Gang Shao, George Marks, Jie Ouyang, Lisa Engel, Mary Lebsack, Sandra Venzon, and Satchel French. Our Membership Chairperson, Bridget Poizner, will contact our new members to offer a free play at any future Unit games.

May your Valentine's Day be as grand as a slam in bridge! See you at the tables.

Club News:

[Redwood Bridge Club](#) offers multiple daily games and lessons for players of all levels. Visit their website for upcoming classes, game details, and daily results.

[San Diego Bridge Club](#) hosts sanctioned games every Tuesday and Friday at 10:30 a.m. at the Masonic Center, 3366 Adams Avenue. For more information, contact Sebastian at (619) 299-0026.

Attention online players! The ACBL has announced the launch of the ACBL Community Club, debuting during Stardust Week from February 10 to 16. This new game offers a platform where bridge enthusiasts can connect, discuss hands, and engage with fellow members. By participating in online games through the Clubhouse on Bridge Base Online (BBO), a portion of your entry

fees supports your local **face-to-face clubs**, providing them with financial assistance. For more information, visit [acbl.org](https://www.acbl.org).