From finesses to fun, the summer bridge season has begun!

It was wonderful to see so many of you at our Spring Sectional, held at the Oasis Institute in Rancho Bernardo. More than 140 tables competed across two days, with 570 silver masterpoints earned by 191 players.

We extend our gratitude to the Bridge Club of North County for graciously hosting the event and helping make the weekend a success. A tournament of this scale would not be possible without a dedicated team of volunteers and organizers. We sincerely thank everyone who contributed, whether behind the scenes or front and center. A special shout-out goes to John Boackle and Mark Hartzell for their exceptional coordination, Bridget Poizner for managing partnerships, and our board members for their support throughout the weekend. We also extend our appreciation to Brandon Sheumaker and Paul Darin for expertly directing the event. Your hard work made this tournament a tremendous success.

Congratulations to Rick Roeder and Charlie Finch, who earned the most masterpoints at the sectional with 25.65.

Section Top winners also received NABC polo shirts courtesy of our sponsor, Don Xu, who generously helped underwrite the cost of the merchandise. Saturday morning winners were Rick Roeder and Charlie Finch in the Open Pairs, along with Nancy Lipton and Ted Hazard and Jim Coe and Marila Lombrozo in the 699er game. Saturday afternoon honors went to John Feo and Suresh Mahajan in the Open Pairs and Barnie Wallace and Deepak Vora in the 699er game.

On Sunday morning, Weihua Chang and Jason Zhou topped the Open Pairs, while Sherrill Kulp and Marti Colwell won the 699er section. Sunday afternoon winners were Mark Perlmutter and Mac Busby in the Open Pairs and Alison Hout and Candace Blocher in the 699er game. In the Sunday Teams event, the A/X/Y winners were Claude Vogel, Lynne Feldman, Rick Roeder, and Charlie Finch, while the Flight B champions were Alan Turner, Sue Lichter, Albert Ransom, and Tom Branch. Congratulations to all of our winners!

We're gearing up for our *Do What You Love to End ALZ™* game on Sunday, June 21, at 1:00 p.m. at the Soledad Club. *Do What You Love to End ALZ™* is the evolution of The Longest Day® and continues to support the Alzheimer's Association's fight to end Alzheimer's and all other dementia. Extra masterpoints will be awarded, and the Unit will donate one dollar from each player's card fee. In addition, all table sanction fees will go directly to the Alzheimer's Association.

Sam Madison has assembled an outstanding lineup of bridge pros this year, and Judy Rimer and Dee Willms are once again creating 30 handcrafted dolls. A handcrafted doll is available with a $50 donation, with all proceeds benefiting the *Do What You Love to End ALZ™* campaign. It is a meaningful way to support this important cause while enjoying the opportunity to play with top talent. Additional event information is available on the Unit 539 website. To bid on one of this year's bridge pros, visit the Pro Auction website.

Mark your calendar for our upcoming Unit Championship Games. In addition to the *ALZ*™ game on June 21, we will host Unit Championship games on June 28 and July 5. The June 28 game is also our NABC Fundraiser Game, so please join us in supporting the North American Bridge Championships when they come to San Diego this fall.

Our local clubs continue to keep the bridge community thriving, with games, classes, and special events taking place throughout the month. The San Diego Bridge Club has resumed its Friday game, which is attracting growing attendance and renewed enthusiasm among local players. The club also offers a Tuesday game at 10:30 a.m. at its Adams Avenue location. For more information, visit www.sandiegobridgeclub.com.

In other club news, both the Redwood Bridge Club and the San Diego Bridge Club recently launched team games at their respective clubs, and the response was overwhelmingly positive. Be sure to check their websites for upcoming team games. For the latest game schedules, classes, team games, and special events at the Redwood Bridge Club, please visit the club's website.

Until next time, enjoy the summer, and we'll see you at the bridge table.