It's July, and we're kicking off the second half of the year with Unit games, exciting updates, and plenty of chances to play bridge!

First up is Do What You Love to End ALZ™. We're thrilled to share that our annual fundraiser benefiting the Alzheimer's Association raised an incredible $31,209—the highest total our Unit has ever achieved. Nearly all of our bridge pros graciously agreed to play with two or more donors each, giving even more players the opportunity to participate in the popular Bridge Pro Auction. Coordinator Sam Madison also enlisted support from neighboring clubs and Units, helping expand this year's event. Thank you to everyone who donated, bid in the Pro Auction, volunteered, or played in our Unit game. Special thanks to Sam Madison, Sarah Granby from the Alzheimer's Association, and their dedicated team of volunteers for making this year's event possible.

Our Unit celebrated Do What You Love to End ALZ™ on Father's Day by hosting 18 tables across two sections, with many players showing their support by wearing purple.

On the competitive front, Lynne Feldman and Sam Madison captured first place in the Open Pairs with a 61.38% game, proving that Sam can organize a record-breaking fundraiser and still find time to win at bridge! Mary Scott Knoll and Marti Blackwell won the 699er game with an impressive 65.63% score. Players also enjoyed a variety of salads and entrées, a festive cake, and a lively atmosphere, making it a joyful and memorable day in support of a great cause.

Several favorite Unit games are coming up this summer. Join us on Sunday, July 5, for the Open Pairs Trophy at the Soledad Club, followed by the Unit Championship Game on July 19. On Sunday, August 2, we'll hold our annual Membership Meeting Party, which will also be a North American Pairs (NAP) Qualifier game.

As always, our Unit games feature a light catered lunch at 12:30 p.m., followed by bridge at 1:00 p.m., with a mini-lesson beforehand. Players interested in joining the 699er game are asked to contact Bridget in advance. For schedules, results, and additional information, please visit our Unit website.

Our Unit is also seeking new Board members. If you're interested in helping shape the future of Unit 539, please contact Lamya Agelidis for more information.

There's plenty happening at our local bridge clubs this summer. The San Diego Bridge Club has resumed its popular Friday game, which continues to attract 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, with team games held on the last Tuesday of each month. For game schedules and special events, visit www.sandiegobridgeclub.com.

The Redwood Bridge Club continues to offer games, classes, special events, and team games. Please note that Summer Camp in Balboa Park is underway, so parking near the club will be limited until September. The good news is that paid parking throughout Balboa Park will be eliminated beginning January 1, 2027. Visit the Redwood Bridge Club website for schedules and upcoming events.

As America marks its 250th birthday this year, we wish everyone a wonderful summer and look forward to seeing you at an upcoming Unit game.