

San Diego –October 2017

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We held our Summer Sectional from August 4-6 on beautiful Mission Bay at the Marina Village Conference Center. It is a fabulous venue enjoying refreshing views of the bay, with an abundance of parking, and nice playing areas for both pairs and team events. Sponsoring Sectionals has become increasingly challenging financially, and this year we have taken note that some of our fellow San Diego ACBL units have chosen to take the year off. Our table count was down to an all time low in this event. Please offer any feedback to our Unit's board members as to what you might like to see changed in order to promote better attendance. For example, should we consider sailing you into the marina from your Port a Call? Any thoughts? Winners of our pairs events included Joe Houde/Andy Loh, Susan Koshkarian/Albert Cornelison, Carolyn Berger/J. Stephen Haine, Lynne Feldman/Sam Madison Jammal, Harry Azora/Magnus Leopold, Dwaine Hawley/Gary Zost, Pat Galligan/Jon Wright, Philip Savage III/Michael Tuszewski, Patrick Staley/Gerald Kibbey (70.97%), Norman Schwartz/Sam Madison Jammal, Dwaine Hawley/Gary Zoss, Martin Frank/Stephen Weiss (69.94%), and Mac Busby/Wirl Gilliam. Earning the most masterpoints over the weekend were Sam Madison Jammal (36.03), followed by Lynne Feldman (34.32).

Speaking of tournaments, our Unit 539, along with La Jolla Unit 526, will welcome non-Life Masters (0-500 MP), to a NLM Sectional on Friday/Saturday, October 13/14. The event will be held at the Lawrence Jewish Community Center at 4126 Executive Drive, just northwest of UTC. Both pairs and Swiss team events will take place at 9:30 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. For general information, reach out to tournament chair, Mike Koscielski at bridgebum1430@gmail.com. For partnership assistance, call or text Lynne Anderson at 858-353-3119. Players from all units are invited to mine some silver.

The 2nd Sunday unit event was our annual Masters Pair Trophy game. Open game attracted 17 1/2 tables. Winners in Flight A (with their names to be engraved on the perennial) were Lynne O'Neill/Freda Anderson, edging 4 other pairs by less than 1/2 board! Gail Dunham/Sue Kane won the B, while Carolyn Casey/Brian Jones the C strat. We attracted 6 tables to the 999er game, which was won by Barb and Bruce Hanson, who had a 70.42% game. Finishing 1st in Flight B were Gigette and Craig Caldwell, while Leslie Levin/Iris Menninger won C.

We are happy to announce that some new milestones have been reached by Unit 539 members: Junior: Brian Castle, Patrick Chen, Bruce Menzies, Sam San-Wong; Club: Jimmy Stevens; Sectional: Martha Krasne; Regional: Marilyn Rowen; Silver: Charles O'Malley III; Ruby: Barbara Lasky. Our Awards Chairperson, Carolyn Casey, will be in contact to offer a free play at any of our unit games during a 3 month window. We would also like to welcome 2 new members to our unit: Aidan Livingstone and Cynthia Warwick.

Many of you may have seen Unit 539's Beth Granby featured in a recent issue of ACBL's *Bridge Bulletin*, for her fundraising efforts. The Alzheimer's Association encourages supporters to utilize a special skill or hobby to create their now Longest Day fundraising project. Beth did just that. She involved our community by inviting us to donate old tee shirts from which she promised to create pillows to sell. The pillows were sold back to fellow bridge players at Adventures in Bridge, raising \$1,500 in a campaign that went on through August.

Have you encountered larger table counts at your games these past few months? Thanks to our visitors from Arizona, we traditionally see a spike in activity during the summer, and wish them well until their next visit.

October is Breast Cancer Awareness month. There will be a fundraising effort to support this ongoing cause on Saturday, October 28 at the United Way building's conference center from 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Our own Roy Green has volunteered to teach from 11:00 - 12:15,

followed by a 30 minute lunch break, and the class continuing from 12:45 - 2:00. The class is earmarked for newcomers to our game, and we invite those of you whose family and friends have expressed interest in playing to strongly consider this opportunity. To have Roy in our community to introduce the game to potential players is a gift to us all. Feel free to contact Laura Farmer Sherman at laura@sdkomen.org for more information.

Club News: San Diego Bridge Academy sandiegobridgeacademy.com and Redwood Bridge Club redwoodbridgeclub.org. Check out the websites for game results, descriptions of all the available games and lessons. 21st Century Bridge Club meets every Thursday evening at 6:30 p.m. at the Redwood Bridge Club. This sanctioned game is run by Betty Riedler, who can be reached at 619 276-3476 or bettyriedler@gmail.com with any questions or partnership requests. There will be a club championship game on Sept. 28. Adventures in Bridge (www.adventuresinbridge.com). Check out the website. Game results are posted quickly and there's a description of all the available games and lessons. With the recent demolition of Coco's Restaurant and the staging of fencing surrounding the construction of a new Chick-fil-A, AIB management requests that patrons park in designated spots so as not to disturb neighboring businesses.