

San Diego

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Wazzup at Unit 539? For one, this is the time of year our unit bids farewell to some outgoing board members and welcomes new additions. We hold our annual membership meeting and game on June 3; we wish to thank Gigette Caldwell and Mike Koscielski for all of their contributions, and specifically for chairing Publicity and Non-Life Master programs, respectively. Our on the scene ace reporter, Jack Spade, has it on good authority that 4 candidates shall be nominated on June 3 to fill their shoes. Stay tuned. Thanks go out to Jane Petering and Marianne Klayman for their efforts in sorting through the plethora of interested applicants. In any case, one perk our unit can promise; when you volunteer to help serve the unit, whether it be joining the board or in another capacity, you will always have more master points, or at least as many, as before. It is like a finesse that never fails.

Two weeks later on June 17 we celebrate Father's Day and The Longest Day, ACBL's Alzheimers Association fundraiser. Kathy Byrne and Beth Granby are leading the charge. Wirt Gilliam has provided bulletin board space at Adventures in Bridge featuring the event's memory cards. With the donation to The Longest Day, players can place a memory card on the board. Our goal is to completely fill the board with cards. \$1 of the each players' card fees will be donated to this worthy cause. The unit will be selling other items to raise money including tee shirts, handicrafts, jewelry by Nira Levy, knit jewelry bags by Beth Granby, and bridge games/lessons by selected A players. Players are encouraged to wear purple.

Two weeks later on July 1 we shall feature our annual Open Pairs Trophy game.

Our unit plans to introduce two special games this year that we'd like to make you aware of. The August 5 Unit game will be a mixed gender pair competition, with both Open and 999er sections as usual.. The October 7 Unit game feature pairings of players with less than 1,000 MP and players with more than 1,000 MP. There will only be one section for this game. We encourage you to find your own partners for each of these games, but if you need assistance, feel free to contact our partnership chairperson.

We have completed work on our 2nd edition of a Unit 539 newsletter, with plans to release via email to known recipients the last few days of May. If we do not have your email address, and wish to be included, kindly complete the form our unit has developed, located near the front desk at AIB, to be added to our data base. In addition, you will be able to locate a copy of the 12 page newsletter on our website at www.sandiegobridge.com. You will find profiles of players, a cartoon, a bridge problem, special interest articles, a puzzle about players in our unit past careers, along with our calendar, master point race winners from 2017, and other tis bits.

With the D22 Forum's later electronic distribution, henceforth we can provide the results from the recent 1st Sunday unit games along with the 3rd Sunday game results from the prior month. Our game on April 15 attracted 17 tables in the Open section. Finishing 1st in the A strat were Bill Grant-Sam Jordan, while Susan and Avram Ninyo won the B and Elazar Harel-John Howard the C strat. 5 tables competed in the 999er game, with Don Davidson-Wayne Wheeler winning the A and B strats, while Nancy Mogck-Mike Sloan finished atop the C. Our May 6 game had 16 1/2 tables in the Open section. Tim Flaherty-Bob Moore won the A strat, while Kathee and George Bessinger the B, and Bob Brobst-Malcolm Jarvis the C. Finishing 1st in all three starts of the 3 table 999er game were Gigette and Craig Caldwell.

We are happy to announce that 26 new milestones have been reached by Unit 539 members: Junior: John Cherry, Howard Sommers, and Wayne Wheeler; Club: Jane Grande, Penny Herzog, and Jan Janecki; Regional: Patrick Chen, Ginny Potter, George Scher, and Patrick Stayley; NABC: Anne Bradley, Jewel Daniels, Steve Provol, James Scofield, Bobbie Tobias, and Martha Walker; Advanced NABC: Dan Boylan and Pat Sullivan; Life: Mike Koscielski and Jennifer Prairie; Silver: John Evans and Rodolfo Veinbergs; Ruby: Sam Madison-Jammal and Marjorie O'Malley; Gold: Stuart Sechriest; Emerald: Mark Perlmutter. 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. The Unit welcomes Karen Friedman, Susan and George Kaplan, Heidi Kelley, Phyllis Marion, and Phillip Robzyk as new members. In addition, Molly Wright has transferred into our unit from Spokane.

Club News: The San Diego Bridge Club (www.sandiegobridgeclub.com) offers a weekly game every Tuesday at 10:30 a.m. Winners from April through May 8 were Gigette Caldwell-Ursala Pardo (twice), Joelyn Shilliday-Arnold Fisher, Paul Dubois-Greg Wetz, Gigette Caldwell-Sam Madison-Jammal, and Robin Rodger-Bill Allen at the May 8 STaC game. Special events coming up are the Longest Day June 19th, and a club championship June 26th.

San Diego Bridge Academy (www.sandiegobridgeacademy.com) and Redwood Bridge Club (redwoodbridgeclub.org). Check out the websites for game results, descriptions of all the available games and lessons.

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21st Century Bridge Club meets every Thursday evening at 6:30 p.m. at the Redwood Bridge Club. If you need a partner or would like information on this sanctioned game, please call Betty Riedler at 619-276-3476, or email her at bettyriedler@gmail.com.