



San Diego 539

By Stuart Showalter

Happy holidays to all, and we hope you continue to enjoy Unit 539 events in the New Year! To thank you for past support, we are making plans for the annual Player Appreciation Party. Last year's event — “Cheers to the New Year!” — was a huge success (see photos), so on January 6 we will return to the Soledad Club for a repeat. There will be a buffet lunch at 11:30 followed by the game at 1 PM. Buffet is \$15 (free if you played in at least 12 of the unit's games this year), and the game is \$10. RSVP is required for the buffet using a form available at AIB or by contacting Kathy Byrne at 650-868-1717 or byrnekathleen25@gmail.com.



The unit's Non-Life Master tournament (0-750) was held October 26-27 at the Lawrence Family Jewish Community Center in La Jolla. A total of 58.5 tables made the tourney a success.

Full results are posted on our website, <http://www.sandiegobridge.com>, and the following were the winners in the four games. Friday AM 1st: Mark Spiro – Ben Moraine; 2nd: Brian Castle – Robert Dunham (2nd). Friday PM 1st: Janet Dunlap – Charles Stoopack; 2nd: Stuart Showalter – John Flannery. Saturday AM 1st: Stuart Showalter – Sarah Hans; 2nd: Edward Zevely – Raj Patel. Saturday PM 1st: Brian Castle – Robert Dunham (70.24%); 2nd: Mark Spiro – Ben Moraine.

There are three Sundays in December, so our unit games (stratified pairs and 999er) for the rest of the year are Dec. 2, 16, and 30. The “third Sunday” game will include special hospitality. The full calendar for 2019 is posted on the website, where results are posted soon after each game.

We continue to search for new venues for tournaments. Readers are encouraged to help find reasonably priced locations with good parking and adequate floor space (5000+ sq. ft.). Call or text Lamy Agelidis at 615-887-1012 or email to [lamya.agelidis@gmail.com](mailto:lamy.agelidis@gmail.com) if you have suggestions.



We recently celebrated the 101st birthday of the queen of San Diego bridge circles, Lena Jelusich. Sitting in her usual spot at table 3NS, Lena enjoyed some champagne, birthday cake, and the good wishes of all in attendance.

Finally, we congratulate three players who achieved new Life Master ranks: Dr. Suresh Kanekar (Silver), Stephen Rattner (Ruby) and Jim Johnsen (Diamond).

San Diego Club News:

Adventures in Bridge (www.adventuresinbridge.com) is located at 5939 Balboa Avenue in Clairemont. Game results are posted on the website quickly and there's a description of all the available games and lessons.

Redwood Bridge Club (www.redwoodbridgeclub.org) and San Diego Bridge Academy (www.sandiegobridgeacademy.com) are at 3111 6th Avenue, San Diego. There are games every day except Sunday and lessons for players at all levels. Check out the websites for upcoming classes, descriptions of all the games, and daily results.

San Diego Bridge Club (www.sandiegobridgeclub.com) offers a sanctioned game at 10:30 a.m. every Tuesday at the Columbus Club, 4425 Home Ave. Call (619) 847-3001 for more information. October's winners were Gigette Caldwell - Ursala Pardo; Robin Rodger - Bill Allen; Sue Wightman - Paul Dubois; Robin Rodger - Gary Mollenkopf; and Karen Dempsey - Naomi Henning. The club championship game will be held December 18. The club will be closed on Christmas Day and New Year's Day.

21st Century Bridge Club meets at 6:30 p.m. every Thursday for a sanctioned game at the Redwood Bridge Club. If you need a partner or would like information on this sanctioned game, please call Bobbie Wheeler at (619) 296-5569, or email her at bobbiewheel@aol.com. The club held its annual holiday luncheon on Sunday, December 2 followed by a special sanctioned game.