



## San Diego 539

By Stuart Showalter

The Unit 539 Spring Sectional at Marina Village wrapped up on March 3 to good reviews from all concerned, and the misty rain failed to dampen anyone's spirits. Table counts were higher than last year, set-up and closing went smoothly, and the \$5 box lunch was a big hit. One of our directors commented, "It's a pleasure to work this tournament; you have a well-oiled machine that runs super smoothly."



Top master point winners at the event were Maritha Pottenger, Rick Roeder, Iftikhar Baqai, Lynne Feldman, and Sam Madison, each earning more than 20 MPs during the three days. On Friday the Open Pairs winners were Pottenger-Sachs and Krall-Mahdavi (morning and afternoon respectively). Saturday's Open Paris winners were Baqai-Roeder (morning) and Madison-Feldman (afternoon). The Busby-Chaffee pair won the Sunday afternoon Open Paris event. The StratiFlighted Swiss Teams A/X/Y was led by the Felman-Baqai/Madison-Roeder team. In the BCD Swiss Teams, Reid-Bentley/Shannon-Kroener took home first place.

In 1499er pairs, the winners were the pairs of Roddy-Ives and Atkinson-Farah on Friday and Patrick-Patrick and Shannon-Reid on Saturday. The pairs of Smith-Grady and Potter-Fabian took home top honors in the 299er games on Friday. Potter-Fabian repeated their winnings ways Saturday morning, while King-Mays were the top 299er pair Saturday afternoon.

In other Unit 539 news, congratulations are due to Rick Roeder for reaching the Platinum Life Masters level.



Roeder

*San Diego Club breaking news:*

From Lamya:

Never a dull moment in the San Diego Community! Adventures in Bridge has just announced that it will re-open its doors after the San Diego Regional in a temporary location at the First Baptist Church of Pacific Beach, 4747 Soledad Mountain Road. (The church is located just off the Garnet Avenue exit from I-5.) While AIB continues to search for a permanent location, its full-service bridge club will be back in action, with only minor changes in schedule to accommodate staffing limitations. Details at [www.adventuresinbridge.com](http://www.adventuresinbridge.com)

For the foreseeable future Sunday unit games at the Soledad Club, 5050 Soledad Road. A re-scheduled unit game held at this temporary location drew 29 ½ tables, despite the last-minute change of venue. It was a very lucky St. Patrick's Day! In addition, the San Diego Bridge Club rose to the challenge and started new games on Thursday and Friday at their 4425 Home Avenue location. Full details available at [www.sandiegobridgeclub.com](http://www.sandiegobridgeclub.com)

There are some developments at the Redwood Bridge Club too. The building will be undergoing renovation work for at least six. as of April 1 it will relocate to the San Diego Chess Club, 2225 6th Avenue. Wednesday evening games and all Saturday games are being canceled during this period. For more information refer to [www.sandiegobridgeacademy.com](http://www.sandiegobridgeacademy.com) The schedule through the end of the San Diego Regional is online at [www.sandiegobridge.com](http://www.sandiegobridge.com) – double click on the file to access the game schedule.

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*Other San Diego Club News:*

*San Diego Bridge Club* ([www.sandiegobridgeclub.com](http://www.sandiegobridgeclub.com)) offers a sanctioned game (with a light lunch) beginning at 10:30 a.m. every Tuesday at the Columbus Club, 4425 Home Ave. Call (619) 847-3001 for more information. NOTE: The club will be closed on April 23 to support the Southwest Regional tournament.

*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 Eleanor Stephenson at 619 997-8331 or email her at [eleanorstephenson@gmail.com](mailto:eleanorstephenson@gmail.com).