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Our NLM Fall Sectional was October 25-26 at the Jewish Community Center in La Jolla (see photo). The overall winners on Friday were Jack Scholle - Denis Lougeay with a whopping 74.78% game. Congratulations! They were followed by 2nd: Mark Crootof - Ben Moraine; 3rd: Brian Castle - Patrick Staley.



Jack and Denis had a good game on Saturday morning too, but they were slightly behind the overall winning pair, Arlene Special - Sue Koshkarian. The pair of Wayne Sottosanti - Daniel Boylan was 3rd. On Saturday afternoon the lineup was 1st: Ben Moraine - Mark Crootof; 2nd: Brian Castle - Patrick Staley; 3rd: Renee Gild - John Fabian.

October 20 was our Unit Appreciation Game and NLM Pairs Trophy event. Winners in the Open Pairs were 1st: Lynne Feldman - Sam Madison; 2nd: Jill and Steve Seagren; 3rd: Ali Mahdavi - Jim Johnsen. In the 999er Pairs 1st: Mahin Zahirnia - Ramey Farah; 2nd: Phil Robzyk - Steven Haine.

Results are in for the unit game on November 3, and in Open Pairs they are 1st: Roger Doughman – Suzanne Lebendig; 2nd: Kathy Moyer – Maritha Pottenger; 3rd: Wirt Gilliam – Cameron Cotton. In the 999er Pairs Nancy Mogck – Mike Sloane led the field followed by Ed Brilmyer – Wane Sottosanti.

All results are posted on [BridgeResults.net](http://www.bridgeresults.net), and there's a link on the unit website. (Click on "Calendar and Results.") To receive direct notifications when your results are published, go to <http://www.bridgeresults.net/login.cgi> and register your email address.

Congratulations to three unit members who reached new MP plateaus recently:

- Mary Cotton (Silver Life Master)
- Gary Mollenkopf (Ruby Life Master)
- Alana Shapley (Gold Life Master)

Finally, we thank all the volunteers and staff who make unit events so enjoyable, and we encourage other unit members to help with whatever tasks they feel they can undertake. Even something as simple as closing up your bidding boxes and returning them to the front table will help.

San Diego Club News:

Things are hopping at the *Redwood Bridge Club* (www.redwoodbridgeclub.org), 3111 6th Avenue (the west mesa of Balboa Park). Recent renovations allow better access for those with mobility issues, and the outside of the building has received minor repairs and a fresh coat of paint. We thank the city for these improvements. Along with its partner, *San Diego Bridge Academy* (www.sandiegobridgeacademy.com), Redwood hosts games six days a week and offers lessons for players at all levels. The games are so popular that it's advisable to sign up in advance, especially for the Tuesday morning and Thursday morning and noon games. (Go to the Academy's website and click on "Game Signup.") Check out both websites for upcoming classes, descriptions of the games, and daily results.

San Diego Bridge Club (www.sandiegobridgeclub.com) offers a sanctioned game on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. Note that all games are now held at the Normal Heights Masonic Center (3366 Adams Avenue). They begin at 10:30 a.m. and include a light lunch. There will be STAC games the week of Dec. 9, and the monthly Swiss Team game (Open and 1499er) will be Dec. 10. The club championship games will be Dec. 24, 26 and 27. GNT qualifying games Tuesdays, January 14, February 11, March 3 and 24. Check the website or call (619) 847-3001 for more information.

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 more information, please call Beverly Stebbins at 619-463-0927.

Adventures in Bridge is not currently hosting any games. Please check the website (www.adventuresinbridge.com) for updated information.