



San Diego 539

By Stuart Showalter

Don't miss the annual Unit Appreciation Party on Sunday, January 5, at the Soledad Club: a grand affair with a catered prime rib buffet, door prizes, and two sections (open and 999er). *Players only welcome.*

We already have more than 30 tables reserved—the last chance to purchase your lunch entry was January 1. Contact Lamya at lamya.agelidis@gmail.com.

The Unit STAC Open Pairs game on November 17 saw Lynne Feldman – Sam Madison (N-S) and Paul Darin – Barbara Blake (E-W) emerge as the overall winners. In the 999er Pairs Cindy Long – Doyle Sisso were first, followed by Steve Haine -Beth Granby.

The December 1 game was held in Escondido at the Bridge Club of North County due to a schedule conflict at the Soledad Club. Overall winners were Marianne Klayman – Chris Hastie followed by Barry and Emily Berkov. The December 15 game was also held at BCNC, and those results will be reported in the next issue of the FORUM as they were not available at deadline. We sincerely thank BCNC for their hospitality.

We post all game results on BridgeResults.net. To receive notifications when your results are published, go to <http://www.bridgeresults.net/login.cgi> and register your email address.

The unit continues to search for a permanent venue to host our Sunday games. We are looking for a central location, which means roughly in the area bounded by I-5 and I-15, south of highway 52, and north of Mission Valley. The facility must have at least 2,500 sq. ft. of open space with ample parking, be reasonably priced, and allow us to cater our own hospitality (coffee, light lunch, etc.). A gymnasium, dance studio, synagogue, or similar building could accommodate us if they are available on Sunday afternoons. If you have suggestions, please email us at info@sandiegobridge.com.

We send congratulations to these unit members who reached new plateaus recently:

- Junior Master: Anne Fletcher
- Sectional Master: Joan Hafer, Ginny Shue, Robert Thompson
- Regional Master: Stuart Showalter, Leah Stark
- Life Master: Harry Arora and Brian Castle
- Bronze LM: Mary Hudson, Marc Matz
- Silver LM: Mary Loehr

- Gold LM: David Hunt
- Sapphire LM: Randall Dougherty

And finally, we received a nice letter from Debbie Case, President and CEO of San Diego County Meals on Wheels, thanking Unit 539 for the donation made from proceeds of the November 3 charity game. If you were unable to attend that game and would still like to give to this worthy charity, their website is www.meals-on-wheels.org. Debbie's letter wishes all of us joy, health and happiness for the new year, to which the unit board says "Amen."

San Diego Club News:

Redwood Bridge Club (www.redwoodbridgeclub.org) and *San Diego Bridge Academy* (www.sandiegobridgeacademy.com) are located on the west side of Balboa Park at 3111 6th Avenue. There are games every day except Sunday and lessons for players at all levels. Check out the 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 at the Normal Heights Masonic Center (3366 Adams Avenue). All games begin at 10:30 a.m. and include a light lunch. There's a Swiss Team game (Open and 1499er) once a month.

A Grand National Team Qualifier will be held January 14. 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.