

After re-scheduling our return to face-to-face competition a couple times over the past eight months, we finally did it! And what better way to celebrate than with a party!? Our annual Player Appreciation Party unfolded in style at the Soledad Club on Sunday, May 15. Through the detailed planning undertaken by yours truly, as well as the breathtaking execution achieved by Mary Rea, the Soledad Club was transformed into an awesome venue fit for a grand affair. Mary has a special knack for interior decoration; she initially suggested the *Bridge in Wonderland* theme and dedicated many hours to transform her vision into action. The result was truly spectacular, as is evident by the photos on our website, sandiegobridge.com.

Our fearless leader Lamy Agelidis was the mistress of ceremonies, and after a few welcoming words, she announced the Unit 539 annual race winners for 2019, 2020, and 2021. In addition, many Ace of Clubs certificates were presented, and Mini-McKenney awards were handed out. Jane Petering also presented awards for milestones that have been reached in the past two years. Anyone who couldn't make the event should contact Jane to arrange to pick up their award.

We were thrilled to host 26 tables, 20 in the Open game and six in the 499er game. The bridgemates behaved, as did the laptop, and it was fun to look through paper hand records afterwards. The winners were Phyllis Yates and Jeremy Fields with a **70.45% game!**

San Diego Unit 539 carries on its tradition of making The Longest Day a priority. We have set a fundraising goal of **\$10,000** this year, and the good news is that thanks to your generous contributions, we're almost halfway to our target. We have until June 19 to meet our goal, and we're counting on you to make that happen!

You can contribute in many ways, so pick and choose, or mix and match. This year, we've made it even easier for you to donate through Venmo or Zelle.

Don't miss your chance to play with world-renowned players Zia Mahmood and Mark Itabashi, who have agreed to face off for a fun, instructive game with their winning bidders in a special BBO event. To place a bid or get more information, visit this [auction page](#). This is a fantastic opportunity to play with several nationally recognized bridge professionals who have generously volunteered their time to help our effort. **Please help us exceed** last year's donations. For more information, please check our website at sandiegobridge.com, or to donate, visit [Alzheimer's Association The Longest Day fundraising page](#).

We will host our Longest Day bridge games on **Sunday, June 19** with both face-to-face and virtual games: 499er and Open games are at 1:00 at the Soledad Club. For our online fans, we will host a 499er and Open game at 7:00 pm on BBO. There will be *extra masterpoints awarded*, and the Unit will match one dollar from each player's card fees to donate to the cause.

Our local handicraft artist Judy Rimer has once again come up with the goods. She has designed a unique beaded necklace/earring set which undoubtedly took many hours to create, as well as other surprises that you can claim during our face-to-face game.

Don't just wish for silver points—play for them during the Summer Sectional scheduled for August 4-6 at our beautiful waterfront venue Marina Village, which has convenient, free parking. There is a new 20% overall award increase at face-to-face tournaments from May 30, 2022–May 28, 2023. That's almost an entire year of chances to rake in the rewards. Swiss Teams (Stratified A/X/Y and Bracket B) are on **THURSDAY** as the main offering the first day of the Sectional starting at 10:00 a.m. But if teams aren't your thing and you prefer the strategies of

Matchpoint playing, we will also offer two single-session Open Pairs games each day of the tournament at 10:00 a.m. and 2:30 p.m.

It was great to welcome so many new members this month: Nada Alradi, Jennifer Brady, David Kostrinsky, Hank Kostrinsky, and Madelyn Potter. In addition, Marina Fomenkova, James Haight, and Fern Sules transferred into our Unit. Our Membership & Awards Chair Jane Petering will contact you regarding your new member free play.

San Diego Club News:

At [Redwood Bridge Club](#), there are multiple 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](#) offers sanctioned games at 10:30 a.m. every Tuesday and Thursday at the Masonic Center at 3366 Adams Avenue. Call (619) 847-3001 for more information. Be sure to check the websites of all these clubs for updates to their game schedules.