Love is in the cards... as are February's Unit 539 games! Be our valentine and mark your calendar for the upcoming special events.

To celebrate the return of old faces and newcomers, we hosted a memorable **Welcome Back Game** on February 5. Board member Bridget Poizner aspired to organize a game reminiscent of the old days, and boy, did she deliver! More than 35 tables signed up, and most notably, we also had enough participation to hold two limited games, including a pre-game lesson with Wirt.

Rick Roeder and Mac Busby won the Open Game with 60.27 in Flight A, and Rita Beny and Neville Hircock won Flight B with 57.93. Next, David Hawkins and Sharon Dennison won the 1499er game with 64.58 in Flight A, and Wayne Sottosanti and Mark Hartzell won Flight B with 56.85. Finally, Richard Palmer and Blaine Hibbard won the 499er game with 63.39 in Flight A, and Willie Kiang and Victor Chu won Flight B with 57.14. Congratulations to all the winners.

Let's keep up the momentum. If we can get 30 tables in play regularly, wouldn't you want to be part of that? It starts with you!

As a reminder to some new and returning players, our Unit hosts the first- and third-Unit games at the Soledad Club, located at 5050 Soledad Road. Luncheons are at 12:30, followed by bridge at 1:00.

On Sunday, February 19, we'll host our regularly scheduled Unit game and then prepare for our first **Open Sectional** in three years on **Friday, March 3**, and **Saturday, March 4**, hosted at St. Gabriel's Church in Poway, which is a huge hall with ample parking. Some of you will recognize the venue used by Unit 549 in 2020. Expect unbeatable San Diego Unit hospitality. Oh, and did I mention all the chances for silver points? Email <u>lamya.agelidis@gmail.com to</u> RSVP for a lunch box. For more details, see the ad on page xx.

Plus, we will still host our Unit game on Sunday, March 5, at the Soledad Club, wrapping up three terrific days of bridge. And remember, all upcoming events are posted on our <u>website</u> for additional information.

The Unit welcomes new members Stephanie Sontag and Dennis Williams. In addition, Carol Frank, Nancy Jessen, Celia Lee, Kuo Lee, and Nancy Pillie transferred into our Unit. Membership Chairperson Bridget Poizner will contact our new participants to offer a free play at any future Unit games.

Wishing everyone a lovely February. See you at the tables!

Club News: <u>Redwood Bridge Club</u> in Balboa Park offers games Monday through Saturday. They have games for players of all levels, from newcomers to the most experienced. Check the website for upcoming classes, game descriptions, and daily results. Please direct any questions to our club manager David Walters at <u>davwal@yahoo.com</u> or (619) 298-5756.

<u>San Diego Bridge Club</u> offers sanctioned games at 10:30 a.m. every Tuesday and Friday at the Masonic Center at 3366 Adams Avenue. Call John Lagodimos at (619) 847-3001 for more information.