

Hi friends! Hope you're having a fantastic summer. We wanted to share a few updates and reminders with you.

The recently concluded Sectional, co-hosted with the La Jolla Unit at the Soledad Club, featured over 101 tables competing over two days. The venue was ideal, the food was delicious, and the silver points were plentiful. Organizing and executing a Sectional requires dedicated effort and a large team. We extend our gratitude to all the volunteers and workers—both visible and behind the scenes—who made this event possible. A special thank you goes to the board members from both Units who coordinated the event.

Fresh off his success at the Wernher Open Pairs at the NABC in Toronto, Mark Itabashi was the top masterpoint winner, earning 16.49 MPs, including three overall wins in three of the four Open Pairs games at the Sectional. Lamy Agelidis and John Boackle tied for second with 13.48 MPs each. Congratulations to all the winners! While we would love to acknowledge each winner individually, space limits us. You can view the complete list of Masterpoint winners [here](#).

By now, you should have received an e-blast from our Unit encouraging your participation in Ray Sachs' Medical Missions fundraiser. It's not too late to donate; you can do so [here](#) or by participating in the fundraiser game hosted by our Unit on Sunday, August 18, at 1:00 PM at the Soledad Club. Maritha Pottinger will be baking praline mini muffins and chocolate chip cookies, and Judy Rimer and Carol Frank will also bring some home-baked desserts. Ray will be providing pizza. The entry fee is a minimum of \$15, payable at the door. All proceeds from this game will be donated to Ray's Medical Missions, and our Unit is generously covering the game costs.

Ray Sachs leads medical teams that perform orthopedic surgeries in less developed countries. Ray and his team cover their expenses and bring all necessary supplies, enabling surgeries that would cost \$30,000–\$40,000 in the U.S. to be done for just \$120 in places like Ecuador. Their primary focus is improving the lives of children with club feet and other disabilities. Your support truly makes a significant and life-changing difference.

We are excited to host this year's Non-Life Master (NLM) Sectional at the Redwood Bridge Club on Sunday, October 6. Many of you will be familiar with Redwood Bridge Club, a beautiful venue in Balboa Park with ample parking. We will offer morning snacks, complimentary coffee, a welcoming atmosphere, and silver points galore.

Our tournament chair and new Unit board member, Mark Hartzell, will generously donate lunch for the NLM Sectional, and Robin Rodger is donating the printing costs for the flyers. There will be two sections: 0-99 mps and NLM with less than 750 mps. The Pairs games will start at 10:30 AM and 2:15 PM each day.

Be sure to mark your calendar for the upcoming Unit games in September. On September 1, we will host one of the most meaningful games of the year, the San Diego Tribute Trophy game. On September 15, we will host our regularly scheduled Unit Championship game. Unit games include a light lunch at 12:30 PM, followed by bridge at 1:00 PM. The game is preceded by a mini-lesson at 12:30 PM. If you plan on joining us for the 699er game, please message Bridget at bridgefun1430@gmail.com. We're thrilled to see the weekly table count in our limited 699er game growing each week.

The Unit welcomes new members Robert Boltax, Ann Goran, Madalynn Gordon, Harsh Karande, Harriet Schuman, Donald Stroedel, and Michael Sullivan. Membership Chairperson Bridget Poizner will contact our new members to offer a free play at any future Unit games.

Enjoy a final splash of Vitamin Sea before summer ends. Hope to see you at the tables!

Club News:

[Redwood Bridge Club](#) offers multiple daily games and lessons for players of all levels. Visit their website for upcoming classes, game details, and daily results.

[San Diego Bridge Club](#) hosts sanctioned games every Tuesday and Friday at 10:30 AM at the Masonic Center, 3366 Adams Avenue. For more information, contact Sebastian at (619) 299-0026. Please check each club's website for the latest updates.