

## 🍀 Here's to a Lucky March! 🍀

Duplicate bridge is about skill, not luck, though a little luck never hurts. As we head into March, especially toward March 17, we're wishing you plenty of winning auctions, steady defense, and just enough Irish magic to make those finesses work your way. Here are a few opportunities this month to put that skill — and perhaps that luck — to good use.

First up, one more Unit Championship game is scheduled for March 15. As always, Unit games include a light catered lunch at 12:30 p.m., followed by bridge at 1:00 p.m., with a mini-lesson beforehand. Players interested in joining the 699er game are asked to contact [Bridget](#) in advance. For schedules, results, and additional information, please visit our Unit [website](#). Please note there will be no Unit game on March 29, as it falls during the San Diego Regional. We hope you'll join us there instead, whether for Fast Pairs or teams, and enjoy the complimentary lunch.

Looking ahead, our Sectional weekend will be held May 16 and 17 at San Diego Oasis in Rancho Bernardo. Single-session Open Pairs games will be offered both Saturday and Sunday at 9:30 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. Swiss Teams (Stratified A/X/Y and Bracket B) will also be featured on Sunday beginning at 9:30 a.m. Please refer to the flyer on page **XX** for complete details.

We're also preparing for our annual The Longest Day fundraiser benefiting the Alzheimer's Association on Sunday, June 21, at the Soledad Club. Each year, we begin our unit's efforts at the San Diego Regional with our Pro Auction table, where players can bid for the opportunity to partner with a bridge professional. Last year, we raised \$4,600 at the regional, a wonderful reflection of our community's generosity. Sam Madison has assembled an outstanding lineup of pros this year, including two new additions, Ron Smith and Radu Nistor. It's a meaningful way to support an important cause while enjoying the chance to play with top talent. Visit [sandiegobridge.com](http://sandiegobridge.com) for updates and access to the Pro Auction website.

Our local clubs remain the heart of our bridge community, and we encourage everyone to continue supporting the games and classes they offer.

Redwood Bridge Club players should be aware of an important parking update regarding the grace period for parking meters in Balboa Park. The City has announced that the grace period will end on Monday, March 16. Beginning that date, a valid permit will be required, or parking fees will apply within Balboa Park. For the most current information, including game and class schedules, please visit the Redwood Bridge Club [website](#).

The San Diego Bridge Club has resumed hosting its Friday game and continues to hold the Tuesday game at 10:30 a.m. at the Adams Avenue location. More information is available at [www.sandiegobridgeclub.com](http://www.sandiegobridgeclub.com).

Finally, we are delighted to welcome our newest Unit members, Janet Minck and Steven Herzog. Bridget will be in touch to offer each a complimentary play at an upcoming Unit game.

Wishing you all a very Happy St. Patrick's Day. May your month be filled with luck, laughter, and plenty of pots of gold at the tables.