Hi, Friends!

We kicked off the month with our annual membership meeting on August 2. It was a wonderful afternoon of bridge, recognition, and celebration.

A total of 26 tables participated, with 17 in the Open game and 9 in the 699er game. Elaine Chan and Michael Mezin won the Open game with an outstanding 62.11%, while Sophie Haimsohn and Stephanie Sontag topped the 699er game with an impressive 66.67%.

Unit President Lamya Agelidis reported that the Unit remains in a strong financial position and announced that all current Board members have agreed to serve another term, ensuring continuity in the Unit's leadership.

One of the year's most laudable achievements was the continued success of our education program. Eighty-three students enrolled in beginner classes at various levels, and thirteen graduates have already begun joining us at Unit games. Special thanks were extended to our teachers, Wirt Gilliam and Patrick Staley, along with our board member, Bridget Poizner, for their ongoing support of our education program. Their dedication has played an important role in introducing new players to duplicate bridge and welcoming them into our bridge community.

The winners of the 2025 Helen Shanbrom Ace of Clubs, Ace of Virtual Clubs, and Mini-McKenney Masterpoint Races were also recognized and presented with their awards. Congratulations to all of the winners. You can view the complete list on the ACBL website: https://my.acbl.org/member/dist-unit-races.

Upcoming Unit Championship games are scheduled for August 16, the fifth Sunday game on August 30, and September 6.

As always, our Unit games feature 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.

Save the date for our Ray Sachs Fundraiser Game on November 15. We hope you'll join us for a great day of bridge while supporting an important cause.

Our local bridge clubs continue to offer excellent opportunities to play, learn, and compete. Whether you're looking for duplicate games, classes, or team events, there's something for players of every experience level.

San Diego Bridge Club has resumed its Friday game. The club also offers a Tuesday game at 10:30 a.m. at its Adams Avenue location, with team games held on the last Tuesday of each month. For game schedules and special events, visit the San Diego Bridge Club website.

Redwood Bridge Club continues to offer games and classes for all levels. Following the success of its first two Swiss team games, the club will now offer a Swiss team game on the first Friday of

each month. The format encourages experienced and newer players to compete together in a welcoming and competitive environment. Visit the Redwood Bridge Club website for game and class schedules.

Finally, congratulations to David Oakley and John Howard for winning the Open Pairs Trophy Game on July 5 with an impressive 62.11%. David has now won the Open Pairs Trophy for the second consecutive year. Special thanks to Larry Sherman for beautifully refinishing the Open Pairs Trophy.

Take time to enjoy one last splash of Vitamin Sea before summer comes to a close. We hope you'll join us for another month of great bridge, friendly competition, and camaraderie.

See you at the tables!