

Happy MAY! There's a ton going on that we want to remind you about!

The Longest Day is a month away, and so far, we have already raised \$4,300 of this year's \$11,000 goal. Wow! If you feel inspired (we do!), consider donating. We have until June 19 to meet our goal, and we're counting on you to make that happen!

Eighteen bridge experts will be available to play with the highest bidders in our annual ProAm auction. This is a fantastic opportunity to play with several nationally recognized bridge professionals who have generously volunteered their time to help our effort. Visit the [auction page](#) to place a bid or get more information. See the ad on page xx. For more information, please check our website at [sandiegobridge.com](http://sandiegobridge.com), or to donate, visit [Alzheimer's Association's The Longest Day fundraising page](#).

We will host our Longest Day bridge games on Sunday, June 18, at 1:00 at the Soledad Club. There will be extra masterpoints awarded, and the Unit will match one dollar from each player's card fees to donate to the cause.

In other news, two other important Unit games are coming up on Sunday, May 21, and Sunday, June 4. First, on May 21, we will present the 2022 Mini McKenney and Ace of Clubs Awards.

The Helen Shanbrom Ace of Clubs contest recognizes achievement at the club level. The contest is named in honor of Shanbrom, a Grand Life Master from Florida, who won her category 20 times. Only masterpoints won at clubs are counted for these races, which are held at the National level, District level, and Unit level.

The Mini McKenney contest, named after former ACBL Chief William McKenney, recognizes members who have won the most masterpoints during the calendar year. All "pigmented" points are counted, excluding points earned online. These races are held at the National, District, and Unit level, and recipients are presented with a medallion representing their achievement.

We have always dedicated a Unit game to present the awards associated with these two annual races. Winners in both contests are honored with a certificate (Ace of Clubs) or a medallion (Mini McKenney). A celebratory cake will be enjoyed during halftime, and these champions will be honored with a big round of applause.

Our annual membership meeting and the 2023-2024 Board Introductions are on Sunday, June 4. As a reminder to some new and returning players, our Unit hosts the first- and third-Unit games (Open and 599er games) at the Soledad Club, located at 5050 Soledad Road. Luncheons are at 12:30, followed by bridge at 1:00.

Stay tuned for more information regarding the upcoming Summer Sectional. Planning is underway, and our goal is to create an even more positive experience than what transpired in March. The sectional is scheduled for the second weekend in August.

The Unit welcomes new members Alfred Quan and Carolyn Sherman this month. Membership Chairperson Bridget Poizner will contact our new members to offer a free play at any future Unit games.

MAY the odds be ever in your favor. See you at the tables!

Club News: Redwood Bridge Club 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 [davwal@yahoo.com](mailto:davwal@yahoo.com) or (619) 298-5756.

San Diego Bridge Club 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.