

♣ ♦ September is in play—time to see how the cards fall! While the days are still warm, they're starting to shorten, and crisp autumn evenings are just around the corner. This season's hand is stacked with bridge events, and we can't wait to share them with you. Keep scrolling for a sneak peek, and don't forget to watch your inbox for our biweekly e-blasts with even more updates.

Let's start with some fantastic news: our Unit member, Mark Perlmutter, won the Freeman Mixed Board-a-Match Teams at the Nationals in Philadelphia, playing alongside Lynne Feldman, Kitty Cooper, and her son, Paul Bethe. The team finished with 35.75 points, half a board ahead of the team led by Gillian Miniter. This is Mark's first NABC win, earning him the title of Grand Life Master. Huge congratulations!

There's been quite a bit of club news lately. Redwood Bridge Club has been in the local news because the City of San Diego is proposing metered parking throughout Balboa Park starting next year, with a proposed rate of \$2.50 per hour. Balboa Drive, which runs directly behind the bridge club, is one of the roads being considered. If implemented, this could significantly increase the cost of attending games and classes, effectively adding a "tax" on bridge players. Our Unit has sent several emails encouraging members to visit the Redwood Bridge Club [webpage](#) to see how they can help.

Meanwhile, Soledad Bridge Club, where we host our regular Unit games, is undergoing emergency building repairs, which forced us to cancel our last two games. Stay tuned to our e-blasts for the latest updates, including locations for upcoming Unit games.

Not only do we finish hosting one sectional, but we're already on to the next! Exciting news for Non-Life Masters with under 750 masterpoints: On Sunday, October 19, we're hosting an NLM sectional at the Redwood Club. There will be two sessions, at 10:30 AM and 2:15 PM, giving you two chances to win coveted silver masterpoints. A complimentary lunch will be provided between sessions. If you need a partner for the NLM or any Unit games, [email](#) Bridget Poizner, who will be happy to assist you.

The recently concluded summer sectional, co-hosted with the La Jolla Unit at Soledad Club, featured over 133 tables competing over two days. The venue was ideal, the food was delicious, and silver points were plentiful. Organizing a sectional requires a dedicated team, and we extend our gratitude to all volunteers and board members from both Units who coordinated the event. Andy Loh and Joe Houde were the top masterpoint winners, earning 16.06 MPs, while Rick Roeder was second with 12.65 MPs. Congratulations to all winners! You can view the complete list of masterpoints winners [here](#).

One of the best fundraising games of the year supports Ray Sachs' Medical Missions. It's not too late to donate online at the Advance Community [link](#). Look for the orange box at the top that says, "San Diego Bridge Players: Click Here to Support Dr. Sachs' Surgical

Missions." Using this link will ensure your donation is earmarked for Ray's medical teams performing surgeries in developing countries. Alternatively, you can participate in the fundraiser game hosted by our Unit on Sunday, September 21, at 1:00 PM at the Oasis venue in Rancho Bernardo. The minimum entry fee is \$15, payable at the door, and all proceeds benefit Ray's Medical Missions. Ray Sachs leads medical teams performing surgeries in developing countries, covering all expenses and bringing necessary supplies. Current missions include orthopedic surgeries for children in Cusco, Peru; women's health missions in Guatemala at a new surgical center; ophthalmology missions restoring sight in El Salvador; hand surgery in Peru; and urologic surgery in El Salvador. This model of global health, funded by bridge players' generosity, will be featured in the *Union-Tribune* local section at the end of September. Your support truly makes a life-changing difference.

Congratulations to Larry Sherman and David Oakley for winning the Open Pairs Trophy Unit game on July 6 with an impressive score of 65.66. The coveted engraved trophy is on a mini-tour—first at David Oakley's home for his kids to admire, and next to Larry's house for the next leg of its journey.

Wishing you a wonderful autumn filled with great hands, warm friendships, and enjoyable games at the bridge table.