At last, September. While it's still warm (even hot), the days are getting shorter, and soon we'll be able to enjoy the crisp autumn weather. There's plenty in store for Fall this year! We'll touch on some upcoming events below, but keep an eye on your inbox for our biweekly e-blasts for even more updates.

Exciting news for our Non-Life Masters with under 750 masterpoints! On Sunday, October 6th, 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 opportunities to win those coveted silver masterpoints. Plus, a complimentary lunch will be provided between sessions. Special thanks to Dave Walters and the Redwood Academy Board for collaborating on this event.

As in past years, we had planned to host our annual Tribute Trophy Game during the first week of September to honor our friends and fellow bridge players who have passed away over the past year. However, based on player feedback and several considerations, such as back-to-back special events and the proximity to the Irvine Regional, we've decided to reschedule this event to October 20th. We'll make sure everyone is well-informed about this special game, where the winners will have their names engraved on our Tribute Trophy. It will be a meaningful occasion to remember those who loved the game of bridge and are no longer with us.

Additionally, we will hold a special Player Appreciation Game on Sunday, October 20th, at the Soledad Club. This game will award the highest number of masterpoints we can offer at any of our games, excluding Sectionals. While our weekly Unit Championship games already award lots of masterpoints, this special game offers more than 28% additional masterpoints at no extra cost.

We will also host regular Club Championship games on September 15th, October 6th, and November 3rd. In what may be a Unit first, we will host two games at two different locations on October 6th: the Non-Life Master Sectional at Redwood Club and our regularly scheduled Unit game at the Soledad Club. Unit games include a light lunch at 12:30 PM, followed by bridge at 1:00 PM, and a mini-lesson at 12:30 PM. If you plan to join us for the 699er game or need a partner for any of the games, please message Bridget at bridgefun1430@gmail.com. Game results and other pertinent information are available on our website.

Finally, we are deeply grateful for the incredible generosity shown toward Ray's Medical Missions, which raised over \$40,000 for his cause. Since \$120 covers the cost of life-changing surgery in Ecuador, your contributions profoundly impact children's lives. The San Diego Bridge Community is truly one of the most generous, and we are immensely thankful for your support.

As we approach the Fall season, we look forward to the many opportunities to come together and enjoy the game we love. Whether you're competing for silver masterpoints, honoring our friends in the Tribute Trophy Game, or simply gathering for a friendly round at one of our Unit games, this season promises to be full of fun moments. Let's make the most of these days by filling them with great bridge games and cherished memories.

Club News: <u>Redwood Bridge Club</u> offers multiple daily games and lessons for players of all levels. Visit their website for upcoming classes, game details, and daily results.

<u>San Diego Bridge Club</u> 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.