

San Diego Unit 539 is dealing up another exciting month of bridge—are you in?

With the San Diego Regional happening this month, there's no better time to join the fun! Be sure to mark your calendars for the April 6th Unit Championship game at the Soledad Club, followed by another on May 4th. Enjoy delicious hospitality at 12:30 PM, with the afternoon of bridge starting at 1:00 PM. If you plan to participate in the 699er game or need a partner for any games, please message Bridget at bridgefun1430@gmail.com. We can't wait to see you for an afternoon of camaraderie and competitive play!

Looking ahead, don't miss our Summer Sectional with the La Jolla Unit on August 15-16 at the Soledad Club—an event you won't want to miss!

We're also gearing up for our annual **The Longest Day** fundraiser, benefiting the Alzheimer's Association, on Sunday, June 15, at the Soledad Club. Each year, we kick off our unit's efforts for The Longest Day at the San Diego Regional. Don't miss your chance to bid on a bridge professional at our booth during the San Diego Regional. Last year, we raised \$4,600 in bids at the regional, so it's a great time to be the first to bid on top professional players. Your support will continue our tradition of generosity. Keep an eye on sandiegobridge.com for more updates.

At almost every board meeting, we discuss the concerning decline in membership. Since 2020, we've lost more than 300+ area players, and it's been a tough road in this post-pandemic era. If we want the game of bridge to survive, we all need to pitch in and help bring new players on board.

A positive step we've taken is offering introductory classes. Fifteen players successfully completed the *Intro to Bridge* class taught by Wirt Gilliam. We're excited to announce that Wirt, a certified bridge teacher and expert player, is starting his second year of bridge lessons at the North University Community Library. These free introductory classes take place most Saturdays from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., February through May. With 30 registered attendees, it's a great opportunity for both new and returning players to learn, practice, and dive into the game in a welcoming environment.

If you'd like to help teach bridge, our unit has many resources available, including opportunities to volunteer as a teacher. If each of us could teach or bring just one or two new players, we could reverse the decline and grow our community. It may seem small, but imagine the impact we could have together!

April also marks **Charity Month**, with multiple ACBL-sanctioned charity games at San Diego Bridge Academy, San Diego Bridge Club, and our own Unit 539. These special games benefit the ACBL Charity Foundation or other designated charities, offering more masterpoints and raising funds for important causes.

A warm welcome to our newest members, **Diana Cook** and **Scott Ruth**! We're thrilled to have you join us, and Bridget will be reaching out to offer a complimentary game at our Unit events.

With plenty of opportunities to give back and enjoy the game of bridge, let's make April a month to remember.

See you at the tables!

Club News:

- [Redwood Bridge Club](#) offers multiple daily games and lessons for players of all levels. Visit their website for upcoming classes, game details, and daily results.
- [San Diego Bridge Club](#) hosts sanctioned games every Tuesday and Friday at 10:30 a.m. at the Masonic Center, 3366 Adams Avenue. For more information, contact Sebastian at (619) 299-0026.