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Welcome to our second annual newsletter!

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PREZ'S CORNER



Once again this past year, I've had the privilege of leading a team of 10 bridge

players in formulating an annual game calendar, hosting high masterpoint-paying Unit games every 1st and 3rd Sunday and occasionally 5th Sunday, and running three Sectionals. That's not all we do. We host an annual appreciation party for all our players; we track and recognize member achievements, we sponsor classes before our Unit games, we set up partnerships, we recruit new members to the Unit, we maintain a website (www.sandiegobridge.com) packed with news and game results. And there's much more.

As you can imagine, it takes more than a team of 10 to pull this together. A dozen or so players help regularly, but with almost 700 members in our Unit, can

you imagine how much more we could do if everybody were to pitch in one day a year? Team up with a friend and suggest taking on hospitality on a Sunday! Get involved in the NLM tournament by publicizing it to your co-bridge players or taking lunch orders! Participate in the Special Games we've got planned for this summer by helping us match partnerships! Assist us in the Longest Day Fundraiser on June 17th by helping us raffle off your talent! Contribute your graphic art skills to help us design flyers! Your Unit cares about you. Give back by VOLUNTEERING and expect a Thank You in return.

I hope that you'll enjoy this year's BRIDGE EXPRESS – a compilation of unit member profiles and achievements, and articles that will shed some additional light into the operation of the Unit. Your feedback is appreciated as always by emailing us at the Unit mailbox, info@sandiegobridge.com. See you at the tables!

Lamya
Prez

Unit 539 is the second largest of the 25 units in District 22. As of May 1st, 2018, Unit 539 has 691 members: 397 NLM, 294 LMs including 72 over 2500 master points. The San Diego unit is currently run by a Board of 10 elected or appointed Officers who serve a 2-year period. Our charter in a nutshell is to preserve and promote the best interests of competitive duplicate contract bridge players in the San Diego area.

EDITOR'S COLUMN

Hello Friends,

The last time I went in for my annual physical a new, young doctor walked into the exam room. My physician of 15 years or so, a gentleman about my age, had retired, and been replaced by a woman who may have gone to medical school with one of my daughters. "So, how have you been feeling since your last visit?", she inquired. "I seem to be suffering from O L D", I responded matter of factly. She was taken aback, trying to mentally revisit her medical school papers for the definition of the O L D acronym. I feared she was about to leave me to myself in the dreaded exam room to go consult with one of her professional elders, when I eased her mind and clarified I was just feeling old. Ya know, aged. At the time, I had undergone a hip replacement a year before and a knee replacement a month prior, so that was what came to mind. She felt relieved she had not missed an important lesson at medical school.

Your unit Board of Directors spends time trying to make San Diego duplicate bridge an interesting and fun experience for you. Instead of having the same old two section pairs events (Open and 999er) every two weeks, we are trying to introduce new games now and then. Last year we tried out Swiss teams with pizza on the occasional 5th Sunday event that we host. Your negative feedback displayed in numbers inspired us to kick that idea to the curb.

In 2018, Unit 539 has two exciting new

events scheduled! Well, at least I am excited. On August 5, we will still have two sections (Open and 999er); however, this will be a Mixed Pair event, featuring female/male pairings. I assure you that the demographics demonstrate finding a partner for this one is relatively easy, with 51% of the population being female and 49% male. Heck, your regular partner may already fill the bill, unless you feel like kicking her/him to the curb for this special event.

Then, on October 7, we will have a one section event, combining the Open and 999er sections. In this game, pairs will be comprised of one player with more than 1,000 master points playing with a player with less than 1,000 master points. In my mind, this game offers all of us an opportunity to play with a partner we might not normally play with. For 999ers, this is an opportunity to play with someone with a bit more experience who you might not have had the nerve to ask to play, and for the Open players, this is an opportunity to meet one of our lesser experienced players who may be soon moving up to face you in the Open section, and could use an afternoon of mentoring and confidence building. By the way, I implore you to read Kent Hartman's excellent article in this newsletter about mentoring.

Both of these "concept" games are refreshing and special. I hope you all will embrace them with an open mind the way our Board has. We are giving you plenty of advance notice in order to make arrangements for partnerships. In

the event you need assistance finding a suitable partner, we have created a flyer for these two events which has a partnership request form. My hope is that you will give each of these special games a chance. In doing so, you can surely demonstrate to your physician that you are not suffering from O L D. Have fun at the bridge table, and we hope to see you at these two events on August 5 and October 7.



Larry Sherman

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Anything you want to share?
Any articles you would like to contribute?

Contact us on

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Member Profile

KEN MONZINGO



Ken Monzingo, Platinum Life Master, has been a member of our Unit for over 45 years. It would take pages to summarize Ken's impressive achievements over the years, including District 22 National Board representative of or 9 years, Western Conference Forum Editor for 35 years, and most recently, President of the ACBL in 2016, and Chairman of the Board of Directors in 2017.

Lamya Agelidis (LA): You have an amazing bridge career culminating in 9 years as District Director representing our District on ACBL's National Board as well as ACBL President. We do not get to see you often locally at club or unit events and yet, you are an accomplished bridge player with a lot of masterpoints. What's your secret for having earned so many points?

Ken Monzingo (KM): I bought a lot of entries in the 60s and 70s. Seriously, I was blessed with great partners in my career, some you know, some you don't: Richard Henderson, Mike Shuman, John Mohan, Garey Hayden, Gaylor Kasle, Mark Lair, Chris Larsen, Mark Itabashi, Dan Morse, Bob Hamman (once), Ron

A Stellar Bridge Career

Andersen and Gaye Herrington.

LA: What is one of the most rewarding accomplishments in your illustrious year as President of the ACBL?

KM: I set three major goals: 1. Balance the budget as we were operating in the red. 2. Prosecute the international cheaters and get them out of bridge. 3. Improve our league's software and ACBL Score. I accomplished the first two. But the greatest thrill was meeting so many people in the outlying districts and the respect they had for me and for the league. Awesome!

LA: One learns lessons from every experience. Can you share with us one of the lessons you learned during your long tenure as our District 22 Director?

KM: I learned the league is good. Very good. We have amazing volunteers everywhere. We have a great staff in Horn Lake – most of them non-players, but totally devoted to the association and the members. Our directors are hard working, caring individuals, but they are human. The Board of Directors is filled with good and not so good members. But all try to do their best. The Board of Governors is ineffective. Is that one lesson?

LA: Volunteerism is your middle name – you have been one of the leading figures in the San Diego area contributing to the management of our game at all levels. You must have enlisted tons of volunteers over the years. Again, what's your secret? What can we do as a Unit to attract more volunteers?

KM: Either you have it or you don't. If you do, you don't think of it as volunteering, you're just enjoying watching your efforts make the game a better place to be. It's an obsession. The only secret is instilling pride in your crew. Too many volunteers insist on telling others how much they do and expecting praise for it. If you truly have pride in your work, you don't have to convince people – it is not important. You are your only judge.

LA: You have traveled a lot over the years and met lots of bridge players in big cities and smaller areas. How would you rate San Diego as a bridge community?

KM: All bridge communities are families. Camaraderie and acceptance is contagious and is what keeps us together. We share the fact we are in the twilight of our lives and this is what gives us happiness. The success of a unit or a club is in its management and teachings. I'm impressed with Wirt's amazing ability to make our largest club work so well when others have failed. I believe David and Kathie have done great things for their communities.

LA: What is your opinion about the future of ACBL units and ACBL unit events such as Sectional tournaments? Has the plethora of ACBL STAC games awarding silver points eroded the interest and need for Sectional tournaments?

KM: I believe the hope we have for continued success for our unit in a changing world is your leadership, Lamya, with your crew. The unacceptable cost of renting a facility for sectionals and

Ken Monzingo (Cont.)

regionals is making major changes in how to survive. Declining tournament attendance, with no hope in sight to change, is also depressing and forces us to regroup as to what we are capable of. STACs have added to the enjoyment of the game and increased club attendance. What more could be asked of them?

LA: What are your other interests outside of bridge?

KM: I'm an addicted Fantasy Football player. I also have season tickets to the Dallas Cowboys. Now that I am retiring I might do more cruising – hopefully as a passenger instead of the 20 years I did as a bridge instructor.

LA: If you could suggest something you would like to see changed related to bridge in San Diego, what would it be?

KM: My bridge career was in district regionals, Western Conference support, NABC management and 37 years of publishing the Contract Bridge Forum. I'm not qualified to grade improvement in what I believe is, and always has been, a great bridge community. However, I'm broken hearted that the district board has taken the Forum away from all of us – I wish I could change that.

LA: Now that you've retired from bridge administration, will we see you more often at our unit games and sectionals?

KM: Nobody asks me.

GONE WITH THE SLAM

BY JOEL HOERSCH

(CAN YOU SAVE TARA??)

CONTRACT: 7H by SOUTH; Opening Lead: Q of Clubs

N (Dummy)		
♠	K J 7 5 2	
♥	9 8 4 2	
♦	void	
♣	A 7 6 5	
W (Yankee Scalawag)		E (Carpetbagger)
♠	10 9 8 3	♠ A Q 6 4
♥	void	♥ K 6
♦	A Q 10 6 2	♦ 8 5 4 3
♣	Q J 10 2	♣ 9 8 4
	S (Rhett/Scarlett)	
	♠ void	
	♥ A Q J 10 7 5 3	
	♦ K J 9 7	
	♣ K 3	

This problem appeared in a skit named "GONE WITH THE SLAM". It was performed by San Diego bridge thespians three times in various California cities several decades ago. I expect every aspiring bridge analyst to try to match the expertise of the heroine (Mammy) who finally solved the problem after Rhett Butler storms off in disgust saying: "Frankly, my dear, I don't BID that slam!" I will give you a hint, however: Mammy's last line is "Shucks, Mizz Scahlett, this bridge squeezing business is jest lahk dustin' and cleanin' house! You jest keep movin' stuff around 'til it looks lahk it's finally where it belongs!!!"

Answer will be published on the San Diego website, www.sandiegobridge.com, early June!

A NOBLE CAUSE

Join us for the Longest Day on Sunday June 17th, a partnership event between the ACBL and the Alzheimer's Association. On that day, we'll be playing bridge to raise awareness for Alzheimer's. The Unit will be raising funds by selling donated

handcrafts, T-shirts and memory cards which can be purchased in remembrance of an Alzheimer's sufferer. Wear your purple T-shirt (or purchase one at the door), stimulate your mind, earn extra masterpoints and support your Longest Day!



Member Profile

JUDY RIMER



Judy Rimer is a Diamond Life Master whose regular partners include her husband Norton, Lynne Feldman, Joan Kroener, and Kip Young; she occasionally takes pity and lets me play with her. She agreed to share with us information about some of her interests outside the game of bridge.

Larry Sherman (LS): You enjoy many interests ranging from duplicate bridge to knitting to mah jongh to fishing. Any others that come to mind?

Judy Rimer (JR): I guess most of my time these days is spent at all these activities and also playing Video Poker at one of the Indian Casinos...

LS: Tell us about how you became interested in fishing. Did family members fish? Does Norton also fish? Who got you interested? Do you still go out on a charter once a week? What are some of the highlights in your fishing career? If you could name 3 bridge acquaintances you think might enjoy fishing, who would they be?

JR: Started fishing about 10-15 years ago when my son took me for my birthday and we did it for several years as an

Bridging Or Gone Fishing?

opportunity to do something together since I no longer wanted “stuff” as a gift but enjoyed the time together! I started going on my own and have met several really nice people who fish regularly... we go on the New Seaforth out of Quivira Basin Tues at 12:30! Anyone is welcome to join!

LS: Your knitting is a gift, and just in case anyone does not know, you have been a regular contributor to the Susan G. Komen Knit for the Cure booth at the Race for the Cure in Balboa Park every 1st Sunday in November for many years. Tell us about how you became interested in knitting? Was that handed down from a family member? Did having grand children have anything to do with it? What is the most memorable item you can recall knitting?

JR: As far as knitting goes, my grandmother taught me when I was quite young and I didn't really start knitting much till I moved to San Diego in 1977 and began playing bridge. Lots of spare time between sessions and then when the grandkids came along the opportunity to knit for them! Knitting for Susan Komen started after I was treated for breast cancer 7 years ago and felt the need to give back.... I usually knit several



dozen hats a year and will give one to anyone that needs one! I would be happy to teach anyone interested how to make these hats! I think the projects that were the

most interesting to make and which I have made several times for my grandkids and my friends grandkids are the Animal Stack and the Topsy-Turkey Cinderella doll! Will gladly share!

LS: Did you learn to play mah jongh from your mother? Doe mah jongh have anything in common with duplicate bridge? Does it have anything in common with other games? How often do you play? How many players does it take to play? Do you have a steady group? Have you ever been to a mah jongh tournament?

JR: Mah jongh is another fun activity.. much easier than bridge ! It is played by 4 people but can have a 5th person to rotate in. I play the American version according to the rules of the “Mah Jongh League”. It is a fun way to spend a few hours... I learned while in high school on Long Island and played intermittently since then..not playing regularly right now because there aren't enough days in the week for all my fun activities! I can easily teach people to play if there is any interest!

LS: Where does duplicate bridge fit into this list of interests? What do you get from each of these hobbies? If you had to choose to continue to enjoy only one, which would it be and why?

JR: Bridge takes up 4-5 sessions a week! I think bridge is the “hobby” I would miss the most because of the mental stimulation, the always present new challenges, the people and the constant thriving to improve! Fishing is my “relaxation” hobby and knitting is my “giving and sharing” hobby. Video poker is my “lose myself” playtime! Love them all and each plays a role in my daily life!

MENTORING 101 – KENT HARTMAN

For several years I've had the privilege of working with newer players. Larry Sherman asked me to share some thoughts on making mentoring pleasant and productive for both mentors and mentees. These suggestions are written as ideas for mentors, but are intended to be equally useful to mentees. Very few of these deal with bidding or card play, but I hope to add those ideas in a subsequent piece. Enjoy!

Before every session, remind yourself and partner that this game should be fun. Smile and be kind. This is a learning experience. If you score well, that's a happy extra. Reassure your mentee that misunderstandings and errors will happen—that's part of improving one's game. You are trying to help partner produce the best session possible.

Some housekeeping on duplicate protocol goes a long way toward making mentees comfortable with the flow of the game, and it will help prevent them from inadvertently disturbing their opponents. Here's a list in no particular order. Keep a poker face during bidding and play. As declarer, greet the dummy with "Thank you" every time. Lead face down and ask, "any questions?" or the equivalent with the same phrase every time. Make the opening lead and then record the contract. Ask for meanings of alerted bids with "please explain," and don't be afraid to ask for clarification if an opponent's explanation is insufficient. "Director, please" is the appropriate call for assistance. Keep an accurate private score. Don't agonize over an action—this is a timed event.

Remind your mentee to break tempo appropriately when the opponents make a jump bid. ***EVERY JUMP BID. THAT'S AN ACBL RULE. YES, EVEN 1N-6N. EVEN 1N-3N. EVEN**

1S-PASS-2S-PASS-4S. PAUSE ABOUT TEN SECONDS BEFORE TAKING ANY ACTION. Yes, this is a pet peeve! The rule is designed to protect both sides during an auction. Follow it!

Unless your mentee would like to assume the appropriate scoring responsibility,



take care of it the first time you play together, as it's one less thing for your mentee to think about. In subsequent sessions, if you are North-South, encourage your mentee to do the scoring. If you are East-West, encourage your mentee to verify the scores. We should try to make newer players quickly comfortable with scoring, and you are there to help if necessary.

Save all questions / instruction / discussion for after the session. If either one of you thinks a board merits attention, discreetly mark it on your private score. A great piece of advice from Sumner Steinfeldt, my bridge partner of 35 years, is "When at the table, never ask your partner a question that begins with 'Why'. Reassure your mentee that misunderstandings and errors will happen—that's part of improving one's game.

Remind your mentee and yourself to avoid getting a bad result because of stewing about the previous board. Forget it and focus on the next hand. Reassure your mentee that misunderstandings and errors will happen—that's part of improving one's game. If your mentee passes a Texas transfer and you are playing four hearts in a 3-1 fit, your job is to play it better than the other mentors who faced the same auction!

Begin the discussion of your convention card with defensive carding. Defense is difficult, and you will be defending approximately half of the hands in every session. How many of these thoughts you want to mention in your first few sessions will depend on your mentee's expertise. I've arranged them in my personal order of priority for minimizing defensive frustrations!

- 1) If you are leading a suit for partner to ruff, your lead is giving suit preference for which of the other two suits to return.
- 2) If you have a sequence and are attempting to win the trick as second, third, or fourth hand, play the lowest card of the sequence.
- 3) When the opponents lead a suit, spot card plays are count.
- 4) If we lead a suit, spot card plays are attitude. This one is harder to get right than the first three.
- 5) In the middle of the hand, leading low shows values in the suit; leading high denies them.
- 6) If you are discarding from a sequence of honors because you can afford to and want to give partner the news, discard the highest one.

When filling out your convention card, do not start at the top right! I recommend

MENTORING (CONT.)

this order: defensive carding, responses and continuations to ace-asking bids including over interference, and responses and continuations to a strong 2C including over interference. Powerhouse hands are fun, but not during blind auctions! Next, complete the left side of the card, making sure to agree

on whether a new suit is forcing in response to an overcall and over a takeout double, and when NT systems are on. Then begin the right side of the card with major suit openings, followed by minor suit openings, weak twos, and finally NT system. I have seen many new partnerships take fifteen minutes to discuss their system over NT and then spend four minutes on the rest of the card. That is a recipe for disaster.

After the session, ask your mentee if

there are any hands of interest or concern. Start with those. Don't try to cover everything after the session. Five hands is about the limit if you discuss them thoroughly. At the start of the session, ask partner if there is a particular topic for the post-session discussion. If not, use your judgment for choosing the hands.

Keep smiling.

Enjoy!

WHAT'S NEW WITH THE SECTIONALS?

Our Unit prides itself on the quantity and quality of food and snacks that we've served you over the years at our Sectionals. Alas, the times they are a'changing. After spending many months discussing this, the Board relied on DATA, surprise! and arrived at a unanimous resolution. First, the continuing downward trend in number of tables as well as the escalating

cost of venue rental has meant that we've been operating at a loss consistently for the past 3 sectionals. We need to cut costs. We will be offering a reasonably priced boxed lunch, only \$5, starting with the Aug Sectional at Marina Village. Our research of other tournaments in the area supports this concept as more and more sectionals are putting this paid lunch option into

practice. No worries! donut holes will be still be served a go go in the morning, as well as sugary treats for the mid-afternoon break.

We are in the early planning stages of another NLM sectional at the popular Jewish Community Center in the UTC area. Mark your calendars for Oct 26 & 27. Stay tuned for more details.



San Diego Summer Sectional

August 17- 19, 2018

Marina Village Conference Center,
1936 Quivira Way, San Diego, CA 92109

ACBL Unit 539
Sanction: 51808020



www.sandiegobridge.com

Event	Fri 8/17		Sat 8/18		Sun 8/19
Stratflighted Open Pairs (2000/4000/+)	10 AM	2:30 PM	10 AM	2:30 PM	--
Stratflighted 1499er Pairs (0-500, 500-1000, 1000-1500)	10 AM	2:30 PM	10 AM	2:30 PM	--
Stratified 299er Pairs (0-100, 100-200, 200-300)	10 AM	2:30 PM*	10 AM	2:30 PM	--
Stratflighted Swiss Teams - Flight A/X: 0-5000/5000+ - Bracketed Flight B: all members 2000 MP or less - Brackets of 8 teams based on total MP of each team					Start 10 AM End by 6 PM Play thru with Lunch provided
Stratified Open Pairs (1500/3000/+)					1 PM (\$5 lunch optional)

* 20 or less MP play FREE on Friday at 2:30!

FUN * SNACKS * SILVER POINTS

Free Coffee Free Parking

Optional Lunch available Fri/Sat - \$5

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STRATS & FLIGHTS

EVENTS Righted by highest MP in Team or Pair
EVENTS stratified by average MPs of Team or Pair

Mid-level chart Conventions permitted in Flt A events

Card Fees:
Pairs Games \$12 per player
Sunday Swiss \$116 per 4-player teams
(including lunch)
Additional \$5 per person for 5 & 6 player teams
\$4 surcharge per session for unpaid ACBL members

Pre-dealt hands for all pairs games

*Member Profile***JUANITA RIPPETOE**

Juanita Rippetoe, Rookie life master, recently joined ACBL as a member of our Unit. She agreed to answer some questions about the game and her motivation.

Larry Sherman (LS): Tell us about your decision to join ACBL?

Juanita Rippetoe (JR): I joined ACBL so I would receive the monthly bridge bulletin. I thought it might help my playing and bidding to see how experts bid and played their hands. I also enjoy seeing cruises available leaving from San Diego that aren't too long and hope to find a congenial partner, any age. When did you begin playing duplicate bridge?

LS: When did you begin playing duplicate bridge?

JR: I began playing duplicate bridge approximately around 2006 at the La Jolla Cove.

LS: Did family members also play?

JR: My husband played bridge and taught me when we were 15. He died when he was 65. I have a nephew in Keller, TX

New Beginnings

who I taught to play bridge, and now he and his wife are life masters.

LS: Besides playing at the Soledad Club, do you play elsewhere?

JR: I play occasionally at Redwood and in a few friends homes.

LS: Have you earned any master points yet?

JR: No master points after 74 yrs playing bridge. (see Editor's note below)

LS: Are you enjoying the monthly Bridge Bulletin magazine?

JR: Yes indeed, I love the bridge bulletin.

LS: Did you attend the Unit's recent Sectional tournament at Marina Village?

JR: No, I did not attend the Unit's recent Sectional tournament at Marina Village.

LS: If so, any comments? If not, was there a reason?

JR: I don't like to drive too far alone. Dale lives very near me. If he would go, I think he would drive me, but I haven't asked since he has a partner at Soledad.

LS: How many times per week do you play bridge?

JR: I play 2 or 3 times a week.

LS: Will you be going to the San Diego Regional March 26 - April 1 at the Town and Country Hotel at Mission Valley?

JR: I doubt I will be going to the SD Regional March 26 for reasons in #8.

LS: I know you have been to a couple of Unit games. Any observations?

JR: I enjoyed the Unit games I played in. The partnership person was nice to get

me a partner both times, Barbara Weir and Wayne.

LS: Why do you think many players who frequent non-sanctioned games resist joining ACBL?

JR: I am not sure. Some might not want to pay the money. Some seem happy just playing in non sanctioned games and have no interest in getting master points. This includes me I guess. I do like to learn and get better and competitive, but at my age I feel it is impossible to become a life master, having no steady partner and being alone having to drive too far. I also don't drive after dark.

LS: Are you coming to our next Unit game on March 18? Do you need help finding a partner?

JR: Yes, I would love to come to the March 18 unit game if you help me find a partner.

LS: Any goals related to the game of bridge?

JR: I am passionate about bridge. It is the joy in my life since my family is now gone. I think it is very good exercise for my brain, and I hope to follow in the footsteps of Natalie Doerner if I make it to 103.

LS: Thanks, Juanita. Hopefully you will earn your first master points at our Unit game on March 18!

JR: Thanks, Larry. You are doing a great job, and I admire you so MUCH!!!

Editor's Note: Juanita did earn her first master points (0.83) at the March 18 game. Special thanks to Wayne Sottosanti, who got paired with Juanita through our Partnership Desk. Welcome aboard, Juanita!

Member Profile

DAVID WALTERS



"It's nice to be important, but more important to be nice". This is the slogan of the Goodwill Committee. The ACBL created this committee back in 1957 with the principal endeavor of actively promoting ethical conduct at the table and recognizing players who exhibit this behavior. Annual appointments are made nationally by each of the 25 district directors, with each able to nominate up to 6 people. They receive an "ACBL Goodwill" pin. Their names go into the ACBL Bulletin and they remain forever part of the Goodwill "Committee".

Commencing in 2010, District D22 formed its own Goodwill committee to supplement the National Committee awards. These people are members in good standing who have gone far above the call of duty in service to their unit or district.

Our latest Unit 539 addition to this prestigious group is David Walters. David recently received a Certificate of Award from District 22 ACBL Goodwill Committee from 2017 District President Bill Grant at the Palm Springs Regional tournament in

Goodwill Leads To Good Times

December. David, a Sapphire life master, owns the San Diego Bridge Academy, which operates within the Redwood Bridge Club in Balboa Park. David recently sat down with me to discuss the award and embracing new players:

Larry Sherman (LS): Tell us about receiving a Goodwill award from ACBL.

David Walters (DW): I just do my thing. My thing is to teach bridge and to give people a fun place to play bridge. I think the award stems from what I have done within the bridge community and attracting new players to the game. My assumption is that I run a really good bridge club and everyone likes playing here.

LS: Promoting goodwill in our game can be done in many ways. Tell us a few goodwill gestures that we should all be doing in our daily bridge lives.

DW: Smack down bad behavior. That's how I run my club. I want bridge players to come here and have a good time.

LS: When it comes to ACBL Goodwill, can you name your role models who have helped shape your giving ideas?

DW: It is just good business sense. People who I like that behave at the table.....John Strauch has always been a good example; also, Riggs Thayer and Cathy Strauch. Those are the people who understand the do's and don'ts of behavior at the bridge table. Best thing you can do is promote bridge. Do what I

do; promote the game and give people a fun place to want to play. The more we all teach, the more we all grow as a bridge community.

LS: What advice would you give to prospective players considering trying out the game of duplicate bridge?

DW: You have to understand people. It is different for everyone. Some just want to play party bridge, some are able to move on. Some people have to work at it, it is not the easiest game to learn.

LS: Do you have any advice for the San Diego bridge public?

DW: Play more bridge.

Make "Goodwill" part of your daily life too!

Top 10 Goodwill Gestures

- Greet and Welcome Opponents
- Always Say, "Director, Please"
- Lead or Place Dummy Before You Write
- Mentor a New Player
- Say, "Thank You, Partner"
- Compliment Opponent's Play
- Discuss Hands after the Game
- Accept Defeat and Victory with Grace
- Leave a Tidy Table
- Smile Often!

JUST FOR LAUGHS



Meggan Wails

UNIT 539 RACES 2017 AWARDS

ACE OF CLUBS

0 - 5	Patrick Chen
5 - 20	Jimmy Stevens
20 - 50	Delynn Kelly
50 - 100	Harry Arorra
100 - 200	Davis Bennett
200 - 300	Steve Provol
300 - 500	Adele Gertenhaber
500 - 1,000	Ralph Tribbey
1,000 - 1500	Tom Herzog
1,500 - 2,500	Larry Sherman
2,500 - 3,500	Dorn Bishop
3,500 - 5,000	Andy Loh
5000 - 7,500	Ron Huffaker
7,500 - 10,000	Phyllis Yates
Over 10,000	Roger Doughman

MINI - McKENNEY

0 -	Patrick Chen
5 - 20	Jimmy Stevens
20 - 50	Patrick Stayley
50 - 100	Harry Arorra
100 - 200	Davis Bennett
200 - 300	Jennifer Prairie
300 - 500	Mike Koscielski
500 - 1,000	Charles O'Malley III
1,000 - 1500	Tom Herzog
1,500 - 2,500	Larry Sherman
2,500 - 3,500	Dorn Bishop
3,500 - 5,000	Andy Loh
5000 - 7,500	Paul Darin
7,500 - 10,000	Mac Busby
Over 10,000	Steve Cooper



San Diego Unit 539



Announces

2018 Special Unit Games

August 5 - Mixed Pairs Game

Open and 999er sections

October 7 - Over & Under 1000 Pairs Game

One player with over 1000MP and one with under 1000MP; single section only

Everyone is encouraged to arrange their own partnerships. However, if you need assistance please fill out the Partnership Request below and drop it in the Unit box at AIB or contact our online Partnership desk at www.sandiegoacbl.com

Partnership Request

Mixed Pairs Game Aug 5, 2018

Name _____

Masterpoints _____

Email _____

Phone _____

Partnership Request

Over/Under 1000 Pairs Game Oct 7, 2018

Name _____

Masterpoints _____

Email _____

Phone _____

WHAT'S UP FOR GRABS?

A Trophy for Everyone



U539 currently supports 3 very special games yearly to congratulate top play at every level: Non-Life Master (NLM), Master (to be retired in 2018) and Open. In addition, we hold a special tribute game in honor of our bridge friends who have passed away recently and the overall pair's names is engraved on the Tribute Trophy.

2017 Trophy recipients were:

Open Pairs:

Suresh Mahajan & Jon Wright

Masters Pairs:

Lynne O'Neill & Freda Anderson

Tribute Trophy:

Kathy & George Bessinger

NLM Pairs Trophy:

Carol & Art Murphy

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SAN DIEGO UNIT 539 2018 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- June 3 **Unit Game** ACBL Membership Game - LOTS of MPs!!
Annual Membership Meeting & New 2018-2019 Board Introduction
- June 17 **Unit Game** Father's Day + Longest Day/Alzheimer' Assoc. Fundraiser
- July 1 **Unit Game** Open Pairs Trophy
- July 15 D22/D23 Sectional Tournament at Clubs (STaC) Silver Points!
- Aug 5 **** Unit Game** Mixed Pairs **
- Aug 17-19 **San Diego Unit 539 Summer Sectional (\$1808020)** @Marina Village
- Sept 2 **Unit Game** Tribute Trophy Presentation
- Sept 16 **Unit Game**
- Sept 30 Fifth Sunday **Unit Game** with **FREE** Pizza Lunch
- Oct 7 **** Unit Game** "Over/Under 1000 MP" **
(one in pair over 1000, the other under 1000)
- Oct 26-27 **San Diego Unit 539 NLM Fall Sectional (\$1810097)**
@ Jewish Community Center
- Oct 21 **Unit Game** NLM Pairs Trophy **Unit Appreciation Game** - LOTS of MPs
- Nov 4 Charity **Unit Game** - for The Monarch School
- Nov 18 **Unit Game**
- Dec 2 **Unit Game**
- Dec 16 **Unit Game**
- Dec 30 Fifth Sunday **Unit Game** with **FREE** Pizza Lunch

Separate 0-999er Section Planned for All Unit Games

All **Unit Games** Played at Adventures in Bridge
5939 Balboa Avenue, San Diego, CA 92111

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Check out our Unit 539 website! www.sandiegobridge.com

ONLINE DIRECTORY DRIVE

One thing we're certain of is that everybody likes a complete phone and email directory. Our goal is to have one San Diego directory shared by the 5 units in San Diego County. It is online, since a paper directory is not cost effective unfortunately. With your

help, we can get there. Again, we can't publish your contact details without your written approval, so just send an email to info@sandiegobridge.com, or contact one of your Board members to share any contact changes with us.

BOARD MEMBERS

Lamya Agelidis

President & Tournament Manager

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Vice President & Club Manager

Kathy Byrne

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Publicity

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Education Liaison

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Treasurer

Mike Koscielski

NLM Chair

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CAREER PUZZLE

How well do you know your fellow players?

Can you match these Unit 539 members with their current or former professions? (Answers will be posted on the website in early June)

John Boackle	Surgeon
Bette Strauch	Chief Information Officer
Tom Herzog	Advertising Design Business
George Bessinger	Law Professor/Godess
Marianne Klayman	Program/quality manager
Kathy Byrne	Quant
Mac Busby	Accountant
Sharon Dennison	Accounting
Jeremy Fields	Estimator/Woodworker
John Howard	Wills/Trust Attorney
Victoria Haines	Environmental Manager
Jim Andrews	Economist
Lynne Newman	Surgeon
Randy Dougherty	Magician/Pianist/Cost Analyst
Bill Allen	Healthcare Management
Robin Rodger	Banker
Dorn Bishop	Chef/Model
Paul Darin	Computer Science
Mary Margaret Loehr	Electrical Engineer
Larry Sherman	Software Engineer
Roger Zellmer	Computer Programmer
Brian Jones	Physician
Mark Austerlitz	Male Prostitute/Lawyer
Elazar Harel	Bridge Professional
Avram Ninyo	Realtor
Susan Ninyo	Mathematician
Ray Sachs	Professor
Sebastian Holsclaw	ICU Registered Nurse
Jane Petering	Math Teacher
Alan Rowen	Credit Manager
Carolyn Casey	Landscape Architect
Beth Granby	Teacher
Mike Koscielski	Marketing Director
John Evans	Corporation Officer
Patti Bischoff	Engineer
Jerry Bischoff	Pituitary Hormone Researcher
Suresh Kanekar	Piano Tuner
Julie Greenberg	Architect
Lawrence "Ross" Rossman	Biology Professor
Janice Joerger	Algebra Teacher
Charlie O'Malley	Business Owner
Marjorie O'Malley	Geotechnical Engineer
Kent Hartman	Cost Accountant
Lamya Agelidis	Math Teacher

In Memoriam



Sadly, since our last newsletter,
the following members
have passed away:

- 2017 -

Anne Scott
Brockway Clark
Ron Bodeen
Tom McDowell
Eleanor Larson

- 2018 -

Sam Williams
Julius Hertz

*Information provided by Jo Boyer,
Unit Obituarian*