



San Diego 539

By Stuart Showalter

As the Unit secretary, I've been asked to write the monthly "What's New" column, and I begin by thanking Larry Sherman, loyal Unit 539 member, for doing such a splendid job in the recent past. Larry brought a knowledge base and personal touch to these pages that I won't be able to match, so I'll appreciate readers' input for future issues. Please feel free to email me at: unit539.editor@gmail.com to suggest news and other content.

We remind everyone that our **Summer Sectional** will be **Aug. 17-19** at Marina Village. The event is typically held on the first weekend of August, but we changed the date due to a conflict with the NABC in Atlanta. On the first two days we will offer open pairs, 1499er pairs, and 299er pairs, followed by Swiss and open pairs on Sunday. As numerous other sectionals are doing, we will offer a boxed lunch at a reasonable price (only \$5) during the noon hour. Other treats will of course still be served à gogo in the morning and during the afternoon break. For details, check the Unit website <http://www.sandiegobridge.com>.

The Unit's mid-June games coincided with the annual "**The Longest Day**" fundraiser for the Alzheimer's Association. We're pleased to announce that thanks to the hard work of Kathy Byrne, Beth Granby, Judy Rimer, Nira Levy and many others who encouraged donations and invited players to attend (even though it was Father's Day), the Unit **raised more than \$3,000** for Alzheimer's research and care. Check out the article and pictures page on our website: <http://www.sandiegobridge.com/LongestDay18.html>.

There were 20-1/2 tables in the Open game and 6 in the 999er. Ron and Mary Huffaker led the Open Pairs overall, followed closely by Maritha Pottenger/Kent Hartman in second and Dorn Bishop/David Abelow in third. Lynn and Janice Wells topped the B section, and Dennis Schrader and Fred Dickson were first in C.

Suresh Kanekar and Batia Kvashny won the 999er game (B Section overall) followed by the pair of Kathleen Bertram/Sue Wightman in second and Nancy Mogck/Mike Sloane in third. Nancy and Mike were also first in C, and Wayne Sottosanti and I were second.

On July 1 we again had 20-1/2 tables for our Open game, and the winners were the team of Timothy Flaherty and Robert Moore followed by the Huffakers. The 999er game was again won by Suresh and Batia. Pete Moyer and Joy Diamond were second.

The August 5 Mixed Pairs game (a new event for us) is occurring as this issue goes to press. Check the Unit's website for results, and mark your calendars for regular Unit games and other events. We encourage you to find your own partners, but you may contact our partnership chairperson, Lamy Agelidis (lamy.agelidis@gmail.com) if you need help.

San Diego Club News:

Adventures in Bridge (www.adventuresinbridge.com) is located at 5939 Balboa Avenue in Clairemont. Game results are posted on the website quickly and there's a description of all the available games and lessons.

Redwood Bridge Club (www.redwoodbridgeclub.org) and San Diego Bridge Academy (www.sandiegobridgeacademy.com) are at 3111 6th Avenue, San Diego. There are games every day except Sunday and lessons for players at all levels. Check out the websites for upcoming classes, descriptions of all the games, and daily results.

Redwood held its sixth **The Longest Day** fundraiser for Alzheimer's on June 23 and raised \$5,200 plus a matching donation to Alzheimer's San Diego. The day started with social bridge in the morning, followed by a catered lunch, two duplicate games totaling 20-1/2 tables, a "Tropical Nights" themed dinner, and another 9-1/2 tables of duplicate in the evening.

In other news, Redwood will pilot test a **Youth Bridge Program** this summer for ages 8-10 in cooperation with the Mission Valley YMCA. Unit 539 board member Marge Van Hemert is the instructor, assisted by Redwood board members Mary Hall and Wendy Vaughn Platt.

San Diego Bridge Club (www.sandiegobridgeclub.com) offers a sanctioned game at 10:30 a.m. every Tuesday at the Columbus Club, 4425 Home Ave. Call (619) 847-3001 for more information.

21st Century Bridge Club meets at 6:30 p.m. every Thursday for a sanctioned game at the Redwood Bridge Club. If you need a partner or would like information on this sanctioned game, please call Bobbie Wheeler at (619) 296-5569, or email her at bobbiewheel@aol.com.

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