

Irish or not, you're in luck in March! We have some exciting things to put on your radar.

First up, scheduled for March 21-27, there will be a new event at your local bridge clubs called Royal STaC, which is a sectional at face-to-face clubs rewarding 25 percent each for gold, red, silver, and black. Districts 21, 22, and 23 will be participating, and there will be huge payouts for masterpoints. This is an excellent opportunity to support your local clubs and get back in the swing of attending club games. Visit redwoodbridgeclub.org and sandiegobridge.com for complete game schedules.

Our virtual games on BBO are still going strong, offering 18 board games on the first and third Sundays of each month. The virtual games average 25-30 tables to suit your skill level in the three stratifications (499er, 1499er, and Open). We're still offering a **\$3 entry fee to those 1499ers** who want to play in our San Diego Unit games.

We are looking ahead to the annual *The Longest Day* fundraiser auction to benefit the Alzheimer's Association, where you can bid on top bridge players for a future online game of your choice. This year's event is scheduled for June 18-19. Thanks to the efforts of Board member Sam Madison, world-renowned players **Zia Mahmood** and **Mark Itabashi** have agreed to participate in this year's auction, along with 15 other bridge professionals. This is the tenth year ACBL has partnered with the Alzheimer's Association for *The Longest Day* and has raised millions for Alzheimer's research and care. So, let's make 2022 another great year for *The Longest Day!*

Unit 539 is proud to welcome new member Joel Bergsma, as well as reinstated members Bruce Matthias, Sandra Buffington, Hal and Vicki Butler, Linda Hirshberg, and Judith Hoffman.

We're hopeful we can return to face-to-face bridge in the near future, and once that happens, we'll keep track of the new members and ACBL rank advancements. Our Membership & Awards Chair, Jane Petering, will contact you regarding your new member free play, and she might even have a new rank trophy to give you at the soon-to-be-scheduled Appreciation Party.