

We have several things to remind you about, especially considering how there won't be club reports in the September D22 Connection. Please remember to take a moment to put the following dates in your calendar since we won't be able to alert you next month.

In mid-July, the San Diego Unit board decided to cancel the August 4-6 Sectional at Marina Village. The preregistration data we collected revealed that we secured only a minimal number of open tables, and we hardly picked up any Intermediate/Novice interest.

The primary reason for canceling is the anticipated lack of a 1499er/299er turnout, who are those who need the silver points. We also didn't foresee the event being a rewarding player experience since the table count would be significantly below average. Moreover, with San Diego being at a high-level Covid risk and likely to remain as such for several weeks, this not only constituted a risk for our players, but in accordance with ACBL policies, we would have been forced to mask, which we know is an unpopular mandate.

It was a tough decision, but it doesn't sound like our beginner and intermediate players were ready for face-to-face competition. Our Sunday Unit games have been averaging 8-10 tables at the Soledad Club, a far cry from the 23+ tables we averaged pre-pandemic. Our limited games were thriving online during the pandemic, and the feedback from our beginner and intermediate players is that they prefer the online games.

Since our face-to-face games are mainly attracting open players, we will continue with the face-to-face option at the Soledad Club for the open games and resume an online limited games on **August 7th**. We will offer a 499er game at 12:45 p.m. with a \$4 entry fee. Check [sandiegobridge.com](http://sandiegobridge.com) for the game schedule.

Along with limited online Unit games for the Intermediate/Novice players, we are excited to announce that a **San Diego NLM Sectional is tentatively scheduled for Saturday, Sept. 24**, which will be sponsored by San Diego Unit 539 and San Diego North County Inland Unit 549, and will be hosted at a familiar venue for many, Seven Oaks Community Center in Rancho Bernardo. We will have lots of silver points to give out to those trying to reach their next ACBL milestone.

Featuring NLM Pairs (0-50) and Stratified NLM Pairs (0-100, 100-300, 300-750) games are being held on Saturday at **9:30 a.m.** and **2:00 p.m.** in a friendly environment with optional boxed lunches available.

Finally, we extend our gratitude to all of you who contributed to Ray's medical missions. Ray's first fundraiser was 11 years ago, and he took a team of 3 people on two missions per year. His next team will consist of 13 people on three missions each year, and he is training others to become team leads. This year, they raised between \$35,000 and \$40,000! Since \$120 pays for life-changing surgery in Ecuador, your generosity is making an immense difference in children's lives.

Until October... See you at the tables!

San Diego Club News: At [Redwood Bridge Club](#), there are multiple games every day except Sunday and lessons for players at all levels.

[San Diego Bridge Club](#) offers sanctioned games at 10:30 a.m. every Tuesday and Friday at the Masonic Center at 3366 Adams Avenue. Call (619) 847-3001 for more information. Be sure to check both websites for updates to their game schedules.