

San Diego 539 By Stuart Showalter

The 2018 Summer Sectional was held Aug 17-19 at the Marina Village Conference Center. We hosted a total of 232.5 tables, which is a bit down from last year's total but a good turnout nonetheless. It takes a lot of work and a lot of people to put on a sectional, so many thanks go to all the volunteers and workers—both seen and unseen—who made the event possible.

Congratulations to all the winners, and thank you to all who attended. As usual, results are available under the "Calendar and Results" tab on our website: <a href="https://www.sandiegobridge.com">www.sandiegobridge.com</a>.

For those who didn't attend, we want to understand why so we can improve future sectionals. Did you have schedule conflicts? Do you not like the venue? Were there other reasons? Please send comments and suggestions to *lamya.agelidis@gmail.com*. We look forward to seeing you at the next sectional in early March 2019. Stay tuned for more!

Our Non-Life Master Fall Sectional will be held October 26-27 at the Lawrence Family Jewish Community Center, 4126 Executive Drive in La Jolla (between I-5 and I-805 off La Jolla Village Drive). It's easy to get to with plenty of free parking. Note: the NLM Sectional now caters to the 0-750 MP players, not just 0-500. The event is stratified as follows: 0-50, 0-100, 100-300, and 300-750. All games offer Silver Points, and each day will have two sessions (9:30 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.) plus a mini lesson at 1:30 p.m. There's a Saturday special – just \$10 for the afternoon game if you play in the morning. Lunch will be available for \$5. Tournament chairperson is Pete Moyer, <a href="mailto:1petemoyer@gmail.com">1petemoyer@gmail.com</a>. For partnerships contact Marge VanHemert, <a href="mailto:mvanhemert@cox.net">mvanhemert@cox.net</a>, 619-421-0813.

Unit games this month include the regular game at 1 p.m., Sunday, October 7, and the Unit Appreciation Game & NLM Pairs Trophy at 1 p.m. on the 21st. Lots of MPs to be awarded!

We again ask readers to submit ideas for alternative tournament venues. As you can imagine, it's not easy to find a large space (5,000+ sq. ft.) that is affordable, has adequate parking, and is available for three consecutive days (Friday through Sunday). Many school facilities might serve us well, but of course not while school is in session. Large hotels tend to be too expensive, and the available meeting rooms at smaller hotels are often inadequate. All suggestions are welcome. Please email *info@sandiegobridge.com*.

Regular unit games in October are the 7th and 21st at AIB. The San Diego Charity Unit Game will be November 4 (proceeds benefit The Monarch School), and regular unit games to the end of the year will be November 18 and December 2, 16, and 30. The December 30 game (a "Fifth

Sunday") will offer free pizza for lunch. Partnerships for unit games: Lamya Agelidis, 615-887-1012 or *lamya.agelidis@gmail.com*.

## San Diego Club News

Adventures in Bridge (<u>www.adventuresinbridge.com</u>) 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 (<u>www.redwoodbridgeclub.org</u>) and San Diego Bridge Academy (<u>www.sandiegobridgeacademy.com</u>) are at 3111 6th Avenue, San Diego. There are multiple 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.

San Diego Bridge Club (<u>www.sandiegobridgeclub.com</u>) 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 <a href="mailto:bobbiewheel@aol.com">bobbiewheel@aol.com</a>.