April showers us with bridge fun; at San Diego Unit 539, the games are second to none. Come join us for our Unit Championship games on Sunday, April 7 and 21, as well as May 5.

Looking ahead, mark your calendars for August 2-3 for our Summer Sectional, which we'll be teaming up with the La Jolla Unit to host at the Soledad Club.

For those who are new or returning, remember that our Unit hosts games on the first and third Sundays at the Soledad Club. Lunch starts at 12:30, followed by bridge at 1:00. Be sure to check out the complete game results on <u>BridgeResults.net</u> and sign up for result notifications. 699ers, please let Bridget Poizner know you're coming to the game by contacting her at BridgeFun1430@gmail.com. We appreciate your cooperation and can't wait to see you there for some fun games.

Our Unit's fundraising team is gaining momentum for our annual *The Longest Day (TLD)* fundraiser auction, benefiting the Alzheimer's Association. This year's live bridge event to benefit TLD is scheduled for Sunday, June 16, at the Soledad Club. The <u>online pro-auction</u> will run from May 1- June 16.

We extend our gratitude to the bridge professionals who have supported our cause year after year. This year's expert auction boasts an impressive lineup of 19 local and international bridge stars. Refer to the advertisement on page xx.

Returning favorites include Davis Bennett, Kitty Cooper, Paul Darin, Mitch Dunitz, Lynne Feldman, Jason Feldman, Wirt Gilliam, Vlad Isporski, Mark Itabashi, John Jones, Daniel Korbel, Sam Madison, Marjorie Michelin, Rick Roeder, Claude Vogel, and Rhoda Walsh. We're excited to welcome Aaron Jones, Bart Bramley, and Iftikhar Baqai to our esteemed group.

We extend our gratitude to District 22 for their invaluable support, enabling us to reserve a table at the San Diego Regional and achieve close to \$4600 in bids. Additionally, our progress has been exceptional: Four professionals were quickly sold at the "buy now" price, one agreed to be auctioned twice and was promptly sold each time, and one professional and bidder has already set a date for their game.

Bridge players have consistently shown their generosity and support for *The Longest Day*. Let's continue this tradition of giving! Stay tuned to <u>sandiegobridge.com</u> for more details in the coming weeks. This year is my eighth year coordinating this event for the Unit, and I'll be co-hosting it with Jane Petering, so please don't hesitate to contact us with any questions.

April marks Charity Month for the clubs. Don't miss out on the opportunity to join in ACBL-sanctioned charity games hosted at San Diego Bridge Academy, San Diego Bridge Club, and our Unit 539 club. Make sure to visit the club websites for additional information. In brief, you'll have several opportunities to participate in specially designated Charity Games, with a portion of the proceeds benefiting the ACBL Charity Foundation or, alternatively, a charity chosen by the hosting club. Moreover, these charity games offer upgraded masterpoint awards.

Join us in welcoming our new members this month: Sandra Finkelberg, Zachary Van Vechten, and John Sandahl. Bridget Poizner, our Membership Chairperson, will contact them to offer them a complimentary game at our Unit events.

Let's make April a month of giving back and enjoying our favorite game together.

See you at the tables!

San Diego Club News: At <u>Redwood Bridge Club</u>, there are multiple games every day except Sunday and lessons for players at all levels. Check the website for upcoming classes, game descriptions, and daily results.

<u>San Diego Bridge Club</u> offers sanctioned games at 10:30 a.m. every Tuesday and Friday at the Masonic Center at 3366 Adams Avenue. Call Sebastian at (619) 299-0026 for more information. Be sure to check the websites of all these clubs for updates to their game schedules.