

## **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

We may be a divided country but we are not divided here in San Diego County. The Unit Board and the Unit 539 Board have agreed to do a joint Non-Life Master Sectional on September 24th at the Seven Oaks Community Center. It will be a one day event with two sessions. The morning session starts at 9:30 am and the afternoon at 2:00 pm. This will give our active and growing non-life masters group a chance to get silver points in F2F competition. If you are a non-life master with 500 or less master points mark your calendar, you don't want to miss this opportunity. A flyer with all the details is posted on our website. Note, this sectional will replace our regularly scheduled unit game that day.

While most units and clubs in the county are struggling to get players back to the table, things are getting better. And by most metrics The Bridge Club of North County is doing quite well compared with the other clubs. Their success is due in large part to Hazel Turner and her teaching skills. She got back to teaching beginning/basic duplicate bridge in August 2021. Since that time she has run 6 series of Bridge Basics 1, 2 and 3 and 1 series of Play of the Hand and Defense. The combination of these courses has attracted about 50 new students. She also does a supervised play with a mentor every Monday morning which gets 2 to 3 tables. These new players interest in learning and playing duplicate bridge is reason for hope and has us going in the right direction. If you know anyone interested in learning duplicate bridge please direct them to Hazel.

I don't mean for this to sound boastful, but I believe that our unit game is the biggest and best game in San Diego County right now. We are averaging about 20 tables of which about 8 are non-life masters. We are getting players from all parts of the county and the competition in the open game is first rate. I'm betting a good lunch to go along with that good friendly competition helps our turnout.

Just a reminder, August 27th is our next regularly scheduled unit game. Call your partner and mark your calendar because these games are as good as it gets in San Diego County.