

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Wow, it is 2024!!! I'm sure all of you share my feeling that time is traveling too fast. With that in mind, the Unit 549 Board would like to wish you a Happy New Year before we run out of time.

Looking back for a moment, 2023 was a really good year for our unit and our club. The move to Oasis has spawned a new interest in F2F bridge. The number of people taking bridge lessons has increased and translated into bigger 499er games. Our mission now is to turn that interest into regular duplicate bridge players. The club is approaching a pre-COVID table count and our unit games are approaching pre-COVID levels also.

We are getting the New Year started with the return of our Winter Sectional on Jan 26 - 28. Now that we have adequate parking and some really good space we are adding a third day to our sectional for a team game. Based on team pre-registration numbers this is going to be a very successful event, so don't miss it.

Our bridge seminar is also returning in 2024. Robert Todd, a professional bridge player, excellent bridge teacher and regular instructor at ACBL regionals will be doing two days of bridge lessons. Some of the topics he will cover will be slam bidding, modern preempts, opening leads and finesses. This is a great opportunity to learn from a really good bridge teacher and hone your bridge skills. The seminar dates are March 8 & 9.

Don't forget, this weekend is our Winter Sectional and a great opportunity to pick up some silver points. We are expecting a good 499er turn out, so there should be lots of points available. If you don't have a team, get one and join us on Sunday. Based on pre-registration there will be a separate section just for 499er teams.