

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

It feels like it has been a long time since I last sat down to compose a unit newsletter. And in fact it has been a long time, about 20 months to be more exact. The unit board went into hibernation during this long Covid winter. And just like the rest of the hibernating animal kingdom we stuck our head out when it looked like this Covid winter was about to break and actually had a F2F board meeting. The results, we are back.

With a large dose of guarded optimism the board decided that we will get back to almost normal starting in January. So mark your calendars, January 22nd will be our first unit game and we plan to have one the fourth Saturday of the month going forward. We will be back at the Seven Oaks Community Center and will be following all Covid protocols established by the state and Seven Oaks for large indoor gatherings. In addition, we are requiring proof of vaccination from all players. If you have already provided your proof of vaccination to our Escondido club no additional proof will be necessary.

We think there was almost universal agreement that our unit game was in a great facility, with good and friendly competition and a really great meal. And that is exactly what we plan on providing in January. The one variable we can't control is you, so mark your calendar and make plans to attend. As in the past there will be both an open and 499 section and Ida will be directing.

This unit game will also be our annual membership meeting where we vote on board member and any other unit business necessary. If you are interested in joining our board because you like working with nice and interesting people, you think we are doing a good job and want to keep it going or just want to have a little fun, please let either Alan Turner or me know.

Audrey Grant wasn't available this year for our annual bridge seminar event but we aren't missing a beat. Robert Todd, a young guy by our standards, and a really good bridge player and teacher has agreed to do this year's seminar. He will be covering modern preempts, opening leads, doubles of all kinds, finesses and a lot of other really useful stuff. The event will be at Seven Oaks on March 25th and 26th. There is a flyer with all the details on our website which has been updated with the most current unit information.

Best Wishes for a great Holiday Season.

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