



BRIDGE IN THE PARK

A Newsletter for Redwood Members and Guests

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2020 PRICE INCREASE

Our bridge club has been in the same building in Balboa Park since 1948. The city of San Diego owns the building. Our agreement with the City allows the bridge club to cover certain expenses the City does not have funding to support. In such an old building, there are always projects that need funding.

Redwood recently paid to paint the interior of the building. Redwood is also covering the cost of ongoing improvements in the outside restrooms. Two projects that were put on hold due to lack of available funding are flooring upgrades for the classroom and main playing room. The fee increases described below will allow Redwood to implement these upgrades sooner rather than later. Such enhancements help make playing at Redwood a positive experience for everyone.

As of 1 January 2020, game fees will increase for Redwood non-sanctioned games at noon on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Member pricing will increase from the current price of \$3 to \$5 per game. Non-member pricing will increase from \$7 to \$10 per game.

Redwood has one ACBL sanctioned game on Saturday that is mostly comprised of ACBL players who routinely pay \$10-\$12 to play in sanctioned games. This Saturday game also includes Redwood members who mostly play in Redwood's non-sanctioned games. For this Saturday game, fees will increase as follows:

Non-members will pay \$12

Members will pay \$10, EXCEPT for those who played in at least 20 Redwood non-sanction games in the previous year. Their Saturday fee will be the same as non-

sanctioned game fees during the week = \$5. We make this special exception because those players do not care about master-points and do not normally play in ACBL games. Rather, they come just to play bridge.

Silver lining: Redwood's annual membership fee will still be only \$25, a rate the club has been able to sustain for more than 15 years.

FINANCIAL AID

Redwood is an inclusive club. We do not want to exclude anyone for financial reasons. We would rather have YOU than your money. If the aforementioned price increases will create a financial hardship for you, please contact David Walters or Mary Platter-Rieger for assistance.

ELECTIONS

Three Redwood board members' terms end in December. Elections will be held in November. It is not too early to start thinking about serving on the Club Board.

You can have a positive impact on the Club. The work is not difficult. You will very likely come away with a sense of accomplishment.

With membership now above 400, we should have no problem fielding a strong selection of candidates for the upcoming election. Contact Jan Perdue to throw your hat in the ring.

DONATIONS

During August and September, Redwood Bridge Club received two separate donations of \$100 each. Our very sincere thanks to both Lynda Treger and Beth Ott for their donations. These funds will be applied to current projects. Tax deductible donation guidelines are posted on the club bulletin board.