



BRIDGE IN THE PARK

A Newsletter for Redwood Members and Guests

Fall 2020

LONG TIME NO SEE

Well, hellooooo Redwood. Been a while, eh? Thank goodness many of us found our way to San Diego Bridge Academy games at Bridge Base Online and can “see” each other there. Not the same as in person, but nice to play with familiar “faces”.

Speaking of faces, it’s great to see photos posted on at least some BBO profiles. It helps to put a name with a face (and BBO “handle”). Consider posting your photo to your profile if you haven’t already done so.

CONGRATULATIONS

Kudos to Redwood Members for recently reaching various achievement levels in ACBL bridge. These new masters include:

Sectional Masters (50 Master Points):

Joy Brown,
Mary B. Hartley,
Mrs. Nancy Lipton,
John M. Neill,
Ms. Ostance Robinson, and,
Susan C Wolf

Regional Masters (100 Master Points):

Jeffrey Love

Bronze Life Masters (750 Master Points):

Ms. Julie A Greenberg

Platinum Life Masters (10,000 Master Points):

Phyllis E Yates



BOARD BUSINESS

Even while we are out of the building, your board of directors still addresses items that need attention. The September (Zoom) board meeting focused on two issues:

1. **MEMBERSHIP**. The board voted to extend current 2020 memberships through December 2021 at no additional charge. There you have it, one benefit of the pandemic: two years’ membership for the price of one.
2. **ELECTIONS**. The board proposes extending board member terms one year. Those with terms slated to end in Dec 2020 will extend through December 2021. Likewise, terms set to expire in 2021 will now extend to 2022. To comply with Redwood bylaws, members will be surveyed in October to approve or disapprove this arrangement. The survey will be conducted via email, except via USPS for members without email. A simple majority of respondents approving this measure is needed to pass this initiative. Please respond to the survey. Voting is always important.

DONATIONS

Though our arrangement with the Parks Department means we occupy the Redwood Bridge Building rent free, there are still expenses even when we are not using the building (minimal custodial, insurance, post office box, etc.) No in person games means Redwood is not generating any income while we are out of the building. Anyone wishing to make a donation can do so directly to Redwood or tax free through Friends of Balboa Park. Contact Judy Brown at judy@friendsofbalboapark.org.

SUPPORT LOCAL CLUBS on BBO

San Diego Bridge Academy runs bridge games online Monday through Saturday. The schedule of those games is posted at the Redwood Bridge Club website.

<https://www.redwoodbridgeclub.org/>

Six days a week not enough for you? Unit #539 hosts three virtual game options on Sundays at BBO. These are:

12:40 PM 0-299,

12:50 PM 0-999,

1:00 PM Open Game

GROWING LIKE, WELL, WEEDS

You know what NEVER takes a break even while we are away from our building in Balboa Park? Garden chores. Virginia Wofford leads the effort to keep weeds in check, plants watered, new plants planted, and, debris removed from our garden.

This summer, that task even included dealing with a swarm of bees engulfing the trunk of the new jacaranda tree. In a day or so the queen moved on and most of the swarm followed her. About 200 male worker bees missed the message and remained at the tree for a month before slowly dying off.

Many thanks to Pete Holtzen of Honeybee Rescue (619.286.7258), who was very generous with his time and expertise over the phone when Gardener Gayle called him to describe the swarm that invaded the Triangle Garden at Redwood.

Gayle Tinnerman and Rita Priver have signed on to help Virginia keep up with the garden. The trio would welcome additional help. After all, many hands make light work. If you have even just an hour to spare once a week, please reach out to Virginia to let her know your availability. Email Virginia at vlmsw@cox.net



Clump of bees surround trunk.



Redwood gardeners Virginia and Gayle.