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THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF ACBL UNIT 549

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Come One Come All Come Get Your Silver Points

Come to Unit 549's Winter Sectional January 25 & 26 2013 at the lovely scenic Lake San Marcos Resort Conference Center and Pavilion. For more information see the flyer on the ACBL site: (<http://web2.acbl.org/tournaments/Ads/2013/01/1301085.pdf>).

There will be two single session pairs both days at 10 AM and 2:30 PM. The pairs events each day will have an open, a non life master 499'r, (and if attendance warrants) a 99'r game. In the mornings, there will be a knock out (compact KO) team game. The afternoons (both Friday and Saturday) will have the finals of the KO and a separate team event, if there are enough teams.

The hospitality is great! There are endless snacks both in the morning and afternoon. Lunch will be available for purchase.

I want to encourage y'all (I'm from the south of Brooklyn) to support our winter sectional.

On behalf of your board of directors of Unit 549, I want to wish y'all a very Merry Christmas, a Happy Chanukah, and a Happy New Year. May you always find that stiff king, may all your finesses work, and may all your slams make an overtrick !

Sheila Latus

P L A Y E R S O F T H E M O N T H



Open
Tim Flaherty



Under 1500
Gary Beed



Under 750
Ayoub Jaraicie



Under 300
Sue Compton



Under 100
Joe Potts

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Future Master
Laurie Elliot

Upcoming Unit 549 Events – Mark the Date

Special Games with Extra Points

Saturday, Dec. 15 - Holiday Luncheon & Unit Game - Lunch at 12:15pm, Game starts at 1:00pm, Lake San Marcos Pavilion, Open & NLM
Monday, Dec. 31 - LSMDBC - New Year's Eve Pot-Luck – 5:30pm dinner & Champagne, 6:30 PM Game
Friday, Jan. 4 - NCBC 9am - Intermediate - MEGA-PT GAME
Monday, Jan. 7 - NCBC - 12:30pm - Open Pairs - CLUB CHAMP.
Monday, Jan. 7 - NCBC - 6:30pm - Open Pairs Jane Johnson Charity Game
Tuesday, Jan. 8 - NCBC - 1:00pm - Open Pairs - MEGA –PT GAME
Thursday, Jan. 10 - NCBC - 12:30pm - Mentor/Mentee & Open Game - “BIRTHDAY GAME”
Friday, Jan. 11 - NCBC - 12:30pm - Open Pairs - MEGA-PT GAME
Saturday, Jan. 12 - NCBC - 12:30pm - Barometer Game - MEGA-PT GAME
Monday, Jan. 14 - NCBC - 12:30pm - Open Pairs - MEGA-PT GAME
Wednesday, Jan. 16 - LSMDBC - 11:00am - Charity Game
Wednesday, Jan. 16 - NCBC - 12:30pm - Open Pairs - CLUB CHAMP.
Thursday, Jan. 17 - NCBC - 12:30pm - Mentor/Mentee & Open Game - MEGA-PT GAME
Friday, Jan. 18 - LSMDBC - Potluck 5:30pm, Charity Game 6:30pm
Saturday, Jan. 19 - 1:00pm - Unit 549 Championship Game - Lake San Marcos Pavilion
Monday, Jan. 21 - NCBC - 6:30pm - Open Pairs - CLUB CHAMP
Wednesday, Jan. 23 - LSMDBC - Club Championship
Wednesday, Jan. 23 - NCBC - 12:30pm - Open Pairs - MEGA-PT GAME
Friday & Saturday, Jan. 25-26 - Unit 549 Winter Sectional - Lake San Marcos Conference Center
Monday, Jan. 28 - NCBC - 6:30pm - Open Pairs - MEGA-PT GAME
Tuesday, Jan. 29 - NCBC - 9:00am - NLM Game - MEGA-PT GAME

Winter Sectional – Jan 25 – 26th, 2013...New Location!

Come One! Come All! Unit 549's Winter Sectional will be held at our new location, the Lake San Marcos Conference Center, 1105 La Bonita Dr, Lake San Marcos, 92078. The Winter Sectional will have NLM, Open Pairs, Knock-outs and Swiss Teams. Mark the date! Contact: Sheila Latus, Tournament Director by email: slatus1977@aol.com for further information. Partnerships: John white Email: johnvwhite@gmail.com

Mark the Date! February 9th! Audrey Grant is returning to Unit 549!

Once again, **Audrey Grant, renowned Bridge Author and Educator** will be here to help us get our game to the next level. **We will have a full day Workshop. The topic will be “Modern Bidding Techniques... Balancing, Reason and Rules”.** The workshop will begin at 10:00am and end at 3:00pm with a one-hour break for lunch. The **Early bird fee is \$69** per person and includes Audrey's materials and a full lunch with beverages. **Location is the Lake San Marcos Conference Center, 1105 La Bonita Dr, Lake San Marcos.** Early Bird rate expires Jan. 31, 2013

Checks should be made out to “Unit 549 – Escondido” and sent to the attention of Liz Nixon at 1572 Caminito Aguilar, Lake San Marcos, CA 92078. Questions? Email Liz at cruzqueen@sbcglobal.net or call 760-214-8999.

Note: The Lake San Marcos Conference Center has plenty of free parking and handicapped parking with NO STEPS! When the Unit game is in the Pavilion, you can park in the Quail's Inn Parking Lot and walk down the sidewalk along the Lake. There are no steps this way. You can come in the back door of the Pavilion.

Unit 549 will be hosting Unit Games on January 19th (LSM Conference Center), February 23rd, and ***March 16th** at the **Lake San Marcos Pavilion, 1105 La Bonita Dr, Lake San Marcos, 92078.** Go to www.SDBridge.com for details, a map and directions. Unit games are \$7 per person and include loads of snacks. Game time is 1pm. **Call Kay Haralson at 760-685-2535 to sign-up** or email Kay at haralson2@cox.net. You can also sign-up at North County Bridge Center, Lake San Marcos Bridge club or Town Hall Bridge club in Ramona. **Need a partner?** Email John White at johnvwhite@gmail.com

*Note, this date is the 3rd Saturday of the month due to a facility scheduling conflict

Toys for Tots Unit Game...A Huge Success!

Unit 549 members brought toys and monetary donations to the Lake San Marcos Pavilion Saturday, Nov. 17th. Unit member Nina Laughbaum along with Frank & Connie Shubert carried dozens of

fabulous toys out of the Pavilion to give to the Marine family's at the December first Annual Christmas Party co-sponsored by the Lake San Marcos Kiwanis Foundation. Unit 549 also donated all entry fees and Director fees (thank you Ida). The check was over \$700.00, which will be converted to gift cards for the Marine families. A big thank you to the Pot-luck committee, the food was fabulous!

November Unit Game Winners

Open Game winners: John White – Jeri Adams – 61.92% followed by Rex & Sheila Latus – 59.47%; Bill & Nancy Sperry – 59.30%; Gail Whiteley – Jean Jantz – 58.81%; Betsey Illes & Jane Horgan – 55.75%; and Ayoub Jaraicie & Lee Hofacre – 54.47%.

Non-Life Master winners: Kay Wilkey & Sheila Slayton – 67.08% followed by Art Foeste & Roger Liles – 64.42%; Sue Compton & Hilary Sutcliffe – 59.75%; Richard Sontag & Suzanna McDowell – 54.78% and Alan & D.R. Groh – 54.33%. Congratulations to all players. See you next month!

70% Games in Unit 549 in November

NCBC 70% games were: Friday, November 9th 9:00am – Margaret Hebert and Sylvia Bode 70.09% and Friday, November 16th 9:00am – Hilary Sutcliffe and Sue Compton 74%.

Up in Ramona, Jim Rudeen and partner Ernie Benard had a 72.22% game on Wednesday the 28th. Congratulations to all! If you have a 70% game please send an email to Liz Nixon at cruzqueen@sbcglobal.net.

Members reaching new levels of achievement in Unit 549 in November are:

Junior Master – Nathan Figler, Poway

Club Master – Eva Forte, Rancho Bernardo; Jocelyn O'Brien, Rancho Santa Fe

Sectional Master – Erica Federman and Harriett Landon, Rancho Bernardo; Caroline Macgregor, Escondido

NABC Master – Jeff Kuhlman, Rancho Bernardo

Gold Life Master – Jeri Adams, Lake San Marcos

Congratulations to all achievers! See you at the next level or the next tournament!

New Members Welcomed to Unit 549

Unit 549 welcomes Lois Bobbitt, Doris Hendrickson, and David Selmier, Ramona; Henry Ingersoll, Rancho Santa Fe; Michael Haubenstein and Pauline Weathers, Rancho Bernardo. A big welcome to Unit 549! We look forward to meeting you across the bridge table at one of our events.

Unit 549 Club News!

North County Bridge Center

Birthdays game will be January 18th, Play free if your birthday is in January. Call Amy to sign-up.

NCBC Class schedule for January: Mondays @ 9:00am Beginner & Intermediate Class \$10.00 per class; Bill Butler teacher. **Wednesdays @ 9:00am Mentor Class with David Anding**, \$10.00. **Thursdays 9 - Noon** Mentor/Mentee Lesson with David Anding, \$10.00 per session. Hand records will be given with expected results. All aspects of bidding and play will be covered and you will have input into focus. It is best to come with a partner, so you can learn and grow together. PLEASE call and sign up or e-mail Amy or Lee to reserve your spot.

Monday night is Pizza Night! Every Monday night at 6:30pm a loyal group of players show up to play. Each week Lee Hofacre rewards us with pizza! The Monday night game is an Open game with good competition. Give it a try!

Barometer Game – Every Saturday! (except the 4th Saturday) Lunch provided by NCBC! Don't miss the excitement and fun of playing in this non-traditional format! Try it! You'll like it!

Call Lee or Amy for the up to date class schedule at 760-747-6092 or go to www.sdbridge.com

Lake San Marcos DBC at Grandon

Special games will be New Year's Eve Pot-Luck at 5:30pm, bridge at 6:30pm! Bring your dish and champagne and ring in the New Year with friends and bridge. You'll be home before the ball drops!

Charity games will be held Jan. 16th at 11:00am and Jan. 18th also Pot-Luck! Club Championship game will be held on Jan. 23rd at 11:00am. LSMDBC supported the Toys for Tots/Lake San Marcos Kiwanis Foundation in November.

Alert! LSMDBC game start time changes! The Wednesday game now

starts at 11:00am and includes a **light lunch...Plus!** Jean Holt, will give a brief **Chalk Talk at 10:00am**. The **cost** is \$5.00 for lunch, chalk talk and game. For Information call Jean at 760.734.4518 or Nina at 760.736.9386 for further information.

The **Lake San Marcos DBC** hosts an Open Game on Wednesday at 11:00am, and twice a month Potluck on the first and third Friday night at 6:30p. For Information call Jean at 760.734.4518 or Nina at 760.736.9386 for further information.

Top five MP winners for November were: 1) Pat Hawkins; 2) Magdalene Krish; 3) Harvey Goldstein; 4) Marilyn Goldstein; 5) Jean Holt. Way to go Top Five!

Alert! Town Hall Bridge Club, in Ramona

The RTHB Club welcomes new members: Lois Bobbitt, Rhonda Cooke, Janet Murdock, Joan Renaud and David Selmier to the ACBL family. Would like to congratulate Jim Rudeen and partner Ernie Benard with a 72.22% game on Wednesday the 28th. Completion of the new facility is closing in. The grand opening to be announced in 2013.

Town Hall Bridge Club has games every Wednesday at 10:00 a.m. Lunch and game are \$6.00. The games are being held at the Senior Center, 434 Aqua Lane. Another day has been added on Friday. Call Doug & Maryann Houston at 760-789-1132 email them at houston6805@sbcglobal.net

New Club in San Marcos at Grandon! One-Eyed

Jacks Bridge Club!

Joe Houde will be continuing his on-going series of classes for intermediate and experienced players every Thursday morning. Classes are held at the San Marcos/Grandon location, 1605 Grandon Ave. There will be classes every Thursday from 9:00am - 11:30am.

Joe is planning a new open game on Thursday afternoon after January 1st, 2013 at the Grandon location. Contact Joe for details: 904-347-9250 or Email: joe@ecinstitute.com.

Get all of the latest Unit 549 news at www.sdbridge.com including the Unit 549 Calendar of Events, Unit Newsletter and game results.

Bridge Hand of the Month

Defending is never easy in bridge, particularly when you're forced to make a lot of discards early in the hand – a predicament you find yourself in on the fifth board of the final match of the biggest Swiss teams event you've ever played in.

Your team was trailing your present opponents by 5 IMPs going into the match and, though you and your excellent partner, Raoul, have played well on the first four boards, you are being put to the test once again after picking up this promising hand with both sides vulnerable:

S -- A Q J 7 H – K 8 4 3 D – 5 C – A J 8 7

While you were pondering whether this might be the time to open a four-card major instead of the standard one club, your RHO opened 1D. Well, at least that solved your problem! After you doubled, your LHO redoubled and Raoul bid 1S. After a few seconds pause for thought, RHO bid 3D. You were tempted to raise partner's spades, but eventually realized he had been acting under pressure and, if your opponents have had bid honestly, could not have had much in the way of HCP.

Deciding to see what might develop, you passed. RHO bid 3NT and everyone passed, Raoul and RHO quickly, you more slowly. When your partner led the club ten, RHO tabled this dummy:

Dummy
S – (void)
H – 10 7 6 2
D – A K Q J 10 6
C – K 5 4

You
S – A Q J 7
H – K 8 4 3
D – 5
C – A J 8 7

On one hand, you're pleased you decided not to compete, since declarer appears to have spades well stacked. On the other, you realize that you're going to have to find five discards when he starts to run the diamonds. When declarer plays low from dummy on the club lead, you play an encouraging eight, withholding the ace to preclude the club king from becoming an entry to the diamonds.

Declarer wins the club queen and promptly plays the diamond three to the ace, Raoul contributing the eight, and you pause to consider your subsequent discards. It's obvious from the bidding and his opening lead

that Raoul doesn't have the spade king. He's too good a player not to have led the suit he bid if he had an honor in it. Counting the 28 HCP you can see in your hand and dummy and adding the minimum 10 that declarer must have for his bidding, leaves room in Raoul's hand for at most one queen.

That leaves declarer with six diamond tricks, plus the club he has already won. If he hold both the ace and queen of hearts, he'll make nine tricks by simply taking the finesse. The only way to defeat him, it seems, is if Raoul holds the heart queen and can get in to lead another club through dummy's king. That means the one card you cannot hold onto is the heart king. On the run of the diamonds, you should pitch your Q-J-10 of spades, a small heart and the heart king.

When declarer glares at the heart king discard, you know you have guessed correctly. Had you kept the king, he would have led a heart from the board at trick eight. If you had played low, he would have won his ace and then endplayed you with a small heart. Had you gone up with the king, he would have ducked it, leading eventually to the same result.

As it is, declarer was forced to let Raoul into the lead on a second heart, and the subsequent club return gave you the last four tricks for down one.

The full deal:

Both vul	North
	S – 8 6 4 3
	H – Q 5
	D – 9 8 7 3
	C – 10 9 2

West
S – K 10 9 5 3
H – A J 9
D – 4 2
C – Q 6 3

East
S – (void)
H – 10 7 6 2
D – A K Q J 10 6
C – K 5 4

South
S – A Q J 7
H – K 8 4 3
D – 3
C – A J 8 7

(Post-mortem: At the other table, the first four bids were the same. But your teammate in the East seat bid only 2D over 1S, and your counterpart in the South seat bid 2S. He was doubled and managed to scramble eight tricks for a score of 470. Your team lost 9 IMPs on the hand. Had you held onto the heart king, the loss would have been 15 IMPs.)

January 2013

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 NEW YEAR'S DAY NCBC Open Pairs 1:00pm	2 NCBC 9-Noon Mentor Class w/David Anding NCBC 12:30pm: Open Pairs Lake San Marcos DBC 10AM Chalk Talk 11AM Open Game	3 NCBC 9-Noon Mentor Class w/David Anding 12:30pm Mentor/Mentee & Open Game	4 NCBC 9am Intermediate Game MEGA-PT GAME NCBC 12:30pm: Open Pairs	5 NCBC Barometer Game 12:30pm MEGA-PT GAME
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BOLD games denote Mega-Masterpoint Games.

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