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# North County Inland, Unit 549

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THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF ACBL UNIT 549

## *PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE*

**EXTRA, EXTRA, READ ALL ABOUT IT**

Calling all players to the Unit 549 Winter Sectional January 25 & January 26, 2013 at the Lake San Marcos Resort Conference Center and Pavilion. There will be pairs games, Compact KO's & afternoon team games (if attendance warrants).

We will feature a half price special for 0-25 Master Point holders!

Come one, come all. The hospitality is great!

As the new President of the Unit 549 Board, I would like to welcome new Board members Mariam Saner, Art Foeste, Karen Okey, Tom Nolan (doing a second tour of duty), and Sue Compton and thank Ken Matson, Ayoub Jaraicie, Liz Nixon, and John White for continuing their good work. I would also like to express my thanx and appreciation for the hard work of our outgoing members Bobbie Cohen, Jacey Humes, Maureen Fischer, Marianne Kuzma, and outgoing President Bill Sperry.

If you have any comments, complaints, or compliments about the state of bridge in the San Diego North County Inland Unit do not hesitate to contact me or any of the board members.

**Happy New Year**

**Sheila**

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



**Open**  
Jeri Adams



**Under 1500**  
Al Nadel



**Under 750**  
Art Foeste



**Under 300**  
Ayoub Jaraicie



**Under 100**  
Bob Stinner



**Future Master**  
Hector Gonzales

## Upcoming Unit 549 Events - Mark the Date

### Special Games with Extra Points

**Saturday, January 19th – Unit Game - Doors Open 12:15pm, Game starts at 1:00pm, Lake San Marcos Conference Center, Open & NLM**

**Friday, January 25th – Winter Sectional, LSM Conference Center, 10:00am & 2:00pm**

**Saturday – January 26th – Winter Sectional, LSM Conference Center, 10:00am & 2:00pm**

Fri. Feb. 1st 12:30pm - NCBC - Open - Mega-Point Game

Sat. Feb. 2nd 12:30pm - NCBC - Barometer - Mega-Point Game

Tues. Feb. 5th 1:00pm - NCBC - Open - Mega-Point Game

Thurs. Feb. 7th 12:30pm - NCBC - Mentor/Mentee - Mega-Point Game

**Saturday, February 9th – Audrey Grant Work-Shop, LSM Conference Center – 10:00am – 3:00pm including lunch**

Mon. Feb. 11th 12:30pm - NCBC - Open - Mega-Point Game

Tues. Feb. 12th 9:00am - NCBC - NLM - Mega-Point Game

Wed. Feb. 13th 12:30pm - NCBC - Open - Mega-Point Game

Thurs. Feb. 14th 12:30pm - NCBC - Mentor/Mentee & Open - Birthday Game

Fri. Feb. 15th 9:00am - NCBC - NLM - Club Championship Game

Fri. Feb. 15th - LSMDBC - Potluck 5:30pm, Mega-Point Game 6:30pm

Tues. Feb. 19th 1:00pm - NCBC - Open - Club Championship Game

Fri. Feb. 22nd 9:00am - NCBC - NLM - Mega-Point Game

**Saturday, Feb. 23rd – Unit Game – Lake San Marcos Pavilion, Open & NLM**

Mon. Feb. 25th 6:30pm - NCBC - Open - Mega-Point Game

Thurs. Feb. 28th 12:30pm - NCBC - Mentor/Mentee - Club Championship Game

LSMDBC - All games during February are Mega-Point Games, Every Wednesday at 11:00am

### 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: **Mariam Saner**, Tournament Director by email: [mariamsaner@me.com](mailto:mariamsaner@me.com) for further information. Partnerships: **John White** Email: [johnvwhite@gmail.com](mailto: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 work-shop, 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 Aguar, Lake San Marcos, Ca. 92078. Questions? Email Liz at [cruzqueen@sbcglobal.net](mailto:cruzqueen@sbcglobal.net) or call 760-214-8999.

### December Unit Game Winners

**Open Game winners:** Tim Flaherty & Joe Houde – 64.32% followed by Henry & Bonnie Nadler – 62.28%; Ed Kunkel & Lorraine Suder – 61.06%; Carol Cicotte & Judy Johnson – 58.81%; Bob Linder & Gene Katz – 55.51% and Betsy Iles & Jane Horgan – 53.98%.

**Non-Life Masters** winners were Jenna Katz & Ed Ford- 64.17% followed by Alan & Doris Groh tied with Joyce Fox & Jackie McGee – 59.58%; Evelyn Montie & Pat Schmidt – 57.50%; and Michie Pitcock & Peggy Dyer – 57.08%.

Congratulations to all players. See you next month on **February 23rd at the Lake San Marcos Pavilion and March 16th we will be at the LSM Conference Center, April 27th Unit Game will be at the LSM Pavilion.** Unit Games are held on the 4th Saturday of each month at the Lake San Marcos Pavilion or Conference Center, 1105 La Bonita

Dr, Lake San Marcos, Ca 92078. Call Liz Nixon for directions – 760-214-8999. The games are \$7.00 and begin at 1:00pm, loads of snacks with bottled water, sodas and coffee are provided. Doors open at 12:15pm. **Please sign-up in advance by calling Kay Haralson at 760-685-2535** or at one of the Clubs, North County Bridge Center or LSM Duplicate Bridge Club.

**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.

### 70% Games in Unit 549 in December

NCBC 70% games were: December 6th 12:30pm – Tim Flaherty and Jeri Adams = 76.85% game and December 7th 12:30pm – Kay Haralson and Gary Beed = 71.63% game. Congratulations to all! If you have a 70% game please send an email to Liz Nixon at [cruzqueen@sbcglobal.net](mailto:cruzqueen@sbcglobal.net).

### Members reaching new levels of achievement in Unit 549 in December are:

**Junior Master** – Alan Jacobson, Poway; Diana Van Duzer, Rancho Santa Fe

**Club Master** – Jane Tahara, Solana Beach

**Regional Master** – Karen Smith, Escondido

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

### New Members Welcomed to Unit 549

**Unit 549 welcomes** Penelope Fox, Ramona; Judy Rice, Rancho Bernardo, Lenore Sjoberg, Ramona; Winfield Carson, Poway; David and Debra McCallum, Rancho Bernardo and Evelyn Patterson, Poway. 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

**NCBC Class schedule for January: Mondays at 9:00-11:30am** – Intermediate Class: A Mentor sits at each table during the session for play of the hands, practice, and Mentor instruction. The cost is \$8.00 per session. If you play two other times per week at NCBC, then the cost is \$5.00.

**David Anding's Intermediate/Advanced Class** is on **Wednesday** and **Thursday** from 9am-noon. The class is \$15.00 per session and includes 12 play of hands, detailed instruction, and a follow-up 12 page e-mail summary. If you are interested, please call the club to sign-up with your partner.

**Special Note:** The last Wednesday and Thursday of each month there will be a sanctioned master point game open to all players at 9:00am.

**Birthday game** will be February 14<sup>th</sup>, Valentine's Day! Play free if your birthday is in February. Call Amy to sign-up.

**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 4<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.sdbridge.com)

## Lake San Marcos DBC at Grandon

LSMDBC at Grandon will hold it's monthly Pot-luck on Friday, Feb. 15<sup>th</sup>. Dinner at 5:30pm, Game starts at 6:00pm.

**All month will be mega point games** supporting the ACBL Junior Fund month, so don't miss-out on the Big Points!

Jean Holt is teaching **classes for beginners every Wednesday morning at 9:00am**. Charge is \$5.00 per person. Jean is also giving a **chalk talk at 10:00am for advancing players**. There is no charge for the Chalk talk.

**Top Five Players for December** are Shirley Malone followed by Kay Haralson, Nina Laughbaum, Judy Veljovich and Jean Holt! Way to go girls!

**Alert! LSMDBC game start time changes!** The Wednesday game **now starts at 11:00am** and includes snacks and coffee. Players are asked to **bring a bag lunch** if they desire. The **cost** is \$5.00 for 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 once a month Potluck on the third Friday night at 6:30p. For Information call Jean at 760.734.4518 or Nina at 760.736.9386 for further information.

## Alert! Town Hall Bridge Club, in Ramona

Town Hall Bridge Club has games every Wednesday and Friday 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](mailto:houston6805@sbcglobal.net)

Get all of the latest Unit 549 news at [www.sdbridge.com](http://www.sdbridge.com) including the Unit 549 Calendar of Events, Unit Newsletter and game results.

## Bridge Hand of the Month

Tiredness never comes in with a rush. It creeps up on you on tiptoes. Now, as you gaze out the window and watch the sun disappear beneath the Pacific, you realize that it's been a really long day. You'll be driving home in the dark and...

"Uh, it's your bid," comes a voice from your left.

Oh lord, you were daydreaming. For how long, you have no idea, but it must have been quite a while, because your partner, Raoul, and your two opponents are all staring at you impatiently. And reality comes tumbling back.

There are still two boards to play in the final match of the big monthly Swiss game on the coast -- a match your team needs to win to finish first. "Wake up, you dolt," you tell yourself as you fumble your hand out of the board. "This is no time to screw up." Staring at the board, you note that you're the dealer with both sides vulnerable. As you sort this hand, the weariness disappears:

S – J 10 3    H – A Q 6    D – A Q J 3    C – A Q 5.

Quickly, you open 2NT. Your LHO passes and Raoul bids 3H. RHO passes quickly and you accept the transfer with a bid of 3S. The bidding is over quickly as Raoul leaps to 6S and the opponents pass. After a slight hesitation, LHO leads the four of spades and Raoul tables this dummy:

S – A K Q 9 6 5 2  
H – 3  
D – 9 8 2  
C – 4 2  
You  
S – J 10 3  
H – A Q 6  
D – A Q J 3  
C – A Q 5

Not bad! Ten tricks on top, a certain 11<sup>th</sup> in diamonds and even-chance finesses in three different suits for your 12<sup>th</sup>. You let the trump lead ride to your ten, East following, and draw the last spade (West has it) by leading the three to dummy's queen, East sluffing a small club. Now what?

Obviously, diamonds is the suit to start with. If the king is onside and the suit splits, you'll take all the tricks. Whoa! What if your opponents bid the grand and make it? That'll give them the match for sure!

Stop it! You can't control what happens at the other table. You're playing a small slam. Just try to make it. When you lead a diamond from the board, East plays the four and West drops the five under your queen. Great! You return to the board with your last trump and lead a second diamond. East plays the six and you're about to play the jack when you pause for thought. What if West ducked the king on your first diamond lead? What if he started with four diamonds to the K-10?

Pushing the jack back into your hand, you play the three instead. West wins the ten and pauses for thought. Eventually, he shrugs and leads the diamond king. Bingo! You spread your hand, explaining that you'll pitch dummy's small club on your diamond jack and play the club ace, leaving nothing but good trumps on the board. Plus 1430!

"Well done," Raoul says, inspecting West's cards. "He had all three kings behind your aces. If you played the diamond jack, he'd win and get out of the lead with the diamond ten, pinning your nine. You'd have to take one of the other losing finesses."

The full deal:

Both vul	North	
	S – A K Q 9 8 5 2	
	H – 3	
	D – 9 8 2	
	C – 4 3	
West		East
S – 8 4		S – 7
H – K 9 8 2		H – J 10 7 5 4
D – K 10 7 5		D – 6 4
C – K J 6		C – 10 9 8 7 2
	South	
	S – J 10 3	
	H – A Q 6	
	D – A Q J 3	
	C – A Q 5	

(Post-mortem: The bidding was the same at the other table and your teammate in the West seat also ducked the diamond king on the first lead of the suit. Declarer confidently repeated the finesse by playing the jack and went down. Plus 1530 gave your team a healthy 17 IMPs.)

# February 2013

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### Unit 549 Board Members:

President: Sheila Latus;

Board Members: Liz Nixon, Ken Matson, John White, Ayoub Jaralcie, Karen Okey, Sue Compton, Mariam Saner, Art Foeste, and Tom Nolan

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BOLD games denote Mega-Masterpoint Games.

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