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THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF ACBL UNIT 549

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Spring is sprung; the grass is riz.

Where does the time fly. It seems that only yesterday we were looking forward to Thanksgiving and Christmas. Now Spring and Easter are just around the corner. With Spring and Easter comes the Pacific Southwest Regional Tournament at the Town and Country Hotel in Mission Valley. Here's the opportunity to lock horns with players from all over the country and earn those valued gold points.

It was so nice to see all the new players who came to our unit game in February. If you see players who are new to the game, please make them welcome and invite them to return.

The Board is considering developing a web site for the Unit. What features would you like to see on your website? Please send your suggestions to me at selatus@gmail.com

Y'all play nice y'hear.

Sheila Latus

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



Open
Tim Flaherty



Under 1500
Al Nadel



Under 750
Ayoub Jaraicie



Under 300
Art Foeste



Under 100
Kathryn Kolb



Future Master
Rhonda Edwards

Upcoming Unit 549 Events - Mark the Date Special Games with Extra Points

Saturday, March 16th - Unit Championship Game at Lake San Marcos Pavilion - 1pm

Mega-Point Games at NCBC for April:

Monday, April 1st (Open, 12:30 pm)
Wednesday, April 3rd (Open, 12:30 pm)
Thursday, April 4th (Mentor/Mentee & Open, 12:30 pm)
Friday, April 5th (Open, 12:30 pm)
Saturday, April 6th (Barometer, 12:30 pm)
Tuesday, April 9th (Open, 1:00 pm)
Monday, April 15th (Open, 12:30 pm)
Friday, April 19th (Open, 12:30 pm)
Saturday, April 20th (Barometer, 12:30 pm)
Tuesday, April 23rd (NLM, 9:00 am)

April Club Championship games at NCBC:

Friday, April 12th (Open, 12:30 pm)
Wednesday, April 17th (Open, 12:30 pm)
Tuesday, April 23rd (Open, 1:00 pm)

Club Championship game at LSMDBC Friday, April 19th - potluck at 5:30 pm followed by game at 6:30 pm

Saturday, April 27th - Unit Championship Game at Lake San Marcos Pavilion - 1pm

Summer Sectional – June 28th – 29th, 2013...New Location! Mark the Date!

Come One! Come All! Unit 549's Summer Sectional will be held at our **new location**, the **Lake San Marcos Conference Center**, 1105 La Bonita Dr, Lake San Marcos, 92078. The Summer Sectional will have NLM, Open Pairs, Knock-outs and Swiss Teams. Mark the date! Contact: **Mariam Saner**, Tournament Manager by email: mariamsaner@me.com for further information.

Mini McKenney & Ace of Clubs Awarded at Feb. 23rd meeting!

Congratulations to the following: Sue Compton 0-5 both, Harriett Landon 5-20 both; Art Foeste 20-50 both, Ed Ford 50-100 both, Roger Liles 100-200 both, Jenna Katz 200-300 Ace of Clubs, Nancy Perkins 200-300 Mini McKenney, John White 300-500 both, Minnie Williams 500-1000 Ace of clubs, Pete Watt 500-1000 Mini McKenney, Al Nadel 1000 – 2500 Ace of Clubs, Jeri Adams 1000 – 2500 Mini McKenney, Bernard Figueiredo 2500 – 5000 Ace of Clubs, Bunny Schmidt 2500-5000 Mini McKenney, Bettie Heldring 5000-7500 both and Tim Flaherty over 10,000 Both! Congratulations to all.

Special Note! Art Foeste, Unit 549 Board member was the National winner in both the Ace of Clubs and the Mini McKenney. Big WOW to Art!

Welcome New Members to Unit 549

Rita Courtney, Charlene Foote, Sharon Greene, Carol Squires and Virginia Wohlfidel all from Ramona! In addition, Charlotte Bluestein, Rancho Bernardo and Maureen Curtin, Rancho Santa Fe. We look forward to meeting all of our new members at the next Unit game.

Unit Game results for February:

Open Game winners: Congratulations to winners Tim Flaherty & Joe Houde – 67.53% followed by Alan Lasnover & Iona Bernard – 61.25%; Mariam Saner & David Anding – 60.97%; Betsy Illes & Jackie Sollner – 59.76%; Robert Linder & Gene Katz – 58.02%; John White & Jeri Adams – 57.88%.

Non-Life Masters winners were Art Foeste & Roger Liles – 60.83%; Cathy Staver & Paula Alexander – 59.58%; David Goldfarb & Gogolewski – 58.75%; Nancy Scott & Nancy Campbell – 57.92%; and tied for 4th/5th – Katrina Zynda & Lynne Litwiller – 54.17% with Beverly Wilson & Rosemary Finger – 54.17% **Congratulations to all players.** See you next month on April 27th at the Lake San Marcos 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, Lake San Marcos at Grandon or Townhall Bridge Club in Ramona. Dates for next Unit games April 27th, May 24th and June 21st. See you at “The Lake”!

70% Games in February 2013

Congratulations to: Trish Kell and Eileen Goss, Lake San Marcos DBC, Feb. 15 with 72% and Jean Holt - Kay Haralson, Lake San Marcos DBC, Feb. 13 with 70.83%.

Members reaching new levels of achievement in Unit 549 in February are

Junior Master – James Rudeen, Ramona

Club Master – Nancy Shelman, Rancho Santa Fe

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

Unit 549 Club News

North County Bridge Center

NCBC will continue it's full schedule of classes and games Monday's at 9:00am with Bill Butler; Wednesday's and Thursday's at 9:00am with David Anding. Call Lee to sign-up for the classes. There is a fee of \$15 per session for David Anding's classes.

Birthday game change! Beginning April 1st, you can play for free once during the month of your birthday. So choose your game and let Lee know it is your birthday month and Bingo, you play for free! Call Lee to sign-up in advance.

Reminders: **Monday night is Pizza** night and **Every Saturday is a Barometer Game** except April 27th, with lunch included. Both games are a great value and a lot of fun.

Lake San Marcos Duplicate Bridge Club at Grandon

LSMDBC at Grandon will hold it's monthly **Pot-luck on Friday, April 19th**. Dinner at 5:30pm, Game starts at 6:00pm. This will be a Club Championship game.

Jean Holt is giving a chalk talk every Wednesday at 10:00am for advancing players. There is no charge for the Chalk talk.

Top Five Players for February were Jean Holt, Pat Hawkins, Minnie Williams, Jeanne Griffith, and tied for 5th Gail Whiteley and Barbara Darling! 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.

Town Hall Bridge Club in Ramona

Here in Ramona, where twice weekly we Promenade to duplicate bridge, we like to mix and match our partnerships. Now, granted, we're a young club, just learning the calls and steps, but some bridge pros will tell you that playing with the same partner week after week solidifies their use of conventions. Not us! We Allemande left on Wednesdays and Allemande right on Fridays and Grand March in-between.

Does that mean we lose our rhythm? Heck, no! Does that mean we fail to kick up our heels to the tune of a transfer or swing into a slam possibility? Not likely! (Our Director, Doug Houston, former Ramona Square Dance Pres., might sashay right over and set us straight.)

Grab a partner and Dosado with us and you'll see why taking weekly lessons from our Caller Mary Ann Houston proves we can hold a tune and keep the time without any real need to Promenade the same partner.

Okay, consistency is important, but we have fun, learn from each other, and rack up favorable percentages on a regular basis. Just take a look at our stats and you'll see why we get a kick out of dancing in changeable squares: In our short seven months of existence we have paid out 145.23 Master Points and developed eight Future Masters. Six members have already achieved New Milestones! Our Jr. Masters are: Lois Bobbitt, Lenore Sjoberg, Jolinda Marshall, Penelope Fox, Joan Hamilton, and Doris Hendrickson. This is thanks in large part to our LM Mary Ann Houston, who is so willing to share her expertise ~ as she and BLM Marianne Kuzman patiently tap their toes while the learners catch up. And that's how we Dosado the A's and B's here in Ramona.

For more information, visit Town Hall Bridge Club at www.ramonatownhallbridge.com, email rthbridge@yahoo.com or call Mary Ann Houston at 760-789-1132. See us at our beautifully renovated Ramona Town Hall ~ 729 Main Street. That's where we'll Promenade every Wed. and Fri. with lessons at 9:30 and games at 10:00 a.m.

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

Playing with a partner who somehow has the notion that you play the cards well, you encounter this deal:

N/S vul North
S - 7
H - A 8 3 2
D - A J 7 6 4
C - A K 2

West
S - Q
H - 10 9 8
D - K 10 9 3
C - Q 10 8 5 4

You
S - A J 9 8 6 5 4
H - 7 4
D - Q
C - J 9 3

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| West | North | East | You |
| -- | 1D | Pass | 1S |
| Pass | 2H | Pass | 4S |
| Pass | 5S | All pass | |

LHO leads the ten of hearts and partner remarks, "Couldn't leave you in four with all these prime cards" as she lays down her dummy. Four prime cards, a singleton in your suit and a reverse with only 16 HCP? That's worth inviting slam after your close-out bid? Even the more sensible contract of 4S would take some luck. Making 11 tricks with this junk might require a trip to Lourdes!

"Thank you, partner," you respond. "Play the ace, please." A trump from dummy at trick two brings an unhelpful two from East and West drops the queen under your ace. Good news if that's from K-Q doubleton, not-so-good news if it's a stiff. When you lead the diamond queen at trick three, you're pleased to see West cover with the king. Winning with the ace, you sluff your losing heart on the diamond jack and lead a third diamond, trumping in your hand.

When you lead the spade nine, West discards the club four and East wins the 10 and returns the heart king. You ruff, leaving this position:

North
S - (void)
H - 6
D - 7 6
C - A K 2

West
S - (void)
H - 9
D - 10
C - Q 10 8 5

East
S - K 3
H - Q J
D - (void)
C - 7 6

You
S - J 9 6
H - (void)
D - (void)
C - J 9 3

You continue with the jack of trumps, West pitching the club five and you dummy's diamond seven. East wins his king and returns the heart queen, which you trump. When you draw East's last trump with your nine, West is squeezed in the minors, forced to either unguard the club queen or pitch the diamond ten, leaving dummy's six as a winner. Eleven tricks!

Second look: East could have defeated the contract by returning a club into dummy's A-K instead of a heart when in with either of his two trump winners.

Third look: East had another way to set you. What if he simply ducked the spade jack in the above position? If you then crossed to the club ace to ruff the fifth diamond good, he could kill your final dummy entry by pitching his last club. Or, if you had led a second trump after he ducked the jack, you'd have to throw a diamond from dummy and he could beat you by returning a club.

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| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
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BOLD games denote Mega-Masterpoint Games.

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