

# North County Inland, Unit 549

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THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF ACBL UNIT 549

## *PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE*

What!!!??! A Web Site?

In the last few months the Board has had a continuing agenda item under discussion. It is a Web Site for the Unit. There have been many questions from the membership about the Web Site. I thought it a good idea to let you all know what is being planned and why.

SDBridge.Com is the web site that the unit has had for many years. It needs a content update and a more user friendly interface. It should be a place where items such as board minutes, financial reports, and information pertaining to Unit Games and Sectionals can be posted regularly. We also want information so that players new to our area can find all the clubs in the Unit, their schedules and how to connect with those games. The web site will also serve to recognize special achievements of our members and events of the Unit.

The Board is meeting to put together a full wish list of information and benefits of the web page update. You can count on the Board to approach this endeavor in a financially prudent manner, not only to acquire a functional web site, but to ensure appropriate and regular updates to the sites.

We would love to hear your ideas to make this updating process as good as possible. If you have any suggestions as to Web Site format or content, please contact Mariam ([mariamsaner@me.com](mailto:mariamsaner@me.com)) or me ([selatus@gmail.com](mailto:selatus@gmail.com)) and we will pass the info to the committee members.

Thank you Mariam.

Sheila

PS : Get your partners lined up for early fireworks at your Summer Sectional June 28 & June 29. We are back at the Conference Center at Lake San Marcos Resort. Seeya there.

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



**Open**  
Tim Flaherty



**Under 1500**  
George Yeh



**Under 750**  
Maggie Yeh



**Under 300**  
Sue Compton



**Under 100**  
Rick Sontag



**Future Master**  
Rhonda Edwards

## Upcoming Unit 549 Events - Mark the Date

### Special Games with Extra Points

**Saturday, May 25 - 1:00pm - Unit 549 Championship Game - Lake San Marcos Pavilion/Conference Center**

Saturday, June 1 - NCBC - 12:30pm - Barometer - Mega Point Game

Monday, June 3 - NCBC - 12:30pm - Open - Mega Point Game

Tuesday, June 4 - NCBC - 9:00am - NLM - Mega Point Game

Wednesday, June 5 - LSMDBC - 11:00am - Open - NAP Qualifying Game

Wednesday, June 5 - NCBC - 12:30pm - Open - Mega Point Game

Friday, June 7 - NCBC - 9:00am - NLM - Mega Point Game

Monday, June 10 - NCBC - 12:30pm - Open - Club Championship

Thursday, June 13 - NCBC - 12:30pm - Mentor/Mentee & Open - Mega Point Game

Saturday, June 15 - NCBC - 12:30pm - Barometer - Mega Point Game

Monday, June 17 - NCBC - 12:30pm - Open - Mega Point Game

Wednesday, June 19 - LSMDBC - 11:00am - Open - NAP Qualifying Game

Friday, June 21 - NCBC - 9:00am - NLM - Mega Point Game

Friday, June 21 - NCBC - 12:30pm - Open - Club Championship

Friday, June 21 - LSMDBC - 5:30pm Potluck, 6:30pm Open - NAP Qualifying Game

**Saturday, June 22 - 1:00pm - Unit 549 Championship Game - Lake San Marcos Pavilion/Conference Center**

Tuesday, June 25 - NCBC - 1:00pm - Open - Mega Point Game

Wednesday, June 26 - LSMDBC - 11:00am - Open Game (Charity)

Wednesday, June 26 - NCBC - 12:30pm - Open - Club Championship

Thursday, June 27 - NCBC - 12:30pm - Mentor/Mentee & Open - Mega Point Game

**Friday, June 28 & Saturday, June 29 - Unit 549 Summer Sectional - Lake San Marcos Conference Center**

## 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. New feature! Friday will be a Charity Game with Extra Master Points!! Another new feature! Non-Life Masters with 0-25 Master Points play for Free!

The Summer Sectional will have NLM (0-499), Open Pairs, Compact Knock-outs and Swiss Teams. Games start at 10:30am and 2:30pm and cost \$10 per player per game. Contact: **Mariam Saner**, Tournament Manager by email: [mariamsaner@me.com](mailto:mariamsaner@me.com) for further information. Partnerships: Art Foeste **Email:** [artfoeste@gmail.com](mailto:artfoeste@gmail.com)

**Welcome New Members to Unit 549:** Geoffrey Applegate, Ramona; Susan Davis, Escondido; Paul Dewey, Poway; and Tom Ricketts, San Marcos. We look forward to meeting all of our new members at the next Unit game and in our clubs.

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

**Junior Master** – Patricia Frinell, Rancho Bernardo; Doris Hendrickson and Joan Renaud, Ramona; Lorraine Moriarty, Rancho Santa Fe

**Club Masters** – Linda Figgler, Poway; Maureen Sage, Rancho Santa Fe; Bob Stinner, Rancho Bernardo.

**Sectional Master** – Richard Sontag, Escondido

**Regional Master** – Sue Compton, Escondido

**NABC Master** – Cathy Staver, Encinitas

**Silver Life Master** – Bob Eicholz, San Marcos; Pete Watt, Escondido

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

## 70% Games in April

One 70% game reported for April: Doris Hendrickson with partner Maryann Houston climbed into the stratosphere with a score of 71.88% on April 10th! Congratulations!

## Unit Game results for April

**Open Game winners:** Congratulations to winners Tim Flaherty & Joe Houde – 63.07% followed by Mariam Saner & Gary Beed – 60.80%; Rex & Sheila Latus – 59.28%; Ken Matson & Charles Ward – 58.90; Bettie Heldring & Kent Hartman – 56.44%; Alex & Maggie Fowlie – 55.49%; Carol Turner & Jill Roberts – 53.22%; and Paul Landrum & Toshi Yasutake – 52.46%

**Non-Life Masters winners** were Diana Fritz-Maes & Lyn Lazzaro – 56.25%; followed by Judy Friedman & Verena Hommel – 52.50%; Sandy Johnson – Naomi Brownell – 54.38% and Richard Sontag & Sue Compton – 54.38%. **Congratulations to all players.** See you next month on June 22<sup>nd</sup> at the Lake San Marcos Pavilion.

Unit Games are held on the 4<sup>th</sup> 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 June 22<sup>nd</sup> and July 27th. See you at “The Lake”!

**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 Club News

## North County Bridge Center

North County Bridge Center announces its new website: [northcountybridgecenter.com](http://northcountybridgecenter.com). Now you can sign-up on-line for your games and classes, see results easily and special game announcements. Check it out!

NCBC will continue its Monday Mentoring Class at 9:00am with Bill Butler. Call Lee to sign-up for the class.

Call Lee for schedule of Open and NLM games or go to [northcountybridgecenter.com](http://northcountybridgecenter.com) to see game schedule and sign-up.

**Birthdays game** reminder! 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 on on-line.

Reminder: **Every Saturday is a Barometer Game** except June 22nd (due to Unit Game) and 29th (due to the Summer Sectional), with lunch included. The Barometer game is a fun format and a great value. Try it! This game is growing so sign-up early. The games on June 1 and June 15 will be Mega Point games!!! NCBC supports the Elizabeth Hospice.



## Lake San Marcos Duplicate Bridge Club at Grandon

LSMDBC at Grandon will hold its monthly Pot-Luck on June 21<sup>st</sup>, Dine at 5:30pm, game at 6:30pm. Wednesday, June 5<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> will be North American Pairs Qualifying Games. June 26<sup>th</sup> will be a charity game. Charities supported in April are Inter-Faith of Escondido and San Marcos Senior Center.

**Top Five Players for April** were Kay Haralson, followed by Minnie Williams, Jeanne Griffin, Jean Holt and Jackie McGee. Way to go girls!

**Alert!** 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. The **Lake San Marcos DBC** hosts a once a month Potluck (dine at 5:30pm) 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.

## Town Hall Bridge Club in Ramona

On Saturday, April 20<sup>th</sup>, Ramona Town Hall Bridge joined in a community marathon to raise money for The American Cancer Society and at the end of the long, long day raised over \$700 for the Ramona Fund for Cancer Research. Many of our members are cancer survivors who have inspired us in oh, so many ways. Doug Houston, our Director, and cancer survivor, was selected as the ACS Representative, and his daughter Michelle Carkee, organized the event with amazing attention to the myriad details, including tickets sales and an all-day smorgasbord! Once again, it's the Bridge that connects us – to friends, to those in need of help, to our community!

We welcomed Sandra Gray as our newest member.

Get in on the fun! Call Mary Ann or Doug Houston: 760-789-1132

## Bridge Hand of the Month

Playing in a club game with a partner known for his cautious bidding, you pick up this hand with only your side vulnerable:

S – 9 7 4    H – A K Q J 9 8 4    D – 6    C – 10 3

With almost anyone else sitting opposite, you'd bid a confident 3H, expecting to play it there or, if your partner had a decent hand, in a heart game. But this hand seems a trifle too good opposite a partner who plays it safe. Any two aces and a queen gives you a reasonable shot at a vulnerable game, while 3H might very well be passed out. Figuring you can always rebid your hearts at minimum levels, you open 1H. LHO opponent overcalls 2NT (unusual, showing both minors) and partner doubles.

When RHO bids 3D, you have an easy jump to 4H, which, with the bidding, figures to be laydown. But, after West passes, your partner bids 4NT. For a few seconds, you regret not opening the safer 3H. But you dutifully respond 5S, showing two keycards plus the trump queen.

Now, partner stuns you by bidding 7H. West leads the heart three and you see this dummy:

S – A K 6 2  
H – 10 7 6  
D – A Q 10  
C – A 6 5

You  
S – 9 7 4  
H – A K Q J 9 8 4  
D – 6  
C – 10 3

Ouch! Your 1H opening bid now seems more than regrettable, since it looks like a sure loser no matter how you play, even if the diamond finesse succeeds. Worse yet, you will have no excuses in the inevitable post-mortem. Partner certainly had his bid and, opposite any normal 1H opening, the grand slam would have excellent chances.

A double finesse in diamonds is doomed from the start, since your singleton means that it could never be repeated. How about winning a diamond finesse, pitching a spade club on the diamond ace and, after taking the A-K, ruffing a spade? If the suit splits evenly, dummy's last spade would be your 13<sup>th</sup> trick. But if West is 5-5 in the minors, that leaves room in his hand for only three cards in the majors, and you've just seen one of them with his heart opening lead.

But if East has to guard the spades and West the diamonds, a double squeeze might develop in the club suit. Your mind make up, you draw a second round of trumps (East followed small on the first trick), successfully finesse the diamond queen, pitch a spade on the diamond ace and take dummy's top two spades. Returning to your hand with a trump, you run the rest of the hearts, reaching this position:

S – (void)  
H – (void)  
D – 10  
C – A 6

S – (void)  
H – (void)  
D – K  
C – K J

S – J  
H – (void)  
D – (void)  
C – Q x

S – 9  
H – 4  
D – (void)  
C – 10

When you play your last heart, West is forced to pitch one of his club honors. You throw dummy's diamond, and East is squeezed between spades and hearts. Eventually, he throws the spade jack, and you take the last two tricks with the spade nine and dummy's club ace. Thirteen tricks!

The full deal:

N/S vul    North  
S – A K 6 2  
H – 10 7 6  
D – A Q 10  
C – A 6 5

West  
S – Q 5  
H – 3  
D – K J 9 7 4  
C – K J 8 4 2

East  
S – J 10 8 3  
H – 5 2  
D – 8 5 3 2  
C – Q 9 7

South  
S – 9 7 4  
H – A K Q J 9 8 4  
D – 6  
C – 10 3

# June 2013

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>Unit 549 Board Members:</b> <b>President:</b> Sheila Latus; <b>Board Members:</b> 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.

**COVERING POWAY, SAN MARCOS, RANCHO BERNARDO, VALLEY CENTER, RANCHO SANTA FE & ESCONDIDO**