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# North County Inland, Unit 549

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THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF ACBL UNIT 549

## *PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE*

### Summer Sectional

They were lovely summer days, perhaps a bit warm, but the venue was well appointed and air-conditioned. We had our favorite director, Scott Campbell, who ran the event smoothly and efficiently. There was warm hospitality and plenty of snacks. All of the Friday events were charity games and therefore regionally rated with mega masterpoints to be won. The pros came and spent a bit of time with us between Las Vegas and Long Beach. But, overall, the events were not well attended. I am quite baffled as to what more we can do to attract Unit 549 members to play at our sectional.

The sectional is one of the ways the unit has to make money for us to be able to support local charities, promote bridge, and provide services to the unit's members (think holiday party and the like). I would like suggestions of what can be done to promote the sectional, especially to our own unit members. What kind of events can we schedule for the sectional that might attract more players?

Please contact me ([selatus@gmail.com](mailto:selatus@gmail.com)) with comments, suggestions, moans and groans, or any ideas as to making our sectional more well attended.

Thanx

Sheila

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



**Open**  
Tim Flaherty



**Under 5000**  
Bunny Schmidt



**Under 1500**  
Al Nadel



**Under 750**  
Mariam Saner



**Under 300**  
Ayoub Jaraicie



**Under 100**  
Patti Frinell



**Future Master**  
Bob Stinner

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

Thursday, August 1st - NCBC - 12:30pm - Mentor/Mentee - Mega Point Game  
Friday, August 2nd - NCBC - 12:30pm - Open - Club Championship  
Saturday, August 3rd - NCBC - 12:30pm - Barometer - Mega Point Game  
Monday, August 5th - NCBC - 12:30pm - Open - Mega Point Game (Also NAP)  
Tuesday, August 6th - NCBC - 1:00pm - Open - Mega Point Game (Also NAP)  
Wednesday, August 7th - LSMDBC - 11:00 am - Open - NAP Game  
NCBC - 12:30pm - Open - Mega Point Game  
Friday, August 9th - NCBC - 12:30pm - Open - Mega Point Game  
Tuesday, August 13th - NCBC - 1:00pm - Open - Mega Point Game, (Also NAP)  
Wednesday, August 14th - LSMDBC - 11:00 am - Open - Charity Game  
Thursday, August 15th - NCBC - 12:30pm - Mentor/Mentee - Mega Point Game  
Saturday, August 17th - NCBC - 12:30pm - Barometer - Mega Point Game  
Monday, August 19th - NCBC - 12:30pm - Open - STAC Game  
Tuesday, August 20th - NCBC - 9:00am (NLM) and 12:30pm (Open) - STAC Games  
Wednesday, August 21st - Town Hall BC - 10:00am - Open STAC Game  
LSMDBC - 11:00am - Open - STAC Game  
NCBC - 12:30pm - Open - STAC Game (Also NAP)  
Thursday, August 22nd - NCBC - 12:30pm - Mentor/Mentee & Open - STAC game  
Town Hall BC - 6:30pm - Open STAC game  
Friday, August 23rd - Town Hall BC - Open STAC game  
NCBC - 12:30pm - Open - STAC Game  
LSMDBC - 5:30 pm Potluck, 6:30 pm STAC Game  
**Saturday, August 24th - 1:00pm - Unit 549 Championship Game - Lake San Marcos Pavilion/Conference Center**  
Tuesday, August 27th - NCBC - 1:00pm - Open - Mega Point Game  
Wednesday, August 28th - LSMDBC - 11:00 am - Open - NAP Game  
Wednesday, August 29th - NCBC - 12:30pm - Mentor/Mentee - Mega Point Game  
Thursday, August 30th - NCBC - 12:30pm - Open - Mega Point Game  
Saturday, August 31st - NCBC - 12:30pm - Barometer - Club Championship

### Sectional Winners!

**Congratulations to the Big Winners at Unit 549's Annual Summer Sectional** at Lake San Marcos, June 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>. Winners in the Open pairs Friday morning were Mark Itibashi and Marjorie Michelin with a whopping 78.04%. The Friday afternoon pairs found Mark and Marjorie winning with a 69.71% game. Not to be out done, local players Paul Foster and Rick Norton came in first on Saturday morning with a 61.33% and in the afternoon with a 71.35% game. In the NLM section Friday AM, Dixie Sundberg and Tanya Johnson came in first with a 61.67% game. Friday afternoon NLM winners were Peggy Brand and Raquel Unger with a 65% game. Saturday morning NLM winners were local girls Hilary Sutcliffe and Richard Sontag at 57.00% and Saturday afternoon NLM winners were 61.33%. A big thank you to all attendees and worker bees especially Karen Okey, Art Foeste, and Miriam Saner. Unit 549 appreciates all that contributed to the success of our tournament.

### August is a very big month in Unit 549!

All clubs will be participating in the Annual Summer STAC WEEK, August 19<sup>th</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup>. Please contact the owners and managers of North County Bridge Center, Lake San Marcos DBC and Townhall Bridge Club in Ramona for their schedule of games. In addition to STAC WEEK, Local clubs will be holding NAP games on designated dates. Again, check the local schedule of each club. All of these events can result in more points earned.

### Mark the Date! Special Charity Game at Lake San Marcos Pavilion to support the Lungevity Foundation.

**Please set aside** Saturday, Sept. 21 for a very special Charity Game to benefit Lungevity, the largest lung-cancer-focused, private funder of research in the United States. The game will be held at noon at the Lake San Marcos Pavilion in conjunction with Unit 531, The cost is \$25 per person, includes lunch, and all money raised will be donated to Lungevity. Lung cancer affects roughly one in every 14 Americans. **Also, a special walk** at Mission Bay Park to benefit the charity will be held on Nov. 9. Register or donate at [www.lungevity.org/sandiego](http://www.lungevity.org/sandiego). Coordinators of both events are Jean Holt and Eileen Goss.

### Welcome New Members to Unit 549:

D. J. Petersen and Bill Rice, San Diego; Fran Subar and Maureen Curtin, Rancho Santa Fe; and Jean Gilchrist and Caroline Macgregor, Escondido. We look forward to meeting all of our new members at the next Unit game and in our clubs.

### Unit Game results for June:

**Open Game winners:** Congratulations to winners Jeri Adams & John White – 67.59%; followed by Tim Flaherty & Joe Houde – 65.74%; Liz Nixon & Carolyn Scerni – 60.65%; Rex & Sheila Latus – 59.49%; Jan Gallagher & John Devine – 56.48% and Tim Lasnover & Doris Cashman – 53.47%.

**Non-Life Masters** winners were First place Fred & Sandy McMullen – 60.00%; followed by Ed Koch & Betty Wallace – 56.67%; David Goldfarb & Ray Gogolweski – 55.42%; Ed Ford & Sue Compton – 54.58%; Harriet Landon & Sand Skillern tied with Beverly Wilson & Rose Mary Finger – 53.75% **Congratulations to all players.**

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 July 27<sup>th</sup> and August 24<sup>th</sup>. See you at “The Lake”!

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

**Junior Master** – Ronda Edwards, Sandra Jrstich, and Lynne Jaseph, San Marcos; Debra McCallum, Rancho Bernardo

**Sectional Master** – BJ Amini, Rancho Bernardo

**Bronze Life Master** – Maureen Fischer, Rancho Bernardo

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

# Unit 549 Club News

## North County Bridge Center

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

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

See schedule at left for listing of Mega-Point/Charity games, as well as Club Championships and NAP games. NCBC supports the Elizabeth Hospice.

## Town Hall Bridge Club in Ramona

Games are held at the historic Ramona Town Hall, 729 Main Street, Ramona, California. For information and directions, please go to [www.ramonabridge.com](http://www.ramonabridge.com) Game times are Wednesday, 10:00 AM to 2:30 PM; Thursday, 6:30 PM to 9:30 PM; Friday, 10:00 AM to 2:30 PM. Call our Club Manager, Mary Ann Houston at 760-789-1132.

## Lake San Marcos Duplicate Bridge Club at Grandon

Lake San Marcos DBC will hold NAP games on Aug 7<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>. August 14<sup>th</sup> will be a Charity Game and Aug. 21<sup>st</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> will be STAC games.

The Potluck will be August 23<sup>rd</sup> as well. Don't miss the chance to rein in lots of points at these special games.

Charities supported in June were the ACBL Longest Day for Alzheimers and San Marcos Senior Center.

**Top Five Players for June** were Joe Potts and Nina Laughbaum, followed by Diana Fritz-Maes, Nancy Scott, and Jean Holt. Way to go!

**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.

## Bridge Hand of the Month

Playing in your unit's sectional, with both sides vulnerable, you pick up a nice hand:

S - A K J 9 5 3    H - A 10    D - A 3    C - Q 9 7

While you're still admiring it, your LHO opens 1H. After your partner passes, RHO bids 2D. Yes, you realize partner may be stone broke, but this is the sectional, and you don't win sectionals by being wimpy. The heck with it, you think, plopping down a bid of 4S. Your LHO opponent hesitates slightly before passing, but your partner comes to life with a cue bid of 5H. East passes and it doesn't take you too long to carry on to 6S.

West passes, but East (who appears to be the distaff side of a husband-and-wife team) vigorously slaps down the double card. Her husband, who already had his lead halfway out of his hand, shrugs and plays the king of hearts. Partner tables this dummy:

S - Q 7 6 4    H - (void)    D - Q 9 8 2    C - K J 8 6 3

"Thank you, partner," you say more enthusiastically than perfunctorily. "Play a diamond, please."

East, with a scowl that could stop a charging rhino, slams down the deuce of hearts, and you take your ace. It's now obvious that her double had been Lightner, calling for an unusual lead, and you have no difficulty figuring out that she wanted a club. No doubt her husband likely has figured it out also and, even more likely, probably would be hearing about it for some time to come.

Smiling inwardly, you draw trumps in three rounds, a red-faced West showing out, discarding two small hearts and a little club, and you confidently lead a club to dummy's king, which wins as East, with another sharp look at her husband, pitches a small heart.

You lead a second club to your queen, and West takes his ace. After a pause, he returns a small heart, which you ruff with dummy's last trump.

Returning to your hand your hand with the ace of diamonds, you're about to take the proven club finesse when you realize with horror that your last club is the nine. While you were enjoying the antics of your opponents, you stupidly blocked the suit. If you lead toward the club J-8 in dummy to take the finesse, West can simply play low, and you have no way of reaching dummy's jack, enabling you to pitch your last diamond. What a lousy time to lose your focus!

Seeing nothing else better, you run off your last three trumps. As you play the last one, this is the position:

North

S - (void)

H - (void)

D - Q

C - J 8

West

S - (void)

H - (void)

D - K

C - 10 5

East

S - (void)

H - (void)

D - 10 6 5

C - (void)

You

S - 3

H - (void)

D - 3

C - 9

Your luck is in! With a shake of his head, West throws the club five. You pitch the diamond queen from dummy and overtake the club nine with the jack. The club eight is your 12<sup>th</sup> trick.

"Nothing I could do, Gloria," he says pleadingly. "I was squeezed."

It didn't help. As his wife writes down the score in her card, marking the board with a huge black "X," she hisses, "You'd better start remembering obvious Lightner doubles in the future!"

You have a hunch he will.

The full deal:

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North

S - Q 7 6 4

H - (void)

D - Q 9 8 2

C - K J 8 5 3

West

S - (void)

H - K Q 9 5 4

D - K J 7

C - A 10 5 4 2

East

S - 10 8 2

H - J 8 7 5 3 2

D - 10 6 5 3

C - (void)

South

S - A K J 9 5 3

H - A 10

D - A 4

C - Q 9 7

# August 2013

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>Unit 549 Board Members:</b> President: Sheila Latus; Board Members: Liz Nixon, Ken Matson, John White, Ayoub Jaralcie, Karen Okey, Sue Compton, Mariam Saneer, Art Foeste, and Tom Nolan						
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BOLD games denote Mega-Masterpoint Games.

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