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THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF ACBL UNIT 549

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

What a lovely turnout! I am so pleased that the NLM section at our monthly unit game is growing. Thanx to Sue Compton and her email flyers and to our 0-25 master point free play promotion. What can we do to increase the attendance in the open section? Please send suggestions to me @ selatus@gmail.com

Looking at this month, we have the opportunity to support a cause that strikes home with a number of our unit members. Set aside September 21 to support LUNGEVITY. Jean Holt and company will be hosting a free lunch and a charity game. The donation is \$25 per person with all monies going to the charity. Reservations are required. Email Jean Holt wrbkwrm@pacbell.net.

Thanx again
Sheila

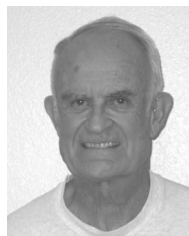
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Open
Tim Flaherty



Under 5000
Barbara Pepper



Under 1500
Chuck Donaldson



Under 750
Mariam Saner



Under 300
Sue Compton



Under 100
Rick Sontag



Future Master
Brian Schwedock

Upcoming Unit 549 Events - Mark the Date

Special Games with Extra Points

Monday, September 2nd - NCBC - 12:30pm - Open - Mega Point Game
Wednesday, September 4th - LSMDBC - 11:00am - Open - Charity Game; NCBC - 12:30pm - Open - Mega Point Game
Friday, September 6th - NCBC - 12:30pm - Open - Club Championship
Saturday, September 7th - NCBC - 12:30pm - Barometer - Mega Point Game
Monday, September 9th - NCBC - 12:30pm - Open - Club Championship
Tuesday, September 10th - NCBC - 9:00am - NLM Game - Mega Point; 1:00pm - Open - Mega Point Game
Wednesday, September 11th - LSMDBC - 11:00am - Open - Charity Game
Thursday, September 12th - NCBC - 12:30pm - Mentor/Mentee & Open - Club Championship
Monday, September 16th - NCBC - 12:30pm - Open - STAC Game
Tuesday, September 17th - NCBC - 9:00am - NLM Game - STAC Game; 1:00pm - Open - STAC Game
Wednesday, September 18th - LSMDBC - 11:00am - Open - Charity/Dist 22/23 STAC Game; NCBC - 12:30pm - Open - STAC Game
Thursday, September 19th - NCBC - 12:30pm - Mentor/Mentee & Open - STAC Game
Friday, September 20th - NCBC - 9:00am - NLM Game - STAC Game; NCBC - 12:30pm - Open - STAC Game;
LSMDBC - Potluck 5:30pm, 6:30pm Charity/Dist. 22/23 STAC Game
Saturday, September 21st - NCBC - 12:30pm - Barometer - STAC Game;
Lake San Marcos Pavilion - Noon - Special Charity Game to Support Lungevity Foundation
Tuesday, September 24th - NCBC - 9:00am - NLM Game - Mega Point; 1:00pm - Open - Mega Point Game
Wednesday, September 25th - LSMDBC - 11:00am - Open - Charity Game
Thursday, September 26th - NCBC - 12:30 pm - Mentor/Mentee & Open - Mega Point Game
Saturday, September 28th - 1:00pm - Unit 549 Championship Game - Lake San Marcos Pavilion/Conference Center
Monday, September 30th - NCBC - 12:30pm - Open - Mega Point Game

Mark the Date!

Special Charity Game at Lake San Marcos Pavilion to support the Lungevity Foundation. **Please set aside Saturday, Sept. 21st** 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 and is jointly supported by Unit 549 and Unit 531. The cost is \$25 per person, **includes a full lunch**, and all money raised will be donated to Lungevity. Checks can be made out to Lungevity for a 100% tax-deduction. Lung cancer affects roughly one in every 14 Americans. **Reservations are required.** Email Jean Holt: wmbkwrm@pacbell.net
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. Coordinators of both events are Jean Holt and Eileen Goss.

Welcome New Members to Unit 549

Dan Higgins, Poway; Brian Schwedock, Rancho Bernardo; Roger Van Duzer, Carol Hulce, Diane Larson, Rancho Santa Fe; Gerald, Asbury, Ramona; and Lynn Austin, Escondido.



Unit Game results for July:

Open Game winners: Congratulations to winners Overall Alan & Debbie Gailfus – 64.35% followed by Toshi Yasutake & Paul Landrum – 60.65%; Rex & Sheila Latus – 57.41%; Doris Cashman & Sharon Opfer – 55.32%; Larry Flora & Nancy Shirley – 55.09% and Al Nadel & Tom Nolan – 53.70%

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 August 24th and Sept. 28th. See you at “The Lake”!

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

Junior Master – Penelope Fox, Ramona; Debbie Wunderle, Poway
Club Master – Patricia Frinell, Rancho Bernardo
Sectional Master – Andrea Matthews and Jackie Mullin, Rancho Bernardo
Regional Master – Joe Potts, San Marcos
NABC Master – Winfield Carson, Poway
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 Now you can sign-up on-line for your games and classes, see results easily and special game and class announcements.

Mega-Point/Charity Games at NCBC for September: Open games begin at 12:30pm - Sept. 2nd, 4th, 6th, 7th, 10th, 24th, 26th, and 30th. NLM Megapoint games begin at 9:00am on Sept. 10th and 24th. NCBC supports the Elizabeth Hospice.

September Club Championship games at NCBC will be at 12:30pm on Sept. 6th, 9th, and 12th.

Call Lee at 760-747-6092 for schedule of Open and NLM games or go to www.northcountybridgecenter.com to see game schedule and sign-up.



Lake San Marcos Duplicate Bridge Club at Grandon

Mark the Date! Saturday, Sept. 21st at the Lake San Marcos Pavilion!! Special Charity game to support Lungevity. Entry fee is totally tax-deductible and includes beverages, full lunch and game. Fee is \$25.00 per person. Email your reservation to Jean Holt: wmbkwrm@pacbell.net

Lake San Marcos DBC will support the ACBL International Fund in September so all games will be charity games. In addition, Sept. 18th and 20th will be District 22/23 STAC games...Silver Points!! Plus, Sept. 20th will be the Potluck!! Don't miss the chance to rein in lots of points at these special games.

Charities supported in July were the Kasiaka Primary School in Botswana and the San Marcos Senior Center.

Top Five Players for July were Jean Holt, Ilene Brodsky, Carolyn Scerni, Barbara Pehlke and Jeanne Griffin. 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.

Town Hall Bridge Club in Ramona

JULY 2013 – FIREWORKS!

If you saw the eastern sky light up in July, it was simply the ladies and gents in the Ramona Town Hall setting off their fireworks! The Summer STaC proved just how effective May Ann Houston's lessons have become. Here we are, a new little club going up against the "pros" and POP! POW! SIZZLE!

On Wednesday 7/17 in the A.M. - Open Pairs, 39 Tables competed: RTHB took their stratospheric rocket into FIRST PLACE – 66.00% going to Lois Bobbitt and Doris Hendrickson. Talk about firepower! Right behind them were Ernie Bedard and Jim Rudeen with a whole lot of shooting stars in THIRD PLACE at 63.00%. Oh, yeah!

On Thursday Evening 7/18 - Open Pairs 23 Tables: Yet another FIRST PLACE when Mary Ann Houston and Marilyn Kalabska lit up the sky with 69%, four points higher than the nearest competition! That must have ignited RTHB husband and wife teams when Ginny and John Wohlfiel pulled on their spangles with 55.5%. Jolinda and Jim Marshall gleamed at 52.50%, and Judy and Bill Rice glimmered past the competition at 48.50%. Not bad for our first month of evening games organized to include working singles and couples! Not bad for the sky show, either.

On Friday 7/19, in the A.M. - Open Pairs, 16 Tables: Of the eleven teams placing over 50%, RTHB had 5 pairs! Whoooeeh! Talk about fire in the sky! Bill and Judy Rice rocketed a mile high with 60%. Lenore Sjoberg and Kaaren Thiem caught the tail of that meteor with 59.17%. Joan Renaud and Lois Bobbitt lit up the horizon with 55%. Sharon Greene and Mary Ann Houston blinded with bling at 53.75%. David Selmier and Joan McGuire glittered right past the middle mark with 52.92%.

On August 1st Ramona Town Hall Bridge celebrated it's FIRST BIRTHDAY. Many of us remember the first game, over 90 degrees outside and no air conditioning, just fans in the Town Hall. We were mostly strangers with one common bond, Bridge. Mary Ann and Doug Houston persisted and now – WOW! We're a close-knit group of friends, with more people joining and lots of choices for games in our beautiful Town Hall: Wed. and Fri. (sanctioned) at 10:00am (Lunch served); Tues. 10:00a.m. Lessons with Mary Ann; Thurs. Evening (sanctioned, snacks) 6 – 9 p.m. Call Mary Ann if you want to see what the FIREWORKS are all about: (760) 789-1132.

Games are held at the historic Ramona Town Hall, 729 Main Street, Ramona, California. For information and directions, please go to 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.

Bridge Hand of the Month

Playing in the club's weekly Barometer game, with only your opponents vulnerable, you pick up this hand:

S – A Q 8 6 5 3 H – 4 D – A 5 C – Q 8 3 2

The dealer, your LHO, opens 1NT, announced as 15-17. Both your partner and RHO pass and you bid 2S, which you've agreed is natural in the balance seat. After a pass from West, your partner leaps to 4S! After three quick passes, West leads the diamond king, and you see:

Dummy
S – 10 7 4
H – A J 10 6 2
D – 3 2
C – A 6 4

You
S – A Q 8 6 5 3
H – 4
D – A 5
C – Q 8 3 2

Whoa! Four spades on that, a relatively flat nine-count after your opponent's 1NT opening? It's good that you have a bit extra yourself, since you would have made the same bid without the diamond ace. "Thank you, partner," you say as cheerfully as possible. "Play a small diamond, please."

You duck the first trick and win the diamond queen continuation. When you next lead your singleton heart, West plays low without a bit of hesitation. Surely, you think, he would have split his honors if he held both the K-Q, so you win the ace and continue with the heart jack. When East covers with the king, you ruff and take stock. For his opening bid, West must hold nearly everything else.

At trick four you lead a trump to your ace, East following low and West, thankfully, contributing the jack. When you lead a second trump, West wins his bare king, and pauses for thought. He has no easy exit, you realize. A club would give you a free finesse, holding your losers in that suit to one. The queen of hearts would set up the entire suit for you, allowing you to throw two of your losing clubs. Underleading the queen would let you pitch a club on the heart 10, and then endplay him again in the suit.

Finally, he exits with a third diamond, giving a ruff-and-discard. You ruff with dummy's last trump, pitching a club from hand, and lead the heart 10 from dummy, throwing another club. West wins and

exits safely with a diamond, which you ruff in hand. When you run your remaining trumps, this is the position:

	North	
	S – (void)	
	H – 6	
	D – (void)	
	C – A 6	
West		East
S – (void)		S – (void)
H – 8		H – (void)
D – (void)		D – 10
C – K J		C – 10 7
	You	
	S – 8	
	H – (void)	
	D – (void)	
	C – Q 8	

West is inexorably squeezed on the last trump – either having to bare his club king or pitch a heart, allowing you to take the last two tricks with the club ace and the heart six. "Gosh," you partner says as he checks the scores on the Bridgемate. "Everybody else played in a partial."

"Bunch of cowards," you reply.

The full deal:

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

September 2013

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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29 NO GAMES TODAY	30 NCBC 9am Mentor Aide Class NCBC 12:30pm: Open Pairs MEGA POINT	Unit 549 Board Members: President: Sheila Latus; Board Members: Liz Nixon, Ken Matson, John White, Ayoub Jarraicie, Karen Okey, Sue Compton, Mariam Saner, Art Foeste, and Tom Nolan				

BOLD games denote Mega-Masterpoint Games.

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