

# North County Inland, Unit 549

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THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF ACBL UNIT 549

## ***PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE***

### **What is a Unit?**

Let's start with "What is ACBL?" ACBL (American Contract Bridge League) is a national organization located in Horn Lake, Mississippi with a membership over 167,000. If you want to keep track of your master points, you need to join the ACBL, which is our parent organization. When you join the ACBL you are assigned to a specific Unit based on your zip code. All ACBL members pay an annual membership fee directly to the ACBL.

The ACBL is composed of 25 geographical Districts with over 300 Units.

Your Unit is in District 22 and your unit is 549 San Diego North County – Inland. District 22 is composed of 25 Units with over 7000 members.

The ACBL along with its Districts and Units are nonprofit organizations that contribute to many charities both nationally and locally.

#### ACBL Tournament Sponsorship

National Tournaments (NABC)	ACBL
Regional Tournaments	Districts
Sectional Tournaments	Units
StaC Tournaments	Western Conference (Districts 17, 21, 22)

There are five units in San Diego County with over 2100 members. SD North County Inland is the third largest with 420 plus members. The geographical areas served by Unit 549 include Escondido, Rancho Bernardo, Poway, Rancho Penasquitos, San Marcos, Rancho Santa Fe, Ramona, Valley Center and Pauma Valley. Each Unit is responsible for the promotion and advancement of bridge in its area. The Unit works in cooperation with the ACBL to support the programs and goals of the organization.

The unit's members elect their own volunteer board of directors. All Unit boards hold regular meetings to conduct business, often publish a newsletter to keep its members informed of local bridge activities and news, and most have web sites (look for your website coming soon!). The Unit is charged with supporting the ACBL clubs within its jurisdiction. There are 18 clubs in San Diego County with three in Unit 549's geographical area. Clubs are sanctioned directly by the ACBL and all club game table fees are paid directly to the national organization. Clubs are independently owned and operated.

On another note, our November Unit Game will be a POTLUCK **TOYS FOR TOTS** event (lunch at noon, play begins at 1 pm.). Cost to play will be \$7.00 *plus* a new unwrapped toy. Last year's event was extraordinarily successful. Let's surpass it this year!! Jill Roberts is coordinating the potluck. Contact her ([jillroberts78@gmail.com](mailto:jillroberts78@gmail.com)) / 858-382-1070 regarding your choice of dish.

We will also have an election for the vacant seats on the Unit Board. The slate of candidates will be announced prior to the start of the game.

Sheila

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



**Under 5000**  
Tim Flaherty



**Under 5000**  
Marilyn Florin



**Under 3000**  
Jeri Adams



**Under 750**  
Mariam Saner



**Under 300**  
Ayoub Jaraicie



**Under 100**  
Jean Gilchrist



**NO  
PHOTO  
AVAILABLE**  
  
**Future Master**  
Joan Smith

## **Upcoming Unit 549 Events - Mark the Date**

### **Special Games with Extra Points**

**Saturday, October 26 - Unit Game, 1:00pm, Lake San Marcos Pavilion/Conference Center**

Wednesday, November 13 - LSMDBC - 11:00am - Charity Game

Friday, November 15 - LSMDBC - 5:30pm Potluck, 6:30pm Open Game

**Saturday, November 23 - Unit Game and Potluck, Game at 1:00pm, Lake San Marcos Pavilion/Conference Center**

The upcoming events calendar for North County Bridge Center, including Mega Point Games, Club Championships, Open, NLM, Mentor/Mentee and Barometer Games, can be viewed at [northcountybridgecenter.com](http://northcountybridgecenter.com), or you can pick up a copy at North County Bridge Center.

### **Special Events Coming in November!**

We are looking forward to special events! Our November 23 unit game will be a potluck. If interested, please contact Jill Roberts ([jillroberts78@gmail.com](mailto:jillroberts78@gmail.com)) for food contributions. Cost of entry is \$7.00 plus a new, unwrapped toy. December 16 will be our annual holiday party: free entry and lunch. Hope to see you all there.

### **Welcome new members to Unit 549:**

Mary Kaufman, Robert Porter, and Marjorie Sinel. Welcome to our Unit.

### **Members reaching new levels of achievement in Unit 549 in September are**

Junior Masters: Geoffrey Applegate, Henry Nadler; Club Masters: Lenore Sjoberg; Sectional Masters: Doris Ruth Groh, Karen Okey, Bernadette Porter, Sandy Skillern and Patricia Uttley. Congratulations to all achievers!

### **70% Games**

Congrats to two pairs who scored 70%+ in September. Tim Flaherty & Marilyn Florin scored with a 72.69% game, as well as Dan Higgins & Patti Frinell with a 71.09% game.

### **Unit Game Results for September**

*N/S* Bettie Heldring & Kent Hartman followed by John Devine & Jan Gallagher. 3rd place were Lyn and James Martin. *E/W* winners were Lawrence Erickson & Norman Schwartz, followed by Joe Houde & Tim Flaherty; 3rd place was John White & Jeri Adams. NLM's 1st place winners were Katrina Zynda & Teddi Townsend; 2nd place Alan and Doris Ruth Groh; 3rd place was Sue Compton & Joseph Potts. Congratulations everyone!

Unit games are held on the 4th Saturday of each month at the Lake San Marcos Pavilion or Conference Center, 1105 La Bonita Drive, Lake San Marcos, CA 92078. Call Liz Nixon for directions at 760-214-8999. The 1 p.m. games are \$7.00, snacks galore with drinks provided. 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 the next unit games are October 26 and November 23.



# Unit 549 Club News

## North County Bridge Center

November 25 on Monday evening will be the ACBL charity game. Please call Lee at NCBC for more info, 760-747-6092. Lee also has a schedule of open and NLM games, or go to [www.northcountybridgecenter.com](http://www.northcountybridgecenter.com) to see the schedule and to sign up for games and classes, to see game results easily as well as for special game and class announcements

## Lake San Marcos Duplicate Bridge Club at Grandon

The top 5 players for September were Nina Laughbaum, Matt Belau, Rita Sorgi, Patricia Hawkins and Jean Holt. November's schedule will include chalk talk prior to the games on November 6 and 13 at 10 a.m. Regular games will start at 11 every Wednesday, with the 13th being a charity game. Our Friday potluck will be Nov. 15 at 5:30 p.m. As you know, the Lungevity game was a huge success with 14 open tables and 7 for the NLMs. First place winners included Marilyn Florin & Barbara Pepper *N/S* and Matt Belau & Rita Sorgi *E/W*. Our NLM winners had a 3 way tie between pairs Katrina Zynda & Naomi Brownell, Barbara Mead & Delia Macauley, and Jim Gallagher & Nancy Scott. A total of \$3745.00 has been sent to the Lungevity Foundation. It would be impossible to mention all the people who were so helpful, but certainly many thanks go to Unit 549 for support/help and to Eileen Goss, who footed the bill for much of the food, as well as all the people who donated goodies. Above all, Ida Burcham was, as usual, unbelievable!

## Ramona Town Hall Bridge

### Ramona Town Hall Bridge: Soaring in September

We all expect our teachers to set the example, to excel in ways that show us what we should aspire to achieve. But dear Mary Ann, have you no mercy? I'm talking about our esteemed manager and teacher, Mary Ann Houston, who, along with her partner, Marilyn Kalabsa, achieved the nearly impossible. On September 25 this pair of veterans scored 71% ... while those of us on the sidelines merely waited for the dust to settle. Okay, so Mary Ann lives and breathes bridge, and even plays online when she is not holding classes or organizing the RTHB games, but ... wow! That achievement sent us scrambling to catch up.

And not without results. We received an invitation to play on September 29 down the hill at Adventures in Bridge. RTHB members were quick to rise to the challenge, and our club emerged with four new Club Masters; Carol Squires, Ginny Wohlfiel, Lois Bobbitt and Lenore Sjoberg. Needless to say, there has been a lot of award waving in the old Town Hall.

Well, you'd think it all happened at the end of the month, but let me assure you, dear readers, the pace was brisk early on. At the STAC on the 18th, Doris Hendrickson and Rhonda Cooke sallied forth into the Overall at 57%, closely followed by Marilyn Kalabsa and Jim Rudeen at 56.5%. That Overall status felt just fine on the 20th when Lois Bobbitt and Doris Hendrickson stepped in at 62.92% with David Selmire and Doug Houston in hot pursuit at 62.08%. Love those double points!

The Thursday evening game on the 26th kept up the Overall pace with David Barnard - Doris Hendrickson grabbing 61.25% and Penelope Fox - Doug Houston also basking in the Overall with 55.63%. Imagine that ... a silver lining at sunset!

Where do we go from here? That 71% is just begging for capture! Watch out, teacher, we're coming to get you. (Beware what you wish for. Good students? Ha! More like high rollers!)

Join us for morning games on Wednesday and Friday at 10:00 (sanctioned, with lunch), Thursday evening at 6:30 (sanctioned with snacks), or Tuesday afternoon lessons at 2:00.

There's still undiscovered silver in these here hills! Call the Houstons, and they'll hand you a pick and shovel and maybe even a map! That's Mary Ann and Doug: 760-789-1132.

# November 2013

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 Lake San Marcos DBC - Jean Holt, Director; Nina Laughbaum, Manager  
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**SUNDAY MONDAY TUESDAY WEDNESDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY SATURDAY**

### Unit 549 Board Members:

President: Sheila Latus ([selatus@gmail.com](mailto:selatus@gmail.com))

Board Members: Liz Nixon, Ken Matson, Karen Okey, Sue Compton, Mariam Sener, Art Foeste, Jill Roberts and Hazel Turner

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**BOLD** games denote Mega-Masterpoint Games.

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