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THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF ACBL UNIT 549

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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Let me be the first to wish you all the joy of the season. Merry Christmas, Happy Chanukah, and Joyous Kwanzaa. And, of course, a very Happy New Year.

Be sure to watch for our new website coming soon to a computer near you. Kitty Cooper (the web designer) has done a masterful job in developing our website. Please thank Mariam Saner for all the hard work she has done working with Kitty to tailor the site to meet our needs. We will be live before the end of the year. I will appreciate any feedback about the site. Please email me at selatus@gmail.com.

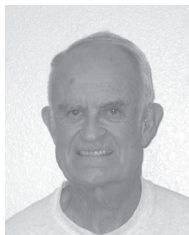
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Tim Flaherty



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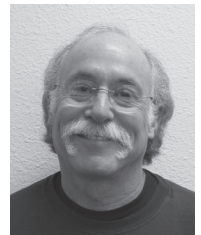
Under 1500
Ray Curtiss



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Vic Pitcock



Under 500
Mariam Saner



Under 100
Rick Sontag

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

Saturday, November 23 - Unit Game (Toys for Tots Charity Game), Lunch at Noon, Game at 1:00pm, Lake San Marcos Pavilion
Wednesday, December 11 - LSMDBC - 11:00am - Charity Game

Saturday, December 14 - Unit 549 Annual Christmas Party/Game, Dinner at Noon, Game at 1:00pm, Lake San Marcos Pavilion
Wednesday, December 18 - LSMDBC - 11:00am - STAC Game

Friday, December 20 - LSMDBC - 5:30pm Potluck, 6:30pm STAC Game

Tuesday, December 31 - Annual New Year's Eve Pot-Luck (5:30pm) and Game (6:30pm) at the Sun Park Club House at Lake San Marcos.

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

Unit Game results for October

Open Section: First Place goes to Betsy Iles & Jane Horgan – 66.44% followed by Ken Goebel & Jackie Sollner – 59.95%, Rex & Sheila Latus – 59.03%, Dave & Zoe Fisher – 57.18%, Gary Beed & Mariam Saner – 55.56%, and tied for 6/7 Tim Flaherty & Joe Houde & Jean Jantz & Doris Cashman – 54.17%.

Results in the **Non-life Master Section** were: First Place Richard Sontag & Harriet Landon – 63.54% followed by Joann Dilling & Ross Penne – 62.50% and Ed Koch & Ray Gogolewski – 61.25%. Congratulations to all!

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 November 23rd, Dec. 14th and January 25th. See you at “The Lake”!

70% Games

Congratulations to Jean Holt - Ann Caen, Crystal Symphony, Oct. 10th with a 70.56%, and to Tim Flaherty - Chuck Donaldson, North County BC, Oct. 18th with a 70.00%

STAC Week December 16-22

December is jam packed with Unit and Club activities. The week of **December 16 – 22nd Great Western STAC** will be held in all Clubs, Lake San Marcos, North County Bridge Center, Escondido and Townhall Bridge Club in Ramona. Contact Club Managers for details for specific Stac Game Schedule.

Winter Sectional!

Mark the Date! January 17th & 18th at the Lake San Marcos Conference Center. This two day event will feature Open Pairs, NLM Pairs, Knock-outs, and Swiss Teams. Get your partner and your team and get ready to play! For more information contact Tournament Chair Mariam Saner at mbmimi@san.rr.com or Sheila Latus at selatus@gmail.com

Audrey Grant is returning to Unit 549!!

Mark the Dates! February 14th & 15th On February 14th the topic will be **“Re-bids by Opener and Responder”** and on February 15th the topic will be **“Five Steps to Simplify the End Play”**. The workshops will begin at 10:00am and end at 3:00pm with a one hour break for lunch both days. This includes a Comprehensive Participant package on day 1 and Audrey's new book, **“Five Steps to Simplify the Endplay”** on day 2! The Early Bird rate is \$69 per person if paid before Jan. 31st. Stay at the Lake House Hotel at Lake San Marcos on February 14th.

Checks should be made payable to Escondido ACBL Unit 549 and **sent to** the attention of Liz Nixon at 1127 Los Campaneros, Lake San Marcos, CA 92078. Call Liz Nixon at 888-400-2789 or email: cruzqueen@sbcglobal.net for reservations and information.

Toys for Tots Charity Game

Unit 549 will host its Annual Toys for Tots charity game on November 23rd at the Lake San Marcos Pavilion, 1105 La Bonita Dr, Lake San Marcos. Bring an unwrapped toy to give to the kids. All card fees will be donated to the 1st Anglico Marines at Camp Pendleton and the toys will go directly to the Marine Family's of 1st Anglico. This is a Pot-Luck so come hungry as there will be lots of food. Jill Roberts is coordinating the pot-luck. Contact Jill at robcat07@yahoo.com

Christmas Party

On December 14th, Unit 549 will host it's annual Christmas Party at the Lake San Marcos Pavilion, 1105 La Bonita Dr, Lake San Marcos, 92078. Christmas Dinner will be served with Turkey, Ham and all of the trimmings. Karen Okey is asking for volunteers to assist with serving as well as to bring a dessert. All Unit 549 members who played regularly will not have to pay the card fee. Yes, there is a free lunch. Contact Karen by email at redbadger4@cox.net **Call Kay Haralson to sign-up at 760-685-2535.**

Ring in the **New Year on December 31st** at the Annual New Year's Pot-luck and game at the Sun Park Club House at Lake San Marcos. Players planning on coming to the game need to call Nina Laughbaum, Club Manager for directions and parking, 760-736-9386

Unit 549 announces its New Website!!!

Thanks to a lot of hard research, the Unit 549 Board has appointed Kitty Cooper to develop its new website. The goal is to have all clubs in the unit linked to the Unit website and have all Unit activities, newsletters, etc. posted on the Unit Website. Mariam Saner is coordinating with Kitty to get the website up and running. Mariam will be very happy to show you the work in progress.

Welcome New Members to Unit 549

Pamela Molthem, Ramona; Tadahiro & Keiko Yogo, Rancho Santa Fe; Verle & Joan Prickett, Borrego Springs. Welcome to Unit. 549

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

Junior Master – Paul Dewey, Poway and RJ Petersen, San Diego; **Club Master** – Roy Houston, Ramona; **NABC Master** – Marjorie Sinel, Borrego Springs; **Advanced NABC** – Irving Gold, San Diego; **New Life Master** – Jacey & Bonnie Humes, Rancho Bernardo; **New Bronze Life Master** – Bonnie Humes, 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 in Escondido will host a **Thanksgiving Day dinner and game** on November 28th. Call Lee or Anna to sign-up. 760-747-6092

The December Calendar of special games including STAC, Mega-Point/Charity Games and Club Championship games at NCBC are posted at www.northcountybridgecenter.com. North County Bridge Center also has a complete set of classes.

Now you can sign-up on-line for your games and classes, see results easily and special game and class announcements. 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

The charity for October was Wounded Warriors and November will be Toys For Tots. December will be very active with the following special games:

Dec. 11th – Charity Game; Dec. 18 & 20th STAC Games – Dec. 20th will be a Pot-Luck as well; Dec. 31st - Annual New Year's Eve Pot-Luck and Game at the Sun Park Club House at Lake San Marcos.

Top Five Players for October were Diana Fritz-Maes, Pat Hawkins, Jean Holt, Gail Whiteley, Dave and Zoe Fisher tied for fifth place. Way to go top five!

Alert! Jean Holt is teaching a weekly class at 10:00am. The focus is on Eddie Kantar's "Thinking Bridge" program. The class is free!

The Wednesday game **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.

Ramona Town Hall Bridge

No, not even the old ghosts of our historic Town Hall can compete with the likes of Jack-the-Ripper or Nyx the Trickster – or is it Sadistic Sadie or Cruella Card Curser? The name-giving is not over and all suggestions are welcome for our newest acquisition, a Card Sorter paid for by donations from our club members. We just got darn sick and tired of Doug and Mary Ann Houston trekking down the hill for our cards (but a big thanks to Lee Hofacre for sharing his sorter for the past year.) So, Sharon Greene said, "Enough, already!" and we all chipped in. Oh dear, what have we done? We should not have picked the Halloween month. There's goblins in that thing!

We are most happy to welcome new members Emmy Brashars and Pam Molthem who attend both the games and the lessons. We got a big surprise when Mary Newman from Florida, a Silver Life Member, came with Peter Teaff and our Julian contingent. Welcome to all and thanks to Peter.

Maybe we should have our celebrities lighting Jack-o'-Lanterns at the door! On Friday, October 18th, our manager, Mary Ann Houston scored Bronze! Hip-hip-hooray! Since she was only 400th of a point short on Thursday night, we were pretty sure she'd cross the line, but the flickering grin lingers on.

Our tables are expanding with 3-4 tables for Tuesday lessons, 5-6 for Thursday evenings and 6-7 on Wednesdays and Fridays. Fortunately, the Town Hall can hold plenty more so anyone thinking of taking a drive to our pretty little Fall-colored town, come on! We keep it fun and friendly, and lunch on Wed. and Fri. is gourmet!

The games are held at the Ramona Townhall at 729 Main Street, Ramona, California. The Club schedule includes sanctioned Games Wed. & Fri. at 10:00 a.m. + Lunch. Free Lessons - Tues. at 1:30 p.m. and a sanctioned Evening Game - Thurs. at 7 p.m. + Snacks. Call Mary Ann or Doug Houston: 760-789-1132. For information and directions, please go to www.rthbridge.com

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BOLD games denote Mega-Masterpoint Games.

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