

# North County Inland, Unit 549

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THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF ACBL UNIT 549

## *PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE*

### WINTER OF OUR DISCONTENT

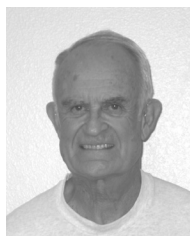
The weather was summer like. The snacks were plentiful and delicious. The hands were devilish (including a 7 – 6 heart fit, egad!). The directors were knowledgeable and pleasant. Top ranked players flocked to our doors. The charity rating for our Friday games made master point awards huge. Winners in the Friday Compact KO got 10.18 silver points! Our winter sectional had all the earmarks of a great success, but members of unit 549 were conspicuous no-shows. In the open pairs on Saturday morning about one quarter of the players were Unit 549 members. The Saturday afternoon pairs event was won by a C Pair! The unit's attendance in the team events was even worse. The NLM pairs was the only group with a majority of Unit 549 members.

What can we do to make our Unit Sectionals more attractive to Unit 549 members? Talk to me at the North County Bridge Center (I'm usually there on Friday afternoons, or at the Unit Games (the fourth Saturday of the month), or by email ([selatus@gmail.com](mailto:selatus@gmail.com)).

I am remiss in not thanking my faithful unit board members for their diligence and hard work in making the sectional a pleasant place to be. Thanx to Art Foeste, Jill Roberts, Mariam Saner, Sue Compton, and Ken Matson.

Sheila

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



**Open**  
Chuck Donaldson



**Under 5000**  
Jeri Adams



**Under 3000**  
Gary Beed



**Under 1500**  
Zelda Ettore



**Under 750**  
Sue Compton



**Under 500**  
Alberdina Bahmanian



**Under 100**  
Larry Gach

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

**North County Bridge Center Mega-Point Games (all Mega-Point games are afternoon games unless otherwise specified):** Saturday, February 1, Monday, February 3, Tuesday, February 4, Wednesday, February 5, Thursday, February 6, Friday, February 7, Monday, February 17, Tuesday, February 18, Thursday, February 20, Friday, February 21, and Tuesday, February 25 (Morning)

**North County Bridge Center February Club Championship games** will be at 12:30pm on Saturday, February 15, Wednesday, February 19 and Monday, February 20.

Friday, February 21 - LSMDBC - 5:30pm Potluck, 6:30pm Open Game

**Saturday, February 22 - Unit Championship Game - Lake San Marcos Pavilion/Conference Center**

### **Audrey Grant Workshop**

Please mark your calendar for Audrey Grant's workshop on February 14 and 15. "Rebids by Opener and Responder" is the focus on February 14th, while "Five Steps to Simplify the End Play" will be on February 15. \$79 is the per person per day rate and includes Audrey's new book. Register early by January 31 and the rate drops to only \$69 per day! Call Liz Nixon at 888-400-2789 or email her at [cruzqueen@sbcglobal.net](mailto:cruzqueen@sbcglobal.net).

### **New Unit Website**

Have you checked out the new unit website? It's at [acblunit549.org](http://acblunit549.org).

### **December Unit Game Results**

Unit 549 game results for December 14: in the open game, N/S 1st place was Gail Whiteley and Jane Horgan, followed by Lee Hofacre and Ethel Warner; in 3rd place were Jan Gallagher and W. John Devine. E/W 1st place winners were Jeri Adams and John White, followed by Benjamin Domurat and James Checco. 3rd place winners were Tim Flaherty and Joe Houde. The NLM group 1st place winners were Sandy Johnson and Naomi Brownell. 2nd place was Witold Modlinski and Mary Lou Buer-Modlinski. 3rd place winners were Jacqueline McGee and Ronique Nilson. Congratulations to all of our winners!

Unit Championships are held on the 4th Saturday of each month at the Lake San Marcos Pavilion, 1105 La Bonita Dr, Lake San Marcos 92078 (next Unit Game will be Saturday, February 22). The entry fee is \$8.00 and the game begins at 1:00 PM. There is an open section and a section for non life masters. A light lunch and coffee are provided. Bottled water and soda are available for a mere 50 cents. Hope to see you there. Call Mariam Saner for info at 858-672-8734.

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

David Barnard, Ramona; Ruth Barnard, Ramona; Emma Brashars, Ramona; Lawrence Gach, San Diego; John Wohlfiel, Ramona.

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

Patti Frinell, Sectional Master, and Ed Ford, NABC master. Congratulations to both of our great achievers!



# Unit 549 Club News

## North County Bridge 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. Call us at 760-747-6092 or email us at [ncbc09@sbcglobal.net](mailto:ncbc09@sbcglobal.net).

## Lake San Marcos Duplicate Bridge Club at Grandon

In February, all games will be for the Junior Fund with Mega Points. The potluck will be on Feb. 21.

The top five master point achievers for December were Nina Laughbaum, Jean Holt, Patricia Kell, Gary Beed, and Diana Fritz-Maes.

Also, once again, Happy 75th Birthday to Jean Holt on January 29th. May you have many more fun-filled years at the table!

Regular games are on Wednesdays at 11 a.m. Chalk talks precede the games at 10 a.m. There is also a potluck once a month on the third Friday at 5:30pm followed by the game at 6:30pm.

## Ramona Town Hall Bridge

**729 Main St. Ramona, CA 92065**

**Sanctioned Games Wed. and Fri. at 10 a.m. & lunch**

**Free Lessons- Tues at 2 p.m.**

**Sanctioned Evening Game- Thurs at 6 p.m. & snacks**

**Call Mary Ann or Doug Houston: 760-789-1132**

White Christmas? No, thanks, not this year. Don't you feel sorry for the rest of the country? Here we are in lovely Southern Cal with lunch on the patio most of Christmas week. The dark days have been lit by brilliant sunrises and sunsets, to rival the tropics. The citrus trees are groaning under the weight of ripening oranges, lemons and grapefruit. We've noticed golfers won't leave the lush, green courses until the flag boy takes away their dimly visible targets.

Missing the snowflakes? It's a quick ride to Julian but don't tell those folks in Maine that we'll only stay for an hour or two. The beach is calling and oh, yes, a barbeque later on.

As for bridge, well there is a severe case of withdrawals sweeping our town. But, despite the two week bridge break, it was definitely not quiet on the home front.

The Town Hall boasted a fabulous 1890's Dicken's Christmas Gala with the RTHB attending, dressed in full 1890's fashion. And no, Mary Ann did not sneak in a deck of cards but she did "dress the chairs" in white with silver ties and ornaments coordinated with linens, place settings and centerpieces that transformed our "bridge room" into a sparkling Christmas dining room. (It was fit for Kings and Queens of a different sort than we are used to seeing there.) The Dickens carolers and Dickens miniature villages competed for best entertainment this side of the county and Santa's sleigh made regular passes down our twinkling Main Street.

May the New Year bring all our players, and yours, a renewed enjoyment of our favorite game and may there be peace at the tables and all across the land.

**A HEALTHY, WEALTHY AND WISE NEW YEAR TO ALL AND MAY THE KINGS AND QUEENS RULE ON YOUR BEHALF!**

# February 2014

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 (760) 789-1132 • houston6805@sbcglobal.net • www.rthbridge.com  
 Lake San Marcos DBC - Jean Holt, Director; Nina Laughbaum, Manager  
 1605 Grandon Ave., San Marcos • (760) 734-4518 or (760) 736-9386 • jnmhlt582@gmail.com

**SUNDAY MONDAY TUESDAY WEDNESDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY SATURDAY**

### Unit 549 Board Members:

President: Sheila Latus (selatus@gmail.com)

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

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