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THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF ACBL UNIT 549

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

TEMPUS FUGIT

I can't believe that March is coming in (like a lion) already. Spring is around the corner and Easter and the San Diego Regional are approaching. Get your favorite partner and go for the gold (and red, and silver, and black).

I want to welcome new members to your board: Jean Jantz, Erica Federman, and Nancy Scott. Be sure to thank them for volunteering to fill the vacancies.

Congratulations to the 2013 Mini-McKenney and the Helen Shanbrom Ace of Clubs winners listed elsewhere in the Table Talk. The listing of the top three Mini-McKenney and Ace of Clubs winners can be found on our website acblunit549.org. Check it out! Also, congrats are in order to our two newest life masters Suzanna McDowell and Art Foeste.

Sheila

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



Open
Tim Flaherty



Under 5000
Kay Haralson



Under 3000
Jeri Adams



Under 1500
Zelda Ettore



Under 750
Doris Cubeisy



Under 500
Mariam Saner



Under 100
Larry Gach

Upcoming Unit 549 Events - Mark the Date

Special Games with Extra Points

NCBC STAC Games on Monday, March 3 (afternoon), Tuesday, March 4 (morning and afternoon), and Wednesday through Saturday, March 5 through 8 (all afternoon games)

NCBC Mega-Point Games (all Mega-Point games are afternoon games): Saturday, March 1, Tuesday, March 18, Thursday, March 20, Monday, March 24, Friday, March 28, and Saturday, March 29.

NCBC March Club Championship games will be at 12:30pm on Monday, March 10, Friday, March 21, and Wednesday, March 26.

LSMDBC Schedule for March: STAC WEEK March 3rd – 9th. March 7th will be a Pot-Luck and STAC game. Mar. 12th - Charity Game, Mar. 21st - Pot Luck, and Mar. 26th - Club Championship

Saturday, March 22 - Unit Championship Game - Lake San Marcos Pavilion

2013 Ace of Clubs &

Mini McKenney Awards

The Ace of Clubs awards are given to individuals in Unit 549 that have accumulated the highest number of masterpoints from club games throughout the year. The Mini-McKenney medals are awarded to those individuals in our unit with the highest number of total masterpoints for their level. Please join Unit 549 in congratulating these Ace of Clubs and Mini McKenney winners for 2013:

<u>Level</u>	<u>Ace of Clubs</u>	<u>2013 Points</u>
0 to 5	Patricia S Frinell	43.33
5 to 20	Lois E Bobbitt	21.18
20 to 50	Richard M Sontag	67.84
50 to 100	Sue C Compton	102.57
100 to 200	Ayoub Jaraicie	59.77
200 to 300	Art Foeste	213.94
300 to 500	Roger L Liles	87.54
500 to 1000	Jill F Roberts	130.76
1000 to 2500	Thomas B Nolan Jr	138.60
2500 to 5000	Jeri Adams	183.54
5000 to 7500	Bettie M Heldring	31.16
Over 10,000	Timothy J Flaherty	298.86

<u>Level</u>	<u>Mini McKenney</u>	<u>2013 Points</u>
0 to 5	Patricia S Frinell	62.83
5 to 20	Lois E Bobbitt	41.78
20 to 50	Richard M Sontag	108.33
50 to 100	Sue C Compton	161.81
100 to 200	Ed Ford	66.91
200 to 300	Art Foeste	292.61
300 to 500	Roger L Liles	121.64
500 to 1000	Jill F Roberts	178.95
1000 to 2500	Thomas B Nolan Jr	173.34
5000 to 7500	Bettie M Heldring	37.82
Over 10,000	Timothy J Flaherty	425.99

You can view the complete order of finish on the Unit 549 website at ACBLUnit549.org. Select "Game Results" then "Masterpoint Races", then if you choose either "2013 Unit 549 Ace of Clubs" or "2013 Unit 549 Mini McKenney", you can view the top three finishers in each category.

IN MEMORIAM

We mourn the loss of two of our dear bridge friends. Bonnie Nadler lost the battle with cancer in January. She was a valiant fighter and was seen frequently at the bridge table with her loving husband Henry. We will miss her. We also lost Art Ostroff to cancer in January. Art started playing duplicate bridge with his adorable wife Molly at the Lake San Marcos Club on Tuesday nights. Art loved the game and was a serious student of the game. Cheers to Bonnie and Art, they are in a better place now.

THANK YOU!!

A Big Thank you to all that attended our Winter Sectional in January and to those eager learners who attended the Audrey Grant 2-day Festival Feb. 14th & 15th. For those that missed Audrey Grant you can call Liz Nixon at 888-400-2789 or email: cruzqueen43@gmail.com for the 2015 dates and Festival topics.

Mark the Date! Unit 549's Summer Sectional will be held June 27th and 28th at beautiful Lake San Marcos. Mariam Saner is Tournament Chair, Email: mbmimi@san_rr.com; and Art Foeste is partnerships, Email: artfoeste@gmail.com.

You can go to our new website: ACBLUnit549.org. Make it a weekend and stay at The Lake House at Lake San Marcos. 760-744-0120.

Welcome New Members to Unit 549

Geraldine Jones, Escondido; Roz Mennella, San Diego; and Bob Anuskiewicz. A big welcome to all!

Unit Game results for January – Open Section:

First Place goes to Alan & Debbie Gailfus - 66.67%, followed by Herb Schaeffer & Alan Lasnover, Chuck & Madonna Donaldson, Liz Nixon & Jean Holt, Minnie Williams & Earl Maas, and Ken Matson & Chuck Ward.

Results in the **Non-life Master Section** were: First Place Tie 65.50% - Sandy Johnson & Naomi Browwell with Nancy Campbell & Nancy Scott followed by Ray & Wilma Wilhelm and Sandy Hrstich & Lynn Jaseph, Congratulations to all achievers!

Alert! Unit Games now include lunch. Bottled water, sodas and coffee are provided. New for 2014!!! The winners in each section receive a free play at the next Unit game. Unit Games are held on the 4th Saturday of each month at the Lake San Marcos Pavilion, 1105 La Bonita Dr, Lake San Marcos, Ca 92078. **Call Liz Nixon for directions – 760-214-8999.** The games are \$8.00 including lunch and begin at 1:00pm. 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 are February 22nd, March 22nd; and April 26th. See you at "The Lake"!

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

Junior Master – Robert Gunnlaugsson and Milo Shapiro, San Diego; Ronique Nilson, San Marcos

Club Master –Diana Van Duzer, Rancho Santa Fe

New NABC Master – Nancy Shirley, Escondido

Advanced NABC – Mariam Saner, San Diego

New Life Master– Art Foeste and Suzanna McDowell, Escondido

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

70% Games

72.06% Jean Holt - Liz Nixon, Nov. 29, Crystal Symphony; 81.67% Sandy Frunzi - Norman Schwartz, Jan. 7, Crystal Serenity; 72.16% Lee Hofacre - Patricia Herrera - Jan. 9, North County BC; 72.22% Mary Ann Houston - Marilyn Kalabsa - Jan. 16, Ramona Town Hall Bridge; 73.61% Jean Holt - Kay Haralson, Jan. 24, Lake San Marcos DBC; 73.44% Jean Holt - Pat Hawkins, Jan. 29, Lake San Marcos DBC

Congratulations to all!

Unit 549 Club News

North County Bridge Center

The February 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 featuring Marty Bergen and Jerry Helms live on the Big Screen.

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 January was Lake San Marcos Kiwanis Pancake Breakfast and the San Marcos Senior Center. LSMDBC bought 20 tickets to the Pancake breakfast @ \$7 each and donated them to the San Marcos Boys & Girls Club.

The LSMDBC Schedule for March: STAC WEEK March 3rd – 9th. March 7th will be a Pot-Luck and STAC game. In addition, the following games will offer extra points: Mar. 12th - Charity Game and Mar. 26th - Club Championship; and Mar. 21st - Pot Luck

Top Five Players for January were Jeanne Griffin, Minnie Williams, Jean Holt, Diana Fritz-Maes and Gary Beed tied for fourth place and David & Elaine Gifford 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

729 Main St, Ramona, CA 92065

Sanctioned Games Wed. & Fri. at 10:00 a.m. + Lunch

Free Lessons - Tues. at 2:00 p.m.

Sanctioned Evening Game - Thurs. at 6 p.m. + Snacks

Call Mary Ann or Doug Houston: [760-789-1132](tel:760-789-1132)

www.rthbridge.com

January 2014

Four New Year's Resolutions

1. **Play for the LOVE of the game.** As ACBL promotes "Playing Nice(ly)" as their New Year's resolution, we here in Ramona chuckle. We're friends who LOVE our RTHB games – and care about each other. PLAY NICE? Is there any other way? Unlike highly competitive games, we remain good friends with our opponents. (A bit of a stretch after they Trump our Aces – ouch!) Okay, NICE PLAY!

2. **Share the JOY.** Our enthusiasm is contagious, so, we've branched out on the teaching front. As Mary Ann Houston works on review of No Trump options with her first year "experienced" players, Geof Applegate and Penelope Fox (yours truly) are creating believers of novices. Penelope is working with four new players in her home while Geof takes on the next step with four slightly more advanced students during the Tuesday Lesson time in the Town Hall.

3. **Embrace the CHALLENGE.** Geof is leading by example. He has retired from many years of violin teaching and playing, both in the orchestra and as a soloist in the Detroit Symphony. His fellow violinist, who happens to be his wife, Lenore Sjoberg, wasn't sure she could convince him to play Bridge. Geof, is a serious kind of guy, but he "tried it" and "liked it." (NICE PLAY, Lenore.) Then he studied it. In less than six months, Geof has mastered more of the intricacies of the game than many competitive players. His Bridge library has grown exponentially. His students, Esther, Claire, Pam and Ruth, will soon be giving the rest of us a run for our percentages!

4. **Strive for IMPROVEMENT.** There they go again, WHOOSH! – onward and upward! We're shaking our pom-poms for our own! On January 16th, Thursday evening, Mary Ann Houston and Marilyn Kalabsa once again stunned us with 72.22 percentage points. VERY NICE PLAY(ING)!

Made a resolution to find your HAPPY PLACE at the table? Join us!

March 2014

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1 NCBC 12:30 PM - Barometer Game MEGA POINT
Unit 549 Board Members: President: Sheila Latus (selatus@gmail.com)						
Board Members: Liz Nixon, Ken Matson, Mariam Saner, Art Foeste, Jill Roberts, Hazel Turner, Jean Jantz, Erica Federman, and Nancy Scott						
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BOLD games denote Mega-Masterpoint Games.

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