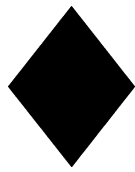


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THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF ACBL UNIT 549

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

LET'S KEEP THE GAME MOVING

The bidding is done and you are on lead. Instead of picking a card, you enter the contract in the BridgeMate and then into your convention card. Only then do you review the bidding and work on choosing an opening lead. What's wrong with this picture?

As the games gets slower, interest wanes and minds begin to wander. Distractions pop up east, west, north, and south. What's going on at that table across the room. Before you know it the round is called and a late penalty is assessed.

Let's do things in the correct order. Make your opening lead and then do your paperwork. Bridge is a timed event (in most places). Late play is not usually tolerated and is unappreciated by most of the players in the room. The same applies at the end of the hand. Score it up and play the next board. There's plenty of time to talk later

Enuf said, keep the game moving.

On a different tangent...get those gold and red points at the Pacific Southwest Regional April 12-20 at the beautiful Town & Country Resort & Convention Center on Hotel Circle North in Mission Valley. See the full schedule at pacificsouthwestregional.com.

Again, congrats to all the Mini-McKenney and Ace of Clubs winners and to Art Foeste and Suzanna McDowell for achieving Life Master Status.

Sheila

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



Open
Tim Flaherty



Under 5000
Jeri Adams



Under 3000
Al Nadel



Under 1500
Barbara Pepper



Under 750
Doris Cubeisy



Under 500
Mariam Saner



Under 100
Dan Higgins

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

Friday, April 25 - LSMDBC - Potluck at 5:30pm, Charity Game at 6:30pm

For the current schedule of Mega Point Games, Club Championship Games, and Barometer Games at North County Bridge Center, please go to www.northcountybridgecenter.com

Saturday, April 26 - Unit Championship Game - Lake San Marcos Pavilion

Mark the Date!

Unit 549's Summer Sectional will be held June 27th and 28th at beautiful Lake San Marcos. Jill Roberts is Tournament Chair, Email: jillroberts78@gmail.com. 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.

New Officers and Board Members for Unit 549 are as follows: Sheila Latus, President; Mariam Saner, Vice-President; Liz Nixon, Secretary; Ken Matson, Treasurer. Hazel Turner will take over Hospitality and new Board member Jean Jantz will be New Member Liaison. Art Foeste will continue to be in charge of partnerships and assist with Hospitality. We also welcome new board members Erica Federman and Nancy Scott.

Congratulations to the Mini-McKenney and Ace of Clubs Winners in each category. The awards were given at the March 22nd Unit Game. **Mini-McKenney** winners were 0-5 Pat Frinell; 5-20 Lois Bobbitt; 20-50 Richard Sontag; 50-100 Sue Compton; 100-200 Ed Ford; 200-300 Art Foeste; 300 – 500 Roger Liles; 500-1000 Jill Roberts; 1000 to 2500 Tom Nolan; 2500-5000 Alex Fowlie; 5000 – 7500 Bettie Heldring and over 10,000 Tim Flaherty. **Ace of Clubs** winners were 0-5 Pat Frinell; 5-20 Lois Bobbitt; 20-50 Rick Sontag; 50-100 Sue Compton; 100-200 Ayoub Jaraicie; 200-300 Art Foeste; 300-500 Roger Liles; 500-1000 Jill Roberts; 1000 – 2500 Tom Nolan; 2500 – 5000 Jeri Adams; 5000 – 7500 Bettie Heldring; and Over 10,000 Tim Flaherty. Congratulations to all!

Welcome New Members to Unit 549

Melvin Schwartz, San Diego. A big welcome to Melvin!

Unit Game results for February

Open Section Flight A: First Place goes to Fran White & Rick Kerbel - 68.27%, followed by Doris Cashman & Fred Flam; Ken Matson & Chuck Ward, Caryn Villalon & Alan Lasnover; Bettie Heldring & Kent Hartman and Tim Flaherty & Joe Houde.

Results in the **Non-life Master Section** were: First Place Nancy Campbell & Nancy Scott – 64.58% followed by Ed Koch & Betty Wallace, Ray & Wilma Wilhelm and B.J. Amini & Sara Fassihi. Congratulations to all achievers!

Alert! Unit Games now **include lunch**. Coffee and Tea is provided. Bottled water and sodas are 50 cents. 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 April 26th and May 24th. Note: There will be no Unit game in June due to the Summer Sectional on the same week-end. See you at “The Lake”!

Members reaching new levels of achievement in Unit 549 in February are

Junior Master – Gary Sage, Rancho Santa Fe; Brian Schwedock, Rancho Bernardo; Chris Shorkey, Escondido.

Club Master – Judy Rice, Rancho Bernardo

Sectional Master – Dan Higgins, Poway

New NABC Master– Bobbie Cohen, Escondido

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

70% Games

We had three 70% games reported in February: 74.83% Sue Compton - Ed Ford, North County B.C., Feb. 4; 70.83% Jeri Adams - Bunny Schmidt, North County B.C. Feb. 20; 70.00% Penelope Fox - Lenore Sjoberg, Ramona Town Hall B.,C., Feb. 14.

Congratulations to each and every one of you!

Unit 549 Club News

North County Bridge Center

For the current calendar of events, including Mega Point games, Club Championship games and Barometer games at NCBC, please check the website at www.northcountybridgecenter.com.

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 the website to see game schedule and sign-up.

Lake San Marcos Duplicate Bridge Club at Grandon

The charity for February was Casa de Amparo and the San Marcos Senior Center.

The LSMDBC Schedule for April: All games will be Charity games during the month of April, which means lots of POINTS! The Friday night Potluck will be on April 25th

Top Five Players for February were Nina Laughbaum, Joe Potts, Joan Dilling, Diana Fritz-Maes, and Gary Beed. 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**

www.rthbridge.com

February 2014

When LOVE is in the air, lots of things go right. Here in the foothills of Ramona, the Town Hall Bridge Players are full of Valentines (oh, partner, that is the most lovely dummy hand I've ever seen), and flowers (it was wonderful to play with you and don't worry about that third board – it all evens out in the end), and candies (Wow – every finesse worked!!!)

Then we got the Annual Report – Unit 549 – Helen Shanbrom Ace of Clubs Standings: Double WOW! A BIG VALENTINE for our little year-and-a-half-old club. This is the first time for the Town Hall Bridge to be mentioned in the standings, so we were most curious to see the results.

In the 0 – 5 Masterpoint Race, there were five names listed. THREE of those names were oh, so familiar. Congratulations to our very own players: Lenore Sjoberg (24.89), Doris Hendrickson (23.70) and Jim Rudeen (21.35). In the next category 5 – 20, Lois Bobbitt (21.18) was the first on the list! Not bad for our first showing – 4 Ramona Town Hall players out of the top 6 players in the (0–20) Masterpoint Race. Ahh ~ sweet accolades!

It should also be mentioned that all of these players have served as teachers and mentors for newer members coming into the club. It is undoubtedly their generosity, playing with unfamiliar partners, bypassing conventions new players had not yet learned, and generally encouraging others rather than looking to rack up points that makes their accomplishments all the more poignant. Bridge is like a box of Valentine chocolates, when first you open it up, you never can tell . . .

That's how we're teaching our newbies – 7 of them! Yes, indeed, LOVE makes the game go 'round, and hey, a little sweetness at the end let's us all know that we're doing it right – and ever so tastefully!

I have to mention that yours truly, Penelope Fox and her partner, the amazing Lenore Sjoberg, had a "doing it right" afternoon on Valentine's Day, topping the candy box with a big red bow – a 70% score. Be still our hearts!



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BOLD games denote Mega-Masterpoint Games.

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