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**THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF ACBL UNIT 549**

***PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE***

**ARE YOU READY?**

Hope you all had a very successful Pacific Southwest Regional Tournament in April. Now it is time to make your plans to join us at our Sectional Tournament at Lake San Marcos June 27 & 28. Check out our website ([acblunit549.org](http://acblunit549.org)) for the schedule of events.

Considering travel costs, we were very lucky that the ACBL scheduled two National Championships close to us. There was Phoenix in November and the upcoming Nationals in Las Vegas July 17-27. Make your plans to get to Sin City for hot bridge in the summertime.

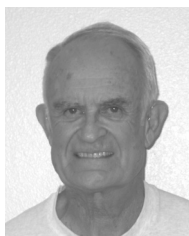
Congratulations are in order for Art Foeste for winning the National 2013 Helen Shanbrom Ace of Clubs Award in the 200-300 points category (for the second year in a row!). Kudos to the other members of our unit who placed in the top 25 of their categories, Sue Compton & Tim Flaherty.

Sheila

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



**Open**  
Tim Flaherty



**Under 5000**  
Chuck Donaldson



**Under 3000**  
Al Nadel



**Under 1500**  
Alberdina Bahamian



**Under 750**  
Judy Johnson



**Under 500**  
Sue Compton



**Under 100**  
Marjorie Narramore

## Upcoming Unit 549 Events - Mark the Date

### Special Games with Extra Points

**The LSMDBC Schedule for May:** STAC Week (Silver Points) games will be held May 7<sup>th</sup> and May 9<sup>th</sup>. The Friday night **Potluck** will be on May 9<sup>th</sup>. May 21<sup>st</sup> will be a Club Championship game and May 28<sup>th</sup> will be a Charity game.

**NCBC STAC games** (all afternoon games): Monday, May 5, Wednesday, May 7, Friday, May 9, and Saturday, May 10

**NCBC Mega-Point Games (all Mega-Point games are afternoon games):** Wednesday, May 21, Wednesday, May 28, Friday, May 30 and Saturday, May 31.

**NCBC May Club Championship games** will be at 12:30pm on Wednesday, May 14, Friday, May 16, and Monday, May 19

**Saturday, May 24 - Unit Championship Game - Lake San Marcos Pavilion**

### Mark the Date!

**Unit 549's Summer Sectional** will be held June 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> at beautiful Lake San Marcos. Jill Roberts is Tournament Chair, Email: [jillroberts78@gmail.com](mailto:jillroberts78@gmail.com). Art Foeste is partnerships, Email: [artfoeste@gmail.com](mailto:artfoeste@gmail.com)

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

### Unit Game Results for March

**Open Section Flight A:** First Place goes to Lorraine Gordon & Gene Katz with 62.50%, followed by Chuck Donaldson & Madonna Donaldson, Toshi Yasutake & Paul Landrum, Jeri Adams & James Andrews, Helen Galnick & Dean Wolfson and Jill Roberts & Art Foeste.

Results in the **Non-life Master Section** were: First Place Phyllis Griest & Robert Griest, Jr with 62.19%, followed by Dorothea Johnson & Katy Georlett, Linda Iredale & Dan Howard, Patti Frinell & Jean Gilchrist, Sandy Johnson & Naomi Brownell, and Joyce Fox & Robert Stinner. Congratulations to all achievers!

**Alert!** Next Unit Game is May 24<sup>th</sup> at the Lake San Marcos Pavilion. **Unit Games now include lunch.** Bottled water, sodas and coffee 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 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of each month at the Lake San Marcos Pavilion, 1105 La Bonita Dr, Lake San Marcos, Ca 92078. The games are \$8.00 including lunch and begin at 1:00pm. Doors open at 12:15pm.

### 70% Games

Ramona Town Hall Bridge reports that on Friday, March 28<sup>th</sup>, Mary Ann and Heather Kuzma scored 76.79%.



### IN MEMORIAM: HILARY SUTCLIFFE

Hilary Sutcliffe passed away on Saturday, March 29<sup>th</sup> after a 15 month bout with stage 4 lung cancer. She was an avid duplicate bridge player for the past three years, and loved playing at the Escondido club, as well as Harvey's and Scripps Ranch Bridge Club. She had three sisters, Gail, Renee, Cheryl and a brother Robin. Her 96 year old mother is still living in New Jersey. Although she was an independent broker for selling insurance, she would like to best be remembered for her years of teaching junior high in both New Jersey and in the Carlsbad area for four years. She was especially proud of her Scotties (all named after presidents) including Jackson, Jefferson, Roosevelt, Truman and the current one, Wilson. Hilary will be best remembered for being an enthusiastic competitor, having a wonderful, fun spirit, and having a contagious laugh which could be spotted anywhere at a bridge convention. We will all miss her dearly.

# Unit 549 Club News

## North County Bridge Center

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## Lake San Marcos Duplicate Bridge Club at Grandon

**The Top five players at LSM DBC** were Gary Beed followed by Pat Goodson; Jeanne Griffin; Trisha Kell and Diana Fritz-Maes. Way to go Top Five!

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**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 charity** for March was Lake San Marcos Kiwanis Pancake Breakfast and the San Marcos Senior Center.

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**

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**March and April 2014**

Here in the foothills, the wild lilac has bloomed and the orange poppies are sprouting along the roadsides. Spring brings optimism and a new kind of energy to people and places, and surprise, surprise little ol' Ramona is on the cutting edge of excitement. Have you seen the signs? We're being called the "Napa Valley of the Southwest." No, the wine hasn't made us silly, okay, a little giddy, but we're serious about our cards as well as our wineries and oh well, sometimes we mix the two for fun!

We've been cold sober about our newest players though. Last Friday we had to tighten our belts to squeeze eight tables into our Town Hall salon. We welcomed in our latest "students" as Geof Applegate, their tutor, turned them loose on the "oldies but goodies." Welcome to Clair Schneider, Mary McDonald, Maxine McNamara, Grace McKenney, Barbara Fields, Corinne Splinter, and Greg Theim.

Speaking of optimism...when the Pacific Southwest Regional came to town, our experienced players decided to sashay into the Town and Country Hotel to see what that was all about. Oooh-whee, over 8,500 bridge playing fanatics at 2,125 tables – kinda overwhelming for small town folks! But Jerry Asbury, Lenore Sjoberg, Geof Applegate, Lois Bobbit, and Mary Ann Houston bravely plunked down their cards for a go at the odds. District 22 gave them a solid dose of "what the ?" and they went home feeling "experienced" but less golden than the roadside poppies.

Oh well, we can take lessons from our own. On Friday, March 28<sup>th</sup>, Mary Ann and Heather Kuzma scored 76.79. Didn't see anything like that at the Town and Country Hotel!

Think we'll stick to Ramona for awhile. Did I mention 27 gorgeous wineries and more on the way? The sip is worth the trip and do stop by the Town Hall for a "sobering" game of bridge where our players have a "game we play for fun" attitude – and all the optimism we can squeeze into thirteen cards!

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>Unit 549 Board Members:</b> 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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