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**THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF ACBL UNIT 549*****PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE***

Drought. Unseasonable high temperatures. Santa Ana winds. **FIRE!!**

Rex and I experienced mandatory evacuation (for a second time) and it was quite scary. We stayed with friends and watched the comings and goings of the tankers and helicopters fighting the fires in San Diego North County. We were very fortunate to come home to find no damage. I hope that all is well with our community of bridge players.

Grab your favorite partner and make your plans for the upcoming North County Inland Sectional at the Lake San Marcos Resort Convention Center 1105 La Bonita Drive Friday & Saturday June 27 & 28. For more information, check out our website (acblunit549.org) for the tournament flyer: (http://acblunit549.org/uploads/PDF/Unit_549_Summer_Sectional_Flyer.pdf).

All of Friday's events are charity games which means they are regionally rated, providing larger than usual master points. Knock outs are scheduled for the mornings with the finals in the afternoons. There will also be Swiss Teams events in the afternoon. Single session pairs games (Open, NLM, & 99'r – if warranted) will take place morning and afternoon both days.

Come to the Sectional to support your unit. I'm sure the cards will be hot! But no smoking will be allowed indoors. Monies earned during the sectional and our unit games help pay for food, directors, rent, and such. It also allows the Unit to support a number of charitable organizations and underwrite our very successful November toy drive.

Sheila

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

Friday, June 20th - LSMDBC - Potluck at 5:30pm, NAP Qualifying Game at 6:30pm

Friday, June 27th & Saturday, June 28th- Unit 549 Summer Sectional, Lake San Marcos Conference Center
Morning games (Knockout Team Events) begin at 10:00am and afternoon games (Swiss Teams) beginning at 2:30pm

Mark the Date!

Unit 549's Summer Sectional will be held June 27th and 28th at The Conference Center, 1105 La Bonita Dr, Lake San Marcos, 92078. Morning games begin at 10:00am and afternoon games begin at 2:30pm. On Friday all games will be Charity games regionally rated and stratified Open pairs. ACBL members with 25 or less master points may pay for FREE! Knockout Team events will be offered in the morning and Swiss teams will be offered in the afternoon. Saturday's schedule will be the same but not Charity events. Card Fee is \$10 per session. Lunch will be available for purchase. Complimentary coffee and snacks will be available. 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.

Members reaching new levels of achievement in Unit 549 in March/April are:

Junior Master – David Barnard and Emma Brashars, Ramona; Susan Davis, Escondido; Pam McGrath, San Diego; Fran Subar, Rancho Santa Fe.

Club Master – Marcy Mazur and Debby Wunderle, Poway; Joan Renaud and Karen Thiem, Ramona; William Rice and Lawrence Gach, San Diego

Sectional Master – Lois Bobbitt and Doris Hendrickson, Ramona; Sheri Meek, Pauma Valley;

Regional Master – Harriett Landon and Heather Kuzma, San Diego;

New Silver Life Master – Jeanne Griffin, Escondido

New Diamond Life Master – Noe Mallari, San Diego

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



Unit Game results for April

Open Section Flight A: First Place goes to Tim Flaherty & Joe Houde – 68.62% followed by Jeri Adams & John White – 59.10%, Bill Williams & Rick Kerbel – 59.07%, Rex & Sheila Latus – 58.03%, Marilyn Kalabsa & Ruth Aronsohn – 55.62%, and Alan & Debbie Gailfus – 55.26%

Non-Life Master Results for April were: First Place: Katherine Wilkey & Sheila Slayton – 56.58% followed by Ed Koch & Ray Gogolweski – 55.83%, Ray & Wilma Wilhelm – 54.75%, Nancy Scott & Miriam Slatic – 54.00% and Sandy Johnson & Naomi Brownell – 53.00%. Congratulations to all April 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 May 24th and July 26th. **Note:** There will be no Unit game in June due to the Summer Sectional on the same weekend. See you at “The Lake”!

Welcome New Members to Unit 549

Dorothea Mortimore and Kasren Dellinger, San Marcos; Margo Lewis, Miguel Cordoba, Jackie Hough, Donna Wolfe, San Diego; Janice Crouch and Joanne Weiner, William Black, Wallace McCoy, Bharat and Sudha Shah, Rancho Santa Fe; Leo Muller, Valley Center; and Frank Russo, Ramona. Welcome to all new members!

Unit 549 Club News

North County Bridge Center

Alert! Alert! Bunny Schmidt and Pete Watt scored 40 points at the San Diego Regional!

ALERT! NCBC has moved to our "temporary" location in the East Valley Parkway Community Center. The center is at 2245 E. Valley Parkway and is on the south side of Valley Parkway between Midway and Citrus, nearly 1.5 miles east of Palomar Health Downtown Campus. It has ample parking and multiple handicapped spaces. To get there from the south, use Bear Valley Parkway to Midway (left turn at Orange Glen HS) and then north to Valley and turn right. Center is on the right about mid-block. From the north and west, the easiest way is I-15 to 78, then east to its end at Broadway. Continue straight onto Lincoln to Midway (about 1.5 miles) and turn right to Valley Parkway, then left onto Valley Parkway.

Games are scheduled for Monday, Wednesday, and Friday at 11:30 AM, and Saturday at 12:30 PM. The Saturday game is a Barometer game, Mega Point Games and Club Championship games will be held throughout the month of June. Check the website for the current calendar of events.

Now you can sign-up on-line for your games, see results easily and special game announcements. Go to www.northcountybridgecenter.com to see game schedule and sign-up.

Lake San Marcos Duplicate Bridge Club at Grandon

The **charity** for March was Lake San Marcos Kiwanis and for April the charity was Casa De Amparo plus the San Marcos Senior Center.

The LSMDBC Schedule for June: All games will be North American Pairs qualifiers with lots of POINTS! The Friday night Potluck will be on June 20th.

Top Five Players for March were Gary Beed, Patsy Goodson, Jeanne Griffin, Patricia Kell and Diana Fritz-Maes. Way to go top five!

Top five players for April were John Carpenter, Kay Carpenter, Nina Laughbaum, Kay Haralson, and Shirley Malone.

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. **BULLETIN: Jean Holt & Nina Laughbaum are starting a new game on Tuesday, May 27th at 6:30pm at the Grandon location.**

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

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.

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!

June 2014

North County Inland, Unit 549

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BOLD games denote Mega-Masterpoint Games.

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