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THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF ACBL UNIT 549

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

HAPPY BIRTHDAY AMERICA

Celebrate American's 238th birthday with fireworks, hot dogs and the great American past time bridge (no not baseball). A sparkling Fourth of July to all.

You are all invited to the Grand Reopening of the North County Bridge Center. The new location is 2320 South Escondido Blvd., Escondido 92025. The celebration of the reopening will be held Friday July 18th at 12:30. There will be pulled pork sliders (thanx Mariam), baked beans (thanx Gary), and sheet cakes (thanx Betsey). It is an event sponsored by your Unit 549.

The bridge is free! But, space is limited. Reservations are suggested. Go online at NORTHCOUNTYBRIDGECENTER.com or call 1 (760) 747 6092 or 1 (760) 239 2204

The North American Bridge Championships (otherwise known as the Nationals will be held in Las Vegas July 17-24. This is the closest to San Diego the tournament has been held in a number of years. Make your plans to go to Sin City get those gold and platinum points!

Sheila

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



Open
Al Nadel



Under 5000
Jan Sperla



Under 3000
Chuck Donaldson



Under 1500
Dan Higgins



Under 750
Jill Roberts



Under 500
Art Foeste



Under 100
Rick Sontag

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

The LSMDBC Schedule for July:

Week 1: NAP (Tuesday, July 1 - 6:30 PM; Wednesday, July 2 - 11:00 AM)

Week 2: District 22/23 STAC (Tuesday, July 8 - 6:30 PM; Wednesday, July 9 - 11 AM; Friday, July 11 - 6:30 PM, preceded by Potluck at 5:30 PM)

Week 3 NAP (Tuesday, July 15 - 6:30 PM; Wednesday, July 16 - 11:00 AM; Friday, July 18 - 6:30 PM, preceded by Potluck at 5:30 PM)

Week 4: Charity Games (Tuesday, July 22 - 6:30 PM; Wednesday, July 23- 11:00 AM)

Friday, July 26 - Unit 549 Championship Game - Lake San Marcos Pavilion - 1:00pm

Last Chance!

Unit 549's Summer Sectional is 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! Knockouts 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 web-site: ACBLUnit549.org.

Alert!

July and August are North American Pairs qualifier games. All clubs in Unit 549 will be participating. See Club managers at North County Bridge Center, Lake San Marcos DBC and Ramona Townhall BC for game schedule.

Welcome New Members to Unit 549

Paula Book and Polly Attori, Jack Bridgeman and Maxine McNamara, Tim Haidinger, Bejai Higgins, Susan Avery, Ronda Edwards and Marty Segal. Welcome to all new members!

IN MEMORIAM

Unit 549 lost a good friend and bridge player, Liz Reed. Liz was a member of Unit 549 and was a retired RN, BSN and MSN. She was the daughter of a Lutheran U.S. Army Chaplain and wife of an Air Force pilot. She lived and worked throughout the U.S., Germany and Japan. She was also director of Nursing for several VA hospitals through out the US

Unit Game results for May

Open Section Flight A: Liz Nixon & Jean Holt – 60.19% followed by Ruth Aronsohn & Chuck Siggins, Ken Matson & Chuck Ward, George & Maggie Yeh and Paul Landrum & Toshi Yasatuke.

Non-Life Master Results for May were: Jean Gilchrist & Erica Federman followed by Mary Sato & Rosemary Finger, Sandy Johnson & Naomi Brownell and tied for 4/5 Witold Modlinski & Mary Lou Buer-Modlinski with Sue Compton & Rick Sontag. Congratulations to all of the above.

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 July 26th and August 23rd. See you at “The Lake”!

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

Junior Master – Jim Marshall and Wallace McCoy.

Club Master – Geoff Applegate, Larry Axelrod, Jolinda Marshall, Debra McCallum, Carey Simkin and Virginia Wohlfiel,

New NABC Master – Beverly Wilson

New Life Master – Irving Gold

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

Unit 549 Club News

North County Bridge Center

ALERT! NCBC will be in its new location in July, for more information stay tuned to northcountybridgecenter.com and ACBLUnit549.org. The new address is 2320 S. Escondido Blvd., Escondido, 92025. The phone # is 760-747-6092. 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 May was Kasane School in Botswana and the Lake San Marcos Senior Center.

The LSMDBC Schedule for July: Week 1: NAP; Week 2: District 22/23 STAC; Week 3 NAP and Week 4: Charity Games. Lots of Points all month long! The Friday night Potluck will be on July 18th.

Top Five Players for May were Liz Nixon, Jean Holt, Nina Laughbaum, Pat Hawkins and Elaine & David Gifford. 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

Summer Camp Youth Beginners on Tues. 1pm + Pizza

Free Adult 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 – rthbridge.com

JUNE 2014

Summer Solstice and the fruit ripens on the vine. What? You thought I was talking about Ramona's prize-winning grapes? No, no, no dear readers, I have not strayed from the topic "at hand." I am referring to the youth attending Bridge Summer Camp right in our own Town Hall!

With all the teachers in our club, the Bill Gates–Warren Buffett idea to introduce Bridge into the schools has long had appeal. So much so, we decided to do it ourselves in a kind of "grow-your-own" summer project. Under the careful and caring tutelage of Lenore Sjoberg, (our most recent Sectional Master), a group of motivated youngsters gathers at the Town Hall on Tuesday, eager for camaraderie and pizza, and oh yes, lessons in the fine art of Bridge. RTHB welcomes Johnny Childress (13), Nathan Kiddoo (14), Savannah Kiddoo (13), Berlin Kiddoo (10), Madison Mahaffey (9), Hunter Mahaffey (11) and Daniel Werhanowicz (14).

We suspect that summer may not be enough for these quick-learners and we're already bracing for the onslaught of their expertise as they take their new skills home and practice on their laptops, phones, tablets and computers. RTHB may go viral any moment now – but worry not, there will be no sour grapes and no horticultural expert needed. Immunity is not recommended. (Have some Madeira, my dear? They're coming, they're coming. They're almost here!)

Club Master, Geof Applegate's class of Intermediate Players also continues to grow in the sunshine of his poetry and engaging approach. Yes, poetry – Geof reminds his students how to bid, with witty couplets that spring to mind at just the right moment. The group welcomes two new members who truly know how to keep the beat – Carol and Craig Rifle recently moved into the Country Estates from Michigan (and the Detroit Symphony Orchestra.) Welcome – with no strings attached!

So, what goes best with all our ripening talent? A PARTY, of course and hey, what better time than our own Second-Year Anniversary! Mark your calendars because on August 1st, that's a Friday at 10 a.m., RTHB will host a Championship Game with Double Points and a Bar-be-que! Wow! Two years! ... and this time, we have air conditioning! Whether you're vintage or fresh off the vine, come one and all to Ramona Town Hall and help us celebrate!

July 2014

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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	1 Town Hall BC 1:30pm Teaching Session Lake San Marcos DBC 6:30PM Open Game (NAP Pairs)	2 Town Hall BC 10am Open Game NCBC (760) 747-6092 for info Lake San Marcos DBC 10AM Chalk Talk 11AM Open Game (NAP Pairs)	3 NCBC (760) 747-6092 for info Town Hall BC 6pm Open Game	4 Town Hall BC 10am Open Game NCBC (760) 747-6092 for info	5 NCBC (760) 747-6092 for info	
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BOLD games denote Mega-Masterpoint Games.

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