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North County Inland, Unit 549

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THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF ACBL UNIT 549

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

NORTH AMERICAN BRIDGE CHAMPIONSHIPS LAS VEGAS 2014

It was quite an event. People from all over the world came to play at the "Nationals" (even Bill Gates was there). Rex (husband) and I drove the 300 miles to Las Vegas to play in the Life Masters Pairs. Playing against the world's best players is fun, exciting and exhilarating. Holding your own with an average session puts things in perspective.

It became very apparent that there were many flaws in our game...too many errors in judgement, not enough thinking. We hung in there and tried again and again. We will continue to play this game that infuriates, frustrates, and delights us.

The host hotel (once the Hilton, then the Las Vegas Hotel and now the Westgate) was just ordinary. Many of the players had major complaints about the hotel. The playing conditions, though, were quite nice. For those of you who plan to go to the next Nationals in Las Vegas, the ACBL is planning a better and newer site for the tournament.

Hang in there, continue to learn about our game. Play well, THINK. ENJOY!!!

I would like to welcome new members to our unit Claire Schneider, Gregory Thiem, Lyn Lazzaro, Elmer Likes, and Mel Naftal.

Sheila

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



Open
Al Nadel



Under 5000
Setsuko Nakazawa



Under 3000
Maggie Yeh



Under 1500
Mariam Saner



Under 750
Hazel Turner



Under 500
Doris Cubeisy



Under 100
Dan Higgins

Upcoming Unit 549 Events - Mark the Date

Special Games with Extra Points

NCBC August Schedule:

STAC GAMES (all at 12:30 pm): Every day Monday, August 18 through Friday, August 22

Mega-Point Games (all Mega-Point games are 12:30 pm start times): Tuesday, August 5, Thursday, August 7, Friday, August 8, Saturday, August 9, Wednesday, August 27, and Saturday, August 30. **These games are also NAP Qualifying Games (Flights A, B, and C)**

August Club Championship games will be at 12:30 pm on Monday, August 4, Wednesday, August 13, and Friday, August 29.

LSMDBC August Schedule:

NAP Qualifying Games at 6:30 pm Tuesday, August 5, 11 am Wednesday, August 6, 6:30 pm Tuesday, August 26 and 11 am Wednesday, August 27.

Charity Games at 6:30 pm Tuesday, August 12 and 11 am Wednesday, August 13

STAC Games at 6:30 pm Tuesday, August 19, 11 am Wednesday, August 20, and 6:30 pm Friday, August 22 (the August 22 game will be preceded by the monthly potluck at 5:30 pm.)

Saturday, August 23 - 1:00 pm - Unit Championship Game (STAC GAME) at Lake San Marcos Pavilion

NAP Alert!

August is the last chance to qualify for the North American Pairs. All clubs in Unit 549 will be participating. See Club managers Lee Hofacre at North County Bridge Center, Nina Laughbaum at Lake San Marcos DBC and Maryann Houston at Ramona Townhall BC for game schedule.

STAC WEEK

August 18th – 24th! Need Silver Points? This is your chance. All Unit 549 Clubs will participate. Call the manager of North County Bridge Center, Lake San Marcos and Ramona Townhall Bridge Club to confirm STAC week dates and times.

Welcome New Members to Unit 549

Claire Schneider, Gregory Thiem, Sherry Kroop, Marjorie Vosenkamper, Lyn Lazzaro, and Elmer Likes. Welcome to all new members!

Unit Game Alert!

Our next Unit game is July 26th at the Lake San Marcos Pavilion. Unit Games now **include lunch**. Bottled water, sodas and coffee are provided. 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 · August 23rd and September 27th. **Note:** See you at “The Lake”!

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

Junior Master –Lois Bridgeman and Geraldine Jones.

Club Master – Jean Gilchrist and Wallace McCoy

Sectional Master – Dorothea Johnson and Lenore Sjoberg

New Regional Master – Betty Serepca

New NABC Master – Sue Compton

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

Unit 549 Club News

North County Bridge Center

Good News! North County Bridge Center has reopened in its new quarters! The afternoon open games will start at 12:30 p.m., while Friday non-life master games will start at 9 a.m. There also will be Monday and Wednesday mentoring at 9 a.m. The Saturday game is a Barometer game, The phone # is 760-747-6092. Go to www.northcountybridgecenter.com for updated information. The new location is at 2320 S. Escondido Boulevard. It is less than a quarter mile from the club's former digs on the northwest corner of Centre City Parkway and Citracado. From the old club, simply turn left on Citracado and go straight across Centre City. Take the (almost immediate) first left onto Escondido Blvd. and go past the Elks Lodge, Canterbury Gardens and a small motel. Turn right either before or after the Sunset Lounge into an L-shaped parking lot. The club is immediately behind the Sunset Lounge.

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 Fraternity House and the Lake San Marcos Senior Center.

The LSMDBC Schedule for August: Week 1 & 4: NAP; Week 2: Charity and Week 3 Great Western STAC August 18th – 24th. Lots of Points all month long! The Friday night Potluck will be on August 22nd. Weekly schedule is Tuesday night, Wednesday daytime and once a month Potluck.

Top Five Players for June were Kay Haralson, Nina Laughbaum, Joe Houde, Jeanne Griffin and Minnie Williams. 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!

Reminder: LSMDBC has a Tuesday night game at 6:30pm! 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

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, Geoff 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!

August 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

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BOLD games denote Mega-Masterpoint Games.

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