

North County Inland, Unit 549

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THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF ACBL UNIT 549

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

BETTIE MESSER HELDRING
December 1918 – JULY 2014

Bettie Messer Heldring joined the ACBL in 1948. She moved from Kansas City to Escondido in 1968. At that time bridge in San Diego County was a cottage industry. Then the ACBL sanctioned games in peoples' homes. There was a game at the Senior Center in Escondido on Friday nights. The players were expected to set up and put away the tables and chairs. They were also expected to bring in new players.

In 1969 Unit 531 Oceanside – Vista – Escondido became a formal entity with a Board of Directors and Bettie Messer as the First Unit President 1969-70. Bettie took a gamble in 1971 and organized and funded (the Unit had no money) the first Unit Sectional which was held at the Rancho Bernardo Swim & Tennis Club. There was no meal provided between sessions. Bettie asked unit members to bake and provide cookies as snacks. (Excerpted from BRIDGE MEMORIES by Rex Latus.)

It was a pleasure to know Bettie, play bridge as her partner, play bridge as her opponent, bring her into my family, and become part of hers. She was a fierce competitor, a mentor and my friend. Rex and I first met Bettie (and you'd better spell it with an "ie" and not a "y") about 40 years ago when we started playing duplicate. We kids (and she always called us that) were petrified! Bettie was already an icon in the North San Diego County bridge scene. Whenever we played against her, she was polite and encouraging. Somehow we managed to lose our anxiety, not that we did well, but her warmth and smile made our bad boards a little less painful.

Years later, after we retired, Rex and I played regularly play with Bettie on Mondays and Fridays. We had a good time and played for 8 or so years until she "fired" me. I guess I got too aggressive and she did not appreciate some of my criticism. We remained friends and she was included in my family celebrations on Christmas and Thanksgiving. She loved my cranberry chutney and the gravy I made for my tofurky eaters.

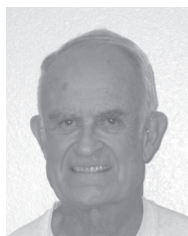
I will miss your graciousness, your insight, and your wonderful stories of bridge of years past. Enjoy your heavenly games with John and Barry. We are going to miss you! Rest in peace.

Sheila

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



Open
Kay Haralson



Under 5000
Chuck Donaldson



Under 3000
Jeri Adams



Under 1500
Jan Sperla



Under 750
Maggie Yeh



Under 500
Setsuko Nakazawa



Under 100
Dan Higgins

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

Lake San Marcos DBC - Monthly potluck Friday, Sept. 12, 5:30 Potluck followed by game at 6:30.

Special Lungevity Game Saturday, Sept. 20, 12:30, Lake San Marcos Conference Center

NCBC Mega-Point Games (all Mega-Point games are 12:30 pm start times): Thursday, Sept. 4, Friday, Sept. 5, Saturday, Sept. 6, Tuesday, Sept. 9, Thursday, Sept. 18, Saturday, Sept. 20, Tuesday, Sept. 23, Wednesday, Sept. 24, and Friday, Sept. 26.

September Club Championship games will be at 12:30 pm on Monday, Sept. 1, Wednesday, Sept. 10, and Friday, Sept. 12.

Saturday, Sept. 27 - 1:00 PM - Unit Championship Game, Lake San Marcos Pavilion

July Unit Game Results

Open Game winners: George & Maggie Yeh, followed by Fran White & Rick Kerbel, Gary Beed & Mariam Saner, Bill & Nancy Sperry, and tied for 4/5 place Lane Campbell & Mark Thompson & Joe Potts & Ross Penne.

Non-Life Master winners were Mary Lou & Witold Modlinski followed by Angela Tilaro & Julie Watkins, Verena Hommel & Harriett Landon and Connie Etheridge & Earl Maas, Jr. Congratulations to all and thank you for coming to our Unit game.

Unit Game Alert! Our next Unit game is September 27 at the Lake San Marcos Pavilion. Unit Games now **include lunch**. Bottled water and sodas are available for 50 cents, coffee is free. The first place 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 September 27th and Oct. 25th. See you at the Lake!

Alert!

Jean Holt, Unit 549 and Eileen Goss, Unit 531 will be hosting their 2nd Annual Special Club Championship Game honoring Lung Cancer Victims Irene Wickland, Bonnie Nadler and Hilary Sutcliffe, all three were members of Unit 549 and Unit 531.

This special game will be held Saturday, September 20th at 12:30pm. The location is the Lake San Marcos Conference Center, 1105 La Bonita Dr, Lake San Marcos, 92078. Checks for \$25 per person can be made out to Lungevity and includes the game and complete lunch. Your check is a 100% charitable donation. All beverages are included. Registration required to Jean Holt: 760-734-4518 or 760-458-4550 Cell or Email: jnnnhlt582@gmail.com

70% Games

We had one 70% game in July: 72.95% by Jeri Adams - John White, July 26th at North County Bridge Center

Welcome New Members to Unit 549

Jessica Patton and Suzanne Smith. Welcome to all new members!

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

Junior Master – Frank Russo and Henry Tileston
Club Master – Paul Dewey, Sharon Greene, and Marvin Schwedock

New Regional Master – Nancy Scott
New NABC Master – Richard Sontag

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



Unit 549 Club News

North County Bridge Center

ALERT! NCBC is in its new location: 2320 S. Escondido Blvd., Escondido, 92025. The phone # is 760-747-6092. Go to www.northcountybridgecenter.com for updated information. NCBC will host a full schedule of games Monday thru Saturday, weekly. Open games are at 12:30pm, with teaching lessons/games Mondays and Wednesdays at 9:00am and 0-399 games on Fridays at 9:00am. The Saturday game is a Barometer game, Mega Point Games and Club Championship games will be held throughout the month of September. 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

Big News at Lake San Marcos Bridge Club! Jean and Nina are getting Bridge Mates to help us score more accurately. The Charity this month will be the SM Senior Center West.

Also, Jean and Nina are going to start using the "Common Game" at the Wednesday game. What is the Common Game. More Players! More Clubs! More Play! You will be able to compare your game with others across the country playing the same hands on the same day at the same time. Go to www.thecommongame.com and see what it is all about. The monthly potluck will be on the 12th rather than the 19th since the Lungevity Game is the 20th.

Top Five Players for July were Jean Holt, Nina Laughbaum, Diana Fritz-Maes, Gary Beed and Shirley Malone. 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 Adult Lessons - Tues. at 2:00 p.m.
Sanctioned Evening Game - Thurs. at 6 p.m. + Snacks
NEW! After-School Bridge - Fri. 3 - 5:30 p.m.
Call Mary Ann or Doug Houston: 760-789-1132
www.rthbridge.com

AUGUST - SEPTEMBER 2014 ~

Sum-sum-summertime . . . slip-slip-slippin' away. No! Wait! Make that sippin' away! The harvest is coming in and the wine is prize-winning. Oh, yes, and so are the newest Bridge recruits! Our wine, our kids and some singers in our Bridge group will be on stage at this Saturday's Town Hall Hoedown, yet another way our community is working toward restoration of the 1890s building. Civic-minded we are, especially when it comes to mixing civics with a really good time.

Even our youngest are catching on, and it's not just their bidding! Savannah, Hunter, Nathan, Johnny, Daniel, Berlin, and Madison volunteer to assist RTHB with set-up and take-down, and serving and clean-up after lunch. As if that's not enough, these civic-minded youth are volunteering for other Town Hall and community activities.

With participants like this peeking over our shoulders, the pressure is on for an After-School Bridge Program. So, we will begin every Friday from 3:00 - 5:30. Their very popular teacher, Lenore Sjoberg, will continue to lead these kids (gently) through their first year. Already the group is welcoming two new members, Olivia VanTol (11), and Cameron Stuckey (11). Olivia, who is being home-schooled, has already offered to assist with our Wed. and Fri. games. (Peeking allowed!)

We celebrated our RTHB birthday on August 1st with a two-room, full house, Championship Game with double points, and even a barbeque and cake! We party-hardy in the foothills!

And what about Cruella, our card sorter rattling in the closet? Oh my, how she loves the approach of Halloween. We'd better come up with something that satisfies her. Remember last year when she gave us such a dressing-down even while we were dressing-up? BOO!

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 NCBC 9:00 AM - Teaching Lesson/Game NCBC 12:30 PM - Open Pairs CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP SPECIAL LABOR DAY LUNCH AT NOON	2 Town Hall BC 1:30pm Teaching Session NCBC 12:30 PM - Open Pairs Lake San Marcos DBC 6:30PM Open Game	3 Town Hall BC 10am - Open Game NCBC 9:00 AM - Teaching Lesson/Game NCBC 12:30 PM - Open Pairs Lake San Marcos DBC 10AM Chalk Talk 11AM Open Game	4 NCBC 12:30 PM - Open Pairs MEGA POINT Town Hall BC 6pm Open Game	5 NCBC 9:00 AM 0-399 Game Town Hall BC 10am Open Game NCBC 12:30 PM - Open Pairs Town Hall BC 3pm After School Bridge	6 NCBC 12:30 PM - Barometer Game MEGA POINT
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BOLD games denote Mega-Masterpoint Games.

COVERING POWAY, SAN MARCOS, RANCHO BERNARDO, VALLEY CENTER, RANCHO SANTA FE & ESCONDIDO