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North County Inland, Unit 549

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THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF ACBL UNIT 549

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

TIME

Let's slow down (except at the bridge table)

It is almost mind boggling to see the year slip by so quickly. It has just turned autumn and Halloween is still a month away, yet Christmas decorations are already popping up. Where has the year gone? Why do we rush so? Time flies by quickly enough. Take time to contemplate (but don't overthink the hand).

I seem to be contradicting myself, first I say slow down and then parenthetically I suggest that we speed up. Bridge is a timed event. We are usually given seven minutes to complete a hand. Certainly we have those hands that require long contemplation to work out problems, but this should not be the norm. Think about and make your opening lead before you note the contract in your personal score or enter the contract into the Bridgемate. Don't slow the game down with minutia.

Congratulations to Unit 549 new life masters Roger Liles and Cathy Staver.

Sheila

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Al Nadel



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Jeri Adams



Under 3000
Tom Nolan



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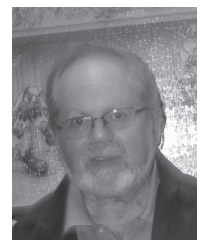


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Under 750
Christine and
Herman Louie



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Mariam Saner



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Larry Gach

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

Lake San Marcos DBC - Monthly potluck Friday, October 17th., 5:30 Potluck followed by game at 6:30. Charity Games Oct. 7th, 8th, 21st and 22nd. Jane Johnson Club Appreciation Games Oct 14th, 15th and 17th.

NCBC will have Jane Johnson Club Appreciation Pairs games at 12:30 pm on: Saturday, October 4, Monday, October 6, Friday, October 10, Tuesday, October 14, Wednesday, October 15, Thursday, October 16, Saturday, October 18, Monday, October 27, and Friday, October 31. **There will be Jane Johnson Club Appreciation Team games at 9:00 am on:** Tuesday, October 28, and Thursday, October 30.

NCBC October Club Championship games will be at 12:30 pm on Wednesday, October 1st, Monday, October 20th, and Friday, October 24th.

Saturday, Oct. 25 - 1:00 PM - Unit Championship Game, Lake San Marcos Pavilion

Big Happenings in Unit 549 for November and December!

Mark the Date! On November 22nd, we will host our **Annual Potluck and Toys for Camp Pendleton Marine Families!** You bring an unwrapped toy as part of your entry + \$8. All entry fees are donated to the Marine Families. Contact Jill Roberts by email: jillroberts78@gmail.com about bringing a dish for the Potluck. This will be the best lunch you will ever have at a Unit game... until December 27th!

Mark the Date, again! December 27th ! Holiday Luncheon and Unit Game. Again, a fabulous lunch with all the Holiday trimmings. All 549 members play for free + players that play regularly in our Unit Games play for free too!

Alert! Our next Unit game is October 25th, followed by Nov. 22nd and Dec. 27th 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. Go to Unit 549's website www.acblunit549.org for partnerships, to sign-up for the Unit games and see results.

70% Games in Unit 549

There were two 70% games in August: 74.06% by Chuck Donaldson & Stanley Westreich, August 18th at North County BC, and 70.33% by Jean Holt & Pat Hawkins, August 20th at Lake San Marcos DBC. Congratulations!

Welcome New Members to Unit 549

Toni Lien, Robert Miner, Bill Rice, David Greene and Marilyn Kalabsa. Welcome to all new members!

August Unit Game Results

North/South Open Game winners: Lynn and Janice Wells, followed by Dick Thome & Larry Erickson; Alex Folie & Matthew Mallory, Fran White & Rick Kerbel, Gail Whiteley & Jill Roberts, and Kay Haralson & Hazel Turner.

East/West Open winners were Ian Collins & Lorraine Gordon followed by Joe Houde & Ron Kay, Joan Kroener & Jeannette Bentley, Cheryl Rodzach & Ginger Calvert, George & Maggie Yey, Andy & Pat Loh and Ken & Chuck Matson.

North/South Non-Life Master winners were Mary Lou & Witold Modlinski tied with Sheila Slayton & Kay Wilkey and Betty Brekke & Adela Cloney.

East/West Non-Life Master winners were Nancy Underdahl & Joann Dilling followed by Erica Federman & Jean Gilchrist and Sue Compton & Rick Sontag.

This Unit game was a STAC game which resulted in many more winners. Congratulations to all and thank you for coming to our Unit game.

Members Reaching New Levels of Achievement in Unit 549 in August

Club Master – Ronique Nilson

Sectional Masters – Ken Cragoe, Gerald Kroop and Carey Simkin

Life Masters – Roger Liles and Cathy Staver

Bronze Life Master – Bernie Simkin

Silver Life Masters – Barbara Pepper, Carol Turner and John White

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 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. All games are at 12:30pm. The Saturday game is a Barometer game. Jane Johnson Club Appreciation games and Club Championship games will be held throughout the month of October. 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

Lake San Marcos DBC now has Bridge Mates to help us score more accurately. The charities for August were the SM Senior Center West and Esperanco.

Also, the Wednesday game is now connected to **The Common 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 October 17th. Charity games will be Oct. 7th, 8th, 21st, and 22nd. Jane Johnson Club appreciation games will be Oct. 14th, 15th, and 17th. All of this means more points for the winners,

Top Five Players for July were Kay Haralson, Jean Holt, Tim Flaherty, Nina Laughbaum, and Joe Houde. 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. NEW!**

Sanctioned Game Afterwards

Sanctioned Evening Game - Thurs. at 6 p.m. + Snacks

After-School Bridge – Fri. 3 – 5:00 p.m.

**Call Mary Ann or Doug Houston for Details:
760-789-1132 – rthbridge.com**

OCTOBER 2014 ~ HAPPY HARVEST

October, the harvest month, brings more than grapes ripening on the vine here in the foothills. The maturing of Bridge Players, young and er- less young, has our Town Hall all in a dither. Not only is the After-School Bridge Program bringing youth to the tables, fueled by pizza and the enthusiasm of their teacher, Lenore Sjoberg, but the tenderly maturing Newcomers who grace the Town Hall for lessons on Tuesdays feel ready to drop in on the sanctioned games.

What to do? Geof Applegate, who has cultivated their current level of expertise agrees that they have conquered the etiquette, Stayman, Transfers, and even Inverted Minors. But these players, with fewer than 20 ACBL points, are possibly unprepared for the "vintage" games.

Fortunately, ACBL has come up with a solution: "Bridge Plus-Plus." Starting in October, the Tuesday Lesson will end with a sanctioned game, strictly for zero-to-twenty point players. Mary Ann Houston has organized the details with her usual aplomb, and even the over-twenty-point crowd is envious. The Newcomers will compete against their own while finding compatible partners, for as long as it takes to master 20 points and then move into the Wednesday, Thursday, and/or Friday games. (Of course, some Newcomers, brave souls that they are, have already added a drop or two to that champagne!)

Speaking of Mary Ann – HAPPY BIRTHDAY – and what a celebration it was! Not only did Mary Ann take a day off from her culinary endeavors at the lunch buffet, but along with her partner, Marilyn Kalabsa scored a whopping 76.67!!! WOW! To make matters even more interesting, Mary Ann and Marilyn are studying for the Director's Test.

In the meantime, Doug Houston still has a firm grip on cackling Cruella, our devious card-sorter who very much wants us to recognize her birthday on Halloween. YIKES! Hang-on Doug. We all need you, and Cruella only listens when you speak, although we'd love to know what mysteries you exchange!

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 (760) 789-1132 • houston6805@sbcglobal.net • www.rthbridge.com
 Lake San Marcos DBC - Jean Holt, Director; Nina Laughbaum, Manager
 1605 Grandon Ave., San Marcos • (760) 734-4518 or (760) 736-9386 • jimmh1582@gmail.com

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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