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North County Inland, Unit 549

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THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF ACBL UNIT 549

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

WAIT 'TIL NEXT YEAR

Maybe the Padres, the Chargers, and the Packers (Rex is from Wisconsin) will win championships.

As 2014 comes to a close, your Unit 549 board is looking forward to and are making plans for 2015. We are interested in knowing the kinds of events in which you would like to play. Should we plan a Swiss Team Game or better yet, a Team Game where everyone plays the same set of boards at the same time, or a Silver Splash? Would you like a different kind of Unit Game – perhaps a barometer or a Board-A-Match?

We will have a TOY DRIVE for the Marine families at Camp Pendleton (2014's happening on 11/22). Donated toys and all entry fees are donated to the Marine Families. This event will also include a pot luck lunch. Also being planned is a Holiday Luncheon and Unit Game (this year 12/27). The game and the lunch are FREE!!!

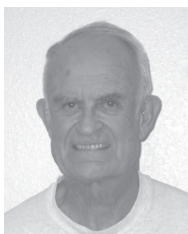
The first item on our agenda is to make the first of our biannual sectional (January 16 & 17 2015) a success. It is not too early to make your plans to play in the one session stratified open and non-life master events on Friday and Saturday. Friday's events are regionally rated charity games (extra Master points awarded!). Morning KO's will be continued in the afternoon and there will be Swiss Teams in the afternoons.

Suggestions are gratefully accepted on our website (ACBLunit549.org) or by contacting me directly (selatus@gmail.com or 760 781 3320(h) or 760-415-2030(h)). I will pass on all suggestions to the board for discussion.

Thanx and Happy Holidays

Sheila

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



Open
Chuck Donaldson



Under 5000
Al Nadel



Under 3000
Dot Swanger



Under 1500
Mariam Saner



Under 750
Dan Higgins



Under 500
Larry Gach



Under 100
Marvin Schwedock

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

Lake San Marcos DBC - STAC Games Tuesday, Nov. 18 (6:30 pm) and Wednesday, Nov. 19 (11:00 am). Monthly potluck Friday, November 21, 5:30 Potluck followed by STAC game at 6:30.

NCBC will have Mega-Point Games at 12:30pm on: Saturday, November 1, Monday, November 3, Wednesday, November 5, Friday, November 7, Tuesday, November 11, Thursday, November 13, Saturday, November 15, and Saturday, November 29. **STAC Games will be at 12:30pm on:** Monday through Friday, November 17-21.

NCBC November Club Championship games will be at 12:30 pm on: Monday, November 10, Wednesday, November 12, and Friday, November 28. **They will have a Thanksgiving dinner and game on Thursday, November 27** (dinner at 11:30am, followed by a 24 board session at 1 pm).

Saturday, Nov. 22 - 1:00 PM - Unit Championship Game and Annual Potluck and Toys for Camp Pendleton Marine Families, Lake San Marcos Pavilion

Big Happenings in Unit 549 for November and December!

Mark your calendar for Unit 549's big happenings for November and December. On November 22, we will host our Annual Potluck and Toy Drive. Please bring an unwrapped toy to be donated to Camp Pendleton Marine families. Your entry fee of \$8 will be donated to the Marine Families. Contact Jill Roberts (jillroberts78@gmail.com) about bringing a dish for the potluck. On December 27th we will be hosting a Holiday Luncheon and Unit game. Again, a fabulous lunch with all the holiday trimmings. All Unit 549 members play for free and players who play regularly in our unit games play for free. The games are played at the Lake San Marcos Pavilion, 1105 La Bonita Drive, San Marcos 92078. Call Liz Nixon for directions: 760 214 8999. The games are \$8 including lunch. Water and soft drinks are 50 cents, coffee and tea are free. Doors open at 12:15, the games start at 1:00.

September Unit Game Winners

In the Open section: Jeri Adams – Tim Flaherty; Paul Landrum – Toshi Yasutake ; Terry Badger – Ray Curtiss; Jane Horgan –Betsey Illes; Ken Matson – Hazel Turner; Mary Fenton – Herb Schaffer; Lawrence Erickson – Richard Thome; Alberdina Bahmanian – Manoochehr Bahmanian; Carolyn Scerni – Betty Wallace; Tomomi Nabura – Radha Sharma; Rex & Sheila Latus; Jill Roberts – Gail Whiteley; Rochelle Gerlich – Nina Laughbaum.

In the non-life master section: Alan & DR Groh; Raymond & Wilma Wilhelm; Erica Federman – Jean Gilchrist; Joann Dilling – Nancy Underdahl.

Lungevity Event

The Lungevity Game on Sept 20th netted over \$9,000 raised. It was extremely successful! Last year we raised \$3,000.

Note from Jean Holt and Eileen Goss to the Unit 549 Board: "I can't thank you enough for your constant support for the past two years. The LUNGEVITY event could not happen without you at this point." Thanks to all the bridge players who supported this event.

70% Games in Unit 549

At RTHB, Mary Ann Houston and Marilyn Kalabsa scored a whopping 76.67 percent game on September 19. Congratulations.

Welcome New Members to Unit 549

Ronald Moon, Robert Porter, Marjorie Sinel, and Jody Smith.

Members Reaching New Levels of Achievement in the Unit in September

New Junior Masters – Bejai Higgins, Toni Lien, Robert Miner, and Roger Van Duzer. **New Club Masters** – Gerald Asbury and Lynn Jaseph. **New Regional Master** – Jacqueline McGee. **New Silver Life Master** – Nina Laughbaum.



Unit 549 Club News

North County Bridge Center

NCBC hosts a full schedule of games Monday thru Saturday, weekly. All games begin at 12:30pm. The Saturday event is a Barometer Game. On Mondays and Wednesdays at 9:00am, the NCBC will hold a Teaching Lesson/Game.

There will be Mega-Point Games on November 1, 3, 5, 7, 11, 13, 15, and 29 and STAC games November 17-21. Club championship games will be held on November 10, 12, and 28. Check the website or page 4 of this month's Table Talk for a complete calendar of events.

NCBC will be hosting a Thanksgiving meal on Thursday November 27 beginning at 11:30. It will be followed by a 24 board bridge session at 1 pm.

Go to northcountybridgecenter.com for a complete schedule of events for November. You can go to the website to sign up for your games and see results and special game announcements.

Lake San Marcos Duplicate Bridge Club at Grandon

Attention! All Lake San Marcos Duplicate Bridge Players!

Lake San Marcos DBC now has Bridge Mates to help us score more accurately. The charity for September was Longevity and the San Marcos Senior Center West.

Top Five for September were: Tim Flaherty followed by Jean Holt, Kay Haralson, Nina Laughbaum, and Gail Whiteley. Congrats to the Top 5!

STAC week is Nov. 18th and 19th The monthly potluck will be a STAC game on November 21st. The Unit Game will be Nov. 22nd at the Pavilion and will be a Pot-Luck and charity event to support the Marine Families. Everyone is asked to bring an unwrapped Toy as part of your entry.

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 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.

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.

Total Masterpoints reported: 133.14

The Club is fully sanctioned by the American Contract Bridge League and Masterpoints are awarded weekly. The Cost is \$5 per person. For reservations and directions Call: Mgr. Nina Laughbaum at 736-9386 or Director, Jean Holt at 734-4518, Public Relations, Liz Nixon at 760-471-1899. LSMDBC meets at the Grandon Senior Center, 1605 Grandon Ave. in San Marcos.

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. Pizza, too!
Call Mary Ann or Doug Houston for Details:
760-789-1132 – rthbridge.com

Spirits abound here in the foothills. No, I'm not just talking about the Halloween ghosties and ghoulies or things that go "bump" in the night. Well, it is no secret that Cruella (our slightly hysterical card-sorter) wants attention since Halloween is her birthday – bumpity-bump! But what I really mean is the spirit of Bridge that is catching on as our little club expands and the doors stay open to friendly competition.

Used to be that folks would come up the hill and gather master points like picking grapes off our vines, but that just added to the "why" factor. (We bottle the "whine.") What we really wanted to know is how they did it. We were coasting along, feeling like a fifty percent game was a laudable goal, and then – oops, we figured out we weren't so hot after all. Our Mary Ann was shooting much, much higher – and with no pointy hat or magical broomstick!

That's when our esteemed player-teacher Geof Applegate started organizing the mysteries and magic of bidding into a semblance of understandable charts and chants. Whosh! We started an uphill surge that has us thinking those fifty-percenters may not be us! In fact, they may be getting a good dusting from the eight ways we've learned to answer a major opening, or the splinters we've caught that have nothing to do with broomsticks! Spirit-in-the-sky!

The After-School Youth Bridge welcomed Wyatt, a quick-learner, and now we're exploring what other youth Bridge groups are doing, especially with Marge Van Hemert and her fourth graders in Bonita. Raising their test scores is just one aspect of her program as she keeps expanding her groups.

ACBL is worried about the average age of club players and fearing a die-out in the next generation. Encouraging youth to play bridge when there are so many other things competing for their attention is no easy feat. However, it won't be long before our kids are ready for some friendly competition. Any more youth clubs out with the same spirit? Let us know!

November 2014

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 Town Hall Bridge Club - Doug & Maryann Houston • 729 Main Street, Ramona, CA
 (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 • jimmhlt582@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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