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THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF ACBL UNIT 549

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

HOPE IS A THING WITH FEATHERS

As I was singing in a concert with this title in November, I began to think about hope. It is a noun and can be a verb. We hope for good health, hope for the best. Hope to win the lottery (don't we all). Try to keep hope. Hope that my partner remembers what my bid or discard means. Hope I can find the stiff king or guess the location of the trump queen (eight ever, nine never?).

May hope keep you warm this holiday season and to all a very Happy New Year!

P.S. Starting in 2015, overall winners at our Unit Championships will earn a free play for any upcoming games (except for special games).

Sheila

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Cheryl Fosdick



Under 5000
Gary Beed



Under 3000
Al Nadel



Under 1500
Terry Badger



Under 750
Dan Higgins



Under 500
Mariam Saner



Under 100
Marvin Schwedock

Upcoming Unit 549 Events - Mark the Date

Special Games with Extra Points

Lake San Marcos DBC - Charity Games Tuesday, December 2 (6:30pm) and Wednesday, December 3 (11:00am). **STAC Games** on Tuesday, December 9 (6:30pm), Wednesday, December 10 (11:00am) and Friday, December 12 (Potluck at 5:30pm followed by game at 6:30pm). **New Year's Eve Party and Potluck**, Wednesday, December 31, Game time 11:00am.

NCBC will have Mega-Point Games at 12:30pm on: Monday, December 1, Saturday, December 6, Thursday, December 18, and Tuesday, December 30. **STAC Games will be at 12:30pm on:** Monday through Saturday, December 8 through 13.

NCBC December Club Championship games will be at 12:30 pm on: Friday, December 19, Monday, December 22, and Wednesday, December 31.

Saturday, Dec. 27 - 1:00 PM - Unit Championship Game and Annual Holiday Party, Lake San Marcos Pavilion

Big Happenings in Unit 549

December, January and February!

Mark the Date! 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!

Great Western Holiday STAC Week!

All clubs in Unit 549 will be participating in STAC Week, Dec. 8th – 14th. Contact Club Managers Jean Holt and Nina Laughbaum for Lake San Marcos DBC; Lee Hofacre for North County Bridge Center and Maryann Houston for Ramona Town Hall Bridge Club. Contact information is on the Unit web-site www.acblunit549.org

Winter Sectional coming to Unit 549!

January 16th and 17th at the Lake San Marcos Conference Center, 1105 La Bonita Dr, 92078. Friday features all Charity games, stratified Open Pairs, Stratified Non-Life Master games. 25 or fewer points play for FREE! Games start at 10:00am and 2:30pm. Knock-out events may be handicapped. Saturday follows the same schedule. Partnerships: [Art.foeste@gmail.com](mailto:art.foeste@gmail.com); Jill Roberts Tournament Director-jillroberts78@gmail.com Card Fees are \$10 per session.

Audrey Grant Returns in February!

Audrey Grant will be coming to Unit 549 **February 12th and 13th** for two jam packed days! **Day 1 topic is Declarer Play and Day 2 is Making the Most of Cue Bids. Mark the Date!** Location will be at the Lake San Marcos Pavilion, 1105 La Bonita Dr. Hours are 10:00am – 3:00pm and include a light lunch, Morning work-shop and afternoon work-shop plus all materials. Call Liz Nixon at 760-214-8999 to reserve your spot. **Early Bird rate is \$79 per person per day.** Checks should be made out to ACBL Unit 549 and sent to Liz Nixon, 1127 Los Campaneros, Lake San Marcos, Ca 92078

Welcome New Members to Unit 549

Berlin, Nathan and Savannah Kiddoo, Hunter & Madison Mahaffey, Mary McDonald, Grace McKenney, Cameron Stuckey, Olivia Van Tol... all from Ramona! Also, Betty Brown, Fayne Shead and Rick Smart. Welcome to all new members!

October Unit Game

Overall Winners: Rex & Sheila Latus followed by Zelda Ettore & Jan Sperla; Art Foeste & Jill Roberts; Paul Landrum & Herb Schaeffer; Manoosh & Alberdina Bahmanian and Kay Haralson & Hazel Turner.

Non-Life Master winners in October were Naomi Brownell & Sandy Johnson followed by Kay Wilke & Evelyn Vandenberg; tied for 3rd & 4th Arlen Traub-Simon & Karse Simon and Harriett Landon & Patti Frinell. Congratulations to all.

Alert! In 2015 our Unit games will be January 24th, February 28th and March 28th at the Lake San Marcos Pavilion. Unit Games now **include lunch**. Bottled water and sodas are provided at 50 cents apiece. Coffee or tea is free. The winners in each section receive a **free play** at any Unit game except special events. 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 web-site www.acblunit549.org for partnerships, to sign-up for the Unit games and see results.

Note: The Lungevity Fundraiser game organized by Jean Holt & Eileen Goss has now raised over \$11,000. A big thank you to all that played in the game and donated even when you didn't play. The money goes directly to support Lung Cancer Research. We have had many of our players affected by Lung Cancer and this is a worthy cause. The 2015 date will be announced shortly.

Members Reaching New Levels of Achievement in Unit 549 in October

Junior Masters – Sue Foreman, Jack Bridgeman, John Wohlfiel
Club Masters – Susan Davis and Henry Tileston
Regional Master – Dan Higgins
New NABC Master – Barbara White

Congratulations to all achievers! See you at the Unit Game, any of the Unit's clubs, or the Winter Sectional!

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 to updated information. NCBC will host a full schedule of games Monday thru Saturday, weekly. All games are at 9:00am or 12:30pm. The Saturday game is a Barometer game. Mega Point Games, STAC, and Club Championship games will be held throughout the month of December. Check the website for the current calendar of events. You can sign-up on-line for your games, see results easily and special game announcements. Go to www.northcountybridgecenter.com to see game calendar and sign-up.

Lake San Marcos Duplicate Bridge Club at Grandon

The charity for October was the SM Senior Center West and Walk for the Cure.

Also, the Tuesday night and Wednesday games are 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 December 12th. Charity games will be Dec. 2nd and 3rd. **STAC games** will be December 9th, 10th, and 12th (Potluck) All of this means more points for the winners, There will be no game on Dec. 24th.

Annual New Year's Eve party will be daytime and Potluck, Game starts at 11:00am.

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

In Ramona, we do Christmas right! And I'm not just talking about "deck the halls," but those festive scenes outside the Town Hall windows do indeed filter into other "decks" – or so we're told!

If you haven't seen our Town Hall or experienced the Victorian Christmas Gala we hold there, make it a point to join us this year and treat yourself to a Dickens Village and a Town Hall Feast. If you missed the carolers on Main Street, the Christmas Tree Lighting and parade, or if you missed the late night shopping in our lovely boutiques and decorated shops, well, come on up the hill and have yourself a merry . . . or a sherry . . . or a round of jolly Bridge!

Ramona Town Hall Bridge players have something to do with most of those festivities that make our little town such a vibrant place to live. We have singers who carol and quilters who stitch Christmas hangings, we have folks who deck the Town Hall and hang the special Christmas lights. In a small town, we don't wait for someone else to do it and our RTHB group can be seen involved in all sorts of community activities that don't require a square table and a deck of cards. Yet the most amazing thing is the fact that it is Bridge that brought us together and encouraged this community spirit that has made our lives richer and our community stronger.

Mary Ann Houston is the catalyst and even now she's thinking ahead to the Regional in the Spring. Joel Hoersch gave her a call and asked if our youth group might be interested in participating in the "Sound of Music" production if they join the youth players competing at the Regional. Ah-ha, never too young for "cheers!" And our tournament-playing RTHB adult singers may take time out from the tables to grace the stage as well.

Amazing as it may seem, we're playing Bridge right through the Holidays, so if your club is dark these days, join us beneath the antique lanterns and make a slam to the sound of passing sleigh bells!

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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BOLD games denote Mega-Masterpoint Games.

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