

North County Inland, Unit 549

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THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF ACBL UNIT 549

A New Chapter

In December, in rode the End of Time aka the Last Chapter of Escondido Bridge.

Everything looked bleak and dark for bridge players. In January, in rode the Magnificent Seven aka the Original Board of Directors of the Bridge Club of North County.

Chapter One	Bettie Messer Heldring	1970 - 1971
Chapter Two	Emma Knight	1971 - 1988
Chapter Three	Ken Varva	1988 - 2006
Chapter Four	Lee Hofacre	2006 - 2014
Chapter Five	BCNC, Inc.	2015 - ∞

There have been four owners of the Escondido Bridge Club. The last owner Lee Hofacre bought the club with the hope of one day selling it to ACBL Unit 549 North County Inland. Keeping it alive forever. Unfortunately that didn't happen. But something equally good did.

One relentlessly determined person, Bill Sperry, gathered a gang of seven who achieved the dream of a club forever. The Bridge Club of North County, INC. was born.

There are no shareholders. There is no owner. It can never be sold. As long as there are bridge players committed to the dream there will be bridge in Escondido.

The Board of Directors manages the day to day operation of the club. Their salary is zero. Someone asked me "do they play for free"? No! They pay their entry fee like everyone else. So why do this? The "thank you's" received from numerous players answered that question. That made us glad we did it.

Speaking of thanks! There have been numerous volunteers that have enthusiastically responded "yes" to our requests for help. Some sat in parking lots hoping to shuttle someone. Someone formed the "Kitchen Queens" to pick up your crumbs at the end of the game. Some helped with game set up. Others have donated tables and chairs and money. Frequently I am asked "how can I help".

With your help the Bridge Club will live long and prosper. Let's hope Chapter Five is the last chapter, but an endless one.

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Upcoming Unit 549 Events - Mark the Date

Special Games with Extra Points

LSMDBC - Fri., March 6 - 5:30 pm potluck followed by STAC game at 6:30 pm

LSMDBC - Tues., March 3 - 6:30 pm STAC game

LSMDBC - Wed., March 4 - 11 am STAC game.

LSMDBC - Tues., March 10 - 6:30 pm - Charity game

LSMDBC - Wed., March 11 - Charity game

LSMDBC - Tues., March 24th - Membership game

LSMDBC - Wed., March 25th - Membership game

Bridge Club of North County:

STAC games: March 2 – 7, all Open games and NLM on Thursday afternoon.

Club Championship games: March 9 (Open), March 12 (Open & NLM), March 14 (Grand Opening - Lunch hosted by Unit 549), March 18 (Open), March 24 (Open) and 27 (Open).

DON'T FORGET: Lee Hofacre Memorial Charity Game on Saturday, March 21 (Open Game - Lunch and Potluck).

Saturday, March 28th - 1:00 PM - Unit Championship Game, Lake San Marcos Pavilion

Good News!

We have a new Club in Escondido!!! The new club, Bridge Club of North County opened January 12th and will have an Open game Monday through Friday beginning at 12:30pm. There will also be a non-life masters/499er game Thursday afternoon at the same time that the open game is played. These will be completely separate. On Monday mornings beginning February 2, from 9:00am to 11:00am there will be supervised play. There will be one life master/mentor, that has volunteered their time, for each table. The four players will play a board and the mentor will provide feedback on the bidding, play of hand, and defensive play. This will not be an actual game so there will not be any master points awarded. Lastly, there will also be a Barometer game every Saturday beginning at 12:30pm. The Saturday game will be played every Saturday, except when the monthly Unit game is played and twice each year during the Unit's sectionals. The Club is also looking into having bridge classes. When a class is scheduled it will be reported in this column. Please stay tuned.

Alert! In 2015 our Unit games will be, February 28th, March 28th and April 25th at the Lake San Marcos Pavilion. Unit Games **now include lunch**. Bottled water and sodas are provided at 50 cents apiece and coffee and tea are free. Overall winners in each section receive a **free play** at any 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](tel:760-214-8999). **The games are \$9.00 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.

January Unit Game

Open Winners: Jim – Lynn Martin followed by Tim Flaherty – Alex Folie; Fran White – Rick Kerbel; Liz Nixon – Jean Holt; Ken Matson – Chuck Ward; and Marilyn Florin – Jeri Adams.

Non-Life Master winners in **January** were Donna Huhn – Norma May followed by Naomi Brownell – Sandy Johnson; Miriam Slatic – Nancy Scott; Kay Wilkey – Sheila Slayton and Witold Modlinski – Mary Lou Buer-Modlinski. Again congrats to all winners! And thank you for the great turn-out! 16 1/2 tables in the Open Section and 8 tables in the NLM. See you in February!

Members Reaching New Levels of Achievement in Unit 549 in January

Junior Masters – Leo Muller & Claire Schneider

Sectional Masters – Maureen Sage

New Advanced NABC– Sue Compton

Congratulations to all achievers! See you at the Unit games or our clubs.

Welcome New Members to Unit 549

Alan Creutz, Paul and Donna Findley, Tony Stevens, Kathy Henry, Arline Kennedy and Linda Monroe. Welcome back B.J. Amini, Joan Smith and Barbara LaForce. Welcome to all new members!



Unit 549 Club News

Bridge Club of North County

Thanks to the hard work of Rex Latus, Bill Sperry, Jean Holt, Vic Pitcock, Gary Beed, Sue Compton and Jill Roberts and the support of Holly Aufmann, Betsey Iles, Liz Nixon, Mariam Saner, Dot Swanger and the Unit 549 Board of Directors the new club is up and running. The Club has hired two directors, Cedric Pang and Kay Haralson to direct all of the games. **The address is 2320 S. Escondido Blvd, Escondido, 92025. Phone# is 760-807-9396.** Feel free to contact any of the above regarding the opening of Bridge Club of North County. New email: bridgeclubofNC@gmail.com

The **Top Five players** for January were Al Nadel followed by Manoosch Bahmanian, Tom Nolan, Gary Beed and Alberdina Bahmanian. Congratulations to the Top five. Also a thank you to Kay Haralson and Chuck Donaldson for keeping the club running in December after the death of Lee Hofacre.

The **March schedule** will include **STAC** games March 2 – 7, all Open games and NLM on Thursday afternoon. Club Championship games March 9, March 12 – Open & NLM and March 14 – Club Championship Barometer Game, March 18 – Open, March 24 and 27 – Open Club Championship.

We haven't had a chance to formally recognize Lee Hofacre for his contributions to bridge in Escondido. There will be a Lee Hofacre Charity game on Saturday, March 21st. at the Escondido club. Charity proceeds will be donated to Elizabeth Hospice. Reservations are required for this game.

Attention all NLM'ers! Beginning Thursday, February 26th, the Bridge Club of North County in Escondido is starting a new supervised play every Thursday morning from 9:30 to 11:30 for just \$5!

We are having an Open House on Saturday, March 14th. Lots of fun, food and bridge for only \$5. We are limited to about 20 tables without using a shoehorn so reservations are required to ensure a place at the table. Make your plans now - more details coming soon. Unit 549 is providing the lunch.

Lake San Marcos Duplicate Bridge Club at Grandon

The charity for January was the SM Senior Center West and LSM Kiwanis Pancake Breakfast. The monthly potluck will be a **STAC** game on March 6th. **STAC** games will also be held on March 3rd and 4th. Charity games will be held March 10 & 11th and Membership games will be held on March 24th and 25th. **All of this means more points for the winners!**

Top Five Players for January were Jean Holt, Gary Beed, Tim Flaherty, Diana Fritz-Maes and Nina Laughbaum. Way to go top five!

Reminder: LSMDBC has a Tuesday night game at 6:30pm! The Wednesday game starts at 10:00am and includes a **Free Chalk Talk by Jean Holt**, snacks and coffee. Players are asked to bring a bag lunch if they desire. The cost is \$5.00 for chalk talk and game. Both games are based on **The Common Game**. You can compare what you did nationally with others playing the same hands at the same time.

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](tel:760.734.4518) or Nina at [760.736.9386](tel: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.
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 Houston for Details:
760-789-1132 – rthbridge.com

Leap Year February 2015:

It had been another satisfying, but late, Thursday evening of bridge. Mary Ann quickly passed out game sheets and percentages and snapped a copy into her book. The crowd thinned out quickly and disappeared altogether. She got busy cleaning and setting up for the Friday morning game. She was packing the last of the books, her computer and printer into her truck when she got the call.

“So, how does it feel?”

“Huh?”

It was Geof Applegate on her cell phone, but he had just left a little while ago, so why was he asking about her health?

Geof again. “How does it feel?”

“Err, I’m just fine, Geof.”

“No, I’m asking how it feels to be in that stratosphere?”

“What are you talking about?”

“Mary Ann, I’m talking about you and Marilyn Kalabsa and your game tonight.”

“Oh. I think we did all right.”

“Mary Ann, did you check your score?”

“Uh, no, I don’t think I did. I was in a hurry to get ready for tomorrow.”

“Mary Ann, you need to take a deep breath.”

“Why? Did I do something wrong on the computer?”

“No,, but I have to say you and Marilyn were pretty amazing tonight.”

“Really? Marilyn didn’t mention anything unusual.”

“Marilyn left before you printed out the scores, remember? Mary Ann, you two scored 85.3 percent. I’ve never known anyone with that high a percentage.”

For the first time in her life, Mary Ann Houston could not speak.



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BOLD games denote Mega-Masterpoint Games.

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