

North County Inland, Unit 549

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THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF ACBL UNIT 549

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

WHAT A MONTH !

March came in like a lion and continued to roar throughout the month. First up was the STaC, six days of very challenging hands. Then along came the GRAND OPENING of the Bridge Club of North County (who cares if it was a couple of months after the club opened). 70 people came and enjoyed good food (provided by your Unit 549 Board) and an afternoon of bridge (what could be bad?)

Not to be outdone, the next week the BCNC hosted the Lee Hofacre Memorial Charity Game for Lee's favorite charity The Elizabeth Hospice. This time the main course was provided by the club accompanied by a pot luck provided by the players. I hope a lovely time was had by all (there was certainly enough food!!) and we raised \$1560. Included in this amount is \$5 per player donated by the Board of Directors of the club.

March ended with our annual awards Unit game and the beginning of the Pacific Southwest Regional at the Town & Country in San Diego. I hope you all play well and get many black, red, and gold points.

Congratulations to the 2014 Helen Shambrom Ace of Clubs and Mini-McKenney Masterpoint races.

Ace of Clubs

0-5	Bejai Higgins
5-20	Dr Wallace McCoy
20-50	Dan Higgins
50-100	Harriett Landon
100-200	Rick Sontag
200-300	Sue Compton
300-500	Mariam Saner
500-1000	Art Foeste
1000-2500	Chuck Donaldson
2500-5000	Jeri Adams
Over 10,000	Tim Flaherty

Mini-McKenney

Bejai Higgins
Carey Simkin
Dan Higgins
Harriett Landon
Rick Sontag
Sue Compton
Mariam Saner
Art Foeste
Pete Watt
Alex Fowlie
Tim Flaherty

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

LSMDBC - Fri., April 17 - 5:30 pm Potluck followed by Charity Game at 6:30 pm.
Also - All games in April are Charity Games.

Bridge Club of North County - All Open & 499'er NLM games in April are Charity Games.

Saturday, April 25th - 12:30 PM - Unit Championship Game, Lake San Marcos Pavilion

Mark the Date!

Summer Sectional at Lake San Marcos Conference Center June 19th and 20th! Charity games on Friday! Stratified Open Pairs (0-1000, 1000 – 3000, 3000+); Stratified Under 500 (0-100, 100-300, 300-500). Knock-out events and Swiss Teams also available. Times are 10:00am and 2:30pm. Fees are \$11.00 per session for ACBL members. Non or Unpaid members pay \$13 per session. Complimentary coffee and snacks available. Lunch will be available for purchase. Go to www.acblunit549.org for partnerships and further information. Jill Roberts is Tournament Manager, Jillroberts78@gmail.com

ALERT!

In 2015 our Unit games will be March 28th, April 25th and May 23rd at the Lake San Marcos Pavilion. Unit Games **now include lunch**. Bottled water and sodas are provided at 50 cents a piece 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). **New! The games are \$9.00 including lunch and begin at 12:30pm.** 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.

February Unit Game Open Winners

Mary Townsend & Marlene Klinger followed by Chuck & Madonna Donaldson; Jeri Adams & Marilyn Florin; Al Nadel & Manoosch Bahamian and tied for 5/6 were Paul Landrum & Toshi Yasutake and Jean Jantz & Sharon Opfer. Congrats to all winners, you have a free play coming!

Non-Life Master winners in **February**: Joann Dilling & Nancy Underdahl followed by Nancy Scott & Miriam Slatc. Again congrats to all winners, you have a free play coming!. See you in March!

Members Reaching New Levels of Achievement in Unit 549 in February

Junior Masters – Dawn Symcox

Club Masters – Sandy Hrstich and Tony Stevens

Sectional Masters – Paul Dewey

New Advanced NABC– Rick Sontag

Bronze Life Master – Nancy Perkins

Gold Life Master – Kay Haralson

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

Welcome New Members to Unit 549

Wayne Andrew, Dr. Eric Book, Peter Hapka, and Elaine and John Crick. Welcome back Kathy Balog. Welcome to all new members!

Unit 549 Club News

Bridge Club of North County

Our new Club is off and running Big Time! We have a full schedule for April including Mega Point and Charity games daily Monday thru Saturday. Supervised play for advancing players is held on Monday morning and Thursday morning at 9:00am. Also on Thursday there is a NLM game and Open game at 12:30. Saturday is the very popular Barometer Game format. Best to let Kay Haralson know in advance if you are coming. **The address is 2320 S. Escondido Blvd, Escondido, 92025. Phone # is 760-807-9396.** Feel free to contact the Club regarding Club programs and special games. The website is bridgeclubofnorthcounty.org. New email: bridgeclubofNC@gmail.com

The **Top Five Open players** for February were Al Nadel followed by Art Foeste, John White, Gary Beed and Chuck Donaldson. **The Top Five NLM Players** were Harriet Langdon, Rick Sontag, Sue Compton, Dan Higgins and Kay Wilkey. Congratulations to the Top five!

Lake San Marcos Duplicate Bridge Club at Grandon

The charity for January was the SM Senior Center West and Casa De Amparo. The monthly potluck will be on April 17th. All games will be Charity games for the month of April. **This means more points for the winners!**

Top Five Players for February were Jean Holt, Pat Hawkins, Tim Flaherty, Mary Fenton 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

March - Without the Madness - 2015

Here in the foothills, we patiently grow our own, not just on the vines or in the orchards, or out in the pastures, or even along the roadsides. We're talking about our youth group and the rising interest they've created in the community. Ramona teacher Shirley Dessault and administrator Katheryn Gunderson, motivated by an article in the Ramona Sentinel about our kids, emailed Mary Ann to discuss Bridge as a segment of their summer program. The Ramona Community School may very well receive ACBL grant-funding for Bridge lessons, and to make the proposition even more interesting, they discovered that one of their star students already attended RTHB Youth classes. Olivia Van Tol may become a peer-tutor this summer. You go girl!

Speaking of rising stars, did you hear the jingle of gold as the Ramona team of Geof Applegate, Lenore Sjoberg, Doris Henderson, and Jerry Asbury turned heads in Riverside? And the new Bridge Club of North County also got acquainted with Claire Schneider and Mary Ann Houston to the merry tune of silver. The Regional in Mission Valley will see the likes of these and at least three Ramona Teams, and you can believe they will be armed (and handed?). Not only has the tournament experience allowed them to dream BIG, but the two-hour weekly lessons with Geof and his new Bridge Barron 25, power point presentations, has honed their skills and fine-tuned their expectations. Now if only the cards would cooperate ...

Maybe it's the fact that we can laugh right out loud at our own kerfuffles, but RTHB is a welcoming venue to persons, both young and more mature. Hello to beginners Nancy and Bob Johnson and Joanne Schreuder and to new (experienced) members Mary Jo Bakken and Wayne Andrew.

Please note: RTHB will not be open from March 30th through April 3rd, that's Tues.- Wed.- Thurs.- Fri. as our teams don their optimistic armor and charge forth into the Mission Valley Battle!!!



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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			1 Town Hall BC CLOSED BCNC - 12:30 PM Charity Open Pairs (Megapoints) Lake San Marcos DBC 10AM Chalk Talk 11AM Open Charity Game	2 BCNC 9:00 AM Supv'd Play BCNC 12:30PM Open & 499er NLM Both Charity Games Megapoints Town Hall BC CLOSED	3 Town Hall BC CLOSED BCNC 12:30 PM Charity Open Pairs Megapoints Town Hall BC 3pm After School Bridge	4 BCNC 12:30 PM Charity Open Pairs Barometer Game Megapoints
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BOLD games denote Mega-Masterpoint Games.

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