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**THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF ACBL UNIT 549**

## ***PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE***

### **PETTIEST OF PEEVES**

What keeps us coming back to the fascinating, frustrating, wonderful game? The challenge of new hands each time we play. A chance to beat the other couples. But to keep order in the game, there are rules and regulations that must be followed.

How many times have a pair come to your table discussing the last hands they played. Forgetting the pleasantries upon arriving at your table, they are still talking about what they did wrong or what they shoulda bid or what card they shoulda played. How about an acknowledgement and a nice hello for your new opponents.

I've talked about bidding box etiquette before. Please make a decision about a bid before reaching for a bid (pass is a bid, too). Please no hovering over or touching one card and then another. Doing other than this is giving unauthorized information to your partner.

When an irregularity occurs at your table (bid out of turn, revoke, etc), do not make rulings at your table. That is what the director is paid to do. There can be no redress if you make a ruling and the result is not to your liking. Call the director (don't forget his/her last name is Please!!).

### **REMINDER**

Our Summer Sectional is Friday & Saturday June 19 & 20. Same times, same place. See our website ([acblunit549.org](http://acblunit549.org)) for details.

Sheila

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

**LSMDBC** - Fri., May 8 - 5:30 pm Potluck followed by STAC Game at 6:30 pm.  
Also - All games in May are Charity Games except May 5, 6, and 8 which will be STAC games.

**Bridge Club of North County** - STAC games week of May 4.  
Club Championships (all at 12:30 pm) on May 12, 15, 18, 20, 28 and 30.

**Saturday, May 23rd - 12:30 PM - Unit Championship Game, Lake San Marcos Pavilion**

### Mark the Date!

Summer Sectional at Lake San Marcos Conference Center June 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>! 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](http://www.acblunit549.org) for partnerships and further information., Jill Roberts is Tournament Manager. [Jillroberts78@gmail.com](mailto:Jillroberts78@gmail.com)

### ALERT!

In 2015 our Unit games will be May 23<sup>rd</sup> and July 25<sup>th</sup> (No Unit game in June) 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](http://www.acblunit549.org) for partnerships, to sign-up for the Unit games and see results.

Congratulations to the Ace of Club winners and Mini McKenney winners in each category. All winners were honored at the Unit 549 game on March 28<sup>th</sup> as follows:

**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 and Over 10,000 Tim Flaherty. For Mini-McKenney, all of the Ace of Clubs qualifiers were the same in the Mini-McKenney except for the following: 5-20 Carey Simkin; 1000 – 2500 Pete Watt; and 2500 – 5000 Alex Fowlie. Unit 549 congratulates all of you for your fine achievement!

### March Unit Game Open Winners

March Unit Game **Open** Winners: Kay Haralson & Hazel Turner followed by Jean Jantz & Doris Cashman, Ron Kay & Joe Houde, Janice Joerger & Jan Gallagher, Rex & Sheila Latus, Jim & Lyn Martin, Bill & Nancy Sperry, Mike & Mary Florio and Herb Schaefer & Mary Fenton. Congrats to all winners!

**Non-Life Master** winners in **March**: Ray Gogolewski & Ed Koch followed by Alan & D. R. Groh tied with Ray & Wilma Wilhelm and Joyce Brown & Naomi Brownell. Again congrats to all winners! See you in April!

### 70% Games

We had a 71% game from Jill Roberts & Art Foeste on March 14th at BCNC. Congratulations!

### Members Reaching New Levels of Achievement in Unit 549 in March

Junior Masters – Jessica Patton

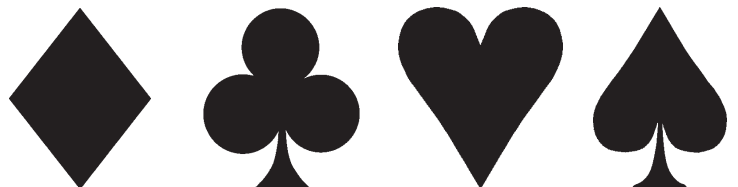
Club Masters – Cindy Baker and Sherry Kroop

Bronze Life Master – Judy Johnson

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

### Welcome New Members to Unit 549

John Coulombe, Roseann & Louis Coviello, DeLynn Kelly, Tom Moore, Josephine Stone and Jan Waluk. Welcome back Scott Sorgen, Kay Barker, George Blair and Brian Devine. Welcome to all new members!



# Unit 549 Club News

## Bridge Club of North County

Our new website is up and running. Go to [www.bridgeclubofnorthcounty.org](http://www.bridgeclubofnorthcounty.org) to find everything you need to know about bridge at the new club. We have a full schedule for May including **STAC games the week of May 4<sup>th</sup>**. 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. New email: [bridgeclubofNC@gmail.com](mailto:bridgeclubofNC@gmail.com)

The Bridge Club of North County is looking for any players that would like to become a director. If you are interested, please contact Bill Sperry for further details. Also, the Club is looking for current part-time directors to fill in as needed.

The **Top Five Open players** for March were Art Foeste followed by Ray Curtiss, Bunny Schmidt, Al Nadel and John White. **The Top Five NLM Players** were Doris Cubeisy, Dan Higgins, Rick Sontag, Sue Compton, and Patti Frinell. Congratulations to the Top five!

## Lake San Marcos Duplicate Bridge Club at Grandon

The charity for March was the SM Senior Center West and Casa De Amparo.

LSMDBC will hold **STAC games** May 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>. The monthly potluck will be on May 8<sup>th</sup>. All games (except STAC) will be **Charity games** for the month of May supporting the Grass Roots Fund. **This means more points for the winners!**

**Top Five Players for March** were Tim Flaherty, Nina Laughbaum, Elaine Gifford, David Gifford, and Barbara Naschold. Way to go top five!

**Reminder:** LSMDBC has a Tuesday night game at 6:30pm! The Wednesday game starts at 11:00am (Chalk Talk will resume soon). Players are asked to bring a bag lunch if they desire. The cost is \$5.00. 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 (generally) 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

### 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](http://rthbridge.com)**

Down the hill they went, the fifteen . . .

Town and Country to capture  
Perhaps Red, maybe Gold,  
Oh, the thrill and the rapture,  
For the brave and the bold.

Slight fears of disaster,  
High hopes yet abounding,  
Nervous with laughter  
Conventions resounding.

299ers and Knockouts –  
Semifinals as well!  
Five days of winning,  
Let's ring the town bell!

Doris' SEVEN earned her bragging right,  
With Jerry, Dorothea, Katy, Emmie close by  
Lois, Mary Ann, Marilyn, Claire in the fight,  
And three gaining Masters, well worth the try!

Kudos, Congrats and Bravo to the Ramona Town Hall Winners  
San Diego Regional Bridge Tournament,  
Town and Country Resort  
And for the great gains by  
Emmie – Club Master  
Jerry – Sectional Master  
and Doris – Regional Master.  
WOW! You make us proud!



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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>Unit 549 Board Members:</b> <b>President:</b> Sheila Latus ( <a href="mailto:selatus@gmail.com">selatus@gmail.com</a> ) <b>Board Members:</b> Liz Nixon, Ken Matson, Mariam Saner, Art Foeste, Jill Roberts, Hazel Turner, Jean Jantz, Erica Federman, and Nancy Scott					<b>1</b>  Town Hall BC 10am Open Game BCNC 12:30 PM Open Pairs Town Hall BC 3pm After School Bridge	<b>2</b>  BCNC 12:30 PM Open Pairs Barometer Game
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**BOLD** games denote Mega-Masterpoint Games.

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