

North County Inland, Unit 549

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THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF ACBL UNIT 549

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

PRACTICE, PRACTICE, PRACTICE

The story goes that a tourist in New York City is lost and sees a man carrying a violin case on a street corner. The tourist asks him, "How do you get to Carnegie Hall?" The answer of course is "Practice! Practice! Practice!" The story may or may not be true, but it is a fact, if you are going to get better at anything, you need to practice. The musician in this case was either Yascha Heifetz or Misha Elman or maybe even Artur Rubenstein (although he wouldn't have been carrying a violin case). The truth is the only way you are going to succeed in music or sports or even bridge is to practice!

Rex and I were on a holiday trip (not a vacation) to Europe and Scandinavia and didn't play bridge for three weeks. On our last day at sea, we played a friendly game of bridge with an Aussie couple who were on our tour. I dealt and opened the bidding one no trump. Not bad, but it was anti-systemic and wrong. Even after only three weeks, I was rusty.

Go to your local club, travel to other San Diego clubs, journey to tournaments, or even play in your kitchen. It doesn't matter where you play, enjoy the challenge of this game we love (and hate). Check the unit website (acblunit549.org) for schedules of club games, unit championships, and our winter and summer sectionals. Remember Practice! Practice! Practice!

Welcome summer at our Unit 549 Sectional, June 19 & 20. Same times, same place. Check out the flyer on the website. Remember, there will be NO June Unit Championship on the fourth Saturday (June 27) .

Sheila

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

LSMDBC - Fri., June 12 - 5:30 pm Potluck followed by NAP qualifying game at 6:30 pm.
Also - All games in June are NAP qualifying games.

Friday and Saturday, June 19 & 20 - Unit 549 Summer Sectional. Go to www.acblunit549.org for Partnerships and further information

Saturday, July 25th - 12:30 PM - Unit Championship Game, Lake San Marcos Pavilion (NOTE: No Unit Game in June)

April Unit Game Winners:

Open: Marianne Kuzma & Helen Howard, followed by Hanan Deeby & Bernard Figueiredo, Ian Collins & Lorraine Gordon, Fran White & Wicker Gamble, Norman Schwartz & Robert Schork, Alex Fowlie & Timothy Flaherty, Joe Houde & Mac Busby, Jill Roberts & Art Foeste, Gail Whiteley & Cheryl Rodzach, Jean Jantz & Doris Nizzi, Sarah Ward & Charles Ward.

Non-Life Master winners in **April**: Erica Federman & Shirley Malone, followed by Julie Svatkins & Angela Tilaro.

First overall in Open and Non-Life Master sections get a free play to **any** Unit game.

Alert!

In 2015 our Unit games will be May 23rd and July 25th (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, 92078. Call Liz Nixon for directions – 760-214-8999.

New! The games are \$9.00 including lunch and begin at 12:30pm. Doors open at 11:45am. Go to Unit 549's website www.acblunit549.org for partnerships, to sign-up for the Unit games and see results.

Welcome New Members to Unit 549

Christine Finch. Greg Fahey and Fell Hosmer. Welcome back Byron Aughenbaugh, Robert Gunnlaugsson and Angela Tilaro. Welcome to all new members!

Members Reaching New Levels of Achievement in Unit 549 in April

Junior Master – Peter Hapka.

Club Masters – Emma Brashars, Joe Hopkins and Alan Jacobson.

Sectional Master – Gerald Asbury.

Regional Masters – Doris Hendrickson and Mary Loucks.

NABC Masters – Dan Higgins, Herman Lin and Karen Smith.

Silver Life Master – Jill Roberts.

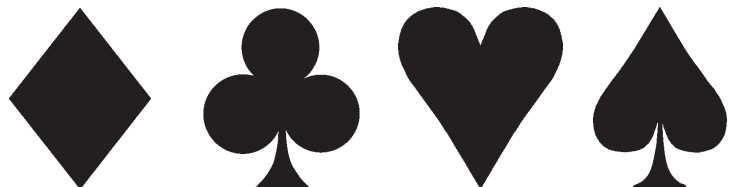
Gold Life Master – David Anding.

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

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



Unit 549 Club News

Bridge Club of North County

The newly organized BCNC is up and running with all of the typical start-up bugs behind us. The BCNC is a not for profit club created for the benefit of all bridge players in our area. We offer games six days a week with games designed for both experienced as well as new comers. Our line-up includes a Monday morning (9am) mentor/mentee supervised play designed to improve your bridge knowledge by providing experienced mentors at each table. We are also initiating a new Friday morning game for players with 0-399 MPs. We will also be starting bridge classes for both intermediate and beginning bridge players in the coming weeks. Visit our web site at bridgeclubofnorthcounty.org for more information on all of our programs.

The month of April was dedicated as charity month and the BCNC paid all extra fees to qualify their games as charity games. A total of over \$700 was donated during this month with the local charities of Alzheimer's Research, Meals on Wheels and the Humane Society receiving well deserved support. 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. Email: bridgeclubofNC@gmail.com

Lake San Marcos Duplicate Bridge Club at Grandon

The Potluck will be held on June 12th. All games will be North American Pair qualifying games. Games will be as follows: Tuesday evening 6:30pm and Wednesday at 10:00am with a free Chalk Talk by Jean Holt, followed by game at 11:00am with 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 (generally) and game at 6:30pm.

For information call Jean at 760.734.4518 or Nina at 760.736.9386 for further information.

Ramona Duplicate Bridge

Please Note: (NEW ADDRESS)

No longer the Ramona Town Hall Bridge Club!!! We've outgrown – in so many ways – our former venue. You will still find us 3 blocks up:

**Ramona Community Center
434 Aqua Lane (off 5th St.)
Ramona, CA 92065**

Sanctioned Games Wed. & Fri. at 10:00 a.m. Hot Lunch \$4 + \$6 for Game

Free Adult Lessons - Tues. at 2:00 p.m.

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

May Day! May Day 2015 – From lemons to lemonade ...

When one door closes another door opens... especially in matters of love! Well, it seems we grew too much for the unaccommodating Town Hall to love, so with our hearts on our sleeves (and diamonds, spades and clubs in our pockets) we closed their doors and moved three blocks into the welcoming Community Center. They hugged us and fed us. How nice to be loved! If you bring your own lunch, there is no charge and you can sit with the rest of us in the dining room. It's been a rough transition, especially for Mary Ann, but we didn't miss a single game!

Now, for a new club name ... We're holding a contest. Do I hear "Bridge Over Troubled Waters"?

Our Beginners Game is growing. Lenore is holding lessons and reviews on Tuesdays while Geof works with the more "seasoned" players in the next room. Oh my, how the word flies. Even at the Community Center, we are already bursting at the seams with more and more interested players showing up for lessons. Our teachers make it fun and exciting. In addition, several of us are working with Bridge Baron 25 – as if we didn't have enough reasons to scream at the screen!

Our recent Stac Game is proof that Cruella, our card-sorter, tried to "lemony-snicket" her transition to new lodging, and she made her annoyance known with a tart display of "down one" all week long. Overcoming Cruella's "sour attitude" was not easy but we had several teams who made it into the Stac Overall despite her bitter efforts. Congratulations go out to Jim Rudeen and Ernie Bedard with a sweet 60.42%, and Chip Splinter and Gerald Asbury with a tasty 56.35% both on May 6th. The next day, May 7th, Kaaren Thiem and Joan Renaud iced Cruella and posted a 65.48%. Then, on May 8th, along came Janet Murdock and Sharon Greene to swirl in a 59.17%. Just to make sure Cruella would adjust her attitude upward henceforth, Kaaren Thiem teamed up with Lenore Sjoberg and splashed her with a very cool 70.00% in their game on May 15th. Talk about lemons to lemonade.

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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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