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THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF ACBL UNIT 549

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

WHERE ARE WE GOING AND HOW ARE WE GOING TO GET THERE

Like many of you, while I was growing up, I played cards with friends and family. It seems to me that kids today don't learn the logic of cards, and miss the interaction playing cards with others. They spend solitary hours playing video games on their computers.

Surveying the field and sectionals and regionals, it is hard to find younger faces. Senior pair events have all but been eliminated, since there were very few pairs playing in the open pairs. The average age of ACBL members is 70+. We need to bring youth into our game.

Teaching bridge in schools has had limited success. Ken Matson taught an honors math class at Poway High (we still see one of his students at our club game during the summer). The La Jolla Unit has run a successful bridge class (again an honors math class) for three years. Rex and I tried to teach bridge at an Escondido after school club. It did not last. The students had no "card sense", became disinterested and drifted away.

In my opinion, we need to begin teaching bridge much earlier than high school. Maryann Houston has begun After School Bridge in Ramona. The summer students are 5th and 6th graders. They learn and play bridge, and enjoy pizza!! Good going Maryann.

How can we get young people into our game? Any suggestions would be welcome. Contact me by email: selatus@gmail.com.

Thanx

Sheila

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

LSMDBC - Fri., July 17 - 5:30 pm Potluck followed by STaC game at 6:30 pm.

STaC games also on Tuesday, July 14 and Wednesday, July 15. Charity Games Tuesday and Wednesday, July 21 and 22. All other July games will be NAP Qualifiers.

BCNC will hold North America Pairs Qualifying games on July 1, 4, 8, 20, 23, 26 and 29. STaC games July 13-18. Also, BCNC will hold a Club Championship on July 27th at the 12:30pm Open Game.

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

Alert!

In 2015 our Unit games will be July 25th (No Unit game in June) and August 22nd at the Lake San Marcos Pavilion. 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 11:45am. Go to Unit 549's web-site www.acblunit549.org for partnerships, to sign-up for the Unit games and see results.

We lost a friend, Gail Whiteley. Gail passed away on Friday, May 29th. She is survived by her daughter Kathy and granddaughter. Gail was involved in the San Diego Bridge community for many years as a Director. She Directed at Adventures in Bridge, La Jolla Beach & Tennis and Solana Beach Community Center. When the Community Center raised the rent, Gail decided to shut down the game and retire from Directing and become a player. Fortunately, Paul Foster and Donna Wood took over her games when they opened Esplanade Bridge Center which gave everyone a home until May of 2014.

Gail lived in San Marcos and played primarily at the Lake San Marcos DBC, Bridge Club of North County and various Unit 531 games including the monthly Unit games for Unit 549 and 531. We will miss her a lot.

The Lake San Marcos Bridge Club will honor Gail at it's monthly Pot-luck on July 17th, Friday night. Dinner at 5:30, game at 6:30pm. This is a STAC game as well. Come and share your stories about Gail.

STAC Week coming to Bridge Club of North County and Lake San Marcos Duplicate Bridge Club. Your chance to earn lots of Silver Points. July 12 – 18th. Check with your club for STAC Game times.

May Unit Game

Overall Open Winners: Lynn & Janice Wells followed by John & Judy McCaffrey, Chuck & Madonna Donaldson, Toshi Yasutaki & Paul Landrum, Mariam Saner & Gary Beed and Marlene Klinger & Mary Townsend.

Non-Life Master winners in **May**: Tom and Bobbi Brant followed by Kathy Balog & Sheila Slayton tied with Erica Federman & Jean Gilchrist for 2/3 and 4th was Bernie Goot & Betty Wallace.

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

70 Percent Games in May

70.31 - Jeri Adams - Marilyn Florin, May 19th, Crystal Symphony

70.83 - Janie Killer - Sheri Meek, May 29th, Bridge Club of North County

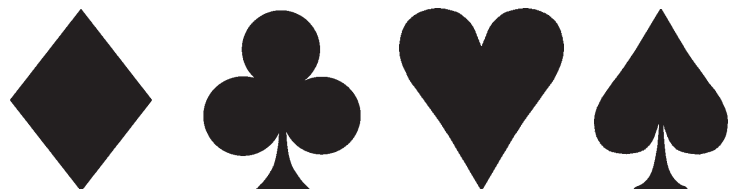
71.00 - Jackie McGhee - Leo Muller, May 21st, Bridge Club of North County

71.67 - Liz Nixon - Sandy Frunzi, May 21st, Crystal Symphony

Welcome New Members to Unit 549

Chris Ness & Brian Schwedock.

Welcome Back to Unit 549: Steven Anthony, David & Debra McCallum, Trudy Richard, Rhonda Edwards and Marty Segal. Welcome to all new members!



Unit 549 Club News

Bridge Club of North County

As a result of the **BCNC charity games** in April, the Club donated \$710 total to 4 organizations: Alzheimer's Research, Meals on Wheels, Escondido Humane Society, and ACBL.

Kudos to May STAC Stars! Out of 617 tables on Tuesday aft, May 5, Gail Whitely/Dot Swanger finished 5th overall and first in B and earned 15.17 silver points each; and on Friday Aft, May 8, out of 604 tables Bill and Nancy Sperry finished 6th overall and first in B and earned 15.15 silver points each.

BCNC will hold North America Pairs Qualifying games on July 1, 4, 8, 20, 23, 26 and 29. Get your "Q" and be a North American Pair qualifier. Also, BCNC will hold a Club Championship on July 27th at the 12:30pm Open Game.

The **Top Five Open players** for May are Al Nadel, Tom Nolan, Jeri Adams, Chuck Donaldson and Marilyn Florin. **The Top Five NLM Players** were Alberdina Bahmanian followed by Mariam Saner, Doris Cubeisy, Stanley Westreich and Peggy Bednar. Congratulations to the Top five!

Go to www.bridgeclubofnorthcounty.org to find everything you need to know about bridge at the new club. We have a full schedule for June and July. **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

Lake San Marcos Duplicate Bridge Club at Grandon

The charity for May was the SM Senior Center West and the ACBL Grass Roots Fund.

LSMDBC will hold **STAC games** July 14, 15, and 17th. The monthly potluck will be on July 17th and will honor Gail Whiteley. Charity Games on July 21st and 22nd. All other games will be North American Pairs Qualifiers. Get a "Q" and you could be on your way to Palm Springs.

Top Five Players for May were Tim Flaherty, Nina Laughbaum, Rhoda Walsh, Marjorie Michelin, and Lane Campbell. 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.

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 Bridge Club

**New location: 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](tel:760-789-1132)

It's a hoot! They come from below and above and beyond – full of zest and ready to ruffle some feathers. Who - who? Not the great horned owls that grace the oaks just outside the windows, but our out-of-town bridge players! From below, we love the fact that Judy and Bill Rice and Susan Davis regularly make the drive from Rancho Bernardo to join us. And from above (Julian) we welcome Peter Teaff, the baker of fabulous snacks (ooh, the carrot cake), and delightful partners, Pam Witherow and Sandra Gray. From beyond (Escondido) we are privileged to receive experts Kay Haralson and Gary Beed, members of the North County Bridge Center, who graciously share their wisdom. Our newest Director, Dorothea Williams, (Ooh-Ooh and Congrats) also makes that trip, and from Scripps Ranch comes her partner, Katy Georlett. Commuting all the way from Coronado, we have highly experienced Chip Splinter and his wife, Corinne, soon to be much more local with a new home and a winery in Ramona. Lovely Joan Maguire used to be local, but now she commutes to our games from La Mesa. Of course we welcome our snowbirds, especially our regular Canadians, and Texan, Terry Purpus, who makes it a point to attend all our games while he is in town.

We're excited about our youngest players. District 22 sent out an opportunity for scholarships for the 2015 Summer National Youth NABC and our very own kids applied. Olivia Van Toll and Hunter Mahaffey are the teens looking for the means to make it to Chicago. You might remember their names from the San Diego Regional where they entered the 0–20 competition. Scott Hamilton introduced them to the crowd as they sharpened their skills both at the tables and in facing that sea of players. Our kids and their winning smiles won a lot of hearts, even when the cards didn't always go their way. Does anyone have a good idea for a fund-raiser? A scholarship may buy a one-way ticket, but we want these kids to come back home!

This summer we plan to expand our youth group with a program for 5th and 6th graders. The details are still being worked out, but we hope to encourage these youngsters to participate in something that removes them from their screens and allows them to learn the subtle nuances of face-to-face communication, sportsmanship and camaraderie found only at a bridge table. Hopefully, Olivia and Hunter will opt in as tutors, and the 5th and 6th grade teachers may want to participate in our club games. High hopes for a bit of youthful summer sizzle!

By the way, our club will remain nameless until the votes are in and the ballots are counted. "Bridge Over Troubled Water" may still have a chance!

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