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THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF ACBL UNIT 549

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

MIDSUMMER MUSING

Webster defines “dog days” as a period between early July and early September when the weather is hot and sultry and a period of stagnation or inactivity exists. It actually is the name for the sultriest period of summer, from about July 3 to August 11. It was named in early times by observers in countries bordering the Mediterranean, the period from 20 days before to 20 days after the conjunction of Sirius (the Dog Star) and the sun. Does it feel like bridge, too, is in the dog days of summer. The last District 22 Regional tournament was in San Diego in April and the next tournament isn't until September in Orange County. We need to shake off the feeling of ennui and go out and conquer those pesky bridge hands.

On another note: We can all be Bridge Ambassadors. Have an interest and take the time to help the newer players. They are all so enthusiastic and looking for guidance. We were all in their shoes at one time. Be kind and supportive and encourage the “newbies”.

A note from Joan Hofacre:

“To everyone who took the time to call, send cards, and express their caring sympathy for the loss of Lee Hofacre. Six months have passed and I am re-reading and living the love you have shared with me. I can say truthfully that each thought from you has been like a gift of love to me. Once again, THANK YOU! You are all in my prayers.”

Sheila

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

LSMDBC - STAC games August 18th, 19th, and 21st. The monthly potluck will be on August 21st. Charity Games will be held on August 11th and 12th. All other games will be North American Pairs “Qualifiers”.

BCNC - North America Pairs Qualifying games on August 4th, 14th and 24th. Charity games and Megapoint games will be held August 3rd, 5th, 6th, 15th, 25th and 28th. Club Championship games will be held on August 11th and 12th. Barometer games are every Saturday (except the 4th Saturday) and the once a month Potluck will be held on August 8th.

Saturday, August 22nd - 12:30 PM - Unit Championship Game, Lake San Marcos Pavilion

Saturday, September 26th - Lungevity Foundation Charity Game, Lake San Marcos Conference Center

ALERT

Our next Unit game will be 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.

Lungevity Foundation Charity Game

Mark the Date! September 26th! Our 3rd Annual Lungevity Foundation Charity Game at the Lake San Marcos Conference Center. Last year we raised over \$10,000 to go to Lung Cancer research. More details to come in August. This game will be in lieu of Unit 549’s monthly Unit game and is supported by Unit 549 and Unit 531.

STAC Week

STAC Week is the week of August 17th. Bridge Club of North County and Lake San Marcos Duplicate Bridge Club will have a complete schedule of STAC games that week. Silver Points abound! Check with your club for STAC Game times.

Welcome New Members to Unit 549

Ed Beal, Bradley & Susanne Livingston, Susan Van Cott, Robert North and Shirley Wilson. Welcome back to Unit 549 Marcy Mazer and Harry & Jackie Walter. Welcome to all new and returning members!

Members Achieving New Levels of Achievement

Junior Masters – John Coulombe and Melvin Schwarz; Sectional Master – Kaaren Thiem; Bronze Life Master – Elaine Crick. Congratulations to all achievers.



Unit 549 Club News

Bridge Club of North County

BCNC will hold **North America Pairs** Qualifying games on August 4th, 14th and 24th. Charity games and Megapoint games will be held August 3rd, 5th, 6th, 15th, 25th and 28th. Club Championship games will be held on August 11th and 12th. Barometer games are every Saturday (except the 4th Saturday) and the once a month Potluck will be held on August 8th.

The **Top Five Open players** for June Marilyn Florin, Jeri Adams, Jan Sperla, Tom Nolan and Barbara Pepper. **The Top Five NLM Players** were Doris Cubeisy, Mariam Saner, Bob Anuskiewicz, Dan Higgins 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. **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 June was City of Hope and the SM Senior Center West. LSMDBC will hold **STAC games** August 18th, 19th, and 21st. The monthly potluck will be on August 21st. Charity Games will be held on August 11th and 12th. 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 June were Tim Flaherty, Jean Holt, Pat Hawkins, Paul Van Middlesworth and tied John & Judy McCaffrey. 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.

ACBL Duplicate Bridge in Ramona

**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 Youth Bridge – Fri. 3 – 5:00 p.m. Pizza, too!**

Call Mary Ann Houston for Details: 760-789-1132

The doldrums: No wind in the sails, a period of calm, a time for serious reflection and practice in waiting.

It's Summer in Ramona. Partners are testing new relationships as folks take vacations. Eight of our finest flew off to Mexico and we're waiting for the Canadians to land. We're thankful for rain and fire-reduction, something that unnerved us last summer as fire engines sped past our windows on Main Street, sirens going full blast. But . . . even without the sirens, it's a bit iffy keeping our summer games in full sail.

The two tables of newbie's manage to row in faithfully; so too, our youth. Enthusiasm among these players runs high as they get close to entry into the "big game." We may decide to unfurl and catch their breeze in the near future.

Last month we mentioned sending our youth to Chicago, but alas, we've not generated enough money to bring them back home so we're now aiming for Reno in March of 2016. Again, practice in waiting.

No high seas in sight. No news to report on high scores, either. Cruella, our card-sorter is deliberately confounding the entire club with dastardly hands that guarantee win(d) less matches. We have threatened dropping her off the Community Center roof, but she just chortles and goes on enjoying her depressing ability to provide lackadaisical cards that lead to misinterpretation. How many times a day can you expect us to play one no trump, Cruella?

Ho-hum. Back in the doldrums, we're still waiting for her answer, preferably delivered on an uplifting breeze, but Cruella rocks quietly and sips her own "Kruel-Aid." It's summer in Ramona and we're practicing patience.

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| 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, Patti Frinell, and John Coulombe | | | | | | |
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BOLD games denote Mega-Masterpoint Games.

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