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**THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF ACBL UNIT 549*****PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE*****DECEMBER**

December, the end of the year, the winter solstice, a time of renewal. Chanukah, the festival of lights, Christmas, Kwanzaa. A time for the people to bring strength back to the waning sun. A time to renew one's spirit, a time to renew one's commitment to life.

We can start at the bridge table. This game, so important to us, should be a microcosm of human behavior. We should celebrate the highs and not dwell on the lows. Enjoy the challenge of the game, but remember that it is only a game and not a matter of life and death! Treat your opponents (and your partner) with respect. Be kind. Smile – even if you go for a telephone number. (Alright, you don't have to smile, but don't blame your partner, even if it IS her/his fault!) . Celebrate the highs and the lows of the game. Continue to exercise your brain to ward off the consequences of aging.

Congratulations to the Bridge Club of North County for reopening the Bridge Club in Escondido and continuing a venue for us to play the game we love. Also thanx to the nine donors who provided the seed money to allow the club to open. May it have continued success in the New Year.

And on the subject of the New Year, may I be the first to wish you a happy one.

Sheila

Upcoming Unit 549 Events - Mark the Date

Special Games with Extra Points

LSMDBC - STAC games on December 8th and 9th and Friday night the 11th – **Pot-Luck game! Club Championship Games** are Dec. 1st and Dec. 2nd; Grass Roots Fund Games will be Dec. 15th and 16th; **Charity games** will be held Dec. 22nd and 23rd and Junior Fund Games will be December 29th

BCNC - Club Championships Dec. 4th (NLM and Open) and 17th. **Charity Games** Dec. 5th, 18th (NLM and Open), 21st (NLM and Open), 23rd, 29th and 31st. **STaC Games** Dec. 7th-12th.

Saturday, December 19th - 12:30 PM - Unit Championship Game, Lake San Marcos Pavilion (Holiday Luncheon)

Mark the Date!

Unit 549 **Winter Sectional** is **January 15th – 16th** at the Lake San Marcos Conference Center. 1105 La Bonita Dr. Non-Life Master and Open Pairs games will be held plus Single Session Swiss teams. Go to www.acblunit549.org for complete information or call Jill Roberts 858-485-7640 or email: jillroberts78@gmail.com For partners go to Partnerships at www.acblunit549.org

Audrey Grant is Coming to Unit 549 in 2016!

Mark the Dates! January 29th and 30th Don't miss the opportunity to learn from the best, Audrey Grant! **The Workshop topics are The Rule of 1 & 2 on January 29th and Best Defense Against a Suit Contract on the 30th.** Both workshops include all materials and full lunch. The location is the Lake San Marcos Pavilion, 1105 La Bonita Dr., Lake San Marcos. **Early Bird fee** per person per day is \$69 if received by January 22nd. After the 22nd it is \$79 per person per day. Checks should be sent to Liz Nixon, 1127 Los Campaneros, Lake San Marcos, 92078. Contact Liz Nixon, coordinator, at 760-471-1899 or by email at cruzqueen43@gmail.com Get on the list now!

Alert!

In 2015 our Unit game will be **Dec. 19th (Holiday Luncheon)** 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). The games are \$9.00 including lunch and begin at 12:30pm. Doors open at 11:30pm. Go to Unit 549's web-site www.acblunit549.org for partnerships, to sign-up for the Unit games and see results.

Unit Game Winners in October

Open – John & Judy McCaffrey, followed by Cheryl Fosdick & Bob Anuskiewicz, Liz Nixon & Jean Holt, Rex & Sheila Latus, Carol Turner & Carol Reinhardt and Jill Roberts and Art Foeste. **NLM winners** were: BJ Amini & Sarah Fassihi followed by Donna Huhn and Joyce Dannenfeld, Joann Dilling & Nancy Underdahl, Jean Gilchrist & Patti Frinell and Kay Wilkey and Sheila Slayton. Congratulations to all!

70% Game

Manoochehr and Alberdina Bahmanian - 79.17%! on October 1. Congrats!

Members Achieving

New Levels of Achievement

Junior Master – Alan Creutz and Pam Molthen; **Club Master** – John Coulombe and Greg Fahey; **Sectional Masters** – Larry Gach; **New Life Masters** – Louise Bahr, Sue Compton and Marjorie Sinel; **New Bronze Life Master** – Louise Bahr. Congratulations to all!

Welcome New Members to Unit 549

Erma Lee Frisbie and Tim Vickers. Welcome back to Lorraine Suder. Welcome to all new and returning members!

In Memoriam: Kay Haralson

We lost a good friend and tremendous supporter of Bridge Club of North County and Lake San Marcos DBC. Kay got involved with Duplicate Bridge in North County many years ago at the Swim & Tennis Club in Rancho Bernardo. She also helped start the Duplicate bridge Lunch group with Peggy Bednar.

She moved on to Escondido Bridge Club when it was owned by Ken Vavra and became a Director along the way. Her long time friend, Alma Lathem, recalls how Kay got her Life Master at the San Diego Regional and going to the Las Vegas Regional with Kay driving. Kay was know to be a big time "Lead Foot" driver and Alma was terrified all the way.

Kay loved Directing at La Costa Glen on Thursdays until Bridge Club of North County opened in January of 2015.

Kay was a big help to Lee Hofacre and all of the players during the last days of North County Bridge Center. After Lee died she helped keep the club going until the new investors and board members got BC of NC up and running.

Kay was very loyal and supportive of Lake San Marcos Duplicate Bridge Club's Tuesday night game and Wednesday games. Her last partner on Tuesday nights was Gail Whitely until Gail passed away this summer.

We will all miss Kay and hope that she and Gail are playing bridge together upstairs!

In Memoriam: Hanna Wishni

Unit 549 recently lost another friend, Hanna Wishni. Hanna was a Holocaust Survivor and always had her bags packed to take a trip. Hanna was an intrepid traveler having visited West Africa in the last 3 years. She also loved going on trips with Holly Aufmann and Marilyn Florin. She had planned to celebrate her 90th birthday with her daughter, Barbara, in July until she started to develop heart problems.

Hanna played with Barbara Memering on Wednesdays and with Holly Aufmann and Al Nadel over the years at North County Bridge Center. Hanna was quite a character with many stories.

Unit 549 Club News

Bridge Club of North County

The **Top Five Open players** for October were Al Nadel, Jeri Adams, Chuck Donaldson, Marilyn Florin and John White. **The Top Five NLM (0-500) Players** were Rick Sontag, Enith Berg, Hervey Skolnick, Angela Jaraicie and Rosemary Finger. Congratulations to the Top five!

Special Games! BC of NC will participate in STAC WEEK December 6th – 12th . Check with the Club manager, Bill Sperry or Director for the STAC schedule, Barometer games continue every Saturday with a **once a month Pot-Luck on December 12th**. Check the Calendar for Charity games, Club Championships.

Go to www.bridgeclubofnorthcounty.org to find everything you need to know about bridge at the 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

LSMDBC has a new web-site! Go to www.lakesanmarcosduplicatebridgeclub.com. At the web-site you can not only see the results but also get a complete hand analysis and suggestion how each hand should have been played or defended. Contact Jean Holt for more information at 760-734-4518

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The **charity for October was Semper Fi Fund, Toys for Marine Families.**

Top Five Open Players for October were Tim Flaherty, Jean Holt, Joe Houde, Art Foeste and Jill Roberts and Kay Haralson. **Top five 0-499er's** were Nancy Scott, Valerie Gwin, Karen Smith, Sandy Hrstich and Lynne Jaseph. 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. **Address** is 1605 Grandon Ave., San Marcos, 92078

ACBL Ramona Duplicate Bridge

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MARY ANN HOUSTON ~ 760-789-1132

It is with regret that we note the passing of one of our best, a real mentor and dear friend from “down the hill.” Kay Haralson’s last act was to tell Mary Ann that she didn’t think she could make it to the next game. To all who had the pleasure of playing with Kay and calling her friend, we extend our condolences, and especially to her partner Gary Beed. We wish everyone to know that Kay and Gary made us look good in STaC games, and in our regular home games, they made us think more clearly and work a little harder. Kay and her expertise are already sorely missed.

Mentor Games on Monday, 2-4 p.m., Bridge Lessons with Geoff on Tuesday 2-4 p.m., Sanctioned Games on Wednesday and Friday from 9:30 a.m.-1pm, 15 minute snack break, no lunch, Evening Sanctioned Game on Thursday from 6-9 p.m. Youth Bridge – Fridays 3:30-5 p.m. Pizza, too! Leave those turkeys at home and come join us – pumpkin pie, optional!

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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, Art Foeste, Jill Roberts, Hazel Turner, Jean Jantz, Patti Finell, and John Coulombe		1 Ramona Bridge 2:00pm Teaching Session BCNC Open Pairs 12:30 PM BCNC EZ Bridge 6:30 PM Lake San Marcos DBC 6:30PM Club Champ Game	2 Ramona Bridge 9:30am - Open Game BCNC Open Pairs 12:30 PM Lake San Marcos DBC 10AM Chalk Talk 11AM Club Champ Game	3 BCNC Supervised Play - 9:30 AM BCNC Open Pairs 12:30 PM Ramona Bridge 6pm Open Game	4 Ramona Bridge 9:30am - Open Game BCNC 499er NLM 9:00 AM BCNC Open Pairs 12:30 PM BCNC Open Pairs 12:30 PM Both Club Championships	5 BCNC Open Pairs Barometer Game 12:30 PM Charity
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BOLD games denote Mega-Masterpoint Games.

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