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# North County Inland, Unit 549

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**THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF ACBL UNIT 549**

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

### **HAPPY NEW YEAR**

Here we go again. It's a new year, time to celebrate another beginning. Time to make resolutions which we really mean to keep. Let's resolve to bring kindness and tolerance to our bridge game. Be kind to your opponent and please treat your partner with kindness and respect. Resolve to do unto others...

Seeya at the bridge table.

Be sure to make plans to play at Unit 549's Annual Winter Sectional Friday and Saturday January 15 & 16. Stratified open pairs, non-life master pairs, and Swiss teams are scheduled at 10 AM and 2:30 PM each day. There will be challenging hands, snacks galore, and lunch available for purchase.

Congrats to the Bridge Club of North County on their one year anniversary. May the club live long and prosper.

Sheila

## **Upcoming Unit 549 Events - Mark the Date**

### **Special Games with Extra Points**

**LSMDBC** - LSMDBC will Host **Junior Fund Charity Games** all month. The **Pot-Luck game will be held January 22nd**. All of these special games mean **More** points! Also New Year's Eve Game December 31, 5:30 dinner, 6:30 pm game.

**BCNC** - ACBL Ed Fund Games January 1, 7, 9, 11, 19, 21, and 27. ACBL Jr. Fund Games January 3, 13, 22, 26, 28 and 30. Charity Games January 2 (also Kay Haralson Memorial Game), 5, 14, 20, 25, and 29. Club Championship Games January 8 and 18. Club Membership Game January 12 at 12:30 PM and January 23 at 12:30 PM. ACBL Intl Fund Game January 6.

**January 15-16 - Winter Sectional, Lake San Marcos Conference Center**

### **Mark the Date!**

**Unit 549 Winter Sectional is January 15<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup>** 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](http://www.acblunit549.org) for complete information or call Jill Roberts 858-485-7640 or email: [jillroberts78@gmail.com](mailto:jillroberts78@gmail.com) For partners go to Partnerships at [www.acblunit549.org](http://www.acblunit549.org)

### **Audrey Grant is Coming to Unit 549 in 2016!**

**Mark the Dates! January 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>** Don't miss the opportunity to learn from the best, Audrey Grant! **The Workshop topics are The Rule of 1 & 2 on January 29<sup>th</sup> and Best Defense Against a Suit Contract on the 30<sup>th</sup>**. 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 22<sup>nd</sup>. After the 22<sup>nd</sup> 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](mailto:cruzqueen43@gmail.com) Get on the list now!

### **Alert!**

There will be no Unit game in January, the first Unit game in 2016 will be February 27<sup>th</sup>. 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](http://www.acblunit549.org) for partnerships, to sign-up for the Unit games and see results.

### **Unit Game Winners in November**

**Open** – Marilyn Florin & Barbara Pepper, followed by Liz Nixon & Jean Holt, Jill Roberts & Art Foeste, Bill & Nancy Sperry, Hazel Turner & Alan Lasnover, and Jan Gallagher & Marilyn Anderson. **NLM winners** were: Mary Kaufmann & Susan Winebrenner, Jean Gilchrist & Trish Frinell, Jeff & Marjorie Kuhlman, Sheila Slayton & Kay Wilkey and Miriam Slatic & Nancy Scott. Congratulations to all!

### **70% Games**

Oct. 1 Manoochehr Bahamian - Alberdina Bahamian 79.17% Bridge Club of North County

Nov. 2 Sheila Latus - Rex Latus 73.48% Bridge Club of North County

Nov. 16 Joyce Fox - Rick Sontag 76.39% Bridge Club of North County

Nov. 17 Tim Flaherty - Joe Houde 74.40% Lake San Marcos Bridge Club

### **Welcome New Members to Unit 549**

Nancy Johnson, Eileen Morris, Marjorie Berend, Robert Klein, Susan Munro, Hal Norton and Christine Smith. Welcome back to David Basnard. Welcome to all new and returning members!

### **Members Achieving New Levels of Achievement**

**Junior Master** – Mary Kaufmann & Jan Waluk; **Sectional Masters** – Lynn Jaseph & Greg Smith; **New Silver Life Masters** – Art Foeste & Allan Larson; **New Diamond Life Master** – Alex Fowlie. Congratulations to all!

# Unit 549 Club News

## Bridge Club of North County

**Special Games!** BC of NC will Host two special games in January. **On January 2<sup>nd</sup>** BC of NC will host a “Celebration of Life” Barometer game with Lunch to honor Kay Haralson, Director and great supporter of Escondido Bridge. A portion of the card fees will be donated to Hidden Valley Shelter. **On January 23<sup>rd</sup>**, BC Of NC will Celebrate it’s First Anniversary with lunch and Barometer game. It is suggested that you sign-up in advance for both of these games.

Check the Calendar for Charity games, Club Championships, and Mega Point games.

Go to [www.bridgeclubofnorthcounty.org](http://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](mailto:bridgeclubofNC@gmail.com)

## Lake San Marcos Duplicate Bridge Club at Grandon

**Go to [www.lakesanmarcosduplicatebridgeclub.com](http://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

LSMDBC will Host **Junior Fund Charity Games** all month. The **Pot-Luck game will be held January 22<sup>nd</sup>**. All of these special games mean **More** points!

The **charity for November was Brother Benno’s, Oceanside.**

**Top Five Open Players for October** were Tim Flaherty, Jean Holt, Joe Houde, Jill Roberts and Art Foeste. **Top five Non-Life Masters** were Karen Smith, Robert Schork, Carol Nelson, Kathy Balog and Miriam Slatic . 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

1721 MAIN ST. RAMONA, CA 92065 #101

MARY ANN HOUSTON ~ 760-789-1132

The famous wild turkeys are gathering in Ramona, strutting about with loud discussion on well-worn decks! You know who I mean – the feathered visitors! Pumpkins turned orange in the fields and grapes are bottled in award-winning winery splendor. It’s hard to find a better place to “set a table” than in our little corner of the Valley of the Sun. Oh, and by-the-way, the bridge games will go on through the holidays. Come on up for a game or two. Visitors are always welcome – feathers optional!

Our new abode is delightful and we are growing! The newbie’s are jumping into the games with all the armor of Geoff’s tutorials. They make the pros blink and dig down deep for outwitting conventions – which may, or may not work! The kids are coming along with high scores on their November tests and a willingness to try for more finesses. The lessons are paying off – and work well even as refreshers for those who struggle to remember the little nuances of modern conventions – hmm. Where are those keys?

Happy Holidays and may glad tidings and graces bring smiles to faces and light your way to kings, queens and aces! Mentor Games on Monday, 2-4 p.m.; Bridge Lessons with Geoff on Tuesday 2-4 p.m. + Sanctioned Game. Sanctioned Games on Wednesday and Friday from 9:30 a.m.-1 p.m.

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!

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>Unit 549 Board Members:</b> <b>President:</b> Sheila Latus (selatus@gmail.com) <b>Board Members:</b> Liz Nixon, Ken Matson, Art Foeste, Jill Roberts, Hazel Turner, Jean Jantz, Patti Firrelli, and John Coulombe						
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