

## North County Inland, Unit 549

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THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF ACBL UNIT 549

***PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE*****WHAT NOT TO DO**

This game we play is challenging enough. There is no need to add unpleasantries. The stress of competitive bridge can lead to bad behavior on all four sides of the table. How many times have you heard “Why did you play the Ace when you had the King?” telling the whole room about the lay of the cards. Speak sotto voce, it makes for a more pleasant game and does not create an advantage for those who next play the hand.

Don't dawdle. Keep the postmortems to a word or two. Analyze the game with your partner at the local pub over a pint of good tap beer (or perhaps a nice pinot grigio). Trying to analyze the hand and the play at the table slows the games and makes for unhappy next opponents. Keep table talk to a minimum and keep the game moving.

On another note – check out the new history tab on your unit's website ([acblunit549.org](http://acblunit549.org)) for a revised informative history of bridge in San Diego North County entitled *BRIDGE MEMORIES* written by the unofficial unit historian Rex Latus.

Sheila

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

**LSMDBC** - LSMDBC will Host **Megapoint Games** all month. The **Pot-Luck game will be held February 19th**. All of these special games mean **More** points!

**BCNC** - ACBL Jr. Fund Games February 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, and 16. ACBL Ed. Fund Games February 8, 11, 13, 17, and 19. ACBL Intl. Fund Games February 15, 23, 25, and 26. Charity Games February 9, 12, 18, 22, and 24. Club Championship Games February 2 and 10. Grass Roots Fund Game Monday, February 29. Grand National Swiss Teams Qualifying February 20.

**Saturday, February 27 - Unit Championship Game - 12:30 PM, Lake San Marcos Pavilion**

### **Last Chance! 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!**

The first Unit game in 2016 will be February 27<sup>th</sup> followed by March 19<sup>th</sup> and April 23<sup>rd</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 or Conference Center, 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 December**

**Open** – First Paul Landrum – Toshi Yasutake followed by Fran White – Rick Kerbel; Jean Jantz – Doris Nizzi; Rex Latus – Sheila Latus; Susann McDowell – Connie Etheridge; Tied for 6/7 Herb Shaeffer – Hazel Turner & Tim Flaherty & Marilyn Florin.

**Non-Life Masters winners: First** - Julie Watkins – Angela Tilaro followed by Marvin & Brian Schwedock, Bob & Phyllis Griest; Naomi Brownell – Alexandra Johnson and Sandy Hrstich – Lynne Jaseph. Congratulations to all!

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

Sara Barrough and Kathleen Tucker. Returning members Hal Norton, Bill Butler, Carolyn Scerni and Jack Munro. Welcome to all new and returning members!

### **ACBL New Ranks added effective Jan. 1, 2016**

**Ruby Life Master – 1500 Master Points and Sapphire Life Master – 3500 Master Points.** See page 67 in the January Bridge Bulletin.

### **Members achieving new levels of achievement:**

**New Ruby Life Master** – Holly Aufmann, Gary Beed, Penny Berman, Betty Brown, Georgia Catton, Ray Curtiss, Chuck Donaldson, Zelda Ettore, Marilyn Kalabsa, L.F. McCaffrey, Al Nadel, Tom Nolan, Sharon Opfer, Barbara Schulte, Dot Swanger, Ken Vavra, and Pete Watt.

**New Sapphire Life Masters** – Bernard Figueiredo, Rex & Sheila Latus and Bunny Schmidt.

**New Diamond Life Master** – Bunny Schmidt

# Unit 549 Club News

## Bridge Club of North County

**Special Games! On January 23<sup>rd</sup>, BCNC 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.

**Top Five Open Players in December:** Tom Nolan, Al Nadel, Marilyn Florin, Ray Curtiss, and Bunny Schmidt! **Top Five 0-499 players:** Rick Sontag, Dan Higgins, Angela Jaraicie, BJ Amini and Kay Barker. Congrats to all!

February is ACBL Junior Fund Month with lots of extra points! Also Club Championships and Charity Games! Wow! Lots of opportunities for extra points!

Swiss Teams will be held on Saturday Feb. 20<sup>th</sup> instead of the weekly Barometer Game. Get your team and come on over to Escondido. Pot-Luck Saturday is February 13<sup>th</sup>!

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

LSMDBC will Host **Megapoint Games** all month. The **Pot-Luck game will be held February 19th.** All of these special games mean **More** points!

The charity for December was Brother Benno's, Oceanside and Research & Recognition, a project to help prevent PTSD.

**Top Five Open Players for December** were Tim Flaherty, Joe Houde, Nina Laughbaum, Jean Holt, and Jill Roberts. **Top five 0 – 799** were David Gifford, Elaine Gifford, Diana Fritz-Maes, Trisha Kell and Miriam Slatice . Way to go top five!

**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

**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

**HAPPY NEW YEAR FROM ACBL RAMONA DUPLICATE BRIDGE**

**1721 MAIN ST. RAMONA, CA 92065 #101**

**MARY ANN HOUSTON ~ 760-789-1132**

From our club to you ~ Come, join in! May the New Year reward you with royalty! Game ON! Mentor Games on Monday, 2-4 p.m.; Bridge Lessons with Geof 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>1</b> BCNC Supervised Play 499er NLM 9:00 AM BCNC Open Pairs 12:30 PM Both ACBL Jr. Fund Ramona Bridge 2 PM Mentor Game	<b>2</b> Ramona Bridge 2:00pm Teaching Session BCNC Open Pairs 12:30 PM (Club Championship) Lake San Marcos DBC 6:30PM Megapoint Game	<b>3</b> Ramona Bridge 9:30am - Open Game BCNC Open Pairs 12:30 PM (ACBL Jr. Fund) Lake San Marcos DBC 10AM Chalk Talk 11AM Megapoint Game	<b>4</b> BCNC Supervised Play - 9:30 AM BCNC Open Pairs 12:30 PM (ACBL Jr. Fund) Ramona Bridge 6pm Open Game	<b>5</b> Ramona Bridge 9:30am - Open Game BCNC 499er NLM 9:00 AM BCNC Open Pairs 12:30 PM Both ACBL Jr. Fund	<b>6</b> BCNC Open Pairs Barometer Game 12:30 PM ACBL Jr. Fund
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<b>28</b> NO GAMES TODAY	<b>29</b> BCNC Supervised Play 499er NLM 9:00 AM BCNC Open Pairs 12:30 PM Both Grass Roots Fund Games Ramona Bridge 2 PM Mentor Game	<p><b>Unit 549 Board Members:</b>                      President: Sheila Latus (selatus@gmail.com)                      Board Members: Liz Nixon, Ken Matson, Art Foeste, Jill Roberts, Hazel Turner, Jean Jantz, Patti Frinell, and John Coulombe</p>				

BOLD games denote Mega-Masterpoint Games.

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