

North County Inland, Unit 549

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THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF ACBL UNIT 549

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**OH NO! NOT AGAIN**

The venue was lovely and the cards were interesting. There was plenty of food to be consumed and silver points to be earned. Even El Nino cooperated, we didn't have very much sunshine, but at least it did not rain. There were visitors from San Diego, Orange County, the Inland Empire, the North County Coastal Unit, and the Desert. But where were the members of Unit 549? A quick count in the Open Section indicated less than 30% were members of our Unit.

The ACBL indicates that attendance at sectionals is down across the country. Could it be that the many opportunities to earn Silver Points (so many STaCs) is dampening your enthusiasm for attending sectionals? Is the Lake San Marcos venue unappealing? Is the event schedule not to your liking?

Should we schedule only one Sectional per year? If so, should it be in the winter (January) or the summer (June)? Your Unit Board of Directors needs to know. What can we do to entice Unit 549 to come to our sectionals. Please email suggestions to me (selatus@gmail.com).

Thanx

On another note: Congratulations to the Board of Directors of the Bridge Club of North County for finding a temporary site so quickly. The club was closed for only 10 days. Check the website for schedules and info. (bridgeclubofnorthcounty.org).

Sheila

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

LSMDBC - LSMDBC will Host Club Championship games on March 15th, 16th and 18th. The remaining games will be Megapoint Games. The Pot-Luck game will be a Club Championship on March 18th. All of these special games mean More points!

BCNC - ACBL Jr. Fund Games March 4, 8, 16, 24, and 28. ACBL Ed. Fund Games March 2, 10, 14, 18, and 22. ACBL Intl. Fund Games March 1, 3, 9, 21, and 25. Charity Games March 5, 7, 11, 15, 23 and 31. Club Championship Games March 12 and 17. Grass Roots Fund Games March 29 and 30. Grand National Swiss Teams Qualifying March 26.

Saturday, March 19th - Unit Championship Game - 12:30 PM, Lake San Marcos Pavilion

Congratulations to the 2016 Board of Directors!

The following positions have been filled: President – Sheila Latus; Vice President – Jill Roberts; Secretary – Liz Nixon; Treasurer – Ken Matson; Membership – Art Foeste; Tournament Co-Chairs – Jill Roberts & Trish Frinel; Hospitality – Hazel Turner & Jean Jantz; Disciplinary – Jean Jantz. What a winning team!

Thank You!

Thank you to all attendees at the Audrey Grant Festival January 29th and 30th. We had a packed house with 220 attending. A very special thanks to Carolyn Scerni, Jill Roberts, Art Foeste and Trish Frinel. Because of their efforts with organizing and serving the food and drinks we had a tremendous success. Also, Thanks to Liz Nixon for bringing Audrey Grant to Unit 549 every year and her marketing efforts it was a huge success!! Don't miss 2017 the dates are January 27th and 28th.

Alert!

The Unit games in 2016 will be March 19th and April 23rd. 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 (The March Unit game will be at the Conference Center). 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.

Note: there was no Unit Game in January due to the Winter Sectional. Got to www.acblunit549.org for results from the Sectional. See you Feb. 27th!

Welcome New and Returning Members to Unit 549

Linda Adams and Gwen McFarland. Welcome!

Members Achieving New Levels of Achievement

Junior Master – Paula Book

Sectional Master – Eva Forte, Jean Gilchrist

NABC – Judy Freidman and Carey Simkin

Bronze Life Master – Cathy Staver

Diamond Life Master – **Bunny Schmidt...it's official!**

70% Games:

70.83% Jean Holt - Tim Flaherty - January 20th, Lake San Marcos DBC

71.88% Alex Fowlie - Tim Flaherty - January 30th, Bridge Club of North County, Escondido

Congratulations!

Unit 549 Club News

Bridge Club of North County

The club will hold Extra point games every day in March including ACBL International Fund games, ACBL Education Fund games, Charity games, ACBL Jr Fund games, Grass Roots Charity games and Two Club Championship games. Wow! What a schedule! Loads of opportunities for extra points.

On March 12th there will be a Volunteer Appreciation Day to thank all those that have volunteered to help set-up and clean-up at every game. The Club is run by volunteers and it is a tremendous success!

Top Five Open Players in January: Tim Flaherty, Marilyn Florin, Bunny Schmidt, Sue Compton, and Doris Nizzi.

Top Five 0-499 players: Alberdina Bahmanian, Henrik Lund, Rick Sontag, John Coulombe, and Joyce Fox. Congrats to all!

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

Go to www.bridgeclubofnorthcounty.org to find everything you need to know about bridge at the club. **The address for their temporary location is:** Felicita Village Shopping Center, 330 West Felicita Ave, Suite D4 (Northwest corner of Felicita Ave. and Escondido Blvd.), Escondido, CA 92025. The shopping center is across the street from Jack-in-the-Box and KFC. The road behind their temporary building, where all the parking is, is one-way and can only be entered off of Escondido Blvd. The road exits onto Felicita Ave., next to the property where McDonald's is located. To see directions to the Club, a map and information on parking, please go to the website and click on directions/parking. Please use the parking behind the building so spaces in front are available for patrons of the neighboring retail businesses. Once you see the available parking you will opt for the parking behind the building. They will have the same phone number, 760-807-9396, and expect to have the phone set up soon at the temporary location. They encourage you to use email instead of the phone as the email in box is monitored throughout the day and will normally result in a faster response. Email address is: bridgeclubofnc@gmail.com.

Lake San Marcos Duplicate Bridge Club at Grandon

LSMDBC will Host Club Championship games on March 15th, 16th and 18th. The remaining games will be **Megapoint Games**. The **Pot-Luck game will be a Club Championship on March 18th**. All of these special games mean **More** points!

The charity for January was Lake San Marcos Kiwanis Pancake Breakfast tickets to benefit the LSM Kiwanis Foundation.

Top Five Open Players for January were Tim Flaherty, Jean Holt, Joe Houde, Lane Campbell and Mary Fenton.

Top five 0 – 799 were Lyn Lazzaro, Sandy Musbach, Fred Kaufman, John Gates and Karen Smith. Way to go top five!

Go to www.lakesanmarcosduplicatebridgeclub.com. You can 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

1721 MAIN ST. RAMONA, CA 92065 #101; MARY ANN HOUSTON ~ [760-789-1132](tel:760-789-1132)

Hearts come to mind in February well, spades, diamonds and clubs do too. In Ramona, we keep moving ahead on new conventions and falling back on old ones and finding what works for us. Overall, we're getting stronger and stronger. But who knows what will pop up at the bridge table? We are such a diverse group, with strengths in so many different areas, we fly with the eagles or grovel with the chickens. Scores in the fifties may land a couple in fifth place or even lower these days! But it's never boring, even with those dastardly one no trump contracts, and it's appreciation for a game well-played that keeps us coming back, and, of course, the camaraderie within a club built on hearts...and minds.

The teens are not only learning conventions, but even joining the adults during Tuesday lessons. The younger ones enjoy the opportunity to play with their older peers during Friday lessons. Preparing for the April meeting with another club is a big motivator. Okay class, what do you bid when your partner opens with one no trump and you have a perfectly balanced hand and eighteen points? Hmm? Isn't it fun to make a slam? It's just getting there that's tricky. Practice builds confidence in your partner ... and playing well takes a lot of heart.

Happy Valentine's to bridge partners here, there and everywhere.

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>Unit 549 Board Members: President: Sheila Latus (selatus@gmail.com) Board Members: Jill Roberts, Liz Nixon, Ken Matson, Art Foeste, Trish Finnel, Hazel Turner & Jean Jantz</p>	<p>1 Ramona Bridge 2:00pm Teaching Session BCNC Open Pairs 12:30 PM (ACBL Intl. Fund) Lake San Marcos DBC 6:30PM Megapoint Game</p>	<p>2 Ramona Bridge 9:30am - Open Game BCNC Making Friends Mixer 9:00 AM BCNC Open Pairs 12:30 PM (ACBL Intl. Fund) Lake San Marcos DBC 10AM Chalk Talk 11AM Megapoint Game</p>	<p>3 BCNC Supervised Play - 9:30 AM BCNC Open Pairs 12:30 PM (ACBL Intl. Fund) Ramona Bridge 6pm Open Game</p>	<p>4 Ramona Bridge 9:30am - Open Game BCNC 499er NLM 9:00 AM BCNC Open Pairs 12:30 PM Both ACBL Jr. Fund</p>	<p>5 BCNC Open Pairs Barometer Game 12:30 PM Charity Game</p>	
<p>6 NO GAMES TODAY</p>	<p>7 BCNC Supervised Play 499er NLM - 9:00 AM BCNC Open Pairs 12:30 PM Both Charity Ramona Bridge 2 PM Mentor Game</p>	<p>8 Ramona Bridge 2:00pm Teaching Session BCNC Open Pairs 12:30 PM (ACBL Jr. Fund) Lake San Marcos DBC 6:30PM Megapoint Game</p>	<p>9 Ramona Bridge 9:30am - Open Game BCNC Open Pairs 12:30 PM (ACBL Intl. Fund) Lake San Marcos DBC 10AM Chalk Talk 11AM Megapoint Game</p>	<p>10 BCNC Supervised Play - 9:30 AM BCNC Open Pairs 12:30 PM (ACBL Ed. Fund) Ramona Bridge 6pm Open Game</p>	<p>11 Ramona Bridge 9:30am - Open Game BCNC 499er NLM 9:00 AM BCNC Open Pairs 12:30 PM Both Charity Games</p>	
<p>13 NO GAMES TODAY</p>	<p>14 BCNC Supervised Play 499er NLM 9:00 AM BCNC Open Pairs 12:30 PM Both ACBL Ed. Fund Ramona Bridge 2 PM Mentor Game</p>	<p>15 Ramona Bridge 2:00pm Teaching Session BCNC Open Pairs 12:30 PM Charity Game Lake San Marcos DBC 6:30PM Club Championship Game</p>	<p>16 Ramona Bridge 9:30am - Open Game BCNC Open Pairs - 12:30 PM ACBL Jr. Fund Lake San Marcos DBC 10AM Chalk Talk 11AM Club Champ Game</p>	<p>17 BCNC Supervised Play - 9:30 AM BCNC Open Pairs 12:30 PM Club Championship Ramona Bridge 6pm Open Game</p>	<p>18 Ramona Bridge 9:30am - Open Game BCNC 499er NLM 9:00 AM BCNC Open Pairs 12:30 PM ACBL Ed. Fund Lake San Marcos DBC Potluck 5:30 pm, Club Champ Game 6:30 pm</p>	
<p>20 NO GAMES TODAY</p>	<p>21 BCNC Supervised Play 499er NLM 9:00 AM BCNC Open Pairs 12:30 PM Both ACBL Intl. Fund Ramona Bridge 2 PM Mentor Game</p>	<p>22 Ramona Bridge 2:00pm Teaching Session BCNC Open Pairs 12:30 PM (ACBL Ed. Fund) Lake San Marcos DBC 6:30PM Megapoint Game</p>	<p>23 Ramona Bridge 9:30am - Open Game BCNC Open Pairs 12:30 PM - Charity Game Lake San Marcos DBC 10AM Chalk Talk 11AM Megapoint Game</p>	<p>24 BCNC Supervised Play - 9:30 AM BCNC Open Pairs 12:30 PM (ACBL Jr. Fund) Ramona Bridge 6pm Open Game</p>	<p>25 Ramona Bridge 9:30am - Open Game BCNC 499er NLM 9:00 AM BCNC Open Pairs 12:30 PM Both ACBL Intl. Fund</p>	
<p>27 NO GAMES TODAY</p>	<p>28 BCNC Supervised Play 499er NLM 9:00 AM BCNC Open Pairs 12:30 PM Both ACBL Jr. Fund Ramona Bridge 2 PM Mentor Game</p>	<p>29 Ramona Bridge 2:00pm Teaching Session BCNC Open Pairs 12:30 PM (Grass Roots Fund) Lake San Marcos DBC 6:30PM Megapoint Game</p>	<p>30 Ramona Bridge 9:30am - Open Game BCNC Open Pairs 12:30 PM - Grass Roots Fund Lake San Marcos DBC 10AM Chalk Talk 11AM Megapoint Game</p>	<p>31 BCNC Supervised Play - 9:30 AM BCNC Open Pairs 12:30 PM (Charity Game) Ramona Bridge 6pm Open Game</p>	<p>26 BCNC Grand National Swiss Teams Qualifying 12:30 PM</p>	

BOLD games denote Mega-Masterpoint Games.

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