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THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF ACBL UNIT 549

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

WHY?

Thanx to a longtime friend who sent me three articles from divergent sources. One from *Vanity Fair*, one from the *New Yorker*, and one from the *Rolling Stone*. I read about the cheating scandals among some of the elite players in professional bridge.

Bridge is a game that takes a day to learn, and a lifetime to master. The *Laws of Duplicate Bridge* outlines the rules and customs of the game. Law 73 B2 states "the gravest possible offence is for a partnership to exchange information through prearranged methods of communication other than those sanctioned by these laws".

The articles led me to wonder about the reasons for not playing honestly. It is chutzpah? (I am too smart to be caught?) Arrogance? Lack of humanity? Or just not giving a damn about the other contenders and needing the self-validation of winning at the table. Maybe that and the hundreds of thousands of dollars they can earn playing professionally.

There are so many ways to cheat. The Italian toe tap, the German cough, and pencils turned one way or the other. There are no limits to the imaginative ways to convey unauthorized information.

Congratulations to the ACBL and the World Bridge Federation for taking action to right these wrongs.

On a more pleasant note: Congratulations to Tim Flaherty for placing #187 on the Barry Crane Top 500.

Sheila

Upcoming Unit 549 Events - Mark the Date

Special Games with Extra Points

LSMDBC - LSMDBC will Host **Charity games for the entire month of April**. The Pot-Luck will be on April 15th. All of these special games mean **More** points!

BCNC - ACBL Ed. Fund Game April 2; Club Championship Games April 1 and 11, ACBL Charity Games April 4-9 and 18-22, Charity Games April 12-16 and 25-30.

Saturday, April 23rd - Unit Championship Game - 12:30 PM, Lake San Marcos Pavilion

Alert!

The Unit games in 2016 will be April 23rd at the **Lake San Marcos Pavilion** and May 21st at the **Conference Center**. 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 for partnerships, to sign-up for the Unit games and see results.

Calling all Non-life Masters! Mark the Date!

Saturday, July 16th Non-Life Masters Silver Splash Tournament at the Pavilion at Lake San Marcos. This event is co-sponsored by Unit 531 North County Coastal and Unit 549 North County Inland. More info to come!

February Unit Game winners

Open were: Paul Landrum & Toshi Yasutake followed by Terry Badger & Lee Curtiss, Bernie & Carey Simkin, Bill & Nancy Sperry, Joe Houde & Ron Kay and Diana Glimm and Roger Liles.

Unit game Non-Life Master winners for February were: Angela Tilara & Julie Watkins followed by Miriam Slatcic & Nancy Scott, Max & Sabina Heyde and Jeff & Marjorie Kuhlman. Congratulations to all winners.

Welcome New and Returning Members to Unit 549

Audrey Clarke, Pam Dick, Hector Gonzales, Maxine Graves, Tomoko Harper, Ken Patrick, Lindy Patrick, Aaron Jones, and Corinne Splinter. Welcome back to Lorrain Duffy and Murray Goldman! We look forward to meeting you at our clubs and Unit games.

Members Achieving New Levels of Achievement:

Junior Master – Delynn Kelly

Club Master – Gary Sage

New Regional Master – Robert Porter

New Ruby Master – Lynne Pyka

70% Games

73.75 % Rick Sontag & Byron Audenbaugh, Feb. 15th, Bridge Club of North County

70.51% Janice Joerger - Wayne Holm, Feb. 24th Lake San Marcos DBC

Congratulations to all!

Unit 549 Club News

Bridge Club of North County

The Club has been forced to move to a temporary location: Felicita Village Shopping Center, 330 West Felicita Ave, #D-4, Escondido CA 92025. Enter from Escondido Blvd and park behind the building. Club phone # is the same: 760-807-9396

The club will hold Extra point games every day in April including ACBL Charity games and Two Club Championship games. Wow! What a schedule! Loads of opportunities for extra points.

On April 30th there will be Swiss Teams. Get your teams together and come on down!

Top Five Open Players for February: Tom Nolan, Pete Watt, Al Nadel, Holly Aufmann and Bunny Schmidt. **Top Five 0-499 players:** Alberdina Bahmanian, Dan Higgins, Linda Hirshberg, Joyce Fox and Ed Ford. 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 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 will Host **Charity games for the entire month of April.** The **Pot-Luck** will be on April 15th. All of these special games mean **More** points! The charity for February was Inter-Faith.

Top Five Open Players for February were Tim Flaherty, Wayne Holm, Janice Joerger, Judy & John McCaffrey. **Top five 0 – 799** were Art Murphy, Ross Penne, Bob Schork, Karen Smith and Valerie Gwin. 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)

WHAAAT??? It seems that all those hearts and diamonds in February led to infidelity in March!!! Really? Or, perhaps I should murmur, “Partner, oh Partner, are you having an affair?”

We can be candid about this. Ramona ACBL is indeed participating in dastardly duos, flagrant flings, and perfidious partnerships. Now, dear reader, while your mind reels with possibilities, here’s the deal! These (unpredictable) liaisons are to take place on the last Monday of the month. At 6:00 p.m. bridge players will be teamed with persons they have not had the pleasure of partnering in the past. “A Bridge Affair” will begin in March. It is recommended that hearts be laid on the table and not worn on sleeves!

ACBL Ramona now boasts three bridge classes on Tuesdays from 2:00-4:30 p.m. with a growing number of participants. Thirty at the last count! The three categories include: New Players; Convention Basics: Stayman, transfers, weak bids; Intermediate to Advanced Players. Following each session, players enjoy practice hands based on the lesson.

Regular sanctioned games continue on Wed. and Fri. 9:30 a.m. and Thurs. 6:00 p.m. Youth lessons are Fri. 3:00 p.m.

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Unit 549 Board Members:						
President: Sheila Latus (selatus@gmail.com)						
Board Members: Jill Roberts, Liz Nixon, Ken Matson, Art Foeste, Trish Frinel, Hazel Turner, Jean Jantz, Dorothea Williams & John Coulombe						
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BOLD games denote Mega-Masterpoint Games.

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