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THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF ACBL UNIT 549

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

RENO

It was a dark and stormy night as we approached Reno. The drive up Route 395 was uneventful except the car's GPS kept trying to send us south! As we approached Reno from Carson City in the dark, very windy, and rainy night, the GPS kept telling us to make a legal U-turn (on Interstate 80) and then quit completely for about 15 minutes.

When we finally arrived we found ourselves looking at a star studded field. All the big names were there. And to think we got to play against the pros. Zia was there (although we did not get to play against him). One of the reasons we went to Reno was to play in an event where we could earn PLATINUM points and quality for the second day. We played in the four session Rockwell Mixed Pairs (a nationally rated event). We held our own in the two session first day, placed twice, qualified, and earned those coveted PLATINUM points. We were not quite as successful playing the second day, but found it quite exciting to play against those we read about in the Bridge Bulletin.

I would like to recommend that players of all levels have the experience of playing in the "big time". Not necessarily for the North American Championships (what we generally call "The Nationals"), but Regional and Sectional tournaments. Playing against new faces and new systems can be challenging and exciting. Broaden your bridge playing horizons, expand your world!

Sheila

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

BCNC - STaC Games May 2-7. Club Championship Games May 10 and 18. All remaining games are Grass Roots fund.

LSMDBC - LSMDBC will have a STAC game on May 4th. All remaining games are Grass Roots fund. The **Pot-Luck** will be on May 20th. All of these special games mean **More** points!

Saturday, May 21st - Unit Championship Game - 12:30 PM, Lake San Marcos Pavilion

Alert!

The Unit games in 2016 will be **May 21st and June 18th at the 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 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. Stratified Pairs: 10AM and 2:30pm. Entry is \$10 per session. Lunches will be available for purchase. Contact Christine Denny for partners by email: christinedenny@mac.com. Ida Burcham, Director

STAC WEEK is May 2nd – May 7th

Both Lake San Marcos DBC and Bridge Club of North County will be participating. Get those Silver Points!

March Unit game winners

Open were: Ken Matson & Chuck Ward followed by Bunny Schmidt & Pete Watt, Carol Turner & Carol Reinhardt, Al Nadel & Tom Nolan, Janice Joerger & Barbara Naschold and Rick Norton & Paul Foster.

Non-Life Master winners for March were: Bob & Phyllis Greist followed by Joyce Fox & Ken Patrick, tied for 3/4 Trish Frinell & Jean Gilchrist & Brian & Marvin Schwedock, and Mary Kaufman. Congratulations to all winners.

Welcome New and Returning Members to Unit 549

Dr. Dale Bardin, Susan Halfaker, Maxie Kinsey, Marti Blackwell and Kayla Matthews. Welcome back to Ursula Kiemle! We look forward to meeting you at our clubs and Unit games.

Members Achieving New Levels of Achievement

Junior Master – Louis Coviello & Joan Smith

New Silver Life Master – Alma Lathem



Unit 549 Club News

Bridge Club of North County

The Club is hoping to be back in its original location by the end of May. Hooray! Club phone # is the same: 760-807-9396. Check the Bridge Club of North County web-site for updates: bridgeclubofnorthcounty.org

In addition to STAC WEEK, the club will hold Extra point games every day in including Grass Roots Fund Charity Games and Two Club Championship games. Wow! What a schedule! Loads of opportunities for extra points!

Top Five Open Players for March: Bunny Schmidt, Tom Nolan, Al Nadel, Marilyn Florin, and Chuck Donaldson.
Top Five 0-499 players: Bruce Bosworth, Betty Serepca, Marjorie Berend, Dan Higgins and Alberdina Bahmanian.
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 temporary address is Felicita Village Shopping Center, 330 West Felicita Ave, Suite D4 (Northwest corner of Felicita Ave. and Escondido Blvd.), Escondido, CA 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

Alert! The Tuesday night game will no longer be running. Please remove the Tuesday night game from your calendar.

LSMDBC will have a STAC game on May 4th. All remaining games are Grass Roots fund. **The Pot-Luck** will be on May 20th. All of these special games mean **More** points! The charity for April was Solutions for Change!

Top Five Open Players for March were Jeanne Griffin, Minnie Williams, Tim Flaherty, Judy Gruenberger and Wayne Holm. **Top five 0 – 799** were John Coulombe, Fred Kaufman, Jackie McGee, Valerie Gwin and Bob Schork. 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: 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
Club Manager: Mary Ann Houston [760-789-1132](tel:760-789-1132)
houston6805@sbcglobal.net.

Game times are: Tuesday at 3:00PM, Wednesday at 9:30 AM; Thursday at 6:00PM and Friday at 9:30AM. Call for classes and additional bridge activities.

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 NO GAMES TODAY	2 BCNC Supervised Play 499er NLM - 9:00 AM BCNC Open Pairs 12:30 PM Both Stac Ramona Bridge 2 PM Mentor Game	3 Ramona Bridge 2:00pm Teaching Session BCNC Open Pairs 12:30 PM (Stac Game)	4 Ramona Bridge 9:30am - Open Game BCNC Open Pairs 12:30 PM (Stac Game) Lake San Marcos DBC 10AM Chalk Talk 11AM Stac Game	5 BCNC Supervised Play - 9:30 AM BCNC Open Pairs 12:30 PM (Stac Game) Ramona Bridge 6pm Open Game	6 Ramona Bridge 9:30am - Open Game BCNC 499er NLM 9:00 AM BCNC Open Pairs 12:30 PM Both Stac Ramona Bridge 3:00 PM Youth Lesson	7 BCNC Open Pairs Barometer Game Potluck 12:30 PM Stac
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BOLD games denote Mega-Masterpoint Games.

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