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**THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF ACBL UNIT 549**

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

IT'S AN ILL WIND

It was noon on Thursday, February 4 at the bridge club. It was like any other Thursday. Suddenly it became a disaster area. A car thru the front door sent everything flying in a cloud of dust. Fortunately no one was hurt. The club was officially closed by the City of Escondido.

Ten days later, thanks to the unrelenting efforts of BCNC board member Vic Pitcock, the club sprang back to life in a temporary location less than a mile away at Felicita Village. It was Deja-vu. The club had been at this location previously in the early 1970's! Remember?

The new digs could only accommodate fourteen tables and had only one bathroom, but otherwise it was business as usual. Finally by the end of May construction was completed and the move back to the "book store" site could begin.

But that is not the end of the story. A funny thing happened on the way back. The same movers that were used for the initial relocation were hired again. No problem! But what happens when it is seven o'clock Saturday night and the movers are a no show? You need to be out of the Felicita site by Sunday and operating again by Monday morning and it is a holiday weekend.

This is "the rest of the story" (anyone remember that radio program? Paul Harvey – late 1970's). Once again Vic along with Gary Beed did what had to be done. A little weekend DIY project. Using their cars the move began. The lighter stuff migrated to the club Saturday night with some additional help from Sue Compton, Jill Roberts and Tom Nolan.

Bright and early Sunday morning Vic decided to start moving tables and chairs, one set at a time by car. Ten trips later help came. Chuck Donaldson arrived and the two of them moved the remaining chairs and tables and miscellaneous furnishings. By noon the cleaning crew of Ethel Warner, Jill Roberts and Jan Sperla began the grueling cleanup work. When Gary Beed arrived later in the afternoon two items remained to be moved – just the refrigerator and vending machine! Gary and Vic rented a truck from Home Depot and were able to move the refrigerator. But they were no match for the vending machine. Undaunted Vic somehow recruits two big guys and a truck for the last item.

Gary remained at the club till late Sunday evening connecting the phones, computers, internet, etc. Monday morning it was business as usual. All in a day's work! Amazing!!! Remember to thank these folks for their labor of love and love for the game.

And yes, it is an ill wind that does not blow some good. The newly constructed club was reconfigured and is better than before.

Sheila

Upcoming Unit 549 Events - Mark the Date

Special Games with Extra Points

BCNC - Club Championships July 1 and 4, NAP Qualifying July 2 and 8, NABC Fund Raisers July 5-7, ACBL Jr. Fund Games July 9 and 18-22, ACBL Ed Fund Games July 11-16, and Charity Games July 25-30.

LSMDBC - First and Third weeks will be NAP Qualifying Games, all other games will be mega point charity games. Potluck on July 15. **SEE NOTE ON NEXT PAGE REGARDING NEW LOCATION AS OF AUGUST 1st.**

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

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

Alert!

Next Unit game in 2016 will be **July 23rd 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. 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.

May Unit game winners

Open were: Bunny Schmidt & Pete Watt, followed by Janice Wells & Lynn Wells, Chuck Donaldson & Madonna Donaldson, Doris Nizzi & Barbara Pepper and Valerie Gwin & J. Marlene Klinger.

Unit game Non-Life Master winners for May were: Herbert Krongold & Jane Krongold, followed by Sheila Slayton & Katherine Wilkey, Peter Hapka & Susan Cronenwett, Miriam Slatik & Nancy Scott and Joe Chizzini & Ruth Chizzini.

2015 Helen Shanbrom Ace of Clubs Awards

0-5 Greg Fahey; 5-20 Claire Schneider; 20-50 Bejai Higgins; 50-100 Dorothea Williams; 100-200 Dan Higgins; 200-300 Ayoub Jaraicie; 300-500 Sue Compton; 500-1000 Art Foeste; 1000-2500 Gary Beed; 2500-5000 Bernard Figueiredo; Over 10,000 Tim Flaherty

2015 Mini-McKenney Race

0-5 Greg Fahey; 5-20 Claire Schneider; 20-50 Bejai Higgins; 50-100 Carey Simkin; 100-200 Dan Higgins; 200-300 Karen Smith; 300-500 Rich Sontag; 500-1000 Art Foeste; 1000-2500 Pete Watt; 2500-5000 Bernard Figueiredo; 5000-7500 Noe Mallari; Over 10,000 Tim Flaherty

Congratulations to all winners.

Welcome New and Returning Members to Unit 549:

John Gould, Brian Schwedock and Margo Lewis.

Members achieving new levels of achievement:

Junior Master – Kennett Patrick

New Sectional Master – John Coulombe

New Regional Master – Gerald Asbury

New Silver Life Master – Ken Matson

New Ruby Life Master – Jeffrey Rogers

Unit 549 Club News

Bridge Club of North County

The Club is back in its original location. Hooray! 2320 S. Escondido Blvd. Club phone # is the same: 760-807-9396. Check the Bridge Club of North County web-site for updates: www.bridgeclubofnorthcounty.org

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

North American Pairs qualifying games will be on July 2nd and July 8th.

Top Five Open Players for May: Sheila Latus, Rex Latus, Marilyn Florin, Bunny Schmidt and Lynne Pyka

Top Five 0-499 players: Dan Higgins, John Coulombe, Rick Sontag, Ross Penne and Dorothea Williams

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

Since I am gone, I can't do much of an article. My thanks to Pat and Nina for doing a great job while I've been away; Jean.

The first and third weeks will be North American Pairs qualifying games and the rest mega point charity games. The potluck will be on July 15 if there is enough interest.

Reminder: The Wednesday game starts at 11:00am and includes a **Free Chalk Talk (starting at 10:00am) 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 July 15 at 6:30pm. 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.

PLEASE NOTE: Effective August 1st, New Location is the Pavilion at Lake San Marcos, 1105 La Bonita Dr, Lake San Marcos. Chalk Talk and Game times are the same. Game Fees may change.

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

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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EFFECTIVE AUGUST 1, NEW ADDRESS IS 1105 LA BONITA DR, LAKE SAN MARCOS

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 Frinell, Hazel Turner, Jean Jantz, Dorothea Williams & John Coulombe						
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BOLD games denote Mega-Masterpoint Games.

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