

North County Inland, Unit 549

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THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF ACBL UNIT 549

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**Opening 1NT With a Singleton: It's Officially Legal**

The ACBL Board of Directors removed a legal gray area surrounding semi-balanced notrump openers when it approved a change to the definition of a notrump opening in the General Convention Chart. The change allows players to open 1NT with hands that include a singleton ace, king or queen, as long as they do not also contain a doubleton.

Here is the new definition, effective August 1:

A notrump opening or overcall is natural if, by agreement, it contains no void, at most one singleton which must be the A, K or Q and no more than two doubletons. If the hand contains a singleton, it may have no doubleton.

This includes hand patterns such as 5-4-3-1, 6-3-3-1 and 4-4-4-1, in addition to those that were previously allowed, such as 4-3-3-3, 5-3-3-2 and 5-4-2-2.

The change was recommended by the Competitions and Conventions Committee, a group of players appointed by the Board, in an effort to bring regulations in line with popular and expert practice. Before, opening notrump with a singleton was considered a psych. It was legal to do, but players could not have an agreement to open such hands 1NT or 2NT. The lack of clarity was a thorny issue for directors.

The new definition prohibits opening notrump with more shapely hands, such as 5-5-2-1, 6-4-2-1 or 7-2-2-2. All of this has to do with your agreements. It doesn't prohibit an out-and-out psych, but you can't keep doing that or it becomes an agreement, and an illegal one at that.

The change does not impact the one allowable exception of a partnership agreement where 1NT is treated as a 100% forcing opening bid (and not considered "natural" with any distribution). The use of such an unbalanced, non-natural 1NT opening must be alerted.

Sheila

Upcoming Unit 549 Events - Mark the Date

Special Games with Extra Points

BCNC - Club Championships September 3 and 22; ACBL Intl. Fund Games September 1, 5-7, 9, 10, 13, 15, 19, 21, 23, 27-30; GNT Fund Raisers September 2, 8, 14, 17, 20, and 26; Membership Games September 12 and 16.

LSMDBC - September's games will all be International Fund Games with Megapoints.

Saturday, September 24th - Unit Championship Game - 12:30 PM, Lake San Marcos Pavilion

The July 16th Non-Life Masters Silver Splash Tournament was a great success. This event was co-sponsored by Unit 531 North County Coastal and Unit 549 North County Inland. Watch this space for more NLM events over the next year.

Alert!

The Unit games in 2016 will be **Sept 24 and Oct 22 at the Pavilion**. Unit Games 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.

Lungevity Game

It's back! The 4th Annual Lungevity Game is scheduled for Sunday October 16th at Bridge Club of North County. Your host for this event is again Jean Holt. Minimum donation is \$25, with 100% going to the Lungevity Foundation and is tax deductible. Lunch is at noon and game time 1:00 PM. For information contact Jean at 760-734-4518 or email jnnhlt582@gmail.com.

July Unit Game

Open winners were: Rex Latus & Sheila Latus, followed by Alberdina Bahmanian & Manoochehr Bahmanian, Doris Nizzi & Jean Jantz, David Anding & Jayendu Patel and Alfred Nadel & Thomas Nolan Jr.

Unit Game Non-Life Master winners for July were: Nancy Scott & Miriam Slatik, followed by Katherine Wilkey & Sheila Slayton, Raymond Gogolewski & Edward Koch, Jeffrey Kuhlmann & Marjorie Kuhlmann and Sandra Hrstich & Lynne Jaseph.

Congratulations to all winners.

Welcome New and Returning Members to Unit 549

Loren Archer, Linda Case, John Herbert and Arlene Rosen

Members Achieving New Levels of Achievement

Junior Masters – Supriyo Datta, Flora Fenequito, Hector Gonzalez, Brad Hall, Tomoko Harper, Maxine McNamara, Eileen Morris and Susan Van Cott

New Club Masters – Alan Creutz, Corinne Splinter, John Wohlfiel and Edward Zevely

New Sectional Master – Penelope Fox, Joan Renaud and Virginia Wohlfiel

New Regional Master – Katherine Balog

New Ruby Life Master – John White

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. The club's Grand Re-Opening party was held on Saturday June 25th. It was a 25 table sell out. Our largest turn out ever! Check the Bridge Club of North County web-site for updates: www.bridgeclubofnorthcounty.org

Top Five Open Players for July: Thomas Nolan Jr, Marilyn Florin, Bunny Schmidt, Sheila Latus and Alfred Nadel

Top Five 0-499 players: Dan Higgins, Alberdina Bahmanian, Dorothea Williams, Ken Patrick and Bejai Higgins

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

September's games will all be International Fund Games with Megapoints.

The charity for July was Casa de Amparo.

All of our supplies are at the Pavilion so we are ready to go. Many thanks to Art, John, Lane and Greg for all of their help.

Top Five Open Players for May: Art Foeste, Jean Holt, Jill Roberts, Janice Joerger and Wayne Holm

Top Five 0-499 players: John Coulombe, Nancy Shirley, Donna Buys, Nancy Scott and Ross Penne

Reminder: The Wednesday game starts at 10:30am and includes a **Free Chalk Talk (starting at 9:30am) by Jean Holt**, snacks and coffee. Players are asked to bring a bag lunch if they desire. The cost is \$7.00 for chalk talk and game. Since the move we no longer have a Friday night game.

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 - we have moved to the Lake San Marcos Pavilion, 1105 La Bonita Dr., San Marcos, Ca. 92078.

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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 *NEW ADDRESS AS OF AUGUST 3, 2016

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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