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THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF ACBL UNIT 549

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

SEASONED GREETINGS

(WITH APOLOGIES TO P. D. Q. BACH)

It is that thyme of year to send greeting to the salt of the earth, the members of the Bridge world. May your hands be peppered with aces and kings, and long suits, and no bad distribution. I hope you can open (sesame) all of your hands and win every match point available.

To curry favor, I wish you the best in the New Year that is a cumin. May you spice up your game with sage play and never have a dill moment. And don't forget your date with Rosemary.

I hope I haven't gone too far.

Merry Christmas, Happy Chanukah, and best wishes for a sweet New Year.

Sheila

Upcoming Unit 549 Events - Mark the Date

Special Games with Extra Points

BCNC - Club Championships December 7 and 29; Membership Games December 1 and 21, Junior Fund Games December 2, 6, 8, 17, 19, and 23, Educational Fund Games December 3, 12-16, STaC Games December 5 and 9, Grass Roots Fund Game December 20, Local Charity Games December 22, 26-28, and 30-31 NOTE: BCNC will be closed December 24-25 for Christmas.

LSMDBC - LSMDBC will host a STAC game on December 7th and all other games will be charity games with lots of mega points!

Saturday, December 10th - Unit Championship Game/Holiday Party - 12:30 PM, Lake San Marcos Pavilion

Winter Sectional is coming!

Friday, January 13th and Saturday, January 14th at the Lake San Marcos Conference Center. Jill Roberts is Tournament Manager, email: jillroberts78@gmail.com. Games begin at 10:00am and 2:30pm. There will be 0-500, 0-1500 and Open Games. Also, there will be Single Session Swiss daily. Standard Fee: \$11.00 per person. **We want to encourage New Players!** Play in the Non-Life Master Section for only \$5.00 with the coupon from the flyer (available on our website at acblunit549.org - click the link on the home page)! Non-Life Masters (NLM) with 0-500 Master points.

Audrey Grant

Audrey Grant is returning to the Lake San Marcos Pavilion, Friday, January 27th and Saturday, January 28th. **Day 1** is "Knowing when you are at a critical point in Defense." **Day 2** is "Identifying and Handling the Dangerous Opponent."

The Workshops begin at 10:00am sharp with an hour for lunch (included). The afternoon session ends at 3:00pm. The Early Bird cost is \$69 per person if paid by January 20th, and includes all workshop materials and luncheon.

To register: Toll Free 1-888-400-2789 or email: cruzqueen43@gmail.com. Checks should be sent to Escondido ACBL Unit 549 **attn:** Liz Nixon, 1127 Los Campaneros, Lake San Marcos, Ca 92078

October Unit game winners

Open were: Fran White & Rick Kerbel followed by Lynn & Janice Wells, Joe Houde & Ron Kay, Ken Matson & Hazel Turner, Lorraine Gordon Richard Stryker, and Bernard Figueredo & Hanan Deeby.

Non-Life Master were: Naomi Brownell & Alexandra Johnson followed by Bob & Phyllis Griest, John Coulombe & Dorothea Williams, Julie Watkins & Angela Tilaro and Ronique Nilson & Mary Loucks. Congratulations to all winners.

Alert!

Alert! The last Unit game in 2016 will be **December 10th Holiday luncheon game at the Pavilion at Lake San Marcos**. There will be **no charge** for this game to Unit members and regular players in our Unit games! Bottled water and sodas are provided at 50 cents a piece and coffee and tea are free.

Our first Unit games for 2017 will be February 25th and March 25th. Overall winners in each section receive a **free play** at any Unit game. Unit Games are held on the 4th Saturday of most months (December's game will be the 2nd Saturday - NO Unit game in January due to the Winter Sectional) at the Lake San Marcos Pavilion, 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 11:30am. Go to Unit 549's web-site www.acblunit549.org for partnerships, to sign-up for the Unit games and see results.

70% Game

Debby Wunderle and Judy Astamendi had a 70.63% game at the Bridge Club of North County on October 17th. Congratulations!

Welcome New and Returning Members to Unit 549:

Welcome to our Unit: Sandy Skillern, Beverly Wilson, Kathryn Georlett, Marjorie Sinel, and Joyce Tamsen.

Members Achieving New Levels of Achievement:

New Junior Master - John Herbert
New Club Masters - Susan Foreman & Tom Moore
New Sectional Masters - David Barnard & Jolinda Marshall
New Life Master - Toby Cohen
New Sapphire Life Master - Marilyn Florin

Congratulations to all of the above achieving new levels of excellence!

Unit 549 Club News

Bridge Club of North County

December is another month full of Mega point games! BCNC will be hosting STaC games on December 5th and 9th both morning NLM and Open games. Membership games will be held Dec. 1st, Dec. 6th, Dec. 21st, and Dec. 29th. Every other game is a Charity game supporting ACBL Education Fund, Junior Fund and Grass Roots Fund. Barometer Games will be held every Saturday except Dec. 10th due to the Unit game. BCNC will be closed on December 24th. There will be an Open Barometer game on December 31st.

Top Five Open Players for October: Marilyn Florin, Bunny Schmidt, Tom Nolan, Al Nadel and Manoochehr Bahmanian

Top Five 0-499 players: Dan Higgins, Brad Hall, Yvonne Hall, Dorothea Williams and Margie Berend.

Congrats to all!

Check the Calendar for exact dates of the 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

Alert! Lake San Marcos Duplicate Bridge Club is back to its roots at Lake San Marcos Pavilion, 1105 La Bonita Dr. New card fees will be \$7.00. Same location as the Unit games. Much better Parking!!! More Space!!! Nice kitchen!!!

LSMDBC will host a STAC game on December 7th and all other games will be charity games with lots of mega points! The Charity for December will be Interfaith of Escondido supported by the Unit Game on Nov. 19th.

Top Five Open Players for October were Tim Flaherty, Gail Pirodsky, Rick Norton, Jeanne Griffin, Minnie Williams and Maria Marshall.

Top five 0 – 499: Jan Dunlap, Tanaaz Timblo, Ken Gilbert, Judy Friedman, Paul Vaidya and Nira Levy. 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 10:30am 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. 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 1105 La Bonita Dr., 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)
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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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BOLD games denote Mega-Masterpoint Games.

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