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# North County Inland, Unit 549

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**THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF ACBL UNIT 549**

## ***PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE***

Greetings and Happy New Year,

The New Year is off to an interesting start for me personally. Believe it or not I find myself having a number of things in common with Donald Trump. I know, you think one of the things is the money but it isn't. Donald and I are both 70, we both still have all of our hair but his costs more to maintain and we both are becoming your President this year. And believe it or not we both are having problems finding celebrities to perform at our inaugurations.

Last week the 549 Unit Board selected me to serve as the Unit President for the following year. On behalf of the Board and all the Unit members, I would like to thank Sheila Latus for her leadership for the past four years. She did a great job and our Unit is better and stronger for it. I would also like to draw attention to the Unit Board and thank them for their service for the past year. They are committed to ensuring that duplicate bridge is alive and well in North County and that our members have lots of positive bridge opportunities. And a special thanks to Jean Jantz who is leaving the Board. She was great to work with and we'll miss her. Fortunately, she has agreed to help when needed.

We are getting things off to a running start this year. Our Winter Sectional is January 13th and 14th and we are adding a new twist. Non Life Masters with 499 master points or less can play in the Sectional for only \$5. We are hoping that this will be an incentive for them to try tournament play. We are also bringing Audrey Grant back again this year on January 27th and 28th. This is a great opportunity our intermediate players and our more advanced novices to get some specific instruction by a nationally recognized teacher.

Hoping we see you at the Winter Sectional.

Art Foeste

## Upcoming Unit 549 Events - Mark the Date

### Special Games with Extra Points

**BCNC** - Club Championships February 8 and 14 (Also Valentine's Day Party on the 14th); **ACBL Jr. Fund Games** February 1-4, 13, and 21; **ACBL Ed. Fund Games** February 6, 9, 11, 15, and 17; **ACBL Charity Games** February 7, 10, 16, 20 and 22; **ACBL Intl. Fund Games** February 23 & 24; **Grand National Swiss Teams Qualifying** February 25, and **Grass Roots Fund Games** February 27 & 28

**LSMDBC** - February will be special fund games except for Feb. 8, which will be a membership game.

**Saturday, February 18: Unit Championship Game, Lake San Marcos Pavilion**

### New Unit 549 Board Officers for 2017

**President** - Art Foeste; **Vice-President** - Jill Roberts; **Secretary** - Liz Nixon; **Treasurer** - Ken Matson; **Membership Chair** - Sheila Latus; **Electronic Contact** - Sheila Latus; **Disciplinary Chair** - Sheila Latus; **Recorder** - Liz Nixon; **Tournament Chair** - Trish Frinell; **Hospitality** - Hazel Turner & John Columbe; **Secretary Back-up** - Dorothea Williams

### Audrey Grant

**Audrey Grant is returning to the Lake San Marcos Pavilion, Friday, January 27<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, January 28<sup>th</sup>. 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 20<sup>th</sup>, and includes all workshop materials and luncheon.

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

### Welcome New and Returning Members to Unit 549

Welcome to our Unit: Karen Miller and Michael Skow.

### Upcoming Unit Games

Our next Unit games will be February 18th, March 25th, and April 22nd. Overall winners in each section receive a **free play** at any Unit game. Unit Games are held on the 4th Saturday of most months at the Lake San Marcos Pavilion, 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](http://www.acblunit549.org) for partnerships, to sign-up for the Unit games and see results.

### December Unit game winners

**Open were:** Bernard Figueredo & Hanan Deeby followed by Clair Lair & Lynn Wells, Ron Kay & Joe Houde tied with Jean Jantz & Doris Nizzi, Liz Nixon & Jean Holt, and Cheryl Rodzak & Jane Petering.

**Non-Life Master winners for December were:** Dean & Joanne Cunningham, followed by Harriet Landon & Mary Sato, John Columbe & Dorothea Williams, Herb & Jane Krongold and Ronique Nilson & Mary Loucke. Congratulations to all winners.

### Members achieving new levels of achievement

**New Junior Master** – Roseann Coviello

**New Club Masters** – Lorrain Duffy, Maxine Graves, Tim Haidinger and Susan Van Cott

**New Sectional Masters** – Ed Zevely

**New Regional Master** – Larry Gach

**New Silver Life Master** – Raghbir Mathur

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

### 70% Games

Congratulations to the following players: John Coulombe and Dorothea Williams with 73.75%, and Ken Patrick and Lindy Patrick with 70.00%, both at Bridge Club of North County on December 26th.

# Unit 549 Club News

## Bridge Club of North County

**Alert!** BCNC is starting Easy Bridge 1 on Feb. 4<sup>th</sup>. Learn to Play Bridge Fast! This course is geared to Beginners and those that want to get back in the game. The course is 15 sessions starting at 9:00am on Saturday Mornings with a 20 minute lesson followed by supervised play. Cost is \$129 for the 15 weeks and includes the Workbook.

**Megapoint Games abound** in February! Every game will be a charity, ACBL International Fund, Grass Roots Fund or Club Championship game. Lots of Megapoints!

Check the calendar at the Club or on [www.bridgeclubofnorthcounty.org](http://www.bridgeclubofnorthcounty.org)

**Top Five Open Players for December:** Bunny Schmidt followed by Tom Nolan, Pete Watt, Sheila Latus and Dan Higgins (what a guy, qualifying in the Open and the NLM)

**Top Five 0-499 players:** Dan Higgins, Bejai Higgins, Angela Jaraicie, Steve Provol and Leo Mullerto.

Check the Calendar for exact dates of the Charity games, Club Championships, and Mega Point games. Go to [www.bridgeclubofnorthcounty.org](http://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](mailto:bridgeclubofNC@gmail.com)

## Lake San Marcos Duplicate Bridge Club

February will be special fund games except for Feb. 8, which will be a membership game. **The game is growing like crazy,** Please call Jean Holt ahead of time to reserve your spot at the table.

**Top Five Open Players for December** were Wayne Holm, Janice Joerger, Maria Marshall, Rima Sharron, John Sharron Jr, Yoko Davis

**Top five 0 – 499:** John Gates, Holly Gates, Valerie Gwin, Ronald Anson, Miriam Slatc and Janet Dunlap. Way to go top five!

**Go to [www.lakesanmarcosduplicatebridgeclub.com](http://www.lakesanmarcosduplicatebridgeclub.com).** You can see the results and 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:** 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!!!

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)  
[houston6805@sbcglobal.net](mailto: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

# February 2017

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			<b>1</b> Ramona Bridge 9:30am - Open Game BCNC Open Pairs 12:30 PM (ACBL Jr. Fund) Lake San Marcos DBC 9:30AM Chalk Talk 10:30 AM Special Fund Game	<b>2</b> BCNC Supervised Play - 9:30 AM BCNC Open Pairs 12:30 PM Newcomers 0-20 MP 12:30 PM (Both ACBL Jr. Fund) Ramona Bridge 6pm Open Game	<b>3</b> Ramona Bridge 9:30am - Open Game BCNC 499er NLM 9:00 AM BCNC Open Pairs 12:30 PM Both ACBL Jr. Fund	<b>4</b> BCNC Open Pairs Barometer Game - 12:30 PM ACBL Jr. Fund
<b>5</b> NO GAMES TODAY	<b>6</b> BCNC Supervised Play 499er NLM - 9:00 AM BCNC Open Pairs 12:30 PM Both ACBL Ed. Fund Ramona Bridge 2 PM Mentor Game	<b>7</b> Ramona Bridge 2:00pm Teaching Session BCNC Open Pairs 9:00 AM & 12:30 PM (Both ACBL Charity Games)	<b>8</b> Ramona Bridge 9:30am - Open Game BCNC Open Pairs 12:30 PM (Club Championship) Lake San Marcos DBC 9:30AM Chalk Talk 10:30 AM Membership Game	<b>9</b> BCNC Supervised Play - 9:30 AM BCNC Open Pairs 12:30 PM Newcomers 0-20 MP 12:30 PM (Both ACBL Ed. Fund) Ramona Bridge 6pm Open Game	<b>10</b> Ramona Bridge 9:30am - Open Game BCNC 499er NLM 9:00 AM BCNC Open Pairs 12:30 PM Both ACBL Charity Games	<b>11</b> BCNC Open Pairs Barometer Game - 12:30 PM ACBL Ed. Fund Ribs and Potluck Sign up Requested
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<b>26</b> NO GAMES TODAY	<b>27</b> BCNC Supervised Play 499er NLM - 9:00 AM BCNC Open Pairs 12:30 PM Both Grass Roots Fund Ramona Bridge 2 PM Mentor Game	<b>28</b> Ramona Bridge 2:00pm Teaching Session BCNC Open Pairs 9:00 AM & 12:30 PM (Both Grass Roots Fund)	<b>Unit 549 Board Members:</b>  <b>President</b> - Art Foeste; <b>Vice-President</b> - Jill Roberts; <b>Secretary</b> - Liz Nixon; <b>Treasurer</b> - Ken Matson; <b>Membership Chair</b> - Sheila Latus; <b>Electronic Contact</b> - Sheila Latus; <b>Disciplinary Chair</b> - Sheila Latus; <b>Recorder</b> - Liz Nixon; <b>Tournament Chair</b> - Trish Frinell; <b>Hospitality</b> - Hazel Turner & John Columbe; <b>Secretary Back-up</b> - Dorothea Williams			

BOLD games denote Mega-Masterpoint Games.

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