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**THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF ACBL UNIT 549*****PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE***

Greetings!!!

Wow, that was fantastic. The Unit had our Winter Sectional in January and the turn out challenged our capacity at the Lake San Marcos Conference Center on both days. In my short memory with the Unit, this was by far the best turn out we have had. We offered an incentive to our non life masters of a \$5 card fee and they responded and the open event was the most competitive in my memory. Thanks to all of you for making this a success.

Looking to add to your bridge experiences? Make a short trip up to our Ramona club for the friendliest, most laid back game of bridge in San Diego County. Mary Ann has organized a bunch of bridge players into a group of dedicated volunteers who have made regularly sanctioned bridge games in Ramona a reality. They have a really nice facility and the players to match it so I encourage you to give it a try. They will love to see you. Our website has a list of days and times for the club's games.

We just celebrated the beginning of the Chinese New Year and this year is the year of the Rooster. Well, for Unit 549 and 531 this is the year of the Non Life Master. After the great turn out we had last year for our NLM Sectional we've decided to do two this year. The first will be April 8th. at the Lake San Marcos Pavilion and the second some time this summer on a date to be determined. So for all you NLMers this will be your opportunity for some tournament experience against your peers without having to travel very far.

Our next unit games are February 18, March 25 and April 22 and we hope to see you there. We will be recognizing our Mini-McKenney and Ace of Clubs winners at our March unit game so don't miss it. The unit games are always a day of good bridge, good food, good people at a really nice facility.

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## Upcoming Unit 549 Events - Mark the Date

### Special Games with Extra Points

**BCNC** - Club Championships March 4 & 17 (March 17 is also St. Patrick's Day Party); International Fund Games March 1-3; Junior Fund Games March 6-11; Charity Games March 13-16, 18, and 24; Grass Roots Fund Games March 20-23; Ed Fund Games March 27 (499er NLM Morning game only) and 28-31; ACBL Wide Senior Pairs (must be age 57+ to play) March 27 at 12:30 pm.

**LSMDBC** - Special Charity Fund Games throughout March

**Saturday, March 25: Unit Championship Game, Lake San Marcos Pavilion**

### Alert!!!

## Non-Life Master Sectional Coming to Unit 549/Unit 531 at Lake San Marcos.

**Mark the Date:** April 8<sup>th</sup>! **Location:** Lake San Marcos Pavilion, 1105 La Bonita Dr, Lake San Marcos, 92078. Stratified Pairs start time: 10:00am & 2:30pm. Stratifications based on A: 300-499; B: 100-299; C-0-99. Lunches will be available for purchase. Partnerships: Sue Compton: 760-740-0369 or email: [comptons@cox.net](mailto:comptons@cox.net). Entry Fee: \$10 per session

### Upcoming Unit Games

Our next Unit games will be 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](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](http://www.acblunit549.org) for partnerships, to sign-up for the Unit games and see results.

### 70% Games in January

There were two 70% games at Bridge Club of North County in January. Mac Busby - Tim Flaherty had a 70.03% game on January 9, and Jan Gallagher - Emily Berkov had a 70.51% game on January 23. At Lake San Marcos Duplicate Bridge Club, Maria Marshall and Rick Norton had a 70.51% game on January 18.

### Welcome New and Returning Members to Unit 549:

Welcome to our Unit: Marlene Hall, Eileen Loughran, Doris Nizzi, Ruth Swisher, Mary Ann Houston and Grace McKenney.

### Members Achieving New Levels of Achievement

**New Junior Master** – Erma Lea Frisbie

**New Sectional Masters** – Joe Hopkins and Ronique Nilson

**New Ruby Life Master** – Bill Sperry

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



# Unit 549 Club News

## Bridge Club of North County

**Alert!** BCNC started 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.

**Mega-point Games abound** in March! Almost every game will be a charity game supporting ACBL International Fund, Grass Roots Fund, or Junior Fund. Celebrate St. Paddy's Day, March 17<sup>th</sup>, with a Club Championship game and on March 27<sup>th</sup> there will be an ACBL Wide Game Senior Pairs Open game at 12:30pm. Must be 57+ to play. Saturday Barometer Games will be Club Championship on March 4<sup>th</sup> with Pizza. Also, on March 11<sup>th</sup>, a Pizza day as well. On March 18<sup>th</sup> there will be a Potluck. Talk to Jill Roberts about what to bring. Check the calendar at the Club or on [www.bridgeclubofnorthcounty.org](http://www.bridgeclubofnorthcounty.org)

**Top Five Open Players for January:** Bunny Schmidt, Thomas Nolan Jr., Sue Compton, Marilyn Florin and Timothy Flaherty

**Top Five 0-499 players for January:** Dan Higgins, Alberdina Bahmanian, Ken Patrick, Leo Muller and Susan Van Cott. Congratulations to all!

**CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR PLAYERS WHO PLACED #1 IN THE ACE OF CLUBS FOR 2016:** 0-5 Kenneth Patrick; 50-100 Valerie Gwin; 200 - 300 Dan Higgins; Over 10,000 Tim Flaherty

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

The club supported the Lake San Marcos Kiwanis Pancake breakfast by purchasing tickets and then donating them to a needy family thru the Boys & Girls Club of San Marcos.

**March** will be special Charity fund games all month! **The game is growing like crazy**, Please call Jean Holt ahead of time to reserve your spot at the table at 760-734-4518.

**Top Five Open Players for January** were Rick Norton, John Sharron, Rima Sharron, Tim Flaherty and Lane Campbell.

**Top five 0 – 499:** Paul Vaidya, Sandy Hrstich, Valerie Gwin, Ron Anson and Jan Dunlap. Way to go top five!

**CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR PLAYERS WHO PLACED #1 IN THE ACE OF CLUBS FOR 2016:** 5 to 20 - Ed Zevely; 100 to 200 - Dorothea Williams; 500 to 1000 - Raghubir Mathur; 1000 to 1500 - Art Foeste; Over 10,000 - Tim Flaherty

**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

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Club Manager: Mary Ann Houston [760-789-1132](tel:760-789-1132)  
[houston6805@sbcglobal.net](mailto:houston6805@sbcglobal.net)

Game times are: Tuesday at 2:00PM, 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
	<b>Unit 549 Board Members:</b> <b>President</b> - Art Foester; <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 Fittell; <b>Hospitality</b> - Hazel Turner & John Columbe; <b>Secretary Back-up</b> - Dorothea Williams						
<b>5</b>	NO GAMES TODAY	<b>6</b> BCNC Supervised Play 499er NLM - 9:00 AM BCNC Open Pairs 12:30 PM Both Junior 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 Junior Fund)	<b>8</b> Ramona Bridge 9:30am - Open Game BCNC Open Pairs 12:30 PM (Junior Fund) Lake San Marcos DBC 9:30AM Chalk Talk 10:30 AM Charity Fund Game	<b>9</b> BCNC Supervised Play - 9:30 AM BCNC Open Pairs 12:30 PM Newcomers 0-20 MP 12:30 PM (Both Junior Fund) Ramona Bridge 6pm Open Game	<b>10</b> Ramona Bridge 9:30am - Open Game BCNC 499er NLM 9:00 AM St. Patrick's Day Party BCNC Open Pairs 12:30 PM Both Junior Fund	<b>11</b> BCNC Open Pairs Barometer Game - 12:30 PM Junior Fund Pizza Day
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<b>19</b>	NO GAMES TODAY	<b>20</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>21</b> Ramona Bridge 2:00pm Teaching Session BCNC Open Pairs 9:00 AM & 12:30 PM (Both Grass Roots Fund)	<b>22</b> Ramona Bridge 9:30am - Open Game BCNC Open Pairs 12:30 PM (Grass Roots Fund) Lake San Marcos DBC 9:30AM Chalk Talk 10:30 AM Charity Fund Game	<b>23</b> BCNC Supervised Play - 9:30 AM BCNC Open Pairs 12:30 PM Newcomers 0-20 MP 12:30 PM (Both Grass Roots Fund) Ramona Bridge 6pm Open Game	<b>24</b> Ramona Bridge 9:30am - Open Game BCNC 499er NLM 9:00 AM BCNC Open Pairs 12:30 PM Both Charity	<b>25</b> Unit Game 12:30 PM Lake San Marcos Pavilion
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**BOLD** games denote Mega-Masterpoint Games.

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