

North County Inland, Unit 549

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THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF ACBL UNIT 549

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Next time you go to the bridge club look around and I'll bet what you will see are the usual suspects. Not that this is necessarily bad, but what you are looking at is an aging group of dedicated bridge players. And for those of us on the younger side of this spectrum that doesn't bode well for the future. And as an organization that is one of our biggest challenges. How do we keep duplicate bridge alive and well? Of course, the answer is obvious but not necessarily easy. We need more and younger bridge players.

One of the goals that the Unit 549 Board has established is finding more opportunities to provide bridge education. We currently sponsor the Audrey Grant seminar once each year and are looking for more educational programs. But our clubs have been our best resource. The Ramona club has been built almost entirely around getting people interested in playing duplicate bridge, giving them a bridge education and then providing regularly scheduled games to hone their bridge skills. The Lake San Marcos club provides an intermediate lesson prior to most scheduled games and has grown into our largest regularly scheduled game with a good mix of bridge players at all skill levels.

The Escondido club has taken growing our duplicate bridge family very seriously. Sue Compton is sort of the House Mother for the 499 group at the Escondido club. She has assembled a group of mentors who help the developing players each Monday and Thursday mornings. There is a 0 to 20 masterpoint game each Thursday afternoon and 499 games each Monday and Friday mornings. And with the help of Vic Pitcock and Bill Butler they continue to grow our bridge family with the Easy Bridge program. They have offered at least two 15 week sessions each year.

Just a reminder, Unit 531 and 549 are putting on a Non Life Master Sectional on April 8 at the Lake San Marcos Pavilion. Our upcoming scheduled Unit games are March 25 and April 22.

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Upcoming Unit 549 Events - Mark the Date

Special Games with Extra Points

BCNC - Club Championships April 8 and 17 (also Tax Relief Party); ACBL Charity Games April 1-7 and 18-21. All other games are Charity Games.

LSMDBC - Special Charity Fund Games throughout April

Saturday, April 8: Unit 549/531 Non-Life Master Sectional, Lake San Marcos Pavilion, 10:00 am & 2:30 pm

Saturday, April 22: Unit Championship Game, Lake San Marcos Pavilion, 12:30 pm

Alert!!!

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

Mark the Date: April 8th! **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. Entry Fee: \$10 per session.

Upcoming Unit Games

Our next Unit game will be April 22nd. Winners in each section receive a **free play** at the next Unit game. Unit Games are held on the 4th Saturday of each month 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 11:30am. Go to Unit 549's web-site www.acblunit549.org for partnerships, to sign-up for the Unit games and see results.

Winners in the Unit 549 Open game February 18th were: Lyn & Jim Martin followed by Lynn & Jan Wells, Rick Kerbel & Fran White, Paul Landrum & Toshi Yasatuke, Marilyn Florin & Bunny Schmidt and Alan Lasnover & Vivienne Whitworth.

Winners in the Non-Life Masters Section were: Sheila Slayton & Ed Zevely followed by Joann Dilling & Nancy Underdahl, Betty Wallace & Rae Logan and Dan Howard & Linda Iredale. Congratulations to all Non-Lifers!

Welcome New and Returning Members to Unit 549:

New members: John Mullin, Barbara Patenaude, Jimmy Shieh, Ardelle Smith; James Brown; Harriett Colby; Judy Cossette; Brandon Moran; Mary Anne Scott;

Returning members: Mary McDonald, Scott Sorgen, Doris Groh

Members Achieving New Levels of Achievement

Club Masters - Susan Halfaker, Jan Waluk

Sectional Master - Marjorie Berend

Regional Masters - Geoff Applegate, Lenore Sjoberg, Henry Tileston

Congratulations to all!



Unit 549 Club News

Bridge Club of North County

Alert! There will be a TAX Relief Game on Monday, April 17th. Mark the date!

Mega-point Games abound in April! Club Championship games are on April 8th and April 17th. All other games are Charity games.

Check the calendar at the Club or on www.bridgeclubofnorthcounty.org

Top Five Open Players for February: Marilyn Florin, Bunny Schmidt, Sue Compton, Timothy Flaherty, and Joe Houde.

Top Five 0-499 players for January: Ronald Anson, Ken Patrick, Ralph Tribbey, Dorothea Williams, and Betty Serepca. Congratulations to all!

Check the Calendar for exact dates of the Charity games, Club Championships. 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

The club supported the ACBL charities for the month of March. **April** will be special Charity fund games all month long which means lots of extra points! **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 February were Richard Cohen, Vivienne Whitworth, John Sharron, Rima Sharron, Maria Marshall and Rick Norton.

Top Five 0 – 499: Valerie Gwin tied with Ron Anson, Wallace McCoy, Karen Smith, Dean and Joanne Cunningham, tied for 5th. Way to go top five!

Go to 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 further information call Jean at [760.734.4518](tel:760.734.4518) or Nina at [760.736.9386](tel:760.736.9386). **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: Monday at 6 pm (OPEN), Wednesday at 9:30 am (OPEN); Thursday at 6:00 pm (OPEN) and Friday at 9:30 am (OPEN and 0-49ER). Lessons on Tuesday at 2:00pm & 4:00 pm. Call for classes and additional bridge activities.

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Unit 549 Board Members: President - Art Foesie; 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						
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BOLD games denote Mega-Masterpoint Games.

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