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**THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF ACBL UNIT 549**

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I retired five years ago and Joan and I moved to the San Diego area to be closer to our daughter and grandkids. So I went from 55 hours of work a week in a place that we had lived for 45 years to zero hours of work in a place where I knew no one but family. As I was nearing retirement I started to rekindle my interest in duplicate bridge and was playing two or three times a month. So it was only natural for me to look to duplicate bridge to fill some of those hours and meet some new people. What I discovered was quite amazing. Not only was duplicate bridge alive and well here but there was bridge every day of the week both mornings and afternoons, something we didn't have in Madison, Wisconsin. Since then I've made another discovery. Duplicate bridge is alive and well here because of a large group of committed volunteers who really love duplicate bridge.

Liz Nixon is a perfect example of one of those committed volunteers. She has served on the Unit Board so long that I'm afraid to ask how long it has been in fear of the fact she will think it has been too long. Her formal position is the Board's Recording Secretary but she does so much more. When you read the Forum each month you will find a long piece in there about the comings and goings of the unit thanks to Liz. She compiles most of the information that is used to produce Table Talk each month. And she coordinates the very successful Audrey Grant program the Unit has sponsored every year for the last 10 years or so. On behalf of Unit Board and the members of Unit 549 I would like to thank Liz for all of that volunteer time she has and continues to give to duplicate bridge.

Mark your calendar, Sheila Latus is going to be 75 on May 6th, and she isn't being bashful about it. There will be a "living wake" at the North County Bridge Club before the open game on May 8th to celebrate her becoming so old. And the family (Sheila) will be providing lunch, which is customary after such somber events. I've heard it will be Chinese cuisine, so don't miss it.

Our next unit game will be May 21st. Please note that this is a Sunday. The Pavilion and Conference Center got booked with bigger events for all of May so we got bumped to a Sunday.

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Upcoming Unit 549 Events - Mark the Date

Special Games with Extra Points

BCNC - STaC Games May 8 and 12, Club Championships May 5 & 8, all other games are Grass Roots Fund Games.

LSMDBC - All the games in May will be Megapoint games. **May 10th is our STAC Game.**

Sunday, May 21: Unit Championship Game, Lake San Marcos Pavilion, 12:30 pm (NOTE: this game is on a Sunday)

May 7-13 is STAC Week!

Here's your opportunity to pick-up those Silver Points. STAC week is May 7th – 13th. Check with your Club for exact dates of the STAC Games.

Upcoming Unit Games

Our next Unit game will be May 21st. **Alert! May is a Sunday Game at the Pavilion!** 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](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 for partnerships, to sign-up for the Unit games and see results.

Winners in the Unit 549 Open game March 25th were: Ruth Aronsohn & Pat Astier followed by Jean Jantz and Doris Nizzi, Rex & Sheila Latus, Marilyn Florin & Bunny Schmidt, Cheryl Fosdick & Bob Anuskiewicz and Mike & Mary Florio.

Winners in the Non-Life Masters Section were: Henry Tileston & Erica Federman, followed by John Columbe & Dorothea Williams, Miriam Slatic & Ronique Nilson, Toni Lien & Robert Liner and Dean & Joanne Cunningham. Congratulations to all!

Welcome New and Returning Members to Unit 549:

New Members: Jim Archer, James Kaspar, Bonnie Mahlmeister, Robert Olson, John Schell, David Valiulis, Peter Hapka, Dan Stockwell, and Ethel Warner.

Returning members: John & Lorraine Duffy, Hal Norton and Karen Smith.

Members Achieving New Levels of Achievement

New Junior Masters – Dale Bardin & Mary McDonald

New Club Masters – John Herbert & Melvin Schwartz

New Sectional Masters – Lindy Patrick

New Bronze Life Master – Sue Compton

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

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Unit 549 Club News

Bridge Club of North County

Big Events in May! Celebrate Cinco De Mayo at the Club Friday May 5th Plus both sessions are Club Championships. Monday, May 8 is Sheila Latus birthday Party sponsored by Sheila. Lunch is included. This will be Open Pairs at 12:30pm & will be a STaC game (the morning session will also be a STaC game).

Alert! Most games will be Grass Roots fund Charity games or Club championship games. Saturdays are Barometer games except May 6th.

Top Five Open Players for March: Bunny Schmidt, followed by Tom Nolan, Marilyn Florin, Sheila Latus, and Ray Curtiss.

Top Five 0-499 players for January: Ed Ford, Ken Patrick, Alberdina Bahmanian, Dan Higgins and Joyce Fox.

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 Casa De Amparo for the month of March. All the games in May will be Megapoint games. **The game is growing like crazy**, Please call Jean Holt ahead of time to reserve your spot at the table at 760-734-4518.

May 10th is our STAC Game. Come on down and go for the Silver!

Top 5 Open Players for March: Wayne Holm, Janice Joerger, Lorraine Gordon, Vivienne Whitworth, Richard Cohen, and Tim Flaherty.

Top 5 Non-life Master players 0-499: Jon Lelevier, Raj Patel, Harry Arora, Nira Levy, Ron Anson, Karen Smith

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 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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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
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BOLD games denote Mega-Masterpoint Games.

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