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THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF ACBL UNIT 549

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I picked up the paper the other day to discover that there was a debate over the number 700. The discussion centered around whether 700 grizzly bears in an area the size of New Jersey was enough to get them delisted from the endangered species list. And that got me to thinking, should duplicate bridge players be considered an endangered species?

The ACBL covers the United States and Canada which has a total population of about 360 million people. The ACBL has a membership of about 167,000 and this number has been declining for the past 25 years. To put that number in perspective, 167,000 is about the population of Escondido. I'm guessing that if you painted everyone in Escondido pink and then scattered them throughout the US and Canada that pink person sightings would be fairly rare. And that would probably be enough to qualify to be listed as an endangered species.

The ACBL puts a lot of emphasis on bridge education and other ways to grow the interest in duplicate bridge. We all have a vested interest in that success. On August 12th. Unit 549 and 531 will be holding a Non Life Master Sectional at the Pavilion at the Resort in Lake San Marcos. Please encourage all of our non life masters to take advantage of this opportunity to get some tournament experience.

Our next unit game will be August 26th at the Conference Center. There will be one of those glitches in September. That game will be on SUNDAY September 17th.

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Upcoming Unit 549 Events - Mark the Date

Special Games with Extra Points

BCNC - Junior Fund games August 1, 5, 16-18, and 28; NAP Qualifying games August 2 & 4, Club Championships August 3 & 14; Charity games August 7-12; Grass Roots Fund Game August 15; Education Fund games August 19 & 29-31; STaC games August 21-25.

LSMDBC - August 9th will be NAP qualifying game and August 23rd will be a STAC Game awarding Silver Points. All other games will be charity/mega-point games.

Saturday, August 26 - Unit Championship Game, Lake San Marcos Conference Center, 12:30 pm

Alert! Calling all Non-Life Masters.

August 12th is your day! Unit 531 and Unit 549 are hosting "Silver Splash" just for you. You can earn Silver points while playing against other Non-Life Masters. Tournament Chair is Gene Katz. Email: genekatz@att.net for details. The location is the Lake San Marcos Pavilion. First session starts at 10:00am.

Upcoming Unit Games

Our next Unit games will be Saturday, August 26th at the Conference Center, and **Sunday, September 17th, 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 or Conference Center, 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.

Announcement! Members reaching a new level of achievement will be rewarded with a free play at the next Unit game. Those receiving this award must be members of Unit 549. Our first awardees names are in the article below. Congratulations!

Unit Game Winners

Winners in the Unit 549 Open game June 24th were: Norman Schwartz & Trisha Kell followed by Bunny Schmidt & Marilyn Florin, Alan & Debbie Gailfus tied with Chris & Judy McNaughton, Tim Flaherty & Alex Fowlie and Jean Holt & Liz Nixon.

Winners in the Non-Life Masters Section were Alexandra Johnson & Naomi Brownell, followed by Carol Boyer & Lynn Jaseph, Fred Kaufman & Trish Frinell and Bob & Phyllis Greist. Congratulations to all!

In Memoriam

We mourn the loss of Jeri Adams. Jeri passed away on June 21, 2017, at her home in Austin, TX. She was born February 6, 1940, in Greenfield, TN and grew up in Detroit, MI. Jeri and her husband, Glen, resided in Rancho Santa Fe from 1996-2016 and developed numerous cherished friendships. Jeri was also an accomplished bridge player. She had a passion for the game, and her keen mind and dedication to excelling at it allowed her to earn the status of Gold Life Master. Jeri will be remembered most, however, for how she valued her friends and treasured her grandchildren.

Welcome New and Returning Members to Unit 549

Welcome New Members: Dennis Larson, Paul Stevens, Noel Weidner, Doris Kendall, Maureen McSherry and Robert Porter. **Welcome Returning Members:** Jim O'Donnell and Jeanne Weidner.

Members Achieving New Levels of Achievement

New Junior Masters – James Kaspar & Francis Smith

New Club Masters – Louis Coviello, Supriyo Datta & Hector Gonzalez

New Regional Masters – Bejai Higgins, Verena Hommel, Ken Patrick & Marvin Schwedock

New Advanced NABC Master – Dan Higgins

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

Unit 549 Club News

Bridge Club of North County

North American Pair Qualifying Games will be held on August 2nd and 4th. . The week of August 20 – 26 will be **STAC** Games giving Silver points to all qualifiers. Lots of excitement! **Alert!** All games are Megapoint and Charity games supporting Junior Fund, Education Fund, Grass Roots Fund, International Fund and Club Championship games. Saturdays are Pizza Day Barometer Games

Announcement! New Weekly 0-99 game every Wednesday at 9:00am. Cost is \$8.00 and includes coffee, tea, and snacks. Contact Sue Compton if you need a partner. comptons@cox.net

Top Five Open Players for June: Sue Compton, Bunny Schmidt, Sheila Latus, Dan Higgins, Al Nadel.

Top Five 0-499 players for June: Ken Patrick, Lindy Patrick, Bejai Higgins, Alberdina Bahmanian and Joanne Cunningham. Congratulations to all.

Check the Calendar for exact dates of the Charity games, Club Championships, etc. 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 charities were “The Longest Day” ACBL Alzheimer’s event. August 9th will be NAP qualifying game and August 23rd will be a STAC Game awarding Silver Points. All other games will be charity/mega-point games.

Top 5 Open Players for June: Tied for First: Rima Sharron, followed by John Sharron, Leo Carney, Maria Marshall, Tim Flaherty and Lane Campbell.

Top 5 Non-life Master players for June 0-499: Valerie Gwin tied with Ron Anson, John Coulombe, Jon Lelevier, Nancy Underdahl and Susan Winebrenner. Congrats to all.

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 games are at Lake San Marcos Pavilion, 1105 La Bonita Dr. Same location as the Unit games. 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.

ACBL Ramona Duplicate Bridge

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Game times are: Monday 6:00pm – 9:30pm, Thursday Night 6:00pm – 9:30pm, Friday mornings: Open 9:30am – 1:30pm; 0-49 NLM 9:30am – 12:30pm. Tuesday Lessons: Call for classes and additional bridge activities.

Unit 549 Board Members:

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

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BOLD games denote Mega-Masterpoint Games.

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