

N
O
V
E
M
B
E
R

North County Inland, Unit 549

acblunit549.org



TABLE



TALK



2
0
1
7

THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF ACBL UNIT 549

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

These next couple of months are going to be busy for our board. But before I get into that I'd like to say how impressed I am with the generosity of our bridge family. Jean Holt sponsored the fourth annual Lungevity charity game here in North County and raised a whopping \$9,440 to fight lung cancer...and contributions continue to trickle in. That brings the four year total to over \$30,000. Thank you Jean and all you generous bridge players.

Speaking of charity, we will be holding our annual holiday toy drive again this year. We are asking all those who play in our unit game on November 18th to bring an unwrapped toy to the game. All of the toys and the card fees collected at the unit game will be donated to Interfaith Community Services for their Adopt a Family program here in North County. If you can't be at the game or do your shopping early there will be a donation box where you can leave the unwrapped toy at the Escondido Club and the San Marcos game.

Our November unit game is also our annual meeting. The only formal business we have for this years meeting is to elect 3 members to the board. Liz Nixon will be leaving the board. After serving 12 years on the board Liz felt the only way to escape was to leave the country. My term and Ken Matson's term will be expiring on January 1. Therefore, we have 3 board seats to fill. The Nominating Committee currently has 3 candidates (Ken Matson, Barbara White, Art Foeste) to fill those positions. Nominations will remain open for additional candidates until November 18th.

And lastly, the November unit game is our annual unit "pot luck". The unit buys the main dish and you get to fill in the details. So we will be counting on you to make this the best lunch of the year.

Art

Upcoming Unit 549 Events - Mark the Dates!

Special Games

BCNC - STaC Games Nov. 13-17 (Every game, every day, Monday through Friday)

Saturday, November 18 - Unit 549 Annual Toy Drive & Pot Luck Party (see details below)

Sunday, Dec. 10 – Unit 549 Annual Holiday Luncheon and Game (see details below)

Jan. 26th & 27th - Unit 549 Winter Sectional. Silver Points abound! (Sessions are at 10:00am and 2:30pm, at the Lake San Marcos Conference Center. See www.acblunit549.org for flyer).

NOTE: BCNC will be closed on the following dates: Nov. 18 (Unit Game), Nov. 23 (Thanksgiving), Nov. 25, 28, 30, & Dec. 2 (all for NABC San Diego)

Fall 2017 NABC

The biggest and most exciting news for us in November is the Fall 2017 NABC (North American Bridge Championships) Tournament in San Diego, which kicks off with a big bang on November 23rd, by offering a Luau themed Thanksgiving dinner mid-way through the day's bridge events (you do need reservations for the dinner – go to ACBL.org for more info about the dinner and the schedule of events/games). The tournament runs daily through December 3rd. For many of us locals this is a terrific opportunity to vie for those coveted GOLD/Red points, which are so necessary to achieving higher mastery levels. So, no matter what your current status is, there's bound to be a game for you at a level where you feel comfortable competing. You'll want to schedule as many games as possible to take advantage of this relatively rare local event.

Board Elections

Unit 549 Board elections take place at the November game, which is also the annual members meeting (all unit members are invited to attend this meeting to vote for the new slate). The Nominating Committee is still taking names of volunteers to fill the seats of retiring Board members. This is a great opportunity for anyone interested in learning about the mechanics of Unit administration. If you are interested, please contact Dorothea Williams at dorotheaw@cox.net to enter your name on the ballot.

Upcoming Special Unit Games

Saturday November 18th (the 3rd Saturday) is our Annual Toy Drive and Potluck Bridge Party. Everyone is invited to bring an unwrapped toy gift and a favorite party side dish to share. The Unit will provide the meat entrée and everything else will be what you make it... such fun and surprises! All of the toys donated and all of the game fees collected on this day (plus any additional contributions you may wish to make) will be given to the Interfaith Community Services in Escondido for their holiday "Adopt a Family" program.

Sunday December 10th is our Annual Holiday Luncheon. This is a very special "Thank You" event from the Unit to all the players who support us throughout the year. The Unit will provide a special holiday lunch with all the trimmings, free to all players. Plus, there will be no card fees for the game.

Both games are at the Pavilion. Don't miss either of these Unit games!

Remember: Unit games are Championship rated with Megapoints! Winners in each section receive a **free play** at the next Unit game in addition to their masterpoints. The Lake San

Marcos Pavilion and Conference Center is located at 1105 La Bonita Dr., Lake San Marcos, CA 92078. Call Liz Nixon for directions – [760-214-8999](tel:760-214-8999). The November game is \$9.00 (plus a side dish to share, and an unwrapped toy donation). Doors open at 11:30pm. Game is at 12:30. Go to Unit 549's web-site www.acblunit549.org for partnerships, to sign-up for the unit games and to see results.

September Unit Game Winners

In September, the top four winners in the Open Section were as follows: Victoria Haines & Maria Marshall, Ruth Aronsohn & Pat Astier, Anne & Lance Malkind, and Paul Landrum & Toshi Yasutake.

The top three winners in each direction of the NLM Section were: N/S – Cecile Forman & Mary Lou Montulli, Katherine Wilkey & Marjorie Vandenberg, Alexandra Johnson & Naomi Brownell. E/W – Nancy Busher & Susan Cronenwett, Ed Zevely & Valerie Gwin, and Julie & Nancy Watkins. Congratulations to all!

Drum Roll Please...

The Lungevity charity game on October 8th was a smashing success due to a great turnout and the wonderful generosity of our players. We received \$6,210 in donations the day we played, \$940 in the mail, \$1,815 on line, and on Monday, October 9 we received a gracious donation of \$35.00 more... making a total of an even 9K, but contributions continue to trickle in... for a total of \$9,440 so far! **A big thank you** to all who have supported this very worthy cause.

Welcome New and Returning Members to Unit 549

Welcome New Member to Unit 549: Emory Boutilier
Welcome Returning members: Mary Kaye Boutilier, Yvonne Hall, and Beverly Wilson

Members Achieving

New Levels of Achievement

New Junior Masters – Craig Rifel, Alan Turner, and Noel Weidner

New Club Masters – Flora Fenequito, and Pat Lenowsky

New Regional Master – Claire Schneider

New Life Master – Lyn Lazzaro

New Ruby Life Master – Bill Butler

Unit 549 Congratulates all of the above for achieving these new levels of excellence and awards them a free play at the next Unit game.

Unit 549 Club News

Bridge Club of North County

You've likely heard or read that ACBL has made some Rule Book and procedural changes which will affect how we play and rule the game of bridge. A significant one of these is that STOP cards will no longer be used in bidding boxes at all ACBL tournaments after January 1, 2018. The BCNC Board of Directors has voted to eliminate them from our club immediately. If you find one – please toss it. Although the STOP card is gone, it is still an obligation to pause in the direct seat after a skip bid.

BCNC has a new optional membership service in place. For your convenience, BCNC will include an emergency contact in our database. To provide this information, simply email the club with the individual's name and phone number. Use Submit Emergency Contact in the subject line of your message. Alternately, you can re-submit a membership form – the form has been revised to include space for this information.

November games at BCNC are megapoint and charity games supporting the Junior Fund, the Education Fund, Membership, the Grass Roots Fund, and the International Fund. We have two Club Championship days this month - Friday, November 3rd, and Thursday, November 9th. The first Saturday, November 4th will be a Pizza Day Barometer game. **ALERT!! We'll be closed on Saturday, November 18th for the Unit game in Lake San Marcos and Saturday, November 25th, Tuesday, November 28th, and Thursday, November 30th for the NABC Tournament in San Diego.**

Check the Calendar for exact dates of the various club games and activities. 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. Email: bridgeclubofNC@gmail.com.** Feel free to contact the club regarding club programs, special games, and partnership help.

WANTED: Bridge players with 0-99 masterpoints who enjoy a friendly, non-intimidating environment in which to hone their bridge skills. We have the perfect place for you! Every Wednesday at 9:00 AM the fun begins! This game is a gentle introduction to the world of duplicate bridge. We even do a little instructing. If you're new to sanctioned bridge, or just need to refresh your skills, this is the game for you! Come and join us. Cost is \$8.00 and includes coffee, tea, and snacks. Contact Vic Pitcock at kcoctip.rotciv@att.net to sign up or if you need help finding a partner.

The new EasyBridge3 class, which began October 2nd, is offering single class sign-ups for anyone interested in particular aspects of the **EasyBridge3** curriculum, but not necessarily the entire session. This option is available for \$15.00 per week (includes two sessions of the same material – Monday at 4:15 PM and Saturday morning at 9:00 AM – you can attend one or both classes as you wish). If you think you might be interested in this option, you can reach Bill Butler at billbutlerbridge@gmail.com to obtain a list and schedule of the subjects to be covered each week.

Top Five Open Players for September: Bunny Schmidt, Tim Flaherty, Marilyn Florin, Victor Pitcock and Manoochehr Bahmanian.

Top Five 0-499 players for September: Ken Patrick, Lindy Patrick, Tom Colandrea, Ronald Anson and Steve Provol. Congratulations to all of these winning players.

Lake San Marcos Duplicate Bridge Club

There's a new Sheriff in town! Jeannine Holt is retiring as Director and John Coulombe will be taking over. John has been supporting our club for the last year as the chief "Schlepper" and "Jack of All Trades". John is willing to help in every way possible. Please give John a big Hug! Nina Laughbaum will continue as Club Manager.

All November games will be megapoint games with a Club Championship on November 8th.

Top 5 Open Players for September: Lane Campbell, Timothy Flaherty, Lorraine Gordon, Maria Marshall, and Larry Flora.

Top 5 Non-life Master players for September 0-499: Sheila Slayton, Betty Abersold, Ida Burcham, Valerie Gwin, and Ronald Anson. Congrats to all.

Since LSM Bridge Club has transitioned to The Common Game, results and analysis are now sent through email to all players in each game. Results are also always available at acbl.org under Club Results.

Reminder: Lake San Marcos Duplicate Bridge Club games are at Lake San Marcos Pavilion, 1105 La Bonita Dr. This is the same location as the Unit games. The Wednesday game starts at 10:30am, snacks and coffee are provided. Players are asked to bring a bag lunch if they desire. The cost is \$7.00. For further information call John at 760-751-0406 or Nina at 760.736.9386.

ACBL Ramona Duplicate Bridge

In keeping with our determination to help people thoroughly enjoy their bridge experience, we've expanded our Monday evening game to include a potluck dinner and social hour before the game. We start at 5:30. You're invited to bring something to share and join in the fun – make new friends and enjoy getting to know the people you play bridge with before the game at 6:00.

We will be having STaC games (silver points) on Thursday, November 16th at 6:00 PM, and Friday, November 17th at 9:30 AM.

Also, you can visit us online at www.facebook.com/acblramonabridge to view some past activities and then, please come and join us, you'll be glad you did!

Located at 1721 Main St. Ramona, CA 92065 #101. The Club Manager is Mary Ann Houston.

Normal Game times are: Monday 6:00pm – 9:30pm (5:30 Potluck), Thursday Night 6:00pm – 9:30pm, Friday mornings: Open 9:30am – 1:30pm; 0-499 NLM 9:30am – 12:30pm. Tuesday Lessons: Beginners Group with Claire Schneider, and an Intermediate Groups with Geoff Applegate. Call **760-789-1132**, or email Mary Ann at houston6805@sbcglobal.net for further information about classes and additional bridge activities.

We will be closed Nov. 23, 27, 28. Dec. 25, 26. Jan 1, 2.

November 2017

North County Inland, Unit 549

acblunit549.org

Bridge Club of North County (BCNC) - 2320 S. Escondido Blvd., Escondido, CA 92025
 (760) 807-9396 • bridgeclubofnc@gmail.com • bridgeclubofnorthcounty.org
 ACBL Ramona Duplicate Bridge - Maryann Houston • 1721 Main St., # 101, Ramona, CA 92065
 (760) 789-1132 • houston6805@sbcglobal.net • www.facebook.com/acblramonabridge
 Lake San Marcos DBC - John Coulombe, Director, Nina Laughbaum, Manager
 1105 La Bonita Dr., Lake San Marcos • (760) 751-0406 or (760) 736-9386

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Unit 549 Board Members: President - Art Foester; 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 Finelli; Hospitality - Hazel Turner & John Coulombe; Secretary Back-up - Dorothea Williams						
5 NO GAMES TODAY	6 BCNC Supervised Play 499er NLM - 9:00 AM BCNC Open Pairs 12:30 PM Junior Fund Ramona Bridge 6 PM Open Game (Potluck 5:30 PM)	7 Ramona Bridge 2:00pm & 4:00pm Lessons BCNC Open Pairs - 9:00 AM and 12:30 PM Junior Fund	8 BCNC 0-99 IMP Game - 9:00 AM BCNC Open Pairs 12:30 PM Education Fund Lake San Marcos DBC 9:30AM Chalk Talk 10:30 AM Club Championship	9 BCNC Supervised Play - 9:30 AM BCNC Open Pairs 12:30 PM Club Championship Ramona Bridge 6pm StAc Game	10 Ramona Bridge 9:30am - Open & 0-499er Game (StAc) BCNC 499er NLM 9:00 AM BCNC Open Pairs 12:30 PM Education Fund	11 BCNC Open Pairs 12:30 PM Barometer Game Education Fund
12 NO GAMES TODAY	13 BCNC Supervised Play 499er NLM - 9:00 AM BCNC Open Pairs 12:30 PM StAc Ramona Bridge 6 PM Open Game (Potluck 5:30 PM)	14 Ramona Bridge 2:00pm & 4:00pm Lessons BCNC Open Pairs - 9:00 AM and 12:30 PM StAc	15 BCNC 0-99 IMP Game - 9:00 AM BCNC Open Pairs 12:30 PM StAc Lake San Marcos DBC 9:30AM Chalk Talk 10:30 AM Mega Point Game	16 BCNC Supervised Play - 9:30 AM BCNC Open Pairs 12:30 PM StAc Ramona Bridge 6pm Open Game	17 Ramona Bridge 9:30am - Open & 0-499er Game BCNC 499er NLM 9:00 AM BCNC Open Pairs 12:30 PM StAc	18 Unit Game 12:30 PM Lake San Marcos Pavilion Lunch 11:45 AM ANNUAL TOY DRIVE/ FUNDRAISER/POTLUCK FOR INTERFAITH ESCONDIDO
19 NO GAMES TODAY	20 BCNC Supervised Play 499er NLM - 9:00 AM BCNC Open Pairs 12:30 PM Grass Roots Fund Ramona Bridge 6 PM Open Game (Potluck 5:30 PM)	21 Ramona Bridge 2:00pm & 4:00pm Lessons BCNC Open Pairs - 9:00 AM and 12:30 PM Grass Roots Fund	22 BCNC 0-99 IMP Game - 9:00 AM BCNC Open Pairs 12:30 PM Membership Game Lake San Marcos DBC 9:30AM Chalk Talk 10:30 AM Mega Point Game	23 HAPPY THANKSGIVING ALL CLUBS CLOSED NABC San Diego	24 Ramona Bridge 9:30am - Open & 0-499er Game BCNC 499er NLM 9:00 AM BCNC Open Pairs 12:30 PM Grass Roots Fund	25 BCNC Closed NABC San Diego
26 NO GAMES TODAY	27 BCNC Supervised Play 499er NLM - 9:00 AM BCNC Open Pairs 12:30 PM International Fund Ramona Bridge CLOSED	28 Ramona Bridge CLOSED BCNC Closed - NABC San Diego	29 BCNC 0-99 IMP Game - 9:00 AM BCNC Open Pairs 12:30 PM International Fund Lake San Marcos DBC 9:30AM Chalk Talk 10:30 AM Mega Point Game	30 BCNC Closed NABC San Diego Ramona Bridge 6pm Open Game		

BOLD games denote Mega-Masterpoint Games.

COVERING POWAY, SAN MARCOS, RAMONA, RANCHO BERNARDO, VALLEY CENTER, RANCHO SANTA FE & ESCONDIDO