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THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF ACBL UNIT 549

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Way back when, just a little before recorded history there were 9 women in San Marcos who regularly got together at their kitchen tables to play bridge. As time passed just playing bridge and chatting as they were prone to do wasn't enough. They wanted more, they wanted a structured game, they wanted something official, they wanted master points. As luck would have it one amongst them had recently emigrated from the mountain hamlet of Bishop. A place where the only indoor activities were drinking, barn dances and duplicate bridge. And this emigrant brought with her an ACBL director's certificate and a bunch of experience organizing and directing games and sectionals. So they reached out to her and said bring us structure, bring us master points. And that is the beginning, our genesis for the Lake San Marcos Bridge Club. Those women were Nina Laughbaum, Liz Nixon, Carolyn Scerni, Shirley Malone, Jean Holt, Carolyn Swanson, Judy Veljovich, Marge Jones and Barbara Pelhke.

I'm telling this story because knowing our history can be interesting and because that emigrant from Bishop has given a lot to the duplicate bridge family both here in North County and in Bishop. She is a director, she is a teacher and she is an activist. She is not one to wait to be asked, she just gets it done. Jean Holt stepped back from 16 years of directing the Lake San Marcos Bridge Club two weeks ago. Early next year she will be embarking on an around the world cruise and typical of Jean she stepped back from her active involvement in the Club to allow enough time for a successful transition before she leaves. On behalf of the Unit 549 Board and all the members of Unit 549 I would like to thank Jean for her selfless and considerable contribution to duplicate bridge in our unit. Fortunately for all of us she says she will remain involved in North County bridge when she returns.

Have a great Thanksgiving and we'll see you at the Nationals.

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Upcoming Unit 549 Events - Mark the Dates!

Special Games

BCNC - STaC Games Dec. 4-9 (Every game, every day, Monday through Saturday)

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

Friday, January 12 – BCNC 3rd Year Anniversary Party (details next month)

Monday, January 22 - Volunteer Appreciation Day (rescheduled, details next month)

Jan. 26th & 27th - Unit 549 Winter Sectional (see details below)

NOTE: BCNC will be closed on the following dates: November 23rd/Thanksgiving Day, November 25th, 28th, 30th and Saturday, December 2 for the NABC Tournament in San Diego, Saturday, December 23, and Monday, December 25th/Christmas Day.

Fall 2017 NABC

If you haven't already blocked out your calendar for the Fall 2017 NABC (North American Bridge Championships) Tournament in San Diego, you still have time to make those plans. The games start Thanksgiving Day and run through December 3rd. Go to the ACBL website for a calendar of game events and times. Don't miss this great opportunity to compete for those coveted GOLD/Red points, which are so necessary to achieving higher mastery levels, and which are rarely available anywhere but at these higher level tournaments.

Special Events

Sunday, December 10th is our **Annual Holiday Luncheon**. You'll want to mark your calendars and be sure to attend! 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. Doors open at 11:30AM, game starts at 12:30PM. The game/luncheon will be held in the Pavilion. Winners in each section always receive a **free play** at the next Unit game.

Friday and Saturday, January 26th and 27th is the Unit's **Winter Sectional**. There will be Open, NLM, and Swiss Teams events both days. Silver Points will be awarded in every event. Games are at 10AM and 2:30PM both days. Coffee and snacks will be provided free of charge, and a lunch will be available for purchase. Non-Life Masters can play for \$5 with the discount coupon, which is available on the tournament flyer (a printable copy is available on our website – see address below). All of these games will be held at the Lake San Marcos Conference Center.

The Lake San Marcos Pavilion and the Conference Center are located at 1105 La Bonita Dr, Lake San Marcos, CA 92078. Go to the Unit 549 website www.acblunit549.org for additional information, for partnerships, to sign-up for the unit games and to see results.

Unit Game Results

In October, the top four winners in the Open Section were as follows: N/S – Carol & Scott Nelson, Karse Simon & Arlene Traub-Simon, Patricia & Andrew Loh, and Rex & Sheila Latus. E/W – Bernie & Carey Simkin, Ronald Kay & Joe Houde, Alberdina & Manoochehr Bahmanian, and Bunny Schmidt & Marilyn Florin.

The top three winners in each direction of the NLM Section were: N/S – Cecile Forman & Mary Lou Montulli, Carol Boyer & Lynne Jaseph, and Alan Turner & Pat Lenowsky. E/W – Nancy Lawson & Betty Abersold, Trish Frinell & Fred Kaufman, and John Coulombe & Dorothea Williams. Congratulations to all!

Welcome New and

Returning Members to Unit 549

Welcome new members: Howard Birndorf, David & Peggy Fisher, Joan Gershman, Lynn Sullivan, Cher Young, David & Dixie Peterson, Robert Porter, and Marjorie Sinel.

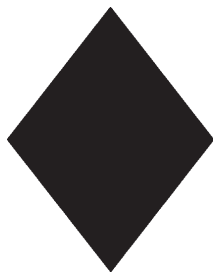
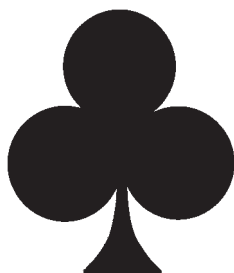
Welcome returning members: Supriyo Datta and Greg Smith

Members Achieving New Levels of Achievement

New Junior Master – John Mullin

New Ruby Life Master – Bharat Shah

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



Unit 549 Club News

Bridge Club of North County

December games at BCNC are megapoint and charity games supporting the Junior Fund, the Education Fund, Membership, and local Charities. **The entire first week will be STaC games – Monday, the 4th, through Saturday, the 9th, every game, every day!** You need to come and vie for those Silver Points. We have one Club Championship day this month – Wednesday, December 20th. Saturday, December 30th is a Barometer game/Pizza day. Also, please note that the Newcomer games on Thursday afternoons have been suspended until further notice.

ALERT!! We'll be closed on November 23rd/Thanksgiving Day, November 25th, 28th, 30th and Saturday, December 2 for the NABC Tournament in San Diego, Saturday, December 23, and Monday, December 25th/Christmas Day.

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.

STILL WANTED: Bridge players with 0-99 masterpoints. If you've ever wondered what it might be like to have a circle of friends who all play bridge, who all want to learn to play a better game, and who all like to have fun doing it... you need to come and "let us entertain you!" We have the perfect place for you to hone your skills, make new friends, and just plain enjoy the game of bridge in a friendly, non-intimidating environment. So, if you're new to sanctioned bridge, just need to refresh your skills, or are looking for a more structured social bridge outlet, 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.

NEW!! EasyBridge1 classes will begin on Saturday, January 6th, 2018, at 9:00 AM. This series of lessons consists of 15 weekly sessions of 20-30 minutes of instruction followed by 2

hours of assisted play. The total cost is \$149.00, which includes the lesson book (a \$12 value), and a free make-up session for any class missed. Hazel Turner, a Life Master and ACBL Certified EasyBridge Instructor will be presenting this class. To enroll, please contact Hazel at hazelturnerbridge@gmail.com. For more information and directions to the club, visit our website at www.bridgeclubofnorthcounty.org.

The EasyBridge3 class, which began October 2nd, will be finishing up in early December, but there is still time for 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 of the remaining class topics and their schedule of presentation.

Did you know that BCNC has **Supervised Play** on Monday at 9 AM and Thursday at 9:30 AM? Sessions are intended for beginning and intermediate levels of expertise. Players, organized according to their level, bid and play hands which are then discussed with the mentor who critiques the hand, and provides alternative strategies on bidding, play of the hand, and defense. Cost is \$5.00. Anyone participating in the Supervised Play sessions is invited to stay and play in the afternoon games for an additional \$6.00. That's only \$11.00 for a whole day of learning and fun! For further information, or to sign up, contact Sue Compton at comptons@cox.net

Top Five Open Players for October: Al Nadel, Bunny Schmidt, Marilyn Florin, Timothy Flaherty, and Holly Aufmann

Top Five 0-499 players for October: Ed Ford, Trish Frinell, Ken Patrick, Bill Nadel, and Mel Cohn. Congratulations to all of these winning players.

Lake San Marcos Duplicate Bridge Club

We now have a final tally for our Lungevity charity event. At the end of the Lungevity Walk on November 4th (which is the event our annual game is connected with), we have raised a grand total of \$9900.00 for lung cancer research. The Lungevity Walk raised a total of \$40K, which is the most successful year since its inception. We want to extend a **big thank you** to all our generous contributors who have supported this very worthy cause.

FYI: Now that Jean Holt is retiring, there will temporarily be no chalk talk prior to our games. We have every intention of reinstating this practice in the future, but in the meantime, you may want to adjust your arrival time for the games.

All December games will be megapoint games.

Top 5 Open Players for October: Gary Beed, Samuel Jordan, Art Foeste, Jeanette Bentley, and Jill Roberts.

Top 5 Non-life Master players for October 0-499: Ben Moraine, Wallace McCoy, Betty Abersold, John Coulombe, and Ronald Anson. Congrats to all.

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](tel:760-736-9386).

ACBL Ramona Duplicate Bridge

If you're looking for an evening game, look no further... we have TWO!! A Monday evening game that includes a potluck dinner and socializing - we start at 5:30. Bring something to share and join in the fun of making new friends and getting to know the people you play bridge with - game starts at 6:00 (we want to be finished by 9:00).

On Thursday evening, we start at 6:00 (no dinner, but we do have snacks & beverages, and just as much fun as they have on Monday!).

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!

NOTE: We will be closed November 23 (Thanksgiving), November 27, 28 (NABC in San Diego), December 25, 26 (Christmas, Boxing Day), January 1 (New Year's Day), and January 2 (because we would like a day off!).

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

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 Group with Geoff Applegate. Call [760-789-1132](tel:760-789-1132), or email Mary Ann at houston6805@sbcglobal.net for further information about classes and additional bridge activities.

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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 Coulombe; Secretary Back-up - Dorothea Williams						
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BOLD games denote Mega-Masterpoint Games.

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