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THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF ACBL UNIT 549

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Happy New Year!!!

As that singer-songwriter, Bob Zimmerman, so famously wrote "the times they are a-changin'". And so it is with Unit 549 for this new year. As I reported last month the rent for the Pavilion at Lake San Marcos has been raised to \$500 per Saturday, which is beyond our means. We have been looking for a new place, but that has had its challenges. We needed to find a place that we can rent for under \$200. We needed a place that can store our tables and equipment or has their own. We needed a place to accommodate a minimum of 22 card tables with room to move around. We needed to find a place that has adequate parking and easy access. And we needed to get this done quickly.

The place we found that was the best fit for all of our criteria is the BCNC (Bridge Club of North County) facility. And best of all, most of you are already familiar with it. The Board met on January 14th and agreed that we would enter a contract with the BCNC for 2018 and that our first unit game will be there on Saturday, February 24. As in the past our unit games will be held on the fourth Saturday of each month with a couple of exceptions (usually May and November).

Unfortunately, this isn't the end of our space challenges. We have plans to hold a Non-Life Master Sectional again this year and need to find a place. While we are covered for our Winter Sectional this year, we need to find a suitable place for next year. And we have a commitment from Audrey Grant to do her very popular and successful 2 day seminar again next year which we will need a space for. The good news is we still have a little time to solve these space issues.

Just in case you run into Tomomi Nomura, wish him a Happy Birthday. If my memory hasn't failed me, he will be 97 on or about January 27th.

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Upcoming Unit 549 Events - Mark the Dates!

Thursday, February 8 - BCNC - Mixed Up Pairs Event (Life Masters paired with Non-Life Masters). Light lunch will be served. Reservations required.

Saturday, February 24 - Unit Championship Game at BCNC

GOLD at the CLUB

An ACBL-wide Regional Event At the Club House (REACH) will be held February 3 and February 5-9 during the afternoon' sessions of club play. This event is open to all ACBL members. Play will be conducted using the electronic hand files provided for 'The Common Game'. Players playing any two or more sessions of this event will be eligible for overall rankings. Players will be ranked as individuals. Sessions scores will be based on percentages.

This event is NOT stratified. Participating clubs will be grouped for overall rankings based on the 'strength of field' algorithm as determined by The Common Game and applied to the individual club results submitted. There will be 4 groups for scoring purposes.

AWARD EXAMPLE

Assume 4,000 participants, 1,000 per pool.

Then the awards would be approximately as follows:

1st Pool - 30.00 Gold for 1st - 0.69 Gold for 250th place

2nd Pool - 24.00 Gold for 1st - 0.55 Gold for 250th place

3rd Pool - 19.20 for 1st (12.67 Gold) - 0.44 for 250th place (0.30 Gold)

4th Pool - 15.36 for 1st (7.68 Gold) - 0.36 for 250th place (0.18 Gold)

Entry fee is \$30 per player. Registration shall be open from January 10 until 2400 PST February 2, 2018. Players must pay both the entry fee and their normal club entry fees. Those interested in participation must register on-line with the ACBL. Use the following link.

Participant Registration

<https://sites.google.com/site/racswingforgold/club-participant-registration>

For more details go to:

<http://www.acbl.org/reach-2>

Unit Game

REMEMBER that we are moving the Unit game on February 24th to the Bridge Club of North County location (2320 S. Escondido Blvd., Escondido). Lunch will be available at 11:45 AM, game starts at 12:30 PM.

In December, the top four winners in each direction of the Open Section were as follows: N/S – Lorraine Gordon & Richard Stryker, Rex & Sheila Latus, Hanan Deeby & Bernard Figueiredo, and Liz Nixon & Jean Holt. E/W – Samuel and Yoko Jordon, Rick Kerbel & Fran White, Scott & Carol Nelson, and Bunny Schmidt & Marilyn Florin.

The top winners in each direction of the NLM Section were: N/S – Sandra Hrstich & Lynne Jaseph, Sandy Johnson & Naomi Brownell. E/W – John Coulombe & Dorothea Williams, and Alan Turner & Pat Lenowski. Congratulations to all!

Welcome New and Returning Members

Welcome New Members to Unit 549: Joseph Arroyo, Melanie Castleberry, Vinod Kapila, and Ram Lal

Welcome Returning members: Connie McCoy

Members Achieving New Levels of Achievement

New Junior Masters – Melvin Cohn, Bonnie Mahlmeister, Jimmy Shieh, Paul Stevens, and Deepak Vora.

New Club Masters – John Duffy and Alan Turner.

New Sectional Master – Jack Herbert

New NABC Master – Bejai Higgins

New Life Master: Carey Simkin

New Ruby Life Master – Sudha Shah

New Sapphire Life Master – Jean Holt

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

BCNC has a new Board of Directors installed for 2018. Officers are as follows: President, Jean Holt; Vice-President, Jill Roberts; Secretary, Dorothea Williams; Treasurer, Vic Pitcock; Business Manager, Gary Beed; Board members, Cheryl Fosdick, Arline Kennedy, and Bill Sperry.

February games at BCNC are megapoint and charity games supporting the Grass Roots Fund, the ACBL Education Fund, ACBL Junior Fund, and local charities. Saturdays are Barometer Game/Pizza Days (except the 24th, when Unit 549 has its game at the Club). There will be two Club championship games: Friday, February 2nd, and Wednesday February 14th, which also happens to be Valentines' Day – so there will be desserts and an array of treats available all day.

Save this Date!! Thursday, February 8th, will be a Mixed-Up Pairs event. Life Masters will be paired with Non-Life Masters for a special, friendly, “getting to know you” game. This will be a free game with light lunch served. Reservations are required for this game to enable random pairing of players and to help the club to get a head count for the caterer. Please sign up at the club, call BCNC at 760-807-9396, or send an email to bridgeclubofNC@gmail.com with your reservation request.

NEW!! EasyBridge1 classes, which began on Saturday, January 6th, are still open to new applicants. 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.

In conjunction with these EasyBridge classes, there will be a weekly Thursday afternoon workshop beginning on January 25th at 4:15 PM. These two hour supervised play workshops will focus on each week's new lesson. The cost for the workshops is an additional \$5.00 per session. Hazel Turner, a Life Master and ACBL Certified EasyBridge Instructor will be presenting both classes and workshops. To enroll, please contact Hazel at hazelturnerbridge@gmail.com.

NEW!! The **Play of the Hand** course starts Monday, February 5th at 4:15 PM (repeated Tuesday afternoon February 6th at 4:15 PM). Attend one or both sessions for one price - \$69 for 5 weekly lessons.

The **Defensive Techniques** course starts Monday, March 19th at 4:15 PM (repeated Tuesday afternoon March 20th at 4:15 PM). Attend one or both sessions for one price - \$69 for 5 weekly lessons.

If you take both courses, the cost is \$129 (when paid together on the first day or sooner). These classes are taught by Bill Butler, who is a Ruby Life Master and long-time bridge teacher. Contact Bill at billbutlerbridge@gmail.com to sign up.

Head's Up!! Supervised Play has a new coordinator. Sue Compton, after 3 years of managing the Supervised Play program, has passed the baton to Vic Pitcock. Mentoring sessions are held on Monday morning at 9:00 AM and Thursday morning at 9:30 AM. The sessions are

approximately 2 hours and cost \$5. You can come alone or bring a partner. Additionally you can stay and play in the afternoon game for only \$6 more. What a deal!!! Please be watching your email for messages from Vic regarding scheduling your mentor sessions...for mentoring sessions you must sign up in advance. Contact Vic for further information and to sign up at kcocip.rotciv@att.net.

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.

Top Five Open Players for December: Marilyn Florin, Sheila Latus, Bunny Schmidt, Tomomi Nomura, and Tim Flaherty.

Top Five Non-life Master 0-499 players for December: Lindy Patrick, Ken Patrick, Ayoub Jaraicie, Betty Serepca, and Dorothea Williams. Congratulations to all of these winning players.

Lake San Marcos Duplicate Bridge Club

All of our February games will earn megapoint awards.

Top 5 Open Players for December: John Sharron Jr, Rima Sharron, Tim Flaherty, Caryn Villalon, and Art Foeste/Jill Roberts.

Top 5 Non-life Master players for December 0-499: Jon Lelevier, Lynne Jaseph, Ed Zevely, Betty Ann McGeehan, and Lyn Lyzzaro/Betty Abersold.

Reminder: Lake San Marcos Duplicate Bridge Club games have moved to the San Marcos Senior Center at 111 Richmar Ave. San Marcos, CA 92069. The Wednesday game starts at 12:00 PM. There will no longer be a lunch break, but snacks and coffee will still be provided. The cost is \$7.00. For further information call John at 760-751-0406, or Nina at 760.736.9386.

ACBL Ramona Duplicate Bridge

The Club Manager, Mary Ann Houston, and Claire Schneider, Director, want to extend a big THANK YOU to their loyal volunteers, subs, and players who all together worked so hard to make the club a successful enterprise in 2017. You did it! It's been a good year and we look forward to an even better 2018.

Located at 1721 Main St. Ramona, CA 92065 #101.

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 intermediate level lessons with Geof Applegate, and beginner classes with Claire Schneider have resumed. Class begins promptly at 2 PM at the Bridge Club. 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
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BOLD games denote Mega-Masterpoint Games.

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