

North County Inland, Unit 549

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THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF ACBL UNIT 549

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

We don't have all the numbers in yet but I am going to tout this year's Winter Sectional as a success. One of the primary goals of our Unit is to get more people involved in duplicate bridge and then keep them involved. To that end we offered a \$5 coupon to non-life masters for each session of the sectional. They took advantage of our offer and we averaged 10 ½ tables in our 499er games in each session.

I would like to attribute most of that success to the BCNC (Bridge Club of North County). Bill Butler, Vic Pitcock and Hazel Turner have continually offered EasyBridge! lessons and intermediate bridge lessons. Sue Compton and Vic have promoted and coordinated a mentoring program that has been wildly successful to the point where they are having trouble finding enough mentors. And the BCNC has offered more 199er and 499er games to get our new bridge players involved in duplicate bridge.

The success that the BCNC is having is demonstrated by their table count number. For 2016 the ACBL reported that the BCNC ranked 143rd amongst all of the clubs with a table count of 3154. Those numbers went up in 2017 to a rank of 121st and a table count of 3550. Clearly a job well done by the Board and volunteers at the BCNC.

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Upcoming Unit 549 Events - Mark the Dates!

BCNC - March 1st – Launch date for *Bargain Thursdays* at BCNC – See details below

BCNC – March 6 and 17 – Club Championships.

Saturday, March 24 - Unit Championship Game at BCNC

NOTE: BCNC will be closed for the San Diego Regional Tournament on the following dates: March 27, 29, and 31.

Pacific Southwest Regional

It's time to get out your calendar and your list of favorite partners and firm up some play dates for the Pacific Southwest Regional, which will be held in San Diego March 26th through April 1st at the Town & Country Resort & Convention Center (go to PacificSouthwestRegional.com for information and the event flyer). This is the second big ACBL event in our county in just a few months space of time. We're so lucky...we have another chance to excel and earn those red and GOLD points right in our back yard (so to speak). Don't miss this great opportunity!!

Winter Sectional

Our Unit Winter Sectional in January was a great success with 119 tables over the two days it was held. There were 479.04 Silver masterpoints awarded to 150 players during the event. Obviously, too many names to list here, but the top four point winners were: Dorn Bishop, San Diego, CA; Rick Kerbel, Murietta, CA, V Jay & Linda Tipton, Irvine, CA; Lynn Wells, Oceanside, CA.

We congratulate all the winners, and extend a heartfelt "thank you" to everyone who played.

Unit Games

We Have Moved. Unit games, beginning February 24th, will be held on the fourth Saturday of each month at the Bridge Club of North County (BCNC) in Escondido (2320 S. Escondido Blvd.). Two exceptions to this schedule are third Saturdays due to scheduling conflicts. – May 19th, and November 17th. As is customary, lunch will be available at 11:45 AM, with the game starting at 12:30 PM.

Welcome New Members to Unit 549

Carol Peterson and Madelyn Buchalter

Members Attaining New Levels of Achievement

New Life Master: Ed Ford

New Bronze Life Masters: Ed Ford, Roger Liles, Carey Simkin

New Silver Life Master – Bernie Simkin

70% Games

We had a 70.84% game in the afternoon game at BCNC on January 24th by Bunny Schmidt and Marilyn Florin. Congratulations!

Bargain Thursdays!

NEWS FLASH!! *Bargain Thursdays* are coming March 1st.

Thursday afternoon games are changing. There will be opportunities galore for everyone. No need to register, just come and enjoy!

- In addition to the regular Open game, there will be a new 0-199 game running concurrently.
- A light lunch will be available free to all players.
- The entry fee will be \$8.00
- We'll play 24 -27 boards depending on # of tables at each session.
- If you attend the morning mentoring session, you can play in the afternoon games for \$6.00, AND, the first time you try both – you can play free in the afternoon!
- To reserve a place or to get additional information, please contact the club at 760-807-9396

Unit 549 Club News

Bridge Club of North County

The Mixed-up Pairs game that was held on February 8th was a rousing success with 16 tables of participants. It turned out to be a really fun day of bridge with new partners, plus providing many interesting opportunities for making new friends. The feedback we've received has been very positive, so we'll be doing it again next year! BCNC wishes to extend a very special thank you to all the players who attended.

ALERT!! A new club directory is currently being compiled to assist you in contacting other club members. To be included, you need to provide your Name, Telephone #, E-mail Address, and Emergency Contact information. There are forms at the club that you must fill out and sign, or alternately, you can provide the information electronically to Arline Kennedy at arlinek@gmail.com

March games at BCNC are megapoint and charity games supporting the Grass Roots Fund, the ACBL Education Fund, ACBL Junior Fund, the International Fund, and ACBL Charities. Saturdays are no longer Barometer games. They will now be Open Game/Pizza days. (except the 24th, when Unit 549 has its game at the Club). There will be two Club championship games: Tuesday March 6th, and Saturday, March 17th, which is also St. Patrick's Day. There will be extra goodies and desserts provided for this special celebration day.

The club will be closed on Tuesday March 27, Thursday, March 29th, and Saturday, March 31st, for the Pacific Southwest Regional in San Diego.

EasyBridge! Workshops: Hazel Turner, a Life Master and ACBL Certified EasyBridge Instructor, is conducting weekly workshops in conjunction with the Easybridge classes, which are currently in progress. The two hour supervised play workshops are held on Thursday afternoons at 4:15 PM and will focus on a new topic each week including Takeout Doubles, Preempts, 2C Openers, Negative Doubles, and more... The cost is \$5.00 per session. You don't have to be registered in the Easybridge! classes to attend the workshops. Everyone is welcome and no pre-registration is required, you can just drop-in when the week's subject appeals to you! The workshop calendar is posted on the Club website at www.bridgeclubofnorthcounty.org (click on "Learning"), or see the list of scheduled topics on the bulletin board at the club. If you have further questions, you can contact Hazel directly at hazeltturnerbridge@gmail.com.

The **Defensive Techniques** course started 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 have missed the first lesson, the cost will be prorated. Contact Bill Butler at billbutlerbridge@gmail.com to sign up.

Supervised Play continues to be a very popular event. Sessions are on Monday at 9:00 AM and Thursday at 9:30 AM. The cost is \$5 and players are invited to stay and play in the afternoon game for an additional \$6. That's an entire day of bridge (mentoring and play) for only \$11 – what a deal!! To participate in the mentoring sessions, you must sign up in advance. This is required so that enough qualified mentors can be enlisted to assist each table of players. Contact Vic for further information and to sign up at kcocitp.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 January: Marilyn Florin, Al Nadel, Sheila Latus, Rex Latus, and Marion McDonald.

Top Five Non-life Master 0-499 players for January: Ken Patrick, Lindy Patrick, Trish Frinell, Susan Van Cott and Sue Halfaker. Congratulations to all of these winning players.

Lake San Marcos Duplicate Bridge Club

All of our March games will earn megapoint awards.

Top 5 Open Players for January: John Sharron Jr/Rima Sharron, Victoria Haines, Maria Marshall, and Lorraine Gordon.

Top 5 Non-life Master players for January 0-499: George Wilkinson, Ilene Brodsky, David Blumenberg, Janet Dunlap, and Valerie Gwin.

Lake San Marcos Duplicate Bridge Club games are held at the San Marcos Senior Center at 111 Richmar Ave. San Marcos, CA 92069. The Wednesday game starts at 12:00 PM. Snacks and coffee are provided. 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

Congratulations to Jerry Asbury and Chip Splinter who won both Gold and Red points in the Non-Life Master Regional in Riverside on January 20th. Way to go!!

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 lessons begin 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
Unit 549 Board Members: President - Art Foeste; Vice-President - Jill Roberts; Secretary/Recorder – Dorothea Williams; Treasurer - Ken Matson; Membership Chair / Disciplinary Chair - Sheila Latus; Tournament Chair - Trish Frinell; Hospitality - Hazel Turner, John Coulombe & Barbara White.						
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BOLD games denote Mega-Masterpoint Games.
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