

North County Inland, Unit 549

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THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF ACBL UNIT 549

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

One of the first things my wife says to me each morning during the week is, "when are you playing bridge today". So she, just like me and most of you, just assumes that there is a bridge game that day. But lately I've started to develop a greater appreciation for the fact that there is actually a bridge game. We lost our space in San Marcos because it became too expensive, and that started a quest for affordable space that is reasonably convenient with adequate parking. And I discovered that all of those preconditions make it really hard to find space. Fortunately, we had a fallback option for our unit game, but we are still looking for affordable space for our NLM Sectional and next year's Winter Sectional.

Unfortunately, this problem isn't unique to our unit. Unit 539 just finished their Spring Sectional and I heard that the cost of their space put a lot of pressure on it's financial viability. Unit 531's game on the coast was discontinued because the space cost too much and District 22 has a cost challenge with their regionals. District 17, which is part of our Western Region, actually went bankrupt, which has played a role in discontinuing the Forum as a print edition.

I'm sure my wife would like a little less bridge and a little more yard work out of me. And that thought makes me appreciate all the more that there is a bridge game within 20 miles of my house every day of the week. And it makes me appreciate all the more the volunteers we have that keep our costs down and duplicate bridge readily available.

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Upcoming Unit 549 Events - Mark the Dates!

BCNC - Championship Games April 5 and 16.

Saturday, April 28- Unit Championship Game at BCNC

Pacific Southwest Regional

If you haven't settled your calendar for the upcoming San Diego Regional, you still have a few days left – you need to put everything else on hold and get there. Go for the Gold! It's March 26th through April 1st at the Town & Country Resort & Convention Center (go to PacificSouthwestRegional.com for information and the event flyer). This is a terrific opportunity – don't miss it!

Unit Games

Our first Unit game at the BCNC facility on February 24th was a very pleasant success! We were able to accommodate everyone who came with room to spare and there were lots of compliments on the lunch. We all had a great time and look forward to the next games on March 24th and April 28th!

The top four winners in each direction of the Open Section were as follows: **N/S** – Fran White & Rick Kerbel, Al Nadel & Tom Nolan, Maria Marshall & Janice Joerger, and Cheryl Fosdick & Bob Anuskiewicz; **E/W** – Manoochehr & Alberdina Bahmanian, Carol Turner & Carol Reinhart; Ruth Arensohn & Pat Astier, and Jill Roberts & Art Foeste/Ed Zevely & Raj Patel.

The top four winners in NLM Section were: **N/S** – Tomoko Harper & Joyce Fox, and Robert Stinner & Mel Cohn; **E/W** – Susan Kronenwett & Ronique Nilson, and John Coulombe & Dorothea Williams.

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

Just in case you missed the notice last month, Unit games are now being 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. Lunch will be available at 11:45 AM, with the game starting at 12:30 PM.

Welcome New Members to Unit 549

Ramakant Asaravala, Gary Graham, Kim Pierce, Michael Shannon, and Kaison Yen.

Members Attaining New Levels of Achievement

New Junior Masters: Howard Birndorf, and Sharon Feingold

New Club Masters: Tomoko Harper, and Mary Thead

New Sectional Master: Debby Wunderly

New Bronze Life Master: Cheryl Krongard

New Silver Life Master – Virginia Cone

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

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

ALERT! Thursdays at the club have become “Bargain” days with \$8 game fees and a free lunch. Also, there will be two games running concurrently: a regular Open game and a new 0-199 game for our “up & coming” members. These are not truncated games – a full 24 to 28 boards will be played depending on the number of tables. Additionally, anyone who attends a mentoring session in the morning can stay and play in the afternoon game for only \$6 (the first time you do this, the game is free). Mentoring is at 9:30 AM, lunch starts at 11:45 with the game following at 12:30 PM. How can you beat this? Come and join us...you’ll be glad you did!

You still have time to add your name to the new club directory, which is currently being compiled. 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. If you don’t see the form at the club, please ask a director for one.

EasyBridge! #2, which consists of 10 weekly sessions, starts Saturday June 16th at 9:00 AM. Each session consists of a 20-30 minute lesson followed by about 2 hours of assisted play. To participate in this class, you must have completed Easybridge! #1 or played some duplicate bridge and have less than 100 masterpoints. The cost is \$119.00 (including the workbook – a \$12 value). You can come by yourself or with a partner. Hazel Turner, a Life Master and ACBL Certified EasyBridge! Instructor will be presenting this series of classes. Additional information is available on the BCNC website (see address below). To enroll please contact Hazel directly at hazelturnerbridge@gmail.com.

Have you been feeling like your game could use some polishing up? Maybe your scores have gone south and you’re wondering what’s up with that? But, you really don’t want to enroll in a whole series of classes? Perhaps our Supervised Play could help you sort it all out. 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. Plus all of that, the first time you attend a mentoring session on Thursday and stay for the afternoon game, the afternoon is free (and on Bargain Thursday you even get a free lunch!). 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 kcotip.rotciv@att.net.

April games at BCNC are megapoint games supporting ACBL Charities, and Local Charities in equal numbers. There are two Championship games – Monday, April 5th and Monday, April 16th. Saturdays are Pizza Days (except the 28th, when Unit 549 has its game at the Club).

Check the Calendar for exact dates of the various club games and activities. Go to **our website: 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 February: Tim Flaherty, Marilyn Florin, Dan Higgins, Bunny Schmidt, and Sheila Latus.

Top Five Non-life Master 0-499 players for January: Ken Patrick, Bejai Higgins, Ayoub Jaraicie, Lindy Patrick, and Dorothea Williams.

Congratulations to all of these winning players.

Lake San Marcos Duplicate Bridge Club

All of our April games will earn megapoint awards.

Top Open Players for February: John Sharron Jr/Rima Sharron, Minnie Williams/Jeanne Griffin, and Wayne Holm/Leo Carney.

Top 5 Non-life Master players for February 0-499: George Wilkinson, David Blumenberg, Barbara Scherman, Katherine Balog, and Patricia Reid.

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 760-715-5896, or Nina at [760.736.9386](tel:760.736.9386).

ACBL Ramona Duplicate Bridge

Congratulations to a special Swiss Team competing in the Ajijic Valentine Sectional in Olin, Mexico! Our own players, Marilyn Kalabsa, Jolinda Marshall, Jim Marshall and Ginny Wohlfel earned silver points! WAHOO! Way to go Team Ramona!

Geoffrey Applegate and Lenore Sjoberg, while off on a recent bridge cruise (to learn more about bridge, of course!), playing east/west earned a 69% score giving them a first place win. Good job, Geoffrey and Lenore!

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; 0-49 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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BOLD games denote Mega-Masterpoint Games.

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