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THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF ACBL UNIT 549

## ***PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE***

When my children were growing up, I got involved in the parent-run swimming and hockey programs they participated in. My two biggest takeaways from being involved were: there is always more to the program than you expected, and volunteers are the backbone for success. My experience with duplicate bridge hasn't been any different.

Over the course of the past few months, I've had opportunities to interact with many of the local Unit Presidents, our District 22 President, and our National Rep. David Lodge. At the local level, their story is very similar to ours: keeping turnout up, controlling costs, and that constant quest for new members. Not surprisingly, these issues dominate much of the discussion at the District and National levels.

One of the primary responsibilities at the District level is to schedule and run the District's regional tournaments. Ron Lien has set getting locations and contracts for the 5 District Regionals through 2020 as one of the District's priorities. This may be more challenging than you might expect because of rising space costs. The District Board raised card fees at the Regionals to \$14 to keep pace with these rising costs.

At the National level, they have established a target of increasing membership by 15,000 in 2018. This is a huge challenge in my opinion, and a challenge we very desperately need to meet on an ongoing basis for the survival of the game at a level that gives all of us opportunities for regular competitive play.

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## Upcoming Unit 549 Events - Mark the Dates!

**BCNC - NAP Qualifying Games: The Week of June 4th through 9th and 25-30 Earn Red/Blk MPs.**

**BCNC - Championship Games June 2 and 13**

**Saturday, June 23 - Unit Championship Game at BCNC**

**August 4 – Unit 549 NLM Sectional**

## Special Event

Unit 549 will host its annual NLM Sectional on Saturday, August 4<sup>th</sup>, at the Seven Oaks Community Center in Rancho Bernardo. The address is: 16789 Bernardo Oaks Drive, San Diego, CA 92128. This is a new venue for us, so we've included a location map on our flyer. You can view the flyer on our website at: [acblunit549.org](http://acblunit549.org). Be sure to check it out and Save the Date!

## Unit Game

Our next unit game is on June 23<sup>rd</sup>. Unit games are held on the fourth Saturday of each month at the Bridge Club of North County (BCNC) in Escondido (2320 S. Escondido Blvd.). An exception to this schedule will be November 17<sup>th</sup> (a 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday) due to scheduling conflicts. Please make a note of this now to avoid confusion later. Lunch is always included in the \$9 game fee and will be available at 11:45 AM, with the game starting at 12:30 PM.

Results from the April 28<sup>th</sup> unit game were as follows:

The top four winners in each direction of the Open Section were as follows:

**N/S** – Hanan Deeby & Bernard Figueiredo, Rex & Sheila Latus, Jill Roberts & Doris Cubeisy, and Bunny Schmidt & Marilyn Florin. **E/W** – Ian Collins & Lorraine Gordon, Gary Beed & Ethel Warner, Pat Astier & Ruth Aronsohn, and Doris Nizzi & Jean Jantz.

The top masterpoint winners in NLM Section were:

Joan Gershman & Sue Lichter and Katherine Wilkey & Barbara Farfel.

Congratulations to all the winners, and thanks to everyone who played.

## Welcome New Members to Unit 549

Sally Ackerman (formerly of Palm Springs), Jonathan Brand, Suzanne Lichter.

## Members Attaining New Levels of Achievement

**New Junior Masters:** Joan Gershman, Nisha Goyal, and Kaison Yen.

**New Club Masters:** Mel Cohn, Toni Lien, Robert Miner, and Julie Watkins.

**New Regional Master:** Bruce Bosworth

**New NABC Master:** Ronald Cone, and Pam Thacker

**New Ruby Life Master:** Art Foeste

**New Diamond Life Master:** Bernard Figueiredo

Congratulations from Unit 549 to all of the above for achieving these new levels of excellence. Unit 549 awards them a free play at the next unit game.

**Heads Up!** The months of June, July, and August present opportunities to play in Qualifying events for the annual North American Pairs (NAP) National Tournament. Qualifying games earn 50/50 Red and Black MPs. More information about the NAP events can be found at: [specialevents@acbl.org](mailto:specialevents@acbl.org). If you are interested in the NAP games, please check your club calendars for dates of Qualifying events.

**FYI:** ACBL has updated its Privacy Policy effective April 15, 2018. The policy addresses how ACBL collects, uses, maintains, and otherwise manages information they collect about their members, and the choices members have regarding that collection and use. To view the entire policy, and/or opt for any of those choices, please visit [acbl.org/privacy](http://acbl.org/privacy).

Also, the monthly District 22 Forum is now **ONLINE ONLY**. You can go to [www.d22forum.com](http://www.d22forum.com), where you can read it online, print a copy, or both!

# Unit 549 Club News

## Bridge Club of North County

**Community Corner:** We have a new bulletin board at the club. It's intended to provide an opportunity to communicate with all bridge club members – especially those who come to the club on days when you normally don't. We have posted a few categories – Partnerships Needed/Offered, Items Needed, Items to Trade/Sell/Giveaway, Service Recommendations, What's New (Spread the Word – Share Discoveries). There's a suggestion sheet of ways in which you might use this communication tool tacked on the board. If you would like to add a category, just post your suggestion on the board.

The bulletin board is for our Bridge Club members only – no commercial business advertising, except when members are sharing information about a shop, restaurant, service, etc. that they like, trust, and want to recommend. We hope you will take advantage of this opportunity to reach out.

**New Club Directory:** This will likely be the last call for adding your name to the new club directory. It's getting close to being finished now, but you still have a small window of time to submit your information. There is a proof copy of the directory on the front table at the club. If you have consented to be included in the directory, please take a look at the proof and make any corrections to your information that might be needed. To be included, you just need to provide your Name, Telephone #, E-mail Address, and Emergency Contact information. There are forms at the club for you to fill out and sign, or alternately, you can provide the information electronically to Arline Kennedy at [arlinek@gmail.com](mailto:arlinek@gmail.com). If you don't see the form at the club, please ask a director for one.

**EasyBridge!2:** It's not too late to enroll in the EasyBridge!2 series of 10 weekly classes which began Saturday, June 16th, at 9:00 am. Although you will have missed one or two classes, you can catch up quickly. There will be a reduced fee for the remaining 8 or 9 sessions. 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. 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 [hazeltturnerbridge@gmail.com](mailto:hazeltturnerbridge@gmail.com).

**Workshops:** On Thursday, June 21<sup>st</sup>, at 4:15 pm, a 10 week series of workshops in support of the Easybridge!2 lessons will begin. The workshops last approximately 2 hours covering various topics: June 21<sup>st</sup> - Opening Leads, June 28<sup>th</sup> - Finesses, July 5<sup>th</sup> - Rule of 20. The full list for the 10 sessions will be posted at the club. The fee will be \$5 per session. No sign-up is required. You don't need to be enrolled in the Easybridge!2 class to participate in the workshops, and you can come whenever a topic interests you. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to email Hazel at [hazeltturnerbridge@gmail.com](mailto:hazeltturnerbridge@gmail.com)

**Mentoring:** In addition to the Workshops, BCNC has mentoring every Monday at 9:00 AM and Thursday at 9:30 AM. These sessions are intended for beginning and intermediate levels of expertise. Players, organized according to their skill 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. The cost is \$5 and players are invited to stay and play in the afternoon game for an additional \$6. 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 Sue Compton for further information and to sign up at [comptons@cox.net](mailto:comptons@cox.net)

**Alert!** Monday May 28<sup>th</sup> is Memorial Day. BCNC will be open for its regularly scheduled games. Also, it's a megapoint charity game day in support of the Grass Roots Fund. So, if you're staying in town over the holiday weekend, and looking for something to do – come on down!

There will be two Championship games in June – Wednesday the 13<sup>th</sup>, and Saturday, the 30<sup>th</sup>. Remember that Saturdays are Pizza Days (except the 23<sup>rd</sup>, 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](http://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](mailto:bridgeclubofNC@gmail.com). Feel free to contact the club regarding club programs, special games, and partnership help.**

### **Belated Congratulations, Kudos, and Pats on the Back:**

On March 19th, in the ACBL-Wide Seniors Pairs Contest, Tim Flaherty and Bunny Schmidt won 1<sup>st</sup> Overall at BCNC earning 3.45 Black MPs with a 65.21% game. Then, when all games were calculated in District 22, they won another 3.50 Red MPs.

Two days later, on Wednesday, March 21<sup>st</sup>, in the STaC game at BCNC, Tim - paired with Caryn Villalon, placed 1<sup>st</sup> in the E/W direction with a 72.71% game earning 1.88 Silver MPs. However, that was just the beginning! Their score won them the top spot against 151 tables in Districts 22/23 earning a whopping 17.74 Silver MPs. That was some hot bridge playing!

**Top Five Open Players for April:** Bunny Schmidt\*, Tim Flaherty\*, Sheila Latus, Tom Nolan, and Doris Cubeisy.

\* Bunny and Tim had a 71.76% game on April 30<sup>th</sup>.

**Top Five Non-life Master 0-499 players for April:** Lindy Patrick, Ken Patrick, Susan Van Cott, Bejai Higgins, and Hector Gonzalez.

Congratulations to all of these winning players.

## Lake San Marcos Duplicate Bridge Club

**Top Open Players for March:** Wayne Holm, Leo Carney, Wootsie Stockton, Joe Houde, and Andrew Loh.

**Top Non-life Master players for March 0-499:** Jamie Detweiler, Tom & Bobbie Brant, and Ed Zevely.

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 11:30 AM. Snacks and coffee are provided. The cost is \$8.00. For further information call John Coulombe at 760-715-5896, or Nina Laughbaum at 760-736-9386.

## ACBL Ramona Duplicate Bridge

Our game schedule has undergone a slight change. Since we experience a drop in attendance on Monday evening when Paul Darin has a "Lesson Night", we decided to have an "Open Door Bridge Game" on those Mondays. It goes like this: Game fee is \$4, no reservations required; just show up and we'll shuffle, deal, and play cards, like social bridge. You don't need a partner - we'll just pair up whoever shows up. Bring a friend or beginner. We'll talk about the hands, and be able to ask our resident experts for advice. Door will open at 5:20 for a potluck dinner. Then, we'll just have fun and play bridge until lights out at 9:00pm.

So! Sanctioned bridge games/Potlucks will continue at the club on Monday evenings, except when there's a Paul Darin lesson, when we'll have an unsanctioned "Open Door Bridge Game" and potluck dinner. You'll be notified when Paul's lessons will interfere with our regular Monday night sanctioned game.

Located at 1721 Main St. Ramona, CA 92065 #101. Game times are: Sanctioned Monday 6:00pm – 9:30pm (5:30 Potluck), "Open Door Bridge Game Monday 6:00pm – 9:00pm (5:20 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**, or email Mary Ann at [houston6805@sbcglobal.net](mailto:houston6805@sbcglobal.net) for further information about classes and additional bridge activities.

# June 2018

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>Unit 549 Board Members:</b> <b>President</b> - Art Foester; <b>Vice-President</b> - Jill Roberts; <b>Secretary/Recorder</b> – Dorothea Williams; <b>Treasurer</b> - Ken Matson; <b>Membership Chair / Disciplinary Chair</b> - Sheila Latus; <b>Tournament Chair</b> - Trish Finnell; <b>Hospitality</b> - Hazel Turner, John Coulombe & Barbara White						
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**BOLD** games denote Mega-Masterpoint Games.

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