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THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF ACBL UNIT 549

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

It is that time of the year again when I leave overcrowding, congestion and insufferable traffic on my sojourn to Mecca, or as it is better known, The Last Best Place (Montana). A state that is slightly smaller than California, with fewer people than San Diego. A place where you can see forever, there is still snow on the mountains, and your spirit can catch the wind. And I actually get to play bridge three days a week up here, which includes a trip to the bar afterwards to do a post mortem on those brilliant plays I did or didn't make. My post mortems are generally better than my play, because I'm pretty good at hindsight.

Most of you probably didn't know this, but Jean Holt was elected to be the president of the BCNC last December and then immediately left town on a four-month cruise to celebrate her hard-fought campaign and victory. Well, she is back and at the helm, and she got here just in time to claim credit for getting the second phase of the parking lot repaving finished more quickly than the first phase.

Speaking of the BCNC, if you aren't on their mailing list for their newsletter, you should be. Just ask a Board Member or Director to be put on the list. It is a really high quality electronic newsletter with all the latest club information. In fact, I'm really impressed with their newsletter. It is just another example of the great work they are doing and the quality bridge experience they provide to all North County.

Upcoming Unit 549 Events - Mark the Dates!

Saturday, July 28 - Unit Championship Game at BCNC

Wednesday, July 4th- BCNC Holiday Celebration with a free lunch. Sign-up is required (see details in Club News).

Monday, July 30th - Upgraded Club Championship (see details in Club News)

August 4 – Unit 549 NLM Sectional

Calling all Non-Life Masters!

Unit 549 will host its annual NLM Sectional on Saturday, August 4th, 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: aclblunit549.org. Be sure to check it out and Save the Date. Remember that Sectionals are opportunities to win Silver points!

Unit 549 Winter Sectional

The Unit 549 Winter Sectional is officially set for January 18th and 19th 2019. The following Friday and Saturday, January 25th and 26th, the Unit will be hosting Audrey Grant classes. Details on both of these events will be coming soon, but in the meantime, mark your calendars for these very special events.

Unit Games

Our next unit game is on July 28th. 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 17th (a 3rd 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.

Our May 19th unit game combined both Open and NLM in three Stratifications.

Results were as follows:

- The top three winners in Strat A Overall were: Rick Kerbel & Richard Gold, Bharat & Suddha Shah, and Jean Jantz & Doris Nizzi.
- The top three winners in Strat B Overall were: Bharat & Suddha Shah, Gary Beed & Ethel Warner, and Rosie Zakarian & Mary Ballin,
- The top three winners in Strat C Overall were: John Coulombe & Dorothea Williams, and (tied for second/third) Jill Roberts & Ken Matson, and Edward Koch & Donna Buys.

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

Welcome New Members to Unit 549

Karl Cogswell, Thomas Stuart (formerly of Salt Lake City, UT) and Clare Laljer.

Members attaining new levels of achievement

New Junior Master: Dennis Larson

New Club Masters: Roseann Coviello, James Kaspar

New Sectional Master: Peter Hapka

New NABC Masters: Lindy Patrick, Edward Zevely

New Bronze Life Master: Richard Sontag

Congratulations from Unit 549 to 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

You've probably noticed the wandering photographer (Rex Latus) at the club lately. He's busily taking pictures of all our players in preparation for the new *STARS* bulletin board. You've likely seen it – it's the one with the Under Construction sign. It will feature a "Player of the Month," a "Student of the Month," and the Top 5 masterpoint winners in the following categories: 0-149, 0-499, and Open.

The Player of the Month will be chosen by the Board of Directors based on recommendations made by players throughout the month. There will be a collection box for those recommendations next to the bulletin board. Any player can nominate any other player for this honor. The criteria to be noted are friendliness, ethics, helpfulness, attitude, etc. NOT skill level or MP wins. The Student of the Month will be based on recommendations from our bridge teachers and mentors.

Hopefully, the pictures will help all of us to connect names with faces and foster better recognition among our players.

Also, don't forget to peruse the Community Corner bulletin board. It's becoming an interesting and fun place to learn something, laugh at something, and share something! 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.

The new Club Directory is now available for anyone to use in contacting other club members. A bound copy can be found hanging from the Community Corner bulletin board. The directory will be periodically updated. If you were not included in the current version, and would like to be added to the next iteration, there are forms at the club for you to fill out and sign. If you don't see the form at the club, please ask a director for one.

Questions concerning the directory should be addressed to Arline Kennedy at arlinek@gmail.com.

Workshops: The weekly series of workshops in support of the Easybridge!2 lessons continue to be very popular. The Thursday afternoon workshops (which began June 21st) start at 1:00 PM and last approximately 2 hours. Each workshop covers a single topic as follows: June 28th – Finesses; July 5th – Rule of 20; July 12th – Ruffing/ The Power of Trumps; July 19th – Long Suits; July 26th – Negative Doubles; August 2nd – Rule of 11/Card Reading; August 9th – Getting to Game; August 16th – Cue Bids; August 23rd – Balancing

The fee is \$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 hazelturnerbridge@gmail.com

Mentoring: In addition to the Workshops, BCNC has mentoring every Monday and Tuesday morning at 9:00 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 Vic Pitcock for further information and to sign up at kcocip.rotciv@att.net

Alert! BCNC will be open July 4th, and we're planning a big Independence Day celebration with free lunch for all players that day. Morning game participants are invited to stay for the 11:45 lunch and afternoon players are invited to come early so they can have time to eat and we can still start the afternoon game at the regular time of 12:30.

Additionally, the 4th is right in the middle of our NAP week, so any awards won that day are half red/half black. What a Deal!

The week of July 9th through 14th will be megapoint ACBL Charity games.

There will be an Upgraded Championship Game on July 30th. This is a super megapoint game (81.8% sectional rated black points). Be sure to mark this one on your calendar! Also, don't forget that Saturdays are Pizza Days (except the 28th, when Unit 549 has its game at the Club).

Please do check the Calendar of Events on our website for exact dates of the various club games and activities (you can print a copy for easy reference). 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 May: Bunny Schmidt, Marilyn Florin, Tim Flaherty, Rex Latus, and Sheila Latus.

Top Five Non-life Master 0-499 players for May: Dorothea Williams, John Coulombe, Ken Patrick, Madelyn Trainor, and Mel Cohn.

Special acknowledgement this month for outstanding games goes to:

Margie Berend and James Kaspar for a 75% game on April 24th.

Madelyn Trainor and Susan Kilkenny for a 71.53% game on May 9th during STaC week.

Rick Sontag and Barbara White for a 71.25% game on May 15th.

Congratulations to all of these winning players.

Lake San Marcos Duplicate Bridge Club

Top Five Open Players for May: Jean Holt, Pat Hawkins, Lorraine Gordon, Clare Laljer, and Nina Laughbaum.

Top Five Non-life Master players for May 0-499: Nancy Underdahl, Katherine Balog, Sandra Musbach, Judy Friedman, and Janet Dunlop.

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

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 for further information about classes and additional bridge activities.

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29	30	31	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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* NAP Games are 50/50 Red/Black Point Games
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