

## North County Inland, Unit 549

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THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF ACBL UNIT 549

***PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE***

Nancy Pelosi famously said: "Nothing surprises me. One thing I don't have in my world is surprise." Fortunately, we here in Unit 549 enjoy a little surprise from time to time. And that is exactly what we got on August 4th at our Non Life Master Sectional. We got a surprisingly good turn out, and the players really liked the new facility that we were using. We did a survey and discovered they liked it so much, that the Unit Board has decided to move our unit game there starting with the October game. That site will be the Community Center at Seven Oaks in Rancho Bernardo.

At the beginning of this year, we found ourselves between a rock and a hard place. The Lake San Marcos Pavilion, our home for so long, had become too expensive to use. Our search for a new site that had sufficient space, at a price we could afford, decent parking, easy to get to and room to store our tables was coming up empty. Thankfully, BCNC made their facility available. We knew from the beginning that parking and space were going to be a challenge, but we needed a game site and we needed it by February. So the BCNC became our new home.

The Board's decision to make this change is based on our desire to grow the NLM section at our unit game, while still having room for the 13 or 14 tables in the Open section that we usually get. The Seven Oaks Community Center has the space for that opportunity for growth. It also has very good parking, is easily accessible from I-15, and we can store our tables there. So mark October 27th on your calendar and make plans to come and join us for our first unit game at this new site.

In the world of housekeeping: Our annual membership meeting will be held just before our Unit Game on November 17th. This is the meeting at which 1/3 of our board positions will stand for election. And don't forget, our unit game fee has been raised from \$9 to \$10 starting with the August Unit game. Still a bargain when you consider the kind of people you get to hang out with for 4 hours and some good food too.

## Upcoming Unit 549 Events - Mark the Dates!

**Monday, Sept. 3 – BCNC Club Championship 12:30 PM**

**Saturday, Sept 22 – Unit Championship Game at BCNC (SEE ARTICLE BELOW FOR UNIT GAME LOCATION CHANGE EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 27)**

**Thursday, Sept. 27 – BCNC Mixed Up Pairs - 12:30 PM**

### Unit 549 News

**Wow!** What a nice turnout we had for the NLM Sectional. There were 31 tables for the day and we saw many new faces. In fact, one of those new faces belonged to Chas Wick, from San Diego, who earned enough silver points to meet the final requirement he needed to become a Life Master.

Congratulations, Chas!

The overall winners in the morning session were Helene Miller and Lynne Anderson. The overall winners in the afternoon session were Brian Turner and Chas Wick. There were, obviously, too many other winners to name them all here, but you can view the results on our website at [acblunit549.org](http://acblunit549.org)

**Unit 549 Winter Sectional:** This event, set for January 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> 2019, will be held at the Women's Club facility at 751 N. Rose Street in Escondido. This is a new venue for our sectionals and you will be delighted with this facility. It's big, well lighted with all the expected amenities and best of all...it has lots and lots of parking spaces! There will be a flyer posted on our website soon with all the game and location details but be sure to mark your calendar now so you don't miss this great Silver points event.

**Special Event:** The following Friday and Saturday, January 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>, the unit will be sponsoring a special teaching event presented by Audrey Grant, an internationally acclaimed leader in bridge education. These classes will be held at the Seven Oaks Community Center, 16789 Bernardo Oaks Drive, in Rancho Bernardo. The cost is \$89 for each session, but if you register before January 18<sup>th</sup>, 2019, you'll get an "early bird" rate of \$79 per session. The sessions run from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. and lunch is included. You don't need a partner, but if you have a regular partner, you may register as a pair. The titles/subjects of each session and instructions for registering will be available soon on the unit website, but in the meantime, reserve these dates on your calendars for this very special event.

**July Unit Game:** We had a total of 15 tables including two NLM tables which were moved into the Open section. Although a bit intimidated at first, our NLMs were welcomed into the more advanced section and, I was told that after they settled in, they had a "really good time". The unit is currently conducting a survey to determine why the number of tables in the NLM section has dropped off over the last few months.

We had many compliments on the lunch this time. Of course, this always happens when Ken Matson does his famous Bar-B-Q.

Results from that game are as follows:

- The top four winners in the N/S position were: Virginia Cone & Suzanna McDowell, Paul Landrum & Valerie Gwin, Mark & Russel Kennedy, and John Neville & Jill Roberts.
- The top four winners in the E/W position were: Scott Nelson & William Grant, Lorraine Gordon & Ian Collins, Ronald Kay & David Anding, and Ken Matson & Hazel Turner.

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

Our next unit game is on September 22<sup>nd</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.). **PLEASE NOTE: location will change effective with the October 27th Unit game to the Seven Oaks Community Center, 16789 Bernardo Oaks Drive, in Rancho Bernardo.** 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 game fee and will be available at 11:45 AM, with the game starting at 12:30 PM.

Due to increasing costs for facility rental, sanction fees, and advertising (printing), our game fees have increased to \$10 starting at the August 25<sup>th</sup> game.

**Request for Volunteers:** It's that time of year again when we ask for volunteers to serve on the Unit 549 Board of Directors. As you know, the unit runs on volunteer power. Everything that has to be done to bring you unit games (with great lunches), sectionals, and special events like Audrey Grant Seminars, Toy Drives at Christmas, etc. is performed by your volunteer board of directors. If you have any extra time and would like to help with the work involved in organizing these events, please contact our Nominating Committee Chairman, Noel Weidner at [noweidner@gmail.com](mailto:noweidner@gmail.com)

**Welcome New Members to Unit 549:** Susan Ahlquest, Lou Anna Dickerson, Nancy Hooper, Patricia Sherman, Heidi Trost, Jiawen Wu, Ellen Zinn, and Tim Zinn.

**Members attaining new levels of achievement:**

**New Junior Masters:** Karl Cogswell, and Kay Weiss.

**New Club Master:** Ed Beall, and Noel Weidner

**New Sectional Master:** Pat Lenowsky

**New Silver Life Master:** Sue Compton

**New Ruby Life Master:** Carroll Gilbertson

**New Gold Life Master:** Marilyn Kalabsa

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

### Unit 549 Club News

#### Bridge Club of North County

Learning is the key word at BCNC these days. We are focused on bridge education and will be bringing you a new series of classes based on proven teaching methods developed by Audrey Grant, a widely acclaimed bridge expert. The first offering is ***Bridge Basics 1***. This course will be held at BCNC on Saturday mornings starting on October 13<sup>th</sup>, 2018. Beginning with the basics, this course is the perfect introduction to bridge. It progresses through modern bidding, no trump openings and responses, and both major suit and minor suit opening bids and responses. Following these lessons, you will put what you have learned into practice with a series of games, all monitored by your teacher. The cost is \$99 for the eight sessions and includes Audrey Grant's *Bridge Basics 1* book. For additional information or to register for the classes, contact Hazel Turner at [hazelturnerbridge@gmail.com](mailto:hazelturnerbridge@gmail.com)

**Calling All Newbies:** Our last series of classes (Easybridge1! and Easybridge2!) have concluded now with many of those learners

stepping into our **new 0-20 game** or the established 0-150 game, both of which are on Wednesday mornings at 9:00. The 0-20 game is an introductory game and will have a mentor available to answer questions and monitor the play. For this particular game you don't need to arrive with a partner. You can just come – we'll arrange a partner for you. Anyone whose masterpoint earnings are within the game range limits for either of the above named games is invited to play. If you are interested, please email Dorothea Williams at [dorotheaw@cox.net](mailto:dorotheaw@cox.net) to register.

**Workshops:** The weekly series of workshops in support of the Easybridge!2 lessons have also concluded, but workshops will start up again on Thursday, October 18th, at 1:00 p.m. This next series will not echo the Audrey Grant beginner lessons. The topics for the next series have not been published yet but will be available in the next couple of weeks. Check the "Club News" bulletin board which will have a posting as soon as the new list is available.

The fee is \$5 per session. No sign-up is required. You don't need to be enrolled in any class to participate in the workshops, and you can come whenever a topic is of interest to you. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to email Hazel at [hazeltturnerbridge@gmail.com](mailto:hazeltturnerbridge@gmail.com)

**Mentoring:** BCNC also offers mentoring sessions every Monday and Tuesday morning at 9:00 AM. Intended for beginning and intermediate levels of expertise, but organized by table according to their skill level, players 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 [kcotip.rotciv@att.net](mailto:kcotip.rotciv@att.net)

September is International Fund month, so every game other than those listed here will award 63.6% sectional-rated black points: Club Championship on Monday, September 3<sup>rd</sup>, Membership game on Friday, September 14<sup>th</sup>, and **Mixed-Up Pairs**\* on Thursday, September 27<sup>th</sup>. Additionally, Saturdays are always Pizza Days (except the 22<sup>nd</sup> when Unit 549 has its game at the Club).

\*The Mixed-Up Pairs game is an annual event which requires a prior sign-up. This game is always great fun! The purpose of pre-registration is so that the players can be appropriately paired (expert with novice) prior to game time. Our intention is to introduce newer players to more experienced players in a friendly, relaxed environment. A lite lunch will be provided at 11:45. The game begins at 12:30. A sign-up sheet will be posted on the bulletin board behind the director's desk, or you can email the club (see address below) with your request to play.

**Party Time!** Coming up on Friday, October 12<sup>th</sup> is the Octoberfest party. This event features a free lunch for all who play on that day. The food will be – what else? Octoberfest stuff! We do need reservations for this day so we know how much food will be needed. A sign-up sheet will be located on the bulletin board behind the director's desk. Morning players are invited to stay after their game for lunch and afternoon players are asked to come a bit early to have enough time to eat before the game starts at 12:30. Be sure to mark this on your calendar now and sign up.

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](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.

**Top Five Open Players for July:** Bunny Schmidt, Marilyn Florin, Chris McNaughton\*, Judy McNaughton\*, and Tim Flaherty

\*In addition to placing among the top 5, Chris and Judy McNaughton turned in a first place 70.78% game on July 10<sup>th</sup>. Way to go!

**Top Five NLM 150-499 Players for July:** Ken Patrick, Lindy Patrick, John Coulombe, Ayoub Jaraicie, and Betty Serepca.

**Top Five 0-149 Players for July:** Sue Halfaker, Susan Van Cott, Leo Muller, Lloyd Kelly, and Delynn Kelly.

**Our winner for the title "Player of the Month" for July is Doris Nizzi.**

Player of the Month is a new feature at BCNC. The title is awarded in recognition of the personal qualities that are assets to any bridge player, including congeniality, ethical conduct at the table, helpfulness, attitude, pleasant demeanor, etc. Among the many reasons given for Doris's votes, those most cited were: "She's always friendly", "She volunteers a lot for the club", and "She's a pleasure to have at any bridge table".

**Randy Mita was selected "Student of the Month" by his teachers and mentors.** Among the reasons given for his selection were: He attends all classes on Saturday mornings, and all the workshops on Thursday afternoons. He comes regularly to supervised play, and he has volunteered to play in an open game when needed to fill in.

Congratulations to all of these winning players. Their pictures will be posted on the \*STARS\* bulletin board throughout the month of August.

## Lake San Marcos Duplicate Bridge Club

**Top Five Open Players for July:** Richard Cohen, Leo Carney, Philip Savage, Rick Norton, and Samuel Jordan.

**Top Five NLM players for July 0-499:** Ben Moraine, Ilene Brodsky, Ed Zevely, Harry Arora, and George Wilkenson.

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

Congratulations to our very own Marilyn Kalabsa on her achieving Gold Life Master status!

Our club is 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](tel:760-789-1132), or email Mary Ann at [houston6805@sbcglobal.net](mailto:houston6805@sbcglobal.net) for further information about classes and additional bridge activities.



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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>Unit 549 Board Members:</b> <b>President</b> – Art Foeste; <b>Vice-President</b> – Jill Roberts; <b>Secretary/Recorder</b> – Dorothea Williams; <b>Treasurer</b> – Ken Matson; <b>Membership Chair</b> – Barbara White; <b>Tournament Chair</b> – Trish Frinell; <b>Hospitality</b> – Hazel Turner & John Coulombe; <b>Publicity Chair</b> – Noel Weidner; <b>Website/Events Chair</b> – Alan Turner						<b>1</b> BCNC Open Pairs 12:30 PM Pizza Day International Fund
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