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THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF ACBL UNIT 549

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

If you are reading this in the comfort of your home on your computer we have been successful in getting all of us more connected. In an effort to get more and better information to our unit members, we are now providing a print copy of Table Talk at each of the clubs and we are e-mailing a copy to all of our members that we have e-mail addresses for. We are also using the ACBL tournament notification system to notify unit members of upcoming unit games

New faces often bring new ideas and new energy with them and that is exactly what has happened to the Unit Board within the last year. Not that us veteran members aren't doing our jobs, but new Board members Barb White, Alan Turner and Noel Weidner are pushing around the edges, asking some questions, digging in and quickening our step a little bit. As a result the Board and the Unit are getting better.

Our big challenge this year has been finding good affordable space after losing our venue at Lake San Marcos. September's unit game will be our last game at the BCNC. Starting with our Unit game on October 27th, we will be using the Seven Oaks Community Center in Rancho Bernardo. So mark your calendar now so you don't forget and join us in our new home with more space and better parking along with the same great food and bridge.

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Upcoming Unit 549 Events - Mark the Dates!

Week of October 22-26 - Club Championship Games at BCNC

Saturday, Oct. 27– Unit Championship Game at Seven Oaks Community Center, Rancho Bernardo

Saturday, Nov. 17th, Unit Game – Annual Membership Meeting (see details below)

Saturday, Dec. 22nd, Unit Game – Holiday Party (see details below)

Unit 549 News

We have some really great bridge opportunities coming up this fall. They are so important that we've created a flyer for you so you'll have all the pertinent information on one page. If you don't see one at the clubs, you can go online to bridgeclubofnorthcounty.org and print your very own copy. Here's what's coming:

October 27th – Submission of nominations for positions coming up for election to the unit Board of Directors. We are still taking names of potential candidates, so if you are inclined to offer your services, or would like to nominate someone you think would be a terrific asset to the board, please contact our Nominating Committee Chairman, Noel Weidner, at noweidner@gmail.com to submit your name for the slate.

November 17th – Annual General Membership Meeting/Unit Board Election (the slate of candidates for the 2019 Board is presented and voted upon), and Annual Toy Drive/Pot Luck Bridge Party. Everyone is invited to bring an unwrapped toy gift and a favorite party side dish to share. The unit will provide the meat entrée and everything else will be what you make it...such fun and surprises! All of the toys donated and 100% of the game fees collected on this day (plus any additional contributions you may wish to make) will be given to the Interfaith Community Services in Escondido for their holiday "Adopt a Family" program.

December 22nd – Holiday Party. This is a very special "Thank You" from the unit to all players who support us throughout the year. The unit will provide a holiday lunch with all the trimmings, free to all unit members. Plus, there will be no card fees for the game.

Starting off the new year, our Winter Sectional, set for January 18th and 19th 2019, will be held at the Women's Club facility at 751 N. Rose Street in Escondido. Stay tuned for additional details to come but be sure to mark your calendar now so you don't miss this great Silver points event.

Alert! We now have updated information on the Audrey Grant seminars being presented by Unit 549. The class on Friday, January 25th is titled "5 Steps to Simplify Entries" and includes a textbook. The class on Saturday, January 26th is titled "Unlocking Card Combinations." There is no textbook for the Saturday class, but it does provide a package folder that includes comprehensive notes on the subject, a Better Bridge magazine, and a bookmark. 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 18th, 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. To make your reservation, send your check made payable to Escondido ACBL Unit 549 to: Alan Turner, 12578 Lomica Drive, San Diego, CA 92128.

The August unit game had a total of 17 tables – 12 Open and 5 NLM. Results for the Open Section are as follows:

- The top four winners in the N/S position were: Alan & Debbie Gailfus, Terry Badger & Ray Curtiss, Kathleen Byrne & Murray Warmath, and John Neville & Jill Roberts.
- The top four winners in the E/W position were: Tim Flaherty & Eric Wolff, Scott Nelson & William Grant, Hazel Turner & Ken Matson; Joe Houde & Greg House.

Results for the NLM Section are as follows:

- The winners in the N/S position were: Katherine Balog & Katherine Wilkey, and Alexandra Johnson & Naomi Brownell.
- The winners in the E/W position were: Alan Turner & Joan Gershman, and Joyce Fox & Karl Cogswell.

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

Our next unit game is on October 27th. This will be the first unit game at our **new location**, the Seven Oaks Community Center. Also, remember that, while unit games are normally held on the fourth Saturday of each month, we will have an exception in November when the game will be on November 17th (a 3rd Saturday) due to scheduling conflicts. Please make a note of these changes on your calendar. Lunch is always included in the game fee and will be available at 11:45 AM, with the game starting at 12:30 PM.

Welcome New Members to Unit 549: Duane Crum, Lauren Crum, Jeannie Dickinson, William McGurk, Cynthia Schulte, and Sifang Shen.

Members attaining new levels of achievement:

New Junior Master: Emory Boutilier

New Club Master: John Mullin

New Sectional Master: Alan Turner

New Regional Master: Leo Muller

Congratulations from Unit 549 to all of the above for achieving these new levels of excellence. They will be rewarded with a free play at the next unit game.

Unit 549 Club News

Bridge Club of North County

Our new series of classes for beginning bridge players starts Saturday, October 13th at 9:00 AM. The first offering is *Bridge Basics I*. These classes are based on proven teaching methods developed by Audrey Grant, a widely acclaimed bridge expert. 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 I* book. For additional information or to register for the classes, contact Hazel Turner at hazelturnerbridge@gmail.com

Graduates of our recent instruction courses are finding the **new 0-20 introductory game** on Wednesday mornings to be the perfect follow-on to practice what they have learned in a no pressure, relaxed environment. This game has a mentor available to answer questions and monitor the play. It is not required that you have attended BCNC classes to play in this game – only that you are familiar with the basic bridge game and you hold no more than 20 masterpoints. For this particular game you don't need to arrive with a partner. You can just come – we'll arrange a partner for you.

On Wednesday mornings we also have a 0-150 game. This game has been growing over the last few months and has become a regular habit for many players in this MP range. It's a low key, friendly game for mid-range learners/players.

Anyone whose masterpoint earnings are within the game range limits for either of the games listed above is invited to play. If you are interested, please email Dorothea Williams at dorotheaw@cox.net to register.

Workshops: Our weekly bridge workshops will start up again on Thursday, October 11th, at 1:00 p.m. The schedule and topics for this next series of 8 sessions is as follows: October 11th, Making a Plan; October 18th, Developing Tricks – Promotion & Length; October 25th, Developing Tricks – The Finesse; November 1, Eliminating Losers – Ruffing and Discarding; November 8th, Watching Out for Entries; November 15th, Watching Out for the Opponents; November 22nd, No workshop – Thanksgiving Day; November 29th, Managing the Trump Suit; and December 6th, Putting It All Together. This list will also be posted on the “Club News” bulletin board for your convenience.

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

Mentoring: Gaining in popularity are the mentoring sessions being offered every Monday and Tuesday morning at 9:00 AM. Intended for beginning and intermediate levels of expertise, players are organized by table according to individual skill level. The 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. Sessions last about 2 ½ hours. 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

October is “**Club Appreciation Month.**” This means that for one week in October, ACBL offers the opportunity to play for 81.8% sectional-rated black masterpoints. We have scheduled the week of October 1st through the 6th as our week for these games. There will also be other extra point charity games during the month, and we will have a special “Upgraded Club Championship” game on Wednesday, October 31st, which just happens to be Halloween (Trick or Treat? We’ll have something good to eat!). Additionally, Saturdays are always Pizza Days (except October 27th when we are closed because Unit 549 has its game – now moved to Seven Oaks Community Center.

If you haven’t yet signed up for the **Mixed-Up Pairs** game on Thursday, September 27th, get a move on! You don’t want to miss this special annual event because it’s always great fun. You must sign up in advance for this game. 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 is posted on the bulletin board behind the director’s desk, or alternately, you can email the club (see address below) with your request to play.

I hope you haven’t forgotten to schedule a bridge date for Friday, October 12th. This is the day of our **Oktoberfest** party. There will be a free lunch for everyone who plays that day. We do need reservations though, so we know how much food will be needed. A sign-up sheet is 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.

The 6th **Annual Lungevity Game** has been scheduled for Sunday, October 21st, and will be held at BCNC. This annual charity event is held to honor all those we have lost to lung cancer, and is a money raising occasion to provide funds for much needed research for early detection and cures. Lunch is provided by Liz Nixon’s World of Travel and Dot Swanger. Unit 549 donates the game fees and provides beverages, and BCNC donates the use of its facility. A donation of \$25 per person is requested. 100% of your tax deductible donation goes to Lungevity. Sign-ups are required – contact Jean Holt at jnnhlt582@gmail.com to register. If you are unable to join us, please consider a donation with a check made out to Lungevity or if you prefer, you can donate online at <http://lungevity.donordrive/participant/jeannine-holt>

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 August: Sheila Latus, Tim Flaherty, Rex Latus, Manoosh Bahmanian, & Marilyn Florin.

Top Five NLM 150-499 Players for August: Ken Patrick, Lindy Patrick, Susan Van Cott, Ayoub Jaraicie, and Bejai Higgins.

Top Five 0-149 Players for August: Madelyn Trainor, Alan Creutz, Maxine Graves, Mel Cohn, and Stewart Walker.

A very special congratulations to Tomoko Harper and Karl Cogswell for a stellar performance on August 29th, where they had a 71.53% game. Way to go!!

Our winner for the title “**Player of the Month**” for August is Jill Roberts. This 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 Jill’s votes, those most cited were: “She’s very sociable and always friendly”, “She’s always working and having fun doing it”, and “She’s always helping”.

Candace Blocher was selected “**Student of the Month**” by her teachers and mentors. Among the reasons given for her selection were: She is a serious student working diligently on improving her game. She’s a regular at the weekly 0-149 games and attends supervised play and workshops as well.

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

Lake San Marcos Duplicate Bridge Club

Top Five Open Players for August: Diana Fitz-Mayes, Gary Beed, Rick Norton Jr., John Sharron, and Rima Sharron.

Top Five NLM players for August 0-499: David Blumenberg, George Wilkinson, Mark Crotoft, John Gates, and Ron Anson.

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

Unfortunately, Ramona ACBL Bridge Club officially closed as of September 10, 2018. If there are any further developments regarding sanctioned duplicate bridge in Ramona, the details will be published here.

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