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# North County Inland, Unit 549

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**THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF ACBL UNIT 549**

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

The next three months are the busiest of the year for the Board. Our October unit game will be our first at the Seven Oaks Community Center. With more space and better parking, we are working to increase our non-life master turnout. So come on out, kick our tires, and take us for a test drive in our new venue at the Seven Oaks Community Center.

The November unit game is our most important of the year for two reasons. First, it is our annual membership meeting, where we conduct unit business and hold the board election. Second, it is the culmination of our annual Holiday Toy Drive. Once again this year, we will be partnering with Interfaith Community Services to make this Holiday Season just a little brighter for those in need. There will be a donation box in the near future at the BCNC for those who can't make the unit game and want to help.

The December unit game is our "free for all", where all you have to do is show up, be merry and play bridge.

Amazingly, January will be the busiest month of all. We are holding our Winter Sectional on January 18th and 19th at the Escondido Women's Club. The very next weekend, we will have Audrey Grant back with us again to do one of her very informative and popular seminars. Then the Board is going to take a break and relax.

Hope I see you Saturday at the unit game.

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## Upcoming Unit 549 Events - Mark the Dates!

Saturday, Nov. 17th, Unit Game – Annual Membership Meeting/Toy Drive/Pot Luck (see details below)

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

### Unit 549 News

As we head into the holiday season when our lives get so very busy, you may want to check your calendar once again to be sure you have included all the terrific bridge opportunities that are scheduled over the next couple of months.

Our November 17<sup>th</sup> unit game is also the Annual General Membership Meeting/Unit Board Election. The slate of candidates for the 2019 Board will be presented and you will have the opportunity to vote for them. Additionally, this game is our **Annual Toy Drive/Pot Luck Bridge Party**. Everyone is invited to bring an unwrapped toy gift to donate and a favorite party side dish to share. The unit will provide the meat entrée and everything else will be whatever you all bring. It's usually a fantastic array of wonderful side dishes that our players are proud to donate, and it's always great 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. For your convenience, there will also be toy collection boxes at the bridge clubs for the remainder of October and up until the game day in November.

Then, on December 22<sup>nd</sup> the unit game is our annual **Holiday Party**. 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. This is a very special "Thank You" from the unit to all players who support us throughout the year. You definitely don't want to miss this!

There are two very special events planned for January. We start the new year off with our **Winter Sectional**, set for January 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> 2019. This event will be held at the Women's Club facility at 751 N. Rose Street in Escondido. There will be Open, 0-1500 and 0-500 stratified events both days. Games are at 10AM and 2:30 PM both days. Entry fee is \$11.00 each session, but players with 0-20 masterpoints and Junior players younger than 18 play free! There will be a lunch available for purchase at \$7.00. The tournament flyer and written driving directions are posted on our website at [acblunit549.org](http://acblunit549.org). Be sure to mark your calendar now so you don't miss this great Silver points event.

The following weekend, Unit 549 presents the **Audrey Grant** seminars. The class on Friday, January 25<sup>th</sup> is titled "5 Steps to Simplify Entries" and includes a textbook. The class on Saturday, January 26<sup>th</sup> 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 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. 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 September unit game had a total of 15 1/2 tables – 12 1/2 Open and 3 NLM. Results for the Open Section are as follows:

- **The top four winners in the N/S position were:** Al Nadel & Ken Matson, Rex & Sheila Latus, (tie) Ron and Suzanne Anson and Lorraine Gordon & Richard Stryker.
- **The top four winners in the E/W position were:** William Grant & Scott Nelson, Tim Flaherty & Caryn Villalon, Jill Roberts & John Neville, and Ruth Aronsohn & Pat Astier.

Results for the NLM Section are as follows:

- The overall winners were: John Coulombe & Dorothea Williams. There was a 3-way tie for 2<sup>nd</sup> place: Fred Kauffman & Trish Frinell, Nancy Neal & Karl Cogswell, and Naomi Brownell & Alexandra Johnson.

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

Remember that we've moved to the Seven Oaks Community Center effective with the October game. 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 17<sup>th</sup> (a 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday). 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:** Mike Giulianotti, John McKay, Laura McKay, Maggie Stern, Richard Stern, Jan Janecki, Tomi Nomura, Joan Powell, and Brian Schoenfeld.

**Members attaining new levels of achievement:**

New Junior Master: Vinod Kapila

New Sectional Master: Alan Creutz

New Silver Life Master: Hazel Turner

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

**A Special Alert!** As you are all aware, we have recently had a restriping of parking spaces in our lot. This resulted in a loss of marked BCNC spaces. Because parking is so limited, it will now be necessary for our bridge patrons to place a parking permit (placard) in easy view in their windshield when parking in the club's allotted spaces. The placards are free and you can obtain one from any director at the club.

Also, there has been some confusion about the space marking. To clarify: our spaces are marked BCNC in WHITE. The Burger Construction Company's spaces are marked BCC in ORANGE. Unfortunately, the two acronyms are similar enough that they are easily confused by the unsuspecting. Please pay close attention to the space markings and use your placard every time you park in our lot.

Did you ever sit across from someone at the bridge table and know you should know their name, but just can't remember it? Did you ever wish everyone wore a name tag so that you could avoid these embarrassing moments? Well, guess what? ...**magnetic name plates** are now available for purchase at BCNC. The cost is \$5 to our players (the club is absorbing any extra cost over that amount). Response so far has been very positive and you may have already seen some people wearing theirs. If you are interested in owning one, there is a sign-up sheet at the club, or you can contact Terry Badger directly at: [terry72934@aol.com](mailto:terry72934@aol.com) to place your order.

In November we will begin monthly "**Birthday Celebrations**". The first one will be on Wednesday, November 14<sup>th</sup>. The club will provide cake – to be served during both sessions, and every member of our club who has a birthday during November will receive a free play voucher. To receive your voucher, register with Dorothea Williams at [dorotheaw@cox.net](mailto:dorotheaw@cox.net) or sign in on the "Birthday Log" at the club. Your voucher will be given to you at the first of your birthday month. The date for every successive month's Birthday Celebration will be announced in advance and noted on the month's calendar. You are

encouraged to register in advance of your birthday month - but the vouchers will not be given until your birthday month.

**Calling all Newbies!** There is a **0-20 introductory game** on Wednesday mornings specifically designed for entry level players to practice their newly acquired skills 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.

Concurrently, on Wednesday mornings we also have a 0-150 game. This is 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](mailto:dorotheaw@cox.net) to register.

Our weekly bridge workshops continue as follows: October 25<sup>th</sup>, Developing Tricks – The Finesse; November 1, Eliminating Losers – Ruffing and Discarding; November 8<sup>th</sup>, Watching Out for Entries; November 15<sup>th</sup>, Watching Out for the Opponents; November 22<sup>nd</sup>, no workshop – Thanksgiving Day; November 29<sup>th</sup>, Managing the Trump Suit; and December 6<sup>th</sup>, 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 [hazelturnerbridge@gmail.com](mailto:hazelturnerbridge@gmail.com)

Learning opportunities abound at BCNC. We offer group mentoring sessions called “**Supervised Play**” every Monday and Tuesday morning at 9:00 AM. Intended for beginning and intermediate levels of expertise, participants 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 [kcoctip.rotciv@att.net](mailto:kcoctip.rotciv@att.net)

The overwhelmingly positive feedback from our “Mixed -Up Pairs” game last month has prompted the club to organize a new program of individual mentoring based on that format. It will be offered for the Tuesday morning Open game. This is a ‘golden opportunity’ for newer players who would like to “play up” with a more experienced player and for experienced players who would enjoy helping a newer player transition into more advanced games. Mentor players are invited to play free, junior partners pay their own regular game fee. Partnerships will be arranged according to MP levels. Neither partner will be obligated to a long-term relationship – individuals decide how long they will play together. Players interested in participating in this new program - both new players, and mentor players - are asked to contact Dorothea Williams at [dorotheaw@cox.net](mailto:dorotheaw@cox.net) to sign up or to get additional information.

There will be two Club Championship games in November – Wednesday, the 7<sup>th</sup> and Friday, the 30<sup>th</sup>. The entire week of the 19<sup>th</sup> through the 24<sup>th</sup> will be Charity games for local charities. Don't forget the special “Upgraded Club Championship” game on Wednesday, October 31<sup>st</sup>, which just happens to be Halloween (Trick or Treat? There will be special goodies to eat!). Additionally, Saturdays are always Pizza Days (except November 17<sup>th</sup> when we are closed because Unit 549 has its game – now moved to Seven Oaks Community Center.

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 September:** Bunny Schmidt, Bill Sperry, Marilyn Florin, Nancy Sperry, and Tim Flaherty.

A belated congratulations to Tim Flaherty and Jane Horgan who had a 70.83% game on Wednesday, August 29<sup>th</sup>.

**Top Five NLM 150-499 Players for September:** Ken Patrick, Betty Serepca, Lindy Patrick, Larry Gach, and Ayoub Jaraicie.

**Top Five 0-149 Players for September:** Madelyn Trainor, Mel Cohn, Marvin Schwedock, Stewart Walker, and Noel Wiedner.

Our winner for the title “**Player of the Month**” for September is Tomi Nomura. 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 Tomi's votes, those most cited were: “He is always willing to fill in – no matter who needs a partner”, “No matter who he is playing with, he stays pleasant and courteous”, and “He smiles at and is friendly with everyone”.

Tom Church was selected “**Student of the Month**” by his “Supervised Play” mentors. Among the reasons given for his selection were: He's working steadily to improve his game, and he's a regular attendee at supervised play – coming twice a week, every week, without fail.”

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

## Lake San Marcos Duplicate Bridge Club

**Top Five Open Players for September:** John Sharron, and Rima Sharron, Patricia Hawkins, Jean Holt, and a tie for Nina Laughbaum & Clare Laljer.

**Top Five NLM players for September 0-499:** Ken Gilbert, Sandra Musbach, Fred Kauffman, and a 3-way tie for Betty Abersold, Sally Ackerman, & Valerie Gwin.

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.

## Bridge in Ramona

Sanctioned bridge in Ramona survives!

A new club is in the forming stages and is already providing regular sanctioned bridge games. The current schedule is Thursday evening at 6:00 PM and Friday morning at 9:30 AM. There will be a lunch/snack break mid-way through the Friday game.

Games are currently being held at St. Mary's Church, 1010 12<sup>th</sup> Street, in Ramona. However, there are times when the church is unavailable, and games will be held elsewhere. If you are interested in playing in any of these games, please contact Claire Schneider at [itsaclearday.claire@gmail.com](mailto:itsaclearday.claire@gmail.com), or Geof Applegate at [n7345r@gmail.com](mailto:n7345r@gmail.com) to register and get the most current location details. Additional information about the club, its development, game and education plans are available on the club's new website: <https://h.theapp.mobi/index.php?bypass=1&preview=true&app=bridgeinramona>

Congratulations are definitely in order to this wonderful group of dedicated bridge players who have come together quickly to ensure their ability to continue playing sanctioned duplicate bridge in their “home town” of Ramona.



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<b>Unit 549 Board Members:</b> President – Art Foeste; <b>Vice-President</b> – Jill Roberts; <b>Secretary/Recorder</b> – Dorothea Williams; <b>Treasurer</b> – Ken Matson; <b>Membership Chair</b> – Vacancy; <b>Tournament Chair</b> – Trish Fritnell; <b>Hospitality</b> – Hazel Turner & John Coulombe; <b>Publicity Chair</b> – Noel Weidner; <b>Website/Events Chair</b> – Alan Turner						
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