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THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF ACBL UNIT 549

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I know things are pretty good right now. And I know that because of what I hear and see. The stock market is holding its own, unemployment is at its lowest point in decades, and there is congestion everywhere. I go to Costco, and it takes 10 or 15 minutes just to find a parking spot. Traffic and congestion on the freeways are at levels I haven't experienced before. These are the signs that for most of us these are good times. Unfortunately, that isn't the case for all of us.

My daughter was responsible for the food drive for my grandson's Cub Scout pack, and she didn't have the time to deliver their collection to Interfaith here in Escondido so I got volunteered. Based on what I saw there in the 30 minutes it took to deliver the food, it was clear that these good times haven't touched everyone. This Saturday is our Unit game and our annual toy drive. We ask everyone who plays that day to bring an unwrapped toy, or make a donation so we can help those who need a little help during this Holiday Season. The Unit itself will donate all of the entry fees we collect that day along with the toys to Interfaith Community Services here in Escondido. So make arrangements to join us Saturday so we can make someone's Holiday Season just a little brighter.

Don't forget that this is also our good luck pot luck Unit game. The Unit will be providing the main course of meatballs and chicken tenders and you get to provide the rest. Or as I like to say, you get to fill in the details. So, please bring a dish to share.

I'd like to thank all of you who came to last month's unit game at our new location in the Community Center at Seven Oaks. It was the largest unit game that we have had in quite a few years.

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Upcoming Unit 549 Events - Mark the Dates!

Saturday, Dec. 22nd, Unit Game – Holiday Party, Seven Oaks Community Center, 16789 Bernardo Oaks Drive, San Diego, CA 92128

Winter Sectional, January 18th and 19th, 2019 at the Women's Club facility at 751 N. Rose Street in Escondido
Audrey Grant Seminars January 18 & 19, 2019, Seven Oaks Community Center, Rancho Bernardo

Unit 549 News

Happy Holidays! Whatever way you celebrate the season, may it be filled with good friends, good food, and lots of bridge. We have some of that for you if you attend our next unit game on December 22nd, because it's also our annual Holiday Party. The unit will provide a holiday lunch with all the trimmings, free to all players. Plus, there will be no card fees for the game for unit members (non-unit members pay the regular \$10 card fee). This is a very special "Thank You" from the unit to our member players who support us throughout the year. Lunch will be available at 11:45 AM, with the game starting at 12:30 PM. You definitely don't want to miss this – it's good friends, good food, and lots of bridge!

Unit 549 will be presenting its annual **Winter Sectional** the weekend of January 18th and 19th 2019 at the Women's Club facility at 751 N. Rose Street in Escondido. This is a wonderful facility with lots and lots of parking! There will be Open, 0-1500 and 0-500 stratified events both days. Games are at 10AM and 2:30 PM. The 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. Be sure to mark your calendar now so you don't miss this great Silver points event.

If you are interested in attending the **Audrey Grant Seminars** being presented in January, you must register before January 18th to receive the "early bird" special rate of \$79 per session. After that date, the cost is \$89 per session. 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 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 October unit game had a total of 22 1/2 tables – 15 Open and 7 1/2 NLM. Results for the Open Section are as follows:

- The top four winning pairs in the N/S position were: Terry Badger – Ray Curtiss, Janice Wells – Lynn Wells, Cheryl Fosdick – Bob Anuxkiewicz, and Alan Gailfus – Debbie Gailfus.
- The top four winning pairs in the E/W position were: Hazel Turner – Ken Matson, Richard Gold – Joe Houde, Marina Fomenkova – Valentina Krasinskaia, and Nancy Sperry – Bill Sperry.

Results for the NLM Section are as follows:

- The top four winning pairs in the N/S position were: Fred Kauffman – Trish Frinell, Mel Cohn – Harriett Landon, Ramakant Asaravala – Deepak Vora, and Candace Blocher – Alison Hout.
- The top four winning pairs in the N/S position were: Mary Thead – Susan Van Cott, Dorothea Williams – John Coulombe, Ram Lal – Karl Cogswell, and David Peterson – Dixie Peterson.

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

Welcome New Members to Unit 549: Rudy Denuse, David Greenwood, and Liam King.

Members attaining new levels of achievement:

New Junior Master: Ramakant Asaravala

New Club Masters: Nisha Goyal, Stewart Walker, and Jeanne Wiedner.

New Regional Master: Jonna Talbott

New Gold Life Master: Holly Aufman

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

Gentle Reminders: 1) It is 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, please pay close attention to the space markings – ours are stamped BCNC in WHITE lettering.

2) If you haven't ordered your name plate yet, there is still time to do so. The cost is \$5. There is a sign-up sheet at the club, or you can contact Terry Badger directly at: terry72934@aol.com to place your order.

3) If you haven't registered for your birthday free play voucher, be sure to sign the Birthday Log at the club or contact Dorothea Williams at dorotheaw@cox.net so you don't miss out. The vouchers, to be used during your birthday month, will be available to you on the 1st day of your birthday month. And don't forget to be on hand for the birthday cake! Each month's birthday celebration date, with cake, will be noted in the current calendar.

Our Wednesday morning 0-149 game had its biggest turnout yet on October 31st with a full 8 tables! We had most of our regular players, some newbies, and a few visitors – it was a terrific group of people. Not only was it Halloween with special goodies/treats, but it was an Upgraded Club Championship game so players earned extra MPs, too. It had quite a festive feel about it, and all-in-all it was a very good day! We're looking forward to a repeat attendance.

We are still promoting our 0-20 introductory game on Wednesday mornings as well. If you are new to bridge, this is the game for you. It was 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.

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

Our weekly bridge workshops continue as follows: November 29th, Managing the Trump Suit; and December 6th, Putting It All Together. There will be a short hiatus through the holidays, and then the next

8-week series will begin on Thursday, January 10th. This next series will focus on defense. As soon as it's finalized, the list for each week's topic will be posted on the "Club News" bulletin board and on our website 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

If you're looking for some help in tuning up your game, we offer mentoring sessions called "**Supervised Play**" every Monday and Tuesday morning at 9:00 AM. 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. Pre-registration is required for participation in the mentoring sessions. For further information and to sign up, contact Vic Pitcock at kcotip.rotciv@att.net

The overwhelmingly positive feedback from our "Mixed -Up Pairs" game in September 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 to sign up or to get additional information.

The second series in our Audrey Grant based lessons, is scheduled to begin on Saturday, January 12th, 2019 at 9:00 am in the BCNC, Escondido clubhouse. Continuing where Bridge Basics 1 left off, this course provides detailed coverage of areas that come up in competitive auctions, such as preemptive opening calls, overcalls and advances, takeout doubles and advances, and the competitive auction. The cost is \$99 for the 8 weekly sessions and includes the Bridge Basics 2 book. Use the [Contact Us, Education Coordinator](#) link on the BCNC website to register for the class.

The club will be participating in **STaC week** December 3rd through the 8th. This is a great opportunity to compete with/against many other clubs and offers the potential for winning extra-large awards of Silver points. There are a number of charity events scheduled, which also offer extra MPs, and don't forget the Birthday Celebration which will be on Friday, the 14th. Saturdays are always Pizza Days (except December 22nd when we are closed because Unit 549 has its game (it's their annual holiday party – member appreciation game with free lunch and no game fee). Remember that it's now moved to Seven Oaks Community Center in Rancho Bernardo.

December's biggest event is the **Holiday Party** on the 28th. The club will provide lunch for everyone who plays that day. Those who come in the morning for the 0-499 game are invited to stay for lunch. Everyone who plays in the afternoon game should come a bit early so you have time to eat before the game starts at 12:30. For this event you will need to sign up in advance so we know how much food to provide. The sign-up sheet will be located on the bulletin board behind the director's desk. The menu is a surprise, but I promise you will like it!

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 October: Tim Flaherty, Sue Compton, Rick Sontag, Bunny Schmidt, and Marilyn Florin.

Top Five NLM 150-499 Players for October: Dorothea Williams, Ken Patrick, John Coulombe, Scott Sonne, and Betty Serepca.

Top Five 0-149 Players for October: Deepak Vora, Madelyn Trainor, Noel Wiedner, Jack Stanley, and Alan Turner.

Our winner for the title "**Player of the Month**" for October is Sue Compton. 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 Sue's votes, those most cited were: "She's always friendly and helpful at the table", "She's such a great help at the club", "She's always polite, very gracious", and "For all the personal qualities listed in the 'Player of the Month' poster".

Fred Kaufman was selected October's "**Student of the Month**" by his Supervised Play mentors. Among the reasons given for his selection were: He regularly attends Supervised Play sessions – often twice a week, he is enthusiastic, and eager to learn, and he regularly plays in the limited MP games, the Open games, and our Unit 549 games.

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

Lake San Marcos Duplicate Bridge Club

Top Five Open Players for October: Samuel Jordan, Rick Norton, John Sharron, Rima Sharron, and Norman Schwartz

Top Five NLM players for October 0-499: N/A due to technical issues.

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

Bridge in Ramona is riding a wave of enthusiasm. We've been able to buy most of the equipment we need and have returned, with thanks, our borrowed supplies. We're up to six or seven tables per game. We're well on our way to achieving nonprofit status, and will soon be electing a board of directors. We're already planning bridge education and social events. Bridge in Ramona is alive and well!

Our ACBL sanctioned games are held at St. Mary's in the Valley Episcopal Church, 1010 12th Street. Our current schedule has two Open Pairs games: Thursday night from 6:00 to 9:00 PM and Friday morning from 9:30 AM to 1:30 PM with a break for (bring your own) lunch. Members of our "Temporary Bridge Club Planning Committee" are: Geof Applegate, Maxine McNamara, Claire Schneider, Corinne Splinter, and Carol Squires.

If you would like to join us, please email: bridgeinramona@gmail.com to make a reservation. Our game fee is \$7.

For more information contact Maxine McNamara at wildrose@barneymc.com or 760-788-6189.

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