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THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF ACBL UNIT 549

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The Unit Board would like to extend our warmest wishes for a wonderful Holiday Season!!!

You had to be there to see it. Once again this year, the generosity of our unit members was on full display at the unit game in November. You provided an amazing array of really nice toys that were donated to Interfaith for their Adopt a Family program. I don't know exactly how many toys we received, but I did help load them. Alan and Hazel Turner volunteered to deliver the toys to Interfaith. Fortunately, they have two SUVs, because your generosity filled both vehicles to capacity. There is a picture of the toys on our website.

There must be something about a pot luck that brings people out, because you turned out and you brought lots and lots of food. That success generated about \$1,000 in card fees that were donated along with the toys to Interfaith. For me, there is this warm feeling knowing that our bridge club has made this Holiday Season just a little brighter for some needy families in North County.

And speaking of warm feelings, over the past couple of months I've received many positive unsolicited comments about our unit from members of our unit and also units 531 and 539. They commented about how great it was that we help sponsor the Lungevity event and do our toy drive. They commented about the level of activism within the unit. And everyone who has commented likes the Seven oaks Community Center site. So let's keep it going in 2019.

Don't forget that we have our Winter Sectional and the Audrey Grant seminar coming up next month.

Happy New Year!

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Upcoming Unit 549 Events - Mark the Dates!

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 New Year! January, 2019. Can you believe it? The time just flies when you're having so much fun at the bridge club. By the way, when you're making that traditional New Year's resolution, be sure to include many statements that begin: "I will play bridge..."

We have a stellar opportunity for you to fulfill that resolution with the Unit 549 Winter Sectional the weekend of January 18th and 19th 2019 at the Women's Club facility at 751 N. Rose Street in Escondido. The information flyer is available on our website at acblunit549.org. Mark your calendar for this special weekend bridge event and remember – sectionals award silver points.

This will be the last call for attending the unit sponsored 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. 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. Additional class details are available on the unit website.

The November unit game had another nice turnout. Everything was lovely with plenty of food contributions for the Potluck and lots and lots of toy donations. We had a total of 21 1/2 tables – 14 1/2 Open and 7 NLM. A grand total of \$845.00 in game fees and \$255.00 in other donations, plus the 75 great toys, was given to Interfaith Community Services this year. That's the largest donation we've been able to make so far. The unit wants to thank everyone who came to play and especially those whose extra donations – both money and toys - made this possible. You are the greatest!

Results for the Open Section are as follows:

- **The top four winning pairs in the N/S position** were: Henry Farhi – Kit Humphrey, Alan Gailfus – Debbie Gailfus, Rex Latus – Sheila Latus, and Rosie Zakarian – Mary Ballin.
- **The top four winning pairs in the E/W position** were: Pat Astier – Ruth Aronsohn, Jean Jantz – Doris Nizzi, Lawrence Sherman – Daniel Koppenhafer, and William Grant – Scott Nelson.

Results for the NLM Section are as follows:

- **The top four winning pairs in the N/S position** were: Linda Ditmars – Linda Berman, Mel Cohn – Harriett Landon, Alan Turner – Joan Gershman, and Candace Blocher – Alison Hout.
- **The top four winning pairs in the E/W position** were: Ed Zevely – Sheila Slayton, Sue Halfaker – Susan Van Cott, David Peterson – Dixie Peterson, and Jan Janecki – Mary Rea.

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

Welcome New Members to Unit 549: Roop Jain, Andrew King, and Herb Schaar.

Members attaining new levels of achievement:

New Junior Master: Ram Lal

New Sectional Master: Susan Foreman

New Silver Life Master: Richard N. Aufmann

New Sapphire Life Master: Jean Jantz

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

If you are a beginning to intermediate bridge player, you need to check out all the activities underway at our club. No matter what you're looking for, we've got you covered!

For beginners there are classes and workshops presented by Hazel Turner who is a Life Master and ACBL certified bridge teacher.

The second series in our Audrey Grant based lessons, is scheduled to begin on Saturday, January 12th, 2019 at 9:00 a.m. 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.

Our weekly bridge workshops for beginning/intermediate players will begin again on Thursday, January 10th. This next series will focus on defense. The schedule is as follows: Jan 10 – Opening Leads Against No Trump Contracts, Jan 17 – Opening Leads Against Suit Contracts, Jan 24 – Third Hand Play, Jan 31 – Second Hand Play, Feb 7 – Defensive Signals, Feb 14 – Developing Defensive Tricks, Feb 21 – Interfering With Declarer, Feb 28 – Making a Plan. This list will also 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 regarding either classes or workshops, please do not hesitate to email Hazel at hazelturnerbridge@gmail.com

Our Wednesday mornings at 9:00 a.m., we have a 0-149 game for beginning to intermediate players. This is a very friendly game, with lots of opportunity for learning and practicing bridge skills. We regularly have 5-7 tables of wonderful, happy people having fun! Game fee is \$8.

Concurrently, on Wednesday mornings, we offer a 0-20 Introductory game. If you're 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. Game fee is \$5.

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.

There are 0-499 games each Monday and Friday morning at 9:00 a.m. Also, for advanced beginning and intermediate players, we offer mentoring sessions called "Supervised Play" every Monday and Tuesday morning at 9:00 a.m. 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

If you are interested in a more personal type of mentoring, we have a new program offering that option. It is 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.

January is Junior Fund Month. Players earn extra masterpoints in these games (63.6% sectional-rated black points). The Junior Fund is an ACBL program to help its junior program for youth up to age 26. Junior players have their own special events, too. You can learn more about this program at acbl.org/juniors. Check it out, and check our calendar for all the days you will want to play, including Saturdays because they're always Pizza Days, too (except January 19th when we are closed because Unit 549 has its Winter Sectional at the Women's Club in Escondido). Such a deal!

The monthly **Birthday Celebration** will be on Monday, January 7th. 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. You should try to be at the club on the celebration day during your birthday month so we can help you celebrate! There will be cake! Each month's birthday celebration date will be noted in the current calendar.

Don't forget our **Holiday Party** on December 28th. The club will provide lunch for everyone who plays that day (both morning and afternoon players). 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.

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 November: Bunny Schmidt, Sheila Latus, Tim Flaherty, Marilyn Florin and Hazel Turner.

Top Five NLM 150-499 Players for November: Ayoub Jaraicie, Bejai Higgins, Joyce Fox, Valerie Gwin, and Judy Astamendi.

Top Five 0-149 Players for November: Alan Turner, Pat Lenowsky, Mel Cohn, Alan Cruetz, and Noel Wiedner.

Our winner for the title "**Player of the Month**" for November is Hazel Turner. 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 Hazel's votes, those most cited were: "Her efforts with new players is tireless", "She's so patient with new players", "She has great teaching skills", and "She's so dedicated to growing our bridge club".

Alison Hout was selected November's "**Student of the Month**" by her Supervised Play mentors. Among the reasons given for her selection were: She works hard on improving her bridge game, she comes often to Supervised Play, she attends the Thursday Workshops, she's a regular player in the Wednesday morning 0-149 games, and she plays in the Unit 549 NLM games.

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

Lake San Marcos Duplicate Bridge Club

Top Five Open Players for November: Richard Cohen, Rima Sharron, John Sharron Jr., Art Foeste, and Jill Roberts.

Top Five NLM players for November 0-499: Ben Moraine, Ronald Anson, Robert Schork, Janet Dunlap, and Fred Kaufman,

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 working on setting up our business and achieving nonprofit status. We're planning bridge education and social events to grow our membership.

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. 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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