

North County Inland, Unit 549

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THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF ACBL UNIT 549

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I just got back from a visit to Montana, where just like here, the winter has been unusually wet and cold. The difference is that unusually wet means lots of snow, and unusually cold means really cold. One of the other big differences I noticed between here and there is the size of the parking spaces. Unlike here where you have to squeeze in as many parking spaces as possible, they actually have parking spots where you can open your car door without hitting the car next to you.

Those pesky little parking spots that we have here have an oversized influence on duplicate bridge. We just had a successful Winter Sectional at the Women's Club of Escondido. The space and the parking worked really well, and we actually made a little money. I recently called the Women's Club to book the space for next year, and they said "no". When I asked why "no", I was told that we used more parking spaces than they expected, and that disrupted a church event at the church they share parking with. So we are in search of a new site for next year. Have a suggestion? Please share it with me.

If you haven't heard, Adventures in Bridge has lost its lease and is closed for at least a month. One of the major reasons for Wirt losing his lease is parking. When 120 people show up to play bridge, 120 cars show up with them, and this is a major problem for the businesses that share parking space with the bridge clubs. To the best of my knowledge, Wirt hasn't found a site yet that will accommodate both his space and parking needs.

The Redwood Bridge Club, which is based in Balboa Park, will close temporarily starting in May while their clubhouse is being remodeled. If Wirt hasn't found new a spot, and Redwood is closed, there will be a dramatic change in where duplicate bridge is played here in San Diego this summer, which brings me back to parking. With the construction that is taking place behind the BCNC, street parking will become more of a challenge. Please be patient.

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Upcoming Unit 549 Events - Mark the Dates!

Saturday, April 27th - Unit Game - Seven Oaks Community Center - Rancho Bernardo

Unit 549 News

If you haven't made plans and booked your partner(s) for the Pacific Southwest Regional you better get a move on! This is our biggest annual local event and is coming right up April 15th through 21st. It's a great opportunity to earn GOLD and RED points without traveling out of town. It's being held at the Town & Country Resort & Convention Center in San Diego. For all the game schedules and additional features, there is an informative flyer available at Pacifcswestregional.com. At some point, some of our unit board members will be manning the Hospitality Desk, so we'll hope to see you there.

We had a fabulous turnout for the February unit game with 20 ½ tables.

The top four MP winners in each direction of the Open Pairs game were as follows: **N/S:** John Howard – Lawrence Sherman, Anne & Lance Malkind, Gary Beed – Ethel Warner, Murray Warmath – Roger Zellmer. **E/W:** William Grant – Scott Nelson, Lorraine Gordon – Ian Collins, Samuel & Yoko Jordan, and Jiawan Wu – Sifang Shen.

The top four winners in the NLM section were: **N/S:** Alexandra Johnson – Naomi Brownell, Sheila Slayton – Ed Zevely, Lifun Cohen – Anne Graves, and Ken & Lindy Patrick. **E/W:** Rose Mary Finger – Mary Thead, Marjorie Berend – Maxine Graves, Noel Wiedner – Alan Turner, and Fred Kaufman – Trish Frinell.

For a list of all players and winners, please visit the unit's website at acblunit549.org.

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

Our next unit game is on April 27th at the Seven Oaks Community Center in Rancho Bernardo. No reservations are required – just show up hungry and ready to play bridge. Lunch, always included in your entry fee of \$10.00, is served at 11:45 a.m. Game starts at 12:30 p.m.

Welcome New Members to Unit 549: M. Adams, Samir Ariss, Kenée Campo, Patricia Hering, Meda Menius, Bharat Parkhani, Carolyn Shaer, Mary Smigliani, Rosemary Straight, Nancy Freeman, and Jean Radtke.

Members attaining new levels of achievement:

New Junior Master: David Greenwood

New Sectional Masters: Mel Cohn, and Prem Sehgal

New Regional Master: Susan Van Cott

New NABC Master: Joe Hopkins

Our congratulations 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

Calling for volunteers! We really need more people to help perform the necessary tasks that keep our club alive. What could you do to help? We need more people to take responsibility for some of the on-going tasks. Check out the Volunteer bulletin board for category opportunities. Some of those tasks take only an hour or two a week, but require an on-going commitment. Any help would be greatly appreciated. Right now, we're looking for a person who has wood working and refinishing experience. There is a one-time need for some help in this area. If you, or someone you know could help us out, please contact Dorothea Williams at dorotheaw@cox.net or send a message directly to the club (email address below).

Continuing our Bridge Education Program, "Bridge Basics 3 – Popular Conventions", the third in the Audrey Grant "Learn to Play Bridge" series, will begin on Saturday, March 23rd at 9:00 a.m. This course, consisting of seven classes, offers a thorough grounding in the most common conventions: Stayman, Jacoby Transfers, the Strong Opening Bid, Blackwood, and Gerber. The cost for the series is \$99, which includes the Bridge Basics 3 handbook.

The series will begin all over again with Bridge Basics 1 – An Introduction, on Saturday, May 25th at 9:00 a.m. This is a series of eight classes that provide all the essential information about the fundamental mechanics of the bridge game. It is intended for people who have never encountered bridge, and may also be valuable to those who know the basic mechanics, but have not learned the principles of modern bidding. Topics covered include No Trump opening bids and responses, major suit openings and responses, and minor suit openings and responses. The course provides everything you need to establish a solid foundation in the world's most fascinating card game. The cost of the series is \$99, which includes the Bridge Basics 1 handbook.

For more information, or to register for either of the above classes, please email hazeltturnerbridge@gmail.com.

April is Charity Month on the ACBL calendar. SO, we'll be having a charity game (with sectional-rated black point awards) every game all month with the exception of the 26th which will be an Upgraded Championship in honor of our club having recruited another ten new ACBL members. Congratulations to us!

ALERT! The club will be closed on Tuesday, April 16th, Thursday, April 18th, and Saturday April 20th for the Pacific Southwest Regional in San Diego. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend – it's the 74th Annual event sponsored by our own District 22. You can find details on the ACBL.Org website. We'll also be closed on Saturday, April 27th for Unit 549's monthly game at the Seven Oaks Community Center in Rancho Bernardo.

Don't forget that we've added two new 0-499 games – Tuesday 9:00 a.m. and Saturday 12:30 p.m. The Saturday game will have two separate sections, an Open and a 0-499er. Saturdays are always Pizza Days, so you get a free lunch along with your afternoon bridge game. What a great way to spend a Saturday afternoon!

The monthly **Birthday Celebration** will be on Monday, April 8th. 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, which must be used during your birthday month, are 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!

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 February: Marilyn Florin, Doris Nizzi, Doris Cubeisy, Bunny Schmidt, and Gary Beed.

Top Five NLM 150-499 Players for February: Ayoub Jaraicie, Ken Patrick, Lindy Patrick, Nancy Shirley, and Dorothea Williams.

Top Five 0-149 Players for February: Mel Cohn, Jack Stanley, Noel Wiedner, David Greenwood, and Mary Thead.

Our winner for the title **"Player of the Month"** for

February is Gary Beed. Reasons given for his nomination are the following assets: "He's a pleasure to play with at any bridge table", "He's such a hard worker - always helping out", "He's a genuinely nice person, such a gentleman", "His contributions to the club are innumerable!"

Karen Geist was selected February's **"Student of the Month"** by her Supervised Play mentors. Among the reasons given for her selection were these: She's a serious learner who studies to improve her bridge game, she attends classes and regularly attends Supervised Play, and she also attends the weekly Workshops.

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

Lake San Marcos Duplicate Bridge Club

Top Five Open Players for February: Rick Norton, Jr., Samuel Jordan, Lorraine Gordon, Nina Laughbaum, and Clare Laljer.

Top Five NLM players for February 0-499: Ilene Brodsky, David Blumenberg, Janet Dunlap, Stewart Walker, and Mike Skow.

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](tel:760-736-9386).

Bridge in Ramona

Honing our bridge skills is a priority for most players in our club. Like most bridge players, we share tips learned on bridge cruises and through online learning sites, but additionally, we have informal practice sessions, and an occasional special lesson offered by a bridge pro. If you are interested in joining us for any of our informal learning experiences, or would just like more information about our club, please contact Maxine McNamara at wildrose@barneymc.com or 760-788-6189.

The Top Players in February were: James Turlo, Stewart Walker, Geoff Applegate, Lenore Sjoberg, Gerald Asbury, and Henry Tileston.

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@game.com to make a reservation. Our game fee is \$7.

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28 NO GAMES TODAY	29 BCNC Supervised Play 499er NLM 9:00 AM BCNC Open Pairs 12:30 PM ACBL Charity	30 BCNC Supervised Play 499er NLM 9:00 AM Open Pairs 12:30 PM ACBL Charity	Unit 549 Board Members: President – Art Foeste; Vice-President – Alan Turner; Secretary/Recorder – Dorothea Williams; Treasurer – Ken Matson; Tournament Chair – Trish Frinell; Hospitality – Joan Gershtman/John Coulombe; Membership Chair/Publicity – Noel Weidner; Education Liaison – Hazel Turner; Disciplinary Chair – Jill Roberts			