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THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF ACBL UNIT 549

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The Board would like to thank all of the Non-Life Masters who have taken today to join us at this year's Non-Life Master Sectional. Your participation in duplicate bridge, particularly here in North County is very important to us. Your playing experience at this sectional and at our unit and clubs means a lot to us. So tell us what you think and how you feel. You non-life masters represent 73% of our unit membership, so you are our backbone and our future.

Speaking of membership and things, we have 428 members in the unit. Our annual membership meeting is conducted at our November unit game, which will be November 23rd this year. Each year 1/3 of the Board positions are up for election, and you will hear more about that next month. The Bridge Club of North County, our flagship club, is the 17th most active club in California, and the 111th most active club in the United States based on table count. That means we offer a lot of opportunity to play duplicate bridge right here in North County, and you are taking advantage of it.

As I was looking over the membership information, I noticed that Tim Flaherty is just about to get to the 20,000 masterpoint level, which I find quite amazing. After summoning all of my analytical skills and giving our membership list a second look, I can safely say that we currently have no one who will ever come close to matching that feat even if Tim quits playing tomorrow.. Great job Tim!!

Our next unit game will be August 24th at the Seven Oaks Community Center. Make your plans to join us for some great bridge and even better food.

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Upcoming Unit 549 Events - Mark the Dates!

Saturday, August 24 - Unit 549 Championship Game - 7 Oaks Community Center, Rancho Bernardo
July 29th through August 3rd - ACBL REACH Games

Unit 549 News

I made an interesting discovery recently while perusing our unit's monthly report from ACBL. Our unit has a membership total of 427 of which 73% (312) are Non-Life Masters! Based on this statistic, we're hoping to have a good turnout for our NLM Sectional on July 27th.

The board has been working diligently getting all the details nailed down to make this a really great and memorable event for players. So, all you NLMs out there, here's a personal invitation to come join us at the Seven Oaks Community Center, 16789 Bernardo Oaks Drive, San Diego, 92128 on Saturday, July 27th. There will be two sessions: 10 AM and 2:30 PM with a lunch break. Coffee and snacks will be provided all day and a lunch will be offered for \$7. This sectional will be stratified by pair average – 500/300/100 (no player with more than 500 masterpoints allowed). The game fee is \$10.00 per session – you are not obligated to play in both sessions. All players with less than 20 MPs play free! Additional information and a location map are available on our website: acblunit549.org

We continue to have above average attendance at our unit games – 33 tables in June. We had another excellent Bar-B-Q lunch - which got stellar reviews, and a really, really good game. There were a number of scores in the high 60s and the MP awards were not too shabby either!

The top four MP winners in each direction of the Open Pairs game were as follows: N/S Liz Nixon – Jean Holt, Hsin-I Wu – Kaison Yen, Janice Wells – Lynn Wells, and Murray Warmath – Sandra Gagnon. E/W Joe Houde – Tim Flaherty, Michael Mezin – Elaine Chan, Hazel Turner – Ken Matson, and Ruth Aronsohn – Pat Astier.

The top four winners in the NLM section were: N/S Alexandra Johnson- Naomi Brownell, Anne Schafer – Bill Schafer, Lifun Cohen – Anne Graves, and Joella Reinbold – Robert Givens. E/W Emory Boutilier – David Birdsall, Lloyd Kelly – Delynn Kelly, Lynne Joseph – Nina Norden, and Bejai Higgins – Noel Wiedner.

You can view a complete list of all players and winners on the unit's website at acblunit549.org.

Congratulations to all the winners and a big "Thank You" to all the many people who played.

Welcome New Member, to Unit 549: David Birdsall, Joyce Nelson, and Steve Rothschild.

Members attaining new levels of achievement:

New Junior Masters: Melanie Castleberry, Duane Crum, and LouAnna Dickerson.

New Club Masters: Ramakant Asaravala, and David Greenwood.

New Sectional Masters: Lou Coviello, and Deepak Vora.

New Regional Masters: Judy Astamendi, Susan Halfaker, and Chris Ness.

Our congratulations to all of the above for achieving these

new milestones. They will be rewarded with a free play at an upcoming unit game.

Unit 549 Club News

Bridge Club of North County

Exciting news! We are migrating the "Results" page on our website to *ACBL Live for Clubs*. To view game results in the future, you need to click on the BLUE "NEW! View Results in ACBL Live for Clubs" line, which is located just above the Month and Year box in our current Results page. This will take you to the new site. All future games will only be posted to this new site. All games previous to July 12th will still be accessible through the Month and Year box. You can receive game result notifications from ACBL by going to your "My ACBL" page at ACBL.org and checking "Privacy Settings" which will present options for various notifications. Go to the bottom of the page in the ACBL Live for Clubs box and check the "Share" buttons for email and phone number. In addition to game results, you will be able to download PBN files so you can import them into various bridge playing software so you can practice playing hands again. We think you're going to really like all the new features this change will offer. For more information contact Dorothea Williams at dorotheaw@cox.net

We will be hosting the **ACBL REACH** games July 29th through August 3rd. These games offer an opportunity for players to compete for GOLD/Red MPs at any local clubs participating in the event, which is rated as a "Regional Side Game Series". All of our afternoon games Monday through Saturday will be participating in this event. Individuals who wish to play in this tournament and compete among the larger field must register with ACBL and pay a \$30.00 entry fee. Game fees at the club will be in addition to the ACBL entry. Players must play in two games to qualify; awards are made to individuals, not pairs. To register and/or get additional information about this program go to ACBL.org.

We had a great turn-out for our 4th of July Celebration – 21 ½ tables. That's almost capacity for us. It was delightful to see so many people wearing red/white/blue in honor of our country's flag colors, and in celebration of "Independence Day". The day was really festive and fun! Lunch was great, thanks to the above and beyond efforts of Ethel Warner, our Hospitality Chair.

We have another excellent calendar of mega-point opportunities in August. We kick off the month with a club championship game on the 2nd. Then swing into a full week of ACBL charity events from August 5th through August 10th.

We will again be offering two full weeks of NAP (North American Pairs) qualifying games: August 12th through 17th and August 26th through 31st. All of these club games are qualifying events to play in the District Semi-finals. Winners of those district level games receive financial subsidies and go on to play in the nationals. The NAP finals are always held at the ACBL Spring National Event. Club winners receive MPs 50% Red and 50% Black, at 81.8% sectional rating, and are "qualified" to play at the district level semi-finals.

The monthly **Birthday Celebration** will be on Wednesday, August 14th. If you haven't signed up in the Birthday Log, you need to take a moment and do it – it qualifies you for a free game during your birthday month. We always have cake or some other special dessert to make the day festive. So, when it's your birthday month, come join us and we'll help you celebrate.

From August 19th through the 23rd we'll be having a full week of **STaC games**. This is a great opportunity to earn Silver points right in your home club, plus you have the opportunity of competing against many other club players across our district, which increases the potential award significantly.

Attention Please! We plan to be open on Saturday, July 27th to accommodate the Open game players displaced from the unit's regular monthly game in July due to Unit 549's annual NLM Sectional. If you're one of those Open game players, come on down! Saturdays are our Pizza days, so you'll still get a free lunch with your game – just in a different location. Don't forget that our club has many learning and skill promoting opportunities.

We offer a number of "limited" masterpoint games that provide a very congenial and less stressful playing/learning environment.

There is a 0-20 game on Wednesday morning that introduces duplicate, competitive bridge and teaches players table etiquette, Bridgемate functions, and the general duplicate process along with an opportunity to hone skills learned in the classes.

When you've attended a few of the introduction games, and feel confident with the process, you can move into the 0-149 game, also on Wednesday morning. This game is the next step up into competitive duplicate bridge.

Then, when you're ready, we offer 0-499 games on Monday, Tuesday and Friday mornings at 9 a.m. and Saturday afternoon at 12:30 p.m. It's all available for you to progress in your own time – no pressure. We aim to make your continuing bridge journey a very positive one!

Please do check the Calendar of Events on our website for exact dates and times 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 June: Tim Flaherty, Marilyn Florin, Sheila Latus, Penny Berman, Joe Houde.

Top Five NLM 150-499 Players for June: Dorothea Williams, Ken Patrick, Ayoub Jaraicie, Margie Berend, Betty Serepca.

Top Five 0-149 Players for June: Lou Coviello, Deepak Vora, Noel Wiedner, Tomoko Harper, Roseann Coviello.

A special congratulations to the following pairs for 70+% games during our STaC weeks: Deepak Vora and Noel Wiedner had a 70.0% game on June 6th; Candace Blocher and Alison Hout Lorraine Gordon had a 70.94% game on June 26th.

Our winner for the title **"Player of the Month"** for June is Dorothea Williams. Some of the reasons given for Dorothea's nomination are as follows: "She graciously steps in and plays when needed, as well as directs", "She's a great bridge player and a hard-working volunteer", "She is so ready to do anything to help the club and the Unit", "She's the best Director", "She always goes the extra mile to make our club friendly and enjoyable", "Because of all the decorations she puts up and the billboards she manages that make this a friendly place", "AND, for her Strawberry Shortcake!!"

Our winner for the title **"Student of the Month"** for June is Linda Miller. Reasons provided by her instructors and mentors are the following: She has attended many beginner classes, she comes to Supervised Play on a regular basis, she's working hard to improve her game, and she's a regular at the Newcomer 0-20 games.

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

The following is a list of upcoming classes and workshops that are currently available for registration:

* Bridge Basics 2 – Competitive Bidding, beginning Saturday, July 27th at 9 a.m.

* Bridge Basics 3 – Popular Conventions, beginning Saturday, September 28th at 9 a.m.

* 2 Over 1 – Game Force, beginning Thursday September 26th at 1:00 p.m.

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

Lake San Marcos Duplicate Bridge Club

Top Five Open Players for June: Jeannette Bentley, Samuel Jordan, Rick Norton Jr., Richard Cohen, Wayne Holm.

Top Five NLM players for June 0-499: David Blumenberg, George Wilkinson, Ilene Brodsky, Valerie Gwin, and John Schooley.

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

Our regular games are held at St. Mary's in the Valley Episcopal Church, 1010 12th Street. The 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. We also periodically schedule special games – like the World-Wide Bridge Tournament and STaCs. If you would like to join us, please email: bridgeinramona@game.com to make a reservation. Our game fee is \$7. For more information about our club or upcoming events, please 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 – Alan Turner; Secretary/Recorder – Dorothea Williams; Treasurer – Ken Matson; Tournament Chair – Trish Frinell; Hospitality – Joan Gershman; John Coulombe Membership Chair/Publicity – Noel Weidner; Education Liaison – Hazel Turner; Disciplinary Chair – Jill Roberts						
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