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# North County Inland, Unit 549

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**THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF ACBL UNIT 549**

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

Greetings from Big Sky Country!! I'm sitting up here enjoying some pretty decent weather and that great mountain air. Fortunately, the Board is there working hard and starting to make plans for the busy season. Our unit game in November is the annual unit business meeting. If you believe we should change our by-laws, or would like to suggest a change, please let a Board member know, or submit your suggested change to the Board. The current by-laws can be found on the unit website. Any changes to the by-laws must be voted on and approved by the membership at the annual meeting.

If you are interested in running for one of the Board positions that will be up for election this year, you can contact any board member and they will refer you to the nominating committee that we are in the process of forming, and help you get your name in the ring. The election to the Board will also take place at our annual meeting in November.

Our Non-Life Master Sectional that took place last month was a success. As I indicated in my last message, non-life masters make up about 75% of our membership and that is growing. Hazel Turner has had a lot of interest and an amazing turnout for her Easy Bridge classes. The BCNC has supported her efforts with a mentoring program and a number of non-life master game opportunities. The Board would like to build on that, and we are looking into providing some additional Non-Life Master tournament opportunities for our members. There will be more information about this in the September newsletter.

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## Upcoming Unit 549 Events - Mark the Dates!

**Monday, September 2nd, Labor Day Bash – Free Lunch (See details below...)**

**Saturday, September 28 - Unit 549 Championship Game - 7 Oaks Community Center, Rancho Bernardo**

### Unit 549 News

As you know, our big event in July was the NLM Sectional. We were so pleased at the turnout, especially for the morning session which had 23 tables. The afternoon was a bit smaller, but still a nice attendance with 13½ tables, for a total 36½ tables for the day!

**Overall winners for the morning session** were: N/S Liane Brenner – Kim Lazarus, and E/W John Unbewust – Ed Tsu. **Afternoon game overall winners** were: N/S Rose Mary Finger – Bruce Bosworth, and E/W Alan Cruetz – Bejai Higgins. There were far too many winners to list them all here, but you can view a complete list of all players and winners on the unit's website at [acblunit549.org](http://acblunit549.org).

Our next unit games are scheduled for August 24th and September 28th. Both are regular unit games and will be at the Seven Oaks Community Center, 16789 Bernardo Oaks Drive, San Diego, 92128. Entry fee is \$10 and lunch is always provided free of any extra charge. Volunteers and board members who try to ensure that our lunches are top-notch, always welcome your feedback, and are especially grateful when you take the time to let them know your thoughts. Many thanks to those of you who have done so – you know who you are!

**Welcome New Members to Unit 549:** Sandra Jensen, and Ron De Marino.

**Members attaining new levels of achievement:**

**New Junior Masters:** Lauren Crum, and Kathleen Yezarski.

**New Club Masters:** Sharon Feingold, and Firoz Nilam.

**New Silver Life Masters:** Murray Goldman, and Mary Ann Houston.

**New Gold Life Master:** Gary Beed.

Achievements like these deserve rewards, so we will provide a free play to each of these outstanding players at an upcoming unit game. Congratulations to all!

### Unit 549 Club News

#### Bridge Club of North County

We participated in the ACBL REACH program July 29th through August 3rd. This was our first participation in the event, and we had a lot of positive feedback. One club member in particular will always remember that it was this opportunity at the home club when he earned the GOLD MPs needed to achieve his Life Master status and simultaneously became a Bronze Life Master, too. Our congratulations to Bob Anuskiewicz on his big win! Other club members who played in the event and winning red points were Rose Mary Finger, Dorothea Williams, Barbara White, and Bob Becker. Well done!

Our September calendar is mainly devoted to games supporting the ACBL International Fund, with our regularly scheduled Club Championships added in and a very special Upgraded Club Championship which we were awarded for recruiting another 10 new ACBL members. We kick off the month with that upgraded club championship game (81.8% sectional-rated black points) on the 2nd, which happens to be Labor Day. We'll be having a special free lunch that day to celebrate the holiday. You will need to sign up for this event, so we know how much food to order. The sign-up sheet will be posted on the bulletin board behind the director's desk. If you haven't already made plans, this is a great opportunity to spend a leisurely afternoon at the bridge table!

Other club championship games (63.6% sectional-rated black points) are on the 7th, 10th, 18th, 27th, and 30th.

The International Fund games are sponsored by ACBL to raise funds to support North American participation in international events. All table fees are given over to this fund.

The monthly **Birthday Celebration** will be on Friday, September 13th. An auspicious day for a birthday – if it's yours, we invite you to come and play. We'll help you celebrate with cake or some other special dessert to make the day memorable. Remember everyone, you must sign up in the Birthday Log to receive a free game during your birthday month.

**Mark Your Calendars – New Opportunity.** This will knock your socks off! We've got great news for our intermediate to advanced level players. Beginning October 31st, we'll be offering regular, weekly classes taught by Norman Schwartz, who is a Sapphire Life Master, ACBL Certified Bridge Teacher, and National Champion. This will be an on-going class every Thursday afternoon at 1 p.m. There is no need to pre-register. You can attend whenever the subject scheduled for discussion appeals to you. Cost per lesson is \$10 (what a bargain!).

The first five lessons are:

**October 31st:** Who's Got What? Counting and identifying cards held in all four hands based on the bidding and the first lead.

**November 7th:** Defensive Carding, Part 1. Attitude, Suit Preference, Count. Plus, the pros and cons of various discarding methods.

**November 14th:** Defensive Carding, Part 2.

November 21st: Doubles, Part 1 (take-out, support, negative, etc.) and Redoubles. Also, some guidelines for penalty doubling.

**November 28th:** Doubles, Part 2

The next series of topics will be published next month and the list will be posted on the Club News bulletin board. You really won't want to miss a

single lesson because they will all make you a better bridge player and besides, you'll love Norman – he's the best! (My opinion only, but I think you'll agree).

I've been telling you for months about all the fine learning experiences and playing opportunities for beginning to advanced beginner players that our club offers. So, by now, you're all familiar with Supervised Play, 0-20 and 0-149 games, and the great classes we present to make your bridge journey pleasant, skill enhancing, and successful.

Speaking of which, here's a success story if I've ever heard one! Last month ACBL had a Regional event in Las Vegas. Two of our student-players, John Mullin and Susan Ahlquist, who have benefited over time from the progression of classes/games mentioned previously, attended it. They played in the 0-49 MP section and won 1st place twice. They came home proudly with trophies and lots more MPs. They've worked hard at improving their game and it absolutely shows! You can do this, too!

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](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 July: Bob Anuskiewicz, Cheryl Fosdick, Hazel Turner, Tim Flaherty, and Tom Nolan.

**Top Five NLM 150-499 Players** for July: Ayoub Jaraicie, Betty Serepca, Scott Sonne, Sue Halfaker, and Susan Van Cott.

**Top Five 0-149 Players** for July: Madelyn Trainor, Susan Kilkenny, Annie Nielson, Mel Cohn, and Tomoko Harper.

A special mention to the following pairs for **70+% games** during July: Madelyn Trainor – Susan Kilkenny had a 71.11 game on Wednesday, July 17th. Bejai Higgins – James Kaspar had a 71.83% game on Monday, July 22nd. Way to Go, you all – congratulations on great games!

Our winner for the title **"Player of the Month"** for July is Sharon Feingold. Some of the reasons given for Sharon's nomination are as follows: "She's patient, helpful, and friendly," "She's smart and funny," "She always has a smile on her face," "She studies hard and it shows," "She's a pleasure to have at any bridge table".

Our winner for the title **"Student of the Month"** for July is Susan Ahlquist. 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, as previously stated, she attended the Las Vegas Regional and earned two 1st place wins in the 0-49 games (Way to Go, Susan!!).

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

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

\* 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](mailto:hazelturnerbridge@gmail.com).

## Lake San Marcos Duplicate Bridge Club

**Top Five Open Players** for July: Rick Norton Jr./Samuel Jordan (tie), Rima Sharron/John Sharron Jr.(tie), and Ashok Sethi/Meena Sethi (tie).

**Top Five NLM players** for July 0-499: Brian Turner/Chas Wick (tie), Ed Zevely, Jane Krongold/Sandy Hrstich (tie), and Raj Patel.

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 is alive in Ramona! Our numbers have been steady, an average of 9 or 10 tables a week. We periodically have vacationing visitors from other parts of the country. Recently, we had some very friendly, great players from Houston and Dallas, Texas. They told us they'd be back because they already made reservations in the same time share for next year. I guess they liked us!

Two of our regular players participated in the **REACH** games this year. Marilyn Kalabsa and Henri Tileston both won some of the gold/red masterpoints awarded. Congratulations are in order to them. We also participated in the July STaC games. That was fun and we'll do it again.

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](mailto: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](mailto:wildrose@barneymc.com) or 760-788-6189.



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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>1</b>  NO GAMES TODAY	<b>2</b> BCNC Supervised Play 499er NLM 9:00 AM BCNC Open Pairs 12:30 PM UPGRADED CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP FREE Lunch Sign-up Required	<b>3</b> BCNC Supervised Play 499er NLM 9:00 AM Open Pairs 12:30 PM International Fund	<b>4</b> BCNC 0-20 MP (\$5.) 0-149 MP Games 9:00 AM BCNC Open Pairs 12:30 PM International Fund Lake San Marcos DBC 11:30 AM Open Game	<b>5</b> Bridge in Ramona 6:00 PM	<b>6</b> BCNC 499er NLM 9:00 AM BCNC Open Pairs 12:30 PM International Fund Bridge in Ramona 9:30 AM	<b>7</b> 499er NLM and BCNC Open Pairs 12:30 PM - Pizza Day CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP
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<b>29</b>  NO GAMES TODAY	<b>30</b> BCNC Supervised Play 499er NLM 9:00 AM BCNC Open Pairs 12:30 PM CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP	<b>Unit 549 Board Members:</b> <b>President</b> – Art Foeste; <b>Vice-President</b> – Alan Turner; <b>Secretary/Recorder</b> – Dorothea Williams; <b>Treasurer</b> – Ken Matson; <b>Tournament Chair</b> – Trish Frinell; <b>Hospitality</b> – Joan Gershman; John Coulombe <b>Membership Chair/Publicity</b> – Noel Weidner; <b>Education Liaison</b> – Hazel Turner; <b>Disciplinary Chair</b> – Jill Roberts				