

North County Inland, Unit 549

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THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF ACBL UNIT 549

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

If I were to tell you that the Board is excited about our chance to offer a new playing opportunity for our Non-Life Masters, I would be engaged in understatement, so I won't do that. What I will say, is there has been more buzz on the Board about this opportunity than I have experienced in my seven years on the Board.

The ACBL is working hard to get more people involved in duplicate bridge and creating more playing opportunities for our non-life masters, and one of their newest ideas is to allow units to conduct NLM Regional Tournaments. So that is exactly what we are going to do. We will be having a NLM Regional Tournament in conjunction with our Winter Sectional on January 10th and 11th. The way it will work is there will be an open sectional where we award silver points, and a NLM regional where we award gold points just like any other regional.

This will be a great opportunity for our non-life masters and the whole San Diego area to have another regional event, and still sleep in their own bed at night. And for those who can't or don't travel, this will double the gold point events in San Diego. So all of you non-life masters should mark your calendars and join us in January for more than a little gold dust.

I would like to welcome Sharon Feingold to the Unit Board. She is replacing John Coulombe, who had to resign because he became part owner of a club within the unit.

Just a reminder, our annual membership meeting will be at the November Unit game. There will be an election to fill board membership vacancies at that meeting. If you are interested in joining the board, please contact any board member to have your name added to the list of nominees.

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Upcoming Unit 549 Events - Mark the Dates!

Saturday, October 26 - Unit 549 Championship Game - 7 Oaks Community Center, Rancho Bernardo
Saturday, November 23rd and Saturday, December 28th - See details below

Unit 549 News

We continue to have terrific attendance at our unit games with lots of new faces along with our regular players. Because we have so many players who are new to our unit, I thought it would be useful to give some advance publicity to our regular end of year special events. You'll want to mark your calendars now so you don't miss out! Here's what's coming:

October 26th – Submission of nominations for positions coming up for election to the unit Board of Directors. We are still taking names of potential candidates, so if you are inclined to offer your services, or would like to nominate someone you think would be a terrific asset to the board, please contact our Nominating Committee Chairman, Noel Weidner, at noweidner@gmail.com to submit your name for the slate. Entry fee for this game is \$10 and lunch is provided free of extra charge.

November 23rd – Annual Toy Drive/Pot Luck Bridge Party. This is also our Annual General Membership Meeting/Unit Board Election (the slate of candidates for the 2020 Board is presented and voted upon). Everyone is invited to bring an unwrapped toy gift and a favorite party side dish to share. The unit will provide the meat entrée and everything else will be what you make it...it's great fun and lots of surprises because we have some very good cooks among our members! All of the toys donated and 100% of the game fees collected on this day (plus any additional contributions you may wish to make) will be given to the Interfaith Community Services in Escondido for their holiday "Adopt a Family" program. Entry fee is \$10.

December 28th – Annual Holiday Party. This event is a very special "Thank You" from the unit to all of the players who support us throughout the year. The unit will provide a holiday lunch with all the trimmings, free to all unit members. Plus, there will be no card fees for the game.

All of these games will be held at the Seven Oaks Community Center, 16789 Bernardo Oaks Drive, San Diego, 92128. Come join us for all of these special events...you'll be glad you did!

The unit game in August had lots of winners – too many to name here, but a complete list of all players and winners is available to view on the unit's website at acblunit549.org.

The top four overall winners for the Open session were: N/S Jim Johnson – Marilyn Kalabsa, Rex Latus – Sheila Latus, Murray Warmath – Roger Zellmer, and Sam Madison-Jammal – Lynne Feldman; E/W Jean Jantz –

Doris Nizzi, Ronald Huffaker – Mary Huffaker, Tim Flaherty – Joe Houde, and Anne Malkind – Gene Katz.

The top four overall winners in the NLM section were: N/S Marvin Schwedock – Larry Gach, Greg Smith – Kevin Dolan, Alexandra Johnson – Naomi Brownell, and Magnus Leopold – Art Thompson; E/W Nina Norden – Lynne Jaseph, Jack Stanley – Deepak Vora, Roger Hardy – Kathy Behrens, and Tianze Tan – Jianguo Tan.

Welcome New Members to Unit 549: Rita Bruin, Stephen Yezarski, and Andre Holtzman.

Members attaining new levels of achievement:

New Junior Masters: Susan Ahlquist, Mike Giulianotti, Bill McGurk, Larry Newman, and Lynn Sullivan.

New Club Master: Dennis Larson

New Sectional Master: Ermalea Frisbie

New Advanced NABC Master: Ed Zevely.

New Life Master: Bob Anuskiewicz

New Bronze Life Master: Bob Anuskiewicz

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

October is **Club Appreciation Month**. These special games offer 81.8% sectional-rated black points. We have scheduled one of these games for every sanction at our club. If you like earning extra MPs, you may want to mark your calendars for the following dates: October 8, 9, 11, 12, and 28. Both sessions of each of these days will be Club Appreciation days.

There will be a Club Championship game on October 1st, and Club Charity games on the 16th, 19th, 21st, 22nd, and 25th.

The monthly **Birthday Celebration** will be on Monday, October 14th. Last month, when our Birthday free play vouchers were given out, it was discovered that a number of people still had not signed up in the Birthday Log. Remember, to receive a free game during your birthday month, you must register your name and birth month in the Birthday Log.

Alert! Great new learning opportunity. We've got exciting 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!).

To help you plan ahead, an updated calendar for 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: No lesson (Thanksgiving)

December 5th: No lesson (NABC in San Francisco)

December 12th: Doubles, Part 2

We're working on the next series of topics. If you have any suggestions, we'd be delighted to hear them. An extended list will be published next month, and we'll keep adding more learning opportunities as time goes forward. The list will be posted on the Club News bulletin board. You really won't want to miss any of these great lessons if you're working on improving your bridge game. So, mark your calendars for the topics that interest you and come learn with us!

We continue to offer Supervised Play on Monday and Tuesday mornings at 9 a.m. These sessions are for advanced beginner to intermediate players in search of some personalized expert help with their game. It's necessary to register for these sessions so that we can provide enough mentors to accommodate all players. Email Vic Pitcock at kcoctip.rotciv@att.net to sign up.

The Calendar of Events on our website has exact dates and times of the various club games and activities. You can print a copy for easy reference. To find everything you need to know about bridge at the club, go to: www.bridgeclubofnorthcounty.org. 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 August: Sheila Latus, Rex Latus, Tim Flaherty, Joe Houde, and Sue Compton.

Top Five NLM 150-499 Players for August: Dorothea Williams, Bejai Higgins, Ayoub Jaraicie, Ken Patrick,

and Jack Stanley.

Top Five 0-149 Players for August: Deepak Vora, Annie Nielson, Madelyn Trainor, Jonathan Brand, and Alan Creutz.

A special mention to the following pairs for **70+% games** during August: Dave and Dixie Peterson had a 74.69% game on Wednesday, August 21st. Sue Halfaker and Susan Van Cott had a 74.31% game on Tuesday, August 20th. Applause and congratulations on really great games!

Our winner for the title "**Player of the Month**" for August is Paul Stevens. Some of the reasons given for Paul's nomination are as follows: "He has a great personality," "He's always happy, polite, calm, and gracious," "He has a terrific sense of humor and makes coming to his table fun," "He has a great laugh!"

Our winner for the title "**Student of the Month**" for August is Jean Greene. Reasons provided by her instructors and mentors are the following: She has been attending classes for several sessions. She's working hard at learning (says it all makes more sense the "second time around") and she plays regularly in the Wednesday AM 0-20 game.

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

Lake San Marcos Duplicate Bridge Club

Top Open Players for August: Rick Norton Jr./Samuel Jordon (tie), Jeanne Griffin, Hanan Deeby, Lorraine Gordon, and Rima Sharron.

Top NLM players for August 0-499: Ilene Brodsky/Valerie Gwin (tie), Jane Krongold/Sandy Hrstich (tie), Ron Anson, Ed Zevely.

The Lake San Marcos Duplicate Bridge Club holds one game each week on Wednesday at the San Marcos Senior Center, 111 Richmar Avenue, San Marcos, CA 92069. It 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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