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THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF ACBL UNIT 549

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Well, it is that time of the year again - crazy time. Between November 23rd and February 1st, we are doing 4 major events. It all starts with our Unit Game on November 23rd, which is our annual meeting, Holiday Toy Drive and pot luck lunch all rolled into one day. There are three Board positions up for election this year. Currently we have 2 candidates for those three positions. If you or someone you know is interested in running for a Board position, please let me or another Board member know. We also vote on proposed By-Law changes at this meeting. To date no changes have been submitted.

Being part of the community and giving back to the community is important to us. So we ask that each person attending the November Unit game bring an unwrapped toy for our Holiday Toy Drive. Those toys and all of the table fees for that day will be donated to Interfaith Community Services here in North County. Our past experience is that over 100 toys and about \$1,200 will be donated to Interfaith so everyone in North County can have a Holiday Season. If you don't want to provide a toy, we would appreciate a cash donation, or you can write a check to Interfaith Community services.

We pride ourselves on the meal we provide at each of our Unit games. The November game is our annual pot luck lunch. The Unit will provide the main dish, and we ask you to fill in the details for the balance of the meal. If the past is any indicator, this will be our best meal of the year. Which means, no matter how good your bridge game is that day, the meal will be better.

Mark your calendar - our Holiday Party (Unit Game) is December 28th this year. This is the day we thank you for supporting us and supporting us well for the past year.

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Upcoming Unit 549 Events - Mark the Dates!

Saturday, November 23 - Unit 549 Championship Game/Annual Toy Drive/Pot Luck Bridge Party - 7 Oaks Community Center, Rancho Bernardo

Saturday, December 28 - Annual Holiday Party, 7 Oaks Community Center, Rancho Bernardo (see below)

Unit 549 News

Our best news is really BIG news! Our annual **Winter Sectional** to be held **January 10th and 11th, 2020**, has morphed into a combo Sectional/NLM Regional. Last month, you were told that our unit is planning to hold its first ever "NLM Regional Tournament." This was made possible because ACBL has been diligently working to create more opportunities for players to earn gold masterpoints closer to their home clubs.

Our event will be not only a first time for us, but the first time a NLM Regional has been organized by a unit in San Diego County. We are really excited to be able to offer our newer players this wonderful opportunity to earn gold points right here in North County.

We now have a lot more details to share:

The fact that it's a combo event means that our Winter Sectional will run concurrently – in the same location as the NLM Regional. They will be held at St. Gabriel's Catholic Church Auditorium, 13734 Twin Peaks Road, Poway, CA 92064. There will be two sessions for each event both days of the tournament. The NLM Regional will offer 0-750 "Gold Rush" 2-session games and single session side games (all stratified C: 0-200, B:200-500, A:500-750). The Sectional (for silver points) will offer 2 sessions per day also with no requirement to play in both sessions each day. In addition to the Open Section (C:0-2000, B:2000-4000, A:4000 +), there will be a 0-1500 Section (C:0-500, B:500-1000, A:1000-1500). Games will start at 10 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. Entry fee for each session is \$13. Lunch will be available for purchase at \$7. Players with 0-20 MPS play free! Additional information and directions to St. Gabriel's are available on the event flyer posted on our website at acblunit549.org

Next month, on **December 28th**, we'll be having our **Annual Holiday Party**. This event is meant to be a "Thank You" gift 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.

This game will be held at the Seven Oaks Community Center, 16789 Bernardo Oaks Drive, San Diego, 92128. Be sure mark this date in your calendar, book your favorite partner, and plan to come hungry!

The unit game in September had many more winners than we have space 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: Avram Ninyo – Susan Ninyo, Terry Badger – Ray Curtiss, Mac Busby – Wirt Gilliam, and Anne Malkind – Lance Malkind.

The top four overall winners in the NLM section were: John Coulombe – Sandy Lee, Jack Scholle – Denis Lougeay, Stewart Showalter – Sarah Hans, and Paula Duncan – Selby Winkler.

Welcome new members to Unit 549: Robin Baranov, Jean O'Gorman and Wilma Kimble.

Members attaining new levels of achievement:

New Junior Masters: Sam Ariss, Mary Mitchell, and Herb Schaer.

New Club Masters: Karl Cogswell, Kathryn Kolb, and Skip Mueller.

New Sectional Masters: Tomoko Harper, Sherry Kroop, David Peterson, and Dixie Peterson.

New Regional Master: Greg Smith.

New NABC Master: Susan Van Cott.

New Advanced NABC Master: Bejai Higgins.

New Silver Life Master: Dr. Eric Wolff

New Ruby Life Master: Leslie Beaver

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

Hooray! We've earned another "**Upgraded**" **Club Championship** game. We earn these special games by recruiting 10 new members. This one will be held on Wednesday, November 6th (all sessions qualify). MP awards on this day will be 81.8% sectional-rated black points. All of our new members will want to be sure to mark their calendars to play in this special game because it's on Wednesday – the day of our weekly 0-20 MP game.

If you're looking for an opportunity to earn SILVER points, we will be having an entire week of STaC games (both morning and afternoon sessions) November 11th through the 16th.

If you like earning extra MPs, you may want to mark your calendars for the following dates: November 2, 18, 19, 20, and 22 (ACBL Charity games) and November 8, and 25 (regular Club Championship games). Charity and Club Championship games award 63.6% sectional-rated black points).

We will be closed on November 23rd in support of the Unit 549 game in Rancho Bernardo, and on Thursday, November 28th, for Thanksgiving Day.

Remember that all Saturday afternoon games at the club are Pizza days, so you can enjoy a free lunch along with your bridge game.

The monthly **Birthday Celebration** will be on Wednesday, November 13th. We like to help you celebrate your birthday, so plan to play on celebration day! Remember, to receive a free game during your birthday month, you must register your name and birth month in the Birthday Log. If you're new to the club, and haven't registered yet, the log is a RED folder kept on the middle front table at the club. If you can't locate it, ask any director to help you.

Alert! Intermediate to advanced players - don't forget that 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. It's going to be an on-going class every Thursday afternoon at 1 p.m. You don't need to pre-register. You can attend whenever the subject scheduled for discussion appeals to you. Cost per lesson is \$10 (what a bargain!).

Plan ahead...here's an updated calendar for the first five lessons:

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

If you have any suggestions for future classes, we'd be delighted to hear them. We'll keep adding more learning opportunities as time goes forward. A new list of scheduled topics 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. AND, if you sign up – please show 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 September: Tom Nolan, Tim Flaherty, Joe Houde, Penny Berman, and Mike Skow.

Top Five NLM 150-499 Players for September: Betty Serepca, Ken Patrick, Lindy Patrick, Dorothea Williams, and Barry Anderson.

Top Five 0-149 Players for September: Deepak Vora, Noel Weidner, Jonathan Brand, Madelyn Trainor, and John Price.

Our congratulations to all these players on their successful playing and special kudos to the following pairs for **70+% games** during September: Dave Anding and Rick Gold had a 70.37% game on the 11th; Noel Wiedner and Deepak Vora had a 71.03% game on the 18th; and Debby Wunderle and Judy Astamendi had a 72.30% game on the 27th.

Our winner for the title **“Player of the Month”** for September is Madelyn Trainor. Some of the reasons given for Madelyn's nomination are as follows: “She's always supportive and a great partner...she's a pleasure to play with”, “She's always so helpful and such a nice person”, “She's always friendly and is a pleasure to have at any bridge table”, “She's a very good sport”.

Our winner for the title **“Student of the Month”** for September is Jeanne O'Conner-Green. 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 October.

Lake San Marcos Duplicate Bridge Club

Top Five Open players for September: Lorraine Gordon, Maria Marshall, Diana Fitz-Maes, John Sharron Jr./Rima Sharron (tie), and Lane Campbell.

Top Five NLM players for September 0-499: Mark Crootof, Karl Cogswell, Sue Holbeck, Sally Ackerman, and Valerie Gwin.

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.

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; Sharon Feingold Membership Chair/Publicity – Noel Weidner; Education Liaison – Hazel Turner; Disciplinary Chair – Jill Roberts					1 BCNC 499er NLM 9:00 AM BCNC Open Pairs 12:30 PM Bridge in Ramona 9:30 AM	2 BCNC 499er NLM and Open Pairs 12:30 PM - Pizza Day ACBL Charity
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