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THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF ACBL UNIT 549

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I'm not a wine connoisseur but for some reason fine wine always has some year associated with it. Well, in the case of duplicate bridge in North County, 2019 will be one of those years. The state of our unit and the state of our clubs has never been better in the 8 years I've been a member. And all of this is due to a lot of selfless volunteers who just step up and make good things happen.

Our club in Ramona keeps building on it's successes and is providing some real good bridge opportunities for our members up in the hills. They acquired a dealing machine which has made getting ready for those games that much easier and they have a solid core of volunteers. San Marcos is steady as you go. They provide a Wednesday game for players on the coast and an alternative for the inland players. They saw an almost 20% increase in their table count from 2018.

Our crown jewel of course is the Bridge Club of North County. Their table count grew by 17% over 2018 and they are now the 13th largest bridge club in California. But the most important thing they have done is to work hard to foster and grow duplicate bridge. Their mentoring program provided over 260 tables of mentored bridge. They maintained a strong program of beginning bridge lessons with some really amazing results. They offered Bridge Basics 1, 2 & 3 and a 2 over 1 class to a total of 213 registered students. These efforts resulted in 25 new ACBL members. For the more advanced players they offered defense workshops and had 164 attendees.

The unit itself had another really good year. Our Winter Sectional was a success with a table count increase from the previous year and a small profit to show for our efforts. The Audrey Grant seminar was a roaring success with a record turn out. We had attendees who traveled over 120 miles for the event and were glad they did. Our unit games table count is up significantly and we are now averaging about 30 tables each month. The really positive part of that number is we are averaging more than 12 non-life master tables each month.

The Board would like to thank all of our members and all of you who play bridge here in North County for our success in 2019. It is going to be a hard act to follow but based on our January start we might actually do it.

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NO GAMES TODAY	NO GAMES TODAY	22	NO GAMES TODAY	15	NO GAMES TODAY	8	NO GAMES TODAY	_	SUNDAY
BCNC Supervised Play 499er NLM 9:00 AM BCNC Open Pairs 12:30 PM	BCNC Supervised Play 499er NLM 9:00 AM BCNC Open Pairs 12:30 PM ACBL Charity VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION DAY	23	BCNC Supervised Play 499er NLM 9:00 AM BCNC Open Pairs 12:30 PM	16	BCNC Supervised Play 499er NLM 9:00 AM BCNC Open Pairs 12:30 PM	9	BCNC Supervised Play 499er NLM 9:00 AM BCNC Open Pairs 12:30 PM STaC	2	MONDAY
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	BCNC 499er NLM 9:00 AM BCNC Open Pairs 12:30 PM ACBL Charity Bridge in Ramona 9:30 AM	27	BCNC 499er NLM 9:00 AM BCNC Open Pairs 12:30 PM Bridge in Ramona 9:30 AM	20	BCNC 499er NLM 9:00 AM BCNC Open Pairs 12:30 PM BIRTHDAY RECOGNITION Bridge in Ramona 9:30 AM	13	BCNC 499er NLM 9:00 AM BCNC Open Pairs 12:30 PM STaC Bridge in Ramona 9:30 AM	6	FRIDAY
	549 Unit Game Open & NLM Pairs 12:30 PM / Lunch 11:45 AM 7 OAKS CC	28	BCNC 499er NLM and Open Pairs Educational Fund 12:30 PM - Pizza Day 9 AM Play of the Hand \$10 Putting it Together	21	BCNC 499er NLM and Open Pairs 12:30 PM - Pizza Day Educational Fund 9 AM Play of the Hand \$10 Managing Trump	14	BCNC 0-20 Newcomer Game 9 AM BCNC 499er NLM and Open Pairs 12:30 PM Pizza Day-STaC	7	SATURDAY