

## North County Inland, Unit 549

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THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF ACBL UNIT 549

***PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE***

Holiday Greeting!!

Doesn't seem like it was all that long ago that I was spending 10 or 15 minutes just to find a parking space at the mall and that problem happened again last weekend.. Which leaves me with little doubt that on-line sales are going to grow bigly again this year. It also means it is time to thank all of you for the tremendous support you have given duplicate bridge here in North County.

Our Ramona Club keeps rising up to all the challenges of keeping a small club operational. Mary Ann and her team of volunteers work tirelessly to make duplicate bridge an option in Ramona and serve our members in the hinterlands. Our San Marcos Club has had an incredible year. They are regularly getting 15 tables or more each Wednesday and if you haven't tried it you should. Jean has retired, but Nina has a steady hand and has hired John Coulombe to direct the game. We would like to thank them for their really successful year. And lastly, our Escondido club has proven once again that they are the backbone of duplicate bridge in North County. They rank #113 in the country in club table count and #19 in California. They have offered Easy Bridge 1, 2 and 3 this year and grown our bridge family. The Mentor program has been wildly successful to the point where they are having problems finding enough mentors for all of the mentees. We all owe a big thank you to Sue Compton, Bill Butler, Vic Pitcock and Hazel Turner for all the work they have done. And a thank you to all of the volunteers at the Escondido club who have made it a really nice place to play bridge.

Change is coming in 2018. We have enjoyed some vary favorable room rates at the Lake San Marcos Pavilion and that is about to end. We were notified last week that our room rental rate for the unit game is going from \$100 to \$500 starting in January. Unfortunately, that is a rate we can't afford so in all likelihood the December unit game will be our last unit game at the Pavilion. But have no fear, the Board is actively looking for a new location for the next scheduled unit game which will be February 24th. We'll definitely keep you posted on our venue quest.

Don't forget we are having our Winter Sectional on 1/26 and 1/27 at the Conference Center in Lake San Marcos. So mark your calendars and make plans to join us.

The Unit Board would like to wish all of you and your families the best for this Holiday Season.

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## Upcoming Unit 549 Events - Mark the Dates!

Friday, January 12th – BCNC 3rd Anniversary Party (details below)

Monday January 22nd – Volunteer Appreciation Day (details below)

Friday January 26th & 27th – Unit 549 Winter Sectional (see details below)

Note: BCNC closed Monday December 25th. Ramona closed December 25th, 26th, January 1st & 2nd.

## Happy Holidays to Everyone! May your season be filled with memory making bridge events and lots of masterpoints!

Now that the NABC is over and has become “just a memory”, although studded with emotion laden wins and losses to be sure – it will more importantly, for everyone who attended, forever be a pleasant memory of meeting and re-meeting friendly bridge playing people from all around the country. Many of our Unit 549 members came away with gold and red points and proud memories of having competed among some of the best players in the country in their individual categories. Congratulations to all these players – you know who you are!!!

**Unit 549 Board elections** at the November game resulted in wins for those running for positions and produced the following roster for the 2018 Board of Directors: Art Foeste, Jill Roberts, Trish Frinell, John Coulombe, Hazel Turner, Ken Matson, Sheila Latus, Barbara White, and Dorothea Williams. One unexpected vacancy will be filled by appointment. Anyone interested in volunteering should contact Dorothea Williams at [dorotheaw@cox.net](mailto:dorotheaw@cox.net).

## Special Event

**The Unit 549 Winter Sectional is Friday and Saturday, January 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>.** There will be Open, NLM, and Swiss Teams events both days. Silver Points will be awarded in every event. Games are at 10AM and 2:30PM both days. Coffee and snacks will be provided free of charge, and a lunch will be available for purchase. Non-Life Masters can play for \$5 with the discount coupon, which is available on the tournament flyer (a printable copy is available on our website – see address below). This game will be held at the Lake San Marcos Conference Center located at 1105 La Bonita Dr, Lake San Marcos, CA 92078. The games are \$11.00 per session for ACBL members and \$14.00 per session for unpaid or non-members. Go to Unit 549’s web-site [www.acblunit549.org](http://www.acblunit549.org) for partnerships, to sign-up, to get the discount coupon, and to see results.

## Unit Game and Toy Drive Results

You will be delighted to hear that our **Annual Toy Drive** in November received dozens and dozens of assorted toys, games, and plush animals, plus \$710.00 in card fees and cash donations for the Interfaith Community Services “Adopt a Family” program in Escondido. The Board sends a very big Thank You to everyone for their generous support on behalf of this very worthy local charity.

**In November, the top four winners in each direction of the Open Section were as follows:** N/S – Barbara Lemke & Penny Berman, Norman Schwartz & Robert Schork, Andrew & Patricia Loh, and Art Foeste & Jill Roberts. E/W – Tim Flaherty & Alex Fowlie, Scott Nelson & William Grant, Jean Jantz and Doris Nizzi, and Hazel Turner & Ken Matson.

**The top winners in each direction of the NLM Section were:** N/S – Fred Kaufman & Katherine Wilke, Ben Moraine & Harry Arora, Judy Friedman & Verena Hommel. E/W – John Coulombe & Dorothea Williams, Nancy & Julie Watkins. Congratulations to all!

## Welcome New and Returning Members

**Welcome New Members to Unit 549:** Melvin Cohn, Frances Huettinger, Harshad Vora, Anne Schafer, Dr. William Schafer, Mindy Tremblay, and James Turlow.

**Welcome Returning members:** Dr. Paul Woody, and Evelyn Kepler.

## Members Achieving New Levels of Achievement

**New Junior Masters – James Brown, and David Valiulis**

**New Club Masters – Geraldine Jones, and Pamela Molthen**

**New NABC Master – Gerald Asbury, and Kennett Patrick**

**New Silver Life Master – Nikki Gilberg**

**Unit 549 Congratulates all of the above for achieving these new levels of excellence and awards them a free play at the next Unit game.**

# Unit 549 Club News

## Bridge Club of North County

Patrons of our club are familiar with the current hassles regarding parking. While we don't have an end date for the final repaving efforts, an end is actually in sight! Meanwhile, the club remains open, but the main entrance is not accessible. There is an alternate entrance about 50 feet south, just before the entrance to the Book Store. There are directional signs to guide you. Since, during the re-paving process, the BCNC parking spaces remain unavailable, you will need to park on the street. This may have an impact on your usual arrival time, so, to avoid being late, you should plan for a few extra minutes to find parking and walk to the club.

January games at BCNC are megapoint and charity games supporting the Junior Fund and Membership. There will be two Club Championship games – Monday, January 1<sup>st</sup> and Thursday, January 11<sup>th</sup>. Saturdays in January are Barometer games (except the 27<sup>th</sup>, when we close for the Unit Winter Sectional in San Marcos).

\*\*\*The Membership game on Friday, January 12<sup>th</sup>, will also be the **BCNC's 3<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary Party**. The club will provide lunch for all players that day. Morning game players are invited to stay for lunch and afternoon players are encouraged to arrive early so that everyone can enjoy their lunch and we can still get the 12:30 game started on time. Reservations are required for this game to enable the club to get a head count for the caterer. Please sign up at the club, call BCNC at 760-807-9396, or send an email to [bridgeclubofNC@gmail.com](mailto:bridgeclubofNC@gmail.com) with your reservation request.

\*\*\*Monday, January 22, will be **Volunteer Appreciation Day**. This is a very special day organized to honor our wonderful volunteers without whom the club could not operate. Remember, we are a non-profit organization relying entirely on volunteers to keep the club operating. Volunteers will play free on this day. Everyone is invited to come help us celebrate our volunteers, and enjoy a free catered lunch that will be served by the club at 11:45. Game starts at the regular time of 12:30. Reservations are required for this game to enable the club to get a head count for the caterer. Please sign up at the club, call BCNC at 760-807-9396, or send an email to [bridgeclubofNC@gmail.com](mailto:bridgeclubofNC@gmail.com) with your reservation request.

**Good News/Bad News:** Since most of our Newbies who have been playing in the Thursday afternoon Newcomer game have graduated into the Wednesday morning 0-99 game, we have temporarily suspended the Newcomer game until there is enough interest from our current classes to restart that game. Isn't it wonderful that these new bridge players are moving up the ladder of success?!

**ALERT!!** We'll be closed on Monday, December 25<sup>th</sup> (Christmas). On Friday, January 26<sup>th</sup>, we will be open for the morning 499er game, **BUT closed for the afternoon** and all day Saturday, the 27<sup>th</sup>, for the Unit 549 Winter Sectional.

Check the Calendar for exact dates of the various club games and activities. 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.

**Where are You?** Of the 411 members of our Unit 549, 71% are players with less than 500 masterpoints, who are also not Life Masters. Many of these players don't play in clubs because of the intimidation factor. However, there is good news for anyone who feels this way and who would like to enjoy a friendly, non-intimidating environment in which to hone their bridge skills. We have the perfect environment for you! Every Wednesday at 9:00 AM there is a 0-99 game. This game is a gentle introduction to the world of duplicate bridge. We even do a little instructing. On Monday and Friday mornings at 9:00 AM we have 0-499 games for players with intermediate skill levels. If you've been playing party bridge and are looking for something a bit more challenging, or just need to refresh your bridge skills, these games may be just what you're looking for! Come and join us. Cost is \$8.00 and includes coffee, tea, and snacks. Contact Vic Pitcock at [kcoctip.rotciv@att.net](mailto:kcoctip.rotciv@att.net) to sign up or if you need help finding a partner.

**NEW!! EasyBridge1** classes will begin on Saturday, January 6<sup>th</sup>, 2018, at 9:00 AM. This series of lessons consists of 15 weekly sessions of 20-30 minutes of instruction followed by 2 hours of assisted play. The total cost is \$149.00, which includes the lesson book (a \$12 value), and a free make-up session for any class missed. Hazel Turner, a Life Master and ACBL Certified EasyBridge Instructor will be presenting this class. To enroll, please contact Hazel at [hazelturnerbridge@gmail.com](mailto:hazelturnerbridge@gmail.com). For more information and directions to the club, visit our website at [www.bridgeclubofnorthcounty.org](http://www.bridgeclubofnorthcounty.org).

**Top Five Open Players for November:** Sue Compton, Dan Higgins, Al Nadel, Bunny Schmidt, and Marilyn Florin.

**Top Five 0-499 players for November:** Bejai Higgins, Lindy Patrick, Bruce Hanson, Ken Patrick, and Dorothea Williams. Congratulations to all of these winning players.

## Lake San Marcos Duplicate Bridge Club

All of our January games will earn megapoint awards. There will be a game every Wednesday in December, but on the 20<sup>th</sup>, we will be having a Pot-Luck Christmas luncheon. For this special event, everyone is asked to please bring a dish to share.

**Top 5 Open Players for November:** John Sharron, Jr., Rima Sharron, Pat Hawkins, Jean Holt, and Art Foeste.

**Top 5 Non-life Master players for November 0-499:** Susan Cronenwett, Lynne Jaseph, Sandy Hirstich, Marc Beardsley, and Wallace McCoy.

**Reminder:** Lake San Marcos Duplicate Bridge Club games are at Lake San Marcos Pavilion, 1105 La Bonita Dr. This is the same location as the Unit games. The Wednesday game starts at 10:30 AM, snacks and coffee are provided. Players are asked to bring a bag lunch if they desire. The cost is \$7.00. For further information call John at 760-751-0406, or Nina at 760-736-9386.

## ACBL Ramona Duplicate Bridge

Congratulations are in order for the Ramona Bridge Club players who placed in the overall STaC week in November. Actual Silver MPs awarded are published at ACBL.org. Well done, everyone... Obviously, you've all been practicing your lessons!!

**Thursday Eve Open Pairs:** Hazel & Alan Turner, James Marshall & Doris Hendrickson, Henry Tileston & Camille Collver.

**Friday Morning 499ers:** Nancy Johnson & Ernie Bedard, and Craig Rifel & Carole Gatwood.

**Friday Morning Open Pairs:** Mary Ann Houston & Henry Tileston, Marilyn Kalabsa & Mary Margaret Loehr, Chip Splinter & James Turlo, Lois Bobbitt & Jessica Patton, and David Barnard & Alan Jacobson.

Don't forget that we'll be closed December 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> (Christmas and Boxing Day), January 1 (New Year's Day), and January 2 (just because!).

Located at 1721 Main St. Ramona, CA 92065 #101. The Club Manager is Mary Ann Houston.

Game times are: Monday 6:00pm – 9:30pm (5:30 Potluck), Thursday Night 6:00pm – 9:30pm, Friday mornings: Open 9:30am – 1:30pm; 0-499 NLM 9:30am – 12:30pm. \*\*\*Tuesday Lessons: Both Beginners Group and Intermediate Group lessons are suspended until January 9<sup>th</sup>, 2018. Call **760-789-1132**, or email Mary Ann at [houston6805@sbcglobal.net](mailto:houston6805@sbcglobal.net) for further information about classes and additional bridge activities.

# January 2018

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	<b>1</b> BCNC Supervised Play 499er NLM - 9:00 AM BCNC Open Pairs 12:30 PM Club Championship Ramona Bridge CLOSED	<b>2</b> Ramona Bridge CLOSED BCNC Open Pairs - 9:00 AM and 12:30 PM Junior Fund	<b>3</b> BCNC 0-99 MP Game - 9:00 AM BCNC Open Pairs 12:30 PM Junior Fund Lake San Marcos DBC 10:30 AM Mega Point Game	<b>4</b> BCNC Supervised Play - 9:30 AM BCNC Open Pairs 12:30 PM Junior Fund Ramona Bridge 6pm Open Game	<b>5</b> Ramona Bridge 9:30am - Open & 0-499er Game BCNC 499er NLM 9:00 AM BCNC Open Pairs 12:30 PM Junior Fund	<b>6</b> BCNC Open Pairs 12:30 PM Barometer Game Junior Fund
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BOLD games denote Mega-Masterpoint Games.

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

Happy New Year!!!

As that singer-songwriter, Bob Zimmerman, so famously wrote "the times they are a-changin'". And so it is with Unit 549 for this new year. As I reported last month the rent for the Pavilion at Lake San Marcos has been raised to \$500 per Saturday, which is beyond our means. We have been looking for a new place, but that has had its challenges. We needed to find a place that we can rent for under \$200. We needed a place that can store our tables and equipment or has their own. We needed a place to accommodate a minimum of 22 card tables with room to move around. We needed to find a place that has adequate parking and easy access. And we needed to get this done quickly.

The place we found that was the best fit for all of our criteria is the BCNC (Bridge Club of North County) facility. And best of all, most of you are already familiar with it. The Board met on January 14th and agreed that we would enter a contract with the BCNC for 2018 and that our first unit game will be there on Saturday, February 24. As in the past our unit games will be held on the fourth Saturday of each month with a couple of exceptions (usually May and November).

Unfortunately, this isn't the end of our space challenges. We have plans to hold a Non-Life Master Sectional again this year and need to find a place. While we are covered for our Winter Sectional this year, we need to find a suitable place for next year. And we have a commitment from Audrey Grant to do her very popular and successful 2 day seminar again next year which we will need a space for. The good news is we still have a little time to solve these space issues.

Just in case you run into Tomomi Nomura, wish him a Happy Birthday. If my memory hasn't failed me, he will be 97 on or about January 27th.

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## Upcoming Unit 549 Events - Mark the Dates!

**Thursday, February 8 - BCNC - Mixed Up Pairs Event** (Life Masters paired with Non-Life Masters). Light lunch will be served. Reservations required.

**Saturday, February 24 - Unit Championship Game at BCNC**

### GOLD at the CLUB

An ACBL-wide Regional Event At the Club House (REACH) will be held February 3 and February 5-9 during the afternoon sessions of club play. This event is open to all ACBL members. Play will be conducted using the electronic hand files provided for 'The Common Game'. Players playing any two or more sessions of this event will be eligible for overall rankings. Players will be ranked as individuals. Sessions scores will be based on percentages.

This event is NOT stratified. Participating clubs will be grouped for overall rankings based on the 'strength of field' algorithm as determined by The Common Game and applied to the individual club results submitted. There will be 4 groups for scoring purposes.

#### AWARD EXAMPLE

Assume 4,000 participants, 1,000 per pool.

Then the awards would be approximately as follows:

1st Pool - 30.00 Gold for 1st - 0.69 Gold for 250th place

2nd Pool - 24.00 Gold for 1st - 0.55 Gold for 250th place

3rd Pool - 19.20 for 1st (12.67 Gold) - 0.44 for 250th place (0.30 Gold)

4th Pool - 15.36 for 1st (7.68 Gold) - 0.36 for 250th place (0.18 Gold)

Entry fee is \$30 per player. Registration shall be open from January 10 until 2400 PST February 2, 2018. Players must pay both the entry fee and their normal club entry fees. Those interested in participation must register on-line with the ACBL. Use the following link.

#### Participant Registration

<https://sites.google.com/site/racswingforgold/club-participant-registration>

#### **For more details go to:**

<http://www.acbl.org/reach-2>

### Unit Game

**REMEMBER** that we are moving the Unit game on February 24<sup>th</sup> to the Bridge Club of North County location (2320 S. Escondido Blvd., Escondido). Lunch will be available at 11:45 AM, game starts at 12:30 PM.

**In December, the top four winners in each direction of the Open Section were as follows:** N/S – Lorraine Gordon & Richard Stryker, Rex & Sheila Latus, Hanan Deeby & Bernard Figueiredo, and Liz Nixon & Jean Holt. E/W – Samuel and Yoko Jordon, Rick Kerbel & Fran White, Scott & Carol Nelson, and Bunny Schmidt & Marilyn Florin.

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### Welcome New and Returning Members

**Welcome New Members to Unit 549:** Joseph Arroyo, Melanie Castleberry, Vinod Kapila, and Ram Lal

**Welcome Returning members:** Connie McCoy

### Members Achieving New Levels of Achievement

**New Junior Masters** – Melvin Cohn, Bonnie Mahlmeister, Jimmy Shieh, Paul Stevens, and Deepak Vora.

**New Club Masters** – John Duffy and Alan Turner.

**New Sectional Master** – Jack Herbert

**New NABC Master** – Bejai Higgins

**New Life Master:** Carey Simkin

**New Ruby Life Master** – Sudha Shah

**New Sapphire Life Master** – Jean Holt

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# Unit 549 Club News

## Bridge Club of North County

BCNC has a new Board of Directors installed for 2018. Officers are as follows: President, Jean Holt; Vice-President, Jill Roberts; Secretary, Dorothea Williams; Treasurer, Vic Pitcock; Business Manager, Gary Beed; Board members, Cheryl Fosdick, Arline Kennedy, and Bill Sperry.

February games at BCNC are megapoint and charity games supporting the Grass Roots Fund, the ACBL Education Fund, ACBL Junior Fund, and local charities. Saturdays are Barometer Game/Pizza Days (except the 24<sup>th</sup>, when Unit 549 has its game at the Club). There will be two Club championship games: Friday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>, and Wednesday February 14<sup>th</sup>, which also happens to be Valentines' Day – so there will be desserts and an array of treats available all day.

Save this Date!! Thursday, February 8<sup>th</sup>, will be a Mixed-Up Pairs event. Life Masters will be paired with Non-Life Masters for a special, friendly, “getting to know you” game. This will be a free game with light lunch served. Reservations are required for this game to enable random pairing of players and to help the club to get a head count for the caterer. Please sign up at the club, call BCNC at 760-807-9396, or send an email to [bridgeclubofNC@gmail.com](mailto:bridgeclubofNC@gmail.com) with your reservation request.

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In conjunction with these EasyBridge classes, there will be a weekly Thursday afternoon workshop beginning on January 25<sup>th</sup> at 4:15 PM. These two hour supervised play workshops will focus on each week's new lesson. The cost for the workshops is an additional \$5.00 per session. Hazel Turner, a Life Master and ACBL Certified EasyBridge Instructor will be presenting both classes and workshops. To enroll, please contact Hazel at [hazelturnerbridge@gmail.com](mailto:hazelturnerbridge@gmail.com).

**NEW!!** The **Play of the Hand** course starts Monday, February 5<sup>th</sup> at 4:15 PM (repeated Tuesday afternoon February 6<sup>th</sup> at 4:15 PM). Attend one or both sessions for one price - \$69 for 5 weekly lessons.

The **Defensive Techniques** course starts Monday, March 19<sup>th</sup> at 4:15 PM (repeated Tuesday afternoon March 20<sup>th</sup> at 4:15 PM). Attend one or both sessions for one price - \$69 for 5 weekly lessons.

If you take both courses, the cost is \$129 (when paid together on the first day or sooner). These classes are taught by Bill Butler, who is a Ruby Life Master and long-time bridge teacher. Contact Bill at [billbutlerbridge@gmail.com](mailto:billbutlerbridge@gmail.com) to sign up.

**Head's Up!!** Supervised Play has a new coordinator. Sue Compton, after 3 years of managing the Supervised Play program, has passed the baton to Vic Pitcock. Mentoring sessions are held on Monday morning at 9:00 AM and Thursday morning at 9:30 AM. The sessions are

approximately 2 hours and cost \$5. You can come alone or bring a partner. Additionally you can stay and play in the afternoon game for only \$6 more. What a deal!!! Please be watching your email for messages from Vic regarding scheduling your mentor sessions...for mentoring sessions you must sign up in advance. Contact Vic for further information and to sign up at [kcocitp.rotciv@att.net](mailto:kcocitp.rotciv@att.net).

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**Top Five Open Players for December:** Marilyn Florin, Sheila Latus, Bunny Schmidt, Tomomi Nomura, and Tim Flaherty.

**Top Five Non-life Master 0-499 players for December:** Lindy Patrick, Ken Patrick, Ayoub Jaraicie, Betty Serepca, and Dorothea Williams. Congratulations to all of these winning players.

## Lake San Marcos Duplicate Bridge Club

All of our February games will earn megapoint awards.

**Top 5 Open Players for December: John Sharron Jr, Rima Sharron, Tim Flaherty, Caryn Villalon, and Art Foeste/Jill Roberts.**

**Top 5 Non-life Master players for December 0-499:** Jon Lelevier, Lynne Jaseph, Ed Zevely, Betty Ann McGeehan, and Lyn Lyzzaro/Betty Abersold.

**Reminder:** Lake San Marcos Duplicate Bridge Club games have moved to the San Marcos Senior Center at 111 Richmar Ave. San Marcos, CA 92069. The Wednesday game starts at 12:00 PM. There will no longer be a lunch break, but snacks and coffee will still be provided. The cost is \$7.00. For further information call John at 760-751-0406, or Nina at 760.736.9386.

## ACBL Ramona Duplicate Bridge

The Club Manager, Mary Ann Houston, and Claire Schneider, Director, want to extend a big THANK YOU to their loyal volunteers, subs, and players who all together worked so hard to make the club a successful enterprise in 2017. You did it! It's been a good year and we look forward to an even better 2018.

Located at 1721 Main St. Ramona, CA 92065 #101.

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**THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF ACBL UNIT 549**

## *PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE*

We don't have all the numbers in yet but I am going to tout this year's Winter Sectional as a success. One of the primary goals of our Unit is to get more people involved in duplicate bridge and then keep them involved. To that end we offered a \$5 coupon to non-life masters for each session of the sectional. They took advantage of our offer and we averaged 10 ½ tables in our 499er games in each session.

I would like to attribute most of that success to the BCNC (Bridge Club of North County). Bill Butler, Vic Pitcock and Hazel Turner have continually offered EasyBridge! lessons and intermediate bridge lessons. Sue Compton and Vic have promoted and coordinated a mentoring program that has been wildly successful to the point where they are having trouble finding enough mentors. And the BCNC has offered more 199er and 499er games to get our new bridge players involved in duplicate bridge.

The success that the BCNC is having is demonstrated by their table count number. For 2016 the ACBL reported that the BCNC ranked 143rd amongst all of the clubs with a table count of 3154. Those numbers went up in 2017 to a rank of 121st and a table count of 3550. Clearly a job well done by the Board and volunteers at the BCNC.

## Upcoming Unit 549 Events - Mark the Dates!

BCNC - March 1st – Launch date for *Bargain Thursdays* at BCNC – See details below

BCNC – March 6 and 17 – Club Championships.

Saturday, March 24 - Unit Championship Game at BCNC

NOTE: BCNC will be closed for the San Diego Regional Tournament on the following dates: March 27, 29, and 31.

## Pacific Southwest Regional

It's time to get out your calendar and your list of favorite partners and firm up some play dates for the Pacific Southwest Regional, which will be held in San Diego March 26<sup>th</sup> through April 1<sup>st</sup> at the Town & Country Resort & Convention Center (go to PacificSouthwestRegional.com for information and the event flyer). This is the second big ACBL event in our county in just a few months space of time. We're so lucky...we have another chance to excel and earn those red and GOLD points right in our back yard (so to speak). Don't miss this great opportunity!!

## Winter Sectional

Our Unit Winter Sectional in January was a great success with 119 tables over the two days it was held. There were 479.04 Silver masterpoints awarded to 150 players during the event. Obviously, too many names to list here, but the top four point winners were: Dorn Bishop, San Diego, CA; Rick Kerbel, Murietta, CA, V Jay & Linda Tipton, Irvine, CA; Lynn Wells, Oceanside, CA.

We congratulate all the winners, and extend a heartfelt "thank you" to everyone who played.

## Unit Games

**We Have Moved.** Unit games, beginning February 24<sup>th</sup>, will be held on the fourth Saturday of each month at the Bridge Club of North County (BCNC) in Escondido (2320 S. Escondido Blvd.). Two exceptions to this schedule are third Saturdays due to scheduling conflicts. – May 19<sup>th</sup>, and November 17<sup>th</sup>. As is customary, lunch will be available at 11:45 AM, with the game starting at 12:30 PM.

## Welcome New Members to Unit 549

Carol Peterson and Madelyn Buchalter

## Members Attaining New Levels of Achievement

**New Life Master:** Ed Ford

**New Bronze Life Masters:** Ed Ford, Roger Liles, Carey Simkin

**New Silver Life Master** – Bernie Simkin

## 70% Games

We had a 70.84% game in the afternoon game at BCNC on January 24th by Bunny Schmidt and Marilyn Florin. Congratulations!

## Bargain Thursdays!

**NEWS FLASH!!** *Bargain Thursdays* are coming March 1<sup>st</sup>.

Thursday afternoon games are changing. There will be opportunities galore for everyone. No need to register, just come and enjoy!

- In addition to the regular Open game, there will be a new 0-199 game running concurrently.
- A light lunch will be available free to all players.
- The entry fee will be \$8.00
- We'll play 24 -27 boards depending on # of tables at each session.
- If you attend the morning mentoring session, you can play in the afternoon games for \$6.00, AND, the first time you try both – you can play free in the afternoon!
- To reserve a place or to get additional information, please contact the club at 760-807-9396

# Unit 549 Club News

## Bridge Club of North County

The Mixed-up Pairs game that was held on February 8<sup>th</sup> was a rousing success with 16 tables of participants. It turned out to be a really fun day of bridge with new partners, plus providing many interesting opportunities for making new friends. The feedback we've received has been very positive, so we'll be doing it again next year! BCNC wishes to extend a very special thank you to all the players who attended.

**ALERT!!** A new club directory is currently being compiled to assist you in contacting other club members. To be included, you need to provide your Name, Telephone #, E-mail Address, and Emergency Contact information. There are forms at the club that you must fill out and sign, or alternately, you can provide the information electronically to Arline Kennedy at [arlinek@gmail.com](mailto:arlinek@gmail.com).  
March games at BCNC are megapoint and charity games supporting the Grass Roots Fund, the ACBL Education Fund, ACBL Junior Fund, the International Fund, and ACBL Charities. Saturdays are no longer Barometer games. They will now be Open Game/Pizza days. (except the 24<sup>th</sup>, when Unit 549 has its game at the Club). There will be two Club championship games: Tuesday March 6<sup>th</sup>, and Saturday, March 17<sup>th</sup>, which is also St. Patrick's Day. There will be extra goodies and desserts provided for this special celebration day.

The club will be closed on Tuesday March 27, Thursday, March 29<sup>th</sup>, and Saturday, March 31<sup>st</sup>, for the Pacific Southwest Regional in San Diego.

**EasyBridge! Workshops:** Hazel Turner, a Life Master and ACBL Certified EasyBridge Instructor, is conducting weekly workshops in conjunction with the Easybridge classes, which are currently in progress. The two hour supervised play workshops are held on Thursday afternoons at 4:15 PM and will focus on a new topic each week including Takeout Doubles, Preempts, 2C Openers, Negative Doubles, and more... The cost is \$5.00 per session. You don't have to be registered in the Easybridge! classes to attend the workshops. Everyone is welcome and no pre-registration is required, you can just drop-in when the week's subject appeals to you! The workshop calendar is posted on the Club website at [www.bridgeclubofnorthcounty.org](http://www.bridgeclubofnorthcounty.org) (click on "Learning"), or see the list of scheduled topics on the bulletin board at the club. If you have further questions, you can contact Hazel directly at [hazeltturnerbridge@gmail.com](mailto:hazeltturnerbridge@gmail.com).

The **Defensive Techniques** course started Monday, March 19<sup>th</sup>, at 4:15 PM (repeated Tuesday afternoon March 20<sup>th</sup>, at 4:15 PM). Attend one or both sessions for one price - \$69 for 5 weekly lessons. If you have missed the first lesson, the cost will be prorated. Contact Bill Butler at [billbutlerbridge@gmail.com](mailto:billbutlerbridge@gmail.com) to sign up.

Supervised Play continues to be a very popular event. Sessions are on Monday at 9:00 AM and Thursday at 9:30 AM. The cost is \$5 and players are invited to stay and play in the afternoon game for an additional \$6. That's an entire day of bridge (mentoring and play) for only \$11 – what a deal!! To participate in the mentoring sessions, you must sign up in advance. This is required so that enough qualified mentors can be enlisted to assist each table of players. Contact Vic for further information and to sign up at [kcocip.rotciv@att.net](mailto:kcocip.rotciv@att.net).

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**Top Five Open Players for January:** Marilyn Florin, Al Nadel, Sheila Latus, Rex Latus, and Marion McDonald.

**Top Five Non-life Master 0-499 players for January:** Ken Patrick, Lindy Patrick, Trish Frinell, Susan Van Cott and Sue Halfaker. Congratulations to all of these winning players.

## Lake San Marcos Duplicate Bridge Club

All of our March games will earn megapoint awards.

**Top 5 Open Players for January:** John Sharron Jr/Rima Sharron, Victoria Haines, Maria Marshall, and Lorraine Gordon.

**Top 5 Non-life Master players for January 0-499:** George Wilkinson, Ilene Brodsky, David Blumenberg, Janet Dunlap, and Valerie Gwin.

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 12:00 PM. Snacks and coffee are provided. The cost is \$7.00. For further information call John at 760-751-0406, or Nina at [760.736.9386](tel:760.736.9386).

## ACBL Ramona Duplicate Bridge

Congratulations to Jerry Asbury and Chip Splinter who won both Gold and Red points in the Non-Life Master Regional in Riverside on January 20<sup>th</sup>. Way to go!!

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

One of the first things my wife says to me each morning during the week is, "when are you playing bridge today". So she, just like me and most of you, just assumes that there is a bridge game that day. But lately I've started to develop a greater appreciation for the fact that there is actually a bridge game. We lost our space in San Marcos because it became too expensive, and that started a quest for affordable space that is reasonably convenient with adequate parking. And I discovered that all of those preconditions make it really hard to find space. Fortunately, we had a fallback option for our unit game, but we are still looking for affordable space for our NLM Sectional and next year's Winter Sectional.

Unfortunately, this problem isn't unique to our unit. Unit 539 just finished their Spring Sectional and I heard that the cost of their space put a lot of pressure on it's financial viability. Unit 531's game on the coast was discontinued because the space cost too much and District 22 has a cost challenge with their regionals. District 17, which is part of our Western Region, actually went bankrupt, which has played a role in discontinuing the Forum as a print edition.

I'm sure my wife would like a little less bridge and a little more yard work out of me. And that thought makes me appreciate all the more that there is a bridge game within 20 miles of my house every day of the week. And it makes me appreciate all the more the volunteers we have that keep our costs down and duplicate bridge readily available.

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## Upcoming Unit 549 Events - Mark the Dates!

**BCNC - Championship Games April 5 and 16.**

**Saturday, April 28- Unit Championship Game at BCNC**

### Pacific Southwest Regional

If you haven't settled your calendar for the upcoming San Diego Regional, you still have a few days left – you need to put everything else on hold and get there. Go for the Gold! It's March 26<sup>th</sup> through April 1<sup>st</sup> at the Town & Country Resort & Convention Center (go to [PacificSouthwestRegional.com](http://PacificSouthwestRegional.com) for information and the event flyer). This is a terrific opportunity – don't miss it!

### Unit Games

Our first Unit game at the BCNC facility on February 24<sup>th</sup> was a very pleasant success! We were able to accommodate everyone who came with room to spare and there were lots of compliments on the lunch. We all had a great time and look forward to the next games on March 24<sup>th</sup> and April 28<sup>th</sup>!

The top four winners in each direction of the Open Section were as follows: **N/S** – Fran White & Rick Kerbel, Al Nadel & Tom Nolan, Maria Marshall & Janice Joerger, and Cheryl Fosdick & Bob Anuskiewicz; **E/W** – Manoochehr & Alberdina Bahmanian, Carol Turner & Carol Reinhart; Ruth Arensohn & Pat Astier, and Jill Roberts & Art Foeste/Ed Zevely & Raj Patel.

The top four winners in NLM Section were: **N/S** – Tomoko Harper & Joyce Fox, and Robert Stinner & Mel Cohn; **E/W** – Susan Kronenwett & Ronique Nilson, and John Coulombe & Dorothea Williams.

We congratulate all the winners, and extend a heartfelt thank you to everyone who played.

Just in case you missed the notice last month, Unit games are now being held on the fourth Saturday of each month at the Bridge Club of North County (BCNC) in Escondido (2320 S. Escondido Blvd.). Two exceptions to this schedule are third Saturdays due to scheduling conflicts – May 19<sup>th</sup>, and November 17<sup>th</sup>. Lunch will be available at 11:45 AM, with the game starting at 12:30 PM.

### Welcome New Members to Unit 549

Ramakant Asaravala, Gary Graham, Kim Pierce, Michael Shannon, and Kaison Yen.

### Members Attaining New Levels of Achievement

**New Junior Masters:** Howard Birndorf, and Sharon Feingold

**New Club Masters:** Tomoko Harper, and Mary Thead

**New Sectional Master:** Debby Wunderly

**New Bronze Life Master:** Cheryl Krongard

**New Silver Life Master** – Virginia Cone

Unit 549 Congratulates all of the above for achieving these new levels of excellence and awards them a free play at the next Unit game.



# Unit 549 Club News

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**ALERT!** Thursdays at the club have become “Bargain” days with \$8 game fees and a free lunch. Also, there will be two games running concurrently: a regular Open game and a new 0-199 game for our “up & coming” members. These are not truncated games – a full 24 to 28 boards will be played depending on the number of tables. Additionally, anyone who attends a mentoring session in the morning can stay and play in the afternoon game for only \$6 (the first time you do this, the game is free). Mentoring is at 9:30 AM, lunch starts at 11:45 with the game following at 12:30 PM. How can you beat this? Come and join us...you’ll be glad you did!

You still have time to add your name to the new club directory, which is currently being compiled. To be included, you need to provide your Name, Telephone #, E-mail Address, and Emergency Contact information. There are forms at the club that you must fill out and sign, or alternately, you can provide the information electronically to Arline Kennedy at [arlinek@gmail.com](mailto:arlinek@gmail.com). If you don’t see the form at the club, please ask a director for one.

**EasyBridge! #2**, which consists of 10 weekly sessions, starts Saturday June 16<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 AM. Each session consists of a 20-30 minute lesson followed by about 2 hours of assisted play. To participate in this class, you must have completed Easybridge! #1 or played some duplicate bridge and have less than 100 masterpoints. The cost is \$119.00 (including the workbook – a \$12 value). You can come by yourself or with a partner. Hazel Turner, a Life Master and ACBL Certified EasyBridge! Instructor will be presenting this series of classes. Additional information is available on the BCNC website (see address below). To enroll please contact Hazel directly at [hazelturnerbridge@gmail.com](mailto:hazelturnerbridge@gmail.com).

Have you been feeling like your game could use some polishing up? Maybe your scores have gone south and you’re wondering what’s up with that? But, you really don’t want to enroll in a whole series of classes? Perhaps our Supervised Play could help you sort it all out. Sessions are on Monday at 9:00 AM and Thursday at 9:30 AM. The cost is \$5 and players are invited to stay and play in the afternoon game for an additional \$6. Plus all of that, the first time you attend a mentoring session on Thursday and stay for the afternoon game, the afternoon is free (and on Bargain Thursday you even get a free lunch!). To participate in the mentoring sessions, you must sign up in advance. This is required so that enough qualified mentors can be enlisted to assist each table of players. Contact Vic for further information and to sign up at [kcocip.rotciv@att.net](mailto:kcocip.rotciv@att.net).

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## ACBL Ramona Duplicate Bridge

Congratulations to a special Swiss Team competing in the Ajijic Valentine Sectional in Olin, Mexico! Our own players, Marilyn Kalabsa, Jolinda Marshall, Jim Marshall and Ginny Wohlfiel earned silver points!

WAHOO! Way to go Team Ramona!

Geoffrey Applegate and Lenore Sjoberg, while off on a recent bridge cruise (to learn more about bridge, of course!), playing east/west earned a 69% score giving them a first place win. Good job, Geoffrey and Lenore!

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**THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF ACBL UNIT 549**

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

Remember way back when? It's actually getting to the point where that's all most of us can remember anymore. Well, way back when, my parents were part of a social bridge group that got together one Saturday evening a month to play bridge. And I always loved the two or three Saturday evenings a year when it was my parents' turn to host the group. My Mom bought (think Brach's Bridge Mix) or made some really incredible bridge snacks for the evening event. Of course, those snacks were off limits for us kids until Sunday. I'd check in on their bridge game a couple of times during the evening, mostly to see how the snack inventory was holding up. Admittedly, those leftover snacks on Sunday were more interesting than bridge, but I actually cultivated my interest in bridge then.

I started playing bridge in high school, but my serious interest in bridge developed in college. There was always a bridge game or two or three going on in the RathSkellar at the student union, and that posed a problem for me. The big decision for that day was, do I cut the bridge game, or do I cut class? My long college career is a testimonial to that decision.

My partner and I actually got good enough that we started to play duplicate bridge in sanctioned games. And we had a fair amount of success. So at the end of each session, we'd have to hang around to get our master point slip. Remember, this was before computers so everything was done by hand. The director would fill out a slip with your name, ACBL number and relevant sanction information, and put the master point award in a box at the bottom of the slip. It was the players' responsibility to send those slips to the ACBL.

I still have a few of those slips laying around in my memorabilia box, so I can tell you that getting a master point award of .2 or .3 was a big deal way back then. You can imagine how surprised I was when I started playing bridge again and discovered a good day will get you 2 or 3 or 4 master points. Well, the ACBL has taken note of that also. They recently decided to limit the number of "charity" games a club can hold. So if you notice there are fewer games with the larger master point awards that is why.

## Upcoming Unit 549 Events - Mark the Dates!

**BCNC - Championship Games May 1 and 25**

**STaC Week May 7-12**

**Saturday, May 19- Unit Championship Game at BCNC**

### Unit Game

Our Unit 549 game on March 24<sup>th</sup> had 16 ½ tables and our new venue is beginning to feel a lot like home! We're so fortunate to have such a nice place to settle into on a permanent basis (plus, it has room for us to grow). The 2017 Ace of Clubs and Mini McKenney awards were given out at this game, and we want to again congratulate the winners. If you weren't at the game and would like to know who won these awards, you can find a list of winners and their categories at the unit website: [acblunit549.org](http://acblunit549.org)

Our next unit game (the May game) is on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday, May 19<sup>th</sup>. Please make a note of this – you don't want to miss a great lunch and bridge date because of a calendar snafu.

The top four winners in each direction of the Open Section were as follows:

**N/S** – Rick Kerbek - Richard Gold, Bunny Schmidt - Marilyn Florin, Gary Beed - Barbara White, and Art Foeste - Jill Roberts. **E/W** – Tim Flaherty - Joe Houde, Lorraine Gordon - Ian Collins, John Neville - Valerie Gwin, and Jean Jantz - Doris Nizzi.

The top masterpoint winners in NLM Section were:

**N/S** – Sue Halfaker - Susan Van Cott, Fred Kaufman - Donald Mesner, Alexandra Johnson - Naomi Brownell. **E/W** – Ken Patrick - Lindy Patrick, Alan Turner - Joan Gershman, and Julie Watkins - Nancy Watkins.

We congratulate all the winners, and send a big thank you to everyone who played.

Unit games are held on the fourth Saturday of each month at the Bridge Club of North County (BCNC) in Escondido (2320 S. Escondido Blvd.). Two exceptions to this schedule are third Saturdays due to scheduling conflicts – May 19<sup>th</sup>, and November 17<sup>th</sup>. Lunch will be available at 11:45 AM, with the game starting at 12:30 PM.

### Welcome New Members to Unit 549

Diana Macek, Mary Mitchell, Nancy Neal, Julie Watkins, and Hsin-I W Wu.

### Members attaining new levels of achievement

**New Junior Masters:** Skip Mueller

**New Sectional Master:** Alan Jacobson

Congratulations from Unit 549 to all of the above for achieving these new levels of excellence Unit 549 awards them a free play at the next unit game.



# Unit 549 Club News

## Bridge Club of North County

As you know, BCNC is a non-profit organization. This means that every job connected to running the business is performed by volunteers. If you enjoy having a bridge club in North County, and you have even a little time to spare, we need you! There is a volunteer opportunity in every aspect of our operation from business to bridge – sometimes we just need someone to run errands. Think about it...we'd love to have you join our happy volunteer group. Contact Jill Roberts for more information or to become a volunteer. [jillroberts@gmail.com](mailto:jillroberts@gmail.com)

**It's Party Time:** A special Mexican Fiesta will be held on Cinco de Mayo (Saturday, May 5th). Lunch will be served at 11:45 AM (Guess what's on the menu...). Bridge game starts at the usual 12:30 PM. Sign-up is required for this event to help caterers determine the amount of food to prepare. The sign-up sheet is on the front wall at the club, or you can email your request to: [bridgeclubofNC@gmail.com](mailto:bridgeclubofNC@gmail.com) or [jillroberts@gmail.com](mailto:jillroberts@gmail.com)

**Silver Points!** There will be an entire week of STaC games at the club May 7<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup>. This is a great opportunity to win lots of silver points because you're competing not just at the club, but across all the clubs participating in STaC Week. Points earned at the club are awarded as usual (except they're silver) and they're yours to keep even if you don't win against the entire field. But, if your results place you in a winning position in the overall ACBL standings, you can win even more silver points. You keep the points won that are the highest number. Club results are posted on our website as usual, but the STaC results are posted on the ACBL website.

During our last STaC week March 19 -23, Ken and Lindy Patrick had a 1<sup>st</sup> place win with a **70.39% game** playing E/W in the Friday, March 23<sup>rd</sup> game earning them 2.91 silver points. In that same game, Bob Stinner and Madelyn Trainor, playing N/S won 1<sup>st</sup> place with a 69.74% game for 2.23 silver points! Way to go!

**Cancelled:** Due to a lack of interest, the new "Bargain Thursday" afternoon game offer - an \$8 game fee with a free lunch - has been cancelled. We will revert to the regular Open game schedule on Thursday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>.

**The new Club Directory**, currently in progress, needs your help in final editing. There is a proof copy of the directory on the front table at the club. If you have consented to be included in the directory, please take a look at the proof and make any corrections to your information that might be needed. Also, it isn't too late to be included if your name is not listed in the proof. You just need to provide your Name, Telephone #, E-mail Address, and Emergency Contact information. There are forms at the club for you to fill out and sign, or alternately, you can provide the information electronically to Arline Kennedy at [arlinek@gmail.com](mailto:arlinek@gmail.com). If you don't see the form at the club, please ask a director for one.

**EasyBridge! #2**, which consists of 10 weekly sessions, starts Saturday June 16<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 AM. Each session consists of a 20-30 minute lesson followed by about 2 hours of assisted play. To participate in this class, you must have completed EasyBridge! #1 or played some duplicate bridge and have less than 100 masterpoints. The cost is \$119.00 (including the workbook – a \$12 value). You can come by yourself or with a partner. Hazel Turner, a Life Master and ACBL Certified EasyBridge! Instructor will be presenting this series of classes. Additional information is available on the BCNC website (see address below). To enroll, or for more information, please contact Hazel directly at [hazelturnerbridge@gmail.com](mailto:hazelturnerbridge@gmail.com).

Workshops to support Easybridge!2 will also run for 10 weeks starting Thursday, June 21st at 4:15 pm at BCNC. The workshops last approximately 2 hours covering various topics: June 21st - Opening Leads, June 28th – Finesses, July 5th – Rule of 20. The full list for the 10 sessions will be posted at the club. The fee

will be \$5 per session. No sign-up is required. You don't need to be enrolled in the Easybridge!2 class to participate in the workshops, and you can come whenever a topic interests you. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to email Hazel at [hazelturnerbridge@gmail.com](mailto:hazelturnerbridge@gmail.com).

**Mentoring:** If you're looking for a little help with your bridge game, BCNC has mentoring every Monday at 9:00 AM and Thursday at 9:30 AM. The cost is \$5 and players are invited to stay and play in the afternoon game for an additional \$6. To participate in the mentoring sessions, you must sign up in advance. This is required so that enough qualified mentors can be enlisted to assist each table of players. Contact Sue Compton for further information and to sign up at [comptons@cox.net](mailto:comptons@cox.net).

Games in May at BCNC are megapoint games supporting the ACBL Grass Roots Fund. There are two Championship games – Monday, May 1<sup>st</sup>, and Friday, May 25<sup>th</sup>. Saturdays are Pizza Days (except the 19<sup>th</sup>, when Unit 549 has its game at the Club).

Check the Calendar for exact dates of the various club games and activities. Go to **our website: [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 March:** Marilyn Florin, Bunny Schmidt, Tim Flaherty, Penny Berman, and Sue Compton.

**Top Five Non-life Master 0-499 players for March:** Ken Patrick, Lindy Patrick, Ayoub Jaraicie, Betty Serepca, and Anne Schafer.

Congratulations to all of these winning players.

## Lake San Marcos Duplicate Bridge Club

All of our May games will also be in support of the ACBL Grass Roots Fund and will earn megapoint awards.

**Top Open Players for March:** Richard Cohen, Vivienne Whitworth, Jeanne Griffin, Minnie Williams, Judy Gruenberger, and Maria Marshall.

**Top 5 Non-life Master players for March 0-499:** Urmila Gujrathi, Lynn Jaseph, Shiv Tangri, Taj Patel, and George Wilkinson.

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 12:00 PM. Snacks and coffee are provided. The cost is \$8.00. For further information call John at 760-751-0406, or Nina at 760.736.9386.

## ACBL Ramona Duplicate Bridge

Congratulations to Geof Applegate and Lenore Soderberg for their STaC game on Thursday evening, March 22. They had a 63.02% game which landed them in second place overall for 2.81 silver points, but the 1<sup>st</sup> place team won by 0.04%. Now, that's a close race!

The Friday Soup/Salad luncheon provided by the club on Fridays has been discontinued. There will still be a break mid-game, but shortened to 20 minutes. You are encouraged to bring your own lunch or snack. Coffee and tea will be provided as usual.

Located at 1721 Main St. Ramona, CA 92065 #101.

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## *PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE*

When my children were growing up, I got involved in the parent-run swimming and hockey programs they participated in. My two biggest takeaways from being involved were: there is always more to the program than you expected, and volunteers are the backbone for success. My experience with duplicate bridge hasn't been any different.

Over the course of the past few months, I've had opportunities to interact with many of the local Unit Presidents, our District 22 President, and our National Rep. David Lodge. At the local level, their story is very similar to ours: keeping turnout up, controlling costs, and that constant quest for new members. Not surprisingly, these issues dominate much of the discussion at the District and National levels.

One of the primary responsibilities at the District level is to schedule and run the District's regional tournaments. Ron Lien has set getting locations and contracts for the 5 District Regionals through 2020 as one of the District's priorities. This may be more challenging than you might expect because of rising space costs. The District Board raised card fees at the Regionals to \$14 to keep pace with these rising costs.

At the National level, they have established a target of increasing membership by 15,000 in 2018. This is a huge challenge in my opinion, and a challenge we very desperately need to meet on an ongoing basis for the survival of the game at a level that gives all of us opportunities for regular competitive play.

## Upcoming Unit 549 Events - Mark the Dates!

**BCNC - NAP Qualifying Games: The Week of June 4th through 9th and 25-30 Earn Red/Blk MPs.**

**BCNC - Championship Games June 2 and 13**

**Saturday, June 23 - Unit Championship Game at BCNC**

**August 4 – Unit 549 NLM Sectional**

### Special Event

Unit 549 will host its annual NLM Sectional on Saturday, August 4<sup>th</sup>, at the Seven Oaks Community Center in Rancho Bernardo. The address is: 16789 Bernardo Oaks Drive, San Diego, CA 92128. This is a new venue for us, so we've included a location map on our flyer. You can view the flyer on our website at: [acblunit549.org](http://acblunit549.org). Be sure to check it out and Save the Date!

### Unit Game

Our next unit game is on June 23<sup>rd</sup>. Unit games are held on the fourth Saturday of each month at the Bridge Club of North County (BCNC) in Escondido (2320 S. Escondido Blvd.). An exception to this schedule will be November 17<sup>th</sup> (a 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday) due to scheduling conflicts. Please make a note of this now to avoid confusion later. Lunch is always included in the \$9 game fee and will be available at 11:45 AM, with the game starting at 12:30 PM.

Results from the April 28<sup>th</sup> unit game were as follows:

The top four winners in each direction of the Open Section were as follows:

**N/S** – Hanan Deeby & Bernard Figueiredo, Rex & Sheila Latus, Jill Roberts & Doris Cubeisy, and Bunny Schmidt & Marilyn Florin. **E/W** – Ian Collins & Lorraine Gordon, Gary Beed & Ethel Warner, Pat Astier & Ruth Aronsohn, and Doris Nizzi & Jean Jantz.

The top masterpoint winners in NLM Section were:

Joan Gershman & Sue Lichter and Katherine Wilkey & Barbara Farfel.

Congratulations to all the winners, and thanks to everyone who played.

### Welcome New Members to Unit 549

Sally Ackerman (formerly of Palm Springs), Jonathan Brand, Suzanne Lichter.

### Members Attaining New Levels of Achievement

**New Junior Masters:** Joan Gershman, Nisha Goyal, and Kaison Yen.

**New Club Masters:** Mel Cohn, Toni Lien, Robert Miner, and Julie Watkins.

**New Regional Master:** Bruce Bosworth

**New NABC Master:** Ronald Cone, and Pam Thacker

**New Ruby Life Master:** Art Foeste

**New Diamond Life Master:** Bernard Figueiredo

Congratulations from Unit 549 to all of the above for achieving these new levels of excellence. Unit 549 awards them a free play at the next unit game.

**Heads Up!** The months of June, July, and August present opportunities to play in Qualifying events for the annual North American Pairs (NAP) National Tournament. Qualifying games earn 50/50 Red and Black MPs. More information about the NAP events can be found at: [specialevents@acbl.org](mailto:specialevents@acbl.org). If you are interested in the NAP games, please check your club calendars for dates of Qualifying events.

**FYI:** ACBL has updated its Privacy Policy effective April 15, 2018. The policy addresses how ACBL collects, uses, maintains, and otherwise manages information they collect about their members, and the choices members have regarding that collection and use. To view the entire policy, and/or opt for any of those choices, please visit [acbl.org/privacy](http://acbl.org/privacy).

Also, the monthly District 22 Forum is now **ONLINE ONLY**. You can go to [www.d22forum.com](http://www.d22forum.com), where you can read it online, print a copy, or both!

# Unit 549 Club News

## Bridge Club of North County

**Community Corner:** We have a new bulletin board at the club. It's intended to provide an opportunity to communicate with all bridge club members – especially those who come to the club on days when you normally don't. We have posted a few categories – Partnerships Needed/Offered, Items Needed, Items to Trade/Sell/Giveaway, Service Recommendations, What's New (Spread the Word – Share Discoveries). There's a suggestion sheet of ways in which you might use this communication tool tacked on the board. If you would like to add a category, just post your suggestion on the board.

The bulletin board is for our Bridge Club members only – no commercial business advertising, except when members are sharing information about a shop, restaurant, service, etc. that they like, trust, and want to recommend. We hope you will take advantage of this opportunity to reach out.

**New Club Directory:** This will likely be the last call for adding your name to the new club directory. It's getting close to being finished now, but you still have a small window of time to submit your information. There is a proof copy of the directory on the front table at the club. If you have consented to be included in the directory, please take a look at the proof and make any corrections to your information that might be needed. To be included, you just need to provide your Name, Telephone #, E-mail Address, and Emergency Contact information. There are forms at the club for you to fill out and sign, or alternately, you can provide the information electronically to Arline Kennedy at [arlinek@gmail.com](mailto:arlinek@gmail.com). If you don't see the form at the club, please ask a director for one.

**EasyBridge!2:** It's not too late to enroll in the EasyBridge!2 series of 10 weekly classes which began Saturday, June 16th, at 9:00 am. Although you will have missed one or two classes, you can catch up quickly. There will be a reduced fee for the remaining 8 or 9 sessions. Each session consists of a 20-30 minute lesson followed by about 2 hours of assisted play. To participate in this class, you must have completed Easybridge! #1 or played some duplicate bridge and have less than 100 masterpoints. You can come by yourself or with a partner. Hazel Turner, a Life Master and ACBL Certified EasyBridge! Instructor will be presenting this series of classes. Additional information is available on the BCNC website (see address below). To enroll please contact Hazel directly at [hazeltturnerbridge@gmail.com](mailto:hazeltturnerbridge@gmail.com).

**Workshops:** On Thursday, June 21<sup>st</sup>, at 4:15 pm, a 10 week series of workshops in support of the Easybridge!2 lessons will begin. The workshops last approximately 2 hours covering various topics: June 21<sup>st</sup> - Opening Leads, June 28<sup>th</sup> - Finesses, July 5<sup>th</sup> - Rule of 20. The full list for the 10 sessions will be posted at the club. The fee will be \$5 per session. No sign-up is required. You don't need to be enrolled in the Easybridge!2 class to participate in the workshops, and you can come whenever a topic interests you. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to email Hazel at [hazeltturnerbridge@gmail.com](mailto:hazeltturnerbridge@gmail.com)

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**Alert!** Monday May 28<sup>th</sup> is Memorial Day. BCNC will be open for its regularly scheduled games. Also, it's a megapoint charity game day in support of the Grass Roots Fund. So, if you're staying in town over the holiday weekend, and looking for something to do – come on down!

There will be two Championship games in June – Wednesday the 13<sup>th</sup>, and Saturday, the 30<sup>th</sup>. Remember that Saturdays are Pizza Days (except the 23<sup>rd</sup>, when Unit 549 has its game at the Club).

Check the Calendar for exact dates of the various club games and activities. Go to **our website:** [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.**

### **Belated Congratulations, Kudos, and Pats on the Back:**

On March 19th, in the ACBL-Wide Seniors Pairs Contest, Tim Flaherty and Bunny Schmidt won 1<sup>st</sup> Overall at BCNC earning 3.45 Black MPs with a 65.21% game. Then, when all games were calculated in District 22, they won another 3.50 Red MPs.

Two days later, on Wednesday, March 21<sup>st</sup>, in the STaC game at BCNC, Tim - paired with Caryn Villalon, placed 1<sup>st</sup> in the E/W direction with a 72.71% game earning 1.88 Silver MPs. However, that was just the beginning! Their score won them the top spot against 151 tables in Districts 22/23 earning a whopping 17.74 Silver MPs. That was some hot bridge playing!

**Top Five Open Players for April:** Bunny Schmidt\*, Tim Flaherty\*, Sheila Latus, Tom Nolan, and Doris Cubeisy.

\* Bunny and Tim had a 71.76% game on April 30<sup>th</sup>.

**Top Five Non-life Master 0-499 players for April:** Lindy Patrick, Ken Patrick, Susan Van Cott, Bejai Higgins, and Hector Gonzalez.

Congratulations to all of these winning players.

## Lake San Marcos Duplicate Bridge Club

**Top Open Players for March:** Wayne Holm, Leo Carney, Wootsie Stockton, Joe Houde, and Andrew Loh.

**Top Non-life Master players for March 0-499:** Jamie Detweiler, Tom & Bobbie Brant, and Ed Zevely.

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## ACBL Ramona Duplicate Bridge

Our game schedule has undergone a slight change. Since we experience a drop in attendance on Monday evening when Paul Darin has a "Lesson Night", we decided to have an "Open Door Bridge Game" on those Mondays. It goes like this: Game fee is \$4, no reservations required; just show up and we'll shuffle, deal, and play cards, like social bridge. You don't need a partner - we'll just pair up whoever shows up. Bring a friend or beginner. We'll talk about the hands, and be able to ask our resident experts for advice. Door will open at 5:20 for a potluck dinner. Then, we'll just have fun and play bridge until lights out at 9:00pm.

So! Sanctioned bridge games/Potlucks will continue at the club on Monday evenings, except when there's a Paul Darin lesson, when we'll have an unsanctioned "Open Door Bridge Game" and potluck dinner. You'll be notified when Paul's lessons will interfere with our regular Monday night sanctioned game.

Located at 1721 Main St. Ramona, CA 92065 #101. Game times are: Sanctioned Monday 6:00pm – 9:30pm (5:30 Potluck), "Open Door Bridge Game Monday 6:00pm – 9:00pm (5:20 Potluck), Thursday Night 6:00pm – 9:30pm, Friday mornings: Open 9:30am – 1:30pm; 0-49 9:30am – 12:30pm. \*\*\*Tuesday lessons begin promptly at 2 PM at the Bridge Club. Call **760-789-1132**, or email Mary Ann at [houston6805@sbcglobal.net](mailto:houston6805@sbcglobal.net) for further information about classes and additional bridge activities.

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**THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF ACBL UNIT 549**

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

It is that time of the year again when I leave overcrowding, congestion and insufferable traffic on my sojourn to Mecca, or as it is better known, The Last Best Place (Montana). A state that is slightly smaller than California, with fewer people than San Diego. A place where you can see forever, there is still snow on the mountains, and your spirit can catch the wind. And I actually get to play bridge three days a week up here, which includes a trip to the bar afterwards to do a post mortem on those brilliant plays I did or didn't make. My post mortems are generally better than my play, because I'm pretty good at hindsight.

Most of you probably didn't know this, but Jean Holt was elected to be the president of the BCNC last December and then immediately left town on a four-month cruise to celebrate her hard-fought campaign and victory. Well, she is back and at the helm, and she got here just in time to claim credit for getting the second phase of the parking lot repaving finished more quickly than the first phase.

Speaking of the BCNC, if you aren't on their mailing list for their newsletter, you should be. Just ask a Board Member or Director to be put on the list. It is a really high quality electronic newsletter with all the latest club information. In fact, I'm really impressed with their newsletter. It is just another example of the great work they are doing and the quality bridge experience they provide to all North County.

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## Upcoming Unit 549 Events - Mark the Dates!

**Saturday, July 28 - Unit Championship Game at BCNC**

Wednesday, July 4th- BCNC Holiday Celebration with a free lunch. Sign-up is required (see details in Club News).

Monday, July 30th - Upgraded Club Championship (see details in Club News)

**August 4 – Unit 549 NLM Sectional**

## Calling all Non-Life Masters!

Unit 549 will host its annual NLM Sectional on Saturday, August 4<sup>th</sup>, at the Seven Oaks Community Center in Rancho Bernardo. The address is: 16789 Bernardo Oaks Drive, San Diego, CA 92128. This is a new venue for us, so we've included a location map on our flyer. You can view the flyer on our website at: [aclunit549.org](http://aclunit549.org). Be sure to check it out and Save the Date. Remember that Sectionals are opportunities to win Silver points!

## Unit 549 Winter Sectional

The Unit 549 Winter Sectional is officially set for January 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> 2019. The following Friday and Saturday, January 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>, the Unit will be hosting Audrey Grant classes. Details on both of these events will be coming soon, but in the meantime, mark your calendars for these very special events.

## Unit Games

Our next unit game is on July 28th. Unit games are held on the fourth Saturday of each month at the Bridge Club of North County (BCNC) in Escondido (2320 S. Escondido Blvd.). An exception to this schedule will be November 17<sup>th</sup> (a 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday) due to scheduling conflicts. Please make a note of this now to avoid confusion later. Lunch is always included in the \$9 game fee and will be available at 11:45 AM, with the game starting at 12:30 PM.

Our May 19<sup>th</sup> unit game combined both Open and NLM in three Stratifications.

Results were as follows:

- The top three winners in Strat A Overall were: Rick Kerbel & Richard Gold, Bharat & Suddha Shah, and Jean Jantz & Doris Nizzi.
- The top three winners in Strat B Overall were: Bharat & Suddha Shah, Gary Beed & Ethel Warner, and Rosie Zakarian & Mary Ballin,
- The top three winners in Strat C Overall were: John Coulombe & Dorothea Williams, and (tied for second/third) Jill Roberts & Ken Matson, and Edward Koch & Donna Buys.

Congratulations to all the winners, and thanks to everyone who played.

## Welcome New Members to Unit 549

Karl Cogswell, Thomas Stuart (formerly of Salt Lake City, UT) and Clare Laljer.

## Members attaining new levels of achievement

**New Junior Master:** Dennis Larson

**New Club Masters:** Roseann Coviello, James Kaspar

**New Sectional Master:** Peter Hapka

**New NABC Masters:** Lindy Patrick, Edward Zevely

**New Bronze Life Master:** Richard Sontag

Congratulations from Unit 549 to all of the above for achieving these new levels of excellence and awards them a free play at the next unit game.

# Unit 549 Club News

## Bridge Club of North County

You've probably noticed the wandering photographer (Rex Latus) at the club lately. He's busily taking pictures of all our players in preparation for the new \*STARS\* bulletin board. You've likely seen it – it's the one with the Under Construction sign. It will feature a "Player of the Month," a "Student of the Month," and the Top 5 masterpoint winners in the following categories: 0-149, 0-499, and Open.

The Player of the Month will be chosen by the Board of Directors based on recommendations made by players throughout the month. There will be a collection box for those recommendations next to the bulletin board. Any player can nominate any other player for this honor. The criteria to be noted are friendliness, ethics, helpfulness, attitude, etc. NOT skill level or MP wins. The Student of the Month will be based on recommendations from our bridge teachers and mentors.

Hopefully, the pictures will help all of us to connect names with faces and foster better recognition among our players.

Also, don't forget to peruse the Community Corner bulletin board. It's becoming an interesting and fun place to learn something, laugh at something, and share something! There's a suggestion sheet of ways in which you might use this communication tool tacked on the board. If you would like to add a category, just post your suggestion on the board.

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Questions concerning the directory should be addressed to Arline Kennedy at [arlinek@gmail.com](mailto:arlinek@gmail.com).

**Workshops:** The weekly series of workshops in support of the Easybridge!2 lessons continue to be very popular. The Thursday afternoon workshops (which began June 21<sup>st</sup>) start at 1:00 PM and last approximately 2 hours. Each workshop covers a single topic as follows: June 28<sup>th</sup> – Finesses; July 5<sup>th</sup> – Rule of 20; July 12<sup>th</sup> – Ruffing/ The Power of Trumps; July 19<sup>th</sup> – Long Suits; July 26<sup>th</sup> – Negative Doubles; August 2<sup>nd</sup> – Rule of 11/Card Reading; August 9<sup>th</sup> – Getting to Game; August 16<sup>th</sup> – Cue Bids; August 23<sup>rd</sup> – Balancing. The fee is \$5 per session. No sign-up is required. You don't need to be enrolled in the Easybridge!2 class to participate in the workshops, and you can come whenever a topic interests you. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to email Hazel at [hazelturnerbridge@gmail.com](mailto:hazelturnerbridge@gmail.com)

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**Alert!** BCNC will be open July 4<sup>th</sup>, and we're planning a big Independence Day celebration with free lunch for all players that day. Morning game participants are invited to stay for the 11:45 lunch and afternoon players are invited to come early so they can have time to eat and we can still start the afternoon game at the regular time of 12:30.

Additionally, the 4<sup>th</sup> is right in the middle of our NAP week, so any awards won that day are half red/half black. What a Deal!

The week of July 9<sup>th</sup> through 14<sup>th</sup> will be megapoint ACBL Charity games.

There will be an Upgraded Championship Game on July 30<sup>th</sup>. This is a super megapoint game (81.8% sectional rated black points). Be sure to mark this one on your calendar! Also, don't forget that Saturdays are Pizza Days (except the 28<sup>th</sup>, when Unit 549 has its game at the Club).

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**Top Five Non-life Master 0-499 players for May:** Dorothea Williams, John Coulombe, Ken Patrick, Madelyn Trainor, and Mel Cohn.

**Special acknowledgement** this month for outstanding games goes to:

Margie Berend and James Kaspar for a 75% game on April 24<sup>th</sup>.

Madelyn Trainor and Susan Kilkenny for a 71.53% game on May 9<sup>th</sup> during STaC week.

Rick Sontag and Barbara White for a 71.25% game on May 15<sup>th</sup>.

Congratulations to all of these winning players.

## Lake San Marcos Duplicate Bridge Club

**Top Five Open Players for May:** Jean Holt, Pat Hawkins, Lorraine Gordon, Clare Laljer, and Nina Laughbaum.

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**THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF ACBL UNIT 549**

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

That sonic boom you thought you heard a couple of weeks ago wasn't a sonic boom at all, it was the Unit Board breathing a big sigh of relief. As most of you know, we aren't using the facilities at Lake San Marcos any more because they raised their rates beyond our ability to pay. Our last event there was the Winter Sectional in January and we have been scrambling ever since to find a venue we could afford for next January's Winter Sectional. Actually, afford is only one of many factors. We need easy access, lots of parking and enough space to accommodate card tables and chairs for 160 people. After many fits and starts, the Board reluctantly agreed that we would use the First Presbyterian Church facilities in Oceanside, the same place that Unit 531 uses. Unfortunately, that fell through also, which left us between the proverbial rock and a hard place with time running out.

Well, Jill Roberts, with a little divine guidance, found the Women's Club of Escondido facility, which meets all of our criteria for cost, parking, size and ease of access. The facility is located at 751 N. Rose St, which is very close to where Hwy 78 and Broadway intersect. We are in the process of signing a contract for January 18th and 19th, 2019 which will be the dates of our Winter Sectional.

The Board also had two other major action items at the July 9th meeting. Liz Nixon and Sheila Latus have both left the Board and we would like to offer our thanks and appreciation for all of the hard work and direction they have provided for many years. And good fortune has been running our way lately. Alan Turner and Noel Weidner have volunteered to join the Board and they were added as members.

Our costs have been going up, and I was told to blame it on the treasurer for not making those numbers look better. But, based on those increasing costs, the Board voted to raise the unit game fee from \$9 to \$10 starting with the August unit game. If there is an upside to this, it will be that making change while collecting game fees will be much easier!

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## Upcoming Unit 549 Events - Mark the Dates!

August 4 – Unit 549 NLM Sectional - Seven Oaks Community Center, Rancho Bernardo

August 8 & 11 – BCNC-Club Championship Games

August 13-18 and 27-31 – NAP Qualifying Games - 50% Red/50% Black Masterpoints

August 20-24 – BCNC - STaC Games

Saturday, August 25 – Unit Championship Game at BCNC

### Unit 549 News

**Alert!** The date is coming up fast now - Saturday, August 4<sup>th</sup> is the annual Unit 549 NLM Sectional. If you haven't yet booked a partner and made your plans, do it now! The event will be held at the Seven Oaks Community Center in Rancho Bernardo. The address is: 16789 Bernardo Oaks Drive, San Diego, CA 92128. If you are unfamiliar with this venue, we've included a location map on our flyer. You can view the flyer and print the map on our website at: [acblunit549.org](http://acblunit549.org). Remember that Sectionals are opportunities to win Silver points!

**Heads Up! Save These Dates:** The Unit 549 Winter Sectional is officially set for January 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> 2019. The following Friday and Saturday, January 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>, the Unit will be hosting Audrey Grant classes. Details on both of these events will be coming soon, but in the meantime, mark your calendars for these very special events.

**Unit Game:** We had a wonderful turnout for the June 23<sup>rd</sup> unit game – a total of twenty tables. It was the first time in a very long time that we had no leftover food! It was so nice to see almost all the tables in use.

Results from that game are as follows:

- The top four winners in the Open section N/S: Carol Cicotte & Remo Gritz, Paul Landrum & Valerie Gwin, Jean Holt & Liz Nixon, and Jill Roberts & Hazel Turner.
- The top four winners in the Open section E/W: Rick Kerbel & Fran White, Marilyn Florin & Bunny Schmidt, Alberdina & Manoochlehr Bahmanian, and Jane Petering & Cheryl Rodzach
- The top four winners in the Non-Life Master section were: N/S – Katherine Wilkey & Katherine Balog, and Judy Astamendi & Debby Wunderle; E/W – Ronique Nilson & Charlotte Bluestein, and Alan Turner & Noel Weidner.

Congratulations to all the winners, and thanks to everyone who played.

Our next unit game is on August 25<sup>th</sup>. Unit games are held on the fourth Saturday of each month at the Bridge Club of North County (BCNC) in Escondido (2320 S. Escondido Blvd.). An exception to this schedule will be November 17<sup>th</sup> (a 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday) due to scheduling conflicts. Please make a note of this now to avoid confusion later. Lunch is always included in the game fee and will be available at 11:45 AM, with the game starting at 12:30 PM.

Due to increasing costs for facility rental, sanction fees, and advertising (printing), our game fees will increase in August to \$10. The fee in July will remain \$9.

**Welcome new members to Unit 549:** Cynthia Brocklesby, and Kathleen Yezarski

**Members attaining new levels of achievement:**

**New Junior Masters:** Suzanne Lichter, and Nancy Neal

**New Club Master:** Paula Book

**New NABC Masters:** John Coulombe

Congratulations from Unit 549 to all of the above for achieving these new levels of excellence, the Unit rewards them with a free play at the next unit game.

### Unit 549 Club News

#### Bridge Club of North County

We're going "green". Say, what?? In the past, the club has provided styrofoam cups for coffee & tea. There have been many complaints that these cups are not eco-friendly, and we should stop using them. We've taken heart and decided to try more nature friendly vessels. In the future, the club will not be providing styrofoam cups in favor of using actual washable/reusable cups.

**What does this mean to you?** A large number of cups have been added to the cupboard above the coffee pots. You may use any cup in the cupboard except the ones with someone's name on them. If you prefer, you are invited to bring a cup from home, put your name on it, and store it at the club for your personal use. Unfortunately, we do not employ dishwashers, so you are responsible for washing and returning any cup you use to the cupboard.

It has been brought to our attention that many of our players are not using the Alert procedure accurately, if at all. This is a particularly daunting aspect of duplicate bridge play for newer players. It's not just the when, why, and how of the Alert requirement, but the insufficient or non-existent explanation by many who use complex and unfamiliar systems, and by newer players who may not be aware of, or have forgotten, the necessity for an Alert. There should be no secrets at the bridge table. Everyone is entitled to whatever information is needed to understand the bidding. Everyone should be aware that a failure to Alert can have penalty consequences. For a full explanation of Alert Procedures, please visit the ACBL website at: [acbl.org](http://acbl.org) Scroll to the bottom of the Home page and under the Tournaments section, choose: Charts, Rules and Regulations. On that page, scroll down again and select the green button that says Alert Procedures.

Our new \*STARS\* bulletin board is finished and we've actually posted winners for May and then June. Because we haven't posted pictures of MP winners in the past, and because we've haven't had a "Player of the Month" or a "Top Student" recognition, the bulletin board is creating quite a stir. Connecting names with faces has made those wins more personal somehow and I've even overheard players congratulating the winners (players that they didn't even know) when they next see them after viewing the board.

The Player of the Month is chosen by ballots cast by players throughout the month (or the Board of Directors in the event of a

tie vote). If you didn't participate in the selection for June, there is plenty of time to cast a ballot for your favorite player in July. Any player can nominate any other player for this honor. The criteria to be noted are those that make the ideal bridge partner or opponent: friendliness, bridge ethics, helpfulness, attitude, etc. NOT skill level or MP wins. Ballots can be obtained from the front pocket of the ballot box next to the bulletin board. When you've filled out your ballot, just drop it in the slot on the top of the ballot box. The Student of the Month is selected by recommendations from our bridge teachers and mentors.

The new Club Directory is now available for anyone to use in contacting other club members. A bound copy can be found hanging from the Community Corner bulletin board. If you'd like your own personal copy of the directory, an e-version can be obtained by contacting Arline Kennedy at the address below. The directory will be periodically updated. If you were not included in the current version and would like to be added to the next iteration, there are forms at the club for you to fill out and sign. If you don't see the form at the club, please ask a director for one.

Questions concerning the directory should be addressed to Arline Kennedy at [arlinek@gmail.com](mailto:arlinek@gmail.com).

**Workshops:** The weekly series of workshops in support of the Easybridge!2 lessons continue to be very popular. The Thursday afternoon workshops (which began June 21<sup>st</sup>) start at 1:00 PM and last approximately 2 hours. Each workshop covers a single topic as follows: July 26th – Negative Doubles; August 2nd – Rule of 11/Card Reading; August 9th – Getting to Game; August 16th – Cue Bids; August 23rd – Balancing

The fee is \$5 per session. No sign-up is required. You don't need to be enrolled in the Easybridge!2 class to participate in the workshops, and you can come whenever a topic is of interest to you. If you have any questions, please email Hazel at [hazelturnerbridge@gmail.com](mailto:hazelturnerbridge@gmail.com)

**News Flash!** We are adding a Newcomer Game on Wednesday mornings at 9:00am beginning on July 25<sup>th</sup>. Newcomer games are intended for players new to duplicate bridge who have fewer than 20 masterpoints. These games play fewer boards in a session and are monitored by an instructor. Players are allowed to ask questions and receive "on the spot" help with bidding questions, player protocol, etc. The games are ACBL sanctioned and winning players do earn masterpoints. The player fee will be \$5. If you are interested in playing in this game, please contact our Education Coordinator, Alan Turner, at [alanturner2009@gmail.com](mailto:alanturner2009@gmail.com)

**Mentoring:** In addition to the Workshops, BCNC offers mentoring sessions every Monday and Tuesday morning at 9:00 AM. Intended for beginning and intermediate levels of expertise, but organized by table according to their skill level, players bid and play hands which are then discussed with the mentor who critiques the hand, and provides alternative strategies on bidding, play of the hand, and defense. The cost is \$5 and players are invited to stay and play in the afternoon game for an additional \$6. To participate in the mentoring sessions, you must sign up in advance. This is required so that enough qualified mentors can be enlisted to assist each table of players. Contact Vic Pitcock for further information and to sign up at [kcoctip.rotciv@att.net](mailto:kcoctip.rotciv@att.net)  
BCNC is looking to expand its "call in/fill in" list for the Monday

and Friday morning 0-499 games. Anyone who is called in plays free, and is eligible to earn MPs. Generally, if you are on the list, you could get a call at about 9:00am asking if you could come in to play. You are not obligated to do so every time you get a request. If you are interested, please send an email to [kcoctip.rotciv@att.net](mailto:kcoctip.rotciv@att.net) requesting that your name be on the call-in list.

August is going to be an exciting month in terms of masterpoint awards. The week of the 6<sup>th</sup> through 11<sup>th</sup> are Club Charity games (local charities). We have two full weeks of NAP qualifying games (13<sup>th</sup> through 18<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> through 31<sup>st</sup>). These are 81.8% sectional rated games that give half red/half black masterpoint awards. AND, five days of STaC (20<sup>th</sup> through the 24<sup>th</sup>), which give Silver masterpoints. Additionally, Saturdays are always Pizza Days (except the 25<sup>th</sup>, when Unit 549 has its game at the Club).

Also, don't forget there will be an Upgraded Championship Game on July 30<sup>th</sup>. This is a super megapoint game (81.8% sectional rated black points). Be sure to mark this one on your calendar!

Please do check the Calendar of Events on our website for exact dates 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 June:** Joe Houde, Sue Compton, Doris Nizzi, Doris Cubeisy and Rex Latus.

**Top Five Non-life Master 150-499 Players for June:** Ken Patrick, Lindy Patrick, Dorothea Williams, Ayoub Jaraicie and John Coulombe.

**Top Five 0-149 Players for June:** Mel Cohn, Leo Muller, Sue Halfaker, Susan Van Cott, and Larry Gach.  
Congratulations to all of these winning players.

The Board of Directors for BCNC welcomes two new members: Alan Turner and Trish Frinell. With these additions, the board is now fully staffed.

## Lake San Marcos Duplicate Bridge Club

**Top Five Open Players for June:** Rick Norton, Sam Jordan, John & Rima Sharron, Pat Hawkins, and Jean Holt.

**Top Five Non-life Master players for June 0-499:** Sally Ackerman, Betty Abersold, Susan Cronenwett, and Nancy Busher.

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.

## ACBL Ramona Duplicate Bridge

Located at 1721 Main St. Ramona, CA 92065 #101.

Game times are: Sanctioned Monday 6:00pm – 9:30pm (5:30 Potluck), "Open Door Bridge Game Monday 6:00pm – 9:00pm (5:20 Potluck), Thursday Night 6:00pm – 9:30pm, Friday mornings: Open 9:30am – 1:30pm; 0-49 9:30am – 12:30pm.  
\*\*\*Tuesday lessons begin promptly at 2 PM at the Bridge Club. Call **760-789-1132**, or email Mary Ann at [houston6805@sbcglobal.net](mailto:houston6805@sbcglobal.net) for further information about classes and additional bridge activities.



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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>Unit 549 Board Members:</b> President - Art Foester; Vice-President - Jill Roberts; Secretary/Recorder – Dorothea Williams; Treasurer - Ken Matson; Membership Chair / Disciplinary Chair - Sheila Latus; Tournament Chair - Trish Frinell; Hospitality - Hazel Turner, John Coulombe & Barbara White						
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***PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE***

Nancy Pelosi famously said: "Nothing surprises me. One thing I don't have in my world is surprise." Fortunately, we here in Unit 549 enjoy a little surprise from time to time. And that is exactly what we got on August 4th at our Non Life Master Sectional. We got a surprisingly good turn out, and the players really liked the new facility that we were using. We did a survey and discovered they liked it so much, that the Unit Board has decided to move our unit game there starting with the October game. That site will be the Community Center at Seven Oaks in Rancho Bernardo.

At the beginning of this year, we found ourselves between a rock and a hard place. The Lake San Marcos Pavilion, our home for so long, had become too expensive to use. Our search for a new site that had sufficient space, at a price we could afford, decent parking, easy to get to and room to store our tables was coming up empty. Thankfully, BCNC made their facility available. We knew from the beginning that parking and space were going to be a challenge, but we needed a game site and we needed it by February. So the BCNC became our new home.

The Board's decision to make this change is based on our desire to grow the NLM section at our unit game, while still having room for the 13 or 14 tables in the Open section that we usually get. The Seven Oaks Community Center has the space for that opportunity for growth. It also has very good parking, is easily accessible from I-15, and we can store our tables there. So mark October 27th on your calendar and make plans to come and join us for our first unit game at this new site.

In the world of housekeeping: Our annual membership meeting will be held just before our Unit Game on November 17th. This is the meeting at which 1/3 of our board positions will stand for election. And don't forget, our unit game fee has been raised from \$9 to \$10 starting with the August Unit game. Still a bargain when you consider the kind of people you get to hang out with for 4 hours and some good food too.

## Upcoming Unit 549 Events - Mark the Dates!

Monday, Sept. 3 – BCNC Club Championship 12:30 PM

Saturday, Sept 22 – Unit Championship Game at BCNC (SEE ARTICLE BELOW FOR UNIT GAME LOCATION CHANGE EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 27)

Thursday, Sept. 27 – BCNC Mixed Up Pairs - 12:30 PM

### Unit 549 News

**Wow!** What a nice turnout we had for the NLM Sectional. There were 31 tables for the day and we saw many new faces. In fact, one of those new faces belonged to Chas Wick, from San Diego, who earned enough silver points to meet the final requirement he needed to become a Life Master.

Congratulations, Chas!

The overall winners in the morning session were Helene Miller and Lynne Anderson. The overall winners in the afternoon session were Brian Turner and Chas Wick. There were, obviously, too many other winners to name them all here, but you can view the results on our website at [acblunit549.org](http://acblunit549.org)

**Unit 549 Winter Sectional:** This event, set for January 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> 2019, will be held at the Women's Club facility at 751 N. Rose Street in Escondido. This is a new venue for our sectionals and you will be delighted with this facility. It's big, well lighted with all the expected amenities and best of all...it has lots and lots of parking spaces! There will be a flyer posted on our website soon with all the game and location details but be sure to mark your calendar now so you don't miss this great Silver points event.

**Special Event:** The following Friday and Saturday, January 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>, the unit will be sponsoring a special teaching event presented by Audrey Grant, an internationally acclaimed leader in bridge education. These classes will be held at the Seven Oaks Community Center, 16789 Bernardo Oaks Drive, in Rancho Bernardo. The cost is \$89 for each session, but if you register before January 18<sup>th</sup>, 2019, you'll get an "early bird" rate of \$79 per session. The sessions run from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. and lunch is included. You don't need a partner, but if you have a regular partner, you may register as a pair. The titles/subjects of each session and instructions for registering will be available soon on the unit website, but in the meantime, reserve these dates on your calendars for this very special event.

**July Unit Game:** We had a total of 15 tables including two NLM tables which were moved into the Open section. Although a bit intimidated at first, our NLMs were welcomed into the more advanced section and, I was told that after they settled in, they had a "really good time". The unit is currently conducting a survey to determine why the number of tables in the NLM section has dropped off over the last few months.

We had many compliments on the lunch this time. Of course, this always happens when Ken Matson does his famous Bar-B-Q.

Results from that game are as follows:

- The top four winners in the N/S position were: Virginia Cone & Suzanna McDowell, Paul Landrum & Valerie Gwin, Mark & Russel Kennedy, and John Neville & Jill Roberts.
- The top four winners in the E/W position were: Scott Nelson & William Grant, Lorraine Gordon & Ian Collins, Ronald Kay & David Anding, and Ken Matson & Hazel Turner.

Congratulations to all the winners, and thanks to everyone who played.

Our next unit game is on September 22<sup>nd</sup>. Unit games are held on the fourth Saturday of each month at the Bridge Club

of North County (BCNC) in Escondido (2320 S. Escondido Blvd.). **PLEASE NOTE: location will change effective with the October 27th Unit game to the Seven Oaks Community Center, 16789 Bernardo Oaks Drive, in Rancho Bernardo.** An exception to this schedule will be November 17<sup>th</sup> (a 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday) due to scheduling conflicts. Please make a note of this now to avoid confusion later. Lunch is always included in the game fee and will be available at 11:45 AM, with the game starting at 12:30 PM.

Due to increasing costs for facility rental, sanction fees, and advertising (printing), our game fees have increased to \$10 starting at the August 25<sup>th</sup> game.

**Request for Volunteers:** It's that time of year again when we ask for volunteers to serve on the Unit 549 Board of Directors. As you know, the unit runs on volunteer power. Everything that has to be done to bring you unit games (with great lunches), sectionals, and special events like Audrey Grant Seminars, Toy Drives at Christmas, etc. is performed by your volunteer board of directors. If you have any extra time and would like to help with the work involved in organizing these events, please contact our Nominating Committee Chairman, Noel Weidner at [noweidner@gmail.com](mailto:noweidner@gmail.com)

**Welcome New Members to Unit 549:** Susan Ahlquest, Lou Anna Dickerson, Nancy Hooper, Patricia Sherman, Heidi Trost, Jiawen Wu, Ellen Zinn, and Tim Zinn.

**Members attaining new levels of achievement:**

**New Junior Masters:** Karl Cogswell, and Kay Weiss.

**New Club Master:** Ed Beall, and Noel Weidner

**New Sectional Master:** Pat Lenowsky

**New Silver Life Master:** Sue Compton

**New Ruby Life Master:** Carroll Gilbertson

**New Gold Life Master:** Marilyn Kalabsa

Congratulations from Unit 549 to all of the above for achieving these new levels of excellence, the Unit rewards them with a free play at the next unit game.

### Unit 549 Club News

#### Bridge Club of North County

Learning is the key word at BCNC these days. We are focused on bridge education and will be bringing you a new series of classes based on proven teaching methods developed by Audrey Grant, a widely acclaimed bridge expert. The first offering is **Bridge Basics 1**. This course will be held at BCNC on Saturday mornings starting on October 13<sup>th</sup>, 2018. Beginning with the basics, this course is the perfect introduction to bridge. It progresses through modern bidding, no trump openings and responses, and both major suit and minor suit opening bids and responses. Following these lessons, you will put what you have learned into practice with a series of games, all monitored by your teacher. The cost is \$99 for the eight sessions and includes Audrey Grant's *Bridge Basics 1* book. For additional information or to register for the classes, contact Hazel Turner at [hazelturnerbridge@gmail.com](mailto:hazelturnerbridge@gmail.com)

**Calling All Newbies:** Our last series of classes (Easybridge1! and Easybridge2!) have concluded now with many of those learners

stepping into our **new 0-20 game** or the established 0-150 game, both of which are on Wednesday mornings at 9:00. The 0-20 game is an introductory game and will have a mentor available to answer questions and monitor the play. For this particular game you don't need to arrive with a partner. You can just come – we'll arrange a partner for you. Anyone whose masterpoint earnings are within the game range limits for either of the above named games is invited to play. If you are interested, please email Dorothea Williams at [dorotheaw@cox.net](mailto:dorotheaw@cox.net) to register.

**Workshops:** The weekly series of workshops in support of the Easybridge!2 lessons have also concluded, but **workshops will start up again on Thursday, October 18th, at 1:00 p.m.** This next series will **not** echo the Audrey Grant beginner lessons. The topics for the next series have not been published yet but will be available in the next couple of weeks. Check the "Club News" bulletin board which will have a posting as soon as the new list is available.

The fee is \$5 per session. No sign-up is required. You don't need to be enrolled in any class to participate in the workshops, and you can come whenever a topic is of interest to you. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to email Hazel at [hazelturnerbridge@gmail.com](mailto:hazelturnerbridge@gmail.com)

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September is International Fund month, so **every game other than those listed here** will award 63.6% sectional-rated black points: Club Championship on Monday, September 3<sup>rd</sup>, Membership game on Friday, September 14<sup>th</sup>, and **Mixed-Up Pairs\*** on Thursday, September 27<sup>th</sup>. Additionally, Saturdays are always Pizza Days (except the 22<sup>nd</sup> when Unit 549 has its game at the Club).

\*The Mixed-Up Pairs game is an annual event which requires a prior signup. This game is always great fun! The purpose of pre-registration is so that the players can be appropriately paired (expert with novice) prior to game time. Our intention is to introduce newer players to more experienced players in a friendly, relaxed environment. A lite lunch will be provided at 11:45. The game begins at 12:30. A sign-up sheet will be posted on the bulletin board behind the director's desk, or you can email the club (see address below) with your request to play.

**Party Time!** Coming up on Friday, October 12<sup>th</sup> is the Octoberfest party. This event features a free lunch for all who play on that day. The food will be – what else? Octoberfest stuff! We do need reservations for this day so we know how much food will be needed. A signup sheet will be located on the bulletin board behind the director's desk. Morning players are invited to stay after their game for lunch and afternoon players are asked to come a bit early to have enough time to eat before the game starts at 12:30. Be sure to mark this on your calendar now and sign up.

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**Top Five Open Players for July:** Bunny Schmidt, Marilyn Florin, Chris McNaughton\*, Judy McNaughton\*, and Tim Flaherty

\*In addition to placing among the top 5, Chris and Judy McNaughton turned in a first place 70.78% game on July 10<sup>th</sup>. Way to go!

**Top Five NLM 150-499 Players for July:** Ken Patrick, Lindy Patrick, John Coulombe, Ayoub Jaraicie, and Betty Serepca.

**Top Five 0-149 Players for July:** Sue Halfaker, Susan Van Cott, Leo Muller, Lloyd Kelly, and Delynn Kelly.

**Our winner for the title "Player of the Month" for July is Doris Nizzi.**

Player of the Month is a new feature at BCNC. The title is awarded in recognition of the personal qualities that are assets to any bridge player, including congeniality, ethical conduct at the table, helpfulness, attitude, pleasant demeanor, etc. Among the many reasons given for Doris's votes, those most cited were: "She's always friendly", "She volunteers a lot for the club", and "She's a pleasure to have at any bridge table".

**Randy Mita was selected "Student of the Month" by his teachers and mentors.** Among the reasons given for his selection were: He attends all classes on Saturday mornings, and all the workshops on Thursday afternoons. He comes regularly to supervised play, and he has volunteered to play in an open game when needed to fill in.

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

## Lake San Marcos Duplicate Bridge Club

**Top Five Open Players for July:** Richard Cohen, Leo Carney, Philip Savage, Rick Norton, and Samuel Jordan.

**Top Five NLM players for July 0-499:** Ben Moraine, Ilene Brodsky, Ed Zevely, Harry Arora, and George Wilkenson.

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## ACBL Ramona Duplicate Bridge

Congratulations to our very own Marilyn Kalabsa on her achieving Gold Life Master status!

Our club is located at 1721 Main St. Ramona, CA 92065 #101.

Game times are: Sanctioned Monday 6:00pm – 9:30pm (5:30 Potluck), "Open Door Bridge Game Monday 6:00pm – 9:00pm (5:20 Potluck), Thursday Night 6:00pm – 9:30pm, Friday mornings: Open 9:30am – 1:30pm; 0-49 9:30am – 12:30pm. \*\*\*Tuesday lessons begin promptly at 2 PM at the Bridge Club. Call [760-789-1132](tel:760-789-1132), or email Mary Ann at [houston6805@sbcglobal.net](mailto:houston6805@sbcglobal.net) for further information about classes and additional bridge activities.



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**THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF ACBL UNIT 549**

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

If you are reading this in the comfort of your home on your computer we have been successful in getting all of us more connected. In an effort to get more and better information to our unit members, we are now providing a print copy of Table Talk at each of the clubs and we are e-mailing a copy to all of our members that we have e-mail addresses for. We are also using the ACBL tournament notification system to notify unit members of upcoming unit games

New faces often bring new ideas and new energy with them and that is exactly what has happened to the Unit Board within the last year. Not that us veteran members aren't doing our jobs, but new Board members Barb White, Alan Turner and Noel Weidner are pushing around the edges, asking some questions, digging in and quickening our step a little bit. As a result the Board and the Unit are getting better.

Our big challenge this year has been finding good affordable space after losing our venue at Lake San Marcos. September's unit game will be our last game at the BCNC. Starting with our Unit game on October 27th, we will be using the Seven Oaks Community Center in Rancho Bernardo. So mark your calendar now so you don't forget and join us in our new home with more space and better parking along with the same great food and bridge.

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## Upcoming Unit 549 Events - Mark the Dates!

Week of October 22-26 - Club Championship Games at BCNC

Saturday, Oct. 27 – Unit Championship Game at Seven Oaks Community Center, Rancho Bernardo

Saturday, Nov. 17th, Unit Game – Annual Membership Meeting (see details below)

Saturday, Dec. 22nd, Unit Game – Holiday Party (see details below)

### Unit 549 News

We have some really great bridge opportunities coming up this fall. They are so important that we've created a flyer for you so you'll have all the pertinent information on one page. If you don't see one at the clubs, you can go online to [bridgeclubofnorthcounty.org](http://bridgeclubofnorthcounty.org) and print your very own copy. Here's what's coming:

**October 27<sup>th</sup>** – 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](mailto:noweidner@gmail.com) to submit your name for the slate.

**November 17<sup>th</sup>** – Annual General Membership Meeting/Unit Board Election (the slate of candidates for the 2019 Board is presented and voted upon), and Annual Toy Drive/Pot Luck Bridge Party. 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...such fun and surprises! 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.

**December 22<sup>nd</sup>** – Holiday Party. This is a very special "Thank You" from the unit to all 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. Starting off the new year, our Winter Sectional, set for January 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> 2019, will be held at the Women's Club facility at 751 N. Rose Street in Escondido. Stay tuned for additional details to come but be sure to mark your calendar now so you don't miss this great Silver points event.

**Alert!** We now have updated information on the Audrey Grant seminars being presented by Unit 549. The class on Friday, January 25<sup>th</sup> is titled "5 Steps to Simplify Entries" and includes a textbook. The class on Saturday, January 26<sup>th</sup> is titled "Unlocking Card Combinations." There is no textbook for the Saturday class, but it does provide a package folder that includes comprehensive notes on the subject, a Better Bridge magazine, and a bookmark. These classes will be held at the Seven Oaks Community Center, 16789 Bernardo Oaks Drive, in Rancho Bernardo. The cost is \$89 for each session, but if you register before January 18<sup>th</sup>, 2019, you'll get an "early bird" rate of \$79 per session. The sessions run from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. and lunch is included. You don't need a partner, but if you have a regular partner, you may register as a pair. To make your reservation, send your check made payable to Escondido ACBL Unit 549 to: Alan Turner, 12578 Lomica Drive, San Diego, CA 92128.

The August unit game had a total of 17 tables – 12 Open and 5 NLM. Results for the Open Section are as follows:

- The top four winners in the N/S position were: Alan & Debbie Gailfus, Terry Badger & Ray Curtiss, Kathleen Byrne & Murray Warmath, and John Neville & Jill Roberts.
- The top four winners in the E/W position were: Tim Flaherty & Eric Wolff, Scott Nelson & William Grant, Hazel Turner & Ken Matson; Joe Houde & Greg House.

Results for the NLM Section are as follows:

- The winners in the N/S position were: Katherine Balog & Katherine Wilkey, and Alexandra Johnson & Naomi Brownell.
- The winners in the E/W position were: Alan Turner & Joan Gershman, and Joyce Fox & Karl Cogswell.

Congratulations to all the winners, and thanks to everyone who played.

Our next unit game is on October 27<sup>th</sup>. This will be the first unit game at our **new location**, the Seven Oaks Community Center. Also, remember that, while unit games are normally held on the fourth Saturday of each month, we will have an exception in November when the game will be on November 17<sup>th</sup> (a 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday) due to scheduling conflicts. Please make a note of these changes on your calendar. Lunch is always included in the game fee and will be available at 11:45 AM, with the game starting at 12:30 PM.

**Welcome New Members to Unit 549:** Duane Crum, Lauren Crum, Jeannie Dickinson, William McGurk, Cynthia Schulte, and Sifang Shen.

**Members attaining new levels of achievement:**

**New Junior Master:** Emory Boutilier

**New Club Master:** John Mullin

**New Sectional Master:** Alan Turner

**New Regional Master:** Leo Muller

Congratulations from Unit 549 to all of the above for achieving these new levels of excellence. They will be rewarded with a free play at the next unit game.

### Unit 549 Club News

#### Bridge Club of North County

Our new series of classes for beginning bridge players starts Saturday, October 13<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 AM. The first offering is *Bridge Basics I*. These classes are based on proven teaching methods developed by Audrey Grant, a widely acclaimed bridge expert. Beginning with the basics, this course is the perfect introduction to bridge. It progresses through modern bidding, no trump openings and responses, and both major suit and minor suit opening bids and responses. Following these lessons, you will put what you have learned into practice with a series of games, all monitored by your teacher. The cost is \$99 for the eight sessions and includes Audrey Grant's *Bridge Basics I* book. For additional information or to register for the classes, contact Hazel Turner at [hazelturnerbridge@gmail.com](mailto:hazelturnerbridge@gmail.com)

Graduates of our recent instruction courses are finding the **new 0-20 introductory game** on Wednesday mornings to be the perfect follow-on to practice what they have learned in a no pressure, relaxed environment. This game has a mentor available to answer questions and monitor the play. It is not required that you have attended BCNC classes to play in this game – only that you are familiar with the basic bridge game and you hold no more than 20 masterpoints. For this particular game you don't need to arrive with a partner. You can just come – we'll arrange a partner for you.

On Wednesday mornings we also have a 0-150 game. This game has been growing over the last few months and has become a regular habit for many players in this MP range. It's a low key, friendly game for mid-range learners/players.

Anyone whose masterpoint earnings are within the game range limits for either of the games listed above is invited to play. If you are interested, please email Dorothea Williams at [dorotheaw@cox.net](mailto:dorotheaw@cox.net) to register.

**Workshops:** Our weekly bridge workshops will start up again on Thursday, October 11th, at 1:00 p.m. The schedule and topics for this next series of 8 sessions is as follows: October 11<sup>th</sup>, Making a Plan; October 18<sup>th</sup>, Developing Tricks – Promotion & Length; October 25<sup>th</sup>, Developing Tricks – The Finesse; November 1, Eliminating Losers – Ruffing and Discarding; November 8<sup>th</sup>, Watching Out for Entries; November 15<sup>th</sup>, Watching Out for the Opponents; November 22<sup>nd</sup>, No workshop – Thanksgiving Day; November 29<sup>th</sup>, Managing the Trump Suit; and December 6<sup>th</sup>, Putting It All Together. This list will also be posted on the “Club News” bulletin board for your convenience.

The fee is \$5 per session. No sign-up is required. You don’t need to be enrolled in any class to participate in the workshops, and you can come whenever a topic is of interest to you. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to email Hazel at [hazeltturnerbridge@gmail.com](mailto:hazeltturnerbridge@gmail.com)

**Mentoring:** Gaining in popularity are the mentoring sessions being offered every Monday and Tuesday morning at 9:00 AM. Intended for beginning and intermediate levels of expertise, players are organized by table according to individual skill level. The players bid and play hands which are then discussed with the mentor who critiques the hand, and provides alternative strategies on bidding, play of the hand, and defense. Sessions last about 2 ½ hours. The cost is \$5 and players are invited to stay and play in the afternoon game for an additional \$6. To participate in the mentoring sessions, you must sign up in advance. This is required so that enough qualified mentors can be enlisted to assist each table of players. Contact Vic Pitcock for further information and to sign up at [kcocitp.rotciv@att.net](mailto:kcocitp.rotciv@att.net)

October is “**Club Appreciation Month.**” This means that for one week in October, ACBL offers the opportunity to play for 81.8% sectional-rated black masterpoints. We have scheduled the week of October 1<sup>st</sup> through the 6<sup>th</sup> as our week for these games. There will also be other extra point charity games during the month, and we will have a special “Upgraded Club Championship” game on Wednesday, October 31<sup>st</sup>, which just happens to be Halloween (Trick or Treat? We’ll have something good to eat!). Additionally, Saturdays are always Pizza Days (except October 27<sup>th</sup> when we are closed because Unit 549 has its game – now moved to Seven Oaks Community Center.

If you haven’t yet signed up for the **Mixed-Up Pairs** game on Thursday, September 27<sup>th</sup>, get a move on! You don’t want to miss this special annual event because it’s always great fun. You must sign up in advance for this game. The purpose of pre-registration is so that the players can be appropriately paired (expert with novice) prior to game time. Our intention is to introduce newer players to more experienced players in a friendly, relaxed environment. A lite lunch will be provided at 11:45. The game begins at 12:30. A sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board behind the director’s desk, or alternately, you can email the club (see address below) with your request to play.

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12:30. Be sure to mark this on your calendar now and sign up.

The 6<sup>th</sup> **Annual Lungevity Game** has been scheduled for Sunday, October 21<sup>st</sup>, and will be held at BCNC. This annual charity event is held to honor all those we have lost to lung cancer, and is a money raising occasion to provide funds for much needed research for early detection and cures. Lunch is provided by Liz Nixon’s World of Travel and Dot Swanger. Unit 549 donates the game fees and provides beverages, and BCNC donates the use of its facility. A donation of \$25 per person is requested. 100% of your tax deductible donation goes to Lungevity. Sign-ups are required – contact Jean Holt at [jnnhlt582@gmail.com](mailto:jnnhlt582@gmail.com) to register. If you are unable to join us, please consider a donation with a check made out to Lungevity or if you prefer, you can donate online at <http://lungevity.donordrive/participant/jeannine-holt>

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**Top Five 0-149 Players for August:** Madelyn Trainor, Alan Creutz, Maxine Graves, Mel Cohn, and Stewart Walker.

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Candace Blocher was selected “**Student of the Month**” by her teachers and mentors. Among the reasons given for her selection were: She is a serious student working diligently on improving her game. She’s a regular at the weekly 0-149 games and attends supervised play and workshops as well.

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

## Lake San Marcos Duplicate Bridge Club

**Top Five Open Players for August:** Diana Fitz-Mayes, Gary Beed, Rick Norton Jr., John Sharron, and Rima Sharron.

**Top Five NLM players for August 0-499:** David Blumenberg, George Wilkinson, Mark Crootof, John Gates, and Ron Anson.

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## ACBL Ramona Duplicate Bridge

Unfortunately, Ramona ACBL Bridge Club officially closed as of September 10, 2018. If there are any further developments regarding sanctioned duplicate bridge in Ramona, the details will be published here.



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# North County Inland, Unit 549

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**THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF ACBL UNIT 549**

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

The next three months are the busiest of the year for the Board. Our October unit game will be our first at the Seven Oaks Community Center. With more space and better parking, we are working to increase our non-life master turnout. So come on out, kick our tires, and take us for a test drive in our new venue at the Seven Oaks Community Center.

The November unit game is our most important of the year for two reasons. First, it is our annual membership meeting, where we conduct unit business and hold the board election. Second, it is the culmination of our annual Holiday Toy Drive. Once again this year, we will be partnering with Interfaith Community Services to make this Holiday Season just a little brighter for those in need. There will be a donation box in the near future at the BCNC for those who can't make the unit game and want to help.

The December unit game is our "free for all", where all you have to do is show up, be merry and play bridge.

Amazingly, January will be the busiest month of all. We are holding our Winter Sectional on January 18th and 19th at the Escondido Women's Club. The very next weekend, we will have Audrey Grant back with us again to do one of her very informative and popular seminars. Then the Board is going to take a break and relax.

Hope I see you Saturday at the unit game.

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## Upcoming Unit 549 Events - Mark the Dates!

Saturday, Nov. 17th, Unit Game – Annual Membership Meeting/Toy Drive/Pot Luck (see details below)

Saturday, Dec. 22nd, Unit Game – Holiday Party (see details below)

### Unit 549 News

As we head into the holiday season when our lives get so very busy, you may want to check your calendar once again to be sure you have included all the terrific bridge opportunities that are scheduled over the next couple of months.

Our November 17<sup>th</sup> unit game is also the Annual General Membership Meeting/Unit Board Election. The slate of candidates for the 2019 Board will be presented and you will have the opportunity to vote for them. Additionally, this game is our **Annual Toy Drive/Pot Luck Bridge Party**. Everyone is invited to bring an unwrapped toy gift to donate and a favorite party side dish to share. The unit will provide the meat entrée and everything else will be whatever you all bring. It's usually a fantastic array of wonderful side dishes that our players are proud to donate, and it's always great fun and surprises! 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. For your convenience, there will also be toy collection boxes at the bridge clubs for the remainder of October and up until the game day in November.

Then, on December 22<sup>nd</sup> the unit game is our annual **Holiday Party**. 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 is a very special "Thank You" from the unit to all players who support us throughout the year. You definitely don't want to miss this!

There are two very special events planned for January. We start the new year off with our **Winter Sectional**, set for January 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> 2019. This event will be held at the Women's Club facility at 751 N. Rose Street in Escondido. There will be Open, 0-1500 and 0-500 stratified events both days. Games are at 10AM and 2:30 PM both days. Entry fee is \$11.00 each session, but players with 0-20 masterpoints and Junior players younger than 18 play free! There will be a lunch available for purchase at \$7.00. The tournament flyer and written driving directions are posted on our website at [acblunit549.org](http://acblunit549.org). Be sure to mark your calendar now so you don't miss this great Silver points event.

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The September unit game had a total of 15 1/2 tables – 12 1/2 Open and 3 NLM. Results for the Open Section are as follows:

- **The top four winners in the N/S position were:** Al Nadel & Ken Matson, Rex & Sheila Latus, (tie) Ron and Suzanne Anson and Lorraine Gordon & Richard Stryker.
- **The top four winners in the E/W position were:** William Grant & Scott Nelson, Tim Flaherty & Caryn Villalon, Jill Roberts & John Neville, and Ruth Aronsohn & Pat Astier.

Results for the NLM Section are as follows:

- The overall winners were: John Coulombe & Dorothea Williams. There was a 3-way tie for 2<sup>nd</sup> place: Fred Kauffman & Trish Frinell, Nancy Neal & Karl Cogswell, and Naomi Brownell & Alexandra Johnson.

Congratulations to all the winners, and many thanks to everyone who played.

Remember that we've moved to the Seven Oaks Community Center effective with the October game. Also, remember that, while unit games are normally held on the fourth Saturday of each month, we will have an exception in November when the game will be on November 17<sup>th</sup> (a 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday). Please make a note of these changes on your calendar. Lunch is always included in the game fee and will be available at 11:45 AM, with the game starting at 12:30 PM.

**Welcome New Members to Unit 549:** Mike Giulianotti, John McKay, Laura McKay, Maggie Stern, Richard Stern, Jan Janecki, Tomi Nomura, Joan Powell, and Brian Schoenfeld.

**Members attaining new levels of achievement:**

New Junior Master: Vinod Kapila

New Sectional Master: Alan Creutz

New Silver Life Master: Hazel Turner

Congratulations from Unit 549 to all of the above for achieving these new levels of excellence. They will be rewarded with a free play at the next unit game.

### Unit 549 Club News

#### Bridge Club of North County

**A Special Alert!** As you are all aware, we have recently had a restriping of parking spaces in our lot. This resulted in a loss of marked BCNC spaces. Because parking is so limited, it will now be necessary for our bridge patrons to place a parking permit (placard) in easy view in their windshield when parking in the club's allotted spaces. The placards are free and you can obtain one from any director at the club.

Also, there has been some confusion about the space marking. To clarify: our spaces are marked BCNC in WHITE. The Burger Construction Company's spaces are marked BCC in ORANGE. Unfortunately, the two acronyms are similar enough that they are easily confused by the unsuspecting. Please pay close attention to the space markings and use your placard every time you park in our lot.

Did you ever sit across from someone at the bridge table and know you should know their name, but just can't remember it? Did you ever wish everyone wore a name tag so that you could avoid these embarrassing moments? Well, guess what? ...**magnetic name plates** are now available for purchase at BCNC. The cost is \$5 to our players (the club is absorbing any extra cost over that amount). Response so far has been very positive and you may have already seen some people wearing theirs. If you are interested in owning one, there is a sign-up sheet at the club, or you can contact Terry Badger directly at: [terry72934@aol.com](mailto:terry72934@aol.com) to place your order.

In November we will begin monthly "**Birthday Celebrations**". The first one will be on Wednesday, November 14<sup>th</sup>. The club will provide cake – to be served during both sessions, and every member of our club who has a birthday during November will receive a free play voucher. To receive your voucher, register with Dorothea Williams at [dorotheaw@cox.net](mailto:dorotheaw@cox.net) or sign in on the "Birthday Log" at the club. Your voucher will be given to you at the first of your birthday month. The date for every successive month's Birthday Celebration will be announced in advance and noted on the month's calendar. You are

encouraged to register in advance of your birthday month - but the vouchers will not be given until your birthday month.

**Calling all Newbies!** There is a **0-20 introductory game** on Wednesday mornings specifically designed for entry level players to practice their newly acquired skills in a no pressure, relaxed environment. This game has a mentor available to answer questions and monitor the play. It is not required that you have attended BCNC classes to play in this game – only that you are familiar with the basic bridge game and you hold no more than 20 masterpoints. For this particular game you don't need to arrive with a partner. You can just come – we'll arrange a partner for you.

Concurrently, on Wednesday mornings we also have a 0-150 game. This is a low key, friendly game for mid-range learners/players.

Anyone whose masterpoint earnings are within the game range limits for either of the games listed above is invited to play. If you are interested, please email Dorothea Williams at [dorotheaw@cox.net](mailto:dorotheaw@cox.net) to register.

Our weekly bridge workshops continue as follows: October 25<sup>th</sup>, Developing Tricks – The Finesse; November 1, Eliminating Losers – Ruffing and Discarding; November 8<sup>th</sup>, Watching Out for Entries; November 15<sup>th</sup>, Watching Out for the Opponents; **November 22<sup>nd</sup>, no workshop** – Thanksgiving Day; November 29<sup>th</sup>, Managing the Trump Suit; and December 6<sup>th</sup>, Putting It All Together. This list will also be posted on the “Club News” bulletin board for your convenience.

The fee is \$5 per session. No sign-up is required. You don't need to be enrolled in any class to participate in the workshops, and you can come whenever a topic is of interest to you. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to email Hazel at [hazeltturnerbridge@gmail.com](mailto:hazeltturnerbridge@gmail.com)

Learning opportunities abound at BCNC. We offer group mentoring sessions called “**Supervised Play**” every Monday and Tuesday morning at 9:00 AM. Intended for beginning and intermediate levels of expertise, participants are organized by table according to individual skill level. The players bid and play hands which are then discussed with the mentor who critiques the hand, and provides alternative strategies on bidding, play of the hand, and defense. Sessions last about 2 ½ hours. The cost is \$5 and players are invited to stay and play in the afternoon game for an additional \$6. To participate in the mentoring sessions, you must sign up in advance. This is required so that enough qualified mentors can be enlisted to assist each table of players. Contact Vic Pitcock for further information and to sign up at [kcoctip.rotciv@att.net](mailto:kcoctip.rotciv@att.net)

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There will be two Club Championship games in November – Wednesday, the 7<sup>th</sup> and Friday, the 30<sup>th</sup>. The entire week of the 19<sup>th</sup> through the 24<sup>th</sup> will be Charity games for local charities. Don't forget the special “Upgraded Club Championship” game on Wednesday, October 31<sup>st</sup>, which just happens to be Halloween (Trick or Treat? There will be special goodies to eat!). Additionally, Saturdays are always Pizza Days (except November 17<sup>th</sup> when we are closed because Unit 549 has its game – now moved to Seven Oaks Community Center.

Please do check the Calendar of Events on our website for exact dates 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 September:** Bunny Schmidt, Bill Sperry, Marilyn Florin, Nancy Sperry, and Tim Flaherty.

A belated congratulations to Tim Flaherty and Jane Horgan who had a 70.83% game on Wednesday, August 29<sup>th</sup>.

**Top Five NLM 150-499 Players for September:** Ken Patrick, Betty Serepca, Lindy Patrick, Larry Gach, and Ayoub Jaraicie.

**Top Five 0-149 Players for September:** Madelyn Trainor, Mel Cohn, Marvin Schwedock, Stewart Walker, and Noel Wiedner.

Our winner for the title “**Player of the Month**” for September is Tomi Nomura. This title is awarded in recognition of the personal qualities that are assets to any bridge player, including congeniality, ethical conduct at the table, helpfulness, attitude, pleasant demeanor, etc. Among the many reasons given for Tomi's votes, those most cited were: “He is always willing to fill in – no matter who needs a partner”, “No matter who he is playing with, he stays pleasant and courteous”, and “He smiles at and is friendly with everyone”.

Tom Church was selected “**Student of the Month**” by his “Supervised Play” mentors. Among the reasons given for his selection were: He's working steadily to improve his game, and he's a regular attendee at supervised play – coming twice a week, every week, without fail.”

Congratulations to all of these winning 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:** John Sharron, and Rima Sharron, Patricia Hawkins, Jean Holt, and a tie for Nina Laughbaum & Clare Laljer.

**Top Five NLM players for September 0-499:** Ken Gilbert, Sandra Musbach, Fred Kauffman, and a 3-way tie for Betty Abersold, Sally Ackerman, & Valerie Gwin.

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

Sanctioned bridge in Ramona survives!

A new club is in the forming stages and is already providing regular sanctioned bridge games. The current schedule is Thursday evening at 6:00 PM and Friday morning at 9:30 AM. There will be a lunch/snack break mid-way through the Friday game.

Games are currently being held at St. Mary's Church, 1010 12<sup>th</sup> Street, in Ramona. However, there are times when the church is unavailable, and games will be held elsewhere. If you are interested in playing in any of these games, please contact Claire Schneider at [itsaclearday.claire@gmail.com](mailto:itsaclearday.claire@gmail.com), or Geof Applegate at [n7345r@gmail.com](mailto:n7345r@gmail.com) to register and get the most current location details. Additional information about the club, its development, game and education plans are available on the club's new website: <https://h.theapp.mobi/index.php?bypass=1&preview=true&app=bridgeinramona>

Congratulations are definitely in order to this wonderful group of dedicated bridge players who have come together quickly to ensure their ability to continue playing sanctioned duplicate bridge in their “home town” of Ramona.



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My daughter was responsible for the food drive for my grandson's Cub Scout pack, and she didn't have the time to deliver their collection to Interfaith here in Escondido so I got volunteered. Based on what I saw there in the 30 minutes it took to deliver the food, it was clear that these good times haven't touched everyone. This Saturday is our Unit game and our annual toy drive. We ask everyone who plays that day to bring an unwrapped toy, or make a donation so we can help those who need a little help during this Holiday Season. The Unit itself will donate all of the entry fees we collect that day along with the toys to Interfaith Community Services here in Escondido. So make arrangements to join us Saturday so we can make someone's Holiday Season just a little brighter.

Don't forget that this is also our good luck pot luck Unit game. The Unit will be providing the main course of meatballs and chicken tenders and you get to provide the rest. Or as I like to say, you get to fill in the details. So, please bring a dish to share.

I'd like to thank all of you who came to last month's unit game at our new location in the Community Center at Seven Oaks. It was the largest unit game that we have had in quite a few years.

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- The top four winning pairs in the N/S position were: Terry Badger – Ray Curtiss, Janice Wells – Lynn Wells, Cheryl Fosdick – Bob Anuxkiewicz, and Alan Gailfus – Debbie Gailfus.
- The top four winning pairs in the E/W position were: Hazel Turner – Ken Matson, Richard Gold – Joe Houde, Marina Fomenkova – Valentina Krasinskaia, and Nancy Sperry – Bill Sperry.

Results for the NLM Section are as follows:

- The top four winning pairs in the N/S position were: Fred Kauffman - Trish Frinell, Mel Cohn – Harriett Landon, Ramakant Asaravala – Deepak Vora, and Candace Blocher – Alison Hout.
- The top four winning pairs in the N/S position were: Mary Thead – Susan Van Cott, Dorothea Williams – John Coulombe, Ram Lal – Karl Cogswell, and David Peterson – Dixie Peterson.

Congratulations to all the winners, and many thanks to everyone who played.

**Welcome New Members to Unit 549:** Rudy Denuse, David Greenwood, and Liam King.

**Members attaining new levels of achievement:**

**New Junior Master:** Ramakant Asaravala

**New Club Masters:** Nisha Goyal, Stewart Walker, and Jeanne Wiedner.

**New Regional Master:** Jonna Talbott

**New Gold Life Master:** Holly Aufman

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Our Wednesday morning 0-149 game had its biggest turnout yet on October 31<sup>st</sup> with a full 8 tables! We had most of our regular players, some newbies, and a few visitors – it was a terrific group of people. Not only was it Halloween with special goodies/treats, but it was an Upgraded Club Championship game so players earned extra MPs, too. It had quite a festive feel about it, and all-in-all it was a very good day! We're looking forward to a repeat attendance.

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The overwhelmingly positive feedback from our "Mixed -Up Pairs" game in September has prompted the club to organize a new program of individual mentoring based on that format. It will be offered for the Tuesday morning Open game. This is a 'golden opportunity' for newer players who would like to "play up" with a more experienced player and for experienced players who would enjoy helping a newer player transition into more advanced games. Mentor players are invited to play free, junior partners pay their own regular game fee. Partnerships will be arranged according to MP levels. Neither partner will be obligated to a long-term relationship – individuals decide how long they will play together.

Players interested in participating in this new program - both new players, and mentor players - are asked to contact Dorothea Williams at [dorotheaw@cox.net](mailto:dorotheaw@cox.net) to sign up or to get additional information.

The second series in our Audrey Grant based lessons, is scheduled to begin on Saturday, January 12<sup>th</sup>, 2019 at 9:00 am in the BCNC, Escondido clubhouse. Continuing where Bridge Basics 1 left off, this course provides detailed coverage of areas that come up in competitive auctions, such as preemptive opening calls, overcalls and advances, takeout doubles and advances, and the competitive auction. The cost is \$99 for the 8 weekly sessions and includes the Bridge Basics 2 book. Use the [Contact Us, Education Coordinator](#) link on the BCNC website to register for the class.

The club will be participating in **STaC week** December 3<sup>rd</sup> through the 8<sup>th</sup>. This is a great opportunity to compete with/against many other clubs and offers the potential for winning extra-large awards of Silver points. There are a number of charity events scheduled, which also offer extra MPs, and don't forget the Birthday Celebration which will be on Friday, the 14<sup>th</sup>. Saturdays are always Pizza Days (except December 22<sup>nd</sup> when we are closed because Unit 549 has its game (it's their annual holiday party – member appreciation game with free lunch and no game fee). Remember that it's now moved to Seven Oaks Community Center in Rancho Bernardo.

December's biggest event is the **Holiday Party** on the 28<sup>th</sup>. The club will provide lunch for everyone who plays that day. Those who come in the morning for the 0-499 game are invited to stay for lunch. Everyone who plays in the afternoon game should come a bit early so you have time to eat before the game starts at 12:30. For this event you will need to sign up in advance so we know how much food to provide. The sign-up sheet will be located on the bulletin board behind the director's desk. The menu is a surprise, but I promise you will like it!

Please do check the Calendar of Events on our website for exact dates 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 October: Tim Flaherty, Sue Compton, Rick Sontag, Bunny Schmidt, and Marilyn Florin.

**Top Five NLM 150-499 Players** for October: Dorothea Williams, Ken Patrick, John Coulombe, Scott Sonne, and Betty Serepca.

**Top Five 0-149 Players** for October: Deepak Vora, Madelyn Trainor, Noel Wiedner, Jack Stanley, and Alan Turner.

Our winner for the title "**Player of the Month**" for October is Sue Compton. This title is awarded in recognition of the personal qualities that are assets to any bridge player, including congeniality, ethical conduct at the table, helpfulness, attitude, pleasant demeanor, etc. Among the many reasons given for Sue's votes, those most cited were: "She's always friendly and helpful at the table", "She's such a great help at the club", "She's always polite, very gracious", and "For all the personal qualities listed in the 'Player of the Month' poster".

Fred Kaufman was selected October's "**Student of the Month**" by his Supervised Play mentors. Among the reasons given for his selection were: He regularly attends Supervised Play sessions – often twice a week, he is enthusiastic, and eager to learn, and he regularly plays in the limited MP games, the Open games, and our Unit 549 games.

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

## Lake San Marcos Duplicate Bridge Club

**Top Five Open Players** for October: Samuel Jordan, Rick Norton, John Sharron, Rima Sharron, and Norman Schwartz

**Top Five NLM players** for October 0-499: N/A due to technical issues.

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 in Ramona is riding a wave of enthusiasm. We've been able to buy most of the equipment we need and have returned, with thanks, our borrowed supplies. We're up to six or seven tables per game. We're well on our way to achieving nonprofit status, and will soon be electing a board of directors. We're already planning bridge education and social events. Bridge in Ramona is alive and well!

Our ACBL sanctioned games are held at St. Mary's in the Valley Episcopal Church, 1010 12<sup>th</sup> Street. Our 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. Members of our "Temporary Bridge Club Planning Committee" are: Geof Applegate, Maxine McNamara, Claire Schneider, Corinne Splinter, and Carol Squires.

If you would like to join us, please email: [bridgeinramona@gmail.com](mailto:bridgeinramona@gmail.com) to make a reservation. Our game fee is \$7.

For more information 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>Unit 549 Board Members:</b> President – Art Foeste; Vice-President – Jill Roberts; Secretary/Recorder – Dorothea Williams; Treasurer – Ken Matson; Membership Chair – Vacancy; Tournament Chair – Trish Frinell; Hospitality – Hazel Turner & John Coulombe; Publicity Chair – Noel Weidner; Website/Events Chair – Alan Turner						
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