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THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF ACBL UNIT 549

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

HAPPY NEW YEAR

Here we go again. It's a new year, time to celebrate another beginning. Time to make resolutions which we really mean to keep. Let's resolve to bring kindness and tolerance to our bridge game. Be kind to your opponent and please treat your partner with kindness and respect. Resolve to do unto others...

Seeya at the bridge table.

Be sure to make plans to play at Unit 549's Annual Winter Sectional Friday and Saturday January 15 & 16. Stratified open pairs, non-life master pairs, and Swiss teams are scheduled at 10 AM and 2:30 PM each day. There will be challenging hands, snacks galore, and lunch available for purchase.

Congrats to the Bridge Club of North County on their one year anniversary. May the club live long and prosper.

Sheila

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January 15-16 - Winter Sectional, Lake San Marcos Conference Center

Mark the Date!

Unit 549 Winter Sectional is January 15th – 16th at the Lake San Marcos Conference Center. 1105 La Bonita Dr. Non-Life Master and Open Pairs games will be held plus Single Session Swiss teams. Go to www.acblunit549.org for complete information or call Jill Roberts 858-485-7640 or email: jillroberts78@gmail.com For partners go to Partnerships at www.acblunit549.org

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Unit Game Winners in November

Open – Marilyn Florin & Barbara Pepper, followed by Liz Nixon & Jean Holt, Jill Roberts & Art Foeste, Bill & Nancy Sperry, Hazel Turner & Alan Lasnover, and Jan Gallagher & Marilyn Anderson. **NLM winners** were: Mary Kaufmann & Susan Winebrenner, Jean Gilchrist & Trish Frinell, Jeff & Marjorie Kuhlman, Sheila Slayton & Kay Wilkey and Miriam Slatic & Nancy Scott. Congratulations to all!

70% Games

Oct. 1 Manoochehr Bahamian - Alberdina Bahamian 79.17% Bridge Club of North County

Nov. 2 Sheila Latus - Rex Latus 73.48% Bridge Club of North County

Nov. 16 Joyce Fox - Rick Sontag 76.39% Bridge Club of North County

Nov. 17 Tim Flaherty - Joe Houde 74.40% Lake San Marcos Bridge Club

Welcome New Members to Unit 549

Nancy Johnson, Eileen Morris, Marjorie Berend, Robert Klein, Susan Munro, Hal Norton and Christine Smith. Welcome back to David Basnard. Welcome to all new and returning members!

Members Achieving New Levels of Achievement

Junior Master – Mary Kaufmann & Jan Waluk; **Sectional Masters** – Lynn Jaseph & Greg Smith; **New Silver Life Masters** – Art Foeste & Allan Larson; **New Diamond Life Master** – Alex Fowlie. Congratulations to all!

Unit 549 Club News

Bridge Club of North County

Special Games! BC of NC will Host two special games in January. **On January 2nd** BC of NC will host a “Celebration of Life” Barometer game with Lunch to honor Kay Haralson, Director and great supporter of Escondido Bridge. A portion of the card fees will be donated to Hidden Valley Shelter. **On January 23rd**, BC Of NC will Celebrate it’s First Anniversary with lunch and Barometer game. It is suggested that you sign-up in advance for both of these games.

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The famous wild turkeys are gathering in Ramona, strutting about with loud discussion on well-worn decks! You know who I mean – the feathered visitors! Pumpkins turned orange in the fields and grapes are bottled in award-winning winery splendor. It’s hard to find a better place to “set a table” than in our little corner of the Valley of the Sun. Oh, and by-the-way, the bridge games will go on through the holidays. Come on up for a game or two. Visitors are always welcome – feathers optional!

Our new abode is delightful and we are growing! The newbie’s are jumping into the games with all the armor of Geoff’s tutorials. They make the pros blink and dig down deep for outwitting conventions – which may, or may not work! The kids are coming along with high scores on their November tests and a willingness to try for more finesses. The lessons are paying off – and work well even as refreshers for those who struggle to remember the little nuances of modern conventions – hmm. Where are those keys?

Happy Holidays and may glad tidings and graces bring smiles to faces and light your way to kings, queens and aces! Mentor Games on Monday, 2-4 p.m.; Bridge Lessons with Geoff on Tuesday 2-4 p.m. + Sanctioned Game. Sanctioned Games on Wednesday and Friday from 9:30 a.m.-1 p.m.

15 minute snack break, no lunch. Evening Sanctioned Game on Thursday from 6-9 p.m.

Youth Bridge – Fridays 3:30-5 p.m. Pizza, too!

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**WHAT NOT TO DO**

This game we play is challenging enough. There is no need to add unpleasantries. The stress of competitive bridge can lead to bad behavior on all four sides of the table. How many times have you heard “Why did you play the Ace when you had the King?” telling the whole room about the lay of the cards. Speak sotto voce, it makes for a more pleasant game and does not create an advantage for those who next play the hand.

Don't dawdle. Keep the postmortems to a word or two. Analyze the game with your partner at the local pub over a pint of good tap beer (or perhaps a nice pinot grigio). Trying to analyze the hand and the play at the table slows the games and makes for unhappy next opponents. Keep table talk to a minimum and keep the game moving.

On another note – check out the new history tab on your unit's website (acblunit549.org) for a revised informative history of bridge in San Diego North County entitled *BRIDGE MEMORIES* written by the unofficial unit historian Rex Latus.

Sheila

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Unit Game winners in December

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Non-Life Masters winners: First - Julie Watkins – Angela Tilaro followed by Marvin & Brian Schwedock, Bob & Phyllis Griest; Naomi Brownell – Alexandra Johnson and Sandy Hrstich – Lynne Jaseph. Congratulations to all!

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ACBL New Ranks added effective Jan. 1, 2016

Ruby Life Master – 1500 Master Points and Sapphire Life Master – 3500 Master Points. See page 67 in the January Bridge Bulletin.

Members achieving new levels of achievement:

New Ruby Life Master – Holly Aufmann, Gary Beed, Penny Berman, Betty Brown, Georgia Catton, Ray Curtiss, Chuck Donaldson, Zelda Ettore, Marilyn Kalabsa, L.F. McCaffrey, Al Nadel, Tom Nolan, Sharon Opfer, Barbara Schulte, Dot Swanger, Ken Vavra, and Pete Watt.

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February is ACBL Junior Fund Month with lots of extra points! Also Club Championships and Charity Games! Wow! Lots of opportunities for extra points!

Swiss Teams will be held on Saturday Feb. 20th instead of the weekly Barometer Game. Get your team and come on over to Escondido. Pot-Luck Saturday is February 13th!

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HAPPY NEW YEAR FROM ACBL RAMONA DUPLICATE BRIDGE

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The venue was lovely and the cards were interesting. There was plenty of food to be consumed and silver points to be earned. Even El Nino cooperated, we didn't have very much sunshine, but at least it did not rain. There were visitors from San Diego, Orange County, the Inland Empire, the North County Coastal Unit, and the Desert. But where were the members of Unit 549? A quick count in the Open Section indicated less than 30% were members of our Unit.

The ACBL indicates that attendance at sectionals is down across the country. Could it be that the many opportunities to earn Silver Points (so many STaCs) is dampening your enthusiasm for attending sectionals? Is the Lake San Marcos venue unappealing? Is the event schedule not to your liking?

Should we schedule only one Sectional per year? If so, should it be in the winter (January) or the summer (June)? Your Unit Board of Directors needs to know. What can we do to entice Unit 549 to come to our sectionals. Please email suggestions to me (selatus@gmail.com).

Thanx

On another note: Congratulations to the Board of Directors of the Bridge Club of North County for finding a temporary site so quickly. The club was closed for only 10 days. Check the website for schedules and info. (bridgeclubofnorthcounty.org).

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Congratulations to the 2016 Board of Directors!

The following positions have been filled: President – Sheila Latus; Vice President – Jill Roberts; Secretary – Liz Nixon; Treasurer – Ken Matson; Membership – Art Foeste; Tournament Co-Chairs – Jill Roberts & Trish Frinel; Hospitality – Hazel Turner & Jean Jantz; Disciplinary – Jean Jantz. What a winning team!

Thank You!

Thank you to all attendees at the Audrey Grant Festival January 29th and 30th. We had a packed house with 220 attending. A very special thanks to Carolyn Scerni, Jill Roberts, Art Foeste and Trish Frinel. Because of their efforts with organizing and serving the food and drinks we had a tremendous success. Also, Thanks to Liz Nixon for bringing Audrey Grant to Unit 549 every year and her marketing efforts it was a huge success!! Don't miss 2017 the dates are January 27th and 28th.

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Diamond Life Master – **Bunny Schmidt...it's official!**

70% Games:

70.83% Jean Holt - Tim Flaherty - January 20th, Lake San Marcos DBC

71.88% Alex Fowlie - Tim Flaherty - January 30th, Bridge Club of North County, Escondido

Congratulations!

Unit 549 Club News

Bridge Club of North County

The club will hold Extra point games every day in March including ACBL International Fund games, ACBL Education Fund games, Charity games, ACBL Jr Fund games, Grass Roots Charity games and Two Club Championship games. Wow! What a schedule! Loads of opportunities for extra points.

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Lake San Marcos Duplicate Bridge Club at Grandon

LSMDBC will Host Club Championship games on March 15th, 16th and 18th. The remaining games will be **Megapoint Games**. The **Pot-Luck game will be a Club Championship on March 18th**. All of these special games mean **More** points!

The charity for January was Lake San Marcos Kiwanis Pancake Breakfast tickets to benefit the LSM Kiwanis Foundation.

Top Five Open Players for January were Tim Flaherty, Jean Holt, Joe Houde, Lane Campbell and Mary Fenton.

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Hearts come to mind in February well, spades, diamonds and clubs do too. In Ramona, we keep moving ahead on new conventions and falling back on old ones and finding what works for us. Overall, we're getting stronger and stronger. But who knows what will pop up at the bridge table? We are such a diverse group, with strengths in so many different areas, we fly with the eagles or grovel with the chickens. Scores in the fifties may land a couple in fifth place or even lower these days! But it's never boring, even with those dastardly one no trump contracts, and it's appreciation for a game well-played that keeps us coming back, and, of course, the camaraderie within a club built on hearts...and minds.

The teens are not only learning conventions, but even joining the adults during Tuesday lessons. The younger ones enjoy the opportunity to play with their older peers during Friday lessons. Preparing for the April meeting with another club is a big motivator. Okay class, what do you bid when your partner opens with one no trump and you have a perfectly balanced hand and eighteen points? Hmm? Isn't it fun to make a slam? It's just getting there that's tricky. Practice builds confidence in your partner ... and playing well takes a lot of heart.

Happy Valentine's to bridge partners here, there and everywhere.

March 2016

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THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF ACBL UNIT 549

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

WHY?

Thanx to a longtime friend who sent me three articles from divergent sources. One from *Vanity Fair*, one from the *New Yorker*, and one from the *Rolling Stone*. I read about the cheating scandals among some of the elite players in professional bridge.

Bridge is a game that takes a day to learn, and a lifetime to master. The *Laws of Duplicate Bridge* outlines the rules and customs of the game. Law 73 B2 states "the gravest possible offence is for a partnership to exchange information through prearranged methods of communication other than those sanctioned by these laws".

The articles led me to wonder about the reasons for not playing honestly. It is chutzpah? (I am too smart to be caught?) Arrogance? Lack of humanity? Or just not giving a damn about the other contenders and needing the self-validation of winning at the table. Maybe that and the hundreds of thousands of dollars they can earn playing professionally.

There are so many ways to cheat. The Italian toe tap, the German cough, and pencils turned one way or the other. There are no limits to the imaginative ways to convey unauthorized information.

Congratulations to the ACBL and the World Bridge Federation for taking action to right these wrongs.

On a more pleasant note: Congratulations to Tim Flaherty for placing #187 on the Barry Crane Top 500.

Sheila

Upcoming Unit 549 Events - Mark the Date

Special Games with Extra Points

LSMDBC - LSMDBC will Host **Charity games for the entire month of April**. The Pot-Luck will be on April 15th. All of these special games mean **More** points!

BCNC - ACBL Ed. Fund Game April 2; Club Championship Games April 1 and 11, ACBL Charity Games April 4-9 and 18-22, Charity Games April 12-16 and 25-30.

Saturday, April 23rd - Unit Championship Game - 12:30 PM, Lake San Marcos Pavilion

Alert!

The Unit games in 2016 will be April 23rd at the **Lake San Marcos Pavilion** and May 21st at the **Conference Center**. Unit Games now include lunch. Bottled water and sodas are provided at 50 cents a piece and coffee and tea are free. Overall winners in each section receive a **free play** at any Unit game. Unit Games are held on the 4th Saturday of each month at the Lake San Marcos Pavilion or Conference Center, 1105 La Bonita Dr, Lake San Marcos, Ca 92078. Call Liz Nixon for directions – [760-214-8999](tel:760-214-8999). The games are \$9.00 including lunch and begin at 12:30pm. Doors open at 11:30pm. Go to Unit 549's web-site www.acblunit549.org for partnerships, to sign-up for the Unit games and see results.

Calling all Non-life Masters! Mark the Date!

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February Unit Game winners

Open were: Paul Landrum & Toshi Yasutake followed by Terry Badger & Lee Curtiss, Bernie & Carey Simkin, Bill & Nancy Sperry, Joe Houde & Ron Kay and Diana Glimm and Roger Liles.

Unit game Non-Life Master winners for February were: Angela Tilara & Julie Watkins followed by Miriam Slatcic & Nancy Scott, Max & Sabina Heyde and Jeff & Marjorie Kuhlman. Congratulations to all winners.

Welcome New and Returning Members to Unit 549

Audrey Clarke, Pam Dick, Hector Gonzales, Maxine Graves, Tomoko Harper, Ken Patrick, Lindy Patrick, Aaron Jones, and Corinne Splinter. Welcome back to Lorrain Duffy and Murray Goldman! We look forward to meeting you at our clubs and Unit games.

Members Achieving New Levels of Achievement:

Junior Master – Delynn Kelly

Club Master – Gary Sage

New Regional Master – Robert Porter

New Ruby Master – Lynne Pyka

70% Games

73.75 % Rick Sontag & Byron Audenbaugh, Feb. 15th, Bridge Club of North County

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Congratulations to all!

Unit 549 Club News

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On April 30th there will be Swiss Teams. Get your teams together and come on down!

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WHAAAT??? It seems that all those hearts and diamonds in February led to infidelity in March!!! Really? Or, perhaps I should murmur, “Partner, oh Partner, are you having an affair?”

We can be candid about this. Ramona ACBL is indeed participating in dastardly duos, flagrant flings, and perfidious partnerships. Now, dear reader, while your mind reels with possibilities, here’s the deal! These (unpredictable) liaisons are to take place on the last Monday of the month. At 6:00 p.m. bridge players will be teamed with persons they have not had the pleasure of partnering in the past. “A Bridge Affair” will begin in March. It is recommended that hearts be laid on the table and not worn on sleeves!

ACBL Ramona now boasts three bridge classes on Tuesdays from 2:00-4:30 p.m. with a growing number of participants. Thirty at the last count! The three categories include: New Players; Convention Basics: Stayman, transfers, weak bids; Intermediate to Advanced Players. Following each session, players enjoy practice hands based on the lesson.

Regular sanctioned games continue on Wed. and Fri. 9:30 a.m. and Thurs. 6:00 p.m. Youth lessons are Fri. 3:00 p.m.

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It was a dark and stormy night as we approached Reno. The drive up Route 395 was uneventful except the car's GPS kept trying to send us south! As we approached Reno from Carson City in the dark, very windy, and rainy night, the GPS kept telling us to make a legal U-turn (on Interstate 80) and then quit completely for about 15 minutes.

When we finally arrived we found ourselves looking at a star studded field. All the big names were there. And to think we got to play against the pros. Zia was there (although we did not get to play against him). One of the reasons we went to Reno was to play in an event where we could earn PLATINUM points and quality for the second day. We played in the four session Rockwell Mixed Pairs (a nationally rated event). We held our own in the two session first day, placed twice, qualified, and earned those coveted PLATINUM points. We were not quite as successful playing the second day, but found it quite exciting to play against those we read about in the Bridge Bulletin.

I would like to recommend that players of all levels have the experience of playing in the "big time". Not necessarily for the North American Championships (what we generally call "The Nationals"), but Regional and Sectional tournaments. Playing against new faces and new systems can be challenging and exciting. Broaden your bridge playing horizons, expand your world!

Sheila

Upcoming Unit 549 Events - Mark the Date Special Games with Extra Points

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STAC WEEK is May 2nd – May 7th

Both Lake San Marcos DBC and Bridge Club of North County will be participating. Get those Silver Points!

March Unit game winners

Open were: Ken Matson & Chuck Ward followed by Bunny Schmidt & Pete Watt, Carol Turner & Carol Reinhardt, Al Nadel & Tom Nolan, Janice Joerger & Barbara Naschold and Rick Norton & Paul Foster.

Non-Life Master winners for March were: Bob & Phyllis Greist followed by Joyce Fox & Ken Patrick, tied for 3/4 Trish Frinell & Jean Gilchrist & Brian & Marvin Schwedock, and Mary Kaufman. Congratulations to all winners.

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Members Achieving New Levels of Achievement

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C.E.

In my working life I was the Director of Library Services for a local hospital. Part of my job was ensuring that the physicians and other medical staff were able to update their licenses through Continuing Education. It was vital for them to do so.

Bridge is not unlike medicine in a way. To better ourselves we need to continue our learning. There are many paths to this end. The easiest is to read the ACBL Bridge Bulletin. There are always interesting columns. They are directed to beginner, intermediate, and experienced players. Read the columns, read the reports of high level play, read the light hearted (but always with a message) features.

Second, there are columns in the local newspapers and the Contract Bridge Forum. The San Diego Union Tribune features hands Tuesday thru Thursday and Sunday. There is a weekly Bridge Quiz on Saturday with answers on Monday. Take a peek before you do the crossword puzzle. Other newspapers have similar columns. Check them out.

As I suggested in my message on the first page of May's *Table Talk*, going to tournaments is encouraged. There are usually talks by experts between sessions at Regional and National events. Attend, even if the talks are about nothing you'll ever use, there could be some nuggets you might squirrel away to be brought out at a later date.

The Bulletin has an issue once or twice a year listing new products including new books. Buy a book or two (not to just sit in your book case). Keep improving your game by expanding your knowledge.

Sheila

Upcoming Unit 549 Events - Mark the Date

Special Games with Extra Points

BCNC - Club Championships June 9 and 25 (June 25 is also the Grand Reopening Party); ACBL Intl. Fund Games June 1 and 3; ACBL Charity Games June 2, 6, 7, 8, 10 and 11 (June 11 is also a Potluck); ACBL Ed Fund Games June 4, 13, 14, 15, 16, and 17; ACBL Jr. Fund Games June 20, 21, 22, 24 and 24; NAP Qualifying June 27, 28, 29, and 30.

LSMDBC - June 1 - Junior Fund Game, June 8 - NAP Qualifying Game, June 15 - Club Championship, June 17 - Potluck & NAP Qualifying Game, June 22 - NAP Qualifying Game, June 29 - Charity Game

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April Unit game winners

Open were: Ronald Kay & Joe Houde, followed by Lyn Martin & James Martin, Fran White & Rick Kerbel, Timothy Flaherty & Alex Fowlie and Nancy Sperry & William Sperry.

Unit game Non-Life Master winners for April were: Sheila Slayton & Katherine Wilkey, followed by Joann Dilling & Nancy Underdahl, Phyllis Griest & Robert Griest Jr, John Coulombe & Dorothea Williams and Angela Tilaro & Julie Watkins.

Congratulations to all winners.

Welcome New and Returning Members to Unit 549

David Aughenbaugh, Francis Smith, Justin Zivin, Dr. Ira Buchalter, Donna Buys, and Edward Zevely.

Members Achieving New Levels of Achievement

Junior Master – Thomas Moore

Club Master – Jessica Patton

Advanced NABC Master – Ed Ford



Unit 549 Club News

Bridge Club of North County

The Club will reopen at 2320 S. Escondido Blvd. on May 30th, with a Grand Reopening celebration and Open Pairs Game on Saturday, June 25th. Club phone # is the same: 760-807-9396. Check the Bridge Club of North County web-site for updates: www.bridgeclubofnorthcounty.org

The club will hold Extra point games including Grass Roots Fund Charity Games, ACBL Junior Fund Games, and Two Club Championship games. Wow! What a schedule! Loads of opportunities for extra points!

Top Five Open Players for April: Bunny Schmidt, Thomas Nolan Jr, Marilyn Florin, Chuck Donaldson and Alfred Nadel.

Top Five 0-499 players: Rick Sontag, Dan Higgins, Bruce Bosworth, Betty Serepca and Ken Patrick.

Congrats to all!

Check the Calendar for Charity games, Club Championships, and Mega Point games.

Go to 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.** Feel free to contact the Club regarding Club programs and special games. New email: bridgeclubofNC@gmail.com

Lake San Marcos Duplicate Bridge Club at Grandon

Our charity for April was Interfaith supporting a high school grad with his or her financial needs to graduate.

Schedule for June: June 1 - Junior Fund Game, June 8 - NAP Qualifying Game, June 15 - Club Championship, June 17 - Potluck & NAP Qualifying Game, June 22 - NAP Qualifying Game, June 29 - Charity Game

Chalk Talks will resume on June 15 after Jean returns. Thanks to Nina and Pat for all their help while Jean was gone.

Top Five Open Players for April were Patricia Hawkins, Lane Campbell, Timothy Flaherty, Jean Holt and Minnie Williams. **Top five 0 – 499** were Valerie Gwin, Ronald Anson, Nancy Scott, Katherine Balog and Nancy Underdahl. Way to go top five!

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IT'S AN ILL WIND

It was noon on Thursday, February 4 at the bridge club. It was like any other Thursday. Suddenly it became a disaster area. A car thru the front door sent everything flying in a cloud of dust. Fortunately no one was hurt. The club was officially closed by the City of Escondido.

Ten days later, thanks to the unrelenting efforts of BCNC board member Vic Pitcock, the club sprang back to life in a temporary location less than a mile away at Felicita Village. It was Deja-vu. The club had been at this location previously in the early 1970's! Remember?

The new digs could only accommodate fourteen tables and had only one bathroom, but otherwise it was business as usual. Finally by the end of May construction was completed and the move back to the "book store" site could begin.

But that is not the end of the story. A funny thing happened on the way back. The same movers that were used for the initial relocation were hired again. No problem! But what happens when it is seven o'clock Saturday night and the movers are a no show? You need to be out of the Felicita site by Sunday and operating again by Monday morning and it is a holiday weekend.

This is "the rest of the story" (anyone remember that radio program? Paul Harvey – late 1970's). Once again Vic along with Gary Beed did what had to be done. A little weekend DIY project. Using their cars the move began. The lighter stuff migrated to the club Saturday night with some additional help from Sue Compton, Jill Roberts and Tom Nolan.

Bright and early Sunday morning Vic decided to start moving tables and chairs, one set at a time by car. Ten trips later help came. Chuck Donaldson arrived and the two of them moved the remaining chairs and tables and miscellaneous furnishings. By noon the cleaning crew of Ethel Warner, Jill Roberts and Jan Sperla began the grueling cleanup work. When Gary Beed arrived later in the afternoon two items remained to be moved – just the refrigerator and vending machine! Gary and Vic rented a truck from Home Depot and were able to move the refrigerator. But they were no match for the vending machine. Undaunted Vic somehow recruits two big guys and a truck for the last item.

Gary remained at the club till late Sunday evening connecting the phones, computers, internet, etc. Monday morning it was business as usual. All in a day's work! Amazing!!! Remember to thank these folks for their labor of love and love for the game.

And yes, it is an ill wind that does not blow some good. The newly constructed club was reconfigured and is better than before.

Sheila

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LSMDBC - First and Third weeks will be NAP Qualifying Games, all other games will be mega point charity games. Potluck on July 15. **SEE NOTE ON NEXT PAGE REGARDING NEW LOCATION AS OF AUGUST 1st.**

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May Unit game winners

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2015 Helen Shanbrom Ace of Clubs Awards

0-5 Greg Fahey; 5-20 Claire Schneider; 20-50 Bejai Higgins; 50-100 Dorothea Williams; 100-200 Dan Higgins; 200-300 Ayoub Jaraicie; 300-500 Sue Compton; 500-1000 Art Foeste; 1000-2500 Gary Beed; 2500-5000 Bernard Figueiredo; Over 10,000 Tim Flaherty

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John Gould, Brian Schwedock and Margo Lewis.

Members achieving new levels of achievement:

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New Sectional Master – John Coulombe

New Regional Master – Gerald Asbury

New Silver Life Master – Ken Matson

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Unit 549 Club News

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Lake San Marcos Duplicate Bridge Club at Grandon

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COLLABORATION

It was a beautiful day and a lovely setting at the Lake Pavilion at Lake San Marcos resort. We set up the game for two eight table sections. The coffee was almost ready (somehow we misplaced the electric cords and John Coulombe finally found them in the kitchen drawers). The fruit was out and the muffins were cut. We were all ready.

But we were quite surprised. The NLM players started streaming in. A whole new section had to be set up. In the end, we had 29½ tables. Three sections! There were players from all San Diego areas and from faraway places like Orange County, the Inland Empire, Thousand Oaks and even from Wichita! The players seemed to enjoy the event and 60% of them stayed for the second session.

I believe this was the first collaborative effort since Units 531 and 549 split in 1976. There was months of planning between the two units. The Unit Boards shared responsibility, logistics, and costs.

It was a joy to work with the Board of Unit 531, and hope to be able to do it again. Perhaps we can plan this as an annual event.

Kudos to Ida Burcham for running a good show.

Thanx to those who helped setting up and cleaning up after the event finished.

John & Judy McCaffrey ; John Coulombe ; Liz Nixon ; Hazel Turner; and Dorothea Williams

Sheila

Upcoming Unit 549 Events - Mark the Date

Special Games with Extra Points

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Saturday, August 27th - Unit Championship Game - 12:30 PM, Lake San Marcos Pavilion

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Alert! The third Annual Lungevity Game will be held at Bridge Club of North County on Sunday, Oct. 16th. Lunch will be included, doors will open at 11:30AM. Entry fees are \$25 per person and are a charitable donation to the Lungevity Foundation. Jean Holt is Director and Organizer. Her phone # is [760.734.4518](tel:760.734.4518), her email is jnnhlt582@gmail.com

Congratulations to Unit 549 and Unit 531 for operating a very successful Non-Life Master Sectional on July 16th at the Pavilion at Lake San Marcos. We had 29 1/2 tables in the morning and 20 tables in the afternoon. Results can be found at Unit 531's web-site www.acbldistrict22.com/531. Big congratulations to Connie Vinson & Margaret Bissell for posting a 70.17% game in the morning session. Top pair in the afternoon section was David Cleary and Bill Osgood with a 60.00% game.

June Unit game winners

Open were: Al Nadel & Tom Nolan, followed by Doris Nizzi & Jean Jantz, Paul Landrum & Toshi Yatsutake, Carolyn Scerni & Nina Laughbaum and Joe Houde & Ron Kay.

Unit game Non-Life Master winners for June were: John Coulombe & Dorothea Williams followed by Joann Dilling & Nancy Underdahl, Angela Tilaro & Julie Watkins and Herb & Jane Krongold. Congratulations to all winners.

Welcome New and Returning Members to Unit 549

Brad & Yvonne Hall, Pat Lenowsky, Wayne Andrew, Wendy Margon, Paul Dewey, Cathy Berg, and Robert Stalker. Welcome to our Unit.

Members achieving new levels of achievement

Junior Masters – Ed Beall, Maxine Graves and Lindy Patrick

New Club Master – Milo Shapiro

New Sectional Masters – Claire Schneider and Robert Stinner

New Regional Master – Erica Federman

New Life Master – Rick Sontag

New Ruby Life Master – Carolyn Moran

Congratulations to all of the above achieving new levels of excellence!

Unit 549 Club News

Bridge Club of North County

August is the last month to qualify for the NAP, North American Pairs. In addition, BCNC will offer ACBL Education Fund Charity Games, ACBL Charity Games, ACBL Jr. Fund games, Grass Roots Charity Games and Two Club Championship games. Wow! What a schedule! Loads of opportunities for extra points!

Top Five Open Players for June: Bunny Schmidt, Sheila Latus, Al Nadel, Rex Latus and Tim Flaherty

Top Five 0-499 players: Dan Higgins, Dorothea Williams, Ken Patrick, Alberdina Bahmanian and Ayoub Jaraicie. Congrats to all!

Check the Calendar for exact dates of the Charity games, Club Championships, and Mega Point games. Go to 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.** Feel free to contact the Club regarding Club programs and special games. New email: bridgeclubofNC@gmail.com

Lake San Marcos Duplicate Bridge Club

Alert! Lake San Marcos Duplicate Bridge Club is moving back to its roots, Lake San Marcos. Effective August 3rd, the club will be in it's new home, The Pavilion, 1105 La Bonita Dr. New card fees will be \$7.00. Same location as the Unit games. Much better Parking!!! More Space!!! Nice kitchen!!!

LSMDBC will have NAP Qualifiers on August 3rd and 17th. August 10th will be a Club Championship. August 24th will be the Grassroots Charity Fund and August 31st will be a Junior Fund game. All games are always mega point games. All of these special games mean **More** points! The charity for June was ACBL Charities!

Top Five Open Players for June were Jeanne Griffin, Meena Sethi, Ashok Sethi, Jill Roberts, and Mary Fenton.

Top five 0 – 799: Katherine Balog, Lyn Lazzaro, Sandy Musbach, John Gates and Marc Beardsley. Way to go top five!

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ACBL Ramona Duplicate Bridge

1721 Main St. Ramona, CA 92065 #101;
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THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF ACBL UNIT 549

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**Opening 1NT With a Singleton: It's Officially Legal**

The ACBL Board of Directors removed a legal gray area surrounding semi-balanced notrump openers when it approved a change to the definition of a notrump opening in the General Convention Chart. The change allows players to open 1NT with hands that include a singleton ace, king or queen, as long as they do not also contain a doubleton.

Here is the new definition, effective August 1:

A notrump opening or overcall is natural if, by agreement, it contains no void, at most one singleton which must be the A, K or Q and no more than two doubletons. If the hand contains a singleton, it may have no doubleton.

This includes hand patterns such as 5-4-3-1, 6-3-3-1 and 4-4-4-1, in addition to those that were previously allowed, such as 4-3-3-3, 5-3-3-2 and 5-4-2-2.

The change was recommended by the Competitions and Conventions Committee, a group of players appointed by the Board, in an effort to bring regulations in line with popular and expert practice. Before, opening notrump with a singleton was considered a psych. It was legal to do, but players could not have an agreement to open such hands 1NT or 2NT. The lack of clarity was a thorny issue for directors.

The new definition prohibits opening notrump with more shapely hands, such as 5-5-2-1, 6-4-2-1 or 7-2-2-2. All of this has to do with your agreements. It doesn't prohibit an out-and-out psych, but you can't keep doing that or it becomes an agreement, and an illegal one at that.

The change does not impact the one allowable exception of a partnership agreement where 1NT is treated as a 100% forcing opening bid (and not considered "natural" with any distribution). The use of such an unbalanced, non-natural 1NT opening must be alerted.

Sheila

Upcoming Unit 549 Events - Mark the Date

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LSMDBC - September's games will all be International Fund Games with Megapoints.

Saturday, September 24th - Unit Championship Game - 12:30 PM, Lake San Marcos Pavilion

The July 16th Non-Life Masters Silver Splash Tournament was a great success. This event was co-sponsored by Unit 531 North County Coastal and Unit 549 North County Inland. Watch this space for more NLM events over the next year.

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Lungevity Game

It's back! The 4th Annual Lungevity Game is scheduled for Sunday October 16th at Bridge Club of North County. Your host for this event is again Jean Holt. Minimum donation is \$25, with 100% going to the Lungevity Foundation and is tax deductible. Lunch is at noon and game time 1:00 PM. For information contact Jean at 760-734-4518 or email jnnhlt582@gmail.com.

July Unit Game

Open winners were: Rex Latus & Sheila Latus, followed by Alberdina Bahmanian & Manoochehr Bahmanian, Doris Nizzi & Jean Jantz, David Anding & Jayendu Patel and Alfred Nadel & Thomas Nolan Jr.

Unit Game Non-Life Master winners for July were: Nancy Scott & Miriam Slatik, followed by Katherine Wilkey & Sheila Slayton, Raymond Gogolewski & Edward Koch, Jeffrey Kuhlmann & Marjorie Kuhlmann and Sandra Hrstich & Lynne Jaseph.

Congratulations to all winners.

Welcome New and Returning Members to Unit 549

Loren Archer, Linda Case, John Herbert and Arlene Rosen

Members Achieving New Levels of Achievement

Junior Masters – Supriyo Datta, Flora Fenequito, Hector Gonzalez, Brad Hall, Tomoko Harper, Maxine McNamara, Eileen Morris and Susan Van Cott

New Club Masters – Alan Creutz, Corinne Splinter, John Wohlfiel and Edward Zevely

New Sectional Master – Penelope Fox, Joan Renaud and Virginia Wohlfiel

New Regional Master – Katherine Balog

New Ruby Life Master – John White

Unit 549 Club News

Bridge Club of North County

The Club is back in its original location. Hooray! 2320 S. Escondido Blvd. Club phone # is the same: 760-807-9396. The club's Grand Re-Opening party was held on Saturday June 25th. It was a 25 table sell out. Our largest turn out ever! Check the Bridge Club of North County web-site for updates: www.bridgeclubofnorthcounty.org

Top Five Open Players for July: Thomas Nolan Jr, Marilyn Florin, Bunny Schmidt, Sheila Latus and Alfred Nadel

Top Five 0-499 players: Dan Higgins, Alberdina Bahmanian, Dorothea Williams, Ken Patrick and Bejai Higgins

Congrats to all!

Check the Calendar for Charity games, Club Championships, and Mega Point games.

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Lake San Marcos Duplicate Bridge Club

September's games will all be International Fund Games with Megapoints.

The charity for July was Casa de Amparo.

All of our supplies are at the Pavilion so we are ready to go. Many thanks to Art, John, Lane and Greg for all of their help.

Top Five Open Players for May: Art Foeste, Jean Holt, Jill Roberts, Janice Joerger and Wayne Holm

Top Five 0-499 players: John Coulombe, Nancy Shirley, Donna Buys, Nancy Scott and Ross Penne

Reminder: The Wednesday game starts at 10:30am and includes a **Free Chalk Talk (starting at 9:30am) by Jean Holt**, snacks and coffee. Players are asked to bring a bag lunch if they desire. The cost is \$7.00 for chalk talk and game. Since the move we no longer have a Friday night game.

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Address - we have moved to the Lake San Marcos Pavilion, 1105 La Bonita Dr., San Marcos, Ca. 92078.

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THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF ACBL UNIT 549

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

(Written by John Coulombe)

Good day to you all. I am going to start by announcing the November Unit Game with pot luck and toy drive. This is a truly wonderful annual game. Although the Unit will be providing the main dish, we request that you please bring a dish to share and an unwrapped toy to be donated to The North County Interfaith Community Services. Also, for all you non-life masters, we have been averaging eight or so tables of NLM play at our unit games; please join us.

I want to give a shout out to Mr. Vic Pitcock and Ms. Sue Compton of the Bridge Club of North County in Escondido. They run a Friday morning NLM game. What a job they have done! From an average of about four tables a week just a year ago, this game has grown to an average of eight or nine now. The first Friday in September we had ten and a half tables. What a great turnout! Vic starts with a lesson at 8:45 am (this morning: support doubles and support redoubles), and the game starts at 9:00. So, all you NLM folks out there, now you know where you can spend an enjoyable Friday morning.

Easy Bridge 1 Lessons begin on September 13, 2016 at Bridge Club of North County. These lessons will be given every Tuesday morning for 15 weeks. Instructor is a Life Master qualified by the ACBL to teach bridge. Questions: bridgeclubofnc@gmail.com; or kcoctip.rotciv@att.net.

Finally, thank you to all who volunteer to support Unit 549 and the individual clubs within it. Without the efforts of our volunteers, we would not be playing this delightful game we all love so much. See you at the tables.

Upcoming Unit 549 Events - Mark the Date

Special Games with Extra Points

BCNC - Club Championships October 14 and 17; Jane Johnson Appreciation Games October 1, 3, 7, 11, 19, and 27; Local Charity October 4, 12, 20, 28, and 31; Junior Fund Games October 5, 10, 13, 18, and 19; Grass Roots Fund Games October 6, 15, 21, and 24-26.

LSMDBC - October games will all be megapoint games including the Jane Johnson Appreciation Game.

Saturday, October 22nd - Unit Championship Game - 12:30 PM, Lake San Marcos Pavilion

August Unit Game Winners

Open were: Rick Kerbel & Millie Garrison, followed by Ron Kay & Joe Houde, Maria Marshall & Gail Pirodsky, George Berris & Louise Manganeli and Doris Nizzi & Jean Jantz.

Unit game Non-Life Master winners for August were: Lindy & Ken Patrick followed by John Coulombe & Dorothea Williams followed by Naomi Brownell & Alexandre Johnson, Sandy Hrstich & Lynn Jaseph and Kay Wilkey and Kathy Balog. Congratulations to all winners.

70% Games

Unit 549 had two 70% games in August: Diana Fritz-Maes - Gary Beed with 71.99% on August 10 at Lake San Marcos Bridge Club, and Marvin Schwedock - Larry Gach with 71.83% on August 26 at Bridge Club of North County. Congratulations !

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Madeline Butler, Sandi Casari, Margaret Hebert, Bobbie Zinker, Erica Federman, Kathryn Kolb and Sarah Ward. Welcome to our Unit.

Members Achieving New Levels of Achievement:

Junior Masters – Susan Halfaker & Yvonne Hall

New Club Master – Patrick Kennett

New Regional Master – Donna Buys

Congratulations to all of the above achieving new levels of excellence!

Winter Sectional is Coming!

Friday, January 13th and Saturday, January 14th at the Lake San Marcos Conference Center. Jill Roberts is Tournament Manager, email: jillroberts78@gmail.com. Games begin at 10:00am and 2:30pm. There will be 0-499, 0-1500 and Open Games. Also, there will be Single Session Swiss daily. Standard Fee: \$11.00 per person

We want to encourage New Players! Play in the Non-Life Master Section for only \$5.00! Non-Life Masters (NLM) with 0-500 Master points.

Audrey Grant Returns

Audrey Grant is returning to the Lake San Marcos Pavilion, Friday, January 27th and Saturday, January 28th. Day 1 is “Knowing when you are at a critical point in Defense.” Day 2 is “Identifying and Handling the Dangerous Opponent.”

The Workshops begin at 10:00am sharp with an hour for lunch. The afternoon session ends at 3:00pm. The Early Bird cost is \$69 per person if paid by January 20th, and includes all workshop materials and luncheon.

To register: Toll Free 1-888-400-2789 or email: cruzqueen43@gmail.com. Checks should be sent to Escondido ACBL Unit 549 attn: Liz Nixon, 1127 Los Campaneros, Lake San Marcos, Ca 92078

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Unit 549 Club News

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October is Jane Johnson Club Appreciation Charity games plus the Grass Roots Games. and Two Club Championship games. Wow! What a schedule! Loads of opportunities for extra points!

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Giving Thanks

It's that season again. The witches and pumpkins are behind us and Thanksgiving, Christmas, Hanukah, and the New Year loom ever closer. As we look forward to the last months of the year, we should give thanks for all that we have. We have health, good times, and wonderful places we can share our expertise and frustrations at the bridge table. We have memories of good games and good people with whom we can share the games. We have great friendships. (Case in point...Judy Felix coming from a heart attack and a hospital bed to be with the friends and family of Betsey Illes to share memories of Betsey's life. Judy also stayed and played the whole afternoon and asked to be taken back to the hospital!)

The Unit Game this month is a very special event. The Unit Board will provide a main dish and we ask that the players bring a dish to share and a new, unwrapped toy which will be donated to Interfaith Community Services with services to North County families. All entry fees for the game will also be donated.

It is a Club Championship and an opportunity to share our good fortune. Let's come together, give thanks, enjoy good food, play a slam or two, and bring a ray of sunshine to those less fortunate.

Thanx

Sheila

Upcoming Unit 549 Events - Mark the Date

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Non-Life Master winners for September were: Naomi Brownell & Alexandra Johnson followed by Joann Dilling & Nancy Underdahl, Lynne Litwiller & Katrina Zynda & Sandra Hrstich & Lynne Jaseph. Congratulations to all winners.

Welcome New and Returning Members to Unit 549:

Welcome to our Unit: Evelyn Kepler, Connie McCoy, Janet Tarr, Mary Thead, Linda Kieran, Bob Porter and Arlene Riley.

70% Games

Congratulations to the following players: Jack Herbert - Bob Stinner with 76.91% on September 2, DeLynn Kelly - Lloyd Kelly with 73.13% on September 12, Al Nadel - Jan Sperla with 70.83% on September 16, and Ben Bosklopper - Hazel Turner with 70.51% on September 19, all at Bridge Club of North County!

Members Achieving New Levels of Achievement:

New Club Master – Lindy Patrick

New Sectional Master – Sandy Hrstich and Leo Muller

New Gold Life Master – Tom Nolan

Congratulations to all of the above achieving new levels of excellence!

Unit 549 Club News

Bridge Club of North County

November is a busy month! Every game is a Charity game supporting ACBL fund, Junior fund and Grass Roots Fund games. In addition there are several Club Championship games. Barometer Games will have Pizza Day on Nov. 5th and Nov. 26th. On Nov. 12th the game will be a Charity Pot Luck Game.

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(WITH APOLOGIES TO P. D. Q. BACH)

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To curry favor, I wish you the best in the New Year that is a cumin. May you spice up your game with sage play and never have a dill moment. And don't forget your date with Rosemary.

I hope I haven't gone too far.

Merry Christmas, Happy Chanukah, and best wishes for a sweet New Year.

Sheila

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| Unit 549 Board Members: President: Sheila Latus (selatus@gmail.com) Board Members: Jill Roberts, Liz Nixon, Ken Matson, Art Foeste, Trish Frinell, Hazel Turner, Jean Jantz, Dorothea Williams & John Coulombe | 1 BCNC Supervised Play - 9:30 AM BCNC Open Pairs 12:30 PM Newcomers 0-20 MP 12:30 PM (Membership) Ramona Bridge 6pm Open Game | 2 Ramona Bridge 9:30am - Open Game BCNC 499er NLM 9:00 AM BCNC Open Pairs 12:30 PM Both Junior Fund | 3 BCNC Open Pairs Barometer Game - 12:30 PM Ed Fund | 4 NO GAMES TODAY | 5 BCNC Supervised Play 499er NLM - 9:00 AM BCNC Open Pairs 12:30 PM Both Stac Ramona Bridge 2 PM Mentor Game | 6 Ramona Bridge 2:00pm Teaching Session BCNC Open Pairs 9:00 AM & 12:30 PM (Both Junior Fund) | 7 Ramona Bridge 9:30am - Open Game BCNC Open Pairs 12:30 PM (Club Champ) Lake San Marcos DBC 9:30AM Chalk Talk 10:30 AM Stac Game | 8 BCNC Supervised Play - 9:30 AM BCNC Open Pairs 12:30 PM Newcomers 0-20 MP 12:30 PM (Junior Fund) Ramona Bridge 6pm Open Game | 9 Ramona Bridge 9:30am - Open Game BCNC 499er NLM 9:00 AM BCNC Open Pairs 12:30 PM Both Stac | 10 Unit Championship Game 12:30 pm Lake San Marcos Pavilion Holiday Party | 11 NO GAMES TODAY | 12 BCNC Supervised Play 499er NLM - 9:00 AM BCNC Open Pairs 12:30 PM Both Ed Fund Ramona Bridge 2 PM Mentor Game | 13 Ramona Bridge 2:00pm Teaching Session BCNC Open Pairs 9:00 AM & 12:30 PM (Both Ed Fund) | 14 Ramona Bridge 9:30am - Open Game BCNC Open Pairs 12:30 PM (Ed Fund) Lake San Marcos DBC 9:30AM Chalk Talk 10:30 AM Charity Game | 15 BCNC Supervised Play - 9:30 AM BCNC Open Pairs 12:30 PM Newcomers 0-20 MP 12:30 PM (Ed Fund) Ramona Bridge 6pm Open Game | 16 Ramona Bridge 9:30am - Open Game BCNC 499er NLM 9:00 AM BCNC Open Pairs 12:30 PM Both Ed Fund | 17 BCNC Open Pairs Barometer Game - 12:30 PM Junior Fund | 18 NO GAMES TODAY | 19 BCNC Supervised Play 499er NLM - 9:00 AM BCNC Open Pairs 12:30 PM Both Junior Fund Ramona Bridge 2 PM Mentor Game | 20 Ramona Bridge 2:00pm Teaching Session BCNC Open Pairs 9:00 AM & 12:30 PM (Both Grass Roots) | 21 Ramona Bridge 9:30am - Open Game BCNC Open Pairs 12:30 PM (Membership) Lake San Marcos DBC 9:30AM Chalk Talk 10:30 AM Charity Game | 22 BCNC Supervised Play - 9:30 AM BCNC Open Pairs 12:30 PM Newcomers 0-20 MP 12:30 PM (Local Charity) Ramona Bridge 6pm Open Game | 23 Ramona Bridge 9:30am - Open Game BCNC 499er NLM 9:00 AM BCNC Open Pairs 12:30 PM Both Junior Fund | 24 NO GAMES TODAY CLUBS CLOSED FOR THE HOLIDAYS | 25 NO GAMES TODAY | 26 BCNC Supervised Play 499er NLM - 9:00 AM BCNC Open Pairs 12:30 PM Both Local Charity Ramona Bridge 2 PM Mentor Game | 27 Ramona Bridge 2:00pm Teaching Session BCNC Open Pairs 9:00 AM & 12:30 PM (Both Local Charity) | 28 Ramona Bridge 9:30am - Open Game BCNC Open Pairs 12:30 PM (Local Charity) Lake San Marcos DBC 9:30AM Chalk Talk 10:30 AM Charity Game | 29 BCNC Supervised Play - 9:30 AM BCNC Open Pairs 12:30 PM Newcomers 0-20 MP 12:30 PM (Club Champ) Ramona Bridge 6pm Open Game | 30 Ramona Bridge 9:30am - Open Game BCNC 499er NLM 9:00 AM BCNC Open Pairs 12:30 PM Both Local Charity | 31 BCNC Open Pairs Barometer Game - 12:30 PM Local Charity |

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