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# North County Inland, Unit 549

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THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF ACBL UNIT 549

## *PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE*

**CHECK IT OUT!!**

**[acblunit549.org](http://acblunit549.org)**

We're up and running! Our website designed by Kitty Cooper with the help of Mariam Saner is operational. Schedules, game results and much more are available...there are even pictures of your unit board members. If you have any ideas of what you might like to add, please email me: [selatus@gmail.com](mailto:selatus@gmail.com)

Let me be the first to wish you a HAPPY NEW YEAR!!

Be sure to make your plans to play in your Unit's Winter Sectional January 17 & 18 2014. There will be the usual pairs events (open, 499'r, & 99'r), a KO event starting in the morning and finishing in the afternoon. We will also feature Swiss Teams in the afternoon, if attendance warrants. Game times are 10 am and 2:30 pm. There will be snacks galore. Lunch will be available for purchase.

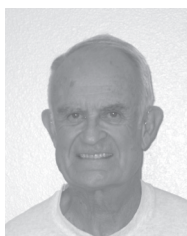
Bring all your bridge playing friends. Let's have a wonderful turnout!

Sheila

## P L A Y E R S O F T H E M O N T H



**Open**  
Tim Flaherty



**Under 5000**  
Chuck Donaldson



**Under 3000**  
Dot Swanger



**Under 1500**  
Jill Roberts



**Under 750**  
Carol Cicotte



**Under 500**  
Larry Gach



**Under 100**  
Jean Gilchrist

## **Upcoming Unit 549 Events - Mark the Date**

### **Special Games with Extra Points**

**Friday, January 17 and Saturday, January 18 - Winter Sectional, Lake San Marcos Conference Center**

Wednesday, January 22 - 11:00am - LSMDBC - Open Charity Game

Friday, January 24 - LSMDBC - 5:30pm Potluck, 6:30pm Open Charity Game

**Saturday, January 25 - Unit Championship Game - Lake San Marcos Pavilion/Conference Center**

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### **Unit 549's Winter Sectional**

We have some great events coming up for the start of the new year. January 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> are the dates of unit 549's Winter Sectional. This two day event will include Open Pairs, NLM Pairs, Knockouts and Swiss Teams. You may contact tournament chairman Mariam Saner at [mlmimi@san.rr.com](mailto:mlmimi@san.rr.com) or Sheila Latus at [selatus@gmail.com](mailto:selatus@gmail.com).

### **Audrey Grant Workshop**

Don't forget about Audrey Grant's workshop on February 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>. On Feb. 14<sup>th</sup>, the focus will be on "Rebids by opener and responder", while on Feb. 15<sup>th</sup> the topic will be "Five Steps to Simplify the End Play". Included in on the \$79 per person per day rate is Audrey's new book. Register early by January 31<sup>st</sup> and the rate drops to only \$69 per day! You can register by calling Liz Nixon at 888-400-2789 or email her at [cruzqueen@sbcglobal.net](mailto:cruzqueen@sbcglobal.net).

### **New Unit Website**

The new unit website is up and running for us! Please check it out at [aclunit549.org](http://aclunit549.org). You won't be disappointed!

### **November Unit Game Results**

Unit Game results for November 23<sup>rd</sup> in the open game: N/S 1<sup>st</sup> place winners are Rex and Sheila Latus, 2<sup>nd</sup> place goes to Art Foeste and Roger Liles, 3<sup>rd</sup> Place winners were Herb Schaffer and Alan Lasnover. E/W 1<sup>st</sup> place is Nancy and Bill Sperry, 2<sup>nd</sup> place goes to Jean Jantz and Doris Cashman; 3<sup>rd</sup> place winners are Alberdina and Manoochehr Bahmanian. The NLM's results: N/S 1<sup>st</sup> place winners are Sheila Slayton and Katherine Wilkey; 2<sup>nd</sup> place goes to Sandy Skillern and Bernadette Porter. E/W 1<sup>st</sup> place winners are Richard Sontag and Hilary Sutcliffe; 2<sup>nd</sup> place to Sue Compton and Joseph Potts. Congratulations to all of our winners!

Unit Championships are held on the 4th Saturday of each month at the Lake San Marcos Pavilion, 1105 La Bonita Dr, Lake San Marcos 92078 (next Unit Game will be Saturday, January 25). The entry fee is \$8.00 and the game begins at 1:00 PM. There is an open section and a section for none life masters. A light lunch and coffee are provided. Bottled water and soda are available for a mere 50 cents. Hope to see you there. Call Mariam Saner for info at 858-672-8734.

### **Welcome new members to Unit 549:**

Lois Bridgeman, Ramona, and Chris Petrozolin from San Diego!

### **Members reaching new levels of achievement in Unit 549 in November are:**

New Junior Master Jean Gilchrist. New Club Master achievers are David McCallum and Greg Smith. New Regional Master is Richard Sontag. Bronze Life Masters include Larry Fiora, Mary Ann Houston and Jacey Humes. Congratulations to all of our great achievers!



# Unit 549 Club News

## North County Bridge Center

Join us for bridge classes starting the week of January 6<sup>th</sup>, 2014. Marty Bergen will be presenting online audio and visual lessons. We will be offering two sets of classes which will cover topics on bidding and the play, stressing the importance of thinking constructively. A series of hands will be played by students to illustrate Bergen's points before he demonstrates how they should be played. The first set of lessons (beginning-intermediate) will be Monday/Wednesday morning from 9-11. The second set (intermediate-advanced) will be Thursday/Friday morning from 9-11. Cost of the 20 session series is \$150 and payable in advance. At the end of the 10 weeks a special ACBL sanctioned game, complete with lunch, will be held and each participant will receive a booklet of his or her choice from Bergen's wide range of topics. Call us at 760-747-6092 or email us at [ncbc09@sbcglobal.net](mailto:ncbc09@sbcglobal.net).

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## Lake San Marcos Duplicate Bridge Club at Grandon

Ring in the New Year on December 31st at the Annual New Year's Pot-luck and game at the Sun Park Club House at Lake San Marcos. Players planning on coming to the game need to call Nina Laughbaum, Club Manager for directions and parking, 760-736-9386 (NOTE: No game at LSMDBC on New Year's Day, Wednesday, January 1). Lake San Marcos will host Charity games on January 22<sup>nd</sup> and January 24<sup>th</sup>. The January 24<sup>th</sup> game is the monthly potluck. Jean Holt will resume her chalk talks on January 22<sup>nd</sup> at the Wednesday games. The top 5 achievers for November will be reported in February.

Also, Happy 75th Birthday to Jean Holt on January 29th. May you have many more fun-filled years at the table!

## Ramona Town Hall Bridge

**729 Main St. Ramona, CA 92065**

**HOT TIME IN TURKEY TOWN!**

**Sanctioned Games Wed. and Fri. at 10 a.m. & lunch**

**Free Lessons- Tues at 2 p.m.**

**Sanctioned Evening Game- Thurs at 6 p.m. & snacks**

**Call Mary Ann or Doug Houston: 760-789-1132**

Some of you may know little ol' Ramona was once the Turkey Capital of the World, and we still have flocks of these birds wondering our neighborhoods and golf courses. Why, one of our own feathered friends graced the White House table of Harry Truman on Thanksgiving in 1947.

Right across from the historic Town Hall is the equally historic Turkey Inn where the comings and goings often make the daily news (or gossip). Through the big windows of the Town Hall we glimpse at what "the others" are doing. It's a turkey-trot to the bar, but we know, bridge is a whole lot more fun and there's (usually) no hangover later.

Talkin' turkey? Lately we've been deep in discussion of the proper responses to a no trump opening bid. Seems there's no end to the varieties of conventions we could summon (and we've all taken a dive with some real, flat-out turkeys). Mary Ann's Tuesday lessons take aim at our weakest "winging" and oh, how we fly when we get it right.

We love the gravy that comes with Stayman and Jacoby Transfers. But these days we're venturing into 1430 territory with cue bids and slams in sight. We've learned to take aim with a partner who has the same target in mind, but then there are nasty little interruptions and hands with loose feathers,- what then? Stick to the stuffing or pass the cranberries?

Mary Ann insists that teaching makes her a better player and she proved it on November 14<sup>th</sup> when she and her partner, Marilyn Kalabsa, scorched the wings right off their competition with 70.63% and her hubby, Doug Houston, made Club Master- quite a feat since Doug stays busy directing most of the time.

Come on up to see how we "set" our Thanksgiving tables and feel free to bring your own stuffing or cranberry tricks. By the way, we have plenty of no trump turkey to go around!

Deck the Hall! Saturday, December 14<sup>th</sup> is our annual 1894 Town Hall Christmas! Gourmet dinner and entertainment, 6-9 p.m. Tie on that bustle and brush your best top hat. \$65/each. Reserve @ 760-789-0574. Stay Sunday 12/15 and the Town Hall will treat you to Dicken's Villages with caroling- 4-7 p.m.

# January 2014

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**COVERING POWAY, SAN MARCOS, RANCHO BERNARDO, VALLEY CENTER, RANCHO SANTA FE & ESCONDIDO**

A Happy Little Grand prize winner, please forward to anyone you think is interested.  
Photographers name is Jesse Hogan, website is [www.lsmphotosbyjesse.com](http://www.lsmphotosbyjesse.com)

Frank and Connie,

Hello and good Monday morning, I hope the rest of your weekend went well and both of you had a chance to rest! The Party was a big hit and the Marines and Sailors are still talking about it this morning. They all enjoyed the presents and especially the food!!

You guys knocked it out of the park. I have attached pictures of the "Shelby Cobra" winner per your request.

Thank you so very much for all of the hard work that the Kiwanis did for ANGLICO, I look forward to continue this wonderful relationship with you guys. Thank you for your time and have a wonderful rest of the day.

Sincerely,

Missy Harrison  
1st Air Naval Gunfire Liaison Company  
Family Readiness Officer  
Email: [leticica.harrison@usmc.mil](mailto:leticica.harrison@usmc.mil)

"Lightning From the Sky, Thunder From The Sea"







I received the letter from Nina Laughbaum, who helped organize our Marine Toys Drive. The first picture is of the stage at the Pavilion. The second is the Shelby under the tree and the third is a happy little girl driving her very own sports car. Kudos to Ida Burcham & Paul Landrum for donating this extravagant Christmas Gift. Many thanx to all who donated gifts and money (over \$600) to make the event hugely successful.

Sheila

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## *PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE*

### WINTER OF OUR DISCONTENT

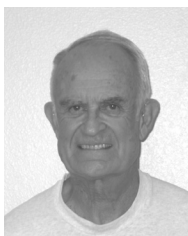
The weather was summer like. The snacks were plentiful and delicious. The hands were devilish (including a 7 – 6 heart fit, egad!). The directors were knowledgeable and pleasant. Top ranked players flocked to our doors. The charity rating for our Friday games made master point awards huge. Winners in the Friday Compact KO got 10.18 silver points! Our winter sectional had all the earmarks of a great success, but members of unit 549 were conspicuous no-shows. In the open pairs on Saturday morning about one quarter of the players were Unit 549 members. The Saturday afternoon pairs event was won by a C Pair! The unit's attendance in the team events was even worse. The NLM pairs was the only group with a majority of Unit 549 members.

What can we do to make our Unit Sectionals more attractive to Unit 549 members? Talk to me at the North County Bridge Center (I'm usually there on Friday afternoons, or at the Unit Games (the fourth Saturday of the month), or by email ([selatus@gmail.com](mailto:selatus@gmail.com)).

I am remiss in not thanking my faithful unit board members for their diligence and hard work in making the sectional a pleasant place to be. Thanx to Art Foeste, Jill Roberts, Mariam Saner, Sue Compton, and Ken Matson.

Sheila

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## **Upcoming Unit 549 Events - Mark the Date**

### **Special Games with Extra Points**

**North County Bridge Center Mega-Point Games (all Mega-Point games are afternoon games unless otherwise specified):** Saturday, February 1, Monday, February 3, Tuesday, February 4, Wednesday, February 5, Thursday, February 6, Friday, February 7, Monday, February 17, Tuesday, February 18, Thursday, February 20, Friday, February 21, and Tuesday, February 25 (Morning)

**North County Bridge Center February Club Championship games** will be at 12:30pm on Saturday, February 15, Wednesday, February 19 and Monday, February 20.

Friday, February 21 - LSMDBC - 5:30pm Potluck, 6:30pm Open Game

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### **Audrey Grant Workshop**

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### **New Unit Website**

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### **December Unit Game Results**

Unit 549 game results for December 14: in the open game, N/S 1st place was Gail Whiteley and Jane Horgan, followed by Lee Hofacre and Ethel Warner; in 3rd place were Jan Gallagher and W. John Devine. E/W 1st place winners were Jeri Adams and John White, followed by Benjamin Domurat and James Checco. 3rd place winners were Tim Flaherty and Joe Houde. The NLM group 1st place winners were Sandy Johnson and Naomi Brownell. 2nd place was Witold Modlinski and Mary Lou Buer-Modlinski. 3rd place winners were Jacqueline McGee and Ronique Nilson. Congratulations to all of our winners!

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### **Welcome new members to Unit 549:**

David Barnard, Ramona; Ruth Barnard, Ramona; Emma Brashars, Ramona; Lawrence Gach, San Diego; John Wohlfiel, Ramona.

### **Members reaching new levels of achievement in Unit 549 in November are:**

Patti Frinell, Sectional Master, and Ed Ford, NABC master. Congratulations to both of our great achievers!





# Unit 549 Club News

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## Lake San Marcos Duplicate Bridge Club at Grandon

In February, all games will be for the Junior Fund with Mega Points. The potluck will be on Feb. 21.

The top five master point achievers for December were Nina Laughbaum, Jean Holt, Patricia Kell, Gary Beed, and Diana Fritz-Maes.

Also, once again, Happy 75th Birthday to Jean Holt on January 29th. May you have many more fun-filled years at the table!

Regular games are on Wednesdays at 11 a.m. Chalk talks precede the games at 10 a.m. There is also a potluck once a month on the third Friday at 5:30pm followed by the game at 6:30pm.

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White Christmas? No, thanks, not this year. Don't you feel sorry for the rest of the country? Here we are in lovely Southern Cal with lunch on the patio most of Christmas week. The dark days have been lit by brilliant sunrises and sunsets, to rival the tropics. The citrus trees are groaning under the weight of ripening oranges, lemons and grapefruit. We've noticed golfers won't leave the lush, green courses until the flag boy takes away their dimly visible targets.

Missing the snowflakes? It's a quick ride to Julian but don't tell those folks in Maine that we'll only stay for an hour or two. The beach is calling and oh, yes, a barbeque later on.

As for bridge, well there is a severe case of withdrawals sweeping our town. But, despite the two week bridge break, it was definitely not quiet on the home front.

The Town Hall boasted a fabulous 1890's Dicken's Christmas Gala with the RTHB attending, dressed in full 1890's fashion. And no, Mary Ann did not sneak in a deck of cards but she did "dress the chairs" in white with silver ties and ornaments coordinated with linens, place settings and centerpieces that transformed our "bridge room" into a sparkling Christmas dining room. (It was fit for Kings and Queens of a different sort than we are used to seeing there.) The Dickens carolers and Dickens miniature villages competed for best entertainment this side of the county and Santa's sleigh made regular passes down our twinkling Main Street.

May the New Year bring all our players, and yours, a renewed enjoyment of our favorite game and may there be peace at the tables and all across the land.

**A HEALTHY, WEALTHY AND WISE NEW YEAR TO ALL AND MAY THE KINGS AND QUEENS RULE ON YOUR BEHALF!**

# February 2014

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**SUNDAY MONDAY TUESDAY WEDNESDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY SATURDAY**

### Unit 549 Board Members:

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Board Members: Liz Nixon, Ken Matson, Karen Okey, Sue Compton, Mariam Saner, Art Foeste, Jill Roberts and Hazel Turner

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THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF ACBL UNIT 549

## *PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE*

### TEMPUS FUGIT

I can't believe that March is coming in (like a lion) already. Spring is around the corner and Easter and the San Diego Regional are approaching. Get your favorite partner and go for the gold (and red, and silver, and black).

I want to welcome new members to your board: Jean Jantz, Erica Federman, and Nancy Scott. Be sure to thank them for volunteering to fill the vacancies.

Congratulations to the 2013 Mini-McKenney and the Helen Shanbrom Ace of Clubs winners listed elsewhere in the Table Talk. The listing of the top three Mini-McKenney and Ace of Clubs winners can be found on our website [acblunit549.org](http://acblunit549.org). Check it out! Also, congrats are in order to our two newest life masters Suzanna McDowell and Art Foeste.

Sheila

## P L A Y E R S O F T H E M O N T H



**Open**  
Tim Flaherty



**Under 5000**  
Kay Haralson



**Under 3000**  
Jeri Adams



**Under 1500**  
Zelda Ettore



**Under 750**  
Doris Cubeisy



**Under 500**  
Mariam Saner



**Under 100**  
Larry Gach

## Upcoming Unit 549 Events - Mark the Date

### Special Games with Extra Points

**NCBC STAC Games** on Monday, March 3 (afternoon), Tuesday, March 4 (morning and afternoon), and Wednesday through Saturday, March 5 through 8 (all afternoon games)

**NCBC Mega-Point Games (all Mega-Point games are afternoon games):** Saturday, March 1, Tuesday, March 18, Thursday, March 20, Monday, March 24, Friday, March 28, and Saturday, March 29.

**NCBC March Club Championship games** will be at 12:30pm on Monday, March 10, Friday, March 21, and Wednesday, March 26.

**LSMDBC Schedule for March:** STAC WEEK March 3rd – 9th. March 7th will be a Pot-Luck and STAC game. Mar. 12th - Charity Game, Mar. 21st - Pot Luck, and Mar. 26th - Club Championship

**Saturday, March 22 - Unit Championship Game - Lake San Marcos Pavilion**

## 2013 Ace of Clubs &

### Mini McKenney Awards

The Ace of Clubs awards are given to individuals in Unit 549 that have accumulated the highest number of masterpoints from club games throughout the year. The Mini-McKenney medals are awarded to those individuals in our unit with the highest number of total masterpoints for their level. Please join Unit 549 in congratulating these Ace of Clubs and Mini McKenney winners for 2013:

<u>Level</u>	<u>Ace of Clubs</u>	<u>2013 Points</u>
0 to 5	Patricia S Frinell	43.33
5 to 20	Lois E Bobbitt	21.18
20 to 50	Richard M Sontag	67.84
50 to 100	Sue C Compton	102.57
100 to 200	Ayoub Jaraicie	59.77
200 to 300	Art Foeste	213.94
300 to 500	Roger L Liles	87.54
500 to 1000	Jill F Roberts	130.76
1000 to 2500	Thomas B Nolan Jr	138.60
2500 to 5000	Jeri Adams	183.54
5000 to 7500	Bettie M Heldring	31.16
Over 10,000	Timothy J Flaherty	298.86

<u>Level</u>	<u>Mini McKenney</u>	<u>2013 Points</u>
0 to 5	Patricia S Frinell	62.83
5 to 20	Lois E Bobbitt	41.78
20 to 50	Richard M Sontag	108.33
50 to 100	Sue C Compton	161.81
100 to 200	Ed Ford	66.91
200 to 300	Art Foeste	292.61
300 to 500	Roger L Liles	121.64
500 to 1000	Jill F Roberts	178.95
1000 to 2500	Thomas B Nolan Jr	173.34
5000 to 7500	Bettie M Heldring	37.82
Over 10,000	Timothy J Flaherty	425.99

You can view the complete order of finish on the Unit 549 website at ACBLUnit549.org. Select "Game Results" then "Masterpoint Races", then if you choose either "2013 Unit 549 Ace of Clubs" or "2013 Unit 549 Mini McKenney", you can view the top three finishers in each category.

## IN MEMORIAM

We mourn the loss of two of our dear bridge friends. Bonnie Nadler lost the battle with cancer in January. She was a valiant fighter and was seen frequently at the bridge table with her loving husband Henry. We will miss her. We also lost Art Ostroff to cancer in January. Art started playing duplicate bridge with his adorable wife Molly at the Lake San Marcos Club on Tuesday nights. Art loved the game and was a serious student of the game. Cheers to Bonnie and Art, they are in a better place now.

## THANK YOU!!

**A Big Thank you to all that attended our Winter Sectional in January and to those eager learners who attended the Audrey Grant 2-day Festival Feb. 14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup>.** For those that missed Audrey Grant you can call Liz Nixon at 888-400-2789 or email: [cruzqueen43@gmail.com](mailto:cruzqueen43@gmail.com) for the 2015 dates and Festival topics.

**Mark the Date! Unit 549's Summer Sectional** will be held June 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> at beautiful Lake San Marcos. Mariam Saner is Tournament Chair, Email: [mbmimi@san\\_rr.com](mailto:mbmimi@san_rr.com); and Art Foeste is partnerships, Email: [artfoeste@gmail.com](mailto:artfoeste@gmail.com).

You can go to our new website: [ACBLUnit549.org](http://ACBLUnit549.org). Make it a weekend and stay at The Lake House at Lake San Marcos. 760-744-0120.

## Welcome New Members to Unit 549

Geraldine Jones, Escondido; Roz Mennella, San Diego; and Bob Anuskiewicz. A big welcome to all!

## Unit Game results for January – Open Section:

First Place goes to Alan & Debbie Gailfus - 66.67%, followed by Herb Schaeffer & Alan Lasnover, Chuck & Madonna Donaldson, Liz Nixon & Jean Holt, Minnie Williams & Earl Maas, and Ken Matson & Chuck Ward.

Results in the **Non-life Master Section** were: First Place Tie 65.50% - Sandy Johnson & Naomi Browwell with Nancy Campbell & Nancy Scott followed by Ray & Wilma Wilhelm and Sandy Hrstich & Lynn Jaseph, Congratulations to all achievers!

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## Members reaching new levels of achievement in Unit 549 in January are:

**Junior Master** – Robert Gunnlaugsson and Milo Shapiro, San Diego; Ronique Nilson, San Marcos

**Club Master** –Diana Van Duzer, Rancho Santa Fe

**New NABC Master** – Nancy Shirley, Escondido

**Advanced NABC** – Mariam Saner, San Diego

**New Life Master**– Art Foeste and Suzanna McDowell, Escondido

Congratulations to all achievers! See you at the next level or the next tournament!

### 70% Games

72.06% Jean Holt - Liz Nixon, Nov. 29, Crystal Symphony; 81.67% Sandy Frunzi - Norman Schwartz, Jan. 7, Crystal Serenity; 72.16% Lee Hofacre - Patricia Herrera - Jan. 9, North County BC; 72.22% Mary Ann Houston - Marilyn Kalabsa - Jan. 16, Ramona Town Hall Bridge; 73.61% Jean Holt - Kay Haralson, Jan. 24, Lake San Marcos DBC; 73.44% Jean Holt - Pat Hawkins, Jan. 29, Lake San Marcos DBC

Congratulations to all!

## Unit 549 Club News

### North County Bridge Center

The February Calendar of special games including STAC, Mega-Point/Charity Games and Club Championship games at NCBC are posted at [www.northcountybridgecenter.com](http://www.northcountybridgecenter.com). North County Bridge Center also has a complete set of classes featuring Marty Bergen and Jerry Helms live on the Big Screen.

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### Lake San Marcos Duplicate Bridge Club at Grandon

The **charity** for January was Lake San Marcos Kiwanis Pancake Breakfast and the San Marcos Senior Center. LSMDBC bought 20 tickets to the Pancake breakfast @ \$7 each and donated them to the San Marcos Boys & Girls Club.

The **LSMDBC Schedule for March**: STAC WEEK March 3<sup>rd</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup>. March 7<sup>th</sup> will be a Pot-Luck and STAC game. In addition, the following games will offer extra points: Mar. 12<sup>th</sup> - Charity Game and Mar. 26<sup>th</sup> - Club Championship; and Mar. 21<sup>st</sup> - Pot Luck

**Top Five Players for January were Jeanne Griffin, Minnie Williams, Jean Holt, Diana Fritz-Maes and Gary Beed** tied for fourth place and David & Elaine Gifford tied for fifth place. Way to go top five!

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January 2014

#### Four New Year's Resolutions

1. **Play for the LOVE of the game.** As ACBL promotes "Playing Nice(ly)" as their New Year's resolution, we here in Ramona chuckle. We're friends who LOVE our RTHB games – and care about each other. PLAY NICE? Is there any other way? Unlike highly competitive games, we remain good friends with our opponents. (A bit of a stretch after they Trump our Aces – ouch!) Okay, NICE PLAY!

2. **Share the JOY.** Our enthusiasm is contagious, so, we've branched out on the teaching front. As Mary Ann Houston works on review of No Trump options with her first year "experienced" players, Geof Applegate and Penelope Fox (yours truly) are creating believers of novices. Penelope is working with four new players in her home while Geof takes on the next step with four slightly more advanced students during the Tuesday Lesson time in the Town Hall.

3. **Embrace the CHALLENGE.** Geof is leading by example. He has retired from many years of violin teaching and playing, both in the orchestra and as a soloist in the Detroit Symphony. His fellow violinist, who happens to be his wife, Lenore Sjoberg, wasn't sure she could convince him to play Bridge. Geof, is a serious kind of guy, but he "tried it" and "liked it." (NICE PLAY, Lenore.) Then he studied it. In less than six months, Geof has mastered more of the intricacies of the game than many competitive players. His Bridge library has grown exponentially. His students, Esther, Claire, Pam and Ruth, will soon be giving the rest of us a run for our percentages!

4. **Strive for IMPROVEMENT.** There they go again, WHOOSH! – onward and upward! We're shaking our pom-poms for our own! On January 16<sup>th</sup>, Thursday evening, Mary Ann Houston and Marilyn Kalabsa once again stunned us with 72.22 percentage points. VERY NICE PLAY(ING)!

Made a resolution to find your HAPPY PLACE at the table? Join us!



# March 2014

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						<b>1</b> NCBC 12:30 PM - Barometer Game MEGA POINT
<b>Unit 549 Board Members:</b> <b>President:</b> Sheila Latus (selatus@gmail.com)						
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## ***PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE***

### **LET'S KEEP THE GAME MOVING**

The bidding is done and you are on lead. Instead of picking a card, you enter the contract in the BridgeMate and then into your convention card. Only then do you review the bidding and work on choosing an opening lead. What's wrong with this picture?

As the games gets slower, interest wanes and minds begin to wander. Distractions pop up east, west, north, and south. What's going on at that table across the room. Before you know it the round is called and a late penalty is assessed.

Let's do things in the correct order. Make your opening lead and then do your paperwork. Bridge is a timed event (in most places). Late play is not usually tolerated and is unappreciated by most of the players in the room. The same applies at the end of the hand. Score it up and play the next board. There's plenty of time to talk later

Enuf said, keep the game moving.

On a different tangent...get those gold and red points at the Pacific Southwest Regional April 12-20 at the beautiful Town & Country Resort & Convention Center on Hotel Circle North in Mission Valley. See the full schedule at [pacificsouthwestregional.com](http://pacificsouthwestregional.com).

Again, congrats to all the Mini-McKenney and Ace of Clubs winners and to Art Foeste and Suzanna McDowell for achieving Life Master Status.

Sheila

## **P L A Y E R S   O F   T H E   M O N T H**



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

Friday, April 25 - LSMDBC - Potluck at 5:30pm, Charity Game at 6:30pm

For the current schedule of Mega Point Games, Club Championship Games, and Barometer Games at North County Bridge Center, please go to [www.northcountybridgecenter.com](http://www.northcountybridgecenter.com)

**Saturday, April 26 - Unit Championship Game - Lake San Marcos Pavilion**

### Mark the Date!

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### Welcome New Members to Unit 549

Melvin Schwartz, San Diego. A big welcome to Melvin!

### Unit Game results for February

**Open Section Flight A:** First Place goes to Fran White & Rick Kerbel - 68.27%, followed by Doris Cashman & Fred Flam; Ken Matson & Chuck Ward, Caryn Villalon & Alan Lasnover; Bettie Heldring & Kent Hartman and Tim Flaherty & Joe Houde.

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### Members reaching new levels of achievement in Unit 549 in February are

**Junior Master** – Gary Sage, Rancho Santa Fe; Brian Schwedock, Rancho Bernardo; Chris Shorkey, Escondido.

**Club Master** – Judy Rice, Rancho Bernardo

**Sectional Master** – Dan Higgins, Poway

**New NABC Master**– Bobbie Cohen, Escondido

Congratulations to all achievers! See you at the next level or the next tournament!

### 70% Games

We had three 70% games reported in February: 74.83% Sue Compton - Ed Ford, North County B.C., Feb. 4; 70.83% Jeri Adams - Bunny Schmidt, North County B.C. Feb. 20; 70.00% Penelope Fox - Lenore Sjoberg, Ramona Town Hall B.,C., Feb. 14.

Congratulations to each and every one of you!

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February 2014

When LOVE is in the air, lots of things go right. Here in the foothills of Ramona, the Town Hall Bridge Players are full of Valentines (oh, partner, that is the most lovely dummy hand I've ever seen), and flowers (it was wonderful to play with you and don't worry about that third board – it all evens out in the end), and candies (Wow – every finesse worked!!!)

Then we got the Annual Report – Unit 549 – Helen Shanbrom Ace of Clubs Standings: Double WOW! A BIG VALENTINE for our little year-and-a-half-old club. This is the first time for the Town Hall Bridge to be mentioned in the standings, so we were most curious to see the results.

In the 0 – 5 Masterpoint Race, there were five names listed. THREE of those names were oh, so familiar. Congratulations to our very own players: Lenore Sjoberg (24.89), Doris Hendrickson (23.70) and Jim Rudeen (21.35). In the next category 5 – 20, Lois Bobbitt (21.18) was the first on the list! Not bad for our first showing – 4 Ramona Town Hall players out of the top 6 players in the (0–20) Masterpoint Race. Ahh ~ sweet accolades!

It should also be mentioned that all of these players have served as teachers and mentors for newer members coming into the club. It is undoubtedly their generosity, playing with unfamiliar partners, bypassing conventions new players had not yet learned, and generally encouraging others rather than looking to rack up points that makes their accomplishments all the more poignant. Bridge is like a box of Valentine chocolates, when first you open it up, you never can tell . . .

That's how we're teaching our newbies – 7 of them! Yes, indeed, LOVE makes the game go 'round, and hey, a little sweetness at the end let's us all know that we're doing it right – and ever so tastefully!

I have to mention that yours truly, Penelope Fox and her partner, the amazing Lenore Sjoberg, had a "doing it right" afternoon on Valentine's Day, topping the candy box with a big red bow – a 70% score. Be still our hearts!



# April 2014

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**THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF ACBL UNIT 549**

***PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE***

**ARE YOU READY?**

Hope you all had a very successful Pacific Southwest Regional Tournament in April. Now it is time to make your plans to join us at our Sectional Tournament at Lake San Marcos June 27 & 28. Check out our website ([acblunit549.org](http://acblunit549.org)) for the schedule of events.

Considering travel costs, we were very lucky that the ACBL scheduled two National Championships close to us. There was Phoenix in November and the upcoming Nationals in Las Vegas July 17-27. Make your plans to get to Sin City for hot bridge in the summertime.

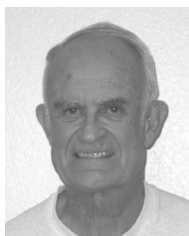
Congratulations are in order for Art Foeste for winning the National 2013 Helen Shanbrom Ace of Clubs Award in the 200-300 points category (for the second year in a row!). Kudos to the other members of our unit who placed in the top 25 of their categories, Sue Compton & Tim Flaherty.

Sheila

**P L A Y E R S O F T H E M O N T H**



**Open**  
Tim Flaherty



**Under 5000**  
Chuck Donaldson



**Under 3000**  
Al Nadel



**Under 1500**  
Alberdina Bahamian



**Under 750**  
Judy Johnson



**Under 500**  
Sue Compton



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## Upcoming Unit 549 Events - Mark the Date

### Special Games with Extra Points

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**Saturday, May 24 - Unit Championship Game - Lake San Marcos Pavilion**

### Mark the Date!

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Results in the **Non-life Master Section** were: First Place Phyllis Griest & Robert Griest, Jr with 62.19%, followed by Dorothea Johnson & Katy Georlett, Linda Iredale & Dan Howard, Patti Frinell & Jean Gilchrist, Sandy Johnson & Naomi Brownell, and Joyce Fox & Robert Stinner. Congratulations to all achievers!

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### 70% Games

Ramona Town Hall Bridge reports that on Friday, March 28<sup>th</sup>, Mary Ann and Heather Kuzma scored 76.79%.



### IN MEMORIAM: HILARY SUTCLIFFE

Hilary Sutcliffe passed away on Saturday, March 29<sup>th</sup> after a 15 month bout with stage 4 lung cancer. She was an avid duplicate bridge player for the past three years, and loved playing at the Escondido club, as well as Harvey's and Scripps Ranch Bridge Club. She had three sisters, Gail, Renee, Cheryl and a brother Robin. Her 96 year old mother is still living in New Jersey. Although she was an independent broker for selling insurance, she would like to best be remembered for her years of teaching junior high in both New Jersey and in the Carlsbad area for four years. She was especially proud of her Scotties (all named after presidents) including Jackson, Jefferson, Roosevelt, Truman and the current one, Wilson. Hilary will be best remembered for being an enthusiastic competitor, having a wonderful, fun spirit, and having a contagious laugh which could be spotted anywhere at a bridge convention. We will all miss her dearly.

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**March and April 2014**

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Drought. Unseasonable high temperatures. Santa Ana winds. **FIRE!!**

Rex and I experienced mandatory evacuation (for a second time) and it was quite scary. We stayed with friends and watched the comings and goings of the tankers and helicopters fighting the fires in San Diego North County. We were very fortunate to come home to find no damage. I hope that all is well with our community of bridge players.

Grab your favorite partner and make your plans for the upcoming North County Inland Sectional at the Lake San Marcos Resort Convention Center 1105 La Bonita Drive Friday & Saturday June 27 & 28. For more information, check out our website ([acblunit549.org](http://acblunit549.org)) for the tournament flyer: ([http://acblunit549.org/uploads/PDF/Unit\\_549\\_Summer\\_Sectional\\_Flyer.pdf](http://acblunit549.org/uploads/PDF/Unit_549_Summer_Sectional_Flyer.pdf)).

All of Friday's events are charity games which means they are regionally rated, providing larger than usual master points. Knock outs are scheduled for the mornings with the finals in the afternoons. There will also be Swiss Teams events in the afternoon. Single session pairs games (Open, NLM, & 99'r – if warranted) will take place morning and afternoon both days.

Come to the Sectional to support your unit. I'm sure the cards will be hot! But no smoking will be allowed indoors. Monies earned during the sectional and our unit games help pay for food, directors, rent, and such. It also allows the Unit to support a number of charitable organizations and underwrite our very successful November toy drive.

Sheila



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

Friday, June 20th - LSMDBC - Potluck at 5:30pm, NAP Qualifying Game at 6:30pm

**Friday, June 27th & Saturday, June 28th- Unit 549 Summer Sectional, Lake San Marcos Conference Center**  
**Morning games (Knockout Team Events) begin at 10:00am and afternoon games (Swiss Teams) beginning at 2:30pm**

### Mark the Date!

**Unit 549's Summer Sectional** will be held June 27th and 28<sup>th</sup> at The Conference Center, 1105 La Bonita Dr, Lake San Marcos, 92078. Morning games begin at 10:00am and afternoon games begin at 2:30pm. On Friday all games will be Charity games regionally rated and stratified Open pairs. ACBL members with 25 or less master points may pay for FREE! Knockout Team events will be offered in the morning and Swiss teams will be offered in the afternoon. Saturday's schedule will be the same but not Charity events. Card Fee is \$10 per session. Lunch will be available for purchase. Complimentary coffee and snacks will be available. Jill Roberts is Tournament Chair, Email: [jillroberts78@gmail.com](mailto:jillroberts78@gmail.com). Art Foeste is partnerships, Email: [artfoeste@gmail.com](mailto:artfoeste@gmail.com). You can go to our new website: [ACBLUnit549.org](http://ACBLUnit549.org). Make it a weekend and stay at The Lake House at Lake San Marcos. 760-744-0120.

### Members reaching new levels of achievement in Unit 549 in March/April are:

**Junior Master** – David Barnard and Emma Brashars, Ramona; Susan Davis, Escondido; Pam McGrath, San Diego; Fran Subar, Rancho Santa Fe.

**Club Master** – Marcy Mazur and Debby Wunderle, Poway; Joan Renaud and Karen Thiem, Ramona; William Rice and Lawrence Gach, San Diego

**Sectional Master** – Lois Bobbitt and Doris Hendrickson, Ramona; Sheri Meek, Pauma Valley;

**Regional Master** – Harriett Landon and Heather Kuzma, San Diego;

**New Silver Life Master** – Jeanne Griffin, Escondido

**New Diamond Life Master** – Noe Mallari, San Diego

Congratulations to all achievers! See you at the next level or the next tournament!



### Unit Game results for April

**Open Section Flight A:** First Place goes to Tim Flaherty & Joe Houde – 68.62% followed by Jeri Adams & John White – 59.10%, Bill Williams & Rick Kerbel – 59.07%, Rex & Sheila Latus – 58.03%, Marilyn Kalabsa & Ruth Aronsohn – 55.62%, and Alan & Debbie Gailfus – 55.26%

**Non-Life Master Results for April were:** First Place: Katherine Wilkey & Sheila Slayton – 56.58% followed by Ed Koch & Ray Gogolweski – 55.83%, Ray & Wilma Wilhelm – 54.75%, Nancy Scott & Miriam Slatic – 54.00% and Sandy Johnson & Naomi Brownell – 53.00%. Congratulations to all April achievers.

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**Please sign-up in advance by calling Kay Haralson at 760-685-2535** or at one of the Clubs: North County Bridge Center, Lake San Marcos at Grandon or Townhall Bridge Club in Ramona. **Dates** for next Unit games are May 24<sup>th</sup> and July 26<sup>th</sup>. **Note:** There will be no Unit game in June due to the Summer Sectional on the same weekend. See you at “The Lake”!

### Welcome New Members to Unit 549

Dorothea Mortimore and Kasren Dellinger, San Marcos; Margo Lewis, Miguel Cordoba, Jackie Hough, Donna Wolfe, San Diego; Janice Crouch and Joanne Weiner, William Black, Wallace McCoy, Bharat and Sudha Shah, Rancho Santa Fe; Leo Muller, Valley Center; and Frank Russo, Ramona. Welcome to all new members!

## Unit 549 Club News

### North County Bridge Center

**Alert! Alert!** Bunny Schmidt and Pete Watt scored 40 points at the San Diego Regional!

**ALERT!** NCBC has moved to our "temporary" location in the East Valley Parkway Community Center. The center is at 2245 E. Valley Parkway and is on the south side of Valley Parkway between Midway and Citrus, nearly 1.5 miles east of Palomar Health Downtown Campus. It has ample parking and multiple handicapped spaces. To get there from the south, use Bear Valley Parkway to Midway (left turn at Orange Glen HS) and then north to Valley and turn right. Center is on the right about mid-block. From the north and west, the easiest way is I-15 to 78, then east to its end at Broadway. Continue straight onto Lincoln to Midway (about 1.5 miles) and turn right to Valley Parkway, then left onto Valley Parkway.

Games are scheduled for Monday, Wednesday, and Friday at 11:30 AM, and Saturday at 12:30 PM. The Saturday game is a Barometer game, Mega Point Games and Club Championship games will be held throughout the month of June. Check the website for the current calendar of events.

Now you can sign-up on-line for your games, see results easily and special game announcements. Go to [www.northcountybridgecenter.com](http://www.northcountybridgecenter.com) to see game schedule and sign-up.

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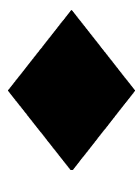
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**THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF ACBL UNIT 549**

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

### **HAPPY BIRTHDAY AMERICA**

Celebrate American's 238<sup>th</sup> birthday with fireworks, hot dogs and the great American past time bridge (no not baseball). A sparkling Fourth of July to all.

You are all invited to the Grand Reopening of the North County Bridge Center. The new location is 2320 South Escondido Blvd., Escondido 92025. The celebration of the reopening will be held Friday July 18<sup>th</sup> at 12:30. There will be pulled pork sliders (thanx Mariam), baked beans (thanx Gary), and sheet cakes (thanx Betsey). It is an event sponsored by your Unit 549.

The bridge is free! But, space is limited. Reservations are suggested. Go online at [NORTHCOUNTYBRIDGECENTER.com](http://NORTHCOUNTYBRIDGECENTER.com) or call 1 (760) 747 6092 or 1 (760) 239 2204

The North American Bridge Championships (otherwise known as the Nationals will be held in Las Vegas July 17-24. This is the closest to San Diego the tournament has been held in a number of years. Make your plans to go to Sin City get those gold and platinum points!

Sheila

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Week 4: Charity Games (Tuesday, July 22 - 6:30 PM; Wednesday, July 23- 11:00 AM)

**Friday, July 26 - Unit 549 Championship Game - Lake San Marcos Pavilion - 1:00pm**

### Last Chance!

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### IN MEMORIAM

**Unit 549 lost a good friend and bridge player, Liz Reed.** Liz was a member of Unit 549 and was a retired RN, BSN and MSN. She was the daughter of a Lutheran U.S. Army Chaplain and wife of an Air Force pilot. She lived and worked throughout the U.S., Germany and Japan. She was also director of Nursing for several VA hospitals through out the US

### Unit Game results for May

**Open Section Flight A:** Liz Nixon & Jean Holt – 60.19% followed by Ruth Aronsohn & Chuck Siggins, Ken Matson & Chuck Ward, George & Maggie Yeh and Paul Landrum & Toshi Yasatuke.

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## *PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE*

### NORTH AMERICAN BRIDGE CHAMPIONSHIPS LAS VEGAS 2014

It was quite an event. People from all over the world came to play at the "Nationals" (even Bill Gates was there). Rex (husband) and I drove the 300 miles to Las Vegas to play in the Life Masters Pairs. Playing against the world's best players is fun, exciting and exhilarating. Holding your own with an average session puts things in perspective.

It became very apparent that there were many flaws in our game...too many errors in judgement, not enough thinking. We hung in there and tried again and again. We will continue to play this game that infuriates, frustrates, and delights us.

The host hotel (once the Hilton, then the Las Vegas Hotel and now the Westgate) was just ordinary. Many of the players had major complaints about the hotel. The playing conditions, though, were quite nice. For those of you who plan to go to the next Nationals in Las Vegas, the ACBL is planning a better and newer site for the tournament.

Hang in there, continue to learn about our game. Play well, THINK. ENJOY!!!

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Sheila

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**August Club Championship games** will be at 12:30 pm on Monday, August 4, Wednesday, August 13, and Friday, August 29.

### LSMDBC August Schedule:

**NAP Qualifying Games** at 6:30 pm Tuesday, August 5, 11 am Wednesday, August 6, 6:30 pm Tuesday, August 26 and 11 am Wednesday, August 27.

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**Saturday, August 23 - 1:00 pm - Unit Championship Game (STAC GAME) at Lake San Marcos Pavilion**

## NAP Alert!

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## STAC WEEK

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# TALK



**THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF ACBL UNIT 549**

## *PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE*

**BETTIE MESSER HELDRING**  
December 1918 – JULY 2014

Bettie Messer Heldring joined the ACBL in 1948. She moved from Kansas City to Escondido in 1968. At that time bridge in San Diego County was a cottage industry. Then the ACBL sanctioned games in peoples' homes. There was a game at the Senior Center in Escondido on Friday nights. The players were expected to set up and put away the tables and chairs. They were also expected to bring in new players.

In 1969 Unit 531 Oceanside – Vista – Escondido became a formal entity with a Board of Directors and Bettie Messer as the First Unit President 1969-70. Bettie took a gamble in 1971 and organized and funded (the Unit had no money) the first Unit Sectional which was held at the Rancho Bernardo Swim & Tennis Club. There was no meal provided between sessions. Bettie asked unit members to bake and provide cookies as snacks. (Excerpted from BRIDGE MEMORIES by Rex Latus.)

It was a pleasure to know Bettie, play bridge as her partner, play bridge as her opponent, bring her into my family, and become part of hers. She was a fierce competitor, a mentor and my friend. Rex and I first met Bettie (and you'd better spell it with an "ie" and not a "y") about 40 years ago when we started playing duplicate. We kids (and she always called us that) were petrified! Bettie was already an icon in the North San Diego County bridge scene. Whenever we played against her, she was polite and encouraging. Somehow we managed to lose our anxiety, not that we did well, but her warmth and smile made our bad boards a little less painful.

Years later, after we retired, Rex and I played regularly play with Bettie on Mondays and Fridays. We had a good time and played for 8 or so years until she "fired" me. I guess I got too aggressive and she did not appreciate some of my criticism. We remained friends and she was included in my family celebrations on Christmas and Thanksgiving. She loved my cranberry chutney and the gravy I made for my tofurky eaters.

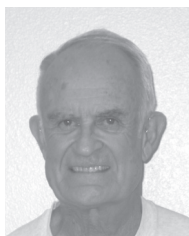
I will miss your graciousness, your insight, and your wonderful stories of bridge of years past. Enjoy your heavenly games with John and Barry. We are going to miss you! Rest in peace.

Sheila

## P L A Y E R S O F T H E M O N T H



**Open**  
Kay Haralson



**Under 5000**  
Chuck Donaldson



**Under 3000**  
Jeri Adams



**Under 1500**  
Jan Sperla



**Under 750**  
Maggie Yeh



**Under 500**  
Setsuko Nakazawa



**Under 100**  
Dan Higgins

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**Special Lungevity Game Saturday, Sept. 20, 12:30, Lake San Marcos Conference Center**

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**September Club Championship games** will be at 12:30 pm on Monday, Sept. 1, Wednesday, Sept. 10, and Friday, Sept. 12.

**Saturday, Sept. 27 - 1:00 PM - Unit Championship Game, Lake San Marcos Pavilion**

### July Unit Game Results

**Open Game winners:** George & Maggie Yeh, followed by Fran White & Rick Kerbel, Gary Beed & Mariam Saner, Bill & Nancy Sperry, and tied for 4/5 place Lane Campbell & Mark Thompson & Joe Potts & Ross Penne.

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### Alert!

Jean Holt, Unit 549 and Eileen Goss, Unit 531 will be hosting their 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Special Club Championship Game honoring Lung Cancer Victims Irene Wickland, Bonnie Nadler and Hilary Sutcliffe, all three were members of Unit 549 and Unit 531.

This special game will be held Saturday, September 20<sup>th</sup> at 12:30pm. The location is the Lake San Marcos Conference Center, 1105 La Bonita Dr, Lake San Marcos, 92078. Checks for \$25 per person can be made out to Lungevity and includes the game and complete lunch. Your check is a 100% charitable donation. All beverages are included. Registration required to Jean Holt: 760-734-4518 or 760-458-4550 Cell or Email: [jnnnhlt582@gmail.com](mailto:jnnnhlt582@gmail.com)

### 70% Games

We had one 70% game in July: 72.95% by Jeri Adams - John White, July 26<sup>th</sup> at North County Bridge Center

### Welcome New Members to Unit 549

Jessica Patton and Suzanne Smith. Welcome to all new members!

### Members reaching new levels of achievement in Unit 549 in June are

**Junior Master** – Frank Russo and Henry Tileston  
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**New NABC Master** – Richard Sontag

Congratulations to all achievers! See you at the next level or the next tournament!



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AUGUST - SEPTEMBER 2014 ~

Sum-sum-summertime . . . slip-slip-slippin' away. No! Wait! Make that sippin' away! The harvest is coming in and the wine is prize-winning. Oh, yes, and so are the newest Bridge recruits! Our wine, our kids and some singers in our Bridge group will be on stage at this Saturday's Town Hall Hoedown, yet another way our community is working toward restoration of the 1890s building. Civic-minded we are, especially when it comes to mixing civics with a really good time.

Even our youngest are catching on, and it's not just their bidding! Savannah, Hunter, Nathan, Johnny, Daniel, Berlin, and Madison volunteer to assist RTHB with set-up and take-down, and serving and clean-up after lunch. As if that's not enough, these civic-minded youth are volunteering for other Town Hall and community activities.

With participants like this peeking over our shoulders, the pressure is on for an After-School Bridge Program. So, we will begin every Friday from 3:00 - 5:30. Their very popular teacher, Lenore Sjoberg, will continue to lead these kids (gently) through their first year. Already the group is welcoming two new members, Olivia VanTol (11), and Cameron Stuckey (11). Olivia, who is being home-schooled, has already offered to assist with our Wed. and Fri. games. (Peeking allowed!)

We celebrated our RTHB birthday on August 1<sup>st</sup> with a two-room, full house, Championship Game with double points, and even a barbeque and cake! We party-hardy in the foothills!

And what about Cruella, our card sorter rattling in the closet? Oh my, how she loves the approach of Halloween. We'd better come up with something that satisfies her. Remember last year when she gave us such a dressing-down even while we were dressing-up? BOO!

# September 2014

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## *PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE*

### TIME

**Let's slow down (except at the bridge table)**

It is almost mind boggling to see the year slip by so quickly. It has just turned autumn and Halloween is still a month away, yet Christmas decorations are already popping up. Where has the year gone? Why do we rush so? Time flies by quickly enough. Take time to contemplate (but don't overthink the hand).

I seem to be contradicting myself, first I say slow down and then parenthetically I suggest that we speed up. Bridge is a timed event. We are usually given seven minutes to complete a hand. Certainly we have those hands that require long contemplation to work out problems, but this should not be the norm. Think about and make your opening lead before you note the contract in your personal score or enter the contract into the Bridgемate. Don't slow the game down with minutia.

Congratulations to Unit 549 new life masters Roger Liles and Cathy Staver.

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Al Nadel



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Jeri Adams



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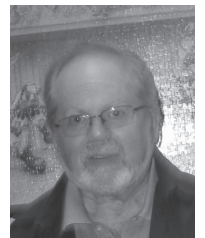
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**Saturday, Oct. 25 - 1:00 PM - Unit Championship Game, Lake San Marcos Pavilion**

### Big Happenings in Unit 549 for November and December!

Mark the Date! On November 22nd, we will host our **Annual Potluck and Toys for Camp Pendleton Marine Families!** You bring an unwrapped toy as part of your entry + \$8. All entry fees are donated to the Marine Families. Contact Jill Roberts by email: [jillroberts78@gmail.com](mailto:jillroberts78@gmail.com) about bringing a dish for the Potluck. This will be the best lunch you will ever have at a Unit game... until December 27th!

**Mark the Date, again! December 27th ! Holiday Luncheon and Unit Game.** Again, a fabulous lunch with all the Holiday trimmings. All 549 members play for free + players that play regularly in our Unit Games play for free too!

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### Welcome New Members to Unit 549

Toni Lien, Robert Miner, Bill Rice, David Greene and Marilyn Kalabsa. Welcome to all new members!

### August Unit Game Results

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This Unit game was a STAC game which resulted in many more winners. Congratulations to all and thank you for coming to our Unit game.

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### OCTOBER 2014 ~ HAPPY HARVEST

October, the harvest month, brings more than grapes ripening on the vine here in the foothills. The maturing of Bridge Players, young and er- less young, has our Town Hall all in a dither. Not only is the After-School Bridge Program bringing youth to the tables, fueled by pizza and the enthusiasm of their teacher, Lenore Sjoberg, but the tenderly maturing Newcomers who grace the Town Hall for lessons on Tuesdays feel ready to drop in on the sanctioned games.

What to do? Geof Applegate, who has cultivated their current level of expertise agrees that they have conquered the etiquette, Stayman, Transfers, and even Inverted Minors. But these players, with fewer than 20 ACBL points, are possibly unprepared for the "vintage" games.

Fortunately, ACBL has come up with a solution: "Bridge Plus-Plus." Starting in October, the Tuesday Lesson will end with a sanctioned game, strictly for zero-to-twenty point players. Mary Ann Houston has organized the details with her usual aplomb, and even the over-twenty-point crowd is envious. The Newcomers will compete against their own while finding compatible partners, for as long as it takes to master 20 points and then move into the Wednesday, Thursday, and/or Friday games. (Of course, some Newcomers, brave souls that they are, have already added a drop or two to that champagne!)

Speaking of Mary Ann – HAPPY BIRTHDAY – and what a celebration it was! Not only did Mary Ann take a day off from her culinary endeavors at the lunch buffet, but along with her partner, Marilyn Kalabsa scored a whopping 76.67!!! WOW! To make matters even more interesting, Mary Ann and Marilyn are studying for the Director's Test.

In the meantime, Doug Houston still has a firm grip on cackling Cruella, our devious card-sorter who very much wants us to recognize her birthday on Halloween. YIKES! Hang-on Doug. We all need you, and Cruella only listens when you speak, although we'd love to know what mysteries you exchange!

# October 2014

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# TALK



THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF ACBL UNIT 549

## *PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE*

### WAIT 'TIL NEXT YEAR

Maybe the Padres, the Chargers, and the Packers (Rex is from Wisconsin) will win championships.

As 2014 comes to a close, your Unit 549 board is looking forward to and are making plans for 2015. We are interested in knowing the kinds of events in which you would like to play. Should we plan a Swiss Team Game or better yet, a Team Game where everyone plays the same set of boards at the same time, or a Silver Splash? Would you like a different kind of Unit Game – perhaps a barometer or a Board-A-Match?

We will have a TOY DRIVE for the Marine families at Camp Pendleton (2014's happening on 11/22). Donated toys and all entry fees are donated to the Marine Families. This event will also include a pot luck lunch. Also being planned is a Holiday Luncheon and Unit Game (this year 12/27). The game and the lunch are FREE!!!

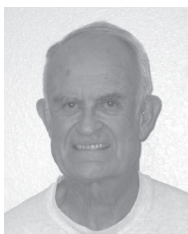
The first item on our agenda is to make the first of our biannual sectional (January 16 & 17 2015) a success. It is not too early to make your plans to play in the one session stratified open and non-life master events on Friday and Saturday. Friday's events are regionally rated charity games (extra Master points awarded!). Morning KO's will be continued in the afternoon and there will be Swiss Teams in the afternoons.

Suggestions are gratefully accepted on our website ([ACBLunit549.org](http://ACBLunit549.org)) or by contacting me directly ([selatus@gmail.com](mailto:selatus@gmail.com) or 760 781 3320(h) or 760-415-2030(h)). I will pass on all suggestions to the board for discussion.

Thanx and Happy Holidays

Sheila

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Al Nadel



**Under 3000**  
Dot Swanger



**Under 1500**  
Mariam Saner



**Under 750**  
Dan Higgins



**Under 500**  
Larry Gach



**Under 100**  
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## Upcoming Unit 549 Events - Mark the Date Special Games with Extra Points

**Lake San Marcos DBC** - STAC Games Tuesday, Nov. 18 (6:30 pm) and Wednesday, Nov. 19 (11:00 am). Monthly potluck Friday, November 21, 5:30 Potluck followed by STAC game at 6:30.

**NCBC will have Mega-Point Games at 12:30pm on:** Saturday, November 1, Monday, November 3, Wednesday, November 5, Friday, November 7, Tuesday, November 11, Thursday, November 13, Saturday, November 15, and Saturday, November 29. **STAC Games will be at 12:30pm on:** Monday through Friday, November 17-21.

**NCBC November Club Championship games will be at 12:30 pm on:** Monday, November 10, Wednesday, November 12, and Friday, November 28. **They will have a Thanksgiving dinner and game on Thursday, November 27** (dinner at 11:30am, followed by a 24 board session at 1 pm).

**Saturday, Nov. 22 - 1:00 PM - Unit Championship Game and Annual Potluck and Toys for Camp Pendleton Marine Families, Lake San Marcos Pavilion**

### Big Happenings in Unit 549 for November and December!

Mark your calendar for Unit 549's big happenings for November and December. On November 22, we will host our Annual Potluck and Toy Drive. Please bring an unwrapped toy to be donated to Camp Pendleton Marine families. Your entry fee of \$8 will be donated to the Marine Families. Contact Jill Roberts ([jillroberts78@gmail.com](mailto:jillroberts78@gmail.com)) about bringing a dish for the potluck. On December 27th we will be hosting a Holiday Luncheon and Unit game. Again, a fabulous lunch with all the holiday trimmings. All Unit 549 members play for free and players who play regularly in our unit games play for free. The games are played at the Lake San Marcos Pavilion, 1105 La Bonita Drive, San Marcos 92078. Call Liz Nixon for directions: 760 214 8999. The games are \$8 including lunch. Water and soft drinks are 50 cents, coffee and tea are free. Doors open at 12:15, the games start at 1:00.

### September Unit Game Winners

**In the Open section:** Jeri Adams – Tim Flaherty; Paul Landrum – Toshi Yasutake ; Terry Badger – Ray Curtiss; Jane Horgan –Betsey Illes; Ken Matson – Hazel Turner; Mary Fenton – Herb Schaffer; Lawrence Erickson – Richard Thome; Alberdina Bahmanian – Manoochehr Bahmanian; Carolyn Scerni – Betty Wallace; Tomomi Nabura – Radha Sharma; Rex & Sheila Latus; Jill Roberts – Gail Whiteley; Rochelle Gerlich – Nina Laughbaum.

**In the non-life master section:** Alan & DR Groh; Raymond & Wilma Wilhelm; Erica Federman – Jean Gilchrist; Joann Dilling – Nancy Underdahl.

### Lungevity Event

The Lungevity Game on Sept 20th netted over \$9,000 raised. It was extremely successful! Last year we raised \$3,000.

Note from Jean Holt and Eileen Goss to the Unit 549 Board: "I can't thank you enough for your constant support for the past two years. The LUNGEVITY event could not happen without you at this point." Thanks to all the bridge players who supported this event.

### 70% Games in Unit 549

At RTHB, Mary Ann Houston and Marilyn Kalabsa scored a whopping 76.67 percent game on September 19. Congratulations.

### Welcome New Members to Unit 549

Ronald Moon, Robert Porter, Marjorie Sinel, and Jody Smith.

### Members Reaching New Levels of Achievement in the Unit in September

**New Junior Masters** – Bejai Higgins, Toni Lien, Robert Miner, and Roger Van Duzer. **New Club Masters** – Gerald Asbury and Lynn Jaseph. **New Regional Master** – Jacqueline McGee. **New Silver Life Master** – Nina Laughbaum.





# Unit 549 Club News

## North County Bridge Center

NCBC hosts a full schedule of games Monday thru Saturday, weekly. All games begin at 12:30pm. The Saturday event is a Barometer Game. On Mondays and Wednesdays at 9:00am, the NCBC will hold a Teaching Lesson/Game.

There will be Mega-Point Games on November 1, 3, 5, 7, 11, 13, 15, and 29 and STAC games November 17-21. Club championship games will be held on November 10, 12, and 28. Check the website or page 4 of this month's Table Talk for a complete calendar of events.

NCBC will be hosting a Thanksgiving meal on Thursday November 27 beginning at 11:30. It will be followed by a 24 board bridge session at 1 pm.

Go to [northcountybridgecenter.com](http://northcountybridgecenter.com) for a complete schedule of events for November. You can go to the website to sign up for your games and see results and special game announcements.

## Lake San Marcos Duplicate Bridge Club at Grandon

### Attention! All Lake San Marcos Duplicate Bridge Players!

Lake San Marcos DBC now has Bridge Mates to help us score more accurately. The charity for September was Longevity and the San Marcos Senior Center West.

Top Five for September were: Tim Flaherty followed by Jean Holt, Kay Haralson, Nina Laughbaum, and Gail Whiteley. Congrats to the Top 5!

STAC week is Nov. 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> The monthly potluck will be a STAC game on November 21st. The Unit Game will be Nov. 22<sup>nd</sup> at the Pavilion and will be a Pot-Luck and charity event to support the Marine Families. Everyone is asked to bring an unwrapped Toy as part of your entry.

**Alert!** Jean Holt is teaching a weekly class at 10:00am. The focus is on Eddie Kantar's "Thinking Bridge" program. The class is free! The Wednesday game is now connected to **The Common Game**. What is the Common Game? More Players! More Clubs! More Play! You will be able to compare your game with others across the country playing the same hands on the same day at the same time. Go to [www.thecommongame.com](http://www.thecommongame.com) and see what it is all about.

**Reminder: LSMDBC has a Tuesday night game at 6:30pm!** The Wednesday game **starts at 11:00am** and includes snacks and coffee. Players are asked to bring a bag lunch if they desire. The **cost** is \$5.00 for chalk talk and game. The **Lake San Marcos DBC** hosts a once a month Potluck (dine at 5:30pm) on the third Friday night at 6:30p. For Information call Jean at 760.734.4518 or Nina at 760.736.9386 for further information.

Total Masterpoints reported: 133.14

The Club is fully sanctioned by the American Contract Bridge League and Masterpoints are awarded weekly. The Cost is \$5 per person. For reservations and directions Call: Mgr. Nina Laughbaum at 736-9386 or Director, Jean Holt at 734-4518, Public Relations, Liz Nixon at 760-471-1899. LSMDBC meets at the Grandon Senior Center, 1605 Grandon Ave. in San Marcos.

## Ramona Town Hall Bridge

729 Main St. - Ramona, CA 92065

**Sanctioned Games Wed. & Fri. at 10:00 a.m. + Lunch**  
**Free Adult Lessons - Tues. at 2:00 p.m. NEW!**

**Sanctioned Game Afterwards**  
**Sanctioned Evening Game - Thurs. at 6 p.m. + Snacks**  
**After-School Bridge – Fri. 3 – 5:00 p.m. Pizza, too!**  
**Call Mary Ann or Doug Houston for Details:**  
**760-789-1132 – [rthbridge.com](http://rthbridge.com)**

Spirits abound here in the foothills. No, I'm not just talking about the Halloween ghosties and ghoulies or things that go "bump" in the night. Well, it is no secret that Cruella (our slightly hysterical card-sorter) wants attention since Halloween is her birthday – bumpity-bump! But what I really mean is the spirit of Bridge that is catching on as our little club expands and the doors stay open to friendly competition.

Used to be that folks would come up the hill and gather master points like picking grapes off our vines, but that just added to the "why" factor. (We bottle the "whine.") What we really wanted to know is how they did it. We were coasting along, feeling like a fifty percent game was a laudable goal, and then – oops, we figured out we weren't so hot after all. Our Mary Ann was shooting much, much higher – and with no pointy hat or magical broomstick!

That's when our esteemed player-teacher Geof Applegate started organizing the mysteries and magic of bidding into a semblance of understandable charts and chants. Whosh! We started an uphill surge that has us thinking those fifty-percenters may not be us! In fact, they may be getting a good dusting from the eight ways we've learned to answer a major opening, or the splinters we've caught that have nothing to do with broomsticks! Spirit-in-the-sky!

The After-School Youth Bridge welcomed Wyatt, a quick-learner, and now we're exploring what other youth Bridge groups are doing, especially with Marge Van Hemert and her fourth graders in Bonita. Raising their test scores is just one aspect of her program as she keeps expanding her groups.

ACBL is worried about the average age of club players and fearing a die-out in the next generation. Encouraging youth to play bridge when there are so many other things competing for their attention is no easy feat. However, it won't be long before our kids are ready for some friendly competition. Any more youth clubs out with the same spirit? Let us know!

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**SUNDAY MONDAY TUESDAY WEDNESDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY SATURDAY**

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**Board Members:** Liz Nixon, Ken Matson, Mariam Saner, Art Foeste, Jill Roberts, Hazel Turner, Jean Jantz, Erica Federman, and Nancy Scott

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**THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF ACBL UNIT 549**

## *PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE*

### **HOPE IS A THING WITH FEATHERS**

As I was singing in a concert with this title in November, I began to think about hope. It is a noun and can be a verb. We hope for good health, hope for the best. Hope to win the lottery (don't we all). Try to keep hope. Hope that my partner remembers what my bid or discard means. Hope I can find the stiff king or guess the location of the trump queen (eight ever, nine never?).

May hope keep you warm this holiday season and to all a very Happy New Year!

P.S. Starting in 2015, overall winners at our Unit Championships will earn a free play for any upcoming games (except for special games).

Sheila

## **P L A Y E R S   O F   T H E   M O N T H**

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## Upcoming Unit 549 Events - Mark the Date

### Special Games with Extra Points

**Lake San Marcos DBC - Charity Games** Tuesday, December 2 (6:30pm) and Wednesday, December 3 (11:00am). **STAC Games** on Tuesday, December 9 (6:30pm), Wednesday, December 10 (11:00am) and Friday, December 12 (Potluck at 5:30pm followed by game at 6:30pm). **New Year's Eve Party and Potluck**, Wednesday, December 31, Game time 11:00am.

**NCBC will have Mega-Point Games at 12:30pm on:** Monday, December 1, Saturday, December 6, Thursday, December 18, and Tuesday, December 30. **STAC Games will be at 12:30pm on:** Monday through Saturday, December 8 through 13.

**NCBC December Club Championship games will be at 12:30 pm on:** Friday, December 19, Monday, December 22, and Wednesday, December 31.

**Saturday, Dec. 27 - 1:00 PM - Unit Championship Game and Annual Holiday Party, Lake San Marcos Pavilion**

### Big Happenings in Unit 549

#### December, January and February!

**Mark the Date! December 27<sup>th</sup>! Holiday Luncheon and Unit Game.** Again, a fabulous lunch with all the Holiday trimmings. All 549 members play for free + players that play regularly in our Unit Games play for free too!

#### Great Western Holiday STAC Week!

All clubs in Unit 549 will be participating in STAC Week, Dec. 8<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup>. Contact Club Managers Jean Holt and Nina Laughbaum for Lake San Marcos DBC; Lee Hofacre for North County Bridge Center and Maryann Houston for Ramona Town Hall Bridge Club. Contact information is on the Unit web-site [www.acblunit549.org](http://www.acblunit549.org)

#### Winter Sectional coming to Unit 549!

**January 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>** at the Lake San Marcos Conference Center, 1105 La Bonita Dr, 92078. Friday features all Charity games, stratified Open Pairs, Stratified Non-Life Master games. 25 or fewer points play for FREE! Games start at 10:00am and 2:30pm. Knock-out events may be handicapped. Saturday follows the same schedule. Partnerships: [Art.foeste@gmail.com](mailto:art.foeste@gmail.com); Jill Roberts Tournament Director-[jillroberts78@gmail.com](mailto:jillroberts78@gmail.com) Card Fees are \$10 per session.

#### Audrey Grant Returns in February!

Audrey Grant will be coming to Unit 549 **February 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>** for two jam packed days! **Day 1 topic is Declarer Play and Day 2 is Making the Most of Cue Bids. Mark the Date!** Location will be at the Lake San Marcos Pavilion, 1105 La Bonita Dr. Hours are 10:00am – 3:00pm and include a light lunch, Morning work-shop and afternoon work-shop plus all materials. Call Liz Nixon at 760-214-8999 to reserve your spot. **Early Bird rate is \$79 per person per day.** Checks should be made out to ACBL Unit 549 and sent to Liz Nixon, 1127 Los Campaneros, Lake San Marcos, Ca 92078

#### Welcome New Members to Unit 549

Berlin, Nathan and Savannah Kiddoo, Hunter & Madison Mahaffey, Mary McDonald, Grace McKenney, Cameron Stuckey, Olivia Van Tol... all from Ramona! Also, Betty Brown, Fayne Shead and Rick Smart. Welcome to all new members!

### October Unit Game

**Overall Winners:** Rex & Sheila Latus followed by Zelda Ettore & Jan Sperla; Art Foeste & Jill Roberts; Paul Landrum & Herb Schaeffer; Manoosh & Alberdina Bahmanian and Kay Haralson & Hazel Turner.

**Non-Life Master winners** in October were Naomi Brownell & Sandy Johnson followed by Kay Wilke & Evelyn Vandenberg; tied for 3rd & 4th Arlen Traub-Simon & Karse Simon and Harriett Landon & Patti Frinell. Congratulations to all.

**Alert! In 2015** our Unit games will be January 24<sup>th</sup>, February 28<sup>th</sup> and March 28<sup>th</sup> at the Lake San Marcos Pavilion. Unit Games now **include lunch**. Bottled water and sodas are provided at 50 cents apiece. Coffee or tea is free. The winners in each section receive a **free play** at any Unit game except special events. Unit Games are held on the 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of each month at the Lake San Marcos Pavilion, 1105 La Bonita Dr, Lake San Marcos, Ca 92078. **Call Liz Nixon for directions – 760-214-8999.** The games are \$8.00 including lunch and begin at 1:00pm. Doors open at 12:15pm. Go to Unit 549's web-site [www.acblunit549.org](http://www.acblunit549.org) for partnerships, to sign-up for the Unit games and see results.

**Note:** The Lungevity Fundraiser game organized by Jean Holt & Eileen Goss has now raised over \$11,000. A big thank you to all that played in the game and donated even when you didn't play. The money goes directly to support Lung Cancer Research. We have had many of our players affected by Lung Cancer and this is a worthy cause. The 2015 date will be announced shortly.

### Members Reaching New Levels of Achievement in Unit 549 in October

**Junior Masters** – Sue Foreman, Jack Bridgeman, John Wohlfiel  
**Club Masters** – Susan Davis and Henry Tileston  
**Regional Master** – Dan Higgins  
**New NABC Master** – Barbara White

Congratulations to all achievers! See you at the Unit Game, any of the Unit's clubs, or the Winter Sectional!

# Unit 549 Club News

## North County Bridge Center

**ALERT!** NCBC is in its new location: 2320 S. Escondido Blvd., Escondido, 92025. The phone # is 760-747-6092. Go to [www.northcountybridgecenter.com](http://www.northcountybridgecenter.com) to updated information. NCBC will host a full schedule of games Monday thru Saturday, weekly. All games are at 9:00am or 12:30pm. The Saturday game is a Barometer game. Mega Point Games, STAC, and Club Championship games will be held throughout the month of December. Check the website for the current calendar of events. You can sign-up on-line for your games, see results easily and special game announcements. Go to [www.northcountybridgecenter.com](http://www.northcountybridgecenter.com) to see game calendar and sign-up.

## Lake San Marcos Duplicate Bridge Club at Grandon

The charity for October was the SM Senior Center West and Walk for the Cure.

Also, the Tuesday night and Wednesday games are now connected to **The Common Game**. What is the Common Game? More Players! More Clubs! More Play! You will be able to compare your game with others across the country playing the same hands on the same day at the same time. Go to [www.thecommongame.com](http://www.thecommongame.com) and see what it is all about.

The monthly potluck will be on December 12th. Charity games will be Dec. 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>. **STAC games** will be December 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, and 12<sup>th</sup> (Potluck) All of this means more points for the winners, There will be no game on Dec. 24<sup>th</sup>.

**Annual New Year's Eve party will be daytime** and Potluck, Game starts at 11:00am.

**Top Five Players for October were Kay Haralson, Joe Houde, Jeanne Griffin, Minnie Williams, and Nina Laughbaum.** Way to go top five!

**Alert!** Jean Holt is teaching a weekly class at 10:00am. The focus is on Eddie Kantar's "Thinking Bridge" program. The class is free!

**Reminder: LSMDBC has a Tuesday night game at 6:30pm!** The Wednesday game **starts at 11:00am** and includes snacks and coffee. Players are asked to bring a bag lunch if they desire. The **cost** is \$5.00 for chalk talk and game. The **Lake San Marcos DBC** hosts a once a month Potluck (dine at 5:30pm) on the third Friday night at 6:30p. For Information call Jean at 760.734.4518 or Nina at 760.736.9386 for further information.

## Ramona Town Hall Bridge

729 Main St. - Ramona, CA 92065

**Sanctioned Games Wed. & Fri. at 10:00 a.m. BYO Lunch**  
**Free Adult Lessons - Tues. at 2:00 p.m. NEW!**

**Sanctioned Game Afterwards**

**Sanctioned Evening Game - Thurs. at 6 p.m. + Snacks**  
**After-School Bridge - Fri. 3 - 5:00 p.m. Pizza, too!**

**Call Mary Ann or Doug Houston for Details:**

**760-789-1132 - [rthbridge.com](http://rthbridge.com)**

In Ramona, we do Christmas right! And I'm not just talking about "deck the halls," but those festive scenes outside the Town Hall windows do indeed filter into other "decks" - or so we're told!

If you haven't seen our Town Hall or experienced the Victorian Christmas Gala we hold there, make it a point to join us this year and treat yourself to a Dickens Village and a Town Hall Feast. If you missed the carolers on Main Street, the Christmas Tree Lighting and parade, or if you missed the late night shopping in our lovely boutiques and decorated shops, well, come on up the hill and have yourself a merry . . . or a sherry . . . or a round of jolly Bridge!

Ramona Town Hall Bridge players have something to do with most of those festivities that make our little town such a vibrant place to live. We have singers who carol and quilters who stitch Christmas hangings, we have folks who deck the Town Hall and hang the special Christmas lights. In a small town, we don't wait for someone else to do it and our RTHB group can be seen involved in all sorts of community activities that don't require a square table and a deck of cards. Yet the most amazing thing is the fact that it is Bridge that brought us together and encouraged this community spirit that has made our lives richer and our community stronger.

Mary Ann Houston is the catalyst and even now she's thinking ahead to the Regional in the Spring. Joel Hoersch gave her a call and asked if our youth group might be interested in participating in the "Sound of Music" production if they join the youth players competing at the Regional. Ah-ha, never too young for "cheers!" And our tournament-playing RTHB adult singers may take time out from the tables to grace the stage as well.

Amazing as it may seem, we're playing Bridge right through the Holidays, so if your club is dark these days, join us beneath the antique lanterns and make a slam to the sound of passing sleigh bells!



# December 2014

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	<b>1</b> NCBC 9:00 AM - Teaching Lesson/Game <b>NCBC 12:30 PM - Open Pairs</b> <b>MEGA POINT</b>	<b>2</b> Town Hall BC 2:00pm Teaching Session/Sanctioned Game NCBC 12:30 PM - Open Pairs <b>Lake San Marcos DBC</b> <b>6:30PM Open Game</b> (Charity Game)	<b>3</b> Town Hall BC 10am - Open Game NCBC 9:00 AM - Teaching Lesson/Game NCBC 12:30 PM - Open Pairs <b>Lake San Marcos DBC</b> <b>10AM Chalk Talk</b> <b>11AM Open Game (Charity)</b>	<b>4</b> NCBC 12:30 PM - Open Pairs Town Hall BC 6pm Open Game	<b>5</b> Town Hall BC 10am Open Game NCBC 12:30 PM - Open Pairs Town Hall BC 3pm After School Bridge	<b>6</b> NCBC 12:30 PM - Barometer Game <b>MEGA POINT</b>
<b>7</b> NO GAMES TODAY	<b>8</b> NCBC 9:00 AM - Teaching Lesson/Game <b>NCBC 12:30 PM - Open Pairs</b> <b>STAC GAME</b>	<b>9</b> Town Hall BC 2:00pm Teaching Session/Sanctioned Game NCBC 12:30 PM - Open Pairs <b>STAC GAME</b> <b>Lake San Marcos DBC</b> <b>6:30PM Open Game</b> (STAC Game)	<b>10</b> Town Hall BC 10am - Open Game NCBC 9:00 AM - Teaching Lesson/Game <b>NCBC 12:30 PM - Open Pairs</b> <b>STAC GAME</b> <b>Lake San Marcos DBC</b> <b>10AM Chalk Talk</b> <b>11AM Open Game (STAC Game)</b>	<b>11</b> <b>NCBC 12:30 PM - Open Pairs</b> <b>STAC GAME</b> Town Hall BC 6pm Open Game	<b>12</b> Town Hall BC 10am - Open Game <b>NCBC 12:30 PM - Open Pairs</b> <b>STAC GAME</b> Town Hall BC 3pm After School Bridge <b>Lake San Marcos DBC</b> <b>Pollock 5:30 pm Game 6:30 pm</b> (STAC Game)	<b>13</b> NCBC 12:30 PM - Barometer Game <b>STAC GAME</b>
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<b>21</b> NO GAMES TODAY	<b>22</b> NCBC 9:00 AM - Teaching Lesson/Game <b>NCBC 12:30 PM - Open Pairs</b> <b>CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP</b>	<b>23</b> Town Hall BC 2:00pm Teaching Session/Sanctioned Game NCBC 12:30 PM - Open Pairs <b>Lake San Marcos DBC</b> <b>6:30PM Open Game</b>	<b>24</b> Town Hall BC 10am - Open Game NCBC 9:00 AM - Teaching Lesson/Game NCBC 12:30 PM - Open Pairs <b>Lake San Marcos DBC</b> NO GAME TODAY	<b>25</b> <b>CHRISTMAS</b>	<b>26</b> Town Hall BC 10am Open Game NCBC 12:30 PM - Open Pairs Town Hall BC 3pm After School Bridge	<b>27</b> Annual Holiday Party & Unit Championship Game <b>Lake San Marcos Pavilion</b> <b>1:00pm</b>
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**BOLD** games denote Mega-Masterpoint Games.

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