

North County Inland, Unit 549

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THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF ACBL UNIT 549

With Sadness



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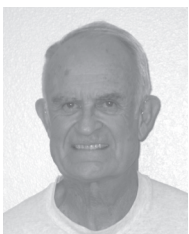
Lee loved to play bridge and he loved being a businessman and for the last 7 years he combined those two loves to make sure there was a duplicate bridge game six days a week in Escondido. For those of us who made his club a regular stop we are grateful for his commitment to the game. Lee's son John said that he would like to see his dad's legacy be the continuation of that bridge club. To facilitate that he will be keeping the club open through December 20th. During that time with help from some diehard bridge players he will be looking for someone to buy or take over the club. If you know of anyone interested in becoming the next Bridge Baron of North County please let us know. You can contact Bill Sperry at (858) 676-0359 or Rex Latus at (760) 781-3320.

Continuing to have a regular duplicate bridge game conveniently located to our bridge family in North County is a priority for Unit 549. We will keep you updated on the efforts to find a new club owner. In the interim, please continue to support the club in Escondido.

Memorial

Art Foeste, Unit 549 Board Member

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



Open
Chuck Donaldson



Under 5000
Jeri Adams



Under 3000
Al Nadel



Under 1500
Dot Swanger



Under 750
Mariam Saner



Under 500
Dan Higgins



Under 100
Larry Gach

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

Lake San Marcos DBC - Friday, January 23, Potluck at 5:30pm, Charity Game 6:30pm

Friday, January 16th & Saturday, January 17th- Unit 549 Winter Sectional, Lake San Marcos Conference Center
Morning games (Pairs or Knockout Teams) begin at 10:00am and afternoon games (Pairs or Swiss Teams) beginning at 2:30pm

Saturday, January 24th - 1:00 PM - Unit Championship Game, Lake San Marcos Pavilion

Big Happenings in Unit 549 in January and February!

Winter Sectional coming to Unit 549! January 16th and 17th 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; Jill Roberts Tournament Director-jillroberts78@gmail.com Card Fees are \$10 per session.

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November Unit/STAC Game Winners

North-South: Tim Flaherty & Alex Fowlie followed by Terry Badger & Ray Curtiss; Rex & Sheila Latus; Al Nadel & Lee Hofacre; Gary Beed & Mariam Saner and Chuck & Madonna Donaldson.

East – West Winners in the Open Pairs were: Joe Houde & Ron Kay followed by Ian Collins & Lorraine Gordon; Jeri Adams & Jim Andrews; Minnie Williams & Earl Maas, Jr.; Betty Jackson & Ray Boehne and Susanna McDowell & Connie Etheridge.

Non-Life Master winners in November were North – South: Ed Koch & Ray Gogolewski followed by Sandy Johnson & Naomi Brownell and Betty Brekke & Adella Cloney. Again congrats to all winners!

East –West Winners were Nancy Campbell & Ronique Nilson followed by Angela Tilaro & Julie Watkins and Harriett Landon & Patti Frinell.

Congratulations to all. Remember Overall Winners get a Free Play at any Unit Game!

Welcome New Members to Unit 549

Sally Stirnkorb, David Greene, Donna Huhn, Marjorie Narramore and Robert Sigg. Welcome to all new members!

Members Reaching New Levels of Achievement in Unit 549 in November

Club Masters – David Barnard

Sectional Masters – Geoff Applegate, James Rudeen, and Nancy Shelmon

Regional Masters – Joyce Fox and Patti Frinell

Life Masters – Ron & Nancy Perkins

Congratulations to all achievers! See you at the Unit Game and at the Winter Sectional!



Unit 549 Club News

North County Bridge Center

Please watch acblunit549.org for new information about North County Bridge Center, we will keep you informed.

Lake San Marcos Duplicate Bridge Club at Grandon

The charity for November was the SM Senior Center West and Camp Pendleton Toy Drive for Marine families.

The monthly potluck will be on January 23rd. **All games will be Charity** games and support the ACBL Junior Fund. All of this means more points for the winners,

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

Top Five Players for November were Nina Laughbaum, Jean Holt, Kay Haralson, Joe Potts, and tied for 5th place Rex & Sheila Latus. Way to go top five!

Alert! Jean Holt is teaching a weekly class at 10:00am before the Wednesday game. 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.

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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 Houston for Details: 760-789-1132 – rthbridge.com

It is with sad hearts that we hear of the passing of Lee Hofacre who helped our little bridge group get its start. On many occasions, Lee would arrive, heavy case of cards in hand, to get us set up. And then he joined in! Lucky the learner who had Lee for a partner. He never criticized, but gently guided us to understanding bids and adjustments, defense and strategies. Our games, squeezed into the Senior Center while work went on in the Town Hall, were livelier with Lee there. His sense of humor kept us hopeful while his knowledge of the right plays kept us grounded. May he be flush with "high cards" in his new home and know that the Ramona Town Hall Bridge players still sit comfortably on the chairs he donated and remember him with great fondness and appreciation for his kindness in our fragile first year of falling in love with Duplicate Bridge.

As one generation passes . . . we are fortunate that our newbies, the RTHB Youth Group is climbing swiftly onto the bandwagon. Kudos to Olivia and Hunter who came out on top in the last "under 20 points" tournament. Mary Ann believes they will be ready for the Regional, and if current playing is any indication, the others in their age group, Savannah and Daniel are closing in as well. Outside competition may start looking for Ramona on a map!

More kudos to Mary Ann Houston and her playing partner Marilyn Kalabsa for taking and passing the Director's Test! (Now if we could only get them to stop playing long enough to BE Directors . . . hmm?)

Our dear former Director, Doug Houston, is battling the final stages of the cancer that was supposed to take him from us "within a few months" five years ago. We've been privileged to have him with us from the inception of RTHB, and until very recently, he's been there to answer the call of "Director, please" and to report our scores with diplomacy and good humor. His decade of voluntary contributions to the restoration of our historic Town Hall cannot be listed on one page and his community activities leave us wondering how he did it – and still had time to work for an income, to build his home with Mary Ann, and to be the father and grandfather of his, hers and theirs. We raise our Aces to you, Doug.

It is the time for grateful reflection. May the New Year bring you and yours blessings even beyond the bonds of Bridge and at the table, may you hold in your hand, the faces of royalty smiling upon your choices.

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A Lot of History

In 1970 Bettie Messer Heldring started the first bridge club in Escondido at the Elk's Lodge. Within a year Bettie gave the club to Emma Knight. Games were played at the Escondido Elks Club and then the Escondido Farm Bureau. The bridge club finally found a home of its own in a small shopping center on Felicita Ave between Centre City Parkway and Escondido Blvd, eventually moving to Rancho Bernardo. Emma managed to acquire a loan to buy tables and chairs for the club by using her own furniture as collateral.

Ken Varva bought the club in 1988 and moved it back to Escondido. The location was on Felicita Ave at Centre City Parkway just behind the McDonalds. The new location was less than a hundred yards from where Emma Knight had her club fifteen years earlier.

In 2006 Ken Varva retired and sold the Escondido Bridge Club to Lee Hofacre. The club was renamed the North County Bridge Center.

Forty-five years is a long time. The club was way more than just a game to many of the players. It was a place where friends gathered and friends were made. It was a social event where sometimes bridge was played.

The Day the Earth Stood Still

With Lee's passing in December 2014, the club went dark. It was the end of time. And then something wonderful occurred. The club was reborn thanks to the efforts of those who would not just let it disappear. A new club was formed in a month thanks to the efforts of a small group of determined diehards.

Listed in alphabetical order are those who made it happen: Holly Aufmann, Gary Beed, Sue Compton, Jeannine Holt, Betsey Illes, Rex Latus, Liz Nixon, Vic Pitcock, Jill Roberts, Mariam Saner, Bill Sperry, Dot Swanger and ACBL Unit 549 Board of Directors. It's not every day that a group gets to make a difference.

A New Beginning

The resurrected club is Mutual Benefit Corporation. An application is being submitted to the IRS for the club to be a 501c7 nonprofit social club. There are no owners. There are no employees. It will be run by volunteers. It is intended that the club will continue as long as there are people willing to make a difference.

It's your club. Enjoy!

Rex

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Tuesday, Feb 10 - 6:30PM - Lake San Marcos DBC - Charity Game

Wednesday, Feb. 11 - 11AM - Lake San Marcos DBC - Charity Game

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Flora Fenequito, Carole Gatwood, Craig Rifel, and Penny Berman. Welcome back Bill Butler and Gwen McFarlane.

Welcome to all new members!

December Unit Game Results

December Unit Open Game Winners: Joe Houde – Ron Kay followed by Kay Haralson – Hazel Turner; Terry Badger – Ray Curtis; Gail Whiteley – Cheryl Rodach; Lynn & Janice Wells and Richard Ziock – Ian Collins.

Non-Life Master winners in December were Angela Tilaro – Susan Winebrenner followed by Joanne Dilling – Ross Penne; Witold & Mary Lou Modlinski; George Berris and Louise Mangenelli and Jackie McGhee – Shirley Malone. Again congrats to all winners! And thank you for the great turn-out! 21 tables in the Open Section and 7 tables in the NLM. See you in January!

Members Reaching New Levels of Achievement in Unit 549 in December

Junior Masters – Bill Black and Jackie Hough

Club Masters – Nancy Campbell; Penelope Fox and Bejai Higgins

Bronze Life Masters – Arleen Gimbel and Fayne Shead

Silver Life Master – Jan Sperla

Congratulations to all achievers! See you at the Unit games or our clubs.

2015 Winter Sectional President's Perspective

Thank you for coming to our winter party. I was so pleased to see the wonderful turnout for your Sectional Friday and Saturday January 16 & 17. Many of the usual suspects were there and there were many new faces. We certainly appreciate the players coming down from Orange and Riverside counties.

Thanx to the members of the Board of Unit 549 (Art Foeste, Jean Jantz, Ken Matson, Jill Roberts, Mariam Saner, Nancy Scott, and Hazel Turner) for setting up the playing area, the morning and afternoon snacks, and for cleaning up after the tournament was over.

Scott Campbell (our wonderful head director) apologizes for the snafu during the Saturday afternoon game. He spent a good part of Sunday calling the players and getting all of the scores. I also want to thank Jean Molnar for directing.

Looking forward to seeing you all at our next sectional coming this summer.

Y'all come y'hear.

Unit 549 Club News

NEW - Bridge Club of North County

Eureka!! It's back!! Yes, duplicate bridge has returned to Escondido. The board for the new Bridge Club of North County has been running in overdrive and now has enough i's dotted and t's crossed to get the new Club open for bridge. Reservations not needed, just show up in droves. There will be an open game at 12:30 p.m. Monday through Saturday except those Saturdays that Unit 549 holds its unit game. Saturday games will be barometer games. The Club will have a non playing director to run the game and keep things on time. Please plan time to get registered and seated by game time.

Great News! The Bridge Club of North County is beginning a 0-499'er game for the advancing players on Thursdays at 12:30 p.m. If you would like to play, just show up; no reservations required! However, if you would like to request a North-South seat, please call the Bridge Club of North County at 760-807-9396. If you need a partner, Sue Compton will try to match you up with someone close to your master point total. Call her at 760-317-6174 or email at comptons@cox.net. Let the games begin!

Got some of those prepaid tickets from the old club? Not a problem, the Club will be accepting them for one month.

There is limited parking in the lot next to the Club so if you don't mind walking 150 yards or so you can park on the street and leave the spots in the lot for those who don't get around as well. We have rented additional parking spots from the Elks Club just down the street at 2430 S. Escondido Blvd. We will be providing a shuttle service starting at 12:00 p.m. from the Elks Club parking to the Club. The last shuttle will leave the Elks Club at 12:20 pm. so we can get the game started on time as promised.

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760-789-1132 - rthbridge.com

This column is dedicated, with love and remembrance, to our dear Ramona Town Hall Director, Doug Houston whose last act was to smile on Christmas as his grandchildren gathered to find presents waiting for them. Perhaps it is Doug's humor we will miss the most at our RTHB games, especially when we call out, "Director, please" as he instructed us.

We all wonder from time to time how we will be remembered.

For Doug, serious contemplation of that idea must have been reviewed many times as the medical establishment informed him - for five years, of the impossibilities of his ongoing survival. With each new diagnosis, he must have thought about his legacy . . .

If Doug could summarize his life, he might describe himself in simple, elegant terms, the words chosen by a builder, an engineer - the cogs he fashioned in the wheel of life, the parts that improve the whole: Commitment to God, Commitment to Family, Commitment to Country, Commitment to Community.

Doug did not leave anything unfinished. To show how seriously he thought about the details, ask Mary Ann. He even called the American Contract Bridge League to make sure they understood that she had achieved her Director's Certification and would be taking over for him in the Sanctioned Bridge Games. And he did this in the last month of his life, when he could no longer walk or get out of bed. Mary Ann is convinced he held death at bay to make certain she got her Certification . . . no pressure there, Mary Ann?

On his passing we all learned of the medals marking his commitment to his country: three bronze stars, several service medals and a Purple Heart. He flew Chinook helicopters in the Vietnam War.

Since the early 1970's he served the community through his volunteerism with Boy Scout Troup 679 (he had been a Eagle Scout at age 18), with the Ramona Squares, the square dancing group where he met Mary Ann and for which he built a dance hall, and with ongoing restoration of the historical Ramona Town Hall. He did all this while building custom homes and raising a family.

We are grateful that he was there to bring us together through his ability to organize and run our RTHB games. Thank you, Doug. We miss you. We all hope to depart this earth knowing, as you did, that we made things better while we were here, and like you, to have the grace to leave with a smile.

February 2015

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A New Chapter

In December, in rode the End of Time aka the Last Chapter of Escondido Bridge.

Everything looked bleak and dark for bridge players. In January, in rode the Magnificent Seven aka the Original Board of Directors of the Bridge Club of North County.

Chapter One	Bettie Messer Heldring	1970 - 1971
Chapter Two	Emma Knight	1971 - 1988
Chapter Three	Ken Varva	1988 - 2006
Chapter Four	Lee Hofacre	2006 - 2014
Chapter Five	BCNC, Inc.	2015 - ∞

There have been four owners of the Escondido Bridge Club. The last owner Lee Hofacre bought the club with the hope of one day selling it to ACBL Unit 549 North County Inland. Keeping it alive forever. Unfortunately that didn't happen. But something equally good did.

One relentlessly determined person, Bill Sperry, gathered a gang of seven who achieved the dream of a club forever. The Bridge Club of North County, INC. was born.

There are no shareholders. There is no owner. It can never be sold. As long as there are bridge players committed to the dream there will be bridge in Escondido.

The Board of Directors manages the day to day operation of the club. Their salary is zero. Someone asked me "do they play for free"? No! They pay their entry fee like everyone else. So why do this? The "thank you's" received from numerous players answered that question. That made us glad we did it.

Speaking of thanks! There have been numerous volunteers that have enthusiastically responded "yes" to our requests for help. Some sat in parking lots hoping to shuttle someone. Someone formed the "Kitchen Queens" to pick up your crumbs at the end of the game. Some helped with game set up. Others have donated tables and chairs and money. Frequently I am asked "how can I help".

With your help the Bridge Club will live long and prosper. Let's hope Chapter Five is the last chapter, but an endless one.

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Special Games with Extra Points

LSMDBC - Fri., March 6 - 5:30 pm potluck followed by STAC game at 6:30 pm

LSMDBC - Tues., March 3 - 6:30 pm STAC game

LSMDBC - Wed., March 4 - 11 am STAC game.

LSMDBC - Tues., March 10 - 6:30 pm - Charity game

LSMDBC - Wed., March 11 - Charity game

LSMDBC - Tues., March 24th - Membership game

LSMDBC - Wed., March 25th - Membership game

Bridge Club of North County:

STAC games: March 2 – 7, all Open games and NLM on Thursday afternoon.

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DON'T FORGET: Lee Hofacre Memorial Charity Game on Saturday, March 21 (Open Game - Lunch and Potluck).

Saturday, March 28th - 1:00 PM - Unit Championship Game, Lake San Marcos Pavilion

Good News!

We have a new Club in Escondido!!! The new club, Bridge Club of North County opened January 12th and will have an Open game Monday through Friday beginning at 12:30pm. There will also be a non-life masters/499er game Thursday afternoon at the same time that the open game is played. These will be completely separate. On Monday mornings beginning February 2, from 9:00am to 11:00am there will be supervised play. There will be one life master/mentor, that has volunteered their time, for each table. The four players will play a board and the mentor will provide feedback on the bidding, play of hand, and defensive play. This will not be an actual game so there will not be any master points awarded. Lastly, there will also be a Barometer game every Saturday beginning at 12:30pm. The Saturday game will be played every Saturday, except when the monthly Unit game is played and twice each year during the Unit's sectionals. The Club is also looking into having bridge classes. When a class is scheduled it will be reported in this column. Please stay tuned.

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January Unit Game

Open Winners: Jim – Lynn Martin followed by Tim Flaherty – Alex Folie; Fran White – Rick Kerbel; Liz Nixon – Jean Holt; Ken Matson – Chuck Ward; and Marilyn Florin – Jeri Adams.

Non-Life Master winners in **January** were Donna Huhn – Norma May followed by Naomi Brownell – Sandy Johnson; Miriam Slatic – Nancy Scott; Kay Wilkey – Sheila Slayton and Witold Modlinski – Mary Lou Buer-Modlinski. Again congrats to all winners! And thank you for the great turn-out! 16 1/2 tables in the Open Section and 8 tables in the NLM. See you in February!

Members Reaching New Levels of Achievement in Unit 549 in January

Junior Masters – Leo Muller & Claire Schneider

Sectional Masters – Maureen Sage

New Advanced NABC– Sue Compton

Congratulations to all achievers! See you at the Unit games or our clubs.

Welcome New Members to Unit 549

Alan Creutz, Paul and Donna Findley, Tony Stevens, Kathy Henry, Arline Kennedy and Linda Monroe. Welcome back B.J. Amini, Joan Smith and Barbara LaForce. Welcome to all new members!



Unit 549 Club News

Bridge Club of North County

Thanks to the hard work of Rex Latus, Bill Sperry, Jean Holt, Vic Pitcock, Gary Beed, Sue Compton and Jill Roberts and the support of Holly Aufmann, Betsey Iles, Liz Nixon, Mariam Saner, Dot Swanger and the Unit 549 Board of Directors the new club is up and running. The Club has hired two directors, Cedric Pang and Kay Haralson to direct all of the games. **The address is 2320 S. Escondido Blvd, Escondido, 92025. Phone# is 760-807-9396.** Feel free to contact any of the above regarding the opening of Bridge Club of North County. New email: bridgeclubofNC@gmail.com

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We are having an Open House on Saturday, March 14th. Lots of fun, food and bridge for only \$5. We are limited to about 20 tables without using a shoehorn so reservations are required to ensure a place at the table. Make your plans now - more details coming soon. Unit 549 is providing the lunch.

Lake San Marcos Duplicate Bridge Club at Grandon

The charity for January was the SM Senior Center West and LSM Kiwanis Pancake Breakfast. The monthly potluck will be a **STAC** game on March 6th. **STAC** games will also be held on March 3rd and 4th. Charity games will be held March 10 & 11th and Membership games will be held on March 24th and 25th. **All of this means more points for the winners!**

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Leap Year February 2015:

It had been another satisfying, but late, Thursday evening of bridge. Mary Ann quickly passed out game sheets and percentages and snapped a copy into her book. The crowd thinned out quickly and disappeared altogether. She got busy cleaning and setting up for the Friday morning game. She was packing the last of the books, her computer and printer into her truck when she got the call.

“So, how does it feel?”

“Huh?”

It was Geof Applegate on her cell phone, but he had just left a little while ago, so why was he asking about her health?

Geof again. “How does it feel?”

“Err, I’m just fine, Geof.”

“No, I’m asking how it feels to be in that stratosphere?”

“What are you talking about?”

“Mary Ann, I’m talking about you and Marilyn Kalabsa and your game tonight.”

“Oh. I think we did all right.”

“Mary Ann, did you check your score?”

“Uh, no, I don’t think I did. I was in a hurry to get ready for tomorrow.”

“Mary Ann, you need to take a deep breath.”

“Why? Did I do something wrong on the computer?”

“No,, but I have to say you and Marilyn were pretty amazing tonight.”

“Really? Marilyn didn’t mention anything unusual.”

“Marilyn left before you printed out the scores, remember? Mary Ann, you two scored 85.3 percent. I’ve never known anyone with that high a percentage.”

For the first time in her life, Mary Ann Houston could not speak.



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THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF ACBL UNIT 549

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

WHAT A MONTH !

March came in like a lion and continued to roar throughout the month. First up was the STaC, six days of very challenging hands. Then along came the GRAND OPENING of the Bridge Club of North County (who cares if it was a couple of months after the club opened). 70 people came and enjoyed good food (provided by your Unit 549 Board) and an afternoon of bridge (what could be bad?)

Not to be outdone, the next week the BCNC hosted the Lee Hofacre Memorial Charity Game for Lee's favorite charity The Elizabeth Hospice. This time the main course was provided by the club accompanied by a pot luck provided by the players. I hope a lovely time was had by all (there was certainly enough food!!) and we raised \$1560. Included in this amount is \$5 per player donated by the Board of Directors of the club.

March ended with our annual awards Unit game and the beginning of the Pacific Southwest Regional at the Town & Country in San Diego. I hope you all play well and get many black, red, and gold points.

Congratulations to the 2014 Helen Shambrom Ace of Clubs and Mini-McKenney Masterpoint races.

Ace of Clubs

0-5	Bejai Higgins
5-20	Dr Wallace McCoy
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300-500	Mariam Saner
500-1000	Art Foeste
1000-2500	Chuck Donaldson
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Mary Townsend & Marlene Klinger followed by Chuck & Madonna Donaldson; Jeri Adams & Marilyn Florin; Al Nadel & Manoosch Bahamian and tied for 5/6 were Paul Landrum & Toshi Yasutake and Jean Jantz & Sharon Opfer. Congrats to all winners, you have a free play coming!

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Wayne Andrew, Dr. Eric Book, Peter Hapka, and Elaine and John Crick. Welcome back Kathy Balog. Welcome to all new members!

Unit 549 Club News

Bridge Club of North County

Our new Club is off and running Big Time! We have a full schedule for April including Mega Point and Charity games daily Monday thru Saturday. Supervised play for advancing players is held on Monday morning and Thursday morning at 9:00am. Also on Thursday there is a NLM game and Open game at 12:30. Saturday is the very popular Barometer Game format. Best to let Kay Haralson know in advance if you are coming. **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. The website is bridgeclubofnorthcounty.org. New email: bridgeclubofNC@gmail.com

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March - Without the Madness - 2015

Here in the foothills, we patiently grow our own, not just on the vines or in the orchards, or out in the pastures, or even along the roadsides. We're talking about our youth group and the rising interest they've created in the community. Ramona teacher Shirley Dessault and administrator Katheryn Gunderson, motivated by an article in the Ramona Sentinel about our kids, emailed Mary Ann to discuss Bridge as a segment of their summer program. The Ramona Community School may very well receive ACBL grant-funding for Bridge lessons, and to make the proposition even more interesting, they discovered that one of their star students already attended RTHB Youth classes. Olivia Van Tol may become a peer-tutor this summer. You go girl!

Speaking of rising stars, did you hear the jingle of gold as the Ramona team of Geof Applegate, Lenore Sjoberg, Doris Henderson, and Jerry Asbury turned heads in Riverside? And the new Bridge Club of North County also got acquainted with Claire Schneider and Mary Ann Houston to the merry tune of silver. The Regional in Mission Valley will see the likes of these and at least three Ramona Teams, and you can believe they will be armed (and handed?). Not only has the tournament experience allowed them to dream BIG, but the two-hour weekly lessons with Geof and his new Bridge Barron 25, power point presentations, has honed their skills and fine-tuned their expectations. Now if only the cards would cooperate ...

Maybe it's the fact that we can laugh right out loud at our own kerfuffles, but RTHB is a welcoming venue to persons, both young and more mature. Hello to beginners Nancy and Bob Johnson and Joanne Schreuder and to new (experienced) members Mary Jo Bakken and Wayne Andrew.

Please note: RTHB will not be open from March 30th through April 3rd, that's Tues.- Wed.- Thurs.- Fri. as our teams don their optimistic armor and charge forth into the Mission Valley Battle!!!



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How many times have a pair come to your table discussing the last hands they played. Forgetting the pleasantries upon arriving at your table, they are still talking about what they did wrong or what they shoulda bid or what card they shoulda played. How about an acknowledgement and a nice hello for your new opponents.

I've talked about bidding box etiquette before. Please make a decision about a bid before reaching for a bid (pass is a bid, too). Please no hovering over or touching one card and then another. Doing other than this is giving unauthorized information to your partner.

When an irregularity occurs at your table (bid out of turn, revoke, etc), do not make rulings at your table. That is what the director is paid to do. There can be no redress if you make a ruling and the result is not to your liking. Call the director (don't forget his/her last name is Please!!).

REMINDER

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Sheila

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March Unit Game Open Winners

March Unit Game **Open** Winners: Kay Haralson & Hazel Turner followed by Jean Jantz & Doris Cashman, Ron Kay & Joe Houde, Janice Joerger & Jan Gallagher, Rex & Sheila Latus, Jim & Lyn Martin, Bill & Nancy Sperry, Mike & Mary Florio and Herb Schaefer & Mary Fenton. Congrats to all winners!

Non-Life Master winners in **March**: Ray Gogolewski & Ed Koch followed by Alan & D. R. Groh tied with Ray & Wilma Wilhelm and Joyce Brown & Naomi Brownell. Again congrats to all winners! See you in April!

70% Games

We had a 71% game from Jill Roberts & Art Foeste on March 14th at BCNC. Congratulations!

Members Reaching New Levels of Achievement in Unit 549 in March

Junior Masters – Jessica Patton

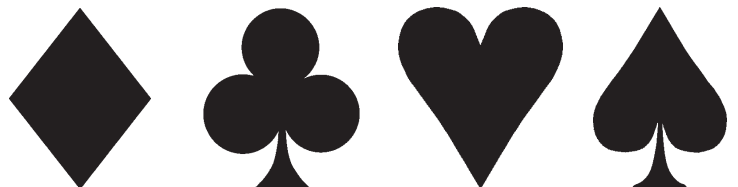
Club Masters – Cindy Baker and Sherry Kroop

Bronze Life Master – Judy Johnson

Congratulations to all achievers! See you at the Unit games or our clubs.

Welcome New Members to Unit 549

John Coulombe, Roseann & Louis Coviello, DeLynn Kelly, Tom Moore, Josephine Stone and Jan Waluk. Welcome back Scott Sorgen, Kay Barker, George Blair and Brian Devine. Welcome to all new members!



Unit 549 Club News

Bridge Club of North County

Our new website is up and running. Go to www.bridgeclubofnorthcounty.org to find everything you need to know about bridge at the new club. We have a full schedule for May including **STAC games the week of May 4th**. 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

The Bridge Club of North County is looking for any players that would like to become a director. If you are interested, please contact Bill Sperry for further details. Also, the Club is looking for current part-time directors to fill in as needed.

The **Top Five Open players** for March were Art Foeste followed by Ray Curtiss, Bunny Schmidt, Al Nadel and John White. **The Top Five NLM Players** were Doris Cubeisy, Dan Higgins, Rick Sontag, Sue Compton, and Patti Frinell. Congratulations to the Top five!

Lake San Marcos Duplicate Bridge Club at Grandon

The charity for March was the SM Senior Center West and Casa De Amparo.

LSMDBC will hold **STAC games** May 5th, 6th and 8th. The monthly potluck will be on May 8th. All games (except STAC) will be **Charity games** for the month of May supporting the Grass Roots Fund. **This means more points for the winners!**

Top Five Players for March were Tim Flaherty, Nina Laughbaum, Elaine Gifford, David Gifford, and Barbara Naschold. Way to go top five!

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Call Mary Ann Houston for Details:

760-789-1132 – rthbridge.com

Down the hill they went, the fifteen . . .

Town and Country to capture
Perhaps Red, maybe Gold,
Oh, the thrill and the rapture,
For the brave and the bold.

Slight fears of disaster,
High hopes yet abounding,
Nervous with laughter
Conventions resounding.

299ers and Knockouts –
Semifinals as well!
Five days of winning,
Let's ring the town bell!

Doris' SEVEN earned her bragging right,
With Jerry, Dorothea, Katy, Emmie close by
Lois, Mary Ann, Marilyn, Claire in the fight,
And three gaining Masters, well worth the try!

Kudos, Congrats and Bravo to the Ramona Town Hall Winners
San Diego Regional Bridge Tournament,
Town and Country Resort
And for the great gains by
Emmie – Club Master
Jerry – Sectional Master
and Doris – Regional Master.
WOW! You make us proud!



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THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF ACBL UNIT 549

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

PRACTICE, PRACTICE, PRACTICE

The story goes that a tourist in New York City is lost and sees a man carrying a violin case on a street corner. The tourist asks him, "How do you get to Carnegie Hall?" The answer of course is "Practice! Practice! Practice!" The story may or may not be true, but it is a fact, if you are going to get better at anything, you need to practice. The musician in this case was either Yascha Heifetz or Misha Elman or maybe even Artur Rubenstein (although he wouldn't have been carrying a violin case). The truth is the only way you are going to succeed in music or sports or even bridge is to practice!

Rex and I were on a holiday trip (not a vacation) to Europe and Scandinavia and didn't play bridge for three weeks. On our last day at sea, we played a friendly game of bridge with an Aussie couple who were on our tour. I dealt and opened the bidding one no trump. Not bad, but it was anti-systemic and wrong. Even after only three weeks, I was rusty.

Go to your local club, travel to other San Diego clubs, journey to tournaments, or even play in your kitchen. It doesn't matter where you play, enjoy the challenge of this game we love (and hate). Check the unit website (acblunit549.org) for schedules of club games, unit championships, and our winter and summer sectionals. Remember Practice! Practice! Practice!

Welcome summer at our Unit 549 Sectional, June 19 & 20. Same times, same place. Check out the flyer on the website. Remember, there will be NO June Unit Championship on the fourth Saturday (June 27) .

Sheila

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

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Also - All games in June are NAP qualifying games.

Friday and Saturday, June 19 & 20 - Unit 549 Summer Sectional. Go to www.acblunit549.org for Partnerships and further information

Saturday, July 25th - 12:30 PM - Unit Championship Game, Lake San Marcos Pavilion (NOTE: No Unit Game in June)

April Unit Game Winners:

Open: Marianne Kuzma & Helen Howard, followed by Hanan Deeby & Bernard Figueiredo, Ian Collins & Lorraine Gordon, Fran White & Wicker Gamble, Norman Schwartz & Robert Schork, Alex Fowlie & Timothy Flaherty, Joe Houde & Mac Busby, Jill Roberts & Art Foeste, Gail Whiteley & Cheryl Rodzach, Jean Jantz & Doris Nizzi, Sarah Ward & Charles Ward.

Non-Life Master winners in **April**: Erica Federman & Shirley Malone, followed by Julie Svatkins & Angela Tilaro.

First overall in Open and Non-Life Master sections get a free play to **any** Unit game.

Alert!

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Christine Finch. Greg Fahey and Fell Hosmer. Welcome back Byron Aughenbaugh, Robert Gunnlaugsson and Angela Tilaro. Welcome to all new members!

Members Reaching New Levels of Achievement in Unit 549 in April

Junior Master – Peter Hapka.

Club Masters – Emma Brashars, Joe Hopkins and Alan Jacobson.

Sectional Master – Gerald Asbury.

Regional Masters – Doris Hendrickson and Mary Loucks.

NABC Masters – Dan Higgins, Herman Lin and Karen Smith.

Silver Life Master – Jill Roberts.

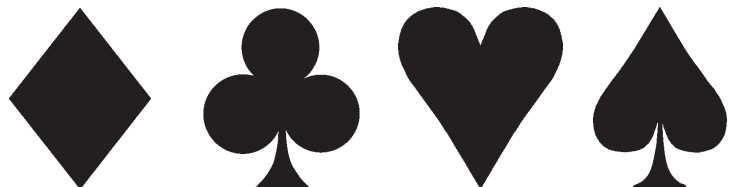
Gold Life Master – David Anding.

Congratulations to all achievers! See you at the Unit games or our clubs.

Mark the Date!

Summer Sectional at Lake San Marcos Conference Center June 19th and 20th! Charity games on Friday! Stratified Open Pairs (0-1000, 1000 – 3000, 3000+); Stratified Under 500 (0-100, 100-300, 300-500). Knock-out events and Swiss Teams also available. Times are 10:00am and 2:30pm. Fees are \$11.00 per session for ACBL members. Non or Unpaid members pay \$13 per session. Complimentary coffee and snacks available. Lunch will be available for purchase.

Go to www.acblunit549.org for partnerships and further information, Jill Roberts is Tournament Manager. Jillroberts78@gmail.com



Unit 549 Club News

Bridge Club of North County

The newly organized BCNC is up and running with all of the typical start-up bugs behind us. The BCNC is a not for profit club created for the benefit of all bridge players in our area. We offer games six days a week with games designed for both experienced as well as new comers. Our line-up includes a Monday morning (9am) mentor/mentee supervised play designed to improve your bridge knowledge by providing experienced mentors at each table. We are also initiating a new Friday morning game for players with 0-399 MPs. We will also be starting bridge classes for both intermediate and beginning bridge players in the coming weeks. Visit our web site at bridgeclubofnorthcounty.org for more information on all of our programs.

The month of April was dedicated as charity month and the BCNC paid all extra fees to qualify their games as charity games. A total of over \$700 was donated during this month with the local charities of Alzheimer's Research, Meals on Wheels and the Humane Society receiving well deserved support. 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. Email: bridgeclubofNC@gmail.com

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For information call Jean at 760.734.4518 or Nina at 760.736.9386 for further information.

Ramona Duplicate Bridge

Please Note: (NEW ADDRESS)

No longer the Ramona Town Hall Bridge Club!!! We've outgrown – in so many ways – our former venue. You will still find us 3 blocks up:

Ramona Community Center

434 Aqua Lane (off 5th St.)

Ramona, CA 92065

Sanctioned Games Wed. & Fri. at 10:00 a.m. Hot Lunch \$4 + \$6 for Game

Free Adult Lessons - Tues. at 2:00 p.m.

Sanctioned Evening Game - Thurs. at 6 p.m. + Snacks

After-School Bridge – Fri. 3 – 5:00 p.m. Pizza, too!

Call Mary Ann Houston for Details: 760-789-1132

May Day! May Day 2015 – From lemons to lemonade ...

When one door closes another door opens... especially in matters of love! Well, it seems we grew too much for the unaccommodating Town Hall to love, so with our hearts on our sleeves (and diamonds, spades and clubs in our pockets) we closed their doors and moved three blocks into the welcoming Community Center. They hugged us and fed us. How nice to be loved! If you bring your own lunch, there is no charge and you can sit with the rest of us in the dining room. It's been a rough transition, especially for Mary Ann, but we didn't miss a single game!

Now, for a new club name ... We're holding a contest. Do I hear "Bridge Over Troubled Waters"?

Our Beginners Game is growing. Lenore is holding lessons and reviews on Tuesdays while Geof works with the more "seasoned" players in the next room. Oh my, how the word flies. Even at the Community Center, we are already bursting at the seams with more and more interested players showing up for lessons. Our teachers make it fun and exciting. In addition, several of us are working with Bridge Baron 25 – as if we didn't have enough reasons to scream at the screen!

Our recent Stac Game is proof that Cruella, our card-sorter, tried to "lemony-snicket" her transition to new lodging, and she made her annoyance known with a tart display of "down one" all week long. Overcoming Cruella's "sour attitude" was not easy but we had several teams who made it into the Stac Overall despite her bitter efforts. Congratulations go out to Jim Rudeen and Ernie Bedard with a sweet 60.42%, and Chip Splinter and Gerald Asbury with a tasty 56.35% both on May 6th. The next day, May 7th, Kaaren Thiem and Joan Renaud iced Cruella and posted a 65.48%. Then, on May 8th, along came Janet Murdock and Sharon Greene to swirl in a 59.17%. Just to make sure Cruella would adjust her attitude upward henceforth, Kaaren Thiem teamed up with Lenore Sjoberg and splashed her with a very cool 70.00% in their game on May 15th. Talk about lemons to lemonade.

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WHERE ARE WE GOING AND HOW ARE WE GOING TO GET THERE

Like many of you, while I was growing up, I played cards with friends and family. It seems to me that kids today don't learn the logic of cards, and miss the interaction playing cards with others. They spend solitary hours playing video games on their computers.

Surveying the field and sectionals and regionals, it is hard to find younger faces. Senior pair events have all but been eliminated, since there were very few pairs playing in the open pairs. The average age of ACBL members is 70+. We need to bring youth into our game.

Teaching bridge in schools has had limited success. Ken Matson taught an honors math class at Poway High (we still see one of his students at our club game during the summer). The La Jolla Unit has run a successful bridge class (again an honors math class) for three years. Rex and I tried to teach bridge at an Escondido after school club. It did not last. The students had no "card sense", became disinterested and drifted away.

In my opinion, we need to begin teaching bridge much earlier than high school. Maryann Houston has begun After School Bridge in Ramona. The summer students are 5th and 6th graders. They learn and play bridge, and enjoy pizza!! Good going Maryann.

How can we get young people into our game? Any suggestions would be welcome. Contact me by email: selatus@gmail.com.

Thanx

Sheila

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STaC games also on Tuesday, July 14 and Wednesday, July 15. Charity Games Tuesday and Wednesday, July 21 and 22. All other July games will be NAP Qualifiers.

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We lost a friend, Gail Whiteley. Gail passed away on Friday, May 29th. She is survived by her daughter Kathy and granddaughter. Gail was involved in the San Diego Bridge community for many years as a Director. She Directed at Adventures in Bridge, La Jolla Beach & Tennis and Solana Beach Community Center. When the Community Center raised the rent, Gail decided to shut down the game and retire from Directing and become a player. Fortunately, Paul Foster and Donna Wood took over her games when they opened Esplanade Bridge Center which gave everyone a home until May of 2014.

Gail lived in San Marcos and played primarily at the Lake San Marcos DBC, Bridge Club of North County and various Unit 531 games including the monthly Unit games for Unit 549 and 531. We will miss her a lot.

The Lake San Marcos Bridge Club will honor Gail at it's monthly Pot-luck on July 17th, Friday night. Dinner at 5:30, game at 6:30pm. This is a STAC game as well. Come and share your stories about Gail.

STAC Week coming to Bridge Club of North County and Lake San Marcos Duplicate Bridge Club. Your chance to earn lots of Silver Points. July 12 – 18th. Check with your club for STAC Game times.

May Unit Game

Overall Open Winners: Lynn & Janice Wells followed by John & Judy McCaffrey, Chuck & Madonna Donaldson, Toshi Yasutaki & Paul Landrum, Mariam Saner & Gary Beed and Marlene Klinger & Mary Townsend.

Non-Life Master winners in **May**: Tom and Bobbi Brant followed by Kathy Balog & Sheila Slayton tied with Erica Federman & Jean Gilchrist for 2/3 and 4th was Bernie Goot & Betty Wallace.

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70 Percent Games in May

70.31 - Jeri Adams - Marilyn Florin, May 19th, Crystal Symphony

70.83 - Janie Killer - Sheri Meek, May 29th, Bridge Club of North County

71.00 - Jackie McGhee - Leo Muller, May 21st, Bridge Club of North County

71.67 - Liz Nixon - Sandy Frunzi, May 21st, Crystal Symphony

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Chris Ness & Brian Schwedock.

Welcome Back to Unit 549: Steven Anthony, David & Debra McCallum, Trudy Richard, Rhonda Edwards and Marty Segal. Welcome to all new members!



Unit 549 Club News

Bridge Club of North County

As a result of the **BCNC charity games** in April, the Club donated \$710 total to 4 organizations: Alzheimer's Research, Meals on Wheels, Escondido Humane Society, and ACBL.

Kudos to May STAC Stars! Out of 617 tables on Tuesday aft, May 5, Gail Whitely/Dot Swanger finished 5th overall and first in B and earned 15.17 silver points each; and on Friday Aft, May 8, out of 604 tables Bill and Nancy Sperry finished 6th overall and first in B and earned 15.15 silver points each.

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It's a hoot! They come from below and above and beyond – full of zest and ready to ruffle some feathers. Who - who? Not the great horned owls that grace the oaks just outside the windows, but our out-of-town bridge players! From below, we love the fact that Judy and Bill Rice and Susan Davis regularly make the drive from Rancho Bernardo to join us. And from above (Julian) we welcome Peter Teaff, the baker of fabulous snacks (ooh, the carrot cake), and delightful partners, Pam Witherow and Sandra Gray. From beyond (Escondido) we are privileged to receive experts Kay Haralson and Gary Beed, members of the North County Bridge Center, who graciously share their wisdom. Our newest Director, Dorothea Williams, (Ooh-Ooh and Congrats) also makes that trip, and from Scripps Ranch comes her partner, Katy Georlett. Commuting all the way from Coronado, we have highly experienced Chip Splinter and his wife, Corinne, soon to be much more local with a new home and a winery in Ramona. Lovely Joan Maguire used to be local, but now she commutes to our games from La Mesa. Of course we welcome our snowbirds, especially our regular Canadians, and Texan, Terry Purpus, who makes it a point to attend all our games while he is in town.

We're excited about our youngest players. District 22 sent out an opportunity for scholarships for the 2015 Summer National Youth NABC and our very own kids applied. Olivia Van Toll and Hunter Mahaffey are the teens looking for the means to make it to Chicago. You might remember their names from the San Diego Regional where they entered the 0–20 competition. Scott Hamilton introduced them to the crowd as they sharpened their skills both at the tables and in facing that sea of players. Our kids and their winning smiles won a lot of hearts, even when the cards didn't always go their way. Does anyone have a good idea for a fund-raiser? A scholarship may buy a one-way ticket, but we want these kids to come back home!

This summer we plan to expand our youth group with a program for 5th and 6th graders. The details are still being worked out, but we hope to encourage these youngsters to participate in something that removes them from their screens and allows them to learn the subtle nuances of face-to-face communication, sportsmanship and camaraderie found only at a bridge table. Hopefully, Olivia and Hunter will opt in as tutors, and the 5th and 6th grade teachers may want to participate in our club games. High hopes for a bit of youthful summer sizzle!

By the way, our club will remain nameless until the votes are in and the ballots are counted. "Bridge Over Troubled Water" may still have a chance!

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

MIDSUMMER MUSING

Webster defines “dog days” as a period between early July and early September when the weather is hot and sultry and a period of stagnation or inactivity exists. It actually is the name for the sultriest period of summer, from about July 3 to August 11. It was named in early times by observers in countries bordering the Mediterranean, the period from 20 days before to 20 days after the conjunction of Sirius (the Dog Star) and the sun. Does it feel like bridge, too, is in the dog days of summer. The last District 22 Regional tournament was in San Diego in April and the next tournament isn't until September in Orange County. We need to shake off the feeling of ennui and go out and conquer those pesky bridge hands.

On another note: We can all be Bridge Ambassadors. Have an interest and take the time to help the newer players. They are all so enthusiastic and looking for guidance. We were all in their shoes at one time. Be kind and supportive and encourage the “newbies”.

A note from Joan Hofacre:

“To everyone who took the time to call, send cards, and express their caring sympathy for the loss of Lee Hofacre. Six months have passed and I am re-reading and living the love you have shared with me. I can say truthfully that each thought from you has been like a gift of love to me. Once again, THANK YOU! You are all in my prayers.”

Sheila

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STAC Week

STAC Week is the week of August 17th. Bridge Club of North County and Lake San Marcos Duplicate Bridge Club will have a complete schedule of STAC games that week. Silver Points abound! Check with your club for STAC Game times.

Welcome New Members to Unit 549

Ed Beal, Bradley & Susanne Livingston, Susan Van Cott, Robert North and Shirley Wilson. Welcome back to Unit 549 Marcy Mazer and Harry & Jackie Walter. Welcome to all new and returning members!

Members Achieving New Levels of Achievement

Junior Masters – John Coulombe and Melvin Schwarz; Sectional Master – Kaaren Thiem; Bronze Life Master – Elaine Crick. Congratulations to all achievers.



Unit 549 Club News

Bridge Club of North County

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Top Five Players for June were Tim Flaherty, Jean Holt, Pat Hawkins, Paul Van Middlesworth and tied John & Judy McCaffrey. Way to go top five!

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The doldrums: No wind in the sails, a period of calm, a time for serious reflection and practice in waiting.

It's Summer in Ramona. Partners are testing new relationships as folks take vacations. Eight of our finest flew off to Mexico and we're waiting for the Canadians to land. We're thankful for rain and fire-reduction, something that unnerved us last summer as fire engines sped past our windows on Main Street, sirens going full blast. But . . . even without the sirens, it's a bit iffy keeping our summer games in full sail.

The two tables of newbie's manage to row in faithfully; so too, our youth. Enthusiasm among these players runs high as they get close to entry into the "big game." We may decide to unfurl and catch their breeze in the near future.

Last month we mentioned sending our youth to Chicago, but alas, we've not generated enough money to bring them back home so we're now aiming for Reno in March of 2016. Again, practice in waiting.

No high seas in sight. No news to report on high scores, either. Cruella, our card-sorter is deliberately confounding the entire club with dastardly hands that guarantee win(d) less matches. We have threatened dropping her off the Community Center roof, but she just chortles and goes on enjoying her depressing ability to provide lackadaisical cards that lead to misinterpretation. How many times a day can you expect us to play one no trump, Cruella?

Ho-hum. Back in the doldrums, we're still waiting for her answer, preferably delivered on an uplifting breeze, but Cruella rocks quietly and sips her own "Kruel-Aid." It's summer in Ramona and we're practicing patience.

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MORE TABLE MANNERS

Back in the last century, BBB (Before Bidding Boxes), much could be told by mannerisms or inflections of bidders. Could there be a difference between “Double” or “I double that”? We actually had someone slam his hand against the table when saying “4 No Trump”, alerting his partner that his bid was ace asking rather than quantitative.

But even with the bidding boxes in use UI (Unauthorized Information) can come into play. What about touching a pass and then a bid and then again a pass? How much information is given to the partner of the undecided bidder?

Make that bidding decision before you start toward the bidding box. Think, make a plan, and then reach for the bidding box.

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Cost of the course is \$70.00 and includes the ACBL Directors Test and a copy of the Laws of Duplicate Bridge. Payment is due at registration time. Pre- registration is required. Class size is limited to six students. A wait list will be created if necessary. Enrollment cannot be guaranteed. Checks should be made out and sent to either Jean Holt or Rex Latus. No credit cards accepted. To register call or email Jean Holt, 760-734-4518; email: jnnhlt582@gmail.com or Rex Latus, 760-781-3320 or email: kingrexus@aol.com

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Speaking of practice, it's not just at club gatherings anymore. Players, including our screen-loving youth, improve bids and plays without benefit of the club: Online – Bridge Base against partners, Arkadium against a computer, ACBL Online – to gain Master Points, AARP, CNN, MSN, YouTube, BridgePro and Bridge Doctor to improve and practice. Several members, the tech-savvy, purchased downloadable Bridge Baron 25 and the new iPad, iPhone, Android, and Tablet games like Funbridge.com so they're never far from a play! Imagine bidding while waiting in a grocery line! Even our teachers look for extra practice, Geof, with Shark Bridge online tournaments, and joining Lenore for Supervised Games (BCNC, Escondido) with real live mentors!

Bridge in the Cloud! Watch for surprises (with quick thumbs)! That's the high-tech and lowdown on practice that sends Ramona Aces flying into the stratosphere!



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**MORE TABLE MANNERS...**

After playing at the Orange County Regional in Irvine last month, I watched as a gentleman (?) unwrapped a piece of candy and quickly threw the paper under his chair. Not only were there candy wrappings but used cups and napkins there as well. I wondered if he did the same at home and exactly what it would look like. Why do bridge players leave litter for others to pick up?

At our sectionals in January and June I noticed that, even after an announcement to pick up after oneself, I went through the room picking up trash left by non-compliant players. The room was strewn with used cups, candy wrappers and remains from lunch. (My poor aching back.)

Please be a good citizen, pick up after yourselves using the trash cans for your trash, and the recycling bins for your aluminum cans and plastic bottles. I thank you and the environment thank you!

Sheila

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Welcome New Members to Unit 549

Ann Butt, Ann Coil, Lois Hosmer, Florence Moreno and Supriyo Data. Welcome back to Nikki Gilberg. Welcome to all new and returning members!

Members Achieving New Levels of Achievement

Junior Masters – Paul and Donna Findley and Tim Haidinger; **Club Master** – Leo Muller; **Sectional Masters** – Bejai Higgins, William Rice, Marvin Schwedock, and Henry Tilleston; **Regional Master** – Patricia Uttley; **New Bronze Life Master** – Linda Monroe.

Congratulations to all!

70% Games

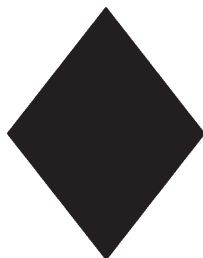
74% Jean Holt - Paul Van Middlesworth, Aug 11th, Lake San Marcos DBC

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70.37% Bernard - Carey Simkin 8/19 Ramona DBC

76.50% Kay Haralson - Gary Beed 8/20 Ramona DBC

Congratulations to all of you!



Unit 549 Club News

Bridge Club of North County

The **Top Five Open players** for August were Bunny Schmidt, Sheila Latus, Jeri Adams, Art Foeste and Chuck Donaldson. **The Top Five NLM Players** were Doris Cubeisy, Stanley Westreich, Dan Higgins, Rick Sontag and Sue Compton. Congratulations to the Top five!

Lots Happening in Escondido! Easy Bridge Lessons for beginners starts Oct. 13th at 6:30pm. First Four lessons are Free! The series is 15 lessons and are \$8 per lesson after the first four. Easy Bridge Booklet is \$12. Location is Bridge Club of North County. Call the Club or go online.

Special Games! Barometer games continue every Saturday with a Pot-Luck on October 10th. Also BCNC is starting **Sunday Open Games** on October 4th. These will be every Sunday! Check the Calendar for Charity games, Club Championships. One more special game will be **Oct. 31st Swiss Teams with 5% Gold Points!**

Bridge Club of North County donated to the following charities in October: Elizabeth Hospice, Meals on Wheels, Alzheimers Association and San Diego Humane Society.

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

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Top Five Players for August were Tim Flaherty, Jean Holt, Karen Smith, Judy Johnson and Mary Fenton. Way to go top five!

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ACBL Duplicate Bridge in Ramona

New Name, New address!

Ramona Community Center –

434 Aqua Lane off 5th St., Ramona, CA 92065.

Sanctioned Games Wed. & Fri. at 10:00 a.m.

Hot Lunch \$4 + \$6 for Game.

Free Adult Lessons - Tues. at 2:00 p.m.

Sanctioned Evening Game - Thurs. at 6 p.m. +

Snacks. After-School Youth Bridge –

Fri. 3 – 5:00 p.m. Pizza, too!

Call Mary Ann Houston for Details: [760-789-1132](tel:760-789-1132)

STaC – stack – stacked: *the deck was stacked or the odds were stacked against us.* Thesaurus says: thwarted, frustrated, stymied ... you get the idea. Why so many One or Two Contracts in STaC games? Remember Cruella, our card sorter? Loves STaCs – cackles in the closet as we stumble and crumble. But this time, Cruella got her come-uppence!

Our recent sojourn into August's STaC-land proved quite an exception, Not only did little ol' Ramona players score high, but we also sneaked in a couple of new friends to help shake our pom-poms!

On Wed. 8/19 Bernard and Carey Simkin wowed us with 70.37%, 14 in Silver and 2nd Overall! On Thurs. 8/20 Kay Haralson and Gary Beed with 76.50% (gasp!) 17 Silver and 1st Overall! Then Fri. 8/21 along came Jack Bridgeman and Joan Hamilton with 2nd Overall and 14 Silver. Ramona – 1st or 2nd all 3 days! New definition: In Ramona we STaC 'em high!



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SEASON OF THANKSGIVING

November, the eleventh month of the year! Where has the time gone? Wasn't it just yesterday we were wishing each other a Happy New Year? Halloween is past and we are making our shopping lists for turkey and dressing and other yummy Thanksgiving treats.

Thanx are in order to Ida Burcham for smoothly and expertly running our Unit Championships each month. Thanx to the late Kay Haralson for assisting at the entry table at the Unit Games. Thanx to the Unit's Board of Directors for their support and in providing the delicious lunches at the Unit Games and their help in organizing our sectional twice a year. Thanx to the directors of the clubs in our unit (San Marcos, Ramona & Escondido) for continuing to run the games that challenge us and drive us crazy. Special thanx to the Board of Directors of the Bridge Club of North County for their perseverance and dedication in opening the BCNC and keeping it running. Thanx to Howard Bishop for printing our Table Talk and maintaining and updating our Website (acblunit549.org).

We will have a TOY DRIVE for the Marine Families at Camp Pendleton happening on 11/21. 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 12/19). The game and the lunch are FREE!!!

Just a question...If April showers bring May flowers, what do Mayflowers bring?

(Answer – Pilgrims).

Sheila

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BCNC - Charity Games November 1, 5, 7, 11, 13, 23, and 24. Club Championships November 3, 8, and 25. STaC games Nov. 15-22. Closed for Thanksgiving Thursday, Nov. 26.

Saturday, November 21st - 12:30 PM - Unit Championship Game, Lake San Marcos Pavilion (Toys for Marine Families)

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Audrey Grant is coming to Unit 549 in 2016!

Don't miss the opportunity to participate in a workshop with Audrey Grant on January 29th & 30th! **Topics are "The Rule of 1 & 2" and "3 Straightforward tips to make your finesses work"**. **Registration cost is \$79 per person, per day. If check is received by January 22nd it will be \$69 per person per day.** The Workshop includes all materials and full lunch. The location is the Lake San Marcos Pavilion, 1105 La Bonita Dr., Lake San Marcos. Contact Liz Nixon, coordinator, at 760-471-1899 or by email at cruzqueen43@gmail.com Get on the list now!

Welcome New Members to Unit 549

Murray Goldman, Robert Porter and Marjorie Sinel. Welcome back to Larry Gach, Carolyn Warden, Bobbie Cohen, Angela Jaraicie and Sherry Kroop. Welcome to all new and returning members!

70% Games

71.06% Jan Sperla - Al Nadel, September 18th, Bridge Club of North County

Members Achieving New Levels of Achievement

Junior Master – Frances Marquette; **Club Master** – Jack Bridgeman; **Sectional Masters** – Larry Axelrod, Fran Heffler, Wallace McCoy, Chris Ness and Joella Reinbold; **New Regional Master** – Dorothea Williams; **New Bronze Life Master** – Ron Perkins. Congratulations to all!



Unit 549 Club News

Bridge Club of North County

New! The Only Open Game on Sunday in North County!!! Started October 4th and continuing until further notice. Game starts at 12:30pm. All games have a dedicated director and will award Master points in the usual manner. Contact Bridge Club of North County at 760-807-9396.

The **Top Five Open players** for September were Tom Nolan, Al Nadel, Cheryl Fosdick, Jeri Adams and Gary Beed. **The Top Five NLM (0-500) Players** were Bob Anuskiewicz, Doris Cubeisy, Sue Compton, Ayoub Jaraicie and Alberdina Bahmanian. Congratulations to the Top five!

Special Games! BCNC will participate in STAC WEEK Nov. 16th – 22nd. Check with the Club manager or Director for the STAC schedule, Barometer games continue every Saturday with a **once a month Pot-Luck on Nov. 7th**. Check the Calendar for Charity games, Club Championships.

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ACBL Ramona Duplicate Bridge

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MARY ANN HOUSTON ~ 760-789-1132

The Ramona October calendar features:

October 2015 Mentor Games on Monday, 2-4 p.m., Bridge Lessons with Geoff on Tuesday 2-4 p.m., Sanctioned Games on Wednesday and Friday from 9:30 a.m.-1 p.m. 15 minute snack break, no lunch; and an Evening Sanctioned Game on Thursday from 6-9 p.m. Come join us— costumes and masks optional!

Ghoulies and ghosties and long-legged beasties...all best of friends with Cruella, our card sorter. However, Cruella has had more than her share of things going bump lately! Our bridge club moved – twice! Mary Ann and a troop of volunteers squeezed us into a nice, but crowded space only to open the doors and welcome the club the next morning with a resounding slosh!. The fans roared as the neighbor's leaky roof dripped and oozed onto our floor. But bridge players are an intrepid lot, so on we played. By Wednesday we'd moved again into spacious quarters in the same complex. Cruella grumbled, the thunder rumbled, but we stayed safe and dry in splendid accommodations with an extra office and kitchen. Even Cruella settled in comfortably – or perhaps she's just quietly scheming as her All Hallows birthday approaches. Oh, how she'd love to celebrate by enticing us into the cold, dark night of impossible contracts!

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DECEMBER

December, the end of the year, the winter solstice, a time of renewal. Chanukah, the festival of lights, Christmas, Kwanzaa. A time for the people to bring strength back to the waning sun. A time to renew one's spirit, a time to renew one's commitment to life.

We can start at the bridge table. This game, so important to us, should be a microcosm of human behavior. We should celebrate the highs and not dwell on the lows. Enjoy the challenge of the game, but remember that it is only a game and not a matter of life and death! Treat your opponents (and your partner) with respect. Be kind. Smile – even if you go for a telephone number. (Alright, you don't have to smile, but don't blame your partner, even if it IS her/his fault!) . Celebrate the highs and the lows of the game. Continue to exercise your brain to ward off the consequences of aging.

Congratulations to the Bridge Club of North County for reopening the Bridge Club in Escondido and continuing a venue for us to play the game we love. Also thanx to the nine donors who provided the seed money to allow the club to open. May it have continued success in the New Year.

And on the subject of the New Year, may I be the first to wish you a happy one.

Sheila

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Special Games with Extra Points

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BCNC - Club Championships Dec. 4th (NLM and Open) and 17th. **Charity Games** Dec. 5th, 18th (NLM and Open), 21st (NLM and Open), 23rd, 29th and 31st. **STaC Games** Dec. 7th-12th.

Saturday, December 19th - 12:30 PM - Unit Championship Game, Lake San Marcos Pavilion (Holiday Luncheon)

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

Audrey Grant is Coming to Unit 549 in 2016!

Mark the Dates! January 29th and 30th Don't miss the opportunity to learn from the best, Audrey Grant! **The Workshop topics are The Rule of 1 & 2 on January 29th and Best Defense Against a Suit Contract on the 30th.** Both workshops include all materials and full lunch. The location is the Lake San Marcos Pavilion, 1105 La Bonita Dr., Lake San Marcos. **Early Bird fee** per person per day is \$69 if received by January 22nd. After the 22nd it is \$79 per person per day. Checks should be sent to Liz Nixon, 1127 Los Campaneros, Lake San Marcos, 92078. Contact Liz Nixon, coordinator, at 760-471-1899 or by email at cruzqueen43@gmail.com Get on the list now!

Alert!

In 2015 our Unit game will be **Dec. 19th (Holiday Luncheon)** at the Lake San Marcos Pavilion. 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, 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.

Unit Game Winners in October

Open – John & Judy McCaffrey, followed by Cheryl Fosdick & Bob Anuskiewicz, Liz Nixon & Jean Holt, Rex & Sheila Latus, Carol Turner & Carol Reinhardt and Jill Roberts and Art Foeste. **NLM winners** were: BJ Amini & Sarah Fassihi followed by Donna Huhn and Joyce Dannenfeld, Joann Dilling & Nancy Underdahl, Jean Gilchrist & Patti Frinell and Kay Wilkey and Sheila Slayton. Congratulations to all!

70% Game

Manoochehr and Alberdina Bahmanian - 79.17%! on October 1. Congrats!

Members Achieving

New Levels of Achievement

Junior Master – Alan Creutz and Pam Molthen; **Club Master** – John Coulombe and Greg Fahey; **Sectional Masters** – Larry Gach; **New Life Masters** – Louise Bahr, Sue Compton and Marjorie Sinel; **New Bronze Life Master** – Louise Bahr. Congratulations to all!

Welcome New Members to Unit 549

Erma Lee Frisbie and Tim Vickers. Welcome back to Lorraine Suder. Welcome to all new and returning members!

In Memoriam: Kay Haralson

We lost a good friend and tremendous supporter of Bridge Club of North County and Lake San Marcos DBC. Kay got involved with Duplicate Bridge in North County many years ago at the Swim & Tennis Club in Rancho Bernardo. She also helped start the Duplicate bridge Lunch group with Peggy Bednar.

She moved on to Escondido Bridge Club when it was owned by Ken Vavra and became a Director along the way. Her long time friend, Alma Lathem, recalls how Kay got her Life Master at the San Diego Regional and going to the Las Vegas Regional with Kay driving. Kay was know to be a big time "Lead Foot" driver and Alma was terrified all the way.

Kay loved Directing at La Costa Glen on Thursdays until Bridge Club of North County opened in January of 2015.

Kay was a big help to Lee Hofacre and all of the players during the last days of North County Bridge Center. After Lee died she helped keep the club going until the new investors and board members got BC of NC up and running.

Kay was very loyal and supportive of Lake San Marcos Duplicate Bridge Club's Tuesday night game and Wednesday games. Her last partner on Tuesday nights was Gail Whitely until Gail passed away this summer.

We will all miss Kay and hope that she and Gail are playing bridge together upstairs!

In Memoriam: Hanna Wishni

Unit 549 recently lost another friend, Hanna Wishni. Hanna was a Holocaust Survivor and always had her bags packed to take a trip. Hanna was an intrepid traveler having visited West Africa in the last 3 years. She also loved going on trips with Holly Aufmann and Marilyn Florin. She had planned to celebrate her 90th birthday with her daughter, Barbara, in July until she started to develop heart problems.

Hanna played with Barbara Memering on Wednesdays and with Holly Aufmann and Al Nadel over the years at North County Bridge Center. Hanna was quite a character with many stories.

Unit 549 Club News

Bridge Club of North County

The **Top Five Open players** for October were Al Nadel, Jeri Adams, Chuck Donaldson, Marilyn Florin and John White. **The Top Five NLM (0-500) Players** were Rick Sontag, Enith Berg, Hervey Skolnick, Angela Jaraicie and Rosemary Finger. Congratulations to the Top five!

Special Games! BC of NC will participate in STAC WEEK December 6th – 12th . Check with the Club manager, Bill Sperry or Director for the STAC schedule, Barometer games continue every Saturday with a **once a month Pot-Luck on December 12th**. Check the Calendar for Charity games, Club Championships.

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

LSMDBC has a new web-site! Go to www.lakesanmarcosduplicatebridgeclub.com. At the web-site you can not only see the results but also get a complete hand analysis and suggestion how each hand should have been played or defended. Contact Jean Holt for more information at 760-734-4518

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The **charity for October was Semper Fi Fund, Toys for Marine Families.**

Top Five Open Players for October were Tim Flaherty, Jean Holt, Joe Houde, Art Foeste and Jill Roberts and Kay Haralson. **Top five 0-499er's** were Nancy Scott, Valerie Gwin, Karen Smith, Sandy Hrstich and Lynne Jaseph. Way to go top five!

Reminder: LSMDBC has a Tuesday night game at 6:30pm! The Wednesday game starts at 10:00am and includes a **Free Chalk Talk by Jean Holt**, 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 (generally) night at 6:30p. For Information call Jean at [760.734.4518](tel:760.734.4518) or Nina at [760.736.9386](tel:760.736.9386) for further information. **Address** is 1605 Grandon Ave., San Marcos, 92078

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MARY ANN HOUSTON ~ 760-789-1132

It is with regret that we note the passing of one of our best, a real mentor and dear friend from “down the hill.” Kay Haralson’s last act was to tell Mary Ann that she didn’t think she could make it to the next game. To all who had the pleasure of playing with Kay and calling her friend, we extend our condolences, and especially to her partner Gary Beed. We wish everyone to know that Kay and Gary made us look good in STaC games, and in our regular home games, they made us think more clearly and work a little harder. Kay and her expertise are already sorely missed.

Mentor Games on Monday, 2-4 p.m., Bridge Lessons with Geoff on Tuesday 2-4 p.m., Sanctioned Games on Wednesday and Friday from 9:30 a.m.-1pm, 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! Leave those turkeys at home and come join us – pumpkin pie, optional!

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Unit 549 Board Members: President: Sheila Latus (selatus@gmail.com) Board Members: Liz Nixon, Ken Matson, Art Foeste, Jill Roberts, Hazel Turner, Jean Jantz, Patti Finell, and John Coulombe		1 Ramona Bridge 2:00pm Teaching Session BCNC Open Pairs 12:30 PM BCNC EZ Bridge 6:30 PM Lake San Marcos DBC 6:30PM Club Champ Game	2 Ramona Bridge 9:30am - Open Game BCNC Open Pairs 12:30 PM Lake San Marcos DBC 10AM Chalk Talk 11AM Club Champ Game	3 BCNC Supervised Play - 9:30 AM BCNC Open Pairs 12:30 PM Ramona Bridge 6pm Open Game	4 Ramona Bridge 9:30am - Open Game BCNC 499er NLM 9:00 AM BCNC Open Pairs 12:30 PM BCNC Open Pairs 12:30 PM Both Club Championships	5 BCNC Open Pairs Barometer Game 12:30 PM Charity
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BOLD games denote Mega-Masterpoint Games.

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