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# North County Inland, Unit 549

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**THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF ACBL UNIT 549**

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

The Unit Board would like to extend our warmest wishes for a wonderful Holiday Season!!!

You had to be there to see it. Once again this year, the generosity of our unit members was on full display at the unit game in November. You provided an amazing array of really nice toys that were donated to Interfaith for their Adopt a Family program. I don't know exactly how many toys we received, but I did help load them. Alan and Hazel Turner volunteered to deliver the toys to Interfaith. Fortunately, they have two SUVs, because your generosity filled both vehicles to capacity. There is a picture of the toys on our website.

There must be something about a pot luck that brings people out, because you turned out and you brought lots and lots of food. That success generated about \$1,000 in card fees that were donated along with the toys to Interfaith. For me, there is this warm feeling knowing that our bridge club has made this Holiday Season just a little brighter for some needy families in North County.

And speaking of warm feelings, over the past couple of months I've received many positive unsolicited comments about our unit from members of our unit and also units 531 and 539. They commented about how great it was that we help sponsor the Lungevity event and do our toy drive. They commented about the level of activism within the unit. And everyone who has commented likes the Seven oaks Community Center site. So let's keep it going in 2019.

Don't forget that we have our Winter Sectional and the Audrey Grant seminar coming up next month.

Happy New Year!

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## Upcoming Unit 549 Events - Mark the Dates!

Winter Sectional, January 18th and 19th, 2019 at the Women's Club facility at 751 N. Rose Street in Escondido  
Audrey Grant Seminars January 18 & 19, 2019, Seven Oaks Community Center, Rancho Bernardo

### Unit 549 News

**Happy New Year!** January, 2019. Can you believe it? The time just flies when you're having so much fun at the bridge club. By the way, when you're making that traditional New Year's resolution, be sure to include many statements that begin: "I will play bridge..."

We have a stellar opportunity for you to fulfill that resolution with the Unit 549 Winter Sectional the weekend of January 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> 2019 at the Women's Club facility at 751 N. Rose Street in Escondido. The information flyer is available on our website at [acblunit549.org](http://acblunit549.org). Mark your calendar for this special weekend bridge event and remember – sectionals award silver points.

This will be the last call for attending the unit sponsored Audrey Grant seminars being presented in January. You must register before January 18<sup>th</sup> to receive the "early bird" special rate of \$79 per session. After that date, the cost is \$89 per session. These classes will be held at the Seven Oaks Community Center, 16789 Bernardo Oaks Drive, in Rancho Bernardo. The sessions run from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. and lunch is included. You don't need a partner, but if you have a regular partner, you may register as a pair. To make your reservation, send your check made payable to Escondido ACBL Unit 549 to: Alan Turner, 12578 Lomica Drive, San Diego, CA 92128. Additional class details are available on the unit website.

The November unit game had another nice turnout. Everything was lovely with plenty of food contributions for the Potluck and lots and lots of toy donations. We had a total of 21 1/2 tables – 14 1/2 Open and 7 NLM. A grand total of \$845.00 in game fees and \$255.00 in other donations, plus the 75 great toys, was given to Interfaith Community Services this year. That's the largest donation we've been able to make so far. The unit wants to thank everyone who came to play and especially those whose extra donations – both money and toys - made this possible. You are the greatest!

Results for the Open Section are as follows:

- **The top four winning pairs in the N/S position** were: Henry Farhi – Kit Humphrey, Alan Gailfus – Debbie Gailfus, Rex Latus – Sheila Latus, and Rosie Zakarian – Mary Ballin.
- **The top four winning pairs in the E/W position** were: Pat Astier – Ruth Aronsohn, Jean Jantz – Doris Nizzi, Lawrence Sherman – Daniel Koppenhafer, and William Grant – Scott Nelson.

Results for the NLM Section are as follows:

- **The top four winning pairs in the N/S position** were: Linda Ditmars – Linda Berman, Mel Cohn – Harriett Landon, Alan Turner – Joan Gershman, and Candace Blocher – Alison Hout.
- **The top four winning pairs in the E/W position** were: Ed Zevely – Sheila Slayton, Sue Halfaker – Susan Van Cott, David Peterson – Dixie Peterson, and Jan Janecki – Mary Rea.

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

**Welcome New Members to Unit 549:** Roop Jain, Andrew King, and Herb Schaar.

**Members attaining new levels of achievement:**

**New Junior Master:** Ram Lal

**New Sectional Master:** Susan Foreman

**New Silver Life Master:** Richard N. Aufmann

**New Sapphire Life Master:** Jean Jantz

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

### Unit 549 Club News

#### Bridge Club of North County

If you are a beginning to intermediate bridge player, you need to check out all the activities underway at our club. No matter what you're looking for, we've got you covered!

For beginners there are classes and workshops presented by Hazel Turner who is a Life Master and ACBL certified bridge teacher.

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

Our weekly bridge workshops for beginning/intermediate players will begin again on Thursday, January 10<sup>th</sup>. This next series will focus on defense. The schedule is as follows: Jan 10 – Opening Leads Against No Trump Contracts, Jan 17 – Opening Leads Against Suit Contracts, Jan 24 – Third Hand Play, Jan 31 – Second Hand Play, Feb 7 – Defensive Signals, Feb 14 – Developing Defensive Tricks, Feb 21 – Interfering With Declarer, Feb 28 – Making a Plan. This list will also be posted on the "Club News" bulletin board and on our website for your convenience. The fee is \$5 per session. No sign-up is required. You don't need to be enrolled in any class to participate in the workshops, and you can come whenever a topic is of interest to you. If you have any questions regarding either classes or workshops, please do not hesitate to email Hazel at [hazelturnerbridge@gmail.com](mailto:hazelturnerbridge@gmail.com)

Our Wednesday mornings at 9:00 a.m., we have a 0-149 game for beginning to intermediate players. This is a very friendly game, with lots of opportunity for learning and practicing bridge skills. We regularly have 5-7 tables of wonderful, happy people having fun! Game fee is \$8.

Concurrently, on Wednesday mornings, we offer a 0-20 Introductory game. If you're new to bridge, this is the game for you. It was specifically designed for entry level players to practice their newly acquired skills in a no pressure, relaxed environment. This game has a mentor available to answer questions and monitor the play. It is not required that you have attended BCNC classes to play in this game – only that you

are familiar with the basic bridge game and you hold no more than 20 masterpoints. For this particular game you don't need to arrive with a partner. You can just come – we'll arrange a partner for you. Game fee is \$5.

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

There are 0-499 games each Monday and Friday morning at 9:00 a.m. Also, for advanced beginning and intermediate players, we offer mentoring sessions called "Supervised Play" every Monday and Tuesday morning at 9:00 a.m. Sessions last about 2 ½ hours. The cost is \$5 and players are invited to stay and play in the afternoon game for an additional \$6. Pre-registration is required for participation in the mentoring sessions. For further information and to sign up, contact Vic Pitcock at [kcoctip.rotciv@att.net](mailto:kcoctip.rotciv@att.net)

If you are interested in a more personal type of mentoring, we have a new program offering that option. It is offered for the Tuesday morning Open game. This is a "golden opportunity" for newer players who would like to "play up" with a more experienced player and for experienced players who would enjoy helping a newer player transition into more advanced games. Mentor players are invited to play free, junior partners pay their own regular game fee. Partnerships will be arranged according to MP levels. Neither partner will be obligated to a long-term relationship – individuals decide how long they will play together.

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**January is Junior Fund Month.** Players earn extra masterpoints in these games (63.6% sectional-rated black points). The Junior Fund is an ACBL program to help its junior program for youth up to age 26. Junior players have their own special events, too. You can learn more about this program at [acbl.org/juniors](http://acbl.org/juniors). Check it out, and check our calendar for all the days you will want to play, including Saturdays because they're always Pizza Days, too (except January 19th when we are closed because Unit 549 has its Winter Sectional at the Women's Club in Escondido). Such a deal!

The monthly **Birthday Celebration** will be on Monday, January 7<sup>th</sup>. If you haven't registered for your birthday free play voucher, be sure to sign the Birthday Log at the club or contact Dorothea Williams at [dorotheaw@cox.net](mailto:dorotheaw@cox.net) so you don't miss out. The vouchers, to be used during your birthday month, will be available to you on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of your birthday month. You should try to be at the club on the celebration day during your birthday month so we can help you celebrate! There will be cake! Each month's birthday celebration date will be noted in the current calendar.

Don't forget our **Holiday Party** on December 28<sup>th</sup>. The club will provide lunch for everyone who plays that day (both morning and afternoon players). For this event you will need to sign up in advance so we know how much food to provide. The sign-up sheet will be located on the bulletin board behind the director's desk.

Please do check the Calendar of Events on our website for exact dates of the various club games and activities (you can print a copy

for easy reference). Go to: [www.bridgeclubofnorthcounty.org](http://www.bridgeclubofnorthcounty.org) to find everything you need to know about bridge at the club. The address is 2320 S. Escondido Blvd, Escondido, 92025. Phone # is 760-807-9396. Email: [bridgeclubofNC@gmail.com](mailto:bridgeclubofNC@gmail.com). Feel free to contact the club regarding club programs, special games, and partnership help.

**Top Five Open Players** for November: Bunny Schmidt, Sheila Latus, Tim Flaherty, Marilyn Florin and Hazel Turner.

**Top Five NLM 150-499 Players** for November: Ayoub Jaraicie, Bejai Higgins, Joyce Fox, Valerie Gwin, and Judy Astamendi.

**Top Five 0-149 Players** for November: Alan Turner, Pat Lenowsky, Mel Cohn, Alan Cruetz, and Noel Wiedner.

Our winner for the title "**Player of the Month**" for November is Hazel Turner. This title is awarded in recognition of the personal qualities that are assets to any bridge player, including congeniality, ethical conduct at the table, helpfulness, attitude, pleasant demeanor, etc. Among the many reasons given for Hazel's votes, those most cited were: "Her efforts with new players is tireless", "She's so patient with new players", "She has great teaching skills", and "She's so dedicated to growing our bridge club".

Alison Hout was selected November's "**Student of the Month**" by her Supervised Play mentors. Among the reasons given for her selection were: She works hard on improving her bridge game, she comes often to Supervised Play, she attends the Thursday Workshops, she's a regular player in the Wednesday morning 0-149 games, and she plays in the Unit 549 NLM games.

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

## Lake San Marcos Duplicate Bridge Club

**Top Five Open Players** for November: Richard Cohen, Rima Sharron, John Sharron Jr., Art Foeste, and Jill Roberts.

**Top Five NLM players** for November 0-499: Ben Moraine, Ronald Anson, Robert Schork, Janet Dunlap, and Fred Kaufman,

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## Bridge in Ramona

Bridge in Ramona is working on setting up our business and achieving nonprofit status. We're planning bridge education and social events to grow our membership.

Our ACBL sanctioned games are held at St. Mary's in the Valley Episcopal Church, 1010 12<sup>th</sup> Street. Our current schedule has two Open Pairs games: Thursday night from 6:00 to 9:00 PM and Friday morning from 9:30 AM to 1:30 PM with a break for (bring your own) lunch. If you would like to join us, please email: [bridgeinramona@gmail.com](mailto:bridgeinramona@gmail.com) to make a reservation. Our game fee is \$7.

For more information contact Maxine McNamara at [wildrose@barneymc.com](mailto:wildrose@barneymc.com) or 760-788-6189.

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***PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE***

I know when the first week of January has arrived without even looking at the calendar. That is the week that I can't find a parking spot at the gym, and the place is packed. January is also the time we reset the calendar, vow to make this the year we actually follow through on those resolutions and hear from our government about the state of the state and the state of the union. So with that in mind here is how I see the state of play in North County.

The Unit itself is in great shape. We held our Holiday Party, Winter Sectional, NLM Sectional and supported Interfaith and Lungevity without any change in our financial position. We found a new home for our unit game that has been met with great approval. We started communicating with every unit member that we have an e-mail address for. And we have a great board that has a lot of energy and is working hard for all of our members. We've gotten a running start for 2019 with our Winter Sectional and our Audrey Grant seminar this month.

The unit is comprised of three clubs. There is one in San Marcos, one in Ramona and one in Escondido. The San Marcos is steady as you go with a well attended game every Wednesday at 11:30. In Ramona we had one club close in September and another one get started in October. As with any startup, there is a lot of work to be done, but they are up to the task and enjoying their bridge.

Our Escondido club is our backbone. During 2018 there were 3,502 tables of bridge played at the club which makes them the 19th most active club in California and the 120th most active club within the ACBL. This is something we should all be proud of. The club board is working hard to keep a strong duplicate bridge community with bridge lessons, a good mentor program, a number of "limited" / NLM games, and a lot of celebrations.

We look forward to seeing you at our many bridge events this year.

## Upcoming Unit 549 Events - Mark the Dates!

Saturday, February 23rd - Unit Game - Seven Oaks Community Center - Rancho Bernardo

### Unit 549 News

The new Board of Directors met in January to officially select its officers for the coming year. Officers and Chairpersons for 2019 are as follows: President, Art Foeste; Vice-President, Alan Turner; Secretary/Recorder, Dorothea Williams; Treasurer, Ken Matson; Hospitality, Joan Gershman/John Coulombe; Tournament Chair, Trish Frinell; Membership Chair/Publicity, Noel Wiedner; Education Liaison, Hazel Turner; Disciplinary Chair, Jill Roberts.

Now that that piece of business is done, the board is happily working toward presenting another terrific year of unit games, the next of which will be on February 23<sup>rd</sup> at the Seven Oaks Community Center. Remember, there is always a free lunch served at our unit games, so come hungry!

The December unit game, which was our member appreciation game, with no card fees and a holiday banquet, had a great turnout of 21 tables. The Unit Board was gratified to receive lots of compliments on the lunch provided! Not to brag, but it really was a very nice spread! AND, everyone had a really good time as well.

Results for the Open Section are as follows:

- **The top four winning pairs in the N/S position** were: Alan Gailfus – Debbie Gailfus (with a 74.10%), Rick Kerbel – Fran White, Ethel Warner – Jeanne Griffin, and Jean Holt – Liz Nixon.
- **The top four winning pairs in the E/W position** were: Richard Gold – Dorn Bishop (with a 72.95%), Herbert Lu – Sifang Shen, Frederick Parker – Lawrence Sherman, and Jean Jantz – Doris Nizzi.

Results for the NLM Section are as follows:

- **The winning pairs in the N/S position** were: Ramakant Asaravala – David Greenwood, and Sheila Slayton – Sandra Hrstich
- **The winning pairs in the E/W position** were: Larry Gach – Marvin Schwedock (with a 70.50%), Ronique Nilson – Susan Holbeck, and Toni Lien – Robert Miner.

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

**Welcome New Members to Unit 549:** Marc and Mari Jarvis.

**Members attaining new levels of achievement:**

**New Junior Masters:** Alison Hout, and Roz Mennella

**New Club Masters:** Joan Gershman, Paul Stevens, David Valiulis, and Deepak Vora.

**New Sectional Master:** Maxine Graves

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

### Unit 549 Club News

#### Bridge Club of North County

You've probably noticed that we have a new "Volunteer Recognition" bulletin board at the club. Because we are a non-profit organization, and because we have no employees, we rely on volunteers to perform most of the tasks necessary to run our business. Obviously, this is a large undertaking, and requires many hours of volunteer help. The bulletin board is our way of acknowledging the time donated by so many of our club members to keep the business functioning properly, and to make our club an attractive and inviting place to spend time playing bridge and socializing. We always need more help. Next time you're at the club, scan the board's category headings, and if you see something that you could help us with, we'd be delighted to hear from you. Contact Dorothea Williams at [dorotheaw@cox.net](mailto:dorotheaw@cox.net) or send a message directly to the club (email address below).

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There will be lots of opportunity to earn extra MPs in February. The week of the 4<sup>th</sup> through 9<sup>th</sup> every session will be a Membership game with 81.8% sectional-rated black points. Then, beginning on Saturday the 16<sup>th</sup> and through

Friday the 22<sup>nd</sup>, every game will be a Club Championship, which is 63.6% sectional-rated black points. The club will be closed on February 23<sup>rd</sup> for the Unit 549 monthly game. Don't forget that Saturdays are always Pizza Days, so you get a free lunch along with your afternoon bridge game.

The monthly **Birthday Celebration** will be on Wednesday, February 13<sup>th</sup>. If you haven't registered for your birthday free play voucher, be sure to sign the Birthday Log at the club or contact Dorothea Williams at [dorotheaw@cox.net](mailto:dorotheaw@cox.net) so you don't miss out. The vouchers, which must be used during your birthday month, are available to you on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of your birthday month. You should try to be at the club on the celebration day during your birthday month so we can help you celebrate!

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**Top Five Open Players** for December: Marilyn Florin, Tim Flaherty, Doris Nizzi, Sue Compton, and Michael Haubenstock.

**Top Five NLM 150-499 Players** for December: Leo Muller, Dorothea Williams, Carol Nelson, Nancy Shirley, and Ken Patrick.

**Top Five 0-149 Players** for December: Madelyn Trainor, Alan Turner, Margo Lewis, Mary Thead, and Susan Kilkenny.

Also, in December we had **three winner pairs with greater than 70% games**:

Leo Muller and Joyce Fox on Monday December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 73.75%

David Greenwood and Ram Asaravala on Wednesday December 5<sup>th</sup>, 75.56%

Margie Berend and Fred Kaufman on December 10<sup>th</sup>, 72.5%

Our winner for the title **"Player of the Month"** for December is Tom Nolan, who is the epitome of a player's player. Reasons given for his nomination are the following assets: "He's always cheerful, helpful, and courteous", "He loves bridge and gives of his knowledge and expertise at every opportunity", "He's the most ethical player I know!", "He's such a gentleman...", "He's a very good mentor/teacher, and is very patient with beginning/intermediate players", "He's wonderfully upbeat under any and all circumstances...is always smiling", "He does many small and helpful tasks to help out whenever he can", "He's an all-around great guy!"

David Primuth was selected December's **"Student of the Month"** by his Supervised Play mentors. Among the reasons given for his selection were: He's a serious learner

who works at improving his bridge game, he comes often to Supervised Play, and has volunteered to fill in when needed in the 0-149 game.

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

## Lake San Marcos Duplicate Bridge Club

**Top Five Open Players** for December: Rima Sharron, John Sharron Jr., Diana Fritz-Maes, Gary Beed, and Meena Sethi.

**Top Five NLM players** for December 0-499: Stewart Walker, Mike Skow, George Wilkinson, David Blumenberg, and Ron Anson.

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## Bridge in Ramona

Bridge in Ramona's Temporary Planning Committee (TPC) is busily working on creating a set of by-laws for our club. There sure is a lot of basic business "backbone" to create when you start a new business, but we're loving it!

Since we had our first game in September of '18, we've held 128 open games over 24 days of operation (remember we only play twice a week). We typically run between 4 and six tables each game. We're really focusing on building up our attendance numbers and saving money to buy a dealing machine, which will save so much time and effort in prepping for games. One will cost about \$4500, so it might take us until July to save up enough money... but hey, with extra donations, it might be sooner!

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**THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF ACBL UNIT 549**

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

I've been on the Board for six plus years, and we are coming off the most amazing month that I can remember. It started with our Winter Sectional, which was held at a new location, the Escondido Women's Club. There is always a little apprehension when you change locations, combined with our new venue being a little smaller than the San Marcos facility, but all is well that ends well. We had a good turnout and did something most units are having trouble doing, we made a little money. And Scott Campbell, our ACBL director, thought the new venue worked better than the San Marcos facility.

The next weekend, we did our annual Audrey Grant seminar. Before the doors even opened, I knew this was going to be a financial success. We had 111 people registered for the first day, 126 registered for the second day, and we had a larger number of people coming from outside our area than I would have expected. I believe the longest commute was from Santa Barbara. Our challenge was making sure we could arrange the Seven Oaks Community Center so everyone was comfortable, we had enough food and that parking was reasonably convenient.

I worked both lunches, and then hung around and took the temperature of some of the attendees about how they liked things. While my sample wasn't large, it was random. To a person they all had very positive things to say about Audrey's presentation, the facility and the food. We also surveyed the attendees and confirmed my results. The one thing we did discover was that people would like that food line to move faster. And Audrey herself thought the two day event was great, really liked the community center and is interested in doing this again next year.

I would like to thank the Board for all of their hard work in making both of these events a big success. They did a lot of heavy lifting both figuratively and otherwise. An extra shout-out goes to Alan and Hazel Turner, who did most of the organizing for the Audrey Grant seminar. They even made it a family project and recruited their son Stuart to do some of that heavy lifting and then work as our parking steward.

Mark your calendar and make plans to attend our March unit game on the 23rd. It will be our annual Mini-McKenney and Ace of Clubs award recognition game.

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## Upcoming Unit 549 Events - Mark the Dates!

Saturday, March 23rd - Unit Game - Seven Oaks Community Center - Rancho Bernardo

### Unit 549 News

Our Winter Sectional was a great success this year! Over the two days of play we had 117 tables. A total of 443.68 masterpoints were awarded to 160 players. The highest number of MPs awarded to a single player was 20.70 to Mark Itabashi of Murietta, CA. There was one game score over 70%, which took place on Saturday afternoon in Open Pairs: Alex Fowlie, of San Marcos, CA, and his partner, Marjorie Michelin, of Laguna Woods, CA had a 71.01% game. Kudos to them! Obviously, there were too many winners overall to be listed here, but the final tally is available on our website at [acblunit549.org](http://acblunit549.org). The feedback from players regarding the new venue was positive overall – especially as to the ample parking available. The board is excited to begin plans for a repeat performance next year.

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

**Welcome New Members to Unit 549:** Firoz Nilam, Krishna Parkhani, and Delynn Kelly.

**Members attaining new levels of achievement:**

**New Junior Master:** Sifang Shen

**New Club Master:** Howard Birndorf

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

### Unit 549 Club News

#### Bridge Club of North County

**FLASH NEWS!** You asked for it and you got it...Based on considerable input from club members, the Tuesday morning game will be changed from an Open Pairs game to a 0-499er. AND, a new section for 0-499 players will be added to the Saturday afternoon game roster. This means that on Saturdays we will have two concurrent games – Open Pairs and 0-499. These changes will go into effect on March 1<sup>st</sup>. That gives you plenty of time to rearrange your current schedule to take advantage of these new game offerings.

In conjunction with these new game offerings, and due to lack of interest, the board has cancelled the new mentor/mentee opportunity we have been offering for the Tuesday morning games.

Friday, March 1<sup>st</sup> will be our annual “**Volunteer Appreciation Day**” when the club formally recognizes the contributions of all its volunteer members. A free lunch will be provided for all players that day, however, you’ll need to sign up so we can determine how much food to order. There will be a sign-up sheet posted on the bulletin board behind the director’s desk. Those who play in the morning are invited to stay for lunch – those who play in the afternoon should come a little early to have time to eat before the afternoon game starts at 12:30.

While we’re on the subject of volunteers, we always need more of them. Next time you’re at the club please take a look at the “**Volunteer Recognition**” bulletin board. This will give you an idea of how much work our volunteers actually do. Because we are a non-profit organization, and because we have no employees, we rely on volunteers to perform most of the tasks necessary to run our business. Obviously, this is a large undertaking, and requires many hours of volunteer help. The bulletin board is our way of acknowledging the time donated by so many of our club members to keep the business functioning properly, and to make our club an attractive and inviting place to spend time playing bridge and socializing. What could you do to help? Scan the categories on the boards and if you see something that you could help us with, we’d be delighted to hear from you. Contact Dorothea Williams at [dorotheaw@cox.net](mailto:dorotheaw@cox.net) or send a message directly to the club (email address below).

There will be two weeks of extra point games in March. We will be having STaC games from the 4<sup>th</sup> through the 9<sup>th</sup>. Every session will be a STaC game awarding silver points. Then, beginning on Monday the 18<sup>th</sup>, through Friday, the 22<sup>nd</sup>, every game will be an ACBL Charity game with sectional-rated black point awards. The club will be closed on

March 23rd for the Unit 549 monthly game. Don't forget that Saturday games (starting March 1<sup>st</sup>) will be having two sections (Open and 0-499) and are always Pizza Days, so you get a free lunch along with your afternoon bridge game.

The monthly **Birthday Celebration** will be on Friday, March 15th. If you haven't registered for your birthday free play voucher, be sure to sign the Birthday Log at the club or contact Dorothea Williams at [dorotheaw@cox.net](mailto:dorotheaw@cox.net) so you don't miss out. The vouchers, which must be used during your birthday month, are available to you on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of your birthday month. You should try to be at the club on the celebration day during your birthday month so we can help you celebrate!

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**Top Five Open Players for January:** Tim Flaherty, Marilyn Florin, Bunny Schmidt, Penny Berman, and Rick Sontag.

**Top Five NLM 150-499 Players for January:** Ken Patrick, Margie Berend, Bejai Higgins, Lindy Patrick, and Judy Astamendi.

**Top Five 0-149 Players for January:** Madelyn Trainor, Noel Wiedner, Henrik Lund, David Greenwood, and Debby Wunderle.

Our winner for the title "**Player of the Month**" for January is Jan Sperla. Reasons given for her nomination are the following assets: "She is always there with a friendly smile"; "She's always helping out"; "She takes the initiative to get things done"; "She is ethical"; "She has such a positive attitude"; "She is overall delightful and an asset to the club."

Christine Bristol was selected January's "**Student of the Month**" by her Supervised Play mentors. Among the reasons given for her selection were these: she comes often to Supervised Play, she attends the Thursday workshops, she works hard on learning to improve her bridge game, and she is very enthusiastic!

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

## Lake San Marcos Duplicate Bridge Club

**Top Five Open Players for January:** Rima Sharron, John Sharron Jr., Lorraine Gordon, Diana Fritz-Maes, and Gary Beed.

**Top Five NLM players for January 0-499:** Stewart Walker, Mike Skow, Ilene Brodsky, Ronald Anson, and Sharon Singleton.

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I just got back from a visit to Montana, where just like here, the winter has been unusually wet and cold. The difference is that unusually wet means lots of snow, and unusually cold means really cold. One of the other big differences I noticed between here and there is the size of the parking spaces. Unlike here where you have to squeeze in as many parking spaces as possible, they actually have parking spots where you can open your car door without hitting the car next to you.

Those pesky little parking spots that we have here have an oversized influence on duplicate bridge. We just had a successful Winter Sectional at the Women's Club of Escondido. The space and the parking worked really well, and we actually made a little money. I recently called the Women's Club to book the space for next year, and they said "no". When I asked why "no", I was told that we used more parking spaces than they expected, and that disrupted a church event at the church they share parking with. So we are in search of a new site for next year. Have a suggestion? Please share it with me.

If you haven't heard, Adventures in Bridge has lost its lease and is closed for at least a month. One of the major reasons for Wirt losing his lease is parking. When 120 people show up to play bridge, 120 cars show up with them, and this is a major problem for the businesses that share parking space with the bridge clubs. To the best of my knowledge, Wirt hasn't found a site yet that will accommodate both his space and parking needs.

The Redwood Bridge Club, which is based in Balboa Park, will close temporarily starting in May while their clubhouse is being remodeled. If Wirt hasn't found new a spot, and Redwood is closed, there will be a dramatic change in where duplicate bridge is played here in San Diego this summer, which brings me back to parking. With the construction that is taking place behind the BCNC, street parking will become more of a challenge. Please be patient.

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## Upcoming Unit 549 Events - Mark the Dates!

Saturday, April 27th - Unit Game - Seven Oaks Community Center - Rancho Bernardo

### Unit 549 News

If you haven't made plans and booked your partner(s) for the Pacific Southwest Regional you better get a move on! This is our biggest annual local event and is coming right up April 15<sup>th</sup> through 21<sup>st</sup>. It's a great opportunity to earn GOLD and RED points without traveling out of town. It's being held at the Town & Country Resort & Convention Center in San Diego. For all the game schedules and additional features, there is an informative flyer available at [PacifcSouthwestRegional.com](http://PacifcSouthwestRegional.com). At some point, some of our unit board members will be manning the Hospitality Desk, so we'll hope to see you there.

We had a fabulous turnout for the February unit game with 20 ½ tables.

**The top four MP winners in each direction of the Open Pairs game** were as follows: **N/S:** John Howard – Lawrence Sherman, Anne & Lance Malkind, Gary Beed – Ethel Warner, Murray Warmath – Roger Zellmer. **E/W:** William Grant – Scott Nelson, Lorraine Gordon – Ian Collins, Samuel & Yoko Jordan, and Jiawan Wu – Sifang Shen.

**The top four winners in the NLM section** were: **N/S:** Alexandra Johnson – Naomi Brownell, Sheila Slayton – Ed Zevely, Lifun Cohen – Anne Graves, and Ken & Lindy Patrick. **E/W:** Rose Mary Finger – Mary Thead, Marjorie Berend – Maxine Graves, Noel Wiedner – Alan Turner, and Fred Kaufman – Trish Frinell.

For a list of all players and winners, please visit the unit's website at [acblunit549.org](http://acblunit549.org).

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

Our next unit game is on April 27<sup>th</sup> at the Seven Oaks Community Center in Rancho Bernardo. No reservations are required – just show up hungry and ready to play bridge. Lunch, always included in your entry fee of \$10.00, is served at 11:45 a.m. Game starts at 12:30 p.m.

**Welcome New Members to Unit 549:** M. Adams, Samir Ariss, Kenee Campo, Patricia Hering, Meda Menius, Bharat Parkhani, Carolyn Shaer, Mary Smigliani, Rosemary Straight, Nancy Freeman, and Jean Radtke.

**Members attaining new levels of achievement:**

**New Junior Master:** David Greenwood

**New Sectional Masters:** Mel Cohn, and Prem Sehgal

**New Regional Master:** Susan Van Cott

**New NABC Master:** Joe Hopkins

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

### Unit 549 Club News Bridge Club of North County

Calling for volunteers! We really need more people to help perform the necessary tasks that keep our club alive. What could you do to help? We need more people to take responsibility for some of the on-going tasks. Check out the Volunteer bulletin board for category opportunities. Some of those tasks take only an hour or two a week, but require an on-going commitment. Any help would be greatly appreciated. Right now, we're looking for a person who has wood working and refinishing experience. There is a one-time need for some help in this area. If you, or someone you know could help us out, please contact Dorothea Williams at [dorotheaw@cox.net](mailto:dorotheaw@cox.net) or send a message directly to the club (email address below).

Continuing our Bridge Education Program, "Bridge Basics 3 – Popular Conventions", the third in the Audrey Grant "Learn to Play Bridge" series, will begin on Saturday, March 23<sup>rd</sup> at 9:00 a.m. This course, consisting of seven classes, offers a thorough grounding in the most common conventions: Stayman, Jacoby Transfers, the Strong Opening Bid, Blackwood, and Gerber. The cost for the series is \$99, which includes the Bridge Basics 3 handbook.

The series will begin all over again with Bridge Basics 1 – An Introduction, on Saturday, May 25<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m. This is a series of eight classes that provide all the essential information about the fundamental mechanics of the bridge game. It is intended for people who have never encountered bridge, and may also be valuable to those who know the basic mechanics, but have not learned the principles of modern bidding. Topics covered include No Trump opening bids and responses, major suit openings and responses, and minor suit openings and responses. The course provides everything you need to establish a solid foundation in the world's most fascinating card game. The cost of the series is \$99, which includes the Bridge Basics 1 handbook.

For more information, or to register for either of the above classes, please email [hazeltturnerbridge@gmail.com](mailto:hazeltturnerbridge@gmail.com).

April is Charity Month on the ACBL calendar. SO, we'll be having a charity game (with sectional-rated black point awards) every game all month with the exception of the 26<sup>th</sup> which will be an Upgraded Championship in honor of our club having recruited another ten new ACBL members. Congratulations to us!

**ALERT!** The club will be closed on Tuesday, April 16<sup>th</sup>, Thursday, April 18<sup>th</sup>, and Saturday April 20<sup>th</sup> for the Pacific Southwest Regional in San Diego. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend – it's the 74<sup>th</sup> Annual event sponsored by our own District 22. You can find details on the ACBL.Org website. We'll also be closed on Saturday, April 27<sup>th</sup> for Unit 549's monthly game at the Seven Oaks Community Center in Rancho Bernardo.

Don't forget that we've added two new 0-499 games – Tuesday 9:00 a.m. and Saturday 12:30 p.m. The Saturday game will have two separate sections, an Open and a 0-499er. Saturdays are always Pizza Days, so you get a free lunch along with your afternoon bridge game. What a great way to spend a Saturday afternoon!

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**Top Five NLM 150-499 Players** for February: Ayoub Jaraicie, Ken Patrick, Lindy Patrick, Nancy Shirley, and Dorothea Williams.

**Top Five 0-149 Players** for February: Mel Cohn, Jack Stanley, Noel Wiedner, David Greenwood, and Mary Thead.

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Karen Geist was selected February's "**Student of the Month**" by her Supervised Play mentors. Among the reasons given for her selection were these: She's a serious learner who studies to improve her bridge game, she attends classes and regularly attends Supervised Play, and she also attends the weekly Workshops.

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

## Lake San Marcos Duplicate Bridge Club

**Top Five Open Players** for February: Rick Norton, Jr., Samuel Jordan, Lorraine Gordon, Nina Laughbaum, and Clare Laljer.

**Top Five NLM players** for February 0-499: Ilene Brodsky, David Blumenberg, Janet Dunlap, Stewart Walker, and Mike Skow.

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## Bridge in Ramona

Honing our bridge skills is a priority for most players in our club. Like most bridge players, we share tips learned on bridge cruises and through online learning sites, but additionally, we have informal practice sessions, and an occasional special lesson offered by a bridge pro. If you are interested in joining us for any of our informal learning experiences, or would just like more information about our club, please contact Maxine McNamara at [wildrose@barneymc.com](mailto:wildrose@barneymc.com) or 760-788-6189.

The Top Players in February were: James Turlo, Stewart Walker, Geoff Applegate, Lenore Sjoberg, Gerald Asbury, and Henry Tileston.

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# April 2019

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**THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF ACBL UNIT 549**

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

Our unit is part of ACBL District 22, and David Lodge is our representative to the Board of Directors. After each Board meeting, he usually sends the unit presidents a summary of the meeting. His last summary sort of caught my attention when he started it with the following: "One of the realities of life is that a great deal of time of the BOD is spent on high level tournament play. Such was the case in Memphis where much of the BOD activities centered around cheating at the national (international level)."

Call me naive, call me unrealistic, call me out of touch, call me whatever, I have a hard time getting my head around the fact that there is a lot of cheating in duplicate bridge. It sort of takes away the aura surrounding those people playing behind the curtain at these big tournaments. When I read in the Bridge Bulletin about the really clever bidding sequence that took place for the winning hand at the national tournament, it sort of makes me wonder if it was really that clever.

In the same vein, a Washington Post headline on March 1st read: "Doping scandal rocks the world of ... bridge?". The World Bridge Federation regularly drug tests participants in their big tournament games and imposes penalties on those who fail the test. Amazingly it was reported that 22% of those tested test positive for a banned substance. In this particular case Geir Helgemo, a Norwegian-born player who plays for the Monaco team, was suspended for a year for doping with a synthetic testosterone.

Back to bridge here at home: our unit is number one in the district for adding new members to the ACBL. This is in large part due to the great work Hazel and others are doing with the beginner bridge program. I ran into Wirt at the Regional, and he is still struggling to find a place with adequate parking. So it appears Adventures in Bridge won't be reopening for a while.

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## Upcoming Unit 549 Events - Mark the Dates!

Saturday, May 18th - Unit Game - Seven Oaks Community Center - Rancho Bernardo

### Unit 549 News

We are so proud...I have to toot our horn a little bit! Our Unit 549 just got word that we are #1 among the 25 other units in District 22 for "New Member Gains" (which means we have recruited enough new members to more than just compensate for all membership losses – more gains than any other unit in our district). Also, we're #1 in what is called the "Active Membership Trend" (which means that all 423 members of our unit have paid their dues!). Hooray for us!

Our March unit game had one of the largest turnouts ever with 28 ½ tables. It was really exciting seeing so many new faces! The unit provided a barbecue luncheon, which was a smashing hit with everyone. We ate up all the food, played some pretty hot bridge and had a very good time! Plus all that, the winners of the Mini-McKenney and Ace of Clubs races were announced and awards given out. You can view a list of those winners on the unit website. If you weren't there, you really missed out! You'll have to be sure not to miss the next game (details are listed below).

**The top four MP winners in each direction of the Open Pairs game** were as follows: N/S Murray Warmath – Roger Zellmer, Hsin-I Wu – Kaison Yen, Sherman – Daniel Koppenhafer, and Terry Badger – Raymond Curtiss. E/W Tim Flaherty – Robert Moore, Richard Gold – David Anding, Bunny Schmidt – Marilyn Florin, and Ken Matson – Hazel Turner.

**The top four winners in the NLM section** were: N/S Jane Krongold – Sheila Slayton, Anne Schafer – Bill Schafer, Barbara Brady – Pat Smith, and Mary Rea – Jan Janecki E/W Larry Shifrin – Cathy Berg, Kim Lazarus – Liane Brennar, Nira Levy – Helene Miller, and John Coulombe – Dorothea Williams.

You can view a complete list of all players and winners on the unit's website at [acblunit549.org](http://acblunit549.org).

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

**Alert!** Our next unit game is on May 18th at the Seven Oaks Community Center in Rancho Bernardo. This is the third Saturday, so please make a note of this change from our usual 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday routine. No reservations are required. Lunch, always included in your entry fee of \$10.00, is served at 11:45 a.m. Game starts at 12:30 p.m.

**Welcome New Members to Unit 549:** Joan Hegardt, Robert Hegardt, Jeanne O'Connor-Green, Teresa Olcomendy, Barbara Simmons, and Alice Strait

**Members attaining new levels of achievement:**

**New Junior Master:** Firoz Nilam

**New Club Master:** Dr. Eric Book

**New Sectional Masters:** Mary Thead, Jan Waluk, and Noel Weidner

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

### Unit 549 Club News

#### Bridge Club of North County

Are you a "bridge thief"? What's that, you ask? If you regularly take longer than the time allowed to finish the hands in a round, you are a bridge thief. It means you "steal" time from your fellow players who come to the table after you, by limiting the amount of time they have to finish the next round on time. The clock does not reset for them when you take too long to finish. This gives you an unfair advantage. Bridge is a timed event. Thinking and acting quickly is part of the skill. Did you know the BCNC has a Club Policy regarding "slow play"? It's in Section 4.3.5 of the Club Handbook. There are two statements in this section you should be cognizant of: 1) Slow play, **especially habitual slow play**, is a violation of law and subject to penalty. And 2) If the opening lead is not on the table when the round is called (by the director OR the clock) the hand should not be played and a No Play should be issued. The Club Policy is posted on the Club News bulleting board. There is also an article from ACBL about this subject on the Bridge News bulletin board. There is really no excuse for habitual slow play and the penalties given are well earned when slow play pairs disrupt the normal progression of the game.

The Community Corner bulletin board is becoming more and more the place to hang out while you wait for your table to be available or you just have some time to kill. There are lots of good recommendations for local tradespeople, some interesting doings of our club members, and even some funny stuff! By the way, you are all invited to post things there. Anything you might want to share, so long as it's "clean", and not commercial advertising. If you post a recommendation, please put your name on the notice so anyone who's interested could talk to you about it. You can list requests for partnerships there as well.

Don't forget to turn in your recommendation chit for "**Player of the Month**". If you know someone who is delightful to have at a bridge table, who always makes you feel welcome and appreciated, who you think is a great partner (maybe not yours, but anyone's), fill out one of those yellow slips and get your friends to do the same. Lobby for that person. Make it happen!

We're still calling for volunteers! Here's an easy, not too time-consuming task for someone...Lost & Found Monitor. This job is really simple! You just need to monitor the items left behind at the club, attach a ticket with the date it was left, and hang it up on the Lost & Found pegs. Periodically, you check the dates on the ticketed items, and when something has been hanging for 3 months, you donate it to a charity TBD. That's it – easy peasy! If you, or someone you know could help us out, please contact Dorothea Williams at [drotheaw@cox.net](mailto:drotheaw@cox.net) or send a message directly to the club (email address below).

The Audrey Grant series will begin again with Bridge Basics 1 – An Introduction, on Saturday, May 25<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m. This is a series of eight classes that provide all the essential information about the fundamental mechanics of the bridge game. It is intended for people who have never encountered bridge, and may also be

valuable to those who know the basic mechanics, but have not learned the principles of modern bidding. Topics covered include No Trump opening bids and responses, major suit openings and responses, and minor suit openings and responses. The course provides everything you need to establish a solid foundation in the world's most fascinating card game. The cost of the series is \$99, which includes the Bridge Basics 1 handbook.

For more information, or to register for either of the above classes, please email [hazelturnerbridge@gmail.com](mailto:hazelturnerbridge@gmail.com).

Our May game calendar is looking really good in terms of offering extra MP games. With the exception of STaC Week May 6<sup>th</sup> through 11<sup>th</sup>, which offers SILVER points, the entire month is devoted to the ACBL Grass Roots Fund. All the monies ACBL collects as table fees for these games are returned annually to our District 22 to help fund the NAP (North American Pairs) and GNT (Grand National Teams). Additionally, the awards for these games are 63.6% sectional-rated black points.

Don't forget that we've added two new 0-499 games – Tuesday 9:00 a.m. and Saturday 12:30 p.m. The Saturday game will have two separate sections, an Open and a 0-499er. Saturdays are always Pizza Days, so you get a free lunch along with your afternoon bridge game. What a great way to spend a Saturday afternoon! AND, remember that the unit game in May is on the 18<sup>th</sup>, which is the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday. We'll be closed that day to support the unit and we hope you'll go and play in their game at the Seven Oaks Community Center in Rancho Bernardo.

The monthly **Birthdays Celebration** will be on Wednesday, May 15<sup>th</sup>. We always have cake (or pie, or some other tantalizing dessert) during both morning and afternoon games on each celebration day. You should try to be at the club that day during your birthday month so we can help you celebrate!

If you're a new club member, and haven't yet registered for your birthday free play voucher, be sure to sign the Birthday Log at the club or contact Dorothea Williams at [dorotheaw@cox.net](mailto:dorotheaw@cox.net) so you don't miss out. The vouchers, which must be used during your birthday month, are available to you on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of your birthday month.

Several people have asked recently about the "Club Directory." There are no paper copies available, but if you'd like to have an electronic copy, which you can store on your computer, or print out for yourself, you can get that file by contacting Arline Kennedy at [arlinek@gmail.com](mailto:arlinek@gmail.com).

Please do check the Calendar of Events on our website for exact dates of the various club games and activities (you can print a copy for easy reference). Go to: [www.bridgeclubofnorthcounty.org](http://www.bridgeclubofnorthcounty.org) to find everything you need to know about bridge at the club. The address is 2320 S. Escondido Blvd, Escondido, 92025. Phone # is 760-807-9396. Email: [bridgeclubofNC@gmail.com](mailto:bridgeclubofNC@gmail.com). Feel free to contact the club regarding club programs, special games, and partnership help.

**Top Five Open Players** for March: Richard Gold, Tim Flaherty, Joe Houde, Doris Nizzi, and Dorn Bishop.

**Top Five NLM 150-499 Players** for March: Ken Patrick, Dorothea Williams, Trish Frinell, Betty Serepka, and Bejai Higgins.

**Top Five 0-149 Players** for March: Jack Stanley, Noel Wiedner, Jean Gilchrist, Madelyn Trainor, and Susan Kilkenny.

A special congratulations this month to Scott and Alan Sonne who had a 70.63% game on March 18.

Our winner for the title "**Player of the Month**" for March is Joan Gershman. Reasons given for her nomination are the following assets: "She is always there with a friendly smile", "She's helpful", "She's a great teacher to me: Patient & fun, no pressure", "She's kind...complimentary of others play", "She works hard at her bridge game, and it shows", "She's just plain fun!"

Karen Dellinger was selected "**Student of the Month**" for March by her Supervised Play mentors. Among the reasons given for her selection were these: She attends classes and workshops, and she comes to Supervised Play regularly. She's working hard at improving her bridge game by "playing up" often in the 0-149 games. She's a serious learner.

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

## Lake San Marcos Duplicate Bridge Club

**Top Five Open Players** for March: Lorraine Gordon, John Sharron Jr, Rima Sharron, Samuel Jordan, and Maria Marshall.

**Top Five NLM players** for March 0-499: Ilene Brodsky, David Ward, Claire Ward, Stewart Walker, and Judy Friedman.

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## Bridge in Ramona

Our club is small, but expanding! We welcome new beginning players, Marc and Mari Jarvis, who have played with us for several weeks now. Also, we have familiar friends who play with us when they visit Ramona...like Camille Collver who comes from Canada. We always enjoy seeing her. We'd like to welcome you, too. We are an especially friendly group determined to make duplicate bridge a social event as well as an ACBL sanctioned competition.

If you are interested in joining us for any of our activities or would just like more information about our club, please contact Maxine McNamara at [wildrose@barneymc.com](mailto:wildrose@barneymc.com) or 760-788-6189.

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

I'm feeling really good about Unit 549 right now, in fact, I'm feeling better than good. Our Winter Sectional has been a festering problem for the last two years since we lost our space at Lake San Marcos. But thanks to a lot of hard work by the Board we have put that problem behind us for this year. So here is a little sneak preview for next year's Winter Sectional.

The sectional will be held on January 10th and 11th at St. Gabriel's Catholic Church in Poway. The church is on Twin Peaks road, about 3 miles east of I-15, with very easy access from either Camino Del Norte or Ted Williams Parkway. Most importantly, we will have lots of parking close to the venue. The facility itself is almost twice the size of anything we have had in the past and was recently renovated. So when it comes to parking, space and access this is the best we have ever had in our opinion. Now all we have left to do is get a great turnout.

We have also finalized the details for our Audrey Grant seminar next year. It will be held on January 31st and February 1st at the Seven Oaks Community Center. And don't forget that we have a Non-Life Master Sectional coming up on July 27th, also at the Seven Oaks Community Center.

John Coulombe has resigned from the Board and we will miss him dearly. He provided a voice and perspective for those non-life masters when we really needed one. Fortunately, for all of us, he has agreed to keep showing up and helping with the unit game work. And, in case you were wondering, ACBL regulations required that John resign from the Board because he has taken a financial interest in a club.

We had 32 tables last month at the unit game, which has to be a record of some kind. So let's enjoy our success and just assume that it is because we have such a cool place to play bridge with a lot of really nice people.

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## Upcoming Unit 549 Events - Mark the Dates!

Saturday, June 22nd - Unit Game - Seven Oaks Community Center - Rancho Bernardo

Saturday, July 27th - Unit 549 NLM Sectional

### Unit 549 News

Remember last month when I told you not to miss the next month's unit game? Well, everyone really listened – and I think they invited their friends as well! We had 32 tables on April 27<sup>th</sup> – I think that's the largest number we've had in recent history. It was great – the masterpoint awards were the highest I've seen in a unit game in a long, long time. Also, there is a sort of electric energy you feel at games this size that's exciting. If you were there, you know what I mean. If, by some chance, you missed it, you're invited to the next one in June (see details below). Wouldn't it be fantastic to top this last event?

**The top four MP winners in each direction of the Open Pairs game were as follows:** N/S Lawrence Sherman – John Boackle Jr, Avram Ninyo – Susan Ninyo, Christine Denny – Davis Bennett, and Jane Petering – Maria Marshall. E/W Junko Hemus – Jim Johnson, Tim Flaherty – Alex Fowlie, Sam Madison-Jamal – Lynne Feldman, and Alan Turner – Hazel Turner.

**The top four winners in the NLM section were:** N/S Vinod Kapila – Roop Jain, Mary Rea – Jan Janecki, Naomi Brownell – Alexandra Johnson, and David Greenwood – Ramakant Asaravala. E/W Bejai Higgins – Nancy Shirley, Fred Kaufman – Trish Frinell, David Mathison – Prem Sehgal, and Lloyd Kelly – Delynn Kelly.

You can view a complete list of all players and winners on the unit's website at [acblunit549.org](http://acblunit549.org).

Congratulations to all the winners and the board thanks all the many people who played.

**Alert!** Mark your calendars now and book that favorite partner... Our annual Non-Life Masters (NLM) Sectional has been scheduled for Saturday, July 27<sup>th</sup>. It will be held at the Seven Oaks Community Center in Rancho Bernardo. The address is 16789 Bernardo Oaks Drive, San Diego, 92128. There will be two sessions: 10 AM and 2:30 PM with a lunch break. Coffee and snacks will be provided and a lunch is offered for \$7. This game will be stratified by pair average – 500/300/100 (no players with more than 500 masterpoints allowed). The entry fee is \$10 each session – you are not obligated to play in both sessions. Players with 0-20 MPs play free! Additional information and a location map are available at our website: [acblunit549.org](http://acblunit549.org)

Our next unit game is on June 22<sup>nd</sup>, also at the Seven Oaks Community Center in Rancho Bernardo. This is beginning to feel like we've found a home! No reservations are required. Lunch, always included in your entry fee of \$10.00, is served at 11:45 a.m. Game starts at 12:30 p.m.

**Welcome New Member to Unit 549:** Kathleen Rae

**Members attaining new levels of achievement:**

**New Junior Masters:** Liam King, Dr. Paul Woody, and Cher Young.

**New Club Masters:** Audrey Clark, Chung Kim, and Kaison Yen.

**New Sectional Masters:** Geri Seymour and Alexander Walker.

**New Regional Masters:** Nancy Shelmon and Hsin-I Wu.

**New Life Masters:** Dan Higgins and Mark West.

**New Bronze Life Master:** Dan Higgins.

Our congratulations to all of the above for achieving these new milestones. They will be rewarded with a free play at the next unit game.

### Unit 549 Club News Bridge Club of North County

As you know, part of the Bridge Club of North County's mission is to promote, grow, and sustain the game of bridge. To that end, we offer many learning and skill promoting opportunities. The following is a list of upcoming classes, tutoring sessions, and workshops that are currently available for registration:

- **Bridge Basics 1** – An Introduction, beginning Saturday, May 25<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m. This is a series of eight classes that provide all the essential information about the fundamental mechanics of the bridge game. The cost of the series is \$99, which includes the Bridge Basics 1 handbook.
- **Bridge Basics 2** – Competitive Bidding, beginning Saturday, July 27<sup>th</sup> at 9 a.m. This six-week course progresses through Preemptive Opening Bids, Overcalls, Takeout Doubles, and Competitive Auctions. The cost is \$89, which includes the Bridge Basics 2 handbook.
- **Bridge Basics 3** – Popular Conventions, beginning Saturday, September 28<sup>th</sup> at 9 a.m. This seven-week course provides a thorough grounding in the most common conventions including Stayman, Jacoby Transfers, Strong Opening Bids, Blackwood and Gerber Ace-asking. The cost is \$99 and includes the Bridge Basics 3 handbook.
- **2 Over 1** – Game Force, beginning Thursday September 26<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m. This 5-week course will take you through all the basic steps of the 2/1 Game Force system based on the Audrey Grant/Eric Rodwell book of the same name. If you are thinking of making the transition to this new approach, or you simply want to better understand the 2/1 system used by bridge opponents, this is the course for you. Cost is \$69, which includes the Audrey Grant 2/1 book.

For more information, or to register for any of the above classes, please email [hazelturnerbridge@gmail.com](mailto:hazelturnerbridge@gmail.com)

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Beginning in June, and continuing through July and August, we will again be offering **NAP** (North American Pairs) qualifying games. These games are “flighted” as follows: A (Open), B (-2500), and C (0-500 NLM). The NAP finals are always held at the ACBL Spring National Event. All club games are qualifying events to play in the District Semi-finals. Winners of those district level games receive financial subsidies and go on to play in the national event. Club winners receive MPs 50% Red and 50% Black, at 81.8% sectional rating, and are “qualified” to play at the district level semi-finals. We are offering NAP qualifying games June 3<sup>rd</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup>, and again June 24<sup>th</sup> through 29<sup>th</sup>.

Also, in June, there will be a club championship game on the 12<sup>th</sup>, and both ACBL and local charity events throughout the rest of the month. There are two terrific special event days planned. First, there will be a **Mixed-Up Pairs** game on Thursday, June 6<sup>th</sup>. This game is free to all players and the club will be providing a lite lunch at 11:45. Game starts at 12:30. You must sign up in advance for this game. The purpose of pre-registration is so that the players can be appropriately paired (expert with novice) prior to game time. The purpose of this game is to introduce new players to more experienced players in a friendly, relaxed environment. A sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board behind the director’s desk, or alternately, you can email the club (see address below) with your request to play.

Second, is “**The Longest Day**” on Friday June 21<sup>st</sup>. This annual charity event raises funds to support research into a cure for Alzheimer’s Disease. All game fees collected by ACBL on this day, plus any additional personal contributions, will be donated to this very worthy cause. MPs earned this day are 63.6% sectional-rated black points.

Our new 0-499 game on Tuesday morning at 9:00 a.m. is up to 6 tables now and growing. We’re very pleased with the turnout and really hope this trend continues. If you’re a NLM player and haven’t tried it yet, you’re invited!

Remember that the Saturday game now has two separate sections, an Open and a 0-499er. Saturdays are always Pizza Days, so you get a free lunch along with your afternoon bridge game. What could be better? We’ll be closed Saturday, June 22<sup>nd</sup> in support of our unit, which has their monthly game that day at the Seven Oaks Community Center in Rancho Bernardo. Please do plan to go and play there

The monthly **Birthday Celebration** will be on Friday, June 14<sup>th</sup>. We always have cake (or pie, or some other tantalizing dessert) during both morning and afternoon games on each celebration day. Schedule yourself to play that day and we’ll help you celebrate!

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**Top Five Open Players** for April: Dot Swanger, Manooch Bahmanian, Carol Reinhart, Marilyn Florin, and Rick Sontag.

**Top Five NLM 150-499 Players** for April: Ken Patrick, Leo Muller, Betty Serepca, Valerie Gwin, and Dorothea Williams.

**Top Five 0-149 Players** for April: Noel Weidner, Deepak Vora, Jack Stanley, Madelyn Trainor, and Mel Cohn.

A special congratulations to Skip Mueller and Sharon Feingold who had a 72.33% game on April 24<sup>th</sup>, and to Jan Waluk and James Kaspar who had a 70.71 game on May 7<sup>th</sup>.

Our winner for the title “**Player of the Month**” for April is Al Nadel, our centenarian, who is 101. Reasons given for his nomination are the following assets: “He is always happy and so congenial”, “He always greets opponents with a smile and a twinkle in his eye”, “He is so generous with his advice”, “Because of his newly acquired Patience!”, “He’s a “fixture” at our club & and an inspiration to us all”, “He is HERE!!!”, “He is AL...”.

Wendy Eagle was selected “**Student of the Month**” for April by her Instructor. Among the reasons given for her selection were these: She attends classes and is an avid student, she plays in the 0-20 game regularly, she loves bridge and is working hard at improving her game, and she encourages others.

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

## Lake San Marcos Duplicate Bridge Club

**Top Five Open Players** for April: Rick Norton Jr., Samuel Jordan, Rose Zacharian, Diana Fritz-Maes, and John Sharron Jr/Rima Sharron (tie).

**Top Five NLM players** for April 0-499: Ronald Anson, Susan Cronenwett, Betty Abersold, Valerie Gwin, and Brian Turner/Chas Wick (tie).

Our club will be participating in the ACBL **Longest Day** Event on June 19. We invite everyone interested in supporting Alzheimer’s Disease research to turn out that day because all ACBL table fees will be donated, along with any additional personal contributions, to the **Alzheimer’s Association**

Lake San Marcos Duplicate Bridge Club games are held at the San Marcos Senior Center at 111 Richmar Ave. San Marcos, CA 92069. The Wednesday game starts at 11:30 AM. Snacks and coffee are provided. The cost is \$8.00. For further information call John Coulombe at 760-715-5896, or Nina Laughbaum at [760-736-9386](tel:760-736-9386).

## Bridge in Ramona

We have a very special announcement to make, and although it’s a bit late in coming, it’s quite official now – published in the May edition of the Bridge Bulletin magazine. Our very own James Turlo and Alexander Walker placed 1<sup>st</sup> in District 22 in the ACBL-Wide International Fund game on February 2 with a 63.69% game. Congratulations to them!

Our regular games are held at St. Mary’s in the Valley Episcopal Church, 1010 12<sup>th</sup> Street. The current schedule has two Open Pairs games: Thursday night from 6:00 to 9:00 PM and Friday morning from 9:30 AM to 1:30 PM with a break for (bring your own) lunch. We also have a few special games scheduled – more on those later. If you would like to join us, please email: [bridgeinramona@game.com](mailto:bridgeinramona@game.com) to make a reservation. Our game fee is \$7.

For more information about our club, please contact Maxine McNamara at [wildrose@barneymc.com](mailto:wildrose@barneymc.com) or 760-788-6189.



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**THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF ACBL UNIT 549**

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

I'm sitting here at the base of the Beartooth Mountains, just outside of Red Lodge, Montana. Spring has come late this year, and it was wet and cold just like southern California. There is a lot of snow in the mountains for this time of the year, which makes them all the more beautiful as that snow glistens on this bright sunny cool morning. And my task this morning is to write about duplicate bridge. I can't think of a better place to do that.

I played bridge twice last week, and at the Thursday game, I met a couple who are up here from Kingman, Arizona for a couple of months. I'm assuming they are pretty good bridge players, because they won the day. How fortunate we are that we can be away from home and still get our bridge fix in a sanctioned environment.

There will not be a unit game next month. The Board decided to use the July date for our annual Non-Life Masters (NLM) Sectional. Our NLM group has experienced a lot of growth and enthusiasm over the past year. Their interest and level of activity in our unit truly is the future. We encourage all you Non-Life Masters to put July 27th on your calendar, find a partner, and come and play bridge at the sectional level. The games will be stratified, so you will be scored against players at your level.

The next unit game will be August 24th. And now it is time to enjoy those mountain views and a cup of coffee.

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## Upcoming Unit 549 Events - Mark the Dates!

Thursday, July 4th - 4th of July Celebration at BCNC (see article below for details)

Saturday, July 27th - Unit 549 NLM Sectional - Seven Oaks Community Center - Rancho Bernardo

### Unit 549 News

Good golly, Miss Molly (where have I heard that before?). Continuing the saga of record-breaking unit game attendance, we actually did top May's record-breaking table number in June...it was by just one more table (33), but it was 4 more players! We are "over the moon" about all the new players we're seeing. Perhaps when the space issues for some San Diego clubs gets settled, we'll see a drop, but meanwhile we're delighted to be entertaining our new bridge friends. We're hoping that, now that they've found us, they decide to make us a habit!

**The top four MP winners in each direction of the Open Pairs game were as follows:** N/S Madhao Saste – Shelley Basson, Alan Gailfus – Debbie Gailfus, Rex Latus – Sheila Latus, and Lynn Wells – Janice Wells. E/W Michael Skow – Art Foeste, Tim Flaherty – Joe Houde, Richard Cohen – Ben Moraine, and Donald Davidson – Ben Domurat.

**The top four winners in the NLM section were:** N/S John Coulombe – Dorothea Williams, Ann Schafer – Bill Schafer, Judy Friedman – Verena Hommel, and Nisha Goyal – Prem Sehgal. E/W Bejai Higgins – Noel Wiedner (who had a fantastic win at 75.19%), Lloyd Kelly – Delynn Kelly, James Kaspar – Firoz Nilam, and Lynne Jaseph – Nina Norden.

You can view a complete list of all players and winners on the unit's website at [acblunit549.org](http://acblunit549.org).

Congratulations to all the winners and a big "Thank You" to all the many people who played.

**Alert!** There will be no unit game in July (but keep reading for a nice SURPRISE below). Instead, our annual Non-Life Masters (NLM) Sectional has been scheduled for Saturday, July 27th (which would have been our unit game day). It will be held at the Seven Oaks Community Center in Rancho Bernardo. The address is 16789 Bernardo Oaks Drive, San Diego, 92128. There will be two sessions: 10 AM and 2:30 PM with a lunch break. Coffee and snacks will be provided and a lunch is offered for \$7. This game will be stratified by pair average – 500/300/100 (no players with more than 500 masterpoints allowed). The entry fee is \$10 each session – you are not obligated to play in both sessions. Players with 0-20 MPs play free! Additional information and a location map are available at our website: [acblunit549.org](http://acblunit549.org)

**Surprise!** For those of you who normally play in the Open section of our unit games, the Bridge Club of North County in Escondido is planning to be open on the 27th to accommodate you – and, they're making it a pizza lunch day, so you'll still get a free lunch with your game – just like unit game days!

**Welcome New Members to Unit 549:** Dominick Addario, Kathleen Owen, and Susan Rowe.

### Members attaining new levels of achievement:

**New Junior Masters:** Sandy Gilman, Krishna Parkhani, and Jiawen Wu.

**New NABC Master:** Patricia Uttley.

**New Bronze Life Master:** Mark West.

Our congratulations to all of the above for achieving these new milestones. They will be rewarded with a free play at an upcoming unit game.

### Unit 549 Club News

#### Bridge Club of North County

**ALERT!** Come join us for a 4th of July Celebration at BCNC. There will be a free traditional lunch of Hot Dogs, potato salad, watermelon and, of course, apple pie - plus all the other "fixins" that make the 4th an "American" holiday. We'll have drawings for prizes (big surprises), and an afternoon of bridge. What could possibly be more fun? Need a partner? We'll find one for you – just give us a call or send an email with your request. Reservations will be required for this event so we know how much food to order. There will be a sign-up sheet posted on the wall behind the director's desk, or you can email the club to register. Lunch will be available at 11:30. Game starts at 12:30.

We have a jam-packed calendar of mega-point opportunities in July. We will be offering two full weeks of NAP (North American Pairs) qualifying games: July 1st through 6th and July 15th through 20th. All of these club games are qualifying events to play in the District Semi-finals. Winners of those district level games receive financial subsidies and go on to play in the nationals. The NAP finals are always held at the ACBL Spring National Event. Club winners receive MPs 50% Red and 50% Black, at 81.8% sectional rating, and are "qualified" to play at the district level semi-finals.

The monthly **Birthday Celebration** will be on Monday, July 8th. If you have a July birthday, please come that day and we'll help you celebrate with a cake - the rest of us will just celebrate birthdays in general!

From July 8th through the 13th we will be having a full week of STaC games. This is a great opportunity to earn Silver points right in your home club, plus you have the opportunity of competing against many other club players across our district, which increases the potential award significantly.

**Attention Please!** We plan to be open on Saturday, July 27th to accommodate the Open game players displaced from the unit's regular monthly game in July due to Unit 549's annual NLM Sectional. If you're one of those Open game players, come on down! Saturdays are our Pizza days, so you'll still get a free lunch with your game – just in a different location.

Plus all of that, there is a club championship game on the 30th, and many local charity events throughout the rest of the month.

Don't forget that our club has many learning and skill promoting opportunities.

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When you've attended a few of the introduction games, and feel confident with the process, you can move into the 0-149 game, also on Wednesday morning. This game is the next step up into competitive duplicate bridge.

Then, when you're ready, we offer 0-499 games on Monday, Tuesday and Friday mornings at 9 a.m. and Saturday afternoon at 12:30 p.m. It's all available for you to progress in your own time – no pressure. We aim to make your continuing bridge journey a very positive one!

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**Top Five Open Players** for May: Tim Flaherty, Marilyn Florin, Joe Houde, Dorn Bishop, and Andrew Loh.

**Top Five NLM 150-499 Players** for May: Ayoub Jaraicie, Susan Van Cott, Ken Patrick, Jack Stanley, and Sue Halfaker.

**Top Five 0-149 Players** for May: Deepak Vora, Govind Shah, Madelyn Trainor, Lou Coviello, and Mel Cohn.

A special congratulations to the following pairs for **70+ % games**: Deepak Vora and Krishna Parkhani who had a stellar STaC game on May 8th, turning in a 71.23% result; Jean Jantz and Lorraine Gordon who had a 71.52% game on May 31st.

Our winner for the title "**Player of the Month**" for May is Dan Higgins. Some of the reasons given for Dan's nomination are as follows: "He is always polite, pleasant, and easy to get along with"; "He's fun to play with"; "He's really easy going and a great club member"; "He frequently compliments others on their play"; "His advice, when given, is always constructive"; "He is kind, funny, and an awesome player"; "He's very friendly and an all-around nice guy!"

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

The following is a list of upcoming classes, tutoring sessions, and workshops that are currently available for registration:

\* Bridge Basics 2 – Competitive Bidding, beginning Saturday, July 27th at 9 a.m.

\* Bridge Basics 3 – Popular Conventions, beginning Saturday, September 28th at 9 a.m.

\* 2 Over 1 – Game Force, beginning Thursday, September 26th at 1:00 p.m.

For more information, or to register for any of the above classes, please email [hazelturnerbridge@gmail.com](mailto:hazelturnerbridge@gmail.com)

## Lake San Marcos Duplicate Bridge Club

**Top Five Open Players** for May: Samuel Jordan, Rick Norton Jr., Lorraine Gordon, Yoko Jordan, and John Sharron Jr/Rima Sharron (tie).

**Top Five NLM players** for May 0-499: Ilene Brodsky, Susan Cronenwett, Judy Friedman, David Blumenberg, and George Wilkinson.

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## Bridge in Ramona

We participated in the World-Wide Bridge Tournament on Friday, June 7th. Final results were not published in time for this article, but the interim posting had our own Marilyn Kalabsa and Henry Tileston listed as #103 out of 3558 pairs competing – they turned in a 64.03% game. BIG congratulations to them!

The club will be closed July 4th and 5th.

We are enrolled in the ACBL-wide International Fund Game, July 8 (a Monday afternoon). Overall winners of this game will earn gold points. Club level awards will be half red/half black. To participate we need 5 tables. There will be a special sign-up sheet.

Our regularly scheduled games on July 11th and 12th will be STaC games. The masterpoint awards will be SILVER for these two games.

Our regular games are held at St. Mary's in the Valley Episcopal Church, 1010 12th Street. The current schedule has two Open Pairs games: Thursday night from 6:00 to 9:00 PM and Friday morning from 9:30 AM to 1:30 PM with a break for (bring your own) lunch. We also periodically schedule special games – like the World-Wide Bridge Tournament and STaCs. If you would like to join us, please email: [bridgeinramona@game.com](mailto:bridgeinramona@game.com) to make a reservation. Our game fee is \$7.

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**THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF ACBL UNIT 549**

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

The Board would like to thank all of the Non-Life Masters who have taken today to join us at this year's Non-Life Master Sectional. Your participation in duplicate bridge, particularly here in North County is very important to us. Your playing experience at this sectional and at our unit and clubs means a lot to us. So tell us what you think and how you feel. You non-life masters represent 73% of our unit membership, so you are our backbone and our future.

Speaking of membership and things, we have 428 members in the unit. Our annual membership meeting is conducted at our November unit game, which will be November 23rd this year. Each year 1/3 of the Board positions are up for election, and you will hear more about that next month. The Bridge Club of North County, our flagship club, is the 17th most active club in California, and the 111th most active club in the United States based on table count. That means we offer a lot of opportunity to play duplicate bridge right here in North County, and you are taking advantage of it.

As I was looking over the membership information, I noticed that Tim Flaherty is just about to get to the 20,000 masterpoint level, which I find quite amazing. After summoning all of my analytical skills and giving our membership list a second look, I can safely say that we currently have no one who will ever come close to matching that feat even if Tim quits playing tomorrow.. Great job Tim!!

Our next unit game will be August 24th at the Seven Oaks Community Center. Make your plans to join us for some great bridge and even better food.

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## Upcoming Unit 549 Events - Mark the Dates!

Saturday, August 24 - Unit 549 Championship Game - 7 Oaks Community Center, Rancho Bernardo  
July 29th through August 3rd - ACBL REACH Games

### Unit 549 News

I made an interesting discovery recently while perusing our unit's monthly report from ACBL. Our unit has a membership total of 427 of which 73% (312) are Non-Life Masters! Based on this statistic, we're hoping to have a good turnout for our NLM Sectional on July 27th.

The board has been working diligently getting all the details nailed down to make this a really great and memorable event for players. So, all you NLMs out there, here's a personal invitation to come join us at the Seven Oaks Community Center, 16789 Bernardo Oaks Drive, San Diego, 92128 on Saturday, July 27th. There will be two sessions: 10 AM and 2:30 PM with a lunch break. Coffee and snacks will be provided all day and a lunch will be offered for \$7. This sectional will be stratified by pair average – 500/300/100 (no player with more than 500 masterpoints allowed). The game fee is \$10.00 per session – you are not obligated to play in both sessions. All players with less than 20 MPs play free! Additional information and a location map are available on our website: [acblunit549.org](http://acblunit549.org)

We continue to have above average attendance at our unit games – 33 tables in June. We had another excellent Bar-B-Q lunch - which got stellar reviews, and a really, really good game. There were a number of scores in the high 60s and the MP awards were not too shabby either!

**The top four MP winners in each direction of the Open Pairs game were as follows:** N/S Liz Nixon – Jean Holt, Hsin-I Wu – Kaison Yen, Janice Wells – Lynn Wells, and Murray Warmath – Sandra Gagnon. E/W Joe Houde – Tim Flaherty, Michael Mezin – Elaine Chan, Hazel Turner – Ken Matson, and Ruth Aronsohn – Pat Astier.

**The top four winners in the NLM section were:** N/S Alexandra Johnson- Naomi Brownell, Anne Schafer – Bill Schafer, Lifun Cohen – Anne Graves, and Joella Reinbold – Robert Givens. E/W Emory Boutilier – David Birdsall, Lloyd Kelly – Delynn Kelly, Lynne Jaseph – Nina Norden, and Bejai Higgins – Noel Wiedner.

You can view a complete list of all players and winners on the unit's website at [acblunit549.org](http://acblunit549.org).

Congratulations to all the winners and a big “Thank You” to all the many people who played.

**Welcome New Member, to Unit 549:** David Birdsall, Joyce Nelson, and Steve Rothschild.

**Members attaining new levels of achievement:**

**New Junior Masters:** Melanie Castleberry, Duane Crum, and LouAnna Dickerson.

**New Club Masters:** Ramakant Asaravala, and David Greenwood.

**New Sectional Masters:** Lou Coviello, and Deepak Vora.

**New Regional Masters:** Judy Astamendi, Susan Halfaker, and Chris Ness.

Our congratulations to all of the above for achieving these

new milestones. They will be rewarded with a free play at an upcoming unit game.

### Unit 549 Club News

#### Bridge Club of North County

**Exciting news!** We are migrating the “Results” page on our website to *ACBL Live for Clubs*. To view game results in the future, you need to click on the BLUE “NEW! View Results in ACBL Live for Clubs” line, which is located just above the Month and Year box in our current Results page. This will take you to the new site. All future games will only be posted to this new site. All games previous to July 12<sup>th</sup> will still be accessible through the Month and Year box. You can receive game result notifications from ACBL by going to your “My ACBL” page at [ACBL.org](http://ACBL.org) and checking “Privacy Settings” which will present options for various notifications. Go to the bottom of the page in the ACBL Live for Clubs box and check the “Share” buttons for email and phone number. In addition to game results, you will be able to download PBN files so you can import them into various bridge playing software so you can practice playing hands again. We think you're going to really like all the new features this change will offer. For more information contact Dorothea Williams at [dorotheaw@cox.net](mailto:dorotheaw@cox.net)

We will be hosting the ACBL REACH games July 29<sup>th</sup> through August 3<sup>rd</sup>. These games offer an opportunity for players to compete for GOLD/Red MPs at any local clubs participating in the event, which is rated as a “Regional Side Game Series”. All of our afternoon games Monday through Saturday will be participating in this event. Individuals who wish to play in this tournament and compete among the larger field must register with ACBL and pay a \$30.00 entry fee. Game fees at the club will be in addition to the ACBL entry. Players must play in two games to qualify; awards are made to individuals, not pairs. To register and/or get additional information about this program go to [ACBL.org](http://ACBL.org).

We had a great turn-out for our 4th of July Celebration – 21 ½ tables. That's almost capacity for us. It was delightful to see so many people wearing red/white/blue in honor of our country's flag colors, and in celebration of “Independence Day”. The day was really festive and fun! Lunch was great, thanks to the above and beyond efforts of Ethel Warner, our Hospitality Chair.

We have another excellent calendar of mega-point opportunities in August. We kick off the month with a club championship game on the 2nd. Then swing into a full week of ACBL charity events from August 5th through August 10th.

We will again be offering two full weeks of NAP (North American Pairs) qualifying games: August 12th through 17th and August 26th through 31st. All of these club games are qualifying events to play in the District Semi-finals. Winners of those district level games receive financial subsidies and go on to play in the nationals. The NAP finals are always held at the ACBL Spring National Event. Club winners receive MPs 50% Red and 50% Black, at 81.8% sectional rating, and are “qualified” to play at the district level semi-finals.

The monthly **Birthday Celebration** will be on Wednesday, August 14th. If you haven't signed up in the Birthday Log, you need to take a moment and do it – it qualifies you for a free game during your birthday month. We always have cake or some other special dessert to make the day festive. So, when it's your birthday month, come join us and we'll help you celebrate.

From August 19th through the 23rd we'll be having a full week of **STaC games**. This is a great opportunity to earn Silver points right in your home club, plus you have the opportunity of competing against many other club players across our district, which increases the potential award significantly.

**Attention Please!** We plan to be open on Saturday, July 27th to accommodate the Open game players displaced from the unit's regular monthly game in July due to Unit 549's annual NLM Sectional. If you're one of those Open game players, come on down! Saturdays are our Pizza days, so you'll still get a free lunch with your game – just in a different location. Don't forget that our club has many learning and skill promoting opportunities.

We offer a number of "limited" masterpoint games that provide a very congenial and less stressful playing/learning environment.

There is a 0-20 game on Wednesday morning that introduces duplicate, competitive bridge and teaches players table etiquette, Bridgemate functions, and the general duplicate process along with an opportunity to hone skills learned in the classes.

When you've attended a few of the introduction games, and feel confident with the process, you can move into the 0-149 game, also on Wednesday morning. This game is the next step up into competitive duplicate bridge.

Then, when you're ready, we offer 0-499 games on Monday, Tuesday and Friday mornings at 9 a.m. and Saturday afternoon at 12:30 p.m. It's all available for you to progress in your own time – no pressure. We aim to make your continuing bridge journey a very positive one!

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**Top Five Open Players** for June: Tim Flaherty, Marilyn Florin, Sheila Latus, Penny Berman, Joe Houde.

**Top Five NLM 150-499 Players** for June: Dorothea Williams, Ken Patrick, Ayoub Jaraicie, Margie Berend, Betty Serepca.

**Top Five 0-149 Players** for June: Lou Coviello, Deepak Vora, Noel Wiedner, Tomoko Harper, Roseann Coviello.

**A special congratulations** to the following pairs for 70+% games during our STaC weeks: Deepak Vora and Noel Wiedner had a 70.0% game on June 6th; Candace Blocher and Alison Hout Lorraine Gordon had a 70.94% game on June 26th.

Our winner for the title "**Player of the Month**" for June is Dorothea Williams. Some of the reasons given for Dorothea's nomination are as follows: "She graciously steps in and plays when needed, as well as directs", "She's a great bridge player and a hard-working volunteer", "She is so ready to do anything to help the club and the Unit", "She's the best Director", "She always goes the extra mile to make our club friendly and enjoyable", "Because of all the decorations she puts up and the billboards she manages that make this a friendly place", "AND, for her Strawberry Shortcake!!"

Our winner for the title "**Student of the Month**" for June is Linda Miller. Reasons provided by her instructors and mentors are the following: She has attended many beginner classes, she comes to Supervised Play on a regular basis, she's working hard to improve her game, and she's a regular at the Newcomer 0-20 games.

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

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For more information, or to register for any of the above classes, please email [hazelturnerbridge@gmail.com](mailto:hazelturnerbridge@gmail.com)

## Lake San Marcos Duplicate Bridge Club

**Top Five Open Players** for June: Jeannette Bentley, Samuel Jordan, Rick Norton Jr., Richard Cohen, Wayne Holm.

**Top Five NLM players** for June 0-499: David Blumenberg, George Wilkinson, Ilene Brodsky, Valerie Gwin, and John Schooley.

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

Greetings from Big Sky Country!! I'm sitting up here enjoying some pretty decent weather and that great mountain air. Fortunately, the Board is there working hard and starting to make plans for the busy season. Our unit game in November is the annual unit business meeting. If you believe we should change our by-laws, or would like to suggest a change, please let a Board member know, or submit your suggested change to the Board. The current by-laws can be found on the unit website. Any changes to the by-laws must be voted on and approved by the membership at the annual meeting.

If you are interested in running for one of the Board positions that will be up for election this year, you can contact any board member and they will refer you to the nominating committee that we are in the process of forming, and help you get your name in the ring. The election to the Board will also take place at our annual meeting in November.

Our Non-Life Master Sectional that took place last month was a success. As I indicated in my last message, non-life masters make up about 75% of our membership and that is growing. Hazel Turner has had a lot of interest and an amazing turnout for her Easy Bridge classes. The BCNC has supported her efforts with a mentoring program and a number of non-life master game opportunities. The Board would like to build on that, and we are looking into providing some additional Non-Life Master tournament opportunities for our members. There will be more information about this in the September newsletter.

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## Upcoming Unit 549 Events - Mark the Dates!

**Monday, September 2nd, Labor Day Bash – Free Lunch (See details below...)**

**Saturday, September 28 - Unit 549 Championship Game - 7 Oaks Community Center, Rancho Bernardo**

### Unit 549 News

As you know, our big event in July was the NLM Sectional. We were so pleased at the turnout, especially for the morning session which had 23 tables. The afternoon was a bit smaller, but still a nice attendance with 13½ tables, for a total 36½ tables for the day!

**Overall winners for the morning session** were: N/S Liane Brenner – Kim Lazarus, and E/W John Unbewust – Ed Tsu. **Afternoon game overall winners** were: N/S Rose Mary Finger – Bruce Bosworth, and E/W Alan Cruetz – Bejai Higgins. There were far too many winners to list them all here, but you can view a complete list of all players and winners on the unit's website at [acblunit549.org](http://acblunit549.org).

Our next unit games are scheduled for August 24th and September 28th. Both are regular unit games and will be at the Seven Oaks Community Center, 16789 Bernardo Oaks Drive, San Diego, 92128. Entry fee is \$10 and lunch is always provided free of any extra charge. Volunteers and board members who try to ensure that our lunches are top-notch, always welcome your feedback, and are especially grateful when you take the time to let them know your thoughts. Many thanks to those of you who have done so – you know who you are!

**Welcome New Members to Unit 549:** Sandra Jensen, and Ron De Marino.

**Members attaining new levels of achievement:**

**New Junior Masters:** Lauren Crum, and Kathleen Yezarski.

**New Club Masters:** Sharon Feingold, and Firoz Nilam.

**New Silver Life Masters:** Murray Goldman, and Mary Ann Houston.

**New Gold Life Master:** Gary Beed.

Achievements like these deserve rewards, so we will provide a free play to each of these outstanding players at an upcoming unit game. Congratulations to all!

### Unit 549 Club News

#### Bridge Club of North County

We participated in the ACBL REACH program July 29th through August 3rd. This was our first participation in the event, and we had a lot of positive feedback. One club member in particular will always remember that it was this opportunity at the home club when he earned the GOLD MPs needed to achieve his Life Master status and simultaneously became a Bronze Life Master, too. Our congratulations to Bob Anuskiewicz on his big win! Other club members who played in the event and winning red points were Rose Mary Finger, Dorothea Williams, Barbara White, and Bob Becker. Well done!

Our September calendar is mainly devoted to games supporting the ACBL International Fund, with our regularly scheduled Club Championships added in and a very special Upgraded Club Championship which we were awarded for recruiting another 10 new ACBL members. We kick off the month with that upgraded club championship game (81.8% sectional-rated black points) on the 2nd, which happens to be Labor Day. We'll be having a special free lunch that day to celebrate the holiday. You will need to sign up for this event, so we know how much food to order. The sign-up sheet will be posted on the bulletin board behind the director's desk. If you haven't already made plans, this is a great opportunity to spend a leisurely afternoon at the bridge table!

Other club championship games (63.6% sectional-rated black points) are on the 7th, 10th, 18th, 27th, and 30th.

The International Fund games are sponsored by ACBL to raise funds to support North American participation in international events. All table fees are given over to this fund.

The monthly **Birthday Celebration** will be on Friday, September 13th. An auspicious day for a birthday – if it's yours, we invite you to come and play. We'll help you celebrate with cake or some other special dessert to make the day memorable. Remember everyone, you must sign up in the Birthday Log to receive a free game during your birthday month.

**Mark Your Calendars – New Opportunity.** This will knock your socks off! We've got great news for our intermediate to advanced level players. Beginning October 31st, we'll be offering regular, weekly classes taught by Norman Schwartz, who is a Sapphire Life Master, ACBL Certified Bridge Teacher, and National Champion. This will be an on-going class every Thursday afternoon at 1 p.m. There is no need to pre-register. You can attend whenever the subject scheduled for discussion appeals to you. Cost per lesson is \$10 (what a bargain!).

The first five lessons are:

**October 31st:** Who's Got What? Counting and identifying cards held in all four hands based on the bidding and the first lead.

**November 7th:** Defensive Carding, Part 1. Attitude, Suit Preference, Count. Plus, the pros and cons of various discarding methods.

**November 14th:** Defensive Carding, Part 2.

November 21st: Doubles, Part 1 (take-out, support, negative, etc.) and Redoubles. Also, some guidelines for penalty doubling.

**November 28th:** Doubles, Part 2

The next series of topics will be published next month and the list will be posted on the Club News bulletin board. You really won't want to miss a

single lesson because they will all make you a better bridge player and besides, you'll love Norman – he's the best! (My opinion only, but I think you'll agree).

I've been telling you for months about all the fine learning experiences and playing opportunities for beginning to advanced beginner players that our club offers. So, by now, you're all familiar with Supervised Play, 0-20 and 0-149 games, and the great classes we present to make your bridge journey pleasant, skill enhancing, and successful.

Speaking of which, here's a success story if I've ever heard one! Last month ACBL had a Regional event in Las Vegas. Two of our student-players, John Mullin and Susan Ahlquist, who have benefited over time from the progression of classes/games mentioned previously, attended it. They played in the 0-49 MP section and won 1st place twice. They came home proudly with trophies and lots more MPs. They've worked hard at improving their game and it absolutely shows! You can do this, too!

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**Top Five 0-149 Players** for July: Madelyn Trainor, Susan Kilkenny, Annie Nielson, Mel Cohn, and Tomoko Harper.

A special mention to the following pairs for **70+% games** during July: Madelyn Trainor – Susan Kilkenny had a 71.11 game on Wednesday, July 17th. Bejai Higgins – James Kaspar had a 71.83% game on Monday, July 22nd. Way to Go, you all – congratulations on great games!

Our winner for the title "**Player of the Month**" for July is Sharon Feingold. Some of the reasons given for Sharon's nomination are as follows: "She's patient, helpful, and friendly," "She's smart and funny," "She always has a smile on her face," "She studies hard and it shows," "She's a pleasure to have at any bridge table".

Our winner for the title "**Student of the Month**" for July is Susan Ahlquist. Reasons provided by her instructors and mentors are the following: She has attended many beginner classes, she comes to Supervised Play on a regular basis, she's working hard to improve her game, AND, as previously stated, she attended the Las Vegas Regional and earned two 1st place wins in the 0-49 games (Way to Go, Susan!!).

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

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**Top Five NLM players** for July 0-499: Brian Turner/Chas Wick (tie), Ed Zevely, Jane Krongold/Sandy Hrstich (tie), and Raj Patel.

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## Bridge in Ramona

Bridge is alive in Ramona! Our numbers have been steady, an average of 9 or 10 tables a week. We periodically have vacationing visitors from other parts of the country. Recently, we had some very friendly, great players from Houston and Dallas, Texas. They told us they'd be back because they already made reservations in the same time share for next year. I guess they liked us!

Two of our regular players participated in the **REACH** games this year. Marilyn Kalabsa and Henri Tileston both won some of the gold/red masterpoints awarded. Congratulations are in order to them. We also participated in the July STaC games. That was fun and we'll do it again.

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**THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF ACBL UNIT 549**

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

If I were to tell you that the Board is excited about our chance to offer a new playing opportunity for our Non-Life Masters, I would be engaged in understatement, so I won't do that. What I will say, is there has been more buzz on the Board about this opportunity than I have experienced in my seven years on the Board.

The ACBL is working hard to get more people involved in duplicate bridge and creating more playing opportunities for our non-life masters, and one of their newest ideas is to allow units to conduct NLM Regional Tournaments. So that is exactly what we are going to do. We will be having a NLM Regional Tournament in conjunction with our Winter Sectional on January 10th and 11th. The way it will work is there will be an open sectional where we award silver points, and a NLM regional where we award gold points just like any other regional.

This will be a great opportunity for our non-life masters and the whole San Diego area to have another regional event, and still sleep in their own bed at night. And for those who can't or don't travel, this will double the gold point events in San Diego. So all of you non-life masters should mark your calendars and join us in January for more than a little gold dust.

I would like to welcome Sharon Feingold to the Unit Board. She is replacing John Coulombe, who had to resign because he became part owner of a club within the unit.

Just a reminder, our annual membership meeting will be at the November Unit game. There will be an election to fill board membership vacancies at that meeting. If you are interested in joining the board, please contact any board member to have your name added to the list of nominees.

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## Upcoming Unit 549 Events - Mark the Dates!

Saturday, October 26 - Unit 549 Championship Game - 7 Oaks Community Center, Rancho Bernardo  
Saturday, November 23rd and Saturday, December 28th - See details below

### Unit 549 News

We continue to have terrific attendance at our unit games with lots of new faces along with our regular players. Because we have so many players who are new to our unit, I thought it would be useful to give some advance publicity to our regular end of year special events. You'll want to mark your calendars now so you don't miss out! Here's what's coming:

**October 26th** – Submission of nominations for positions coming up for election to the unit Board of Directors. We are still taking names of potential candidates, so if you are inclined to offer your services, or would like to nominate someone you think would be a terrific asset to the board, please contact our Nominating Committee Chairman, Noel Weidner, at [noweidner@gmail.com](mailto:noweidner@gmail.com) to submit your name for the slate. Entry fee for this game is \$10 and lunch is provided free of extra charge.

**November 23rd** – Annual Toy Drive/Pot Luck Bridge Party. This is also our Annual General Membership Meeting/Unit Board Election (the slate of candidates for the 2020 Board is presented and voted upon). Everyone is invited to bring an unwrapped toy gift and a favorite party side dish to share. The unit will provide the meat entrée and everything else will be what you make it...it's great fun and lots of surprises because we have some very good cooks among our members! All of the toys donated and 100% of the game fees collected on this day (plus any additional contributions you may wish to make) will be given to the Interfaith Community Services in Escondido for their holiday "Adopt a Family" program. Entry fee is \$10.

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Doris Nizzi, Ronald Huffaker – Mary Huffaker, Tim Flaherty – Joe Houde, and Anne Malkind – Gene Katz.

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**Welcome New Members to Unit 549:** Rita Bruin, Stephen Yezarski, and Andre Holtzman.

**Members attaining new levels of achievement:**

**New Junior Masters:** Susan Ahlquist, Mike Giulianotti, Bill McGurk, Larry Newman, and Lynn Sullivan.

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**New Sectional Master:** Ermalea Frisbie

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### Unit 549 Club News

#### Bridge Club of North County

October is **Club Appreciation Month**. These special games offer 81.8% sectional-rated black points. We have scheduled one of these games for every sanction at our club. If you like earning extra MPs, you may want to mark your calendars for the following dates: October 8, 9, 11, 12, and 28. Both sessions of each of these days will be Club Appreciation days.

There will be a Club Championship game on October 1st, and Club Charity games on the 16th, 19th, 21st, 22nd, and 25th.

The monthly **Birthday Celebration** will be on Monday, October 14th. Last month, when our Birthday free play vouchers were given out, it was discovered that a number of people still had not signed up in the Birthday Log. Remember, to receive a free game during your birthday month, you must register your name and birth month in the Birthday Log.

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We're working on the next series of topics. If you have any suggestions, we'd be delighted to hear them. An extended list will be published next month, and we'll keep adding more learning opportunities as time goes forward. The list will be posted on the Club News bulletin board. You really won't want to miss any of these great lessons if you're working on improving your bridge game. So, mark your calendars for the topics that interest you and come learn with us!

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**Top Five Open Players** for August: Sheila Latus, Rex Latus, Tim Flaherty, Joe Houde, and Sue Compton.

**Top Five NLM 150-499 Players** for August: Dorothea Williams, Bejai Higgins, Ayoub Jaraicie, Ken Patrick,

and Jack Stanley.

**Top Five 0-149 Players** for August: Deepak Vora, Annie Nielson, Madelyn Trainor, Jonathan Brand, and Alan Creutz.

A special mention to the following pairs for **70+% games** during August: Dave and Dixie Peterson had a 74.69% game on Wednesday, August 21st. Sue Halfaker and Susan Van Cott had a 74.31% game on Tuesday, August 20th. Applause and congratulations on really great games!

Our winner for the title "**Player of the Month**" for August is Paul Stevens. Some of the reasons given for Paul's nomination are as follows: "He has a great personality," "He's always happy, polite, calm, and gracious," "He has a terrific sense of humor and makes coming to his table fun," "He has a great laugh!"

Our winner for the title "**Student of the Month**" for August is Jean Greene. Reasons provided by her instructors and mentors are the following: She has been attending classes for several sessions. She's working hard at learning (says it all makes more sense the "second time around") and she plays regularly in the Wednesday AM 0-20 game.

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

## Lake San Marcos Duplicate Bridge Club

**Top Open Players** for August: Rick Norton Jr./Samuel Jordon (tie), Jeanne Griffin, Hanan Deeby, Lorraine Gordon, and Rima Sharron.

**Top NLM players** for August 0-499: Ilene Brodsky/Valerie Gwin (tie), Jane Krongold/Sandy Hrstich (tie), Ron Anson, Ed Zevely.

The Lake San Marcos Duplicate Bridge Club holds one game each week on Wednesday at the San Marcos Senior Center, 111 Richmar Avenue, San Marcos, CA 92069. It starts at 11:30 AM. Snacks and coffee are provided. The cost is \$8.00. For further information call John Coulombe at 760-715-5896, or Nina Laughbaum at [760-736-9386](tel:760-736-9386).

## Bridge in Ramona

Our regular games are held at St. Mary's in the Valley Episcopal Church, 1010 12th Street. The current schedule has two Open Pairs games: Thursday night from 6:00 to 9:00 PM and Friday morning from 9:30 AM to 1:30 PM with a break for (bring your own) lunch. We also periodically schedule special games – like the World-Wide Bridge Tournament and STaCs. If you would like to join us, please email: [bridgeinramona@game.com](mailto:bridgeinramona@game.com) to make a reservation. Our game fee is \$7. For more information about our club or upcoming events, please contact Maxine McNamara at [wildrose@barneymc.com](mailto:wildrose@barneymc.com) or 760-788-6189.

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**THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF ACBL UNIT 549**

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

Well, it is that time of the year again - crazy time. Between November 23rd and February 1st, we are doing 4 major events. It all starts with our Unit Game on November 23rd, which is our annual meeting, Holiday Toy Drive and pot luck lunch all rolled into one day. There are three Board positions up for election this year. Currently we have 2 candidates for those three positions. If you or someone you know is interested in running for a Board position, please let me or another Board member know. We also vote on proposed By-Law changes at this meeting. To date no changes have been submitted.

Being part of the community and giving back to the community is important to us. So we ask that each person attending the November Unit game bring an unwrapped toy for our Holiday Toy Drive. Those toys and all of the table fees for that day will be donated to Interfaith Community Services here in North County. Our past experience is that over 100 toys and about \$1,200 will be donated to Interfaith so everyone in North County can have a Holiday Season. If you don't want to provide a toy, we would appreciate a cash donation, or you can write a check to Interfaith Community services.

We pride ourselves on the meal we provide at each of our Unit games. The November game is our annual pot luck lunch. The Unit will provide the main dish, and we ask you to fill in the details for the balance of the meal. If the past is any indicator, this will be our best meal of the year. Which means, no matter how good your bridge game is that day, the meal will be better.

Mark your calendar - our Holiday Party (Unit Game) is December 28th this year. This is the day we thank you for supporting us and supporting us well for the past year.

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## Upcoming Unit 549 Events - Mark the Dates!

**Saturday, November 23 - Unit 549 Championship Game/Annual Toy Drive/Pot Luck Bridge Party - 7 Oaks Community Center, Rancho Bernardo**

**Saturday, December 28 - Annual Holiday Party, 7 Oaks Community Center, Rancho Bernardo (see below)**

### Unit 549 News

Our best news is really BIG news! Our annual **Winter Sectional** to be held **January 10th and 11th, 2020**, has morphed into a combo Sectional/NLM Regional. Last month, you were told that our unit is planning to hold its first ever "NLM Regional Tournament." This was made possible because ACBL has been diligently working to create more opportunities for players to earn gold masterpoints closer to their home clubs.

Our event will be not only a first time for us, but the first time a NLM Regional has been organized by a unit in San Diego County. We are really excited to be able to offer our newer players this wonderful opportunity to earn gold points right here in North County.

We now have a lot more details to share:

The fact that it's a combo event means that our Winter Sectional will run concurrently – in the same location as the NLM Regional. They will be held at St. Gabriel's Catholic Church Auditorium, 13734 Twin Peaks Road, Poway, CA 92064. There will be two sessions for each event both days of the tournament. The NLM Regional will offer 0-750 "Gold Rush" 2-session games and single session side games (all stratified C: 0-200, B:200-500, A:500-750). The Sectional (for silver points) will offer 2 sessions per day also with no requirement to play in both sessions each day. In addition to the Open Section (C:0-2000, B:2000-4000, A:4000 +), there will be a 0-1500 Section (C:0-500, B:500-1000, A:1000-1500). Games will start at 10 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. Entry fee for each session is \$13. Lunch will be available for purchase at \$7. Players with 0-20 MPS play free! Additional information and directions to St. Gabriel's are available on the event flyer posted on our website at [acblunit549.org](http://acblunit549.org)

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**Welcome new members to Unit 549:** Robin Baranov, Jean O'Gorman and Wilma Kimble.

**Members attaining new levels of achievement:**

**New Junior Masters:** Sam Ariss, Mary Mitchell, and Herb Schaer.

**New Club Masters:** Karl Cogswell, Kathryn Kolb, and Skip Mueller.

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**New Regional Master:** Greg Smith.

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**New Ruby Life Master:** Leslie Beaver

Achievements like these deserve rewards, so we will provide a free play to each of these outstanding players at an upcoming unit game. Congratulations to all!

### Unit 549 Club News

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Hooray! We've earned another "**Upgraded**" **Club Championship** game. We earn these special games by recruiting 10 new members. This one will be held on Wednesday, November 6th (all sessions qualify). MP awards on this day will be 81.8% sectional-rated black points. All of our new members will want to be sure to mark their calendars to play in this special game because it's on Wednesday – the day of our weekly 0-20 MP game.

If you're looking for an opportunity to earn SILVER points, we will be having an entire week of STaC games (both morning and afternoon sessions) November 11th through the 16th.

If you like earning extra MPs, you may want to mark your calendars for the following dates: November 2, 18, 19, 20, and 22 (ACBL Charity games) and November 8, and 25 (regular Club Championship games). Charity and Club Championship games award 63.6% sectional-rated black points).

We will be closed on November 23rd in support of the Unit 549 game in Rancho Bernardo, and on Thursday, November 28th, for Thanksgiving Day.

Remember that all Saturday afternoon games at the club are Pizza days, so you can enjoy a free lunch along with your bridge game.

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Our congratulations to all these players on their successful playing and special kudos to the following pairs for **70+% games** during September: Dave Anding and Rick Gold had a 70.37% game on the 11th; Noel Wiedner and Deepak Vora had a 71.03% game on the 18th; and Debby Wunderle and Judy Astamendi had a 72.30% game on the 27th.

Our winner for the title "**Player of the Month**" for September is Madelyn Trainor. Some of the reasons given for Madelyn's nomination are as follows: "She's always supportive and a great partner...she's a pleasure to play with", "She's always so helpful and such a nice person", "She's always friendly and is a pleasure to have at any bridge table", "She's a very good sport".

Our winner for the title "**Student of the Month**" for September is Jeanne O'Conner-Green. Reasons provided by her instructors and mentors are the following: She has been attending classes for several sessions. She's working hard at learning (says it all makes more sense the "second time around") and she plays regularly in the Wednesday AM 0-20 game.

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

## Lake San Marcos Duplicate Bridge Club

**Top Five Open players** for September: Lorraine Gordon, Maria Marshall, Diana Fitz-Maes, John Sharron Jr./Rima Sharron (tie), and Lane Campbell.

**Top Five NLM players** for September 0-499: Mark Crootof, Karl Cogswell, Sue Holbeck, Sally Ackerman, and Valerie Gwin.

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**THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF ACBL UNIT 549**

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

A couple of weeks ago, Ruth Aronsohn stopped me after the Friday bridge game and told me that four women from a small town in Montana were coming to the club the next day to play. They contacted the club to see if people who hadn't played duplicate before would be disruptive to the game on Saturday. Of course the club said no, and Ruth wanted to know if I could come in and help get them started. I was there the next day when they arrived. They were from Glasgow, Montana, a town of about 3,500 in the northeast part of the state. The reason there is no duplicate bridge there is a density issue. If you took all the people within a 70 mile radius of Glasgow, you still wouldn't have 5,000 people and very few bridge players.

The next day, they played in the Sunday game in La Jolla. I thought it was interesting these women would leave colder Montana and fly to sunny San Diego with its beaches and all those other things to do, and choose to spend their day playing duplicate bridge. Good regular bridge games are just something we take for granted, but maybe we shouldn't. I hear AIB isn't going to open again because they can't find space with adequate parking. I heard that the city of San Diego is making waves with the Redwood Club over parking issues. And the biggest issue for the Escondido Club as they look for a new home is parking. Of course, this is also a density issue, but at the other end of the spectrum. And it should concern us. Just in case you were wondering, they had a great time here.

December 28th is our "we appreciate you supporting us" unit game. The Unit will provide a really nice Holiday meal, and we don't collect any card fees from our unit members. So, mark your calendars, find a partner and come join us for some Holiday bridge.

Reminder - We will be conducting an election for four positions on the Board at this week's unit game. We currently have four nominees, Alan Turner, Noel Weidner, Jill Roberts, and Sharon Feingold. Nominations will remain open up until the time of the election.

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## Upcoming Unit 549 Events - Mark the Dates!

Saturday, December 28 - Annual Holiday Party, 7 Oaks Community Center, Rancho Bernardo (see below)

NLM Regional/Winter Sectional – January 10th and 11th, St. Gabriel's Catholic Church Auditorium, Poway (see below)

Audrey Grant Festival – Friday, January 31 and Saturday, February 1st, 7 Oaks Community Center - RB (see below)

### Unit 549 News

Happy Holidays! Here we are - in December again. Coming up on 2020... Can you believe how fast time goes by? I know that sounds trite, but it's so true. It just seems to melt away while we're busy doing whatever. Sometimes your "whatever" time is spent at our bridge tables and that's something we appreciate because it helps us keep bridge alive and well in our corner of the world. Your continuing patronage has allowed us to provide yet another year of great bridge games.

In our traditional way of saying "Thank You" for your support, Unit 549 will present its Annual Holiday Party on December 28th. The unit will provide a special seasonal lunch with all the trimmings, and a free game to all unit members.

This event will be held at the Seven Oaks Community Center, 16789 Bernardo Oaks Drive, San Diego, 92128. Be sure to set the date in your calendar, book your favorite partner, and bring along your appetite!

Our "really BIG show", the **NLM Regional/Winter Sectional**, is right around the corner... on **January 10th and 11th**. This is an event all the non-life masters in San Diego County won't want to miss. Think of it... an opportunity to win GOLD points right here in North County. Mark your calendars now so you don't forget. Let us know if you need a partner and we'll try to help you find one. Go to our website at [acblunit549.org](http://acblunit549.org) and click on Partnerships.

We're jazzed! Our whole unit crew is diligently working to make this project a great success. It's really exciting to be planning our very first Regional type event. There's so much to learn and so much to do!

Remember now, it's a combo event, which means that our Winter Sectional will run concurrently – in the same location as the NLM Regional. It will be held at St. Gabriel's Catholic Church Auditorium, 13734 Twin Peaks Road, Poway, CA 92064. There will be two sessions for each event both days of the tournament. The NLM Regional will offer 0-750 "Gold Rush" 2-session games and single session side games (all stratified C: 0-200, B:200-500, A:500-750). The Sectional (for silver points) will also offer 2 sessions per day also with no requirement to play in both sessions each day. In addition to the Open Section (C:0-2000, B:2000-4000, A:4000+), there will be a 0-1500 Section (C:0-500, B:500-1000, A:1000-1500). Games will start at 10 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. Entry fee for each session is \$13. Lunch will be available for purchase at \$7. Players with 0-20 MPS play free! Additional information and directions to St. Gabriel's is available on the event flyer posted on our website at [acblunit549.org](http://acblunit549.org)

The **Audrey Grant Festival** we're hosting on **Friday, January 31** and **Saturday, February 1st** is "on fire" with advance reservations. If you haven't reserved your seat for this two-day event, do it soon, because space is limited.

The title for the first day's seminar is "Make a Difference on Defense with the Weakest Hand at the Table". The second day is "Improving Intuition: 5 Tips to Empower Declarer." Both days start at 10:00 a.m., and end at 3:00 p.m. with a break for lunch. Advance reservations are \$79 each day if booked by January 18th, \$89 thereafter. The fee includes refreshments, lunch, and lesson materials. Although it's a two-day event, you don't have

to attend both days. The cost is the same per session whether you attend one or both. Make your checks payable to Escondido ACBL Unit 549; Send them to Alan Turner, 12578 Lomica Drive, San Diego, CA 92128

The seminars will be held at the Seven Oaks Community Center, 16789 Bernardo Oaks Drive, San Diego, CA 92128.

The unit game in October had so many winners that we have don't have space to name them all here. But, if you're interested in seeing the complete list of all players and winners, please visit our website at [acblunit549.org](http://acblunit549.org).

**The top four overall winners for the Open section were:** Alan Gailfus – Debbie Gailfus, Lawrence Sherman – John Boackle, Tim Flaherty – Robert Moore, and Doris Nizzi – Jean Jantz.

**The top four overall winners in the NLM section were:** Brian Schwedock – Larry Gach, Noel Wiedner – Bejai Higgins, Anne Schafer – Bill Schafer, and Magnus Leopold – Art Thompson/ Sharon Feingold – Skip Mueller (tie).

**Welcome new members to Unit 549:** Bob Berenson, Terry Berenson, Weihua Chang, Arline Curtiss, Laura Custis, Frank Pierro, Steve Balog, Betty Brown, James Hammett, Linda Olsoe, and Marjorie Sinel.

**Members attaining new levels of achievement:**

**New Junior Master:** Thomas Stuart

**New Sectional Master:** James Kaspar

**New Regional Master:** Alan Turner

**New Life Master:** Joe Hopkins

**New Gold Life Master:** Barbara Lemke

In addition to acknowledging the achievement of these bridge milestones, the unit awards a free play at an upcoming unit game to each of these outstanding players. Congratulations to all!

### Unit 549 Club News

#### Bridge Club of North County

If you're needing Silver MPs, you'll want to be sure to mark your calendars, book your best partners, and "come on down" because we're having a full week of STaC games December 9th – 14th. Those STaC hands are usually challenging, but there's always a "silver lining"!

Actually, December turns out to be a pretty busy month at our club. We're hosting two Unit games: The first is for Unit 539 on December 1st at 12:30; the second is for Unit 531 on December 15th – this one is a Pot Luck with the entrée provided by the unit. Both of these games are on a Sunday, so anyone looking for another "local" bridge day should try to attend one or both of these. It's also a great opportunity to meet some different players.

The monthly **Birthday Celebration** will be on Friday, December 13th. It seems to me that people who have birthdays in December sort of get short-shrift for celebration being sandwiched between Thanksgiving and Christmas, Chanukah, Winter Solstice, etc. when everyone is so busy with these holidays. If you're one of these December birthday folks, never fear! The bridge club will help you celebrate – we'll have cake and balloons, and play a game of bridge for sure. No song and dance, but it will be festive and you'll be glad you came.

We'll be closed on Christmas Day, but during that whole week there will be charity games galore. So, even if you're really busy with holiday stuff, do take some time off to come and play for those mega-MPs.

**Extra! Extra!** I need to tell you this now so you don't go making other plans... we're **OPEN** on January 1st – New Year's Day. We're having an Appetizers Pot Luck day and inviting you to stay after the game and visit for a while. Start the new year out right by socializing with some of the people you play bridge with all year... with no time clock to limit the chatting!

Wow! We had really great turn-outs for our first two Norman Schwartz lessons. Although the class was advertised as being for intermediate to advanced level players, the 40+ people attending each day had a much wider variance in skill levels. Still, the reaction was very positive and almost everyone has left vowing to be back for the next class. It has to be the knowledge and charisma of Norman himself, who is a Sapphire Life Master, ACBL Certified Bridge Teacher, and National Champion. His delivery style makes learning fun and easy to understand.

Remember, this will be an on-going class with Norman every Thursday afternoon at 1 p.m. (Except when he's off at tournaments or cruising). You don't need to pre-register, but you might want to come early to get a good seat. You can attend whenever the subject scheduled for discussion appeals to you. Cost per lesson is \$10 (what a bargain for such a great teacher!).

Holidays, Nationals, and Regionals are wreaking havoc with our schedule, but here's what's planned for the next few weeks:

**November 14th:** Defensive Carding, Part 2.

**November 21st:** The Balancing Act

**November 28th:** No lesson (Thanksgiving)

**December 5th:** No lesson (NABC in San Francisco)

**December 12th:** No lesson (Palm Springs Regional)

Norman likes feedback regarding bridge subjects that people are interested in learning more about. If you have any suggestions for future classes, we'd be delighted to hear them. As time goes on, more learning opportunities will be added. A new list of scheduled topics will be posted on the Club News bulletin board. You really won't want to miss any of these great lessons if you're working on improving your bridge game. So, mark your calendars for the topics that interest you and come learn with us!

Speaking of learning, we continue to offer Supervised Play on Monday and Tuesday mornings at 9 a.m. Geared more toward advanced beginner to intermediate players, these sessions offer a terrific opportunity for those in search of some personalized expert help with their game. It's necessary to register in advance so that we can provide enough mentors to accommodate all players. Email Vic Pitcock at [kcoclip.rotciv@att.net](mailto:kcoclip.rotciv@att.net) to sign up. AND, if you sign up – please show up.

For exact dates and times of the various club games and activities, check the "Calendar of Events" on our website. You can print a copy for easy reference. To find everything you need to know about bridge at the club, go to: [www.bridgeclubofnorthcounty.org](http://www.bridgeclubofnorthcounty.org). The club address is 2320 S. Escondido Blvd, Escondido, 92025. Phone # is 760-807-9396. Email: [bridgeclubofNC@gmail.com](mailto:bridgeclubofNC@gmail.com). Feel free to contact the club regarding club programs, special games, and partnership help.

**Top Five Open Players** for October: Tim Flaherty, Sue Compton, Holly Aufmann, Carey Simkin, and Bernie Simkin.

**Top Five NLM 150-499 Players** for October: Betty Serepca, Jack Stanley, Ken Patrick, Dorothea Williams, and Marvin Schwedock.

**Top Five 0-149 Players** for October: Deepak Vora, Noel Weidner, Bruce Bosworth, David Greenwood, and James Kaspar.

Our winner for the title "**Player of the Month**" for October is Jan Janecki. Jan was nominated because: "She's always supportive and a great partner", "She's always pleasant and friendly", "She tries to be helpful and encouraging", "She's such a kind person, and so welcoming", "She has a passion for bridge."

Our winner for the title "**Student of the Month**" for October is Kathy Randle. Reasons provided by her instructors and mentors are the following: She is always willing to learn, she's attended several classes, she's working hard at improving her game, and she plays regularly in the Wednesday AM 0-20 game. She was delighted recently when she and her partner had a 60% game (persistence pays off!).

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

## Lake San Marcos Duplicate Bridge Club

**Top Five Open players** for October: Samuel Jordon, Rima Sharron, Patricia Hawkins, John Sharron, Patricia Hawkins (3-way tie), Jean Holt, Clare Laljer.

**Top Five NLM players** for October 0-499: Jack Benoualid, Sue Holbeck, Sally Ackerman, John Gates, Nira Levy.

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## Bridge in Ramona

We have a dealing machine! With a generous, generous donation from our unit (549), Bridge in Ramona was able to purchase our very own dealing machine. We are beyond pleased and excited! Having this machine will make setting up our games sooooo much easier.

On another note, Carol Squires and Maxine McNamara wrote our bylaws and applied for non-profit status. We know they did an excellent job because we were approved a few months ago by the feds without any rewrite. We are waiting to hear from the state.

One more thing. We have copied the lovely idea of "membership appreciation" from Bridge Club of North County. On November 22, Bridge in Ramona had a "Members Appreciation" game which included a regular bridge game followed by lunch and a club meeting. We don't mean to brag, but we, the board of directors, believe that Bridge in Ramona is a very special club. We're small, but we have an extra-friendly dedicated group of players, and we decided it was past time to celebrate them! We will be closed November 28 & 29th for the Thanksgiving holiday and December 26 & 27 for Christmas.

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