

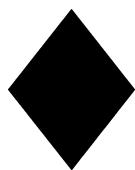
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THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF ACBL UNIT 549

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I hope everyone had an enjoyable time at our Winter Sectional this month. This was a very successful event despite some rather rainy weather on Saturday. We had a total of 208 tables of bridge over the two days. This event would not be possible without the help and support of many volunteers. I will try to list a few of those that helped with the possibility of missing someone and therefore I apologize in advance for anyone I missed.

Our Unit Sectionals are known for the generous food we offer. This year we upgraded our lunch box menu by offering freshly made deli sandwiches provided by Deli House. Snacks were provided throughout the morning and afternoon. The food committee included: Bobbie Cohen, Marianne Kuzma, Jill Roberts, Cathy Staver, and Maureen Fischer. Lunch tickets for both Friday and Saturday were sold by Nancy Sperry and Liz Nixon. The committee for setup and teardown of tables and chairs was accomplished by Jacey Humes, Ayoub Jaraicie, John White, Jim Porter, and Tom Nolan. Maureen Fischer managed all of our publicity as well as the Partnership desk. Sheila Latus was the tournament director. Thanks to everyone who helped make this event a success.

The pair earning the most master points (16.11) at the Sectional was Debbie and Alan Gailfus. A fine finish was also accomplished by our own Jan Gallagher and John Devine with a 65.8% on Friday afternoon session. In the NLM category top performances were turned in by the teams of John White and Jim Porter and Jacey and Bonnie Humes. Congratulations to all of our Unit winners.

Bill

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



Open
Tim Flaherty



Under 1500
Al Nadel



Under 750
Mariam Saner



Under 300
Ayoub Jaraicie



Under 100
Art Foeste



Future Master
Margaret Allen

Upcoming Unit 549 Events – Mark the Date

Special Games with Extra Points

Sat. Jan. 28th – 1:00pm – Unit 549 Game, 2 Sections, Lake San Marcos Pavilion, 1:00pm

Mon. Jan. 30th – 6:30pm – Open – Mega Points, NCBC

Tues. Jan. 31st – 9:00am – NLM – Mega Points, NCBC

Wed. Feb. 1st – 9:00am – Intermediate – Mega-Pt game, NCBC

Wed. Feb. 1st – 12:30pm – Open – Charity Game – LSMDBC at Grandon

Fri. Feb. 3rd – 12:30pm – Open – Mega-Pt game, NCBC

Mon. Feb. 6th – 12:30pm – Open – Mega-Pt game, NCBC

Wed. Feb. 8th – 12:30pm – Open – Charity Game – LSMDBC at Grandon

Thurs. Feb 9th – 12:30pm – Open Mentor/Mentee – Club Championship, NCBC (Also their monthly Birthday game for February)

Sat. Feb. 11th – 12:30pm – Barometer – Mega-Pt game, NCBC

Tues. Feb. 14th – 1:00 pm – Open – Club Championship, NCBC

Wed. Feb. 15th – 12:30pm – Open – Mega-Pt game, NCBC

Wed. Feb. 15th – 12:30pm – Open – Charity Game – LSMDBC at Grandon

Fri. Feb 17th – 9:00am – NLM – Club Championship, NCBC

Fri. Feb 17th – Potluck 5:30 pm, Charity Game 6:30 pm, LSMDBC at Grandon

Mon. Feb. 20th – 6:30pm – Open – Mega-Pt game, NCBC

Tues. Feb. 21st – 9:00am – NLM – Mega-Pt game, NCBC

Wed. Feb. 22nd – 12:30pm – Open – Charity Game – LSMDBC at Grandon

Thurs. Feb 23rd – 12:30pm – Open Mentor/Mentee Mega-Pt game, NCBC

Fri. Feb 24th – 9:00am – NLM Mega-Pt game, NCBC

Sat. Jan. 25th – 1:00pm – Unit 549 Game, 2 Sections, Lake San Marcos Pavilion, 1:00pm

Tues. Feb 28th – 1:00pm – Open – Mega-Pt game, NCBC

Wed. Feb. 29th – 12:30pm – Open – Charity Game – LSMDBC at Grandon

Audrey Grant returning to Unit 549 – Feb. 9, 2012

New Topic: “Impact of Opening Leads Against No Trump Contracts”!

Seminar includes **Audrey’s new book “Defense”.**

The location is the Lake San Marcos Pavilion, 1105 La Bonita Dr, Lake San Marcos, CA 92078. Seminar time is 10am – 3pm with a **great lunch included**. Don’t miss the chance to spend the day with a Bridge Superstar! The **early bird sign-up is \$69 per person for seminar, lunch and Book. This rate increases to \$79 after Jan. 31st.** Contact Liz Nixon Toll Free: 888-400-2789 or cruzqueen@liznixonsworldoftravel.com. for your reservation. Hurry! Don’t miss this golden opportunity!

70% Games in December

71.38% Tim Flaherty - Ayoub Jaraicie, North County Bridge Center, Dec. 1st

70.54% John White - James Porter, North County Bridge Center, Dec. 6th

72.62% Alan Groh - Margaret Allen, North County Bridge Center, Dec. 13th

73.00% Tim Flaherty - Scott Nelson, North County Bridge Center, Dec. 26th

Way to go! If you have a 70% game please let the editor, Liz Nixon, know. You can reach her by email at cruzqueen@sbcglobal.net.

New Location! New Time! New Card Fee! For Unit Games

Unit 549 has moved it’s Unit games to the Lake San Marcos Pavilion for all of 2012. The location of the Lake San Marcos Pavilion is 1105 La Bonita Dr, Lake San Marcos, 92078. Go to www.SDBridge.com for details, a map and directions. The Lake San Marcos Pavilion will give us more space to run both sections in greater comfort for all players. **Unit games are \$7 per person and include loads of snacks in 2012. Game time is 1 pm.** Call 760-747-6092 to sign-up or email Bill Sperry wrsperry@gmail.com Need a partner? Email Maureen Fischer at mfischer@san.rr.com

New Members Welcomed to Unit 549 in December

Unit 549 welcomes our newest members Bill Carlson, Escondido; Alicia Gordon, Betty Hayes, and Mariam Saner of Rancho Bernardo; and Gladys Savage, San Marcos. Unit 549 welcomes you.

December 17th Unit Game Winners

Open Section A & B: Rex & Sheila Latus – 64.89% followed by Betsy Illes & Jane Horgan – 62.97%; Jan Gallagher & Bonnie Nadler – 62.86%; Terry Badger & Ray Curtis – 59.33%; Mary Looome & Polly Netzorg – 58.39%; and Tom Nolan & Niki Gilberg – 57.38%.

Non-Life Master, Section C: Miriam Saner & Cathy Staver – 59%; Gerald Kobernick & Manny Tabackman – 58.12%; and Kay Barker & Barbara White – 53.77%.

A big thank you to all for attending! We had 19 Tables in the Open Section and 4 tables playing a Howell Movement in the NLM section. The food was terrific! Thanks to all the cooks and Lee Hofacre for funding the Holiday dinner for all! **Mark the Date for future Unit Games:** February 25th, March 24th, 2012. See you at the Lake San Marcos Pavilion!

Members reaching new levels of achievement in Unit 549 in December are:

Junior Masters – Margaret Hebert, Ursula Kiemle and Arlene Traub – Simon.

Regional Masters – Marjorie Kuhlman and Jim Porter

Silver Life Master – Ethel Warner

Unit 549 Board Members...FYI

Unit 549 board members are Bill Sperry, President, Jay Humes, Vice-President, Liz Nixon, Secretary, John White, Ayoub Jaraicie, Ken Matson, Marianne Kuzma, Bobbie Cohen, Sheila Latus, Tournament Director, and Maureen Fischer Publicity & Partnerships. Feel free to contact any of these board members with your ideas to help improve our Unit.

We also want thank Kay Haralson for helping with the Unit game sign-ups.

Update: Dresses for Africa/Haiti

2012 is starting with a bang. A medical group left for Haiti taking 80 dresses with them. One way to get the kids coming in for a checkup - get a dress. Poway Community Church held a sewing class after services one Sunday with 30 women helping sew, iron, sorting, resulting in 35 beautiful dresses. Many women have volunteered to continue sewing at home. More sewers are needed so if you know of someone have them contact me. Special thanks to Carol Veit, Sunny Forbes and Mary Looome for continuing support with monetary donations. Bobbi Cohen has reached a high goal of sewing 86 dresses and more waiting on her sewing machine. Way to go Bobbi! Poway High School has donated supplies and clothing that will be leaving for Tanzania in February. Many thanks to all of you for your continued support and kind words. Ethel Warner 858-748-8355.

Unit 549 Club News!

North County Bridge Center

New events coming to North County Bridge Center in 2012!

Birthday Games started in January and continues in February (9th). What does this mean to you? The second Thursday of each month, the 12:30pm afternoon game will be designated as a Birthday Game. If your birthday is in that month, you will receive a “free play” at the Birthday Game! Call Lee or Amy to sign up.

Calling all NLM's! Friday Morning we will be holding a weekly Friday morning game for NLM players. It will **include a light breakfast and will cost \$8.00.**

Is it pizza or is it pie and ice cream? Every Monday night at 6:30pm a loyal group of players shows up to play. Each week Lee Hofacre surprises us with a pizza or pie and ice cream. The Monday night game is an Open game with good competition. Give it a try! Call Lee or Amy for the up to date class schedule at 760-747-6092.

NCBC Class schedule for January: Mondays @ 9:00am Beginner & Intermediate Class \$10.00 per class; Bill Butler teacher. **Wednesdays @ 9:00am** Intermediate Game with Bill Butler directing and offering support. **Thursdays @ Noon** Mentor/Mentee Lesson and Game with Lee Hofacre, \$15.00 per session. This game starts at 12:30 and is open to all. Please sign up in advance so we can optimize the organization. **Note:** The Mentor-Mentee game is now open to all Open Pairs. There will be a lesson at Noon for Mentees and the Mentor/Mentee partnerships will continue. However, anyone can come with a partner of their choice. **New! Fridays @ 9:00am** Game with breakfast for Non-Life Masters.

Every Saturday is a **Barometer game** except when there is a **Unit game**. A light lunch is generally included. This is a fun and different format. Try it, you'll like it!

Call Lee or Amy for the up to date class schedule at 760-747-6092 or go to www.sdbridge.com

Lake San Marcos DBC at Grandon Senior Center

Changes At Lake San Marcos DBC

The **Lake San Marcos DBC** hosts an Open Game on Wednesday at 12:30p, and once a month Potluck on Friday night with dinner at 5:30 and games starting at 6:30p. For Information call Jean at 760.734.4518 or Nina at 760.736.9386

The Wednesday game will include a **light lunch** before the 12:30pm game. Also, Jean Holt, will give a brief **Chalk Talk**. The **cost** is \$5.00 for lunch, chalk talk and game. For Information call Jean at 760.734.4518 or Nina at 760.736.9386.

Norman Schwartz will be moving his Eddie Kantar Thinking Bridge Series to Esplanade DBC, Solana Beach effective Feb. 8th.

Special events at LSMDBC in February – Charity Games all month long will support the ACBL Junior Fund!

Top five MP winners for December were Nina Laughbaum, Jean Holt, Shirley Malone, Mary Fenton, and Donna Carr. Way to go Top Five!

Get all of the latest Unit 549 news at www.sdbridge.com including the Unit 549 Calendar of Events, Unit Newsletter and game results.

Bridge Hand of the Month

The nerves are back as you draw your cards from the last board in the second round of the big monthly Swiss game on the coast. You know you're up against the best players in the county, not the least of whom is your partner, Raoul, who invited you into the game – perhaps as a test. So far, you fear, the results have been mixed, and a critical mistake by you on defense two boards ago may have put this match in doubt.

So, it is with no little trepidation that, with only the opponents vulnerable, you draw these cards:

S-Q763 H-8 D-AKQ105 C-J63

East, your RHO, wastes no time in opening 1C and, at favorable vulnerability, you overcall a prompt 1D. LHO bids 3H, which, according to your opponents' convention card, is pre-emptive. Raoul passes and East raises to 4H. Everybody passes quickly, and Raoul leads the deuce of diamonds. East lays down this dummy:

S-AJ102 H-AQ D-J43 C-A854

After winning the first trick with the diamond king, you pause to take stock. Declarer, particularly after bidding a vulnerable pre-empt, can hardly hold fewer than seven hearts, quite likely headed by the king. Dummy's two aces gives him nine tricks. If he holds just one black king, his game is cold. So you have to hope Raoul holds both of those cards.

What else? If Raoul's diamond lead is a singleton, you can certainly give him a ruff. But if it is a singleton, declarer must hold four diamonds to the nine and, if given the chance, may be able to create a tenth trick by ruffing the fourth diamond in dummy. So, to prevent this, you switch to your heart at trick two.

Declarer wins in dummy with the ace and leads a second diamond. You climb up with the ace as Raoul, as hoped, discards an encouraging club. You follow by leading the five of diamonds and your partner ruffs dummy's jack and promptly leads his last trump. Declarer overtakes the queen in hand and runs four more hearts. Raoul pitches two clubs and two spades; dummy, two clubs and two spades; and you, three clubs and the three of spades.

On declarer's last heart, Raoul throws the nine of spades while dummy pitches the last little club and you throw the six of spades. At trick 11, declarer leads a spade, covering Raoul's king with the ace. Then he plays the club ace as you discard your diamond 10. Your spade queen takes the final trick. Down one.

“Hot defense,” your partner remarks.

The full deal:

E/W vul

North

S-K984

H-642

D-2

C-KQ1092

West

S-5

H-KJ109753

D-9876

C-7

East

S-AJ102

H-AQ

D-J43

C-A854

South

S-Q763

H-8

D-AKQ105

C-J63

(Post-mortem: The bidding was the same at the other table. But your counterpart in the South seat thought he could afford to cash a second top diamond before leading his trump at trick three. He couldn't. Declarer won with dummy's ace and then led the diamond jack. Your counterpart ducked and his partner duly ruffed and led his last trump. Declarer overtook the queen and played two more trumps, discarding a spade and a club from dummy.

(The fourth round of trumps forced your hand to reduce to two cards in one of the black suits. Your counterpart discarded a club, whereupon West led a club to the ace and ruffed a club before running his remaining trumps. It was a classic double squeeze. At trick 11, North had to keep a club and your hand had to keep a diamond. Neither could hang onto two spades, so dummy's ace and jack of spades took the last two tricks.

(As it turned out, your fears were not warranted. The 12 IMPs (for plus 720) won on this board upped your team's net to 24, resulting in a satisfying 20-0 blitz.)

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 NCBC 9-11:30 Intern. Bridge Game MEGA-PT Game NCBC 12:30pm Open Pairs Lake San Marcos DBC 12:30PM (Charity Game)	2 NCBC Noon for Lesson 12:30pm Mentor/Mentee & Open Game	3 NCBC 9am NLM Game NCBC 12:30pm: Open Pairs MEGA-PT GAME	4 NCBC Barometer Game 12:30pm
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