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THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF ACBL UNIT 549

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

A few weeks ago I was in Casper, Wyoming and had the opportunity to witness and experience the solar eclipse. It was an amazing and rare experience and that got me to thinking about how lucky I was to have that opportunity. Apparently this is my lucky year because I'm going to have another opportunity to experience something rare and quite amazing.

There are 326 million people living in the United States and the US Census Bureau says that about 72,000 of us are age 100 or older. As a percentage that is .02%. Of those 72,000 centenarians only about 15,000 of them are men which is .005% of the US population. A number that small has to put 100 year old men in that rare category. In a few weeks we in Unit 549 are going to have the opportunity for one of those rare and amazing opportunities. Our friend, play every day, I'm right don't argue with me bridge mate, Al Nadel, will be celebrating his 100th birthday (October 8th.). The North County Bridge Club will be celebrating Al's birthday at their regularly scheduled game on October 9th. Don't miss the opportunity to come and join Al in this celebration.

When I think about Al or Tomomi Nomura or Betty Brekke or all those other bridge players who are doing so well at their age, it makes me think of that old Satchel Paige quote and question; "How old would you be if you didn't know how old you were?"

A few housekeeping things - We will be having a election to fill board seats at our annual member meeting (unit game) on November 18th. Please contact the Nominating Committee Chairperson, Dorothea Williams, if you are interested in joining the board. The annual Lungevity charity game will be on October 8th at the NCBC. The Unit will be paying for the table fees and drinks again this year. Please find a partner and join us for this very worthy event. The October unit game will be on the 28th.

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Upcoming Unit 549 Events - Mark the Date

Special Games with Extra Points

BCNC - October games at BCNC are megapoint and charity games supporting the Junior Fund, the Education Fund, Membership, and Local Charities. We have two Club Championship days this month – Tuesday October 3rd and Monday October 23rd. October 15 -21 is Club Appreciation Week. First, and third Saturdays are Pizza Day Barometer Games, the second Saturday is a Pot Luck and Barometer Game.

LSMDBC - All October games will be megapoint games.

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

Alert! Save the Date!

Sunday, Oct. 8th! The Fourth Annual Lungevity Charity Game (providing funds for research for early detection and cures). Get your partner and contact Jean Holt to reserve your spot. Location is Bridge Club of North County. A VERY nice lunch will be included. All it takes is a \$25 charitable donation (fully tax deductible) made out to Lungevity Foundation. Lunch will be served at 11:30am (sponsored by Liz Nixon's World of Travel and Dot Swanger) and game will start at 12:30pm. Game fees and beverages provided by BCNC. To sign up or get further info contact Jean Holt at jnnhlt582@gmail.com or 760-458-4550.

Alert! Al Nadel's 100th Birthday

Another significant event taking place in October is that we will have our very own centenarian! Our popular player, **Al Nadel**, will celebrate his 100th birthday on October 8th. Al started playing bridge when he was eight years old – filling in as a fourth with his mother and aunts. That's 92 years of playing bridge! No wonder he's always on the winner's list. Al has had an interesting life. He played saxophone, clarinet, and flute in many famous dance bands as a young man – touring all across America. When he married, he settled into a career as a CPA. Then he began manufacturing museum quality picture frames, which he sold all over the world. This led him to becoming an art dealer. He moved to the San Diego area in 1969 and began an answering service in Escondido. He and his wife, Ruth (married for 69 years) played bridge together for many years and traveled all over the world in retirement. He has so many interesting stories to tell, we never get bored listening to him reminisce. Al joined the ACBL in his 30's and has been a member of our Unit and the bridge club, which is now known as BCNC, since the early seventies when games were played at the Rancho Bernardo Swim & Tennis Club and Unit 549 was still a part of Unit 531. Al has seen that club through so many iterations in the ensuing years that he's practically the historian! In addition to being the oldest player, he's also the player with the longest club membership. Al graces the BCNC bridge tables every day of the week, except Sunday when it's closed. He always plays in our Unit games – even when they occur on Sunday!

BCNC is planning a **BirthDay Bash** for Al on Monday October 9th. Everyone in Unit 549 is invited to come and play that day and help to celebrate this incredible milestone in Al's life. A free lunch will be served up by the club at 11:45 AM. Please call or email BCNC (760-807-9396 or bridgeclubofnc@gmail.com) to reserve your place at a table and help the club get a headcount for the lunch.

Unit 549 Board elections take place in November, so a Nominating Committee is looking for volunteers to fill the seats of retiring Board members. Anyone interested in sharing in the Unit administrative workload is encouraged to contact Dorothea Williams at dorotheaw@cox.net to enter your name on the ballot.

Upcoming Unit Games

Our next unit games will be **Saturday, October 28th** and **Saturday, November 18th**, both games will be at the Pavilion. Winners in each section receive a free play at the next Unit game. Unit games are normally held on the 4th Saturday of each month at the Lake San Marcos Pavilion or Conference Center, 1105 La Bonita Dr, Lake San Marcos, Ca 92078. Call Liz Nixon for directions – 760-214-8999. The games are \$9.00 including lunch and begin at 12:30pm. Doors open at 11:30pm. Go to Unit 549's web-site www.acblunit549.org for partnerships, to sign-up for the unit games and to see results.

Unit Game Winners

Our Unit 549 game on August 26th was a STaC game for Silver Points. The top four winners in each direction of the Open Section were as follows: N/S - Ronald Kay & Joe Houde, Anne & Lance Malkind, Al Nadel & Tom Nolan, Bunny Schmidt & Marilyn Florin. E/W – Carol Cortez & Anne Marie Harrington, Jean Jantz & Doris Nizzi, Bernard Figueiredo & Hanan Deeb, Charles Stoopack & Mary Fenton.

The top four winners in each direction of the NLM Section were: N/S – Herbert & Jane Krongold, Julie Watkins & Angela Tilaro, Fred Kaufman & Trish Frinell, Nancy Busher & Susan Cronenwett. E/W – Harriett Landon & Melvin Cohn, John Coulombe & Dorothea Williams, Wallace McCoy & Ed Zevely, Naomi Brownell & Donna Huhn. Congratulations to all!

70% Game

We had a 73.64% game played by Joe Houde and Andy Loh on 8/16 at Lake San Marcos DBC. Congrats!

Welcome New and

Returning Members to Unit 549

Welcome New Members to Unit 549: Alison Hout and Deepak Vora.

Welcome Returning members: Marty Segal and Brad Hall.

Members Achieving

New Levels of Achievement

New Junior Masters – Carole Gatwood and C. Bradley Livingston

New Club Masters – Donna Findley, Paul Findley, James Marshall

New Sectional Masters – Jack Bridgeman, Susan Halfaker, Susan Van Cott

New Regional Masters – Lindy Patrick, Ed Zevely

Unit 549 Congratulates all of the above for achieving these new levels of excellence and awards them a free play at the next Unit game.

Unit 549 Club News

Bridge Club of North County

As of August 28, BCNC has joined The Common Game, which is a service that provides common deals and hand records to multiple bridge clubs and then compiles results from across the field to provide feedback to individual players on hands played in a given game. Also provided is expert analysis and feedback on selected hands providing alternative play opportunities. This is a learning tool provided free of charge to encourage players to play in clubs and also to judge performance across a much larger number of players. So far, feedback on this new aspect of our club play is very positive.

Alert! See page 1 under Upcoming Unit 549 events for special events coming in October. We'll be closed on Saturday, October 28, for the Unit 549 game in San Marcos.

Check the Calendar for exact dates of the various club games and activities. Go to www.bridgeclubofnorthcounty.org to find everything you need to know about bridge at the club. **The address is 2320 S. Escondido Blvd, Escondido, 92025. Phone # is 760-807-9396.** Feel free to contact the club regarding club programs, special games, and partnership help. New email: bridgeclubofNC@gmail.com

The 0-99 game every Wednesday at 9:00 AM is looking like a regular bridge date for many of our newer players. This game is a gentle introduction to the world of duplicate bridge. It's friendly, instructive, and oh, so welcoming. If you're new to sanctioned bridge, this is the game for you! Come and join the fun. Cost is \$8.00 and includes coffee, tea, and snacks. Contact Sue Compton if you need a partner. comptons@cox.net

The new EasyBridge 3 class, will begin Monday afternoon, October 2, at 4:15 PM and Saturday morning at 9:00 AM. Each lesson will be presented twice; first on Monday and repeated on Saturday – so you can attend either or both classes each week. Cost is \$119, which includes the book (a \$12 value). For more information or to sign up for the class, contact Bill Butler at billbutlerbridge@gmail.com or visit the BCNC website listed above.

Top Five Open Players for August: Sheila Latus, Bunny Schmidt, Rex Latus, Marilyn Florin, and Tim Flaherty.

Top Five 0-499 players for August: Ken Patrick, Alberdina Bahmanian, Lindy Patrick, Trish Frinell, and Tom Colandrea. Congratulations to all of these winning players.

Lake San Marcos Duplicate Bridge Club

The club charity donation in August was given to Interfaith Community Services. All October games will be megapoint games. We encourage all of our players to support the Lungevity charity game at BCNC on October 9th. October 11 will be the Jane Johnson Appreciation game.

Top 5 Open Players for July: Rick Norton Jr, Rima Sharron and John Sharron Jr, followed by Samuel Jordan and Mary Fenton

Top 5 Non-life Master players for July 0-499: Ed Zevely, Harry Arora, Janet Dunlap, Bruce Bosworth, and Patricia Reid. Congrats to all.

As of September 1, LSM Bridge Club has also transitioned to The Common Game. Results and analysis will be sent through email to all players in each game. Results are also always available at acbl.org under Club Results. Contact Jean Holt for more information at 760-734-4518

Reminder: Lake San Marcos Duplicate Bridge Club games are at Lake San Marcos Pavilion, 1105 La Bonita Dr. This is the same location as the Unit games. The Wednesday game starts at 10:30am and includes a **Free Chalk Talk starting at 9:30am by Jean Holt**, snacks and coffee are provided. Players are asked to bring a bag lunch if they desire. The cost is \$7.00 for chalk talk and game. For further information call Jean at [760.734.4518](tel:760.734.4518) or Nina at [760.736.9386](tel:760.736.9386).

ACBL Ramona Duplicate Bridge

This club is committed to helping people enjoy and improve their bridge game through play, education, experience, and fun! We are a friendly, down-to-earth group of people who absolutely love the game! Visit online at www.facebook.com/acblramonabridge to view some past activities and then, please come and join us!

Located at 1721 Main St. Ramona, CA 92065 #101. The Club Manager is Mary Ann Houston.

Game times are: Monday 6:00pm – 9:30pm, Thursday Night 6:00pm – 9:30pm, Friday mornings: Open 9:30am – 1:30pm; 0-499 NLM 9:30am – 12:30pm. Tuesday Lessons: Call [760-789-1132](tel:760-789-1132), or email Mary Ann at houston6805@sbcglobal.net for further information about classes and additional bridge activities.

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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8 Lungevity Game at BCNC Lunch 11:30 AM Game 12:30 PM	9 BCNC Supervised Play 499er NLM - 9:00 AM BCNC Open Pairs 12:30 PM Local Charity AI Nadell's 100th Birthday Bash Lunch 11:45 AM Ramona Bridge 6 PM Open Game	10 Ramona Bridge 2:00pm & 4:00pm Lessons BCNC Open Pairs - 9:00 AM and 12:30 PM Local Charity	11 BCNC 0-99 MP Game - 9:00 AM BCNC Open Pairs 12:30 PM Local Charity Lake San Marcos DBC 9:30AM Chalk Talk 10:30 AM Mega Point Game	12 BCNC Supervised Play - 9:30 AM BCNC Open Pairs 12:30 PM BCNC Newcomers 0-20 MP Local Charity Ramona Bridge 6pm Open Game	13 Ramona Bridge 9:30am - Open & 0-499er Game BCNC 499er NLM 9:00 AM BCNC Open Pairs 12:30 PM Local Charity	14 BCNC Open Pairs 12:30 PM Potluck Local Charity
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BOLD games denote Mega-Masterpoint Games.

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