



The Bridge Gazette

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Kim Howard, Editor

From the Bridge Coordinator's desk

We did it again! VBBC is number 8 on the ACBL list of top clubs for 2013 for the second year in a row thanks to all our players who continue to play bridge at our wonderful club. The ranking is based on the total number of tables of bridge played during a calendar year.

Many thanks to **Pat Forsdick** and **Ginger Winkler** who were the hospitality chairs for the recent 0-500 NLM Sectional Tournament. **Holly Thomas** and **Clarice Helfand** were in charge of partnerships and we appreciate all their efforts.

Our final Sectional Tournament of the season was held this past weekend with **Janice Woodbury** and **Susan Mayo** chairing the event and **Arnie Summers** serving as partnership chairman. It takes effort and energy on the part of volunteers and staff to put on these tournaments so our members can comfortably play on their home turf and earn silver points. Our volunteers assisting in the kitchen were **Nece Buckle**, **Tina Cole**, **Liz Cross**, **B. A. Hickey**, and **Jane Smith**. The lovely floral arrangements that we all enjoyed were created by **Jane Davis**. **Natalie's Orchid Island Juice Company** provided the fresh-squeezed orange juice. Thanks also to **Marge Desmery** and **Jackie Wince** for all their help with the food. Many thanks to all the generous members for donating food and funds and to the players for supporting our tournaments this season. Others leading the hospitality efforts for our tournaments this past season were: **Marge Desmery**, **Martha Glassmeyer**, and **Karen Adelman**. **Arnie Summers** was partnership chairman for 3 of our Sectionals and **Ellen Gelberg** served as partnership chairman for the December Sectional. We appreciate very much all the effort each of these volunteers put forth.

The annual Mentor/Mentee championship game was held April 10 for those who participated in the 2014 Mentoring Program. **Martha Glassmeyer** was the Mentoring Chairman this year and ran two successful programs; one for 0 – 20 masterpoint players and one for 20 – 100 masterpoint players. A big thank you goes to

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From the president's desk

Thus far our appeal for donations to help offset the costs of potential roof repairs has brought forth 169 donations large and small totaling about \$80,000.00. Some of the contributions are from couples so about two hundred, or twenty percent, of our members have contributed. We hope many more will choose to help. As to the project itself, the engineering firm we have retained is conducting tests of the roof but we do not have their report as yet. Several potential contributors have expressed a wish to have more information as to exactly what will be entailed in resolving our roof problems. The Board understands the importance of nailing this down. We hope to be able to report some specific progress sooner rather than later.

One of our members has asked us to investigate the installation of automatic entry doors for the club to be installed at the member's expense. This would represent a nice enhancement to our facilities. This appears very feasible at this time and it is possible this project may go forward before the next issue of the Gazette. When we are further along with this we will acknowledge appropriately this very generous member's gesture.

I want to thank personally all the many members who have responded to our appeal for contributions. Also, hats off to the many members who volunteer their time to make this club the wonderful facility that it is.

David Garfield

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March Birthday Pictures



April Birthdays

April 1
Bonnie Davis

April 2
Malora Gundy, Priscilla Lamond, Anne Schumacker,
Harold Zorlen

April 3
Thomas Johnson, Connie Torrance

April 4
Susanne Redmond, Nicholas Schaus

April 5
Jay Baum, Helen Cox, Bob Larson, Patrick Morey,
Julie Shelquist

April 6
Alan Drucker, Paul Hatten

April 7
Penny Kelly, Betty Faye Lewis

April 8
Barbe Bonjour, Helen Fazen, Tom Hebert

April 9
John McCord

April 10
John Grant, Gail Reams, Barbara Reed,
Carmen Townsend-Sommers

April 12
Marion Kennedy, Nancy Medley, Beverly Quirk

April 13
Margot Williams, Priscilla Clark

April 14
Catherine Walker

April 15
Karen Condie, Judith McCulloch, Judy Shottes,
Joyce Smith, Wendy Stowe, Sue Wilbur

April 16
Virginia Hall, Lisa O'Brien, Dorothy Orefice

April 17
Janet Gefaell, John Harkins, Jackie King

April 18
Jeany Cohoe, June B. Stewart

April 19
Mimi Klug, Nancy Raftery, Carl Wenzel

April 20
Dick Bottelli, Melody Gabriel, Ralph Hartsock,

April 21
Alex Hochheiser, Catherine Hoke

April 22
Don Brinkerhoff, Norma Greely, Betty Petty,
Mardie Smith, Susan Rheinheimer

April 24
Sandra Johnson, Eleanor Ward

April 25
Julia Douglas, H Justi, Robert Perrott, Ann Taylor

April 26
Diane Archer, Kieran Hickey, Mim Nocar

April 27
David Hamman, Jean Whatmore

April 29
Helen B White

April 30
Barbara Lyons

70 percenters for March *Toril*

Liapis

Congratulations to the following who achieved 70 percent or more games in March:

3/7 Jackie King & Martha Ann Sloan 73.33%

3/11 Susan & Bob Rheinheimer 77.50%

John Hessian & Bob Bahr 77.00%

Patti Johnson & Mobe Gezon 73.00%

Evelyn Gubitosi & Donna Nesbitt 73.00%

Roe Ragusin & Betty Petty 70.00%

3/12 Celia & Harold Phillips 70.14%

3/14 Annette Jameson & Cheryl Charles 70.83%

Clarice & Richard Helfand 74.11%

Michel Allard & Judy Kane 73.44%

Gini Hauser & Julie Shelquist 73.26%

3/17 Nancy & John Medley 70.24%

3/21 Bob Gasser & Scott Jameson 86.67%

Mim Nocar & Rosemarie Wallace 71.13%

3/25 Joel Hoitenga & Bob Murphy 73.81%

3/28 Jackie King & Migdalia O'Leary 70.00%

Phone extensions for fast access

201 Manager's office

202 Director's desk

203 Courtesy phone by the bookcase

204 Cashier's desk

205 Jamie's desk

206 Lyn's desk

Bridge Education by Lyn Giuffrida

April Courses

It is not too late to join the April courses already in progress.

Mondays /Thursdays

Beginning Bridge – Jane Garr

Two Over One Play and Review – Ron Andrews

Mondays/Wednesdays

Supervised Play – Lyn Giuffrida

May Preview

During May, we will be offering two new 4-session courses. Jay Prillaman will be teaching Losing Trick Count and Lyn Giuffrida will be teaching leads against notrump contracts. We will also have a beginning bridge class taught by Winnie Evans.

Bidding Review Classes

Every Wednesday we continue to hold bidding review classes. Come any or every week with or without a partner. Each session costs \$15 and runs from 9:30 to 11:30. These are the upcoming topics:

April 9	Gerber and Blackwood
April 16	Negative Doubles
April 23	Opening One of a Suit and the Rule of 20
April 30	Responses to Opening One of a Suit
May 7	Opener's Rebids/Reverses
May 14	Responder's Rebids

Guest Lecture Series

Bill Poole's 3-session guest lecture series was a resounding success. All of the proceeds went to the club. Thank you Bill for your hard work, the contribution to the club, and the enhancement of our members' bridge knowledge. We hope to have a similar program next year.

Beginners' Corner

Who is the dangerous opponent? The one you don't want to be on lead either because they can take too many tricks or because they can lead through you trapping your king. Identifying the opponent you don't want on lead will help you plan the play of the hand. You are south declaring 4 spades holding the following spades:

A10 4

KJ852

Missing the queen, you could lead a low card from hand to the 10 in dummy, or you could lead the 4 from dummy to the jack in hand. If you have identified East as the dangerous opponent, finesse by leading from the dummy to the jack. Or, if you have identified West as the person to keep off lead, finesse by leading a low card from hand to the 10 in dummy.

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Martha and to all who participated, especially the mentors!

As our season winds down we truly appreciate the members, volunteers, and players who contributed to making this another successful season. For those who will be leaving the area, please keep in touch and check the club's website, Verobridge.com, to read the on-line copy of the Gazette each month. Have a wonderful summer and we'll look forward to your return in the fall!

See you at the Club!

Jamie

Congratulations to the following VBBC members who achieved a new ACBL rank!

March Rank Changes

Junior Master:

Roma Anderson, Penny Kelly, Rusti Pack,

Club Master:

Kendra Haines, Tom Johnson, Connie Torrence, Sharon Wilson

Sectional Master:

Marilyn Klussman

Bronze Life Master:

Barbara Reed

Silver Life Master:

Betsy Tait

Gold Life Master:

Bronia Jenkins

April Rank Changes

Junior Master:

Norman Baker, Fred Kasten, Bob Pegg

Club Master:

Joan Gee, Kathryn Faber, Nancy Laurie, Lois Rautiola

Sectional Master:

Brenda Stanley, Ginger Winkler, Judy McCulloch

Regional Master:

Sandra Columbaro

NABC Master:

Dick Haverland

Diamond Life Master:

Rich Hunter

ACBL has just released their TOP 50 clubs for 2013 and VBBC is # 8!

For the second year in a row, VBBC ranks 8th in North America in total number of tables of bridge played. We had a total of 10,907.5 tables of bridge played in 2013. Had we been allowed to include our Indian River Shores tables, we would have actually been ranked 7th.

Laws of Duplicate Bridge

Law 7: Control of Board and Cards Placement of Board

A. Placement of Board

When a board is to be played, it is placed in the center of the table until play is completed.

B. Removal of Cards from Board

1. Each player takes a hand from the pocket corresponding to his compass position.
2. Each player counts his cards face down to be sure he has exactly 13. After that, and before making a call, he must inspect the faces of his cards.

3. During play each player retains possession of his own cards, not permitting them to be mixed with those of any other player. No player shall touch any cards other than his own (but declarer may play dummy's cards in accordance with Law 45) during or after play except by permission of the Director.

C. Returning Cards to Board

After play has finished, each player should shuffle his original 13 cards, after which he restores them to the pocket corresponding to his compass position. Thereafter no hand shall be removed from the board unless a member of each side or the Director is present.

D. Responsibility for Procedures

Any contestant remaining at a table throughout a session is primarily responsible for maintaining proper conditions of play at the

The Common Game *Jamie Portell*

Common Game is a service offered through local clubs which provides bridge players the opportunity to compare their results with players at other clubs, playing the same hands, in Florida and across the country.

The Common Game offers pro analysis of many of the interesting hands played, personal play analytics, and awards monthly, quarterly, and annual prizes for both performance and attendance. It is a fun way for clubs to broaden their players' bridge experience.

Participation in the Common Game does not affect a player's score or masterpoint award at the local club. The ACBL masterpoints continue to be scored and reported as always. Common Game awards are based on matchpointed results across the larger field.

I've heard from a few players who are questioning the randomness of the hands played in the afternoon pair games which we receive from The Common Game. The folks from the Common Game have this to say:

"Yes, the hands are truly random. This is a common misperception since many players are often used to relatively "flat" hands produced in typical shuffle and deal games. We use the industry standard utility, *Bridge Composer*, which does not provide any options for attenuating or manipulating hand distributions. In addition, we are using the open source utility "Big Deal" (an option inside *Bridge Composer*) to generate the actual hands. These hands are added to our library and NEVER touched thereafter. Here is a sample from a recent month:"

The TCG - The Common Game Hand Distribution Hand Pattern Occurrence & Probability from: 01/01/2014 - 01/31/2014

Pattern	ACBL %	TCG	Diff
4-4-3-2	21.55%	20.23	1.32
5-3-3-2	15.52	15.63	-0.11
5-4-3-1	12.93	13.51	-0.58
5-4-2-2	10.58	10.55	0.03
4-3-3-3	10.53	10.82	-0.29
6-3-2-2	5.64	6.18	-0.54
6-4-2-1	4.70	4.40	0.30
6-3-3-1	3.45	3.46	-0.01
5-5-2-1	3.17	3.29	-0.12
4-4-4-1	2.99	3.19	-0.20
7-3-2-1	1.88	1.68	0.20
6-4-3-0	1.33	1.44	-0.11
5-4-4-0	1.24	1.28	-0.04
5-5-3-0	0.90	1.01	-0.11
Other 6 Card	1.43	1.11	0.32
Other 7 Card	1.65	1.51	0.14
8-10 card suits	0.6	0.71	-0.11

Health Reminder

Some people have an extreme sensitivity to fragrances (colognes or perfumes).

Because duplicate bridge requires players to be in close proximity to each other, individuals who suffer from fragrance-related reactions cannot avoid those who are wearing them. Among the commonly reported symptoms are intense headaches (indeed, fragrances can frequently be a trigger for migraine sufferers) or breathing-related problems. For these individuals, the issue is much more serious than simply disliking a particular smell — it's a real health problem.

The ACBL asks everyone to give this issue the consideration it deserves. Please, if you're going to play in a club or a tournament, don't wear cologne, perfume, scented lotions, after-shave, etc.

Card Sharks for March

Jamie Portell

0-5	Margaret Hayes
6-20	Jean Young
21-50	Jean Ogleshorpe
51-100	Nancy & John Medley
101-200	Alan Shapiro
201-300	Jim Flagg
301-400	Kim Andrews
401-500	Cherie Everett
501-750	Joamme Matchette
751-1000	Jeffery Jones
1001-2500	Gail Reams
2501+	Bob Schives

CLUB STATS FOR MARCH 2014

Club Tables	1373.5
Black points	2289.10
Red points	100.72
Total Club Masterpoints –	2461.25

ABC CLUB

Kim Howard

Congratulations to the following C players who came in first in all strata (C, B, A) in an open game during March:

- 3/4 Sally Corcoran & Kathleen Cantanzaro
Michael Williams & Bob Pegg
Robert Fetter & Charles Weis
- 3/6 Michael Williams & Doug Ell
- 3/7 Martha Glassmeyer & Ellen Gelberg
- 3/10 Don Tribus & Ted Firth
John McClenathan & Sandra Gross
- 3/11 Rosalen Cline & Marty Wright
Sandra Gross & Eva Gurley
- 3/12 Leah Scott & Scott Schneider
- 3/14 Lewis McDermott & Georgia Hutton
- 3/15 Jane Garr & Mimi Klug
- 3/18 Ray Hay & Joan Henderson
- 3/19 Mike Baker & Dave Johnson
- 3/21 John Garrison & Tom Cadden
Sharon Cruickshank & Ginny Hall
Barbara Bromberger & Joyce Smith
John McClenathan & Jeff Jones
- 3/22 Jeff Jones & Cherie Everett
- 3/24 Sue Joos & Barbara Reed
- 3/25 Sue Joos & Jeanette Brophy
Gale McMullin & Susan Rechter
- 3/26 Jody Connors & Joanne Dorey
- 3/28 Paula Hallam & Gloria Pappalardo
- 3/29 Peter VanBennekorn & Christine Matus

Ace of Clubs and Mini-McKenney

Leslie Phelps

Here are the Ace of Clubs ACBL nationwide (not Unit) standings of our members for points earned at the club level through Feb 2014 for the top 30 in each division. Our club should be proud of the fine accomplishments of these members:

MP Level	ACBL-Wide Rank	Ace of Clubs VBBC Member	MP thru Feb 2014
5-20	22nd	Thomas Johnson	9
100-200	16th	Boots Van Nostrand	22
200-300	16th	James Flagg	22
500-1000	7th	Joanne Matchette	39
1000-2500	7th	Susan Mayo	46
2500-5000	12th	Bob Schives	55
5000-7500	18th	Bill Poole	50
7500-10,000	18th	Debbie Drury	44

ACBL-wide Master Point

MP Level	ACBL-Wide Rank	Mini-McKenney VBBC Member	MP thru Feb 2014
7500-10,000	24th	Debbie Drury	122

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- for daily game results
- for tournament schedules
- to locate a member's e-mail address
- For hand records



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
If you need a partner for limited games, call <i>Holly Thomas</i> , 538-2349.				If you need a partner for the open game call <i>Gail Partenheimer</i> , 234-6200.		
		1 Marty Bergen Seminar Open Pairs-5:30	2	3	4	5 Charity 8-is-Enough Swiss
6 PAIR GAME	7	8 Orlando NABC Fund Game Open Pairs-5:30	9	10 Mentor/Mentee Championship Upgraded Club Ch.	11 VERO	12 BEACH
13 SECTIONAL	14 Board Mtg. 10 a.m.	15 Stratified Open Pairs 5:30	16 Club Championship	17	18	19 PAIR GAME
20	21	22	23	24	25 Charity Game Habitat for Humanity	26 PAIR GAME
27 Charity 8-is-Enough Swiss	28 Club Championship	29	30			

PLAN AHEAD!

- April 1—Marty Bergen Seminar
- April 8—NABC Game-100% Sectional-rated black pts.
- April 10—Mentor/Mentee Championship Game
- April 16—Club Championship
- April 25—Charity Game for Habitat for Humanity
- April 28—Club Championship

The following are Sectional Tournaments to be held at VBBC:

All pay silver points!

April 11-12-13, 2014

Vero Beach Sectional

December 5-6-7, 2014

Vero Beach Sectional

WEEKLY GAME SCHEDULE

- Sunday 1 p.m. 8-is-Enough Swiss Teams; 1st Sunday following 1st Saturday 8-is-Enough: Stratified Open Pairs
- Monday 1 p.m. Stratified Open Pairs and 0-299 Pairs
- Tuesday 9 a.m. Indian River Shores 0-20 Student Game
12:45 p.m. Indian River Shores Stratified Open Pairs
1 p.m. Stratified Open Pairs and 0-99 Stratified Pairs
5:30 p.m. Stratified Open Pairs (Last game-April 15)
- Wednesday 9 a.m. 0-499 Stratified Pairs
1 p.m. Stratified Open Pairs
- Thursday 1 p.m. Stratified Open Pairs and 0-499 Stratified Pairs
- Friday 9 a.m. 0-299 Stratified Pairs & 0-20 Student Game
1 p.m. Stratified Open Pairs
- Saturday 1 p.m. 1st Saturday: Eight-is-Enough Swiss Teams;
All other Saturdays: Stratified Open Pairs