



The Bridge Gazette

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March 2014
Kim Howard, Editor

From the Bridge Coordinator's Desk

The VBBC Sectional Tournament held in February was chaired by **Karen Adelman**. Her committee members consisted of **Debbie Brower, Martha Glassmeyer, Ellen Gelberg, Dell Hatten, and Judy Melchiorre**. This crew put on a fantastic tournament and VBBC's renowned hospitality was exceptional and the club looked so festive with the Valentine's Day theme. **Arnie Summers** served as the partnership chairman and volunteers **Carol Branand, Ida Farnworth, Maureen O'Brien, and Peggy Wallace** also pitched in to help **Karen** and the hospitality team. Thanks also to **John McClenathan** and **John Symonds** who helped with parking and advisor, **Marge Desmery**. Our members who donated tasty treats and money are the best and we really appreciate their generosity. Thank you all very much and many, many thanks to **Karen**. Our April Sectional chairwoman, **Janice Woodbury** is already making preparations for that tournament which will be held April 11 – 13.

VBBC has lots of special events going on in March. The ACBL-wide Senior Pairs game held on March 3 attracted 70 tables of players! Thursday, March 13, we will be having another ACBL-wide game, the International Fund game, which awards 50% red and 50% black points. On Saturday, March 15, we are holding a Pro-Am pairs game where players with 300+ masterpoints will be paired with a player with less than 300 points. Upgraded club championship points (100% sectional rated black points) will be awarded. If you are a 2014 Mentor/Mentee pair, you will be paired together. We haven't held this event for a few years, but it is a fun format. Please sign-up in advance at the Club.

Pat Forsdick and **Ginger Winkler** are the co-chairs for the upcoming 0-500 Non-Life Master Sectional March 29-30. This group's enthusiastic partnership chair, **Holly Thomas**, is anxious to help put pairs and teams together! You don't want to miss out on this opportunity to get lots of silver points so

From the President's desk

"We still have a number of members who have not paid their dues for 2014. As you know \$25.00 allows you to play for \$2.00 less and also helps the financial stability of our Club. Collectively it is a meaningful item for the Club. We need your cooperation if you are among the delinquents.

I would like to give you a brief update on our serious roof repair needs. We have employed an engineering firm to help us better understand just what we need, propose a remedial program, and help us carry it out with an approved contractor. In our Gazette letters of January and February, we have made a general appeal to our members for a willingness to contribute toward the cost of the work to be undertaken.

A number of members have already contributed or made known to Kim Howard of their intentions to contribute. We are most grateful to those members. You will be receiving, if you have not already, a direct appeal in the mail to all members of the Club for contributions. We hope to be able to provide our Finance Committee with a reasonable understanding of what we can expect from donations to help them develop a comprehensive financing plan.

Meanwhile the major focus of the Club continues to be duplicate bridge. I think I share with most if not all of our members a feeling of appreciation for our beautiful facility and the quality games that we currently enjoy as the result of so much effort over past years by so many of you. Let's continue to support our Club."

Parking Reminder

Please do not park in the dentist's office parking lot and do not cut through their parking lot to enter our lot. Parking alongside Old Dixie Highway is prohibited by the Vero Beach Police Department.

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FEBRUARY BIRTHDAY PICTURE



MARCH BIRTHDAYS

March 1
Thomas McAboy

March 2
Jeannette Brophy, Joan Rubinstein,
Gail Sloan

March 4
J. Milnor

March 5
Judith Park

March 6
Susan Appel, Jeanne Dell, Julie Zhu,
Janice Woodbury

March 7
Joan Diament, James Flagg, Richard Lyden

March 8
Wendy Baker, Lyn Giuffrida, Paul Quinn

March 9
Bette Eile, David Jarvis

March 10
Barbara Gasser

March 11
John Hamill, William McMillen, Lou Steffens

March 12
Richard Bettelon, Bill Coleman

March 13
Maggie Eggleston, Pat Finn, Paul L'Homme

March 14
Jane Coleman, Nancy Cruce, John Dobbs,
Suzi Winters

March 15
Joanne Dorey, Sally Holt, Gloria Sinni, Bill Stewart

March 17
Jay Dolan, Yolanda Williamson

March 18
Karen Adelman, Nancy Edwards, Tonia Shamoo,
Dave Squier

March 19
Doris Hall, Donald Porteous, Ellen Silverstein

March 21
Peggy Laurencelle, Marion Martin

March 22
Anne Diedrick, Dick Haverland

March 23
Marshall Barrett, Dave McNulty, Jan Pilon,
Chris Talbot

March 24
Geri Essig

March 25
Carol Baxter

March 26
Sheila Connors, Dee Gaddy, Norman Joost,
Rennie Smith

March 27
Helen Boom, John Brehmer

March 28
Claudia McNulty, Margaret Watkins

March 29
Nancy Conway, Elbridge Graef, Eva Gurley,
Regina Rohde, Robert Middleman,
Herb Wright

March 30
Lelia Barnes, Carol Dolan, Bronia Jenkins,
Robert Gasser, Barbara Lowry, Nancy Paul,
Barbara McKelvey, Mig McKinney

March 31
Bill Corcoran, Nancy Garvey

Card Sharks for February

Jamie Portell

0-5	Jack Hines
6-20	Roma Anderson
21-50	Peter Bennett
51-100	John & Nancy Medley
101-200	Rick Helfand
201-300	Bill Baum
301-400	Polly Swiftney
401-500	Marilyn Bauknecht
501-750	Joanne Matchette
751-1000	John McClenathan
1001-2500	David Millward
2500+	Debbie Drury

Bridge Education *by Lyn Giuffrida*

March Courses

Because there are 5 Mondays in March, our Monday/Thursday courses start on March 6th and the Wednesday/Saturday course starts on March 5th. The Monday Notrump Play course starts on March 10. There's still time to join one of these courses.

- Mondays/Thursdays
Two Over One
Declarer Play
- Mondays/Wednesdays
Review of Bridge Basics
- Mondays (4 sessions)
Notrump Play Course

Bidding Review Classes

Every Wednesday from 9:30 to 11:30 there is a bidding review class. Neither reservation or partner is required. Pick a topic you'd like to brush up on and join us for a fun morning. Each class costs \$15. There will be opportunity to practice what you learn. Here are some upcoming topics:

- March 5 Takeout Doubles
- March 12 Stayman
- March 19 Preemptive Opening Bids
- March 26 Jacoby Transfers
- April 2 Opening/Responding to Two Clubs

Mentoring Program

Mentoring pairs should be playing their third game during the month of March. You will need to complete all 3 games to be eligible to compete in the mentoring championship game. That game will be held on April 10th.

Guest Lecture Series

Bill Poole will be presenting a 3-part lecture series on March 11, 18, and 25. This unique series is called Winning Bridge Tips and has been designed to appeal to all skill levels. Come learn how to improve your bidding without the need of new conventions. Bill will help you value your hand more effectively and help you develop better bridge judgment. Learn how to think about your hand and improve your game. Bill has extensive experience lecturing on bridge cruises and at regional tournaments. You know him as one of VBBC's best players. Now come and learn how he does it. The 3-part series costs \$50 while

individual classes are \$20. There is a sign-up sheet on the education table. All proceeds from this series will go to our club.

Beginners' Corner

After an opponent's takeout double, what does responder's non-jump bid of a new suit at the two level mean?

<u>Partner</u>	<u>Opponent</u>	<u>Responder</u>
1♥	double	2♣

In standard bridge, a new suit at the two-level is not forcing after the opponent's takeout double. It shows a 5-card or longer suit and less than 10 points. With 10 or more points, responder must redouble. Responder's hand might look like this:

974
62
86
AQ10842

If the opponent had not doubled, responder would have bid 1NT.

If the opponent had not doubled, a bid of 2♣ would promise 10 or more points. (Playing 2/1, it would promise an opening hand.)

9 A.M. FRIDAY STUDENT GAME

A brief lesson and at a somewhat slower pace makes this a great game for students or those who want to give duplicate bridge a try. The session begins at 9 a.m. with a brief lesson before the game. The fee is \$8 for members and \$10 for nonmembers.

9 A.M. TUESDAY STUDENT GAME

A brief lesson and at a somewhat slower pace makes this a great game for students or those who want to give duplicate bridge a try. The session begins at 9 a.m. with a brief lesson before the game. The fee is \$10 and is held at the Indian River Shores Community Center.

Phone extensions for fast access

201 Kim Howard - Manager's office
202 Director's desk
203 Courtesy phone by the bookcase
204 Cashier's desk
205 Jamie Portell-Bridge Coordinator
206 Lyn Giuffrida-Education Coordinator

ABC CLUB FOR February 14'

Kim Howard

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

February 3

Karen Fox & Barbara McKelvey

Debbie & Ted Kelly

February 4

Muriel Schaffer & Nancy Sayford

Peggy Ford & Carol Gove

Ann Reydel & Sharon Cruickshank

February 6

Karen Adelman & Judy Melchiorre

February 7

Chris Talbot & Sandy Johnson

Hazel & Sam Lacks

Donald & Patsy Riefler

February 10

Ray Hay & David Garfield

Jeanne & Alan Ferraro

Norma Oringel & Joan Rubinstein

February 11

Bob Byrd & Christine Fletcher

February 17

Maria Malloy & Phyllis Finkel

John McClenathan & Sandra Gross

Ida Farnworth & Karen Adelman

William & Jane Coleman

February 18

Don & Cherie Everett

Betsy Elsas & Diane Aguiar

Mimi Klug & Roma Anderson

February 19

Dorothy Orefice & Helen Campbell

Jody Connors & Joanne Dorey

Dorene Smyth & George Gorodeski

February 21

Bryn Madden & Peter Bennett

February 22

Nancy & John Medley

February 24

Jeanne Dell & Marie Balint

February 25

Mary Sullivan & Wendy Stowe

Nicky Murphy & Joan Bence

Ted Firth & Don Tribus

February 26

Gail Farrish & Charles Harff

February 27

Gail Farrish & Charles Harff

February 28

Ann & Richard Bottelli

Helga Woodard & Gloria Sinni

Kathleen Catanzaro & Polly Swiftney

Ginny Hall & Sharon Cruickshank

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 Jan 2014 for the top 30 in each division. Our club should be proud of the fine accomplishments of these members:

<i>MP Level</i>	<i>ACBL-Wide Rank</i>	<i>Ace of Clubs VBBC Member</i>	<i>MP thru Jan 14</i>
0-5	25th	Thomas Johnson	4
100-200	6th	Boots Van Nostrand	15
200-300	26th	James Flagg	12
500-1000	23rd 30th	Joanne Matchette Josephine Cafaro	19 17
1000-2500	22nd	Susan Mayo	25
2500-5000	5th	Bob Shives	33

ACBL-wide Master Point

<i>MP Level</i>	<i>ACBL-Wide Rank</i>	<i>Mini-McKenney VBBC Member</i>	<i>MP thru Jan 2014</i>
2500-5000	28th	Harold Phillips	66
7500-10000	25th	Debbie Drury	66

Visit our web site at:

www.verobridge.com

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

The February Sectional was extremely successful for our club. We could not have been as successful without the support of all of our members. I especially want to thank:

**Carol Branand
Debbie Brower
Marge Desmery
Ida Farnworth
Ellen Gelberg
Martha Glassmeyer
Dell Hatten
Judy Melchiorre
Maureen O'Brien
Peggy Wallace**

An additional thank you goes to all of our members for their contributions

**Lee Ann Arsenault
Frannie Atchison
Lynn Bayman
Marie Balint
Ann & Dick Bottelli
Audrey Bracken
Barbara Bromberger
Debbie Brower
Ruth Browning
Anne & Freeman Bunn
Mimi & Joe Burke
Jane & Bill Coleman
Jody Connors
Liz Cross
Neva Crosby
Joanne Dorey
Julia Douglas
Maggie Eggleston
Winnie Evans
Cherie & Don Everett
Laurence Farley
Marcia & Charles Foresman
Pat Fox
Reanette Frobouck
Jane Garr
Candace & Larry Griffey
Sandy Gross
Lyn Giuffrida
Norma Greely
Gini & Merle Hauser
Clarice Helfand
Raleighine Hoppe**

**Marty Hunter
Lorraine Izzo
Jeff Jones
Lynn Kalil
Judy Kane
Jean Kay
Marilyn Klussman
Eileen Krisinski
Hazel Lacks
Irene & Paul L'Homme
Thea Lucarelli
Marion Martin
Griff McClellan
John McClenathan
Lisa O'Brien
Gloria Pappalardo
Leslie Phelps
Betty Polk
Jamie Portell
Nancy Raftery
Bud Reinhardt
Leah Scott
Virginia Schwerin
Beverly Sparrow
Beth Stryker
Bobbie Sylvia
Janet VanDoren
Peggy Wallace
Peggy Warner
Helen White
Mary Whitehead
Betty Wiese
Jack Wilson
Marshall Wolk
Janice Woodbury**

To anyone that might have been accidentally missed, Please accept my deepest apologies and thank you for making our tournament a great success.

CLUB STATS FOR FEBRUARY 14'

Club Tables	1200
Sectional Tables	237
Total Tables	1437
Black Masterpoints	2026.47
Red Masterpoints	35.42
Total Points	2061.89

From the Bridge Coordinator's Desk

don't delay! Give **Holly** a call.

Don't forget about using The Common Game's website (thecommongame.com) to get hand analysis on some of the more difficult hands we play in the pair games held Monday thru Saturday. Some players are unaware of this resource, which now has nearly 100 clubs participating.

March has traditionally been one of our busiest months at the VBBC. With this in mind, we would like to remind players to arrive in plenty of time to purchase entries, get their convention cards completed, and find their assigned tables by 12:50. Your help in this area will result in the game director being able to begin the game on time. Occasionally, there may be a valid reason for walking in the door right at game time, but for all involved, we appreciate you arriving on time ready to begin play by 1 p.m.

See you at the bridge table soon!

February Rank Changes

Junior Master:

Anne & Bob Cooney, Beatriz Marriott, Nancy McKown

Club Master:

Tom McManus, Jean Oglethorpe, Gloria Spiess

Sectional Master:

Linda Lemmon, Rob Middleman, Carole Miller, Trevor Smith

Regional Master:

Ray Columbaro

Bronze Life Master:

Jody Connors, Mike Williams

Gold Life Master:

Bill Arce



Dave Millward hard at work in the kitchen!!

PROPER PROCEDURE WHEN A SKIP BID IS MADE

From the Tournament Director tech files:

1. How and When Made

Players should protect their rights and the opponent's by announcing, prior to making any subsequent bid that skips one or more levels of bidding. Proper procedure is:

a. Place the stop card so that LHO sees it (the skip bidder is responsible for gaining LHO's attention).

b. The skip bid is made.

c. The stop card is replaced in the bidding box.

2. Skip Bidder

The skip bid warning may not be used to alert partner that a strength-showing bid is being made or not being made. The warning should be used all the time. The tournament director may assess a procedural penalty (Law 90) for failure to comply.

3. Opponents of Skip Bidder

a. All Players

When RHO has announced a skip bid, **the player following the skip bidder must wait for a suitable interval (about 10 seconds)**. In waiting, the player's manner must be one that suggests he is an active participant in the auction (the hand should be studied during the pause). Any obvious display of disinterest is most improper.

b. Experienced Players

Experienced players are expected to maintain proper tempo whether a skip bid is announced or not.

4. Questioning

After a skip bid, players may ask questions but must still pause an appropriate amount of time for study.

5. Failure to Pause

When a player acts with undue haste or hesitation, the tournament director may award an adjusted score (Law 16) and/or procedural penalty (Law 90).

Rapid pauses, ignoring of skip bids, and hesitations create situations of Unauthorized Information.

VBBC follows the Laws of Duplicate Bridge.

70 percenters for February 14'

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

2/3	Todd Ertel-Shelly Wander	72.62%
2/7	Roma Anderson-Lois Lincoln	70.52%
2/11	Susan Mayo – Jamie Portell	70.63%
2/13	Vince Demuy-Bronia Jenkins	71.69%
2/19	Eric Saunders-Julie Shelquist	72.22%
2/21	Judy Kane – Bill Poole	71.17%
2/25	Mark Earle-John Hamill	71.43%
2/28	Cheryl Charles-Anetta Jameson	72.32%



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
If you need a partner for a limited game (0-99, 0-299, 0-499) call Holly Thomas, 538-2349.				If you need a partner for an open game, call Gail Partenheimer, 234-6200.		1 Charity 8-is-Enough Swiss
2 OPEN PAIRS CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP	3 ACBL-wide SENIOR PAIRS	4 Mike Passell Seminar	5	6	7	8 OPEN PAIRS
9 Charity 8-is-Enough SWISS	10 BOARD Mtg. @ 10:00	11 Bill Poole Guest Lecture Series 9:30-11:30	12	13 ACBL-wide INTERNATIONAL FUND GAME	14	15 Pro-Am Pairs Game Upgraded Club Championship
16 GNT Open & 0-499 Swiss Teams	17 HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY	18 Bill Poole Guest Lecture Series 9:30-11:30	19	20 HAPPY BIRTHDAY! Birthday Celebration	21	22 OPEN PAIRS Club Championship
23 Charity 8-is-Enough SWISS	24	25 Bill Poole Guest Lecture Series 9:30-11:30	26 Club Championship	27	28	29 499er Sectional Tournament ← OPEN PAIRS
30 499er SWISS → GNT OPEN SWISS						

PLAN AHEAD!

March 2: Club Championship
March 3: ACBL-wide Senior Pairs
March 11, 18, & 25—Bill Poole Lecture Series
March 13: ACBL-wide International Fund Game
March 15: Pro-Am Pairs—Upgraded Club Championship
March 22: Club Championship
March 26: Club Championship

VBBC Sectional Tournaments

March 29-30, 2014
0-499er NLM Sectional
April 11-13, 2014
Vero Beach Sectional
All pay silver points!

WEEKLY GAME SCHEDULE

Sunday 1 p.m. 8-is-Enough Swiss; 3rd & 5th Sunday: Open Swiss
 1st Sunday (following 1st Saturday 8-is-Enough)—Open Pairs
Monday 1 p.m. Stratified Open Pairs and 0-299 Stratified 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
Wednesday 9 a.m. 0-499 Stratified Pairs and Stratified Open 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. Stratified Open Pairs; 1st Saturday: 8-is-Enough

VERO BEACH

0-499er NLM Sectional Tournament

March 29 - 30, 2014

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SILVER POINT TOURNAMENT!!!!!!

Saturday, March 29

Stratified 0-499 Pairs: 10 a.m. & 2:30 p.m. Single Sessions

Stratification: A = 350-499 B = 150-350 C = 0-150

Sunday, March 30

Stratified 0-499 Swiss: 10 a.m.

Stratification Determined by Average Masterpoints

**** Lunch Included ****

Hospitality Chairs:

Pat Forsttick (772) 492-1943

Ginger Winkler (772) 231-2084

Partnerships: Holly Thomas (772) 538-2349

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Directions to VBBC: From I-95: Exit #147 (SR 60), east on SR 60 for 7.2 miles, turn right (south) onto 14th Avenue, go 0.6 miles. VBBC on left.

Lodging:

Springhill Suites

5115 Indian River Blvd.

(772) 978-9292

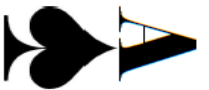
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VERO BEACH

SECTIONAL TOURNAMENT

April 11-13, 2014

Vero Beach Duplicate Bridge Center

Best hospitality on the East Coast!

Friday, April 11

Stratified Open Pairs 10 a.m. and 2:30 p.m.

Stratified 0-300 Pairs 10 a.m. and 2:30 p.m.

Saturday, April 12

Stratified Open Pairs 10 a.m. and 2:30 p.m.

Stratified 0-300 Pairs 10 a.m. and 2:30 p.m.

Stratification: Open: A = 2500+ B = 750-2500 C = 0-750

0-300: A = 200-300 B = 100-200 C = 0-100

Sunday, April 13

Stratified Open Swiss Teams 10 a.m.

Stratified 0-300 Swiss Teams 10 a.m.

Play-through. Lunch provided.

Strats for Swiss are determined by average masterpoints.



Open Guest Single Center

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Vero Beach Bridge Center
is pleased to welcome

MARTY BERGEN

TUESDAY APRIL 1, 2014

Popular Teacher and Author

10-Time National Champion

ACBL Grand Life Master

WBF International Master

SECRETS OF GOOD COMPETITIVE BIDDING

The bridge battlefield has become more and more competitive.
Fortunately you can learn to thrive in that environment.

Tuesday Morning ~ April 1, 2014

Registration and Breakfast: 8:30 – 9:00

Presentation: 9:00 – 12:00

Tickets: \$40, at the door \$45

Good judgment is always essential. That is even more true
when the auction turns competitive. Marty has great tips to
help you get better results.

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Congratulations, Jay!

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Jay and Kathy Baum

2014 Honorary Member