



# The Bridge Gazette

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Kim Howard, Editor

### From the Bridge Coordinator's desk

The overall results are in from the World Wide Bridge Contest held in June. More than 10,120 players from 27 countries participated. Countries who placed in the top ten include Botswana, India, Italy, South Africa, U.S.A., and Venezuela. **Betty & Jay Prillaman** were 66<sup>th</sup> among U.S. players with an impressive 64.27%. **Judy Kane** and **Bill Poole** had an outstanding game scoring 70.18%, which placed them in 5<sup>th</sup> place among U.S. participating pairs and 10<sup>th</sup> in the world! What a feat! Congratulations to **Betty, Jay, Judy** and **Bill!**

Our partnership chairwoman, **Phyllis Carlson**, is moving from Vero Beach in mid-August. **Phyllis** has gone above and beyond the call of duty in putting partnerships together for our club games and sectional tournaments for the past 4 years. Words cannot describe how much she will be missed. Phyllis, we wish you good luck in your new community of The Villages and hope you come back to visit often. Phyllis was honored on August 3, in a special farewell party put together by **Marge Desmery, Pat Martin,** and **Jan Ward.** **Gail Partenheimer** has volunteered to coordinate partnerships for our Open Games and the partnership phone number will be her home phone 234-6200.

Our condolences go out to the family of Jean Clinton who passed away recently.  
Look for our feature in the September Gazette

### From the president's desk

GOODBYE PHYLLIS!!!! Unless you've had your head in the sand for the last few weeks, you already know that Phyllis Carlson is moving out of the Vero Beach area to explore new sights in the Villages near Orlando. Phyllis has been our Partnership Chairperson for the last few years, and as such the VBBC will miss her, and I think she will miss us, most of us anyway. To help ease the trauma of her transition, the club had a going away party on Friday, August 2, at noon. Although I didn't do it at the party, I think giving her some remembrance of our club would be very appropriate and want it to be something she will remember every day for years to come. Therefore I'm going to send a letter to the bridge club at the Villages extolling the marvelous work Phyllis did as our Partnership Chairperson and strongly suggest that they do the right thing and put her in charge of partnerships there at the Villages. That way, the Villages wins, and Phyllis wins because every time she gets a call up there, she will remember our club. A secondary benefit will be that she will get to know the members up there very quickly. To everyone, especially Phyllis;  
Happy Bridge  
*Merle Hauser*

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## JULY BIRTHDAY PICTURE



## AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

### **August 1**

Ed Knoepfel, Priscilla Knox, Bob Scott

### **August 2**

Barbara Harty, Brenda Stanley, John Symonds

### **August 3**

Thomas Clark, Douglas Ell, Marty Wright

### **August 4**

Lee Jennings

### **August 5**

Shirley Davies, Marge Desmery, Martha Glassmeyer,  
Betty Meese, Marilynn Sparacino

### **August 6**

John Hilton, Jack Hughes, Anita Lanzoni, J Porter

### **August 7**

Bettylee Cornell, Loretta Curley, Pamela Wilton

### **August 8**

Claire Bailey, Denis Conlon, Virginia Myers

### **August 9**

Barbara Saunders, Peggy Wallace

### **August 10**

Vesta Balestiere, Jeanne Duggan, Nancy Gallery

### **August 12**

Bob Vence

### **August 13**

Edel Livermore

### **August 14**

Pat Cole, Lynne Ellison

### **August 15**

Jeannette Bode, Robert Paul, Marcia Poutiatime,  
Scott Schneider

### **August 16**

Michel Allard, Marcel Jacques, Selwyn Kossuth

### **August 17**

Linda Holmes

### **August 18**

Barbara Dunnivant, Vanna Hoisington,  
Anita O'Neill, Peggy Salmon, Bill Saylor

### **August 19**

Phil Bartlett, Phyllis Carlson, Seldon Illick

### **August 21**

Judy Balph, Jane Davis, Nancy Sayford,  
Jim Schorner, Sharon Wilson

### **August 23**

Gail Hiley, Susan Pfau

### **August 24**

Bob Barrett, John Garrison, Phil Mercer,  
Janie Webster, Milli Wenzel

### **August 25**

Connie Hallina, Pat Walker

### **August 26**

Marie Balint, Marilyn Griffith, Lela Remmert

### **August 27**

Judith Kane, Bart Mefort, Jean Young

### **August 29**

Shay Connors, Ginny Hoynes, Jack Staley

### **August 30**

Cathi Kester, Nancy Lineback, Georgia Pierpont,  
Julius Sparacino

### **August 31**

Una Churchill, Rosalyn Middleman, Sam Miller

## **Congratulations to the following VBBC members:**

### **July Rank Changes**

**Club Master:** Kathy Johnston, Donald Sklansky

**Regional Master:** Ray Hay, Terri Pistole,  
Polly Swiftney

**Bronze Life Master:** Dell Hatten

## From the Education Director's Desk

The weekly bidding review classes resumed in July and have been well received by those attending. Each week a different bidding topic is addressed. There is no registration or partner required and the fee for each class is \$15. The lessons are held on Thursdays from 9:30 to 11:30. The format is hands-on, allowing participants to practice bidding hand illustrations on the table as well as entire deals. This class is fun, informal, and will help improve your game. Here is the schedule for the next few weeks:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Topic</u>	<u>Teacher</u>
Aug. 8	Overcalls	Ron
Aug. 15	Takeout Doubles	Ron
Aug. 22	Stayman	Lyn
Aug. 29	Preemptive Opening Bids	Lyn
Sept. 5	Jacoby Transfers	Ron
Sept. 12	Opening/Responding to 2 Clubs	Winnie

As we think about fall courses, classes, and programs, we would appreciate your input. What topics would you like to see offered? Are you more apt to attend a single session class, a once a week course, or a twice a week course? How do you feel about night classes or Saturday classes? In the fall there will be a survey to collect opinions, but in the meantime, please let me, Kim or any of the teachers know what you're thinking. We look forward to talking with you. The education program wants to work with you to improve your game.

### Interesting Fact - Opening One Club

Do you know the expected club length when your partner opens one club? It may surprise you to know that 5-pieces is most likely (38%) followed by 4-pieces (26%) and 3-pieces (17%)! These statistics assume that with a 4/4/3/2 shape you will open 1 diamond and not 1 club.

I am excited to again be directing the education program at the club and will work hard to make it a valuable experience for our members and a source of new members for our club.

Let's learn today for a better game tomorrow,

*Lyn Giuffrida*

## **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 \$6 for members and \$8 for nonmembers.

## **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**

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

## **From Bridge Coordinator's Desk**

on **Jay Baum**. Jay, retired ACBL CEO, and his wife, **Kathy**, are two of our newest VBBC members! Welcome, to Vero and to VBBC! We're very excited to have you joining us!

We have four Sectional tournaments this coming season including a 0-499 Sectional at the end of March. **Marge Desmery** has graciously volunteered to be the chairman for the October Sectional but we are in need of Hospitality Chairs for the remaining tournaments. **Marge** is more than happy to give any help in the way of advice and support to anyone who is willing to volunteer to chair any of the other tournaments. Please consider taking the reins for December or March. We'd love to have a volunteer/s from the open games but we definitely need someone to take the helm for the 0-499 Sectional from that category. We cannot hold tournaments without our wonderful volunteers. Please consider volunteering and let me hear from you soon. You don't have to do it alone, so ask a friend to do it with you.

Please consult the monthly calendar for all the special games we have for you this month. August is a special month in that several opportunities exist for you to earn red points in the North American Pairs games and silver points during the week-long STaC, August 19th-25th!!

See you soon at the bridge table!

*Jamie Portell*

Have you ever wondered how the masterpoint awards are computed by our scoring program, ACBL Score? Merle asked me about it a few weeks ago and Ron found this information on the ACBL web site, but to make it easier for you, here are the basic formulas for some of the games we hold:

### **0 – 20 Masterpoint Game**

2 – 15 Tables

.05 X # Pairs for 1.00 maximum award

16+ tables

.05 X # tables for 1.67 maximum award

This is the same formula they use for masterpoint awards in cruise ship games when they are not ACBL sanctioned tournaments.

### **0 – 100 Masterpoint Game**

2 – 15 Tables:

.06 X # Pairs for 1.20 Maximum Award

16+ Tables:

.06 X # Pairs for 2.00 Maximum Award

### **200 + Invitational Game**

2 – 13 Tables:

.08 X # Pairs for 1.20 Maximum Award

16+ Tables:

.08 X # Pairs for 2.00 Maximum Award

### **Open Games**

2 – 15 Tables:

.10 X # Pairs for 1.50 Maximum Award

16+ Tables:

.10 X # Pairs for 2.50 Maximum Award

## **TRUE DIRECTOR STORY**

A game director was called to the table: "What's the problem?" I asked.

"She," a stern finger pointed to her right, "did not use her STOP card!"

"It isn't required," I said.

"I," the tone was quiet and threatening, "know that. But on the first board of the round she did use it."

I looked at the opponent's convention card. Under jump overcalls both weak and strong were checked. I turned it over. Under two-bids both weak and strong were checked. So, I asked.

"Oh," said the culprit's partner. "We just love the STOP card. When we use it, it is weak. When we don't, it is strong. Isn't that the reason for it?"

## Card sharks For July

*Jamie Portell*

0-5	Linda Blyer
6-20	Dana Smith
21-50	Jackie Vierling-Huang
51-100	Boots Van Nostrand
101-200	Susan Hansel
201-300	Maria Malloy
301-400	Gary Fishbaugh
401-500	Gloria Pappalardo
501-750	Ellen Gelberg
751-1000	John McClenethan
1001-2500	Gini Hauser
2501+	Ron Andrews

## CLUB STATS FOR JULY

TOTAL TABLES - 699  
 Total black points- 1184.41  
 Total red points - 83.64  
 TOTAL MASTERPOINTS 1268.05

## 70 percenters for June

*Compiled by Toril Liapis*

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

7/19 Harold & Celia Phillips 72.22%  
 7/23 Arnie Summers-Nancy Lineback 71.36%  
 7/26 Marilyn Link-Claudia McNulty 72.5%  
 7/30 Eileen Krisinki-Marge Desmery 70.6%

## OUR NEW MEMBERS FOR JULY!!

Meghan Seligman  
 John Hilton  
 Harry Forrest  
 Lyn Buford  
 Lynn Wiksten  
 Jan Petersen  
 Priscilla Lamond  
 Kathy Baum  
 Jay Baum  
 David Bardes  
 Judy Shottes

## 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 July 2012 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 July 2013
20-50	27	Ray Columbaro	35
300-500	14 20	Joanne Matchette Gloria Pappalardo	78 73
2500-5000	9 13	Bill Poole Ron Andrews	158 150
5000-7500	11 30	Debbie Drury Rob Colton	159 128
10000+	28	Reanette Frobouck	109

## ACBL-wide Master Point

MP Level	ACBL-Wide Rank	Mini-McKenney VBBC Member	MP thru July 2013
300-500	16th	Jeffrey Jones	151

## 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 July:

7/5 Judy Melchiorre & Ellen Gelberg  
 7/9 Kathleen Catanzaro & Sally Corcoran  
 7/13 Ed Shields & Maria Malloy  
 7/17 Dell Hatten & Heidi Stott  
 7/18 Tina Cole & Mig McKinney  
 7/19 Heidi Stott & Robert Stott





# August



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
If you need a partner for the limited games ,		If you need a partner for Open games, call Gail		1	2	3 8-is-Enough Swiss
4 Pair	5 <i>NAP Qualifier</i> <i>50% Red Pts.</i>	6	7	8	9	10 <i>NAP Qualifier</i> <i>50% Red Pts.</i>
11 8-is-Enough Charity	12 Board Mtg. @ 10 a.m.	13	14 <i>CLUB</i> <i>CHAMPION-</i>	15 	16 <i>NAP Qualifier</i> <i>50% Red Pts.</i>	17 Pair
18 Open & 499'er Charity	19	20	21	22	23	24 Pair →
	<b>S</b>	<b>T</b>	<b>a</b>	<b>C</b>		
25 8-is-Enough Swiss	26	27	28	29 <i>CLUB</i> <i>CHAMPION-</i>	30	31 Pair

## PLAN AHEAD!

### August Special Events

- August 14—Club Championship
- August 15—Birthday Celebration
- August 16—NAP—50% Red/Black Points
- August 19—25—STaC—Silver Points
- August 29—Club Championship

### Silver Points at these events at VBBC!

- August 19—25 (STaC Week)
- October 4-6, 2013 (Sectional Tournament)
- December 6—8, 2013 (Sectional Tournament)
- March 7-9, 2014 (Sectional Tournament)
- March 29-30, 2014 (NLM 0-499 Sectional)

<u>Sunday</u>	1 p.m. 1st Sunday following 1st Saturday: Stratified Open Pairs 1 p.m. 2nd Sunday: 8-is-Enough Swiss Teams 1 p.m. 3rd Sunday: Open & 499'er Swiss Teams 1 p.m. Last Sunday: 8-is-Enough Swiss Teams
<u>Monday</u>	1 p.m. Stratified Open Pairs and 0-299 Pairs
<u>Tuesday</u>	1 p.m. Stratified Open Pairs and 0-99 Pairs
<u>Wednesday</u>	9 a.m. 0-499 Stratified Pairs 1 p.m. Stratified Open Pairs
<u>Thursday</u>	1 p.m. Stratified Open Pairs and 0-499 Pairs
<u>Friday</u>	9 a.m. 0-299 Stratified Pairs 9 a.m. 0-20/Student Game 1 p.m. Stratified Open Pairs
<u>Saturday</u>	1 p.m. Stratified Open Pairs 1 p.m. First Saturday—Eight is Enough Swiss