



The Bridge Gazette

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Vero Beach Bridge Center



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JANUARY, 2010

From the Bridge Coordinator's desk

Congratulation to our Card Sharks for 2009:

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| 0-5 | 1. Sandee Carberry |
| | 2. Joyce Smith |
| | 3. Bill Powers |
| 6-20 | 1. Holly Thomas |
| | 2. Sonia McGowan |
| | 3. Susan Hansel |
| 21-50 | 1. John McClenathan |
| | 2. Jo Matlock |
| | 3. John Comley |
| 51-100 | 1. Phyllis Mallory |
| | 2. Jayne Husted |
| | 3. Bill Friesell |
| 101-200 | 1. Sam Lacks |
| | 2. Tom Cadden |
| | 3. Gary Fishbaugh |
| 201-300 | 1. Maureen Hendricks |
| | 2. Audrey Fetter |
| | 3. Debbie Brower |
| 301-400 | 1. Susan Hulseman |
| | 2. Carol McCarthy |
| | 3. Janice Greene |
| 401-500 | 1. Erika Greenfield |
| | 2. Hazel Lacks |
| | 3. Paul Quinn |
| 501-750 | 1. Jack Wilson |
| | 2. Pat Martin |
| | 3. Merle Hauser |
| 751-1000 | 1. Jane Davis |
| | 2. Pat Soukup |
| | 3. Gil Greenberg |
| 1001-2500 | 1. Ron Andrews |
| | 2. Phyllis Carlson |
| | 3. Gini Hauser |
| 2501+ | 1. Debbie Drury |
| | 2. Nancy Marquardt |
| | 3. Rosalie Powers |

From the president's desk

Not sure whether this letter should be about all the good things done in 2009, or all the good plans we have for 2010, so I think I'll do a little of each. Last year we did much to improve the building and contents, from roof repairs to new A/C units, and hopefully won't have to repeat any of those expenses in 2010. From the people standpoint, we completed our first year of having a standby player for the open games, and it was a huge success with an average of about 4 players being matched up every game. We are continuing this program into 2010 and believe it will be just as successful. Bridge Bucks was also introduced in 2009 and has been moderately successful. We want to expand the program in 2010, and ask that more of you take advantage of the program. It really helps the cashiers at the desk, and also improves the accounting procedure for daily play.

Back to 2009, I want to thank the Board of Governors for the team spirit they showed all year long, with lots of good ideas, spirited discussion, and finally consensus on issues. All this without any fist fights, or swear words. We really did follow Roberts Rules of Order. Looking forward to 2010, we have another excellent Board. Officers for 2010 will be elected at our first board meeting on January 11, immediately following the open game.

Lastly, I want to encourage club members to attend a board meeting if you have the time. Also, don't hesitate to bring helpful suggestions to any board member, and they will bring it to the meeting. This is your club, and to make it better, we need your input.

Happy 2010 Bridge

Merle Hauser

The Bridge Gazette

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January Birthdays

January 1

Trudi Boylan, Toril Liapis, Theresa Ligon,
Laurie Stewart, Bette Tonner

January 2

Erica Artus

January 3

Patsy Riefler, Peter Schlesinger

January 4

Ann Bottelli, Bob Sullivan, Chuck Wehrle

January 5

Louis Fazen

January 6

Brooke Megrue, Anne Newton, Margie Quinto

January 7

Nancy Heim, Nicky Murphy

January 8

Abby LaReno

January 9

JoAnn Houpt, Maria Roda, Jerry Tempesta

January 10

Betty Prillaman

January 11

Sandra Barrientos, Lillian Schlesinger,
Christina Vincent

January 12

Evelyn Mayerson

January 13

George Buchanan, Kathy Harkins

January 14

Wayne Decker

January 15

Marie Gookin, Leah Scott, Margaret Werber

January 16

Kathleen Catanzaro, Frances Kirkpatrick,
Carla McMahon

January 17

Joan Weinstein

January 18

Marita Ritterhoff, Ginny Schwerin

January 19

Audrey Bracken

January 20

Beverly Green

January 21

Penny Stone, Bill Weber

January 23

Pamela D'Andrea, John Leasure

January 24

Raleighine Hoppe, Jane Sedlmayr, Michael Senzig

January 25

Georgette Chido

January 26

Lil Mita

January 27

Pat O'Neill

January 28

Abha Patel

January 29

Sonia McGowan, Carole Moore

January 30

Barbara Malcolm, Ginny Roe, Carolyn Wood

2010 Mentoring Program

VBBC's Education Committee decided to hold two programs this year. One mentoring program pairs 0-20 players with players in the 100-300 masterpoint range as their mentors. We currently have 13 pairs signed up to participate in this program which has a waiting list of about 6 who would like to be mentored. Those of you in the 100-300 range who would like to be a volunteer mentor can call Lyn Giuffrida, 231-2881, or Jamie Portell, 234-8643. Our Open Game Mentoring Program is always successful and this year, our 8th, we have 30 pairs. Those of you who are either mentees or mentors can begin scheduling and playing your games. The required number of games must be completed by March 31 in order to participate in the championship game which will be held April 1, at 1 p.m.

Visit our web site at:

www.verobridge.com

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

Bridge Education by Ron Andrews

New Saturday Morning Play Series



Bridge Play Strategy

presented by Winnie Evans
A Series of Themed Lessons

Saturday Mornings, beginning January 16, 2010

9:30—11:30 a.m.
No reservation or partner is necessary
\$10 per class ~ Attend one or all

Defensive Techniques

Opening Leads to Notrump Contracts ~ Jan 16
When to Lead Trump ~ Jan 23
Opening Leads in Suit Contracts ~ Jan 30
Defensive Signals ~ Feb 13
Holdup ~ Feb 20



Declarer Techniques

When to Draw Trump ~ Mar 6
Finesses & Suit Combinations ~ Mar 13
When to Holdup ~ Mar 20
Dangerous Opponent ~ Apr 3
Eliminating Losers ~ Apr 17
Promotion / Entries ~ Apr 24
Find the Queen ~ May 1





Call the Bridge Center
at 772-562-3008
Extension 21
For more information.

This new series (Saturday mornings) is designed to deal with a specific card play technique each week. You can attend some or all as your schedule permits or interest dictates. If you want (*need?*), to improve your understanding of the theme, plan on attending. For those who want to learn or review fundamental play we continue to offer Monitored Play on Monday afternoons.

Monitored Play Classes

These classes are on Mondays from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. No partner or reservation is necessary. The class fee is \$10. A booklet covering all the hands for the month is available at cost, just \$5.

Friday Pupil Game

This 0-20 master point game is held on Friday mornings from 9 a.m. until 12:20 p.m. No reservation or partner is required. *Please arrive early and plan to stay until the end of the game.*

Basic Bidding Review Schedule

January 6, 2010	Opening Bids & Rule of 20
January 13, 2010	Responses to One of a Suit
January 20, 2010	Opener's Rebid & Reverses
January 27, 2010	Responder's Rebid
February 3, 2010	Overcalls & Responses

Class is Wednesday morning from 9:30 to 11:30. No reservation or partner is necessary. Cost is \$10 per session.

Celebrity Series Kickoff

Do not miss this great event. The affair includes breakfast, a great vugraph presentation, and hands to play - all with Larry Cohen, a 26-time national champion. Sign up now, just \$30 to join us on Tuesday, January 12 ~ 8:30 a.m.

VERO BEACH BRIDGE CENTER PROUDLY KICKS OFF
THE 2010 CELEBRITY SERIES:

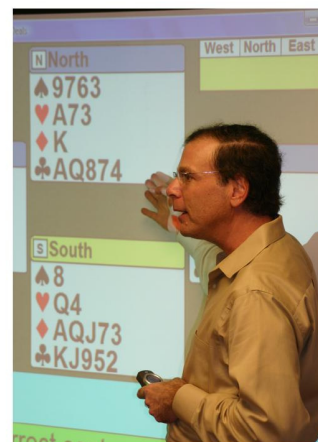
Larry Cohen's

Key Tips for Better Declarer Play

26-time National Champion
Best Selling Bridge Author
Worldwide Lecturer
Monthly ACBL Columnist
2002 Player of the Year

Tuesday Morning Jan 12, 2010
Breakfast 8:30 a.m.
Presentation 9:00 a.m. to Noon

- Signup in advance, \$30
- \$35 at the door
- Register by Signup sheet at the Club or by calling Kim Howard (772) 562-3008 extension 21



Larry's vugraph presentations are fun and informative. With this technology every seat in the house is a good one.

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Sadly, we lost several of our devoted members this past year: **Marion Maciejewski, Marg Everett, Joanne Munroe, Steve Liapis, Jack Bassett, Greta Ziel, Anne Sandor, Lewis Golub and Mary Lord.** They will be missed.

Our next tournament is February 6-8 and will be chaired by **Marge Desmery.** We need volunteers to sign up to bring finger foods and desserts or, if you don't cook, please give **Marge** a monetary donation for hospitality. On Saturday of this tournament, a compact knockout event will be held at 10 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. This knockout event will be completed in two sessions. This is a great way to win silver points, so, line up your team (4-person only) and enter the compact KO on Saturday. Depending on the number of teams entered, the event will be handicapped or bracketed to give all teams an equal chance at winning. Contact **Phyllis Carlson** at 772-299-5263, if you need help finding partners or teams.

The Celebrity Series continues with **Larry Cohen** on Tuesday, January 12. Breakfast is at 8:30 a.m., followed by the presentation from 9 a.m. to noon. The topic, "Key Tips for Better Declarer Play." We can all use some advice from a many-time world champion!

Our annual Christmas Party, chaired by **Marge Desmery** was a huge success this year. Thank you to **Marge** and her helpers **Peggy Laurencelle** and **Jean Coho.** In addition to all the great food they provided, **Julie Zhu** made us some fabulous oriental delights and **Janice Woodbury** made her great Island Curry Layers, which can be found in our cookbook. Thank you, as well to **Beverly Taylor** and **Jane Davis** for making the club festive for the holiday season.

I am pleased to report that we presented our official club charity, the Homeless Family Center, with more than \$1500 in cash and gift cards for Christmas. Thank you to all who gave to this worthwhile charity. The bins for donations to the HFC are located behind the dividers next to the directors' desk.

Thank you to the following members who made generous donations to the Club this month **Martha Glassmeyer, Laurie Stewart** and **Lou and Coree Zak.**

We have many other special events in January:

Thursday, Jan. 7,9 a.m.	Open Game resumes
	Club Championship game
Saturday, Jan. 9	Eight is Enough
Tuesday, Jan. 12	Club Championship
Sunday, Jan. 17	Draw for Swiss Teams
Thursday, Jan. 21	Birthday Celebration

See you at the Club

Candace Griffey

December sectional

The December Sectional Tournament went very well thanks to all of our club members who donated money, time and help to make it a big success.

Our directors, Karl and Rick were a joy to work with and we hope they will be back soon again. They were always pleasant and Karl made us laugh with his wonderful quips.

I would especially like to thank my helpers. Phyllis Fountain went shopping with me and helped unload and put away all of our purchases.

Maureen Hendricks and Lil Schlesinger worked very hard on Friday morning and taught me how to be artistic with my platter arrangements. Jean Kay made a ton of sandwiches on Saturday morning. Thanks to all of you.

Beth Sexton-Stryker arranged for the orange juice from Orchid Island Juice company and it was even delivered. The juice was delicious as always. In fact, it was so good that we had no leftovers.

Jane Davis made exquisite floral arrangements for the tables and the club looked very festive with the tree and garlands which Jane and Beverly Taylor were responsible for.

Thanks to our caddies, Carrie and Corey and to Candy and Marge for their help and support.

Jane Garr

Phone extensions for fast access

21 Manager's office
22 Courtesy phone by the bookcase
23 Director's desk
24 Cashier's desk
26 Candace's desk

Card Sharks For December

Candace Griffey

0-5	Tom Johnson
6-20	Holly Thomas
21-50	John McClenathan
51-100	Bill Friesel
101-200	Sam Lacks
201-300	Marion Crockett-Marion
301-400	Susan Hulseman
401-500	Paul Quinn
501-750	David Millward
751-1000	Wayne & Edie Brundage
1001-2500	Ron Andrews
2501+	Debbie Drury

CLUB STATS FOR DECEMBER

TOTAL TABLES - 820.5

Total Masterpoints Awarded - 1707.79

ABC Club

Horst and Gail Partenheimer

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

Jean Clinton/Judy Sorrenti, Dec. 2
Carol McCarthy/Susan Hulseman, Dec. 3
Donald Riefler/Patsy Riefler, Dec. 4
Beth Sexton Stryker/Christine Fletcher, Dec. 4
Jane Merchant/Nancy Heim, Dec. 7
Nancy C. Briggs/Virginia Schwerin, Dec. 14
Ida Farnworth/ Karen Adelman, Dec. 14
David Millward/Jean Macdonald, Dec. 15
Paul Quinn/William (Herb) Crowder, Dec. 21
Maureen Hendricks/Susan Hulseman, Dec. 23
Beverly Mogensen/Bette Uffenbeck, Dec. 23
Carol McCarthy/Maureen Hendricks, Dec. 28.

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 December, 2009, 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 Dec 2009</i>
100-200	9	Susan Hulseman	151
5000-7500	18	Debbie Drury	292

ACBL-wide Master Point

<i>MP Level</i>	<i>ACBL- Wide Rank</i>	<i>Mini-McKenney VBBC Member</i>	<i>MP thru Dec 2009</i>
7500-10000	6	Reanette Frobouck	1151

70 percenters for December

Toril Liapis

Congratulations to the following players who achieved 70 percent or more games in December 2009:

Dick Thompkins/Betsy Tompkins, 72.05%, Dec. 4;
Gerry Browning/Ruth Browning, 75.40%, Dec. 8;
Holly Thomas/Norman Thomas, 71.92%, Dec. 14;
Gerry Browning/Ruth Browning, 78.95%, Dec. 22.

VOLUNTEER OF THE MONTH

Phyllis Graham is an asset to our club

The Leadership Development Committee is pleased to announce that **Phyllis Graham** has been selected to receive our January Volunteer of the Month Award.

Phyllis has been an asset to our club since she became a member in 1992. She has been elected to the Board of Governors three times and has served as the Appeals Committee Chair for many years.

This is a difficult job since the committee hears disagreements with director rulings and decides on the outcome. This requires an excellent knowledge of bridge and an exceptional ability to remain calm and tactful during a challenging event.

Phyllis is also a wonderful mentor for new players both formally and informally. She has chaired our Christmas party several times and would have done so this year except for poor health which prevented her from doing so.

Phyllis has been married to Ed for 62 years. They first lived in South Dakota and wanted children, but were unable to have them. They made a decision to adopt, but no children were available to them. Fortunately, Ed went to work in a bank in Wisconsin and they were able to adopt an 8-month old girl and a few years later, a newborn boy. They consider Wisconsin their second home and have gone back there to be near their children. They hope to come back to Vero in a month or so and Phyllis hopes to return to the bridge center when this occurs.

Phyllis started playing bridge with 7 other young women 60 years ago and soon after discovered duplicate bridge and has been hooked on it ever since.

We wish Phyllis could be here to accept this award, but she knows it is being presented and I am certain she will be thinking of us.

*Jane Garr,
Chair of Leadership Development Committee*

Bridge Bucks make a good gift

Looking for a birthday or thank-you gift for a bridge friend? We suggest you buy bridge bucks and include it in a card.

Thank you letter from HFC

December 22, 2009

**Ms. Kim Howard
Vero Beach Bridge Center**

Re: Donation of \$1540.00 in gift cards and donations on 12/22/09

Dear Mrs. Howard:

On behalf of the Board of Directors and clients served at the Homeless Family Center, I want to personally thank you for your club's donation. Your commitment provides us the opportunity to carry out our mission.

To provide opportunities for homeless families to end homelessness by achieving self sufficiency through education, living wages, and permanent housing.

The Vero Beach Bridge Club has been a tremendous friend to the Homeless Family Center throughout the years, and we are grateful for all your support. The clients truly continue to benefit from your weekly donations of clothes and personal items, as well as your holiday donations today.

Thank you again for reaching out to families in need; you continue to make a positive impact in this community.

**In appreciation,
Julia T. Keenan
Executive Director**

Thank you to the many club members who donated to the Family Homeless Center in 2009.

On December 22, I was delighted to turn over to the HFC many generous checks from our members and Wal-Mart and Publix gift cards which I converted from members' cash donations.

I continue to take used clothing, household items, non-perishable food, toys, books and personal care items to the HFC about every two weeks.

Please deposit your donations behind the screen at the rear of the main playing area.

Thank you!

Melody Gabriel



JANUARY 2010



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
If you need a partner for limited games call Lorraine Izzo at 234-4588				If you need a partner for the open game call Phyllis Carlson 559-7493		
					1 	2 Charity Open/299er Swiss
3 Charity Open/299er Swiss	4	5	6	7 CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP 9 a.m. Game resumes	8	9 EIGHT IS ENOUGH SWISS
10 Charity Open/299er Swiss	11 BOARD MEETING 4:30P.M.	12 CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP	13	14 	15 DIRECTORS MEETING 11:45 A.M.	16 PAIR GAME
17 DRAW FOR TEAMS SWISS	18	19	20	21 BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION	22	23 PAIR GAME
24 Charity Open/299er Swiss 31 4x4 Team Swiss	25	26	27 STEVE LIAPIS CHARITY GAME	28 	29	30 PAIR GAME

Plan ahead!

February 5-7, 2010 Sectional
March 27-29, 2010 0-299 Sectional
April 9-11, 2011 Sectional

CELEBRITY SERIES

LARRY COHEN—JAN 12, 2010
AUDREY GRANT—FEB 23, 2010
"LANDCRUISE" - MAR 23-24, 2010

**A HAPPY
NEW YEAR**

Here's our game schedule

Sunday Stratified Swiss Teams every Sunday
Monday 1 p.m. Stratified Open Game and 0-299 Game
Tuesday 1 p.m. Stratified Open Game and 0-99 Game
6 p.m. Stratified Open Game
Wednesday 9 a.m. 0-299 Game
 1 p.m. Stratified Open Game
Thursday **9 a.m. Stratified Open Game (resumes)**
 1 p.m. Stratified Open Game and 0-299 Game
Friday 9 a.m. 0-299 Game
 9:00 a.m. 0-20 and Student Game
 1 p.m. Stratified Open Game,
Saturday 1 p.m. Stratified Open Game
 Second Saturday Eight is Enough Swiss Teams
 First Saturday 0-299 & Stratified Open Swiss Teams