

# CLUB NEWS

## FOR THE DUPLICATE PLAYERS OF THE VILLAGES

### FEBRUARY, 2020

#### NEWS CLIPS:

**Bruce Thiher**, the very popular director of the Wednesday and Thursday games at Mulberry, is taking a leave of absence. **Bruce**, who retired from the US Postal Service several years ago, has been employed by the Federal Government Census Bureau to assist in the 2020 census. He will be based in Ocala. His appointment is for four months. Bruce is especially noted for the brownies and cookies he bakes before each game. He said he expects when he returns that we all will have lost ten pounds.

**NEW BOARD MEMBERS:** **Nancy Brickley, Nancy Jaffe, and Nancy Turner** have been elected to serve three-year terms. **David Hudson** is serving a two-year term, filling the remainder of Vicki Adams' term. Congratulations to all of them!

**Kathy Berman** held a "Celebration of Life" in honor of her deceased husband, **Ivan**, at Colony Recreation Center on Friday, December 27. Many family members and friends attended.

**Jack Gleckner** passed on Wednesday, December 11, at Hospice. A "Celebration of Life" was held at Temple Shalom on Monday, December 16. **Jack** had been ill for a long time. Our sympathies are extended to his wife, **Renee**. Many family and friends attended.

**Marc Rissman** has had many poems printed in *The Villages Daily Sun*. He also won the national poetry contest from the *Bridge Bulletin*. Now he has published a new book of poetry titled **A La Carte Poems**, available from him for \$10 per copy. This is his second book. The first one was **Walnut Fudge and S'More**, also available for purchase. He will even autograph it at your request.

**Bobbie Meyers** is now a reporter for our **CLUB NEWS**. We are very pleased to have her. Keep her in mind when you have some tidbits of information you'd like to share with members of our Club. **Welcome aboard, Bobbie!**

#### NEWS CLIPS: (con't)

**Jim Hansell** just made Life Master (5000 mps). His wife, **Linda**, celebrated the occasion at the game on Monday afternoon at SeaBreeze on December 30. She brought in copious bottles of vintage wine and several delicious snacks. **Congratulations, Jim!**



**A DREAM THAT CAME TRUE!**

## **FOOD BANK** **Gordon Pfeifer**

**“Food Bank”** is a slang term for either the Wildwood Soup Kitchen or the Wildwood Food Pantry, or both. There is no official organization called the “Food Bank” or the “Wildwood Food Bank”.

The Wildwood Soup Kitchen was organized in 1994, and was originally located in Oxford. A year or two after it was started, it moved to its present location which is in the fellowship hall of the Wildwood Presbyterian Church located at 201 Barwick Street. Its website is [wildwoodsoupkitchen.org](http://wildwoodsoupkitchen.org), and there is a lot of useful information there, including contact information or how to donate online or volunteer. Its primary mission is to feed needy people in and around Wildwood. This is accomplished in one of two ways. First, people who come to the soup kitchen are served from 11:30 AM until 1 PM Monday through Saturday, and secondly people who have meals delivered to their homes Monday through Friday, and who are given a sack lunch on Friday to serve as a meal on Saturday. Home deliveries are typically for people who have no transportation, or are very elderly and are “shut-ins”. Each day we feed about 250 people (100 at the kitchen, 150 delivered). Meals are also provided to House of Hope, a men’s addiction recovery center.

In addition to these meals, we also provide “snack packs” to local elementary school children, which consist of healthy snack food taken home in the children’s backpacks each day. This is an effort to make sure the children get more healthy nutritional food than they otherwise might have. This ministry has grown substantially and we are now being requested to provide up to 200 snack packs per week. In 2018, over 90,000 meals were provided to our clients.

The Wildwood Food Pantry operates out of the Wildwood Methodist Church just a block or two from the Wildwood Soup Kitchen. It focuses on providing groceries to families in the Wildwood area, as opposed to individual meals which the Soup Kitchen provides. Another difference in the two is that families must qualify to receive assistance from the Food Pantry, while the Soup Kitchen serves anyone who walks in. You or I could walk in the Soup Kitchen any Monday through Friday and receive a meal.

The Soup Kitchen and Food Pantry work closely together, and share resources as much as possible. Sometimes a food donation is made to one that is more appropriate for the other and is transferred, and if one is running short of a type of food it can many times be found at the other.

Seeds of Hope is an organization that operates under the same 501c(3) as the Soup Kitchen, and has two goals. The first is to educate the public about the Soup Kitchen and Food Pantry, and the other is raise money for the two organizations and collect food items for the Food Pantry. The money is raised by sponsoring 8 different concerts at various churches during the month of February by artists who donate their time, sponsoring a Pancake Breakfast each February at the Soup Kitchen, and having several food drives at local Publix grocery stores. All money raised by Seeds of Hope is split evenly between the Soup Kitchen and Food Pantry. Their website is [seedsofhope-wildwood.com](http://seedsofhope-wildwood.com), which gives details on how to contribute, as well as concert and other fundraising event schedules.

It is important to know that NO ONE is paid at either the Soup Kitchen, Food Pantry, or with Seeds of Hope. Our efforts are carried out 100% by volunteers and our income is 100% donations from individuals, neighborhood clubs (like VDBC), churches, and charitable gift funds.  
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About me.....My wife is named Beth and we moved to The Villages in February 2015 from Marietta, Georgia, which is a suburb of Atlanta. We had bought our home 6 months earlier but I could not retire until I turned 55 in January 2015. Beth retired as a pediatric nurse in the spring of 2014, and I worked for Colonial Pipeline Company in Information Technology for 34 and a half years, the last two part time after I moved to The Villages.

We decided since we had been blessed enough to retire earlier than most we wanted to balance our leisure time with volunteer time as many people do here, and we happened to be good friends with the manager of the Soup Kitchen (a wonderful woman named Donna Slider) who had lived in our neighborhood for 20 of the 26 years that we lived there. Knowing her was what brought us to The Villages for the first time in March 2014, and she helped convince us that it would be a great place for us to live once we did retire. We took one of the home delivery routes driving on Monday, and started less than two weeks after we moved here. Since I had been the treasurer in our Marietta neighborhood for 18 years, Donna asked me to become the treasurer of the Soup Kitchen and I started that in May 2015. Beth became the corresponding secretary so it is very convenient for me to pass the list of donations on to her each week so she can send out the thank you letters. I also became the treasurer of the Seeds of Hope soon after that, since that person wanted to retire and the two jobs are so closely related. We also volunteer at our church and in other areas, and have found it to be very rewarding. I especially enjoy our delivery route, as it gives Beth and me a chance to volunteer together and we've gotten to know the people on our route well over the years. We plan to serve in our current roles as long as we are able. It is great to be part of an organization with so many wonderful people who are dedicated to serving others. As the treasurer, I have seen first-hand the incredible generosity of the people in The Villages, including the Villages Duplicate Bridge Club.

Thank you, Gordon, for your explanations and education about these purposeful organizations. We admire you and Beth for all that you are doing to help the needy among us.

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One of our past players, **Sally Sonnichsen**, passed away on November 28 after a long battle with cancer. Sally and her husband **George** were frequent winners in the 399 events.

Sally and George were itinerant travelers, and had been to all seven continents and over a hundred countries since they retired, including many of the more exotic countries in the world. They made several talks a year at the Villages Worldwide Travel Club. Some recent talks were on their trips to northern Borneo, Sumatra in Indonesia, the "Stans" (Kazakhstan, Uzbekistan, Turkmenistan, and Tajikistan), and the west coast of Africa, where they viewed the mountain gorillas. They have also traveled to all fifty states. They spent two weeks in Iran, where the local people said they never thought they would meet an American.

Sally had a Master's Degree from the University of Virginia and a degree in Library Science from Drexel University. She worked as a high school librarian until she met George, who was a chemist for DuPont. They have a son and a daughter and three grandchildren.

In addition to her bridge activities, Sally was an accomplished athlete, and could frequently be found on the Village tennis courts and golf courses. She was fun and outgoing, which made her many friends.  
(Submitted by Buck Buchanan)

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A few puns: "If money doesn't grow on trees, how come Banks have Branches?  
"Why are goods sent by ship called CARGO and those sent by truck SHIPMENT?"

## ANTARCTICA

by RICK GAUTHIER



Last year my daughter Becca, age 31, asked me if I would travel to Antarctica with her, which would be her milestone 7<sup>th</sup> continent! After a short hesitation I said “sure”, though it was never on my bucket list, who can pass up the opportunity to spend time with their daughter and her friend on the coldest, windiest, driest, and loneliest continent in the world?!!

After spending a few days in Buenos Aires & Ushuaia, Argentina (the southernmost city in the world), we boarded a three months old state-of-the-art cruise ship, World Explorer, with 163 passengers, 123 crew members and 25 Quark Expedition leaders of very impressive credentials. They were all well experienced outdoors people many with science backgrounds. We had Ornithologists, Marine Biologists, and an Astrophysicist, sea kayakers, paddle boarders, etc. including Ed Webster, a world renown climber who climbed Everest 3 times! This resulted in an almost 1:1 ratio of crew to passengers.

After getting lucky with a relatively smooth ride through the Drake Passage to the Southern Ocean, we caught our first glimpse of the Antarctic Peninsula which appeared as a vast mountain chain of pristine white snow. December is Antarctica’s summer with around 21 hours of daylight and temperatures were typically 25-35 F for us. We were still far from the South Pole which has one sunrise and one sunset per year.

Each day we would debark the ship twice per day and ride with 8-10 people including at least one expedition leader in one of about 20 Zodiac motorized rubber rafts. We would spend half the time zipping along the peninsula and islands and the other half at strategic shore landings for hikes.

I was not prepared for the number of whales we saw every day—some VERY close to our raft! We saw primarily casually swimming Humpbacks not concerned about us at all with a few sightings of Killer Whales (aka Orcas—which are not actually whales at all).

There were never ending beautiful icebergs and glaciers of all shapes and sizes with stunning blue colors in them and a few times I would notice a seal floating by on one. At one time the Zodiacs kept circling our ship’s platform to keep the ice away so that 90+ brave souls could do the Polar Plunge in 28 F water. I knew it would be cold, but it was absolutely, stunningly cold, and I made the mistake of diving, which meant I had a little longer time in the water!



We saw thousands of Penguins, many nesting on piles of rocks where the male and females alternated feeding and nesting. There were “Penguin Highways” where the feeding one would descend from the mountain top, which they had chosen as a site to nest because that was the first area where the snow melted. One time it looked like a line of ants on the highway there were so many of them. We were asked to keep a 15’ distance from them, but if they approached, we could stand still. I had the thrill of my trip filming about 16 penguins in the water only to have them emerge and approach to within 4-6’ of me!  
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On other occasions we saw groups of Elephant Seals grouping their blubbery bodies together and rarely moving, though it was quite a sight when they slithered toward the water. Their babies are called Weaners and are cast out alone once they stop weaning. It was kind of sad to see the solitary Weaners separated from the groups of adults. We saw many Weddell seals lying alone on the snow and it's not hard to figure why they are nicknamed "Rock Sausages". On one occasion we had a Leopard seal swimming all around and under our Zodiac quite apparently toying with us.

All in all, it was an amazing trip made even better by the time spent with my daughter and it's nice to see the tour people adhere to strict regulations to preserve Antarctica by not taking or destroying anything.

Thanks, Rick, for sharing this amazing trip with us.

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**BRAD KILLAS AND JUDY SMITH**



Judy Smith and Brad Kallas are two bridge neophytes who have a great future. They began playing together just seven months ago, and have already managed to achieve a reputation. On December 30, they had a 68% game in the 0-50 SeaBreeze game. Since May, they have earned over 30 masterpoints as a team!

The remarkable thing about their achievements is that although they both live full time in The Villages, they both still work. Judy is a Surgical Oncologist (cancer surgeon) who still works one week a month in either Michigan or New York seeing patients in their homes for wellness visits. Brad is the CFO for Virginia Health Care Association and works out of her home.

The amazing thing about Judy and Brad is that they have taken self education very seriously. In addition to taking advantage of the teaching at the Newcomer's games, they have made a "lesson plan" delineating which conventions and/or topics they want to learn and in what order. They jointly watch educational videos on the topic, discuss and then try to play using what they have learned. They get together before each game to review both the old and new conventions. After each game they discuss each hand and what they could have done better.

Asked about what might be done to improve their performance, Judy said that she and Brad would like to see more games for players with lower masterpoints, particularly those between 50 and 150. They also feel that more classes online and perhaps video lessons (including play of hands) for this group of players would be fantastic. (submitted by Buck)

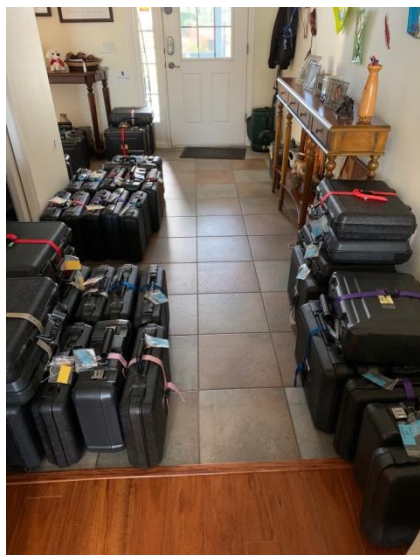
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**This is a picture of Jay Greenstone at his 65<sup>th</sup> class reunion from Lehigh—the class of 1954. Jay is the third from the right.**

## FROM MARGARET SARNO

Many of the bridge players have asked me and Janet about the machine that deals the cards, how big is it?, how fast is it?, can you sit? are a few of the questions. This is what it looks like, and you can see Janet is bigger than the dealing machine. It takes about 12—15 minutes to deal a set of 36 boards. Also, hand records need to be printed, and each set of boards needs a label. The dealing machine is connected to a computer, and hands are from The Common Game. After the cards are dealt, they are put in Janet and Bob's foyer, waiting to be delivered to the appropriate recreation center. As you can see, this is a big job.



It does look like a BIG JOB! A small machine but a HUGE JOB!

(Thanks to **GORDON PFEIFER** for unzipping the zipped picture file for me! Pat 😊)

# What is your agreement? A bridge Tip

By Neil H. Timm

Playing 2/1 or Precision, most pairs play the Jacoby 2NT\* convention. The convention is used when partner opens a major and responder has 4-card support and 13+ dummy points.

To illustrate, let's look at a typical example.

		♠	A954		
		♥	9753		
		♦	KQ3		
		♣	A5		
♠	Q106	<div style="background-color: green; color: white; text-align: center; padding: 10px;"> N W     E S </div>		♠	872
♥	KQ			♥	2
♦	J86			♦	10975
♣	QJ1072			♣	K9863
		♠	KJ3		
		♥	AJ10864		
		♦	A42		
		♣	4		

The Bidding:

South	West	North	East
1♥	Pass	2NT*	Pass
3♣**	Pass	3♦(control)	Pass
4NT(1430)	Pass	5♥(2keycrds)	Pass
6♥	All Pass		

\* Alert 13+ dummy points - Jacoby 2NT\* (some may use expert Jacoby 2nt\*).

\*\* Alert Shortness in Clubs

Opening Lead: ♣Q

A reasonable slam contract with only 26 combined HCP!

This example may be found in the Sunday December 13, 2019 issue of the Daily Sun Newspaper.

The example was taken from Larry Cohen's web site – Larryco.com as referenced in the Daily Sun paper.

The article in the paper claims the hand cannot be made!

While most duplicate players use the Jacoby 2NT\* convention, is that always the best partnership agreement?  
NO

Why? You may not have sufficient bidding space to investigate slams.

Instead one may treat the 2NT\* bid as 1430! **Yes give Up Jacoby!**

The Bidding:

South	West	North	East
1♥	Pass	2NT*(1430)	Pass
3♥(2 w/o Q)	Pass	4♥	Pass
All Pass			

The Roman Keycard Blackwood Jacoby 2NT\* convention is reviewed on my web site:  
[www.bridgewebs.com/ocala](http://www.bridgewebs.com/ocala) and found under Timm's Bridge Bits and called: Jacoby Roman Keycard  
Blackwood 1430.

Sharing this Tip with Larry Cohen, he claims contrary to the Daily Sun that the slam is makeable and he supports the Jacoby convention. And, Larry says "just strip the hand and play ace and a heart to endplay west.

Thank You, Larry.

A major disadvantage of the Jacoby convention is that the responder is captain and the opener provides too much information; the tail is wagging the dog!

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### **70% GAMES**

Sandy Baker and Marc Rissman: 70.7% game at Eisenhower 750 game on December 17.  
Jon Greenspan and Terry Oleske: 70% game at Lake Miona Open game on November 30.  
Wilson Day and Jeff Koltenuk: 75.32% game at Eisenhower Open game on January 3.  
Jon Greenspan and Phil Benner: 75.19% game at Rohan Open game on December 5.  
Phil Benner and Ed Schusler: 75.08% game at SeaBreeze Open game on January 13.

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### **NEW RESIDENT MEMBERS**

Kerri Collins	Renate Conlon	Ron Conlon	Janet Crist
John Davis	David DeMars	Linda Demars	Elaine Dresser
Harry Dressser	John Gaines	Cliff Geib	Kathy Geib
JoAnn Jackson	Connie Jordan	Brenda Klein	Larry Klein
Cathy Lucas	Kim McGrath	Donna Meilinger	Sherron Nesbitt
Pat Raffensperger	Monica Renard	Lou Resnik	Kirt Robins
Carra Schoener	Barbara Sifton	William Todd	Carolyn Withrow
Chuck Withrow	Kate Wood	Michalene Zack	

**A BIG WELCOME TO ALL!**



### Most Points Earned from All ACBL Through December 31, 2019

Dave	Hudson	634.64	Richard	Seidman	282.43	Paul	Matheson	174.20
Jeff	Koltenuk	513.82	Jon	Williams	279.11	Alex	Birman	166.20
Russ	Pearly	493.74	Lucy	Tillman	278.15	Lee	Esworthy	163.09
Sandra	Gebhardt	485.30	Joe	Sacco	261.64	Greg	Saunders	158.98
Ann	McClelland	458.92	Bruce	Thiher	247.09	Carol	Ketterer	153.75
Philip	Benner	448.20	Jon	Greenspan	244.06	Buck	Buchanan	153.13
David	Morse	408.42	Donna	Brown	239.79	Mike	Kwiatkowski	152.17
Charles	Showalter	393.67	Diane	Day	232.39	Jay	Force	145.46
Paul	Hassett	390.91	Alex	Booke	231.99	Nancy	Turner	142.96
Gladys	Mikel	375.19	Andy	Sloan	215.51	Nicholas	Pund	140.78
Janet	Matthews	365.36	Dave	Stentz	215.32	Jean	Berg	139.29
Ed	Schusler	359.90	Sandy	Booke	209.16	Louise	Hodgins	133.52
Carolyn	Benner	357.73	Jim	Hansell	183.06	Nancy	McAnnally	131.20
Wilson	Day	336.85	Beverly	Parrish	181.92	Vernon	Sikora	129.83
Edward	Schwartz	329.41	Terry	Oleske	179.82	Gail	Rickard	128.89
Susan	Fraser	323.46	Linda	Hansell	177.80	Gordon	Pfeiffer	128.56
Colleen	Treanor	289.87	Marilyn	Williams	175.79	Arlene	McIntosh	127.90

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**CLAIRE DESJARLAIS:** Clare took a tumble Thursday morning and suffered a broken clavicle. The right side of her face is severely bruised. She said: "It happened so fast.....one minute I was walking, the next I was down." She expects to be out of commission for six to eight weeks. (We hope you mend quickly, Claire, and will be back at the bridge table sooner rather than later.)

**CARL KING** told us he bought a new 60-inch color television. He said he brought it into the house and asked his wife what he could do. She told him he could take it out of the box and then leave. She said she didn't want to see him until she had it working. She said she would then call him and he could take the empty box out to the trash! What a wife he has!

**Pun:** Who knew what time it was when the first clock was made??????

## Most Club Points Jan 1 - December 31, 2019

Over 1,000 Master Points			300- 999 Master Points			Under 300 Master Points		
Dave	Hudson	550.92	Donna	Brown	208.78	Vernon	Sikora	110.86
Jeff	Koltenuk	443.82	Mike	Kwiatkowski	128.81	Frank	Palazzo	101.43
Russ	Pearly	358.37	Larry	Abramovitz	119.00	Jim	Strazzere	94.85
Charles	Showalter	347.68	Diana	Richards	108.81	Jim	Gould	94.82
Gladys	Mikel	339.38	Gordon	Pfeiffer	105.37	Harry	Freedman	94.30
Paul	Hassett	313.45	Nancy	McAnnally	105.05	George	Mast	89.15
Philip	Benner	288.42	Ralph	Rosenfeld	102.62	Susan	Mast	83.83
Ann	McClelland	280.80	Joe	Bosch	98.31	Becky	Riehl	83.16
Janet	Matthews	280.60	Eric	Voss	92.21	Randy	Eisner	75.25
Edward	Schwartz	261.10	Margaret	Sarno	87.23	Gary R	Anderson	74.16
Susan	Fraser	260.91	Jane	Dulieu	87.15	Sharon	Kruger	74.04
Joe	Sacco	254.74	Karen	Pekkanen	87.11	Pat	Scheffer	70.11
Richard	Seidman	251.81	Eileen	Rush	86.69	Larry	Wiseman	66.12
Lucy	Tillman	239.92	Don	Schreifels	85.17	Maureen	Ottenlips	63.63
Ed	Schusler	237.94	John	Blackwell	82.23	Pat	Wilson	62.90
Jon	Williams	237.75	Lynn	Patterson	82.10	Arcot	Suresh	60.33
Andy	Sloan	206.60	Gary	Segal	81.79	Jim	Young	56.28
Carolyn	Benner	191.59	Joseph	Ogi	80.90	Byllye	Boardman	55.33
Colleen	Treanor	189.81	Gail	Singer	79.78	Diane	Drake	55.07
Alex	Booke	182.39	Ruth	McCann	78.88	Kathryn	Bentley	54.43

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On a recent cruise, **Mauri Buchanan** paired up to play bridge with a woman who was looking for a partner. The woman said she was Canadian, and Mauri asked where she lived. Peterborough, Ontario, the woman replied. Mauri asked if she knew **Debbie Lovegrove**. The woman replied, "She's my summer partner." Mauri said, "She's my winter partner." **It's a small world after all!**

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT**  
**BOB MATTHEWS**

Although it's actually now 2020, I guess that this might reasonably be taken as my last 2019 President's Report.

Last year, as the one before it, seems to have been filled with activity, both personal and at the club level. Janet and I were once again persuaded to go to the three National Tournaments to help out there, and it certainly was eye opening to see behind the scenes just how much has to go into making such large events work smoothly. It also brought home the need for team work and delegation, something that we have taken on board back home.

Last year with an increase in the size of the Board from what we used to have allowed us to introduce new measures to help everyone stay in touch. We began the weekly "Blast" emails, a really good way to get the word out in a timely fashion about what is going on and happening on a weekly basis in the club.

We were also able to create a new way of handling donations that we raise for local charities, and we will very shortly be handing over cheques to a number of such organizations.

We spent time in re-vamping the education schedule and the way it will be presented during the coming year. We ran two very successful Sectional Tournaments. We organized a Bridge Cruise for this Spring, which still has places if you wish to join us and details can be found on flyers at all games.

And of course, given the nature of The Villages, we just kept growing! That growth in itself demands more spaces, more directing staff, more equipment, more pre-dealt cards, more hand records and more attention to the wide needs of those who make up the club.

To give you an idea of how big we are.....The figures for seat occupancy for the year come to a staggering 64,998 places, making up a table count of 16,249.5 tables.

It takes good team effort and organization for all of that to go as well as it does.

So, as we move into this new year and the continuing challenges that we face, I just want to say a very personal "Thank You" to all of my colleagues from the 2019 Board; all of our dedicated Game Directors; and to each of the staff whose roles are incredibly varied, but individually so important to the well being and smooth functioning of the Best Bridge Club to be found anywhere.....It has been my pleasure to work for, and with, you all.

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**CONTINUATION OF MARTY BERGEN'S "RULES OF BEING A GOOD PARTNER" (December issue)**

11. Remember that bridge is only a game.
  12. Have a good time, and make sure that your partner does also. "Bridge is for fun. You should play the game for no other reason. You should not play bridge to make money, to show how smart you are, or show how stupid your partner is...or to prove any of the several hundred things bridge players are so often trying to prove." Quote from bridge legend Charles Goren.
  13. Trust your partner; do not assume he has made a mistake.
- (will be continued in April Club News)

## Unauthorized Information by Rick Gauthier & Jon Williams

Unauthorized Information (UI) comes in many forms. This month I'd like to discuss UI in reference to questions asked during and after the auction by the opposing side. According to Law 20, "During the auction, before the final pass, after the final pass, and throughout the play period, either defender at his own turn to bid or play may request an explanation of the opposing auction... a player may ask concerning a single call but Law 16B1 (UI) may apply. This is the part I'd like to focus on.

The following very interesting hand came up recently in our club:

The auction proceeded as follows:

W	N	E	S
2N	3D	3H	P
3N	P	P	P

There was no announcement or alert by W regarding the 3H bid. Sometime prior to the final pass or the faced down opening lead (I've received differing views on the timing) South, who has no possibility of entering the auction for any reason and who will see dummy as soon as it's faced asks W "What was the 3H bid?".

The diagram shows a bridge hand setup. At the top left, a box indicates 'Dir: West' and 'Vul: None'. To the right is a box for 'Optimum EW 1510'. The cards are as follows: West has ♠ 8, ♥ K J 10 4, ♦ J 10 9 8 7 4 2, and ♣ 8. North has ♠ A 6 4, ♥ Q 8, ♦ A Q 5, and ♣ A K J 10 5. East has ♠ K Q J 9 5 3, ♥ --, ♦ K 6 3, and ♣ Q 9 6 2. South has ♠ 10 7 2, ♥ A 9 7 6 5 3 2, ♦ --, and ♣ 7 4 3. A telegraph is shown with 'NORTH' and 'SOUTH' labels, and a central box containing the number '8'. At the bottom left is a dummy box with the numbers 5, 20, 11, and 4. At the bottom right is a trick count table:

	♣	♦	♥	♠	N
N	-	-	5	-	-
S	-	-	5	-	-
E	7	1	-	7	-
W	6	1	-	6	-

You must wonder "Why is South asking this now?". Surely S knows that after the faced opening lead is made that East may explain that it was a transfer at which point N/S could call the director and say they may have been harmed by the lack of an announcement. The same claim could be made after viewing dummy.

Instead the problem now is UI. Law 73B1 says "Partners shall not communicate by means such as the manner in which calls or plays are made, extraneous remarks or gestures, questions asked or not asked and explanations given or not given". Again, "Why is South asking this now?".

Now North leads the Heart Jack and N/S takes the first 7 tricks! Look at the standard leads on your convention card- a lead from KJ10x is not a "normal" lead into a strong hand in No Trump and though North *may* have led this card anyway, his partner's telegraph seems to make this lead palatable and UI has been or may have been used. Law 16B1 says "A player may not choose a call or play that is demonstrably suggested over another by UI if the other call or play is a logical alternative". North leading his Diamond Jack is a "logical alternative".

E/W calls the Director and points out that the untimely question by S led to a heart lead and as you can see E/W can take *all* of the tricks with any lead other than a heart. Review the underlined parts in the first paragraph. The Director now ruled that the UI may have caused the lead and overturned the result to 3N making 7. As you can see this is very complicated and takes Laws 12, 16, 20 and 73 to provide evidence, though I personally felt this one was very clear. I spoke to Keith from the ACBL who said the Director got the ruling right. Further, when

I told Keith that N/S was claiming they were damaged by the failure to announce he quoted the following from Alert Procedures:

“Players who, by experience or expertise, recognize that their opponents have neglected to Alert a special agreement will be expected to protect themselves.” *AND* “An opponent who actually knows or suspects what is happening, even though not properly informed, may not be entitled to redress if he or she chooses to proceed without clarifying the situation.” Clearly, S holding 7 hearts, must suspect that 3H may be a transfer to spades, and their leading inquiry came prior to the clarification point.

**Summary**

- (1) During the auction period do not ask any questions about the auction *unless* you intend to make a call.
- (2) You must *not* ask for a partial review of the auction or halt the review before it's completed.
- (3) You may, at your turn to call, ask for an explanation of a specific call directly after it is made, but use caution as this could be giving partner UI, especially if you then fail to take any action (such as a lead directing double).
- (4) The period between the end of the auction and the facing of the opening lead is the “Clarification Period”.
  - Before the opening lead is placed face down, only the opening leader and the declarer may ask about opponents’ bidding and the declaring side should correct any mistaken explanations during the auction, such as failure to alert or incorrect statement of an agreement.
  - After the opening lead is placed face down, third hand (partner of the opening leader), may now ask for a review of the auction or an explanation of any specific call. Third hand should wait until this point to ask, to avoid influencing partner’s choice of lead.
- (5) Prior to partner’s faced down opening lead, it is best not to ask questions regarding the auction to avoid the appearance of providing UI to your partner.

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**DUPLICATE BRIDGE CLUB DIRECTORY**

Many players were asking about the possibility of getting a new Duplicate Bridge Club Directory printed. The last one was printed in 2017. The Board of Directors took a vote and rejected it. Many players would like to ask the Board of Directors to reconsider. They say the website has the names of all players with phone numbers and email addresses, but there are times when it is inconvenient to go to the website. The paper directory, carried in our purses or next to our landlines or cell phones, comes in very handy. Yes, some of us still have landlines. And, yes, it is less time consuming to just look up a person’s name and phone number in the Directory. This is what the members are saying. Please reconsider your vote.



## **TOURNAMENT RESULTS**

### **THE VILLAGES SECTIONAL NOV. 22-24**

30.98 Charlie Showalter	29.57 Paul Hassett	28.87 Philip Benner	28.41 Susan Fraser
28.41 Edward Schwartz	27.66 Paul Matheson	27.20 Carolyn Benner	24.60 David Morse
23.32 Ed Schusler	21.79 Russ Pearly	21.37 Kathy McKay	21.37 John Quinn
19.79 Terry Oleske	19.79 Jon Greenspan	19.35 Barry Dexter	18.58 Rich Seidman
17.08 Stephen Pearl	17.08 Dee Parson	16.47 Jeff Koltenuk	14.84 Beverly Parrish
14.45 Ann McClelland	14.39 David Hudson	13.11 Marilyn Williams	13.11 Jon Williams
11.23 John Stansberry	10.12 Vernon Sikora	9.61 Greg Saunders	9.28 David Michaelson
8.98 Sandra Ainsworth	8.98 Arlene McIntosh	8.60 Betty Einstman	8.28 Maury Fjestad
8.28 Douglas Vene	8.20 Joyce Knapp	8.13 Michael Mocella	7.71 Andy Sloan
7.68 Julia Roemmich	7.68 Deborah Schmidt	7.35 Warren Scheffer	7.35 Joseph Bosch
6.50 Sandy Baker	6.37 Alex Birman	6.24 Sharon Kruger	6.24 Kathryn Bentley
6.17 Bob LaBarge	6.13 Frank Palazzo	6.03 Linda Hansell	6.03 Jim Hansell
5.99 Lavonne Williams	5.89 Barry Erlich	5.85 Carol Quinlan	5.77 Michael Vales
5.53 Neil Schroeder	5.51 Leonard Hieronymus	5.45 Janet Matthews	5.44 Julio Galvez
5.29 Gordon Pfeiffer	5.24 John Jencks	5.50 Marc Richman	4.86 James Gould
4.86 Eugene Allison	4.72 Larry Sumner	4.72 Kelley Dryden	4.70 Patricia Wilson
4.59 David Stentz	4.57 Ron Hutchinson	4.42 William Behr	4.42 Helena Doolittle
4.42 Ann Kuhlmeier	4.38 Vicki Collins	4.30 Barbara Nelson	4.17 Joanne Eakin
4.17 Gail Ginger	4.02 Kathleen Feikle	4.02 Elaine Johnston	3.99 Susanne Rattner
3.93 Sally Yoder	3.77 Eileen Rush	3.77 Bruce Thiher	3.75 Sally Gauthier
3.75 Richard Gauthier	3.75 Donald Schreifels	3.63 Michael Lotti	3.59 Joyce Jackson
3.48 Margaret Sarno	3.47 Nayana Flipse	3.47 Dolores Ainsworth	3.47 Bob Treanor
3.39 Caroline Davies	3.31 Michael Kwiatkowski	3.31 Eric Voss	3.26 George Balach
3.21 Louise Hodgins	3.21 James Troutman	3.21 James Troutman	3.11 Susan Konig
3.06 Ruth Goodpasture	2.93 Lucy Tillman	2.93 Gary Segal	2.93 Donna Brown
2.89 Steve Macheel	2.89 Andrea Macheel	2.86 Jan Masterson	2.82 Bernard Carleton
2.76 Kristie Carter	2.74 Merle Erlich	2.70 Colleen Treanor	2.61 Diane Day
2.60 Carlyn Bryan	2.59 Leon Zaczek	2.59 Karla Millsap	2.59 Dixie Bourke
2.55 Mark Rissman	2.55 David Harris	2.55 Arcot Suresh	2.52 Susan Krier
2.52 Pamela Nettelbeck	2.52 Byllye Boardman	2.48 Sandra Stanton	2.45 Neil Timm
2.41 William Cleary	2.34 Jay Force	2.30 Roberta Meyers	2.30 Karen Pekkamen
2.25 Dotti Williams	2.24 William Rush	2.24 Phyllis Soko-Wood	2.24 Joanna Hazlett
2.17 Cathy Thomas	2.09 Judy Smith	2.08 Barbara Kallus	2.03 Shirley Rau
2.01 Joan Jordan	(There were 148 more Villages players that received masterpoints less than 2.)		

**Congratulations, Everyone!**

### **FLORIDA LUXURY PAS REGIONAL CRUISE DEC 6-22, 2019 FORT LAUDERDALE**

41.65 Marilyn Williams 41.65 Jon Williams

### **ST. AUGUSTINE SECTIONAL ST. AUGUSTINE DEC. 6-8, 2019**

.72 Lisa Carter

### **MYRTLE BEACH NEW YEAR'S REGIONAL 12-30—1/05, 2019-2020**

3.04 Marilyn Gagen 3.04 Barbara Landi

## ORLANDO REGIONAL JAN. 6-12, 2020

97.51 Sandra Gebhardt	18.49 Larry Sumner	16.31 Richard Seidman	15.56 Andy Sloan
15.36 John Kuyper	15.36 David Harris	15.12 Kelly Dryden	14.60 Charlie Showalter
13.85 Jeff Koltenuk	13.05 Susan Fraser	13.05 Edward Schwartz	11.95 Paul Hassett
11.83 Janet Matthews	11.83 Greg Saunders	11.83 David Stentz	10.83 David Hudson
9.15 Ralph Rosenfeld	8.88 Louise Hodgins	6.37 Sandy Boone	7.37 Alex Boone
7.37 Linda Eicher	7.37 Chet Eicher	7.36 Nancy Turner	7.26 Donna Brown
6.85 Nicholas Pund	6.84 Susan Krier	6.84 Carma Sands	6.59 Gary Segal
6.59 Eileen Rush	5.80 Wilson Rivera	5.80 Dick Slieglitz	5.42 Sharon Kruger
5.42 Kathryn Bentley	5.16 Joseph Bosch	5.11 Rebecca Riehl	5.11 Patricia Wilson
4.94 Cathy Thomas	4.80 Kristie Carter	4.74 Anne Allison	4.08 Marc Rissman
4.08 Alex Birman	3.63 Margaret Sarno	3.63 Joyce Jackson	3.60 Maury Fjestad
3.60 Jan Masterson	3.49 Nancy Brickley	3.49 Lucy Tillman	3.49 Dolores Ainsworth
3.36 Brenda Davis	3.30 Bernard Carleton	3.22 Jean Fincher	3.22 Douglas Vene
3.19 Michael Vales	3.19 John Jencks	3.14 Sandra Ainsworth	3.14 Michael Lotti
3.09 Carol Ketterer	3.04 Sam Ottenlips	3.04 Maureen Ottenlips	2.90 Susanne Rattner
2.90 R. Douglas Smith	2.88 Douglas Smith	2.71 Phyllis Sokol-Wood	2.71 Johanna Hazlett
2.69 Vernon Sikora	2.69 Frank Palazzo	2.59 Gail Singer	2.37 Joann Roorbach
2.13 Jane Dulieu	2.13 Doris Reeves	2.09 Colleen Treanor	2.03 Elaine Johnston
2.01 Georgian Ackley	<b>There were 37 Villages players that received masterpoints less than 2.</b>		

**A great showing from The Villages Duplicate Bridge Club! Congratulations to all!**

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## CHARITY DONATIONS

On Saturday, January 18, 2020 The Villages Duplicate Bridge Club distributed to our chosen charities almost \$2500.00 . **Alex Boone**, our chairman, gave a check to the following charities:

\$430.00 to The Villages for Veterans.

\$500.00 to The Toddlers Pantry of the Congregational Church.

\$500.00 to The House of Hope.

\$500.00 to The Voices for Children.

\$500.00 to The Girl Scout Alumni.

Only two of the charities were present to receive the donation checks.



Submitted by **Margaret Sarno**.

**Alex Boone and Bob Matthews are shown with the recipients.**

## **BRIDGE TIPS:**

**RULE OF 9:** A reopening double by opener is for takeout. Responder is expected to bid his best suit or pass for penalty with the correct hand. What is the correct hand? The Rule of 9 may help one decide whether to pass for penalty or bid. To use the rule, add the level of the contract, the number of the trump, and the number of trump honors held including the ten. If this sum is nine or more, pass the takeout double for penalty. If the number is eight or less, bid something, do not let the double stand. This rule, without a double from partner, can also be used in the pass out seat if you have the Rule of 9 and competitive bidding has taken place in the auction.

**RULE OF 17:** When your partner preempts with a weak major suit two bid, you have to decide whether to compete at the three-level or bid game. To help, one may use the Rule of 17. Add your high card points to the number of trumps held. If this total is 17 or more, bid game; if the total is more than ten but less than 17 compete to the three level.

(From Neil Timm's *2/1 Game Force Book* with some variations.)

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Years ago, a dear friend of mine (the editor) gave me this very special poem. She is now deceased, but I read this poem frequently in memory of her. I'd like to share it with you. Let us all keep in mind the relationships we have with each other.

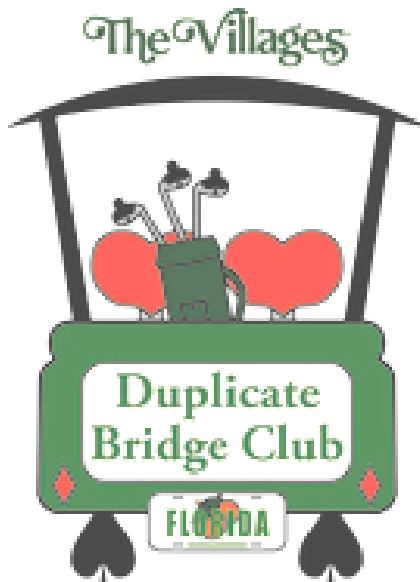
### **THE MIRACLE OF FRIENDSHIP**

There's a "Miracle called Friendship"  
That dwells within the heart  
And you don't know how it happens  
Or when it gets its start.....  
But the happiness it brings you  
Always gives a special lift.  
And you realize that "Friendship"  
Is God's most precious gift!

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We hope everyone enjoys the **Larry Cohen Seminar!**

Please check the education schedule!

Happy Valentine's Day to all!