



## CLUB NEWS

### FOR THE DUPLICATE PLAYERS OF THE VILLAGES

### DECEMBER, 2013

#### NEWS CLIPS:

**Pat Sipe** was in a car accident on Saturday, October 19. She was taken to The Villages Hospital and then to the Ocala Hospital Trauma Center. She is recovering at home, and is doing well. We are eager to see her back at the bridge games.

**Babs and Lou Fischer** celebrated their 60<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary in November. The celebration with family and friends meant so much to everyone.

**Carol Alspach and her husband, Bob**, are going on a 10-day cruise in November to the Panama Canal.

**Jack and Lynne Fisher** returned from their 25-day European trip. They flew over and cruised back.

**Eleanor Young, Shirley Wigner's mother**, died on November 7. We all remember Shirley playing bridge with her mother so many times. A Memorial Service will be held in Michigan.

Contributions to **Operation Shoebox** was another success! \$580 was donated by the generous bridge players. **George Murray and Annette Stein** each donated an additional \$300. The grand total is \$1180. They thank everyone for their generosity! We also thank **Annette** for all the "goodies" she brings to the games.

We were all very sad to learn that **Tom Courts** passed away on October 8. Our sympathies are extended to **Blanche**, and we are happy to see her back playing bridge. We will all miss **Tom** very much.

If you have the opportunity, talk to **Jay Greenstone** and **Barbara Edelson** about their trip to India. They have a lot of interesting tales to tell you about!

**The Villages Duplicate Bridge Club** placed 19<sup>th</sup> in the ACBL top 50 Clubs in 2012!

#### NEWS CLIPS: (continued)

**Babs Fischer** reported: "One of the 399ers called me to say that the wrong score was put in. He had doubled a 6 contract and declarer made it but the score only showed the declaring side with a plus 210. That meant that he went from a top to a bottom, but he thought it was the right thing to do. How many other people would have done that? They are a great group."

**Janet Matthews** submitted a report on **Dave Stentz**. "Dave has been very ill with pancreatitis and Gall Bladder surgery. He is now at home recuperating after 10 days in the hospital. His first game of bridge will be this Thursday, the 14<sup>th</sup>, so let's see how recovered he is. ☺ Of course, every mistake will have been his! ☺"

He asked me to please thank everyone who visited him in the hospital, sent emails and phoned him. He really appreciated each and every one of you, although at times he admits he wasn't at his best. Glad you are getting better, Dave."

**FLU SEASON:** Many of our players are recuperating from serious illnesses, so please remember to **stay home** if you are sick or have colds. If you have to cough while playing, please remember to cough in your elbow! Hand sanitizers are available at the games! As a preventative, please use them!

**Dolores Mann** will be flying to Ohio to visit her brother for Thanksgiving. **The Daily Sun** mentioned her name in an article about so many people traveling during the Thanksgiving season.

**Margaret Sarno's** name and picture appeared in **The Daily Sun** on Tuesday, Nov. 12, in an article about exercising. She enjoys Tabata because it gets your heart rate up higher, burns more calories, and she feels invigorated at the end of the class.

## THE WEBSITE

The Villages Duplicate Bridge Clubs owes **Tom Bush** a big “thank you” for all of the work he does on our new website. **Paul Matheson and Mike Mocella** help him. The website has recently been updated to a new version.

In a recent memo, **Tom** wrote: “**Results** section has enhanced features; you can get even more information than you could with the old version, and the layout and buttons have been revised to make it clearer to navigate. This will eliminate some of the navigation confusion some of our members have had in finding specific information. One of the many new features is you can now display 2 scorecards side by side in case you want to compare your team to someone else.

**Competitions** section also has enhanced features; the layout and buttons have been revised to show the results in different formats and to make navigation clearer.”

There is also a new “Useful Link” that links the user with the ACBL official site; District 9 link that links the user with the District 9 of Florida ACBL site; Unit 128 link that links the user with our Florida ACBL unit site; and The Common Game link that links the user with the Common Game home page.

Many thank to our webmaster, **Tom**, and to **Paul and Mike** for their help and expertise!

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## NEW GAMES

Please remember to check the new game schedule on the website! New games have been added.

**Monday night New Comer’s Game at Seabreeze:** Click on the **Education** menu button on the website for full details.

**Tuesday 1:00 PM 399er NLM at Big Cypress Rec Center:** Started Nov. 5 and will be every Tuesday.

**Saturday 1:00 PM 399er NLM game at Lake Miona:** Started Nov. 9 and will be every Saturday except for Nov. 30 which is cancelled because of a scheduling problem.

**Swiss Games:** First Sunday of the month will be an **Open Swiss Team Game**. Second Sunday will be another **8 is Enough Swiss Game**. Third Sunday is the regular Mentor-Novice Pairs game. The fourth Sunday is another **8 is Enough Swiss Game**.

Check the Game Schedule on the website!

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## NEW RESIDENT MEMBERS SINCE LAST CLUB NEWS EDITION

Guy Carlson	Henry Cote	Barbara Faigin
Nancy Frank	Susan Garbarino	Ann Gillentine
Ruth Graesser	Louise Hodgins	Penny Irwin
Charles Jacobson	Louis Mancuso	Sheila Naylor
Joseph Otter	Russ Pearly	Marilyn Schmidt
Ling Tio	Elaine Tomaszkeski	Fred Treise
Pat Waddell	Dick Winokur	Lori Winokur

A big welcome to all of our new members!

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## PAT FORD’S READERS CLUB (submitted by **Buck Buchanan**)

**Life After Life** (Kate Atkinson): English woman lives several lives: Improbable but interesting.

**Billy Lynn’s Long Halftime Walk** (Ben Fountain): Iraqi war heroes feted at Dallas Cowboy halftime

**Arcadia** (Lauren Groff): Hippies in a 1960’s commune. Sad.

Submitted by Pat Poitinger: **America the Beautiful** (Dr. Ben Carson)

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**THE DIRECTOR'S CORNER**  
**PAUL MATHESON**

Bo Jangles was South and held J10865, 102, AQ53, 106. Both sides are vulnerable. Jimmy Dean, his partner dealt and passed. West bid 1 heart. Bo passed and East bid 2 hearts. Jimmy sat in a near catatonic state for several minutes and ultimately passed as did West. Bo decided to bid 2 spades. East and South both passed. West then bid 3 hearts. The director was called and it was determined that there had been a "break in tempo" by South. The hand was played and with the result being down 1. East/West appealed to the director stating that Bo's decision to bid 2 spades was related to Jimmy's huddle.

Law 73 covers the rules of partnership communication. It states in part that a player cannot take advantage of unauthorized information conveyed to him from his partner's "... extraneous remarks or gestures, questions asked or not asked..." A violator's partner "...must carefully avoid taking any advantage..." from his partner's "...remark, question, explanation, gesture, mannerism, undue emphasis, inflection, haste or hesitation...". Law 16 also covers the use of unauthorized information.

Parties who felt there has been a hesitation should immediately inform the director and not wait until the end of the play. The director can then advise the huddler's partner of their legal obligation not to take advantage of the unauthorized information but they can make any call that is clear cut. The auction would then be allowed to continue. If the innocent party feels they were harmed by the hesitation they would call the director again at the conclusion of the play. The director would then make a ruling.

To make his ruling the director must make a four step approach to determine if relief is warranted.

Step 1. Was there a hesitation violation made? If so

Step 2. Was the innocent side damaged? If the answer to 1 & 2 is yes

Step 3. Did the huddler's partner have any logical alternatives to the call he made? A logical alternative is defined as a "call that would be considered by at least a substantial minority of equivalent players and chosen by some of them, acting on the basis of all the information legitimately available."

Step 4. Did the hesitation suggest that the call chosen was preferable to the alternatives?

If the answer to all four steps is affirmative then the director should make an adjusted score.

In the example above it is obvious that Bo should make a balancing bid. Pass is not an option. Therefore the director ruled that the contract stood: 3 hearts by West down 1.

Suppose Bo's hand had been 63, KJ109, 32, J10762 and West opened 2 diamonds, weak. Bo passed, East bids 3 diamonds and Jimmy again goes on a sabbatical, ultimately passing. West passes and Bo decides to bid 3 hearts. The director is called and play continues. Bo makes 4 hearts for 170.

In this case it is clear that North had a choice of bidding 3 hearts or passing. Had there been no huddle there is little doubt that a substantial minority of his peers would have passed. Notice the standard is "a substantial minority" not necessarily a majority of his "peers". The director ruled that the contract should have been 3 diamonds East/West making 4.

The bottom line is if your partner makes a break in tempo be very careful in making your bid. A hesitation indicates that partner has some bidding options. Your decision cannot be influenced by the hesitation. You can bid as long as you have the cards to do so, not because partner has told you by hesitating that he also has some values.

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## President's Report

**Mike Lotti**

The club's Board is finalizing the slate of nominees to stand for election at the next general meeting. If you have an interest in running for the Board, please contact me or any other current member of the Board. Your volunteer interest will be most appreciated.

The Education committee (Paul Matheson and Heather Shane) has started a new-comer game on Monday Evening at Seabreeze Recreation Center. The game is aimed at people with 20 or fewer Master Points who want to start playing duplicate bridge in a friendly, social setting. Full information on the game is on the club's web site at [www.thevillagesdbc.com](http://www.thevillagesdbc.com).

At the last meeting, the Board took two steps to reinvigorate Swiss team games on Sunday. The club has scheduled an open Swiss game on the first Sunday of the month and a second Eight-Is-Enough game on the second Sunday of the month. The existing Eight-Is-Enough game on the fourth Sunday of the month will continue unchanged. Teams are requested to indicate their interest in playing on a sign-up list so that the director has information on the likely attendance. The list can also help to match pairs to form a four-person team. The new schedule kicked-off on November 3<sup>rd</sup>. If you enjoy team events or want to gain experience with the IMP scoring used in tournament Knock-Out games, please join us at Laurel Manor center at 1PM on the first, second or fourth Sundays of the month.

The new Eisenhower regional recreation center had its Grand Opening on November 15. We expect to hear soon whether the club was assigned time and space for games at the new center.

The club has started two new 399 / NLM games. The game on Saturday, November 9, at Lake Miona center launched successfully with 14½ tables. This game replaces and expands the capacity for the 299'er section that had been part of the Saturday game at Colony Cottage.

The game scheduled for Tuesdays at the Big Cypress center is off to a slower start. Big Cypress center is south of 466A off of Buena Vista in the Village of Pinellas. It is near Evans Prairie country club. The new game is the club's first offering in the rapidly expanding communities south of 466A. This game is an alternative to the 299 game on Mondays at Laurel Manor. During the peak season, the Laurel Manor game is quite crowded and one must arrive 45 minutes to an hour early to ensure a seat. The game at Big Cypress will likely have plenty of elbow room during the peak season. If you are looking for a limited MP game early in the week, please give Big Cypress a try.

### The Christmas Party

**Pat Ford** is taking reservations for The Christmas Party planned for Monday, Dec. 16 @ 4:45 pm at Laurel Manor. You must have a partner and a check at the time of sign-up. The cost is \$24 per person including bridge.

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The members of our Club are saddened to hear that **Marybelle Thimgan** and her husband are moving north to be closer to family. We will miss you, **Marybelle**, and we wish you much happiness in your new adventure.

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### 70% GAMES FOR 2013 (on the website)

The additional 70% games since the last Club News edition are listed below:

Oct. 21	Bruce Thiher & Joe Sacco	70.10
Oct. 25	Heline Saindon & Babs Fischer	71.75
Nov. 1	Charles Showalter & Joe Sacco	70.58
Nov. 12	Ginny Crump & Ken Rhodes	72.31

For the complete 2013 listing, please visit the website and click on "Milestones". Congratulations to all!

## Mnemonics and Counting the Hand

### Book Review: Bob Hampton, "How to Remember Every Card in the Deck"

By David Haskell

In my search for ways to count bridge hands more easily and figure out what cards the opponents are holding, I have tried software (Mike Lawrence's "Counting at Bridge"), internet resources, a recently purchased miniature pamphlet titled "Counting" by Ron Andersen (which I will read as soon as I get a magnifying glass), and what I thought would be the ideal solution, a 2013 book published by Baron Barclay – Bob Hampton's "How to Remember Every Card in the Deck."

Hampton is a memory teacher and "Two Time National Bridge Champion," and the publisher assures us that he "will teach you how to remember which cards have been played and in what order." The short paperback features a lukewarm blurb from Larry Cohen on the back cover: "A truly fun and interesting memory theory." But it is not, alas, a fun or interesting book. (Curiously, a Google search of the title led to a sponsored ad from Amazon saying, "'The plot is riveting. . .an exhilarating new series with solid characters and an intriguing new world.' - Publishers Weekly.")

"How to Remember Every Card in the Deck" is heavily based on two mnemonic devices – visualization of bizarre images, and the phonetic alphabet. Both of these approaches to memorization have been discussed in several memory books, including one that I read in the 1970's: Harry Lorayne and Jerry Lucas's "The Memory Book." Hampton applies this approach specifically to memorizing every card and associating each with the player holding it. Using the Lorayne-Lucas numerical alphabet, in which each number 0 - 9 is represented by a consonant sound (which must be memorized), Hampton then suggests words to memorize for each of the 52 cards. All the hearts use words beginning with the letter H and containing the letter associated with the number of the card. So the heart deuce can be "hen", with the H representing hearts and the N the number 2. Vowel sounds are ignored. When the deuce of hearts is played, you visualize a large hen and associate it with the face of the player who had this card. Confused already?

Part of the problem of Hampton's book is that he attempts to apply his approach to all card games, not just bridge. So he makes no reference to the dummy and whether you are to use these same mnemonic devices to memorize dummy's cards, even though you can see them.

Even if you grant that certain people will memorize 52 words associated with the 52 different cards, and can visualize pictures that they can then associate with a particular player, and that they can do all this in a couple of minutes (only to forget the associations when the next hand is dealt), this short book simply provides too few details to be helpful. There are, amazingly, no sample hands, and there is no discussion of whether it would be worthwhile to focus only on certain high cards or certain suits. Of the 80 pages in the book, 52 are devoted entirely to drawings of 4 card players, with an especially bizarre (and therefore memorable) picture of the player holding the card in question. Do not spend the \$14.95 Baron Barclay is charging, or even the \$12.31 that Amazon charges. If you really want to read this book, borrow it from me.

I bought this book because I have trouble counting the hand and analyzing and then remembering which player is likely to hold certain cards. If any experienced players have suggestions for useful techniques or books or software that can help players in this regard, please email me at [dfhbridge@aol.com](mailto:dfhbridge@aol.com). In a subsequent article I hope to write about more useful counting resources.

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A few puns:

Class trip to the Coca-Cola factory—I hope there's no pop quiz.

The Energizer bunny arrested and charged with battery.

## **THE VILLAGES MASTERPOINT TOP 20 LEADERS FOR 2013**

### **0-300**

Patricia Holmes 75.44  
Sandy Baker 56.32  
Leon Zaczek 49.62  
Mary VanSteelandt 49.60  
Kathy Brick 45.71  
John Kuyper 44.83  
Janet Dunn 41.01  
John Dunn 40.22  
Beverly Magnuson 37.99  
Raymond Artura 37.89  
Mike Peleck 37.78  
Carol Payette 36.69  
Dave Harris 34.88  
Janet Gawenda 33.70  
Evelyn Bennett 33.41  
Marty Rothbard 32.67  
Colleen Clark 31.14  
Doris Hibbs 31.12  
David Haskell 31.03  
Marc Rissman 30.88

### **300-1000**

George Murray 102.73  
Chet Eicher 72.93  
Mary Rowe 71.14  
Mary Ann Kelly 66.14  
Janet Matthews 58.32  
David Michaelson 58.20  
Nancy Detweiler 54.97  
Carol Alspach 50.79  
Michael Lotti 49.06  
Lynne Fisher 43.68  
Gisela Knock 39.68  
Jane Dulieu 38.18  
Gigi Letendre 37.53  
Sally Jepsen 37.48  
Bonnie Overson 35.88  
Henry Hood 35.04  
Sally Gauthier 34.68  
Tom Bush 32.54  
Richard Gauthier 32.39  
Karen Linder 30.92

### **1000+**

Joe Sacco 231.50  
Gladys Mikel 153.86  
Charles Showalter 122.14  
Donald Baker 108.39  
Jon Williams 107.51  
Buck Buchanan 106.38  
Lucy Tillman 105.03  
Ginny Crump 93.49  
Marilyn Williams 78.46  
Alex Booke 74.91  
Sandy Booke 74.30  
Ruth Srulovitch 73.22  
Paul Matheson 71.34  
Ed Schusler 71.07  
Paul Hassett 70.53  
Bill Ziemann 68.63  
Donna Ziemann 66.75  
Jane Helm 66.38  
Rich Seidman 65.33  
Dave Stentz 60.06

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## **MILESTONES: 2013 LIFE MASTER ACHIEVEMENTS (on the website)**

**Junior Master:** Neil Hessemer, Joyce Jackson, Diane Basil, Sara Valentine, Andrew Kelly, Barbara Rice, Betty Salter, Carl King, Gary Bowen, Phyllis Sokol-Wood, George Sonnichsen, Rebecca Buck, Albert Barrett, Ellen Danich, Brenda Davis, George Guarino, Mary Helen Schultz, Tom Tessler

**Club Master:** Glenn Ryburn, Larry Thomas, Gabriel Basil, Gene Ciccarelli, David Harris, Margaret Millward, Paul Moore, Selepa Balick, Elizabeth Borum, Johanna Haxlett, Patricia DeArmond, Betty Einstman, Geontje Wright, Roger Flickinger

**Sectional Master:** Barry Pressman, Raymond Artura, Patricia Ciccarelli, Carol Payette, Carlyn Bryan, Maryann Deroche, Robert Tolpa, Liz Adamcik, Paul Moore, Carol Moseman, Michael Peleck, Eugene Rodriguez, Lois Thompson, Richard Vogler, Carma Sands, Michael Galco, Jacqueline Williams, Margaret Sarno

**Regional Master:** Linda Eicher, Sandra Ainsworth, Colleen Clark, Janet Dunn, John Dunn, Barbara Edelson, Myron Henry, Jerry Donaldson, Miriam Smith, Mary VanSteelandt

**NABC Master:** Jane Dulieu, Karen Linder, Doug Worthington, Mary Gavaghan, Kathy McKay, Carol Meier, Janet Matthews, Andrea Wolff, James Troutman, Sandy Baker, Sally Jepsen

**Life Master:** Laura Testroet, David Michaelson, Michael Lotti

**Bronze Life Master:** Carol Alspach

**Silver Life Master:** Paul Hassett, Kay Jones, Ed Buchanan, Paul Kacen, Louis Fischer, Scott Scobell

Congratulations to so many of our players who have attained achievements. We hope we haven't missed anyone!

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## **TOURNAMENT RESULTS**

### **INVERNESS SECTIONAL Oct. 3-5**

Ed Schusler 10.48	Jane Helm 8.48	Gladys Mikel 8.48	Sandra Gebhardt 8.20
Ian Harvey 8.20	Mary VanSteelandt 6.99	Paul Hassett 6.23	Paul Matheson 5.62
Gail Hudon 5.62	Loretta Harp 5.60	Bruce Thiher 5.60	Sandy Baker 5.01
Mark Rissman 5.01	Evelyn Bennett 4.94	Janet Matthews 4.43	David Stentz 4.43
Carol Payette 4.24	Marvin Wells 3.84	Mary Gavaghan 3.59	John Kuyper 3.47
David Harris 3.47	Philip Wolff 3.46	Andrea Wolff 3.46	Maria Guenther 3.37
Brenda Pollak 3.37	Richard Ried 3.16	Phyllis Sokol-Wood 3.16	
Margaret Sarno 3.00	Raymond Artura 2.65	Richard Seidman 2.63	Joe Sacco 2.63
Don Baker 2.63	Charles Showalter 2.63	Marge Hassett 2.39	Sally Jepsn 2.05
Jon Williams 1.87	Sherry Seward 1.82	Patricia DeArmond 1.71	John Dunn 1.71
Janet Dunn 1.71	Betty Einstman 1.71	Mauri Buchanan 1.59	Carma Sands 1.45
Bettyjane Chiota 1.45	Patricia Holmes 1.36	Michael Peleck 1.36	Colleen Clark 1.36
Beverly Magnuson 1.36	Carolyn McMurtrie 1.20	Arlene McIntosh 1.05	Judy Flickinger 1.01
Carol Moseman 1.01	Marilyn Williams .82	Leon Zaczek .71	RuthAnn Pethtel .70
Robert Pethtel .70	Sandy Boone .60	Linda Hall .60	David Hall .60
Alex Boone .60	Sandy Albe .57	Kerstin Larson .57	Karen Oberting .55
Dean Robinson .55	Chanda Martin .39	Phyllis Wann .16	Kathy Brick .16

Congratulations to all! We hope we haven't missed anyone!

### **BOCA RATON SECTIONAL Oct. 10-12**

Margaret Sarno 2.52

### **UNITS 243 AND 102 STaC Oct. 14-20**

Cecelia Losiewicz 1.67

### **DAYTONA BEACH REGIONAL Nov. 4 – 10**

Judy Ventura 17.02	Ruth Srulovitch 17.02	Jackie White 17.02	Bev Yankee 17.02
Loretta Harp 16.82	Chet Eicher 16.82	Sandy Boone 15.5	Alex Boone 15.05
Joe Sacco 13.96	Paul Matheson 13.42	Ed Schusler 12.55	Charlie Showalter 12.40
Andy Sloan 12.40	Richard Seidman 12.40	Leon Zaczek 10.64	Bruce Thiher 9.12
Shirley Agness 8.95	Barbara Hamilton 8.95	Kathy McKay 8.11	Joyce Silar 7.51
Jane Dulieu 7.51	John Dunn 7.42	Janet Dunn 7.42	Margaret Sarno 7.18
Carol Payette 7.18	Ian Harvey 7.13	Eileen McClelland 6.93	Clare DesJarlais 6.93
Sandra Gebhardt 6.38	Chuck Ritchey 5.18	Barbara Ritchey 5.18	Johanna Hazlett 4.86
Carol Moseman 4.86	Kerstin Larson 4.79	James Troutman 4.79	Ruth Ann Pethtel 4.45
Robert Pethtel 4.45	Janet Gawenda 4.41	Gladys Mikel 4.00	Michael Peleck 3.72
Phyllis Carlson 3.48	Patricia Holmes 3.35	Colleen Clark 3.35	Neil Timm 3.33
Henry Hood 3.33	Judy Flickinger 3.29	Brenda Pollak 3.29	Susan Schrand 3.27
Anne Marie Marino 3.27	Colleen Treanor 2.92	Philip Wolff 2.32	Andrea Wolff 2.32
Jay Greenstone 2.31	Barbara Edelson 2.31	Lucy Tillman 2.28	Marilyn Graham 2.25
David Hasskell 2.25	Myron Henry 2.03	Mary Henry 2.03	Sandy Baker 1.90
Dean Wilson 1.90	Heather Shane 1.80	Sandra Ainsworth 1.61	Michael Lotti 1.61
Mary Rowe 1.52	Miriam Smith 1.43	John Smith 1.43	Larry Abramovitz 1.31
Beverly Parrish 1.26	Jane Helm 1.08	Ted Dicorpo 1.07	Josephine Dicorpo 1.07
Sally Jepsen 1.00	Mary VanSteelandt 1.00	Doug Worthington .97	David Michaelson .97
Ginny Crump .75	Ralph Williams .74	Jacqueline Williams .74	Elaine Lacroix .49
Laura Testroet .36	Margie Quinto .30	Diane Mocella .30	Karen Linder .20
Carl Fried .20			

The Villages Duplicate Bridge Club was very well represented in the DAYTONA BEACH REGIONAL BRIDGE TOURNAMENT! **CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL!**

**A BLESSED AND MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A BLESSED HANUKKAH IS EXTENDED TO ALL!**

**A HAPPY AND HEALTHY NEW YEAR IS EXTENDED TO ALL!**

**A BIG THANKS TO THE DIRECTORS, THE BOARD MEMBERS, AND ALL THE PLAYERS FOR A VERY SUCCESSFUL AND FUN 2013!**

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