

CLUB NEWS

FOR THE DUPLICATE PLAYERS OF THE VILLAGES

FEBRUARY, 2013

NEWS CLIPS:

A big thanks is extended to **Pat Ford and Maria Guenther** for hosting the Annual Christmas Party and the 299er Christmas Party. Great job!

The Daily Sun, December 19, featured an article about the Social Club of Sunset Point. **Jann Sharp, and her husband Stan**, were instrumental in forming the neighborhood group when they moved here in 2005. The Club meets every month at Hibiscus Recreational Center, and the highlight of the year is their Christmas Party.

The Daily Sun, December 17, also ran an article featuring **David and Linda Hall** in the paper's travel section. Instead of traveling during the Christmas season, **David and Linda** celebrated with Villages friends. Their families came to visit after Christmas. **David** has had many medical issues this year, and we keep them in our prayers.

A lovely article, featuring **Sandra Gebhardt**, appeared in **The Daily Sun** on Saturday, December 15. **Sandra and her husband Larry** decided to host a neighborhood Food Drive in support of The Villages Media Group's Food Drive. They invited neighbors to participate in the charity social at their home. To their amazement, the neighbors, besides getting to know each other better, netted 542.5 pounds of food, equivalent of 623.5 meals—to feed those who needed a helping hand during the holidays,. Our Club is very proud of you, **Sandra**, for helping so many people.

Reene Gleckner shot a Hole-in-One November 19 on Hole 5 on Yankee Clipper. Congratulations!

Genny Schoonover's husband, LD, died on January 2. There will be a Memorial Service and burial in Missouri.

Ann Thurman's husband, Harold, died on December 29 at the Villages Regional Hospital. **Ann and Harold** moved to The Villages in 2002.

NEWS CLIPS: (continued)

Harold, a college professor, received numerous awards for his work in Oceanography and authoring 20 editions of textbooks. A service will be held this coming spring in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Cecilia Losiewicz was involved in a golf cart/car accident. She was taken to the hospital with multiple injuries, including a broken leg and broken ribs. She spent time in rehab, and then decided to temporarily move to Ft. Lauderdale to be with her daughter while undergoing more therapy. She will be returning to The Villages the first of April.

FYI: The following was sent to the editor by a bridge player. It's good to be aware of this.

Crime Warning from Sanibel

Some of our neighbors had an incident Friday night at the mailbox area of Sanibel. It was around 9 PM and they stopped to pick up their mail. When they got back in their car another car pulled up and blocked the space so they could not back up. It was a few minutes of a stand-off. The car was an old Toyota Corolla, two doors and dark in color. They were unable to get the license plate number but there were two men in the vehicle. They think when the two guys realized there were 4 people in the neighbor's car that they decided to move on. We have no idea what their intent was at the mailbox, but there is an ATM machine there and the houses are not close by. The area is a little dark and remote. Community Watch has confirmed that there have been attempted break-ins at neighborhood ATMs throughout The Villages. So be careful after dark at the mailboxes. If you see a car matching this description call Community Watch at 352-753-0550. If you are feeling threatened by anyone or any vehicle call 911.

June Sectional: A sectional link has been added to the website in preparation for the Unit 128 Villages June Sectional.

Bridge Mentor Program Underway

There is now a Mentor Program in the Duplicate Bridge Club, and already about 35 novices have been paired with more experienced Mentors. In general, the mentors are Life Masters, and the novices are players who have no more than 100 masterpoints. The program has proven so popular that there is a waiting list of novices who hope to be paired with mentors.

Jon Williams, one of the directors, has spearheaded the Mentor Program. I noticed starting a couple of months ago – before the mentoring program officially began – that Jon would sit in as an observer at some 299er games in which Sally Jepsen and Gloria Bennett were playing. Jon would take notes, then meet after the game with Sally and Gloria to review their play and make suggestions. The mentoring seems to be working, because Sally and Gloria won masterpoints in two events at the recent Tampa Regional Tournament.

Jon Williams and co-chair Renee Gleckner urged many of the more experienced players to be mentors, and when word of the new program was disseminated, there was no problem getting interested novices to sign up. The goal of the program is to help novice players develop their bridge skills and become more comfortable playing in open games. The mentoring includes both game play and instruction. Applications from prospective mentors and students, including snowbirds, are still being accepted. See the “Special Games” link on the bridge website for details and applications - www.bridgescore.com/villages

B.J. Chiota has been paired with Mentor Dave Stentz, and after they played recently Dave gave BJ some helpful hints and a book on modern bidding to read. BJ is very enthusiastic about the program and about being paired with Dave Stentz. Paul Moore is working with Charlie Showalter, and Paul raves about the program. He and Charlie have played once so far, and when Charlie was declarer, Paul was allowed to sit behind him and see how he played the hand. Paul says he is delighted to get this type of personal attention from a friendly expert like Charlie.

Typically, the mentor/novice pair plays the novice’s convention card initially, with conventions added or revised as the novice gains experience. The pair often meet both before and after a game, first to review the convention card, and afterward to discuss how the bidding and play went on different hands. Mentors usually prescribe some kind of homework, which may be bridge articles or books for the novice to read.

The program is just getting started, but already the novices with whom I have talked are delighted with the program and with the quality (and patience) of the mentors.

- Submitted by David Haskell

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APHORISM: A short, pointed sentence that expresses a wise or clever observation or a general truth.
A good time to keep your mouth shut is when you’re in deep water.
No one ever says “It’s only a game” when their team is winning.
Always be yourself because the people that matter don’t mind.....and the ones that mind don’t matter.
Life isn’t tied with a bow.....but it’s still a gift.

PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE

This has been in many ways a year of transition.

In the past year, we saw an expansion of playing opportunities in the Villages, both in open and limited masterpoint games. We now have keypads for scoring at Colony Cottage, and hope to have them soon for Seabreeze, thus completing availability at our current playing sites.

We will be hosting our first ever Sectional Tournament in June, 2013, and are hoping that it will attract players from all over Florida to see The Villages and possibly consider moving here. Yes, we are already crowded in the wintertime, but hopefully our expanded game schedule will alleviate that somewhat.

We have implemented the Villages Recreation Department policy of favoring residents over guests when our venues are crowded, as they can be at this time of the year. We need to emphasize that only some games are oversubscribed, and there are lots of opportunities for guests to play at games that are not normally full.

We have implemented a mentoring program, in the hope of having our newer players benefit from the knowledge and experience of our more experienced players. Hopefully, we will be able to schedule a mentor only game as a part of this program in the near future.

We saw the retirement of our wonderful head director, Chuck Deal, and his replacement, Paul Matheson, step in and quickly start doing the job in fine fashion.

I have enjoyed serving the club as president for the past year, and look forward to helping the new president, who will be elected by the board at our next meeting, for my final year on the board.

Charlie Showalter

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UNIT 128 STaC DECEMBER 3-9, 2012

During the STaC games at our Club, we had 166 players earn silver masterpoints. We compete only with other invitational Clubs. The masterpoints can vary from the points you think you received because the points are calculated by Unit 128 when competing against other invitational Clubs. You can check your STaC masterpoints received by going to ACBL.org. (Search engines can be a little different depending upon your history, but I’ll tell you what I do and you can do the same.) When ACBL.org home page comes up, go to Tournament Calendars and Results. It’s good to “bookmark” that page. Click on Sectional (STaC), change the date to Dec. 2012, scroll until you find Unit 128. Click, and when the page comes up, click on “Masterpoint Winners List”. Click Control F, look at the lower left side of the screen, and you will see a rectangle with “find”. Type in your name. Your name will come up “highlighted” with the number of masterpoints you have earned. Once you do this a few times, you can always use the site to locate your earnings. Our top six earners for the STaC week were Donna Ziemann 8.36, Lucy Tillman 7.70, Ginny Crump 6.04, Loretta Harp 5.83, Jack Fisher 5.83 and Joe Sacco 5.72.

DIRECTOR'S CORNER

By Paul Matheson

It has been three months since I became a director in the club and as of Jan. 1st the head director. I have learned something every single day since I started and sometimes I had to learn the same thing several times. And, I'm still learning something every day.

I have played the game at various levels for over 20 years and have a working knowledge of the rules, practices and mores of the game, but never had any experience in the administration of the game. All of the directors, especially Jon Williams, have been amazingly helpful and cooperative and have (sometimes eagerly) pointed out my obvious errors. But most importantly, although Chuck has not been able to direct a game, he has guided me every step of the way. He is still watching over me to make sure I don't make egregious errors.

The experience has proven to me how little I know about the inner workings of a large bridge club. For 20+ years I would show up at a bridge site, the tables would be set, the cards ready, and then after some preliminary words from the director, the game would begin. Some 3 hours later, the results would be printed in a matter of minutes.

Before computers, the resulting hand scores entered on large sheets of paper and the column of numbers added and rechecked and the results written on a sheet of paper, oh but I digress! The fact is that successful operation of the games requires a great deal of preparation mostly done by volunteers. We are lucky to have so many people interested in our club.

Chuck would write about one of the bridge laws and/or rulings and in future editions I will do the same, although probably not as well. I just wanted to thank all who have helped me in the last couple of months at this time.

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NEW RESIDENT MEMBERS SINCE NOVEMBER 1, 2012

Jackee Day	Raymond Hass	Carole Jackson	Harvey Kalish	
Julie Kern	Barb Meyer	David Morse	Don Mowles	
Leslie Nelson	Marion Oxenhorn	Elaine Porter	Judy Racke	
Jackie Rousselo	Rhea Singsen	Esther Stacy	Bob White	Mary Wilcox

NEW BOARD MEMBERS:

Congratulations to **Ron Colbert** and **Jack Fisher**! They were elected as the two new Board Members at the Annual Meeting held on January 14 at Laurel Manor.

NEW DIRECTORS: Janet Matthews and Rick Gauthier have joined the Directorial Staff.

MILESTONES: 2013 LIFE MASTER ACHIEVEMENTS

Junior Master: Michael Peleck

Club Master: Glenn Ryburn

NABC Master: Jane Dulieu, Karen Linder, Michael Lotti, Doug Worthington, Mary Gavaghan

Life Master: Carol Alspach

299er Success in Tampa and Orlando Tournaments

In the ACBL Regional Tournament in Tampa in December, several 299ers did well. (Some of the 299ers have recently passed 300 points, and I have tried to include them here.)

Mary Gavaghan led the 299ers in Tampa, earning over 11 masterpoints playing with different partners. Close behind Mary in Tampa was Kathy McKay, who earned a total of almost 10 masterpoints in four different events. In the knockouts, 299ers Mike Lotti and Sandy Ainsworth teamed with 399er Dave Michaelson and Doug Worthington to win 9.52 points for second place. By my count 15 different 399er players won points in Tampa.

In the Orlando Regional Tournament in early January, Mary Gavaghan teamed with a partner she met in Orlando last year to finish first in a Gold Pairs event and to earn a total of 17.92 masterpoints. Barbara Newcomb and Laura Testroet paired for several events, both earning more than 14 masterpoints. Their biggest success came in knockouts, where they teamed with Villages experts Lucy Tillman and Bruce Thiher to finish second, worth 12.09 points.

Mike Lotti and Dave Michaelson did well in three events at Orlando, earning a total of almost 10 masterpoints. They had a 65% game to finish first in a Side Pairs event, and they finished tied for third on a knockout team. Others earning more than 5 masterpoints in Orlando were Janet Matthews, Linda Eicher, Sandy Ainsworth, and Kathy McKay. In all at least twenty 399ers earned two or more masterpoints in Orlando.

Gathering information on point winners at tournaments is not an exact science. I apologize to anyone whom I overlooked.

David Haskell

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TOURNAMENT RESULTS:

FALL NABC SAN FRANCISCO, CA November 22-December 2, 2012

Bruce Thiher 17.93 Ann Gust 3.54

CLEARWATER DBC SECTIONAL November 30-December 2, 2012

Kathy McKay 4.54

VERO BEACH December 7-9, 2012

Bob Armstrong 3.01 Jane Helm 2.92

TAMPA REGIONAL December 10-16, 2012

Mary Gavaghan 11.26	Kathy McKay 9.92	Judy Braddy 9.77	Sandra Ainsworth 9.52
Doug Worthington 9.52	Michael Lotti 9.52	David Michaelson 9.52	Everett Arnold 7.61
Marc Rissman 3.76	John Kuyper 3.76	Roxana Perkins 3.38	Laura Testroet 3.03

TOURNAMENT RESULTS: (CONTINUED)

Karen Linder 3.03	Jane Dulieu 2.59	Heather Shane 2.59	Sally Jepsen 2.28
Gloria Bennett 2.28	Donna Ziemann 1.95	Sandy Booke 1.24	Alex Booke 1.24
Paul Matheson 1.08	Gail Hudon 1.08	Bill Ziemann .80	

ORLANDO REGIONAL December 31-January 6, 2013

Charles Showalter 62.51	David Stentz 44.07	Neil Timm 34.27
Joe Sacco 33.05	Ed Schusler 31.88	Bill Garner 30.63
Mary Gavaghan 17.92	Barbara Newcomb 15.04	Janet Matthews 14.31
Laura Testroet 14.06	Lucy Tillman 13.21	Bruce Thiher 13.21
Michael Lotti 9.92	David Michaelson 9.92	Mary Ann Kelly 8.92
Carol Alspach 8.92	Shirley Agness 8.07	Loretta Harp 7.67
Ed Buchanan 7.39	Chet Eicher 7.39	Carol Meier 7.06
Colleen Treanor 6.57	Mauri Buchanan 5.99	Linda Eicher 5.99
Gladys Mikel 5.40	Sandra Ainsworth 5.14	Kathy McKay 5.14
Marilyn Graham 4.67	David Haskell 4.67	Sandy Baker 4.58
Richard Vogler 4.58	Virginia Crump 4.20	Kenneth Rhodes 4.20
Kay Jones 3.11	John Kuyper 2.67	Colleen Clark 2.57
Jane Dulieu 2.19	Heather Shane 2.19	Karen Oberting 1.33
Dean Robinson 1.33	Reene Gleckner 1.16	Jon Williams 1.16
Jack Gleckner 1.16	Arlene McIntosh 1.16	Kerstin Larson 1.04
James Troutman 1.04	Sally Jepsen .84	Gloria Bennett .84
Patricia Holmes .69	Loretta Hard .40	

UPDATES TO 2012 70% GAMES:

Nov. 21 Gladys Mikel/Joe Sacco 70.24
 Dec. 8 Charles Showalter/Gladys Mikel 74.28
 Dec. 26 Gladys Mikel/Joe Sacco 70.50

2013 70% GAMES:

Jan. 8 Larry Evans/Peggy Shivetts 71.63
 Jan. 11 Joe Sacco/Gladys Mikel 72.37

THE FINAL VILLAGES MASTERPOINT TOP TWENTY LEADERS FOR 2012**0-300**

Janet Matthews 66.01	Gigi Letendre 37.28
Patricia Holmes 58.9	John Kuyper 36.47
Michael Lotti 57.03	Paul Moore 34.51
Sandy Ainsworth 53.75	Marc Rissman 34.14
Janet Dunn 48.29	David Haskell 34.01
John Dunn 48.29	Raymond Artura 33.22
Marty Rothbard 48.1	Phyllis Hurst 33.06
Mary VanSteelan 47.69	Linda Eicher 32.63
Evelyn Bennett 37.76	Edward Spivack 31.97
Barbara Edelson 37.63	Sandy Baker 29.8

THE FINAL VILLAGES MASTERPOINT TOP TWENTY LEADERS FOR 2012 (continued)

300-1000

Mary Ann Kelly 99.29	Louis Fischer 46.57
Chet Eicher 98.62	Bonnie Overson 46.54
George Murray 89.84	Nancy Detweiler 44.91
Edward Buchanan 81.85	Heather Shane 40.09
David Michaelson 81.54	Jane Dulieu 40.52
Carol Alspach 72.6	Shirley Wigner 39.74
Lynne Fisher 67.28	Hope Cantell 38.96
Henry Hood 51.26	Tom Bush 37.68
Mary Rowe 49.99	Gisela Knock 37.43
Scott Scobell 48.09	Jay Greenstone 37.31

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Joe Sacco 239.44	Alex Booke 83.52
Gladys Mikel 142.99	Ed Schusler 82.92
Charles Showalter 110.63	Dave Stentz 81.97
Marilyn Williams 109.72	Donna Ziemann 75.52
Ginny Crump 105.04	Loretta Harp 74.17
Jon Williams 104.35	Donald Baker 73.36
Rich Seidman 97.29	Shirley Agness 69.99
Bill Ziemann 96.82	Ron Poitinger 69.34
Lucy Tillman 92.94	Dean Robinson 67.61
Sandy Booke 85.36	Jean Toone 67.29

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PLEASE REMEMBER TO GIVE ANY NEWS ITEMS TO A NEWS REPORTER. THE NEWS REPORTERS ARE: PAT FORD MARY ANN KELLY JANET MATTHEWS HENRY HOOD DONNA ZIEMANN DAVID HASKELL NANCY DEAL PAT POITINGER, EDITOR

OUR WEBMASTER, **TOM BUSH**, WILL BE HAVING MINIMALLY INVASION SPINE SURGERY IN FEBRUARY. PLEASE KEEP HIM IN YOUR PRAYERS.

PAT FORD wants to remind everyone of the saving-seat policy. If a seat has been reserved for you, one player needs to be there ½ hour before game time. The second player needs to be there 15 minutes before game time. If this policy is not followed, you may be relinquishing your saved seat.

The editor has added a few hands on “cuebids” on page 8. Cuebids can mean many things—most importantly a cuebid is forcing. The following hands illustrate a very basic cuebid. Dee Berry’s “Cuebids in a Nutshell” book is excellent reading for anyone wanting to know more about “cuebids”.

CUEBIDS ARE USED FREQUENTLY IN TODAY'S BIDDING. HERE ARE JUST A FEW EXAMPLES OF USING A CUEBID AS STAYMAN.

			♠K 8 7 6	
			♥J 7 6 5	
			♦10 5	
			♣A K 5	
♠4 3				♠J 10 9 5
♥A 2				♥10 9 8
♦K Q J 9 8 7				♦3 2
♣Q 7 6				♣8 4 3 2
			♠A Q 2	
			♥K Q 4 3	
			♦A 6 4	
			♣J 10 9	
W	N	E	S	
			1NT	
2♦	3♦	P	3♥	
P	4♥	All Pass		

After West's natural 2D overcall, North's 3D bid is a cuebid. The cuebid serves as Stayman, asking if South has a four-card major.

South obediently tells North about the heart suit, and North raises to game. The 4H contract should make, losing two hearts and one diamond.

A 3NT contract would be doomed to failure since South would need to drive out the heart Ace in order to get nine tricks. When West takes the heart Ace, West would cash five diamond tricks to set the contract.

Note: If the interfering 2D bid is alerted for both majors, naturally you would not use the cuebid. Using the cuebid as stayman promises a game-going hand.

			♠Q J 10 6	
			♥10	
			♦J 10 9	
			♣A Q 9 8 4	
♠7 2				♠5 4 3
♥A K Q J 6 5				♥7 4 2
♦K 4				♦8 7 3 2
♣J 10 6				♣7 6 3
			♠A K 9 8	
			♥9 8 3	
			♦A Q 6 5	
			♣K 2	
W	N	E	S	
			1NT	
2♥	3♥	P	3♠	
P	4♠	All Pass		

After West's natural 2H overcall, North's 3H cuebid serves as Stayman. It promises the other four-card major and a game-going hand (at least 10 points.)

If South did not have a four-card spade suit and no heart stopper, South would bid his lowest four-card minor, searching for a minor suit contract.

(Some partnerships use "Direct Denies Lebensohl" with a game-going hand, but we will not address that convention at this time.)

These hands are from "Cuebids in a Nutshell" by Dee Berry. She states: "There is a definite mystique to the term 'cuebid.' One need not be an expert to use a cuebid—an artificial forcing bid in a suit one cannot wish to play. But to advance as a bridge player the cuebid in some of its' different guises needs to be a vital component of any winning bridge player's arsenal."

"Play with honor. Honor yourself, your partner and your opponents." (Dee Berry)