

# CLUB NEWS

## FOR THE DUPLICATE PLAYERS OF THE VILLAGES

### APRIL, 2014

#### NEWS CLIPS:

**Ian Harvey** is recuperating at home following his hip replacement operation. His home address is 7124 S.E. 172<sup>nd</sup> St., Hazel Loop, The Villages, FL 32162. We know he would appreciate cards. He has had some complications following the surgery.

**Richard Ziegler:** Sadness is an understatement regarding the death of **Richard** on March 9 following his golf cart accident. A memorial service was held at Page-Theus Funeral home on Wednesday, March 12. He is survived by his daughter, Sondra, his son, Andy, and grandchildren. His wife, Lynne, died on Dec. 22, 2013.

A group picture including **Anne Gust** was featured in The Daily Sun on March 10. The group sponsored a room at Cornerstone Hopsice. The group includes members of Virginia Trace Crusaders for the Cause.

**Ellen Miller and her husband Bob**, along with their four daughters, are taking a trip to France and other countries. Their granddaughter is in France this semester at the University of Grenoble, studying French and Chinese. During her spring break, she will be joining the group for tours of Milan Italy, Montreux Switzerland on Lake Geneva, Paris France, and Grenoble.

Our Club welcomes **Joanie Colbert** as a new director!

An article appeared in The Daily Sun on February 23 featuring **Michelle O'Donnell, Marilyn O'Donnell's** daughter. Michelle is recreation area manager at Churchill Street Recreation Center. A woman passed out, no pulse, and Michelle used an AED which is an automated external defibrillator. AED's are located throughout the facilities in The Villages. Michelle was able to resuscitate the person before the emergency squad arrived. A great story with a happy ending!

#### NEWS CLIPS: (CON'T)

**Marilyn O'Donnell** fell a few weeks ago. She was taken to the hospital and then released with minor injuries. She is eager to get back to the bridge table.

**Annette Stein** has been active in Operation Shoebox for three years. The owner, a gal named Mary, started Operation Shoebox when she had five children serving in the military. She sent them items in shoeboxes, and you know the rest of the story! **Annette, George Murray, and many of our Club players have been very generous to Operation Shoebox.**

The Club's regular charity is **Wildwood Soup Kitchen**. The monies collected for Charity Games is donated to the Wildwood Soup Kitchen. It serves many needy people.

**Pat Ford** has requested that players remember to return the pencils to the pencil box. They disappear at alarming rates! She has also requested that players tidy up their areas before leaving the game. It is very helpful when you push your chair under the table and put trash in the trash bin. **Pat** also emphasizes that kindness should be generated to all players. (The editor would like to add that at one time Ron and I belonged to a Bridge Club in Southwest Florida named "The Club with a Heart." The name was a constant reminder of what the bridge game is all about!)

**Henry Hood** returned to New York City for the funeral of his Uncle, age 94. Henry had planned to submit a feature article on one of our directors, but that article will now be part of the **June Club News**.

**Ponderisms:** I used to eat a lot of natural foods until I learned that most people die of natural causes. How is it one careless match can start a forest fire, but it takes a whole box to start a campfire?

## THE DIRECTOR'S CORNER

By Paul Matheson

### STATE YOUR CLAIM

In many instances during the course of playing a hand it becomes obvious that one side or the other will win the remaining tricks. At that point Law 68 permits a player to make a "claim" for the rest of the unplayed tricks. The making of a claim is encouraged as it will speed up the time of play.

When making a claim the contestant **MUST** a. State the number of tricks he will win; b. suggest that play should be ended; and c. face his cards on the table. The claim should be accompanied with a detailed statement of his line of play. Play **MUST** cease after a claim has been made.

If the claim is accepted by the opponents the hand is over and the score entered (Law 69). If a claim is not accepted the Director **MUST** be called immediately and Law 70 applies. It is the duty of the Director to make a decision that is "...as equitable as possible to both sides, but any doubtful point as to a claim shall be resolved against the claimer". The Director will require the claimer to repeat his statement of claim including the line of play he intends to follow. The opponents can then state their objections and the Director may then ask all the players to show their hands.

If there is an outstanding trump the Director's decision becomes more difficult. If a. the claimer did not refer to the outstanding trump in their claim, b. it appears that they forgot about the outstanding trump and c. claimer could have lost a trick "by any normal play" the director could rule that the trick would be lost.

The Director cannot accept a claimer's change in the line of play from their original line nor can the claimer assume any particular play by partner as part of their claim. Also claimer cannot assume a finesse will be successful unless the opponent has already shown to be out of cards in the suit or would fail to follow suit in any subsequent play or if the play would be irrational.

The bottom line is one should make a claim whenever possible to speed up play but make sure you tell your opponents exactly how you intend to play the rest of the hand always making reference to how you will treat any trumps outstanding.

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## THE ACCIDENTAL GOOD SAMARITAN

By Henry Hood

On the way home in our golf cart from Pimlico golf course, after getting thoroughly beaten up by David Hudson and Alex (one-eye) Boone, I was waved down by a man on a bicycle!

He demanded that David and I rescue a woman standing by helplessly with five shopping bags from Publix. As he appeared much younger and a lot stronger than us, David and I, without hesitation, stuffed her between us and asked only for directions to her home. As it turned out, she lived only a few blocks out of our way. (con't on next page)

On the way, the woman shared with us the gory details of her plight! She had experienced recent knee surgery, but she thought she could walk to Publix to do some shopping. She bought more “stuff” than she anticipated, and Publix was farther away than she thought, so she was having a tough time trying to walk home.

We then asked her about her friend on the bike, she exclaimed she had just met him! On she goes to explain the fact that he was from New York, which was obvious to me because he talked funny!!! But even more interesting was the fact that he had asked the woman if she would like to see some I.D. before he helped her. (Smart guy, right?)

Well, the story should end here, but oh no! Just as David and I were making sure the woman could get into her home, here comes the New Yorker (Long Islander to be more specific!) huffing and puffing and checking up on us to make sure we did our job efficiently and without incident! Once he was assured that all went well, he dismissed us!

So ends our morning of golf and the ride home to prepare for our bridge game scheduled in the afternoon!

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**FIFTY-ONE VILLAGES 299ERS SCORE WELL IN OCALA SECTIONAL**  
**By David Haskell**

The ACBL Sectional Tournament in nearby Ocala is always one of the most popular tournaments for Villages, and a record fifty-one 299ers from The Villages earned silver points there on March 7-9. This summary covers only Villages 299ers who played with other Villages 299ers, and mentions only those who finished highest in their strata in 299er games.

The highest winning percentage among 299ers was earned by Marc Rissman and Sandy Baker, who had a 62.31% game in the Saturday morning 299er games. They finished second with 58% in another game. In the Saturday morning game Margaret Sarno and Gwen Wright finished first in the C stratum with a 61.55% game (worth over 2 silver points).

An unusual tie occurred in the Friday afternoon 299er game. Sitting North/South, Bob Matthews and Gail Hudon finished with a 60.04% game and earned 2.30 silver points. Sitting in the opposite direction in that game were Bob Tolpa and Maryann Deroche, who had an identical 60.04% score and who also each earned 2.30 silver points. The two pairs tied not only for first in the C stratum but first overall in the game.

Other first-place winners included Janet and John Dunn, winners in the Saturday afternoon 299er event with a score just short of 62%; and Janet Gawenda and Bev Magnuson, who finished first in their section of the Friday morning 299er game with a 59% game. Dave Harris and Danny Clark were not only first overall in one of the Saturday afternoon 299er games but first in the C stratum in the Friday afternoon 299er game.

Also finishing first in their strata were Marv and Rosann Sherrill, who were first in C in the Friday morning 299er game. In the Saturday afternoon 299er games, Ralph and Jackie Williams, Leon Zaczek and Jan Gawenda, Maggie Finch and Margie Quinto, and Phyllis Solol-Wood and Richrd Ried all finished first in their strata in their sections, all with games over 55%.

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL ON A JOB WELL DONE!

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## THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Alex Boone

We have weathered another winter and our games continue to be crowded, but the added venues have helped a lot. We thank The Villages for giving us additional venues.

Our head director, Paul Matheson, has managed to increase our staff and he has been very active in the educational process. The Monday newcomer lessons at Sea Breeze have been a great success.

It has been brought to my attention that many players leave the playing room without pushing in their chairs or throwing away trash. Please take care of your playing area and put the bidding boxes away. If you notice other areas that need clean-up, please pitch in and lend a helping hand.

I am excited that it's time to get started on preparations for our upcoming sectional tournament. It will require the help of many of our players to make it a continued success. Please let me know if you can help as there are many areas we can use your talents. The date of the Sectional is June 6-8. We are happy to say that Father's Day and the US Open will not be in competition this year with our tournament!

We have also initiated a game at Eisenhower and hopefully those games will continue to grow and flourish.

We hope our seasonal players have a safe trip to their northern homes. We are looking forward to their return. Bridge is a great game, and let's remember to keep it fun for everyone!

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**DAVID AND LINDA HALL:** Planning an early celebration of their 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary (June, 2015) and emptying their bucket list as well as their pockets, Linda and Dave have an active year planned. They will be traveling with or visiting family and friends including a month long transatlantic cruise to Southern Europe and the Mediterranean including Spain, Southern France, Italy, and North Africa. In May they will travel with bridge buddies Alex and Sandy Boone, Chet and Linda Eicher, and Henry and Pat Hood for a week in the Caribbean. Next will come a two-week cruise from England to Northern Europe and Russia with one daughter and her family. After visiting each of their daughters to see grandchildren in various activities in their school programs, Dave and Linda will take a fall river trip from Montreal, Canada, down the Atlantic Coast. Finally, in December, they will join their other daughter and her family on a week's cruise across the Gulf of Mexico to Central America. BON VOYAGE!

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**70% GAMES IN 2014:** We have a total of 14 pairs earning 70%+ games in 2014. Please refer to the Milestone link on our website for the complete listing.

**UPDATES TO 2014 MILESTONES:** Rank changes have been uploaded to the Milestone link. Our players have accomplished many updates. Congratulations to **Sandra Gebhardt** for becoming a Diamond Life Master!

**USEFUL LINK** is another link on the website that contains very "useful" information. February STaC results are listed through that link under Unit 128; Unit 128 Helen Shanbrom "Ace of Clubs" 2013 final results are listed and Unit 128 Mini-McKenney 2013 finals are listed. The Villages had three players listed in the top ten in the "Ace of Clubs" awards in their masterpoint strata: Leon Zaczek, Patricia Holmes, and Joe Sacco. We also had

three players in the top ten of their masterpoint stratas listed in the Mini-McKenney Awards: Leon Zaczek, Patricia Holmes, and Michael Lotti.

#### **THE VILLAGES MASTERPOINT TOP 20 LEADERS FOR 2014 THROUGH FEBRUARY 29**

<b>1000+</b>	<b>300-1000</b>	<b>0-300</b>
Joe Sacco 63.08	George Murray 29.13	Janet Dunn 20.2
Ed Schusler 56.07	Henry Hood 27.43	John Dunn 20.2
Gladys Mikel 46.43	Mary Rowe 25.43	Deb Brunoehler 19.8
Charles Showalter 36.81	Bob LaBarge 22.57	Patricia Holmes 19.72
Dave Hudson 32.93	Mary Ann Kelly 22.34	Dave Harris 19.7
Don Baker 32.01	Nancy Detweiler 21.74	Doreen Skok 17.88
Jane Helm 30.71	Chet Eicher 18.94	John T. Quinn 17.44
Paul Hassett 28.95	Mary VanSteelandt 17.41	Leon Zaczek 16.41
Bill Ziemann 26.45	Janet Matthews 16.73	Judy Flickinger 16.37
Andy Sloan 25.42	Carol Alspach 15.68	Jacqueline Williams 15
Buck Buchanan 25.38	Russ Pearly 14.4	James Slater 14.98
Colleen Treanor 24.74	David Michaelson 14.4	Sue Westervelt 14.72
Ken Rhodes 24.47	Sandi McNaughton 13.81	Patricia Dullea 14.72
Ginny Crump 24.23	David Haskell 13.36	Carol Payette 14.39
Rich Seidman 24.03	Kathy McKay 12.79	John Kuyper 13.46
Anne Gust 23.12	Karen Linder 12.25	Dianne Slater 13.24
Marilyn Williams 22.9	Barbara Hamilton 12.01	Raymond Artura 13.19
John Lahoud 22.68	Sally Jepsen 11.81	Margaret Sarno 12.96
Dave Stentz 22.3	Ron Colbert 11.58	Gene Caccarelli 12.95
Lucy Tillman 22	Pat Dawson 10.51	Sandy Ainsworth 12.77

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#### **NEW RESIDENT MEMBER SINCE LAST CLUB NEWS EDITION**

Sue Andelman	Mary Aton	Sandra Bagboj	Peg Calabrese	Ted Calabrese
Louise Carey	Ellie Cataldo	Tom Chapman	Mitch Corder	Nancy Corder
Marie Craig	Candy Dammon	Ronald Dammon	Lori Duffy	Ron Duffy
Mary Eckhoff	Linda Fess	Ron Fess	Joseph Finan	Gary Foco
Fay Fountain	Robert Fountain	Jane Gedraiti	Rosalie Ginda	Gracie Ginty
Anna Greenston	Peter Greenston	Brenda Gregory	Mary Hughes	Mike Hughes
Julie Irby	Bob Jodoin	Sheryll Joseph	Ann Kater	Herb Kessler
Ceci Kilroy	Sally Kirk	Barbra Knight	MaryAnn Konstam	Laverne Laperna
Anne Licquennoi	Jim Marese	Cooke Martin	Jon Martin	Peggy Mehta
Kathy Morelock	Barbara Morin	Tom Munro	Judy Niesing	Ron Niesing
Maryanne Nogay	Georgette North	Fran Posner	Harold Posner	Joanne Read
Maryann Root	Ralph Rosenfeld	Rebecca Schable	Warren Scheffer	Jane Scheffey
Paul Schultz	Janice Scott	Jeanine Sheley	Howard Shertzer	Janet Skiba
John Smith	Deah Stark	William Stark	Marie Stefanovis	BJ Steiner
Sandy Stickel	Tedd Stickel	Anne Sullivan	Larry Sumner	Jan Swedberg
Carl Vandy	Scott Vanice	Pauline Vass	Kathryn Wagenseller	Cheryl Walsh
Peter Webb	Jan Wendt	Ron Wendt	Barb Wilson	Jim Young
Maryla Zia	Omar Zia			

**A BIG WELCOME TO ALL NEW MEMBERS!**

## TOURNAMENT RESULTS

### PALM COAST SECTIONAL Feb. 27 to March 1

Ed Schusler 8.25

### ROCKLEDGE SECTIONAL Feb. 28 – March 2

Ed Schusler 7.25

### OCALA SECTIONAL March 7- 9

Edward Schusler 17.1	David Stentz 8.35	Sandy Booke 8.25	Alex Booke 8.25
Bill Garner 6.89	Paul Matheson 6.89	Charles Showalter 6.89	Beverly Parrish 6.80
Kay Jones 6.78	Lucy Tillman 6.53	David Haskell 6.43	Joe Sacco 6.19
Kathy McKay 5.40	Sandra Ainsworth 4.94	Michael Lotti 4.94	David Harris 4.85
Danny Clark 4.85	Gladys Mikel 4.39	David Michaelson 4.37	Carol Payette 4.30
John Lahoud 4.15	Alice Lahoud 4.15	Leon Zaczek 4.04	Bob Matthews 3.97
Jane Helm 3.89	Linda Hall 3.71	David Hall 3.71	Janet Gawenda 3.09
Michael Kiernan 2.97	Maureen Kiernan 2.97	Sandy Baker 2.95	Marilyn Graham 2.95
Marc Rissman 2.95	Ruth Srulevitch 2.90	Robert Tolpa 2.87	MaryannDeroche2.87
Sheila Goad 2.72	John Dunn 2.71	Janet Dunn 2.71	Margaret Sarno 2.69
Shirley Agness 2.63	Loretta Harp 2.60	Ralph Williams 2.46	Jacq. Williams 2.46
Paul Moore 2.38	Karen Oberting 2.36	Dean Robinson 2.36	Richard Ried 2.34
Phyllis Sokol-Wood 2.34	Gail Hudon 2.30	Ginny Crump 2.09	Goentje Wright 2.09
Ken Rhodes 2.08	Janet Matthews 2.06	Beverly Magnuson 2.02	John Quinn 1.92
Jackie White 1.76	Beverly Yankee 1.76	Ronald Fess 1.64	Linda Fess 1.64
Judy Flickinger 1.57	Neil Timm 1.45	Brenda Pollak 1.35	Shirley Wigner 1.34
Lori Briscoe 1.30	Gloria Bennett 1.30	Mary VanSteelandt 1.25	Don Baker 1.23
Margie Quinto 1.18	Maggie Finch 1.18	Sherry Seward 1.17	David Hudson 1.16
Reene Gleckner 1.14	Rosann Sherrill 1.02	Marvin Sherrill 1.02	John Kuyper .90
Carol Mayer .90	Henry Hood .84	Ed Buchanan .84	Colleen Treanor .84
Evelyn Bennett .80	Carol Richardson .80	Brenda Davis .80	Jon Williams .64
Jack Gleckner .64	Sally Gauthier .60	Richard Gauthier .60	CarolynMcMurtrie.60
Caroline Davies .60	Lynne Fisher .58	Jack Fisher .58	SusanGarbarino.57
Betty Einstman .57	Carma Sands .47	Bettyjane Chiota .47	RosieBlumenthal.45
Robert Moore .45	Marb Hincken .45	Julie Kern .36	Carol Ketterer .36
Judith Passerini .30	Barbara Newcomb .30	Mauri Buchanan .27	Linda Eicher .27
Roger Flicklinger .22			

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“Buck” told a joke a few days ago. A man went to the doctor for an annual check-up. The doctor asked him what he does to keep his mind alert. He answered: “I play bridge. It’s great for the mind.” Then the doctor asked him what he does for his physical exercise. The man replied: “I play either east or west. That way I can move between rounds!”

The reporters are: Pat Ford, David Haskell, Mary Ann Kelly, Leon Zaczek, and Henry Hood. Please give any news items to them.

Pat Poitinger, Editor

A blessed Pesach (Passover) and Easter is extended to all!