

# CLUB NEWS

## FOR THE DUPLICATE PLAYERS OF THE VILLAGES

### FEBRUARY, 2014

#### NEWS CLIPS:

**Lucy Tillman** spent the December holidays on a cruise to Aruba.

We welcome **Caroline Davies** as a new bridge director at our Club.

The **Annual Meeting** of the Board of Directors was held on Jan. 6 at Laurel Manor. **Pat Holmes, Janet Dunn, and Alex Booke** were elected to The Board. Special recognition was given to **Charlie Showalter** for his expertise in working with The Villages in obtaining up-to-date equipment for The Club, and to **Tom Bush** for his outstanding accomplishment of establishing a new website for The Club. Congratulations to all!

The new Board met on Jan. 21 and elected **Alex Booke** as President and **Pat Holmes** as Secretary. A picture of the new Board is on the website.

A big **"Welcome Back"** is extended to all the returning Snowbirds!

**Game Schedule:** Please continue to check the website for the game schedule. New games have been added to accommodate everyone!

**Table Policy:** Please become familiar with the member/member, member/guest, and guest/guest policy. Member/member pairs have first priority, member/guest pairs have second priority, and guest/guest pairs have third priority. Member/guest and guest/guest need to sign the sheets available at each game for table availability. Some games will not have a problem, but other crowded games will need to utilize the policy.

There is another **Operation Shoebox** drive in February. **Loretta Harp** has already given generously to this current fund-raiser, and **George Murray** is again making his large contribution. Thanks to all who contribute to this very worthy cause!

Thanks again to **Jon Williams** for establishing such a successful Mentor/Mentee

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

game, and to **Paul Matheson** and **Heather Shane** for encouraging so many new players through their EZBridge program.

Twenty people from The Villages enjoyed a cruise on Royal Caribbean's Freedom of the Seas ship in January. They had a reserved room for bridge playing on sea days. It was a fabulous trip for all who participated! Below is a picture of their smiling faces!



## 2013 ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY

The Club extends a huge "thank you" to **Pat Ford** for organizing such a successful Christmas Party! Thanks also to **Jane Helm** for taking pictures of the group!







## **A TRIBUTE TO OUR HEAD DIRECTOR, PAUL MATHESON**

As you all know, Paul Matheson has been our very capable Head Director since 2012.

Paul was born in New Bedford, MA, which is the whaling capital of the world! He graduated from Bishop Stang High School. He was captain of the football and basketball teams. Paul held the record for most points scored in a career for over 20 years and he is still second in that category. Quite an accomplishment!

Paul graduated from Boston University with a degree in Business Administration. He then went on to Law School for one year and a half but then decided that law was not for him. He spent five years in the Military Intelligence Corp of the Army and resigned as a Captain. While on active duty he spent one year in Vietnam as an adviser to a Vietnamese Intelligence unit.

After getting out of the Army, Paul spent the next 10 years as a private investigator in the Boston area. The last 20 years of his professional life Paul was a Real Estate Appraiser/Assessor in many Massachusetts communities, mostly on Cape Cod.

Paul and his lovely wife, Gail, bought a house in The Villages in 2003. They were snowbirds until moving here full-time in 2010. Paul started playing bridge again in 1994. He is a silver life master. He became a director in 2010. They have two children and four grandchildren.

Paul is an avid golfer. He maintains about a 7 handicap. Before becoming the Head Director, he was hired by The Villages as a golf Ambassador for a few years. He is a natural athlete and he has been able to maintain his handicap without playing golf as frequently as he did before becoming Head Director.

The VDBC is very pleased to have Paul Matheson as its Head Director! Thank you, Paul, for your expertise, professional skills, and friendly compassionate ways with the players!  
(submitted by Pat Poitingner)

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### **70% GAMES (on the website)**

The additional 70% games since the last Club News edition for 2013 are:

Nov. 13 Roberta Meyers & Karen Pekkanen 71.97  
Nov. 22 Gisela Knock & Mary Scanlan 71.70  
Dec. 2 Bob Martin & Ed Carroll 75.00  
Dec. 2 Delores & Robert Sanderson 70.83  
Dec. 23 Heather & Michael Harper 71.25  
Dec. 27 Bob Armstrong & Bob LaBarge 71.45

### **2014 70% GAMES (on the website)**

Jan. 6 Alice & John Lahoud 76.50	Jan. 6 Loren Backhaus & Jim Marrese 82.50
Jan 6 Ed Schusler & Ken Rhodes 70.57	Jan. 9 Donna Ziemann & Millie Vibbard 71.99
Jan. 10 Joe Sacco & Sandi McNaughton 71.43	Jan. 13 Sid Balick & Ted Nulle 73.75

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## **2014 70% GAMES (con't)**

Jan. 15 Alice & John Lahoud 70.82

Jan. 20 Mitch & Nancy Curder 75.00

Jan. 20 Jerry Donaldson & Glenn Ryburn 71.82

Jan. 20 Ian Harvey & Joe Sacco 72.05

WOW! A lot of 70% games already this year!

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## **THE DIRECTOR'S CORNER**

By **PAUL MATHESON**

Some have questioned why the directors assign stratifications at the tables before each game. At every game there are different levels of players. The goal of the director is to have a field in which all pairs are fairly compared to teams of similar experience. With 3 levels of players they are assigned to either strat A, B or C. The director tries to have an equal number of each strat in each section and in each direction. Ideally there would be an equal number of A, B and C players in each section and in each E/W and N/S direction. We also try to alternate the tables by strats so pairs would progressively play against an A, then a B and then a C team. Assigning strats to tables before game time is an effort to assure the proper distribution.

In the real world this does not always (ever?) work. Almost never is there an equal number of pairs in each strat and since all teams do not arrive at the same time as game time approaches pairs just sit at any available table regardless of their strats. After the director has entered all the players into the computer they attempt to reach the goal of an equal distribution. They sort the teams by master points and then reassign the strats to reflect a true makeup of the field.

Does this mean there will be an equal number of pairs in each strat? No. The director attempts to set the strats so that players of equal experience will be compared to each other. For instance, at a recent game there were 23.5 tables. 19 pairs had 0 to 299 points, 8 had between 300 to 500, 4 had between 500 and 900, 16 had points greater than 1,000. Simply dividing the field equally would have resulted in the C strat field being composed of 15 pairs with between 0 and 241 points; B strat pairs between 245 and 865 points; and the A strat pairs from 865 to 5,483 points. Clearly this would not be fair to many teams especially those in strat A. Separating the strats by experience resulted in there being 21 teams in strat C with a maximum point range of 305; 10 in strat B with a point range from 342 to 888, and 16 in strat A with a point range from 1,085 to 5,483.

Illustrating the fact that experience alone is not the deciding factor in predicting results in one section, the C teams were first in both the N/S and E/W positions and the C team sitting E/W came in first overall. Makes you wonder why the directors go through all the effort!

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## **EX-PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

By **Mike Lotti**

The club held its annual meeting on January 6 at Laurel Manor recreation center. The main agenda item was the election of three new members to the Villages Duplicate Bridge Club Board of Directors. Congratulations to Alex Booke (elected for a second term), Janet Dunn, and Pat Holmes. We all look forward to their contributions to the club and the board. The membership approved an amendment to the by-laws that clarified the process for electing directors to partial terms in order to fill vacancies on the board. Charlie Fraime, the club's comptroller, reported that the club is financial position is solid. The club played a total of 9,304 tables in 2013, up 19% over 2012. The sectional tournament

contributed a positive balance to the club. The regular club games are approximately break-even for the year – as expected for a non-profit club. The club finished the year with \$9,517 in the bank as a reserve to cover club expenses and replacement of capital equipment, as needed. The full minutes of the meeting are posted on the club’s website, [www.thevillagesdbc.com](http://www.thevillagesdbc.com).

We recently received good news about our request for playing space at the Eisenhower Recreation Center. The VDBC was allocated time for a game on Friday afternoon. There are many preparations to make for this new game, e.g., buying the playing equipment and obtaining storage space. We expect that this game will be up and running by mid-February. Keep your eye on the club’s website for more news.

As mentioned above, the club experienced a 19% growth for tables played in 2013 compared to 2012. The main source of increase, about 11 percentage points, came from new games. These new games help to reduce crowding and accommodate increased interest in playing duplicate bridge. The Tuesday afternoon 399/NLM game at Lake Miona contributed 490 new tables and the Monday afternoon open game at Seabreeze contributed 382 new tables. Changes late in the year to start the Newcomers game, the new game at Big Cypress recreation center, and from the new seating capacity on Saturday due to splitting the combined open/299 game into two separate locations contributed about 75 additional tables. Of course The Villages continues to grow. About 4 percentage points of the increase in tables played is due to growth in the ongoing games. Additionally, about 4 percentage points of the increase came from the 327.5 tables played at the 2013 sectional.

Attendance at games is off to a booming start in 2014. The board will be actively working to make the best use of the playing space that the Recreation Department has allocated to the VDBC and to secure more space, where possible.

It has been my pleasure to serve as President in 2013. Thank you for your suggestions and support.

Mike Lotti

(Many thanks to **Mike Lotti** for his exceptional performance as President!)

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### **New Board Members Elected at January Board Meeting**

At the Annual Meeting of the Duplicate Bridge Club on January 6, 2014, three members were elected to the Board of Directors. Alex Booke, who is completing his first term, was reelected to a second three-year term. Janet Dunn was elected to a three-year term, and Patricia Holmes was elected to a two-year term, filling the vacancy left when Jack Fisher resigned from the Board to return to directing games.

Alex has previously served as Club President and headed the effort to bring the first ACBL Sectional tournament to The Villages in 2013. This year he is again chairing the Sectional tournament.

Janet Dunn was elected to the Board in January in her second run as a candidate. She had not thought about running for election until she was approached by Reese Gleckner two years ago, when Reese suggested that Janet would be a good candidate.

Janet grew up in Ohio, and she and her husband John began playing social bridge there 50 years ago. She moved to The Villages in 2005, and she and John started playing bridge here in Pat Ford’s Chicago game. Janet then started duplicate about five years ago and became hooked, now playing bridge 5 or 6 times a week.  
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Patricia Holmes moved to The Villages from Michigan in 2011. She had played bridge for about 15 years before moving here, but took up sanctioned duplicate seriously only after becoming a Villager. She has accumulated masterpoints at a rapid rate, and in 2012 placed in the top 25 in her category in the Ace of Clubs Awards. Pat was also listed in The Common Game as a top 299er player in October, when our Club still participated in that national competition.

(submitted by **David Haskell**)

### **THE VILLAGES MASTERPOINT TOP 20 LEADERS FOR YEAR-END 2013**

<b>0-300</b>	<b>300-1000</b>	<b>1000+</b>
Patricia Holmes 93.18	George Murray 121.17	Joe Sacco 270.53
Sandy Baker 66.02	Mary Ann Kelly 81.48	Gladys Mikel 179.14
Mary VanSteelandt 61.31	Mary Rowe 81.47	Charles Showalter 143.27
Leon Zaczek 58.50	Chet Eicher 80.43	Jon Williams 123.64
Janet Dunn 53.96	Nancy Detweiler 69.92	Donald Baker 121.12
John Dunn 53.17	Janet Matthews 65.97	Lucy Tillman 120.66
John Kuyper 52.86	David Michaelson 64.06	Ginny Crump 116.69
Kathy Brick 52.03	Carol Alspach 58.84	Buck Buchanan 115.94
Beverly Magnuson 47.82	Lynne Fisher 55.61	Ed Schusler 107.80
Carol Payette 47.19	Michael Lotti 55.41	Jane Helm 95.12
Marty Rothbard 43.20	Henry Hood 46.69	Marilyn Williams 92.96
Paul Moore 42.17	Sally Jepsen 46.69	Alex Boone 91.59
Raymond Artura 40.95	Gigi Letendre 45.38	Sandy Boone 90.34
Evelyn Bennett 40.92	Gisela Knock 43.97	Paul Hassett 85.05
Dave Harris 39.91	Sally Gauthier 42.35	Ruth Srulevitch 84.21
Mike Peleck 39.02	Jane Dulieu 41.55	Bill Ziemann 81.60
Marc Rissman 38.51	David Haskell 41.40	Rich Seidman 78.29
Janet Gawenda 37.75	Bonnie Overson 40.33	Andy Sloan 77.60
Colleen Clark 37.03	Richard Gauthier 40.04	Paul Matheson 76.43
Margaret Sarno 36.18	Karen Linder 39.64	Donna Ziemann 73.97

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

Jane Abbott	Christine Adams	Loren Backhaus	Sandra Bagboj	Helen Baker
Ray Baker	Sid Balick	Wilson Barb	Carolyn Benson	Andrew Blount
Joan Boehm	Pauline Bolwell	Lind Briggs	Stefanie Broderick	Gail Brousseau
Reva Brown	Lois Bunce	Peg Calabrese	Ted Calabrese	Guy Carlson
Phyllis Carlson	S.E. Carroll	Richard Castongua	J.B. Clark	Philip Cohen
Mitch Corder	Nancy Corder	Marie Craig	Candy Dammon	Ron Dammon
Peg Dedoszak	Peg Dedoszak	Stan Dedoszak	Barbara Dorfman	Mary Lou Downey
Judy Drejer	Charles Enright	Marsha Enright	Jean Fincher	Peg Fitzgerald
James Fotiades	Dalia Gagne	Robert Gagne	Jane Gedraitis	Jayne Gelder
Larry Gelder	Anna Greenston	Peter Greenston	Judy Grimm	Pat Gunzenhau
Felix Gutierrez	Larry Harman	Kren Heinen	Jane Holloway	Bobbie Hubbert
Mary James	Tom James	Alan Kaplan	Laura Karlen	Ann Kater
Herb Kessler	Mary Kieran	Ceci Kilroy	Ormond Kinney	Barbara Knight
Norm Kopperud	Sandy Kramer	Tom Kramer	Aggie LaBarege	Doug Larson
Kathryn Larson	Denis Lasota	Bill Lau	Pat Layman	Donna Lewis

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## **NEW RESIDENTS** (con't)

Larry Lewis	Judy Lipovetz	Gloria Lippian	Willie Loomis	Jim Marrese
Bob Martin	Cookie Martin	Jon Martin	Bob McIntyre	Gary Mehta
Peggy Mehta	Barbara Meyers	Pamela Nettelbeck	Meredith Newman	Georgette North
Ted Nulle	George Paiva	Janet Paiva	Mack Patel	Nancy Perry
Barbara Powell	John T. Quinn	Wanda Rainbolt	Barbara Roberto	Maryann Root
Ralph Rosenfeld	Sandra Ross	Elly Rothbard	Wilma Pait Rumble	Delores Sanderson
Robert Sanderson	Jane Scheffey	Paul Schultz	K. Shaheen	Sandy Shannon
Willy Simpson	Jeri Spriggs	Sharon Squires	Richard St.John	Margaret Stabert
Arlene Steege	Doreen Stein	George Stein	Frank Stouts	Mary Stouts
Anne Sullivan	Sue Sundquist	Susan Tringale	Yin Wang	Jan Wendt
Ron Wendt	Donna Whetzal	Barb Wilson	Ada Wimmer	George Wimmer
Michael Yanachik				

Haven't we broken a world record of new resident members in a bridge club?

## **UPDATES TO 2013 MILESTONES (on the website)**

**Junior Master:** Edeline Kalbach, Walter Paulsen

**Club Master:** Joyce Jackson, Carl King, Richard Ried

**Sectional Master:** Judy Flickinger, David Harris, Gail Hudon

**Regional Master:** John Kuyper, Kerstin Larson, Beverly Magnuson, Carol Payette, Robert Pethtel, Ruth Ann Pethtel

**NABC Master:** Sandra Ainsworth, Mauri Buchanan, Chester Eicher

**Life Master:** Mary Gavaghan

**Gold Life Master:** Edward Schusler

(If we have overlooked anyone, please send an email to Pat Poitinger at [pprpbridge2@gmail.com](mailto:pprpbridge2@gmail.com) so we can correct any errors.)

## **TOURNAMENT RESULTS**

### **UNIT 128 STaC Nov.18-24**

Our Club had a total of 125 players earning points during STaC week.

### **REGIONAL AT SEA Dec. 1—6**

17.26 Bruce Thiher

6.56 Addy Adler

### **TAMPA REGIONAL Dec. 9-15**

Kathy McKay 11.38	Leon Zaczek 10.89	Bruce Thiher 10.89	Jane Helm 10.08
Gladys Mikel 10.08	Paul Matheson 6.80	David Stentz 6.80	Sally Jepsen 5.59
Sandra Ainsworth 5.59	Mike Lotti 5.59	Dean Wilson 5.59	Carol Payette 4.75
Brenda Pollak 4.75	Mary VanSteelandt 4.64	Beverly Magnuson 4.64	Jan Greenstone 3.76
Barbara Edelson 3.76	Judy Flickinger 3.28	Mauri Buchanan 3.24	Linda Eicher 3.24
Eugene Rodriguez 3.24	Edward Buchanan 3.24	Chester Eicher 3.24	Pat Holmes 2.95
Colleen Clark 2.95	Marilyn Hubbard 2.65	Robert Tolpa 2.65	Maryann Deroche 2.65
Larry Abramovitz 2.65	Heather Shane 2.65	MaryLee DeKoch 2.31	Ellen Miller 2.31
Roger Flickinger 2.27	Lucy Tillman 1.80	Millie Vibbard 1.80	Jon Williams 1.50
Sndy Baker 1.27	Marc Rissman 1.27	Joan Gerber 1.20	Dolores Mann 1.20
Philip Wolff 1.16	Andrea Wolff 1.16	David Harris 1.13	Janet Matthews 1.05
Johanna Hazlett 1.00	Charles Showalter 1.00	Carol Moseman 1.00	Sherry Seward .94

**TAMPA REGIONAL (con't)**

Sandy Boone .87	Linda Hall .87	David Hall .87	Alex Boone .87
Sandi Mueller .83	Linda Yochim .83	John Dunn .74	Janet Dunn .74
Margaret Sarno .67	Doris Hibbs .64	Brenda Davis .64	Pat Ford .50

**ORLANDO REGIONAL Dec. 30-Jan. 5**

Janet Matthews 28.53	David Stentz 28.53	Charles Showalter 24.88	Jane Helm 20.87
Paul Matheson 19.68	Lucy Tillman 16.15	Beverly Parrish 16.15	Nancy Detweiler 13.55
Kathy McKay 12.56	Ginny Crump 10.39	Ken Rhodes 10.39	Mike Lotti 10.37
Gladys Mikel 9.26	Colleen Treanor 9.26	Bruce Thiher 9.18	Leon Zaczek 9.18
Emiel Domis 8.68	Sandra Ainsworth 8.33	Dan Chapin 8.33	Russ Pearly 8.31
Bob Armstrong 8.31	Michael Peleck 7.96	Janet Gawenda 7.96	Joe Sacco 5.20
Barbara Edelson 5.11	Jay Greenstone 5.11	Mary Gavaghan 2.68	Brenda Pollack 2.36
Carol Payette 2.36	Sally Jepsen 2.22	Sandy Boone 1.88	Alex Boone 1.88
David Haskell 1.69	Pat Holmes 1.42	Colleen Clark 1.42	Sandy Baker 1.36
Clare DesJarlais 1.36	Philip Wolff .79	Andrea Wolff .79	Shirley Agness .66
Joyce Silar .66	Barbara Hamilton .66	Jane Dulieu .66	Karen Linder .57
Carl Fried .57	Barbara Newcomb .57	Mary Van Steelandt .53	

**DAYTONA BEACH SECTIONAL Jan. 9-12**

Doug Worthington 7.50

**ST. PETE DBC SECTIONAL Jan 9-12**

Kathy McKay 3.36

**SARASOTA WINTER SECTIONAL Jan 16-19**

Sandra Gebhardt 3.84	Edward Schwartz 3.84
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**BRIDGEPORT AT MIONA SHORES HOME BURGLARIZED WHILE COUPLE SLEEPS**

A Village of Bridgeport at Miona Shores home was burglarized early Friday morning (Jan. 3) as a husband and wife were sleeping in their bedroom. The wife attempted to wake the husband at 3:37 a.m. thinking she heard a noise, but they went back to sleep. The woman then got up at 4:15 a.m. She immediately noticed that their dogs, usually secured behind a doggie gate, were roaming about the house, located in the 1100 block of Miona Shores Drive, according to Lt. Bobby Caruthers of the Sumter county Sheriff's Office. She and her husband discovered that a screen on the lanai had been cut. Entry was gained through a sliding glass door. Items taken in the break-in included a 50-inch flat screen television, a digital camera and a Macintosh computer, Caruthers said.

This makes eight burglaries which have taken place in the past 60 days in The Villages. Of the seven burglaries, four included forced entry by kicking in the front door, two gained entry through forcing open a sliding glass door and the final burglary was to an automobile, according to the Sumter County Sheriff's Office.

The burglaries have occurred on the following dates:

Nov. 3 in the Village of Pinellas at Cedar Grove.

Nov. 20 in the Village of Sanibel.

Nov. 21 in the Village of Fernandina.

Dec. 18 in the Village of Glenbrook.

Dec. 19 again in the Village of Sanibel.

Dec. 24 in the Village of Polo Ridge.

Dec. 26 again in the Village of Fernandina.

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Villages Homeowners Association Director-at-Large Irv Markely, a resident of the Village of Bridgeport at Miona Shores, has been trying to keep his neighbors aware of such incidents and sent out an email blast to his neighborhood encouraging vigilance. Lt. Nehemiah Wolfe urges Villagers to take advantage of the sheriff's free home inspection program. Through it, a member of the sheriff's office will visit a home and provide tips on securing the home. You can schedule an appointment by calling 689-4600.  
(submitted by **Mary Ann Kelly**)

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**COYOTES IN OUR MIDST (SUBMITTED BY MARY ANN KELLY)**

Two coyotes were just behind the fence at the far end of the preserve. The pictures were taken from someone's back window on 01-07-2014. Watch out for your cats and dogs!



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

Pat Poitinger, Editor