

CLUB NEWS

FOR THE DUPLICATE PLAYERS OF THE VILLAGES

OCTOBER, 2014

NEWS CLIPS:

MARILYN O'DONNELL is in the Freedom Point rehab center after suffering a slight stroke. We wish you a speedy recovery!

BONNIE OVERSON enjoyed a fabulous vacation with her children and grandchildren in August. It started in Houston, TX, then flew to Sacramento with her daughter and son-in-law, rented a car to drive to visit her Mt. Shasta daughter and her family. Her son and his wife flew in from Ohio and joined them and they all went sailing on her daughter's sailboat. They all enjoyed two wonderful days there before driving caravan style to Oregon, touring the Apple Valley vineyards, then on to the Goldcoast motel for a wonderful time on the Pacific Coast beach. Great memories for everyone!

MARY ANN AND ANDY KELLY spent a week in San Juan, Puerto Rico. They enjoyed the relaxation and sites.

PAT AND RON POITINGER took the 18-day Grand European Viking River Cruise. It started with a 3-day tour of Prague, and they boarded the boat at Budapest, Hungary. Then on to Austria, Germany, and the Netherlands. They visited 13 cities with included excursions and ended in Amsterdam. It was a trip of a lifetime!

STAN CARLSON suffered a stroke. We wish him well!

LUCY TILLMAN'S HUSBAND, JOHN, passed away while he was at Promise Care on August 14. The Club players were all very saddened. Please be assured, Lucy, that many thoughts and prayers are coming your way from your many friends.

Welcome to our new director, **BUCK BUCHANAN!**

JOANIE AND RON COLBERT enjoyed their vacation in Hawaii. Can't you see them dancing with their leis?

NEWS CLIPS: (CON'T)

PAT POITINGER hosted another family reunion at Club Med in Port St. Lucie, FL, in July. There were 22 attending for one week. Below is a picture of the entire family.



Below is a picture of Pat's 12 grandchildren (in numbered shirts) and her first grandchild (in number one shirt!)



We have enough memories for a lifetime! Ron hosted a family reunion for his side of the family a few years ago. We have been truly blessed. Our deceased spouses would be very proud. (Pat and Ron)

THE DIRECTOR'S CORNER

By
PAUL MATHESON

LEAD OUT OF TURN

Probably the two most common reasons for a director call is leads out of turn and bids out of turn. Probably none of us has not made one of these errors in the last month. They are quite common but there still seems to be some confusion about the remedies. I wrote an article in the June 2013 Newsletter which dealt with the issue of bids out of turn so if you still are not sure of the correct remedies take a look at that article. Now I'd like to discuss leads procedures.

Before discussing a lead out of turn we should first look at the correct procedure for making an opening lead which is covered by Law 41. At the completion of the auction the presumed opening leader places the card they intend to lead face down on the table. Once placed on the table it cannot be changed without permission of the director. When the card is placed face down the leader's partner and declarer (but not the dummy) can ask for a review of the bidding and any explanation of an opponent's call. This is called the "Clarification Period". At the end of the clarification period the leader's opening card is faced and play continues.

What happens if the opening lead is made out of turn. Law 54 covers this infraction. If this occurs the old "5 Options" available to the correct declarer kicks in:

1. Declarer can accept the lead and have dummy's hand exposed before he plays from their hand. From that point play continues in the normal rotation.
2. Declarer can accept the lead and the correct declarer's hand becomes dummy. The dummy becomes declarer and play continues normally.
3. Declarer can require the correct defender to lead a card from the same suit as the offenders incorrect lead. If this option is accepted the offended must pick up the incorrect lead and can play any card. Play continues in the normal manner.
4. Declarer can require the offender's partner to lead any suit but the one of the incorrect lead. If this option is accepted the offender must pick up the incorrect lead and can play any card. Play continues in the normal manner.
5. Declarer can elect to have the offender's partner lead any card they wish. If this option is selected the offender's card must remain exposed on the table and is a major penalty card. A major penalty card must be played at it's first legal opportunity. As long as offender's partner maintains the lead declarer will have these options. For instance assume the incorrect lead was a spade and declarer chose to let offender's partner lead any suit they wished and the offender's card remains a major penalty card. Suppose the offender's partner leads the ace of clubs which wins the trick. Before the next lead declarer can exercise any of the options they originally had i.e. lead or forbid the lead of the offender's suit or lead anything they want. If the leader again wins the trick the declarer still has any of the options before the next lead.

What if defenders make a lead out of turn at some point after the opening lead? The first option is declarer can accept the lead and play continues normally. If this option is not accepted then the card becomes a major penalty card. Declarer can require the offender's partner to lead or not lead the suit in which case the card is returned to the offender's hand, or they can allow the offender's partner to lead any suit they wish and the card remains a major penalty card. These options continue for as long as offender's partner maintains the lead.

Is there an infraction if declarer leads out of turn from their hand or dummy's? Yes, this is covered by Law 55. If declarer incorrectly leads from the hand or dummy either defender can accept or require retraction of the lead. If the defender's chose differently the defender whose turn it was next to lay after the led card shall prevail. If the defenders decline to accept the lead the incorrect card led is retracted and the lead is made from the correct hand. There are no penalties incurred.

Checking the Hands from The Common Game

Mike Lotti

Many member of the club have expressed concern about how well The Common Game (TCG) hands fit with the expectations for randomly dealt bridge hands. Fortunately, the probabilities for the shape of hands, card combinations, and distribution of high card points have been worked out and are well understood. For example, we know that the chance that the next hand will have a 4432 shape in some combination of suits is 21.55%. The average number of HCP in a hand is 10, and 91% of hands will have somewhere between 3 and 16 HCP.

We also have loads of data from the actual TCG hands. We can inspect the actual deals for evidence that they meaningfully deviate from the expected norms for randomly dealt bridge hands. Thanks to TCG, I have hand records for both day and night games from July 23, 2013 through August 20, 2014. This is a total of 394 games that represent 14,184 boards and 56,736 hands each for day and night games. So far, I have analyzed only the day game data. The night game data will provide an independent “hold out” sample to check any significant findings that arise from the day game analysis.

For an example of testing the actual frequencies in the hand record data against the theoretical frequencies, let’s look at the number of hands with a void in any suit. The theoretical percent probability that a hand will have one or more voids is 5.12%. Further, the statistical formulas that account for the variability across samples tell us that 90% of the samples of 14,184 random bridge hands will have somewhere between 4.81% and 5.42% hands with at least one void. Looking at the North hands in the data, we find there are 727 hands with voids of the 14,184 total hands or 5.13% – well within the 90% boundaries calculated above. For East, South, and West, the percentage of voids are 5.03%, 5.01%, and 5.27% respectively.

With the large data set at our disposal, the statistical tests are extremely sensitive. Let’s suppose that the deal generator had a bias and was actually dealing hands where 6.00% had voids. As a player, you would see about one extra void hand every three games – pretty hard to observe without keeping careful records. Yet the test in the example above would detect the bias over 99.8% of the time. The test would not miss even a small difference like the one between 5.12% and 6.00%.

Using overall sample, several aspects of the TCG hands were tested. These were:

1. The frequency of hand shapes, e.g., 4333, 4432, 4441, 5332, etc.
2. The percentages of voids and singletons in the hands
3. The direction, suit, and denomination of singletons
4. The distribution of high card points (HCP) for both players and partnerships

None of these tests found any violation of the statistical expectations for bridge hands.

We all know that a given card, like the 8 of spades, will be in our hand 25% of the time, on average. We also know that it does not show up every fourth hand, like clockwork. Rather, the sequence is “clumpy” – sometimes we get the spade 8 three hands in a row, other times we won’t have it for 6 hands. Statisticians use a “Runs” test (nothing to do with the Norwalk virus) to look at patterns in the presence/absence of a value in a sequence of like TCG deals. The Runs test is sensitive to manipulation of a series of data points. People tend to think that random data are “choppier” than they really are. When fiddling with a data set, they inadvertently introduce extra runs into the series which the test picks up. The full data set was used to look at the pattern of appearances for every card in the deck and the pattern of getting “at least 10 HCP” vs. “less than 10 HCP” in each direction. No unusual patterns were seen in the TCG hands.

We tested whether honor cards were “on-side” or “off-side” with respect to the other honors in the suit. We tested the split of the partnership’s cards in suits to see how they fit with expectation, especially when they had 6 or fewer cards.

(The Common Game con't)

This corresponds to looking at the potential trump splits of a suit. These tests found no unusual patterns or indications of biases.

As duplicate players, we experience these hands as a group of boards on a given day. So, we tend to think in terms of the number of voids, singletons, 7+, 6+, low HCP count, or opening HCP count hands we had today. The TCG hands were grouped by date and the frequencies of these various types of hands were tallied. Again, there were no unusual patterns or indications of biases in the hands.

After beating the data within an inch of its life, I found no violations of the theoretical frequencies and expectations one would have for randomly dealt bridge hands. That is not to say that there is no bias or pattern hiding in the data – just that I didn't find one. A better statistician might. Let me know if you wish to give it a try.

(Thanks, Mike, for writing this. It should help clarify any confusion about The Common Game).

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NEW RESIDENT MEMBERS SINCE LAST CLUB NEWS EDITION

Gerard Ayotte	Janet Burridge	Lynn Camadine	Joanna Cavosi	Betty Christy
Meg Church	Becky Cranston	Don DeYoung	Maureen Divito	Nadine Eyler
Myra Fischel	Pat Gentner	Diane Guffey	Carol Harrison	Edie Herberger
Penny Houdek	Dennis LaPerle	Pat Landgraf	Nancy Mitrowski	Marie Nappi
Carol Pearce	Mary Taylor	Linda Truitt	Vicky Wade	Ron Wheeler
Anna Whipple	Dottie Williams	Sam Yeazle	Sally Yoder	

A big WELCOME to all!

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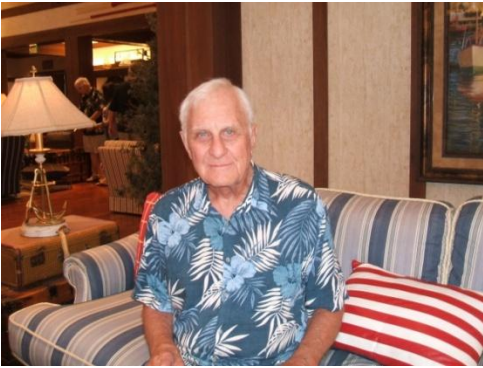
“Regardless of what sadistic impulses we may harbor, winning bridge means helping partner avoid mistakes.”
Frank Stewart

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Picture of the site of the new Belle Glade Village Golf Course. (Submitted by Mary Ann Kelly)



Creative puns for the “educated minds”: A hole has been found in the nudist camp wall. The police are looking into it..... I wondered why the baseball kept getting bigger. Then it hit me!



A CANDID LOOK AT OUR DIRECTOR AND INSTRUCTOR, DEAN ROBINSON

Written by **HENRY HOOD**

Dean hails from South Dakota and at one point in his life, raised black angus cattle. He was formally introduced to bridge at the tender age of nine by his Grandmother on his mother's side. He started playing Duplicate bridge in 1959, two years after graduating from college. At that time, he set a personal goal for himself to become a life master. Not just any old life Master, but one of the 10,000. By 1967 this goal was achieved, Dean becoming Number 6700 or thereabouts. It's important to recognize a few facts about those times to fully understand what a wondrous accomplishment this actually is. At that time the point system requirement was the same as now, 300 points but there were no color requirements as exists today. That being said, it still was very difficult. The nearest bridge game was forty-five miles away and held one game a week. Because of work demands and the elements, sometimes the best he could do was to play one game a week. Something like conditions at The Villages right now!! ☺

After becoming a life master, there was a period of four years when he abstained from playing bridge because of the smoking in the rooms. He moved to California in the mid-eighties and didn't play for ten years. During the mid nineties he moved back to Indianapolis, hooked up with a good partner and again started playing actively, generating some 200 masterpoints per year. In order to take his game to the next level, Dean started attending regionals, not just to play but to study the wildly successful partnership of Meckstroth and Rodwell. With renewed knowledge and enthusiasm, he returned to competitive bridge, playing the same number of tournaments as before but now he and his partner were winning 400-500 points per year. Quite a significant improvement one might say! During this period he met The Love of his life and became an ACBL Director. Shortly thereafter he became a licensed ACBL instructor.

When asked to share some special moments in his bridge life, he offered the following: He found himself the partner of Oswald Jacoby in South Dakota in a five table Howell movement game. They finished third. When Dean saw him again some three years later, Jacoby remembered his name. Somewhere around 2001 Dean and company accumulated 122 points in five days in Gatlinburg. All members of the team were from Indiana. Also in the early 2000's at the Regional in Dayton, Ohio, Dean and partner had a 79% game in the finals and easily won the event.

At this time Dean's passion is the 299ers. He strongly encourages them to compete and to participate in all events, but especially the sectionals. It's quite evident that the newer the players are, he works harder to help them come along so they can compete with the "big kids". I can tell you first hand that the man is a giant of a person and even under the most demanding circumstances always the complete gentleman. It's my pleasure to know him and get to play bridge with him. (Dean is currently a Diamond Life Master.)

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The following has been announced at some of the games, but for the benefit of those who have not heard it: **Art Schwartz** was involved in a bad car accident. He suffered 6 broken ribs and other lacerations. The accident did not inflict injury on anyone else. As you recall, Art and Betty now live in North Carolina.

THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

BY

ALEX BOOKE

As we approach our busy season, I would like to stress to everyone the need to arrive early at the games. We are expecting record crowds this year. Here is a recap of our seating policy,

All participants must be in their seats 15 minutes prior to game time. Participants who are Village residents may take their seats 45 minutes before game time. A partnership that does not consist of 2 Village residents will be considered alternate pairs. They will complete a sign-in sheet with the Director and will be seated as space permits. A resident/guest will be given priority over a guest/guest partnership. This will be determined 15 minutes prior to game time.

For those pairs requesting a North/South seat due to a disability, one member must be there 30 minutes prior to game time and the other 15 minutes prior to game time. If both are not there at the 15 minute limit, they will forfeit their spot.

It is our hope that no one will be turned away, but it may occur.

The Villages Bridge Club was heavily represented at the Citrus Sectional and many of our players did very well. We were, by far, the biggest group there.

We have been approved for a 299er Sectional in the fall of 2015 and it should be a big success as we have many enthusiastic 299 players.

See you at the tables.

Alex Booke

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Pat Ford would like to add one thing: **Saving N/S seats**

The season is upon us! If you have a wheel chair/cane/crutches/walker/oxygen/ or special circumstances, call Pat Ford 750-4479 or the Director of the day one day ahead or early on the day of the game. Arrive ½ hour ahead of game time. Partner must arrive 15 minutes ahead of game time. PLEASE DO NOT ABUSE THIS POLICY.

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The ACBL headquarters in Horn Lake MS experienced extensive damage from a flood. Their website listed only overall winners for the Inverness Sectional Tournament. Therefore, the editor can only list the overall rankings when posting the results of that Sectional. Hopefully, their website will be fixed after September 23.

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Some who must be deadly at Scrabble: **ASTRONOMER**: When you rearrange the letters: MOON STARER
DESPERATION: A ROPE ENDS IT **THE EYES**: THEY SEE **THE MORSE CODE**: HERE COME THE DOTS
DORMITORY: DIRTY ROOM **SLOT MACHINES**: CASH LOST IN ME **ELECTION RESULTS**: LIES—LET'S
RECOUNT **ELEVEN PLUS TWO**: TWELVE PLUS ONE **SNOOZE ALARMS**: ALAS! NO MORE Z'S
DECIMAL POINT: I'M A DOT IN PLACE **THE EARTHQUAKES**: THAT QUEER SHAKE

"I KNOW A GUY WHO'S ADDICTED TO BRAKE FLUID. HE SAYS HE CAN STOP ANY TIME."

NEW ADDITIONS TO 2014 LIFE ACHIEVEMENTS: (Please check "Milestone" on the website for complete list.)

Junior Master: Jean Fincher, Susan Krier, Gayle Hancock

Club Master: George Guarino, Diane Wheeler

Sectional Master: Bettyjane Chcota, Roger Flickinger, Bill Lau, John Valentine

Regional Master: Susan Garbarino, Elaine Lacroiz, Susan Shrand

NABC Master: Barbara Edelson, Marc Rissman

70% GAMES: We now have a total of 24 pairs listed with games 70%+8. Please refer to the Milestone link on our website for the complete listing.

THE VILLAGES MASTERPOINT TOP 20 LEADERS THROUGH AUGUST 2014

0-300

Patricia Holmes 79.37
Dave Harris 50.96
Janet Dunn 43.57
John T. Quinn 43.39
John Dunn 42.44
John Kuyper 41.38
Beverly Magnuson 40.80
Leon Zaczek 39.94
Judy Flickinger 38.51
Carol Payette 36.27
Nicholas Pund 35.86
Carol Moseman 35.75
Sandy Baker 33.96
Ted DiCorpo 32.13
Josephine DiCorpo 32.13
Margarite Hassett 31.50
Margaret Sarno 30.97
Janet Gawenda 30.95
Patricia Dullea 30.94
Sue Westervelt 30.63

300-1000

Mary Ann Kelly 75.92
Mary Rowe 66.75
Janet Matthews 60.54
Carol Alspach 54.82
David Michaelson 50.37
Chet Eicher 50.04
Mary VanSteelandt 47.68
Sally Jepsen 46.98
Michael Lotti 45.39
Nancy Detweiler 44.71
Barbara Hamilton 43.25
Henry Hood 42.38
Sandy Ainsworth 40.90
Russ Pearly 39.89
Bob LaBarge 39.14
Sally Gauthier 37.25
Michael Mocella 32.90
Lynne Fisher 32.10
Mary Rothbard 30.98
Bonnie Overson 29.81

1000+

Joe Sacco 193.16
Gladys Mikel 162.61
Charles Showalter 123.37
Ed Schusler 96.11
Jon Williams 94.96
Paul Hassett 85.70
Don Baker 84.59
Jane Helm 83.59
Ginny Crump 80.05
Marilyn Williams 79.86
Buck Buchanan 79.80
Andy Sloan 78.65
Rich Seidman 75.24
Ken Rhodes 64.89
Colleen Treanor 63.34
Ruth Srulevitch 60.80
Lucy Tillman 60.75
Alex Booke 60.68
Sandy Booke 59.48
Bev Yankee 59.38

TOURNAMENT RESULTS

DAYTONA BEACH SECTIONAL SEPTEMBER 4-7

Paul Matheson 3.32	Janet Matthews 3.32	David Stentz 3.32
Charles Showalter 3.32	Sandra Ainsworth 3.29	Michael Lotti 3.29

DELAND SILVER WEEKEND AUG.9-10

Judy Flickinger 2.42	Carol Moseman 2.42	Sharon Amberg 1.50
Emiel Domis 1.50	John Kuyper 1.19	David Harris 1.19

PALM BEACH GARDEN REGIONAL AUG. 18-24

Karen David 3.25	Connie Lowry 1.31
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INVERNESS CITRUS BRIDGE SECTIONAL SEPT. 11-13

The postings reflect overall rankings only. (ACBL has flooding problems.)

OPEN GAMES INCLUDING SWISS TEAMS

Alice Lahoud 9.04	John Lahoud 9.04	Gladys Mikel 5.63	Jane Helm 5.63	Barb Edelson 7.22
Jay Greenstone 7.22	Tom Bush 7.22	Von Bush 7.22	Loretta Harp 7.22	Ian Harvey 7.22
Mary VanSteelandt 6.00	Beverly Magnuson 6.00	George Murray 5.77	Mary Rowe 5.77	
Kathy McKay 5.52	Carol Payette 5.52	Mike Lotti 4.80	Sandra Ainsworth 4.80	
Beverly Parrish 4.03	Joe Sacco 4.03	Alex Booke 3.25	Sandy Booke 3.25	Paul Hasett 2.87
Marilyn Williams 2.73	Jon Williams 2.73	Jack Gleckner 2.19	Reene Gleckner 2.19	
Paul Kacen 1.83	Dean Robinson 1.78	Karen Oberting 1.78	Ken Rhodes 1.79	Marge Hassett 1.05
David Stentz 1.02	Janet Matthews 1.02			

299er PAIRS INCLUDING SWISS TEAMS

Bob Matthews 5.67	Bob Martin 5.67	Sharon Amberg 4.47	Emiel Domis 4.47
Bettyjane Chiota 3.88	Robert Vicars 3.88	Brenda Davis 3.45	Diane Wheeler 3.45
Josephine DiCarpo 2.42	Ted DiCorpo 2.42	Sandy Baker 2.32	Marc Rissman 2.32
Brenda Pollak 2.18	Judy Flickinger 2.15	Margaret Sarno 1.96	Goentje Wright 1.96
Maria Guenther 1.86	Linda Eicher 1.86	Andrea Wolff 1.86	Philip Wolff 1.86
Patricia Ciccarelli 1.61	Gene Ciccarelli 1.61	Robert Pethtel .74	Ruth Ann Pethtel .74

(The editor hopes the above is correct and that no one in overall rankings was missed.)

Picture of a sunrise a Sumter Landing.



(Submitted by Mary Ann Kelly)

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