

CLUB NEWS

FOR THE DUPLICATE PLAYERS OF THE VILLAGES

APRIL, 2015

NEWS CLIPS:

ANN BARNES had two stents placed in her heart in February. She recuperated by going on a one month cruise with a bridge director friend from Fresno, CA. Welcome back, Ann!

MARTY ROTHBARD was chosen as a CDD2 Supervisor. He previously served on the Amenity Authority Committee.

MARILYN AND JON WILLIAMS, JANE HELM, AND BARBARA AND CHUCK RITCHEY went on the Mike Lawrence cruise March 1 to March 8 on Holland America's Ryndam ship. They enjoyed the morning lectures and afternoon games. They loved sailing on that ship because of its size: 1200 passengers. They recommend next year's cruise to our players: 2016 Western Caribbean Bridge Cruise on Holland America's Veendam, round-trip Tampa, featuring Shannon Cappelletti.

BUCK BUCHANAN taught a course, "Bidding Conventions Every Bridge Player Should Know", from March 12 to March 19, 9-11 o'clock at Odell Rec Center. The cost was \$10 per student, and limited to 40 students.

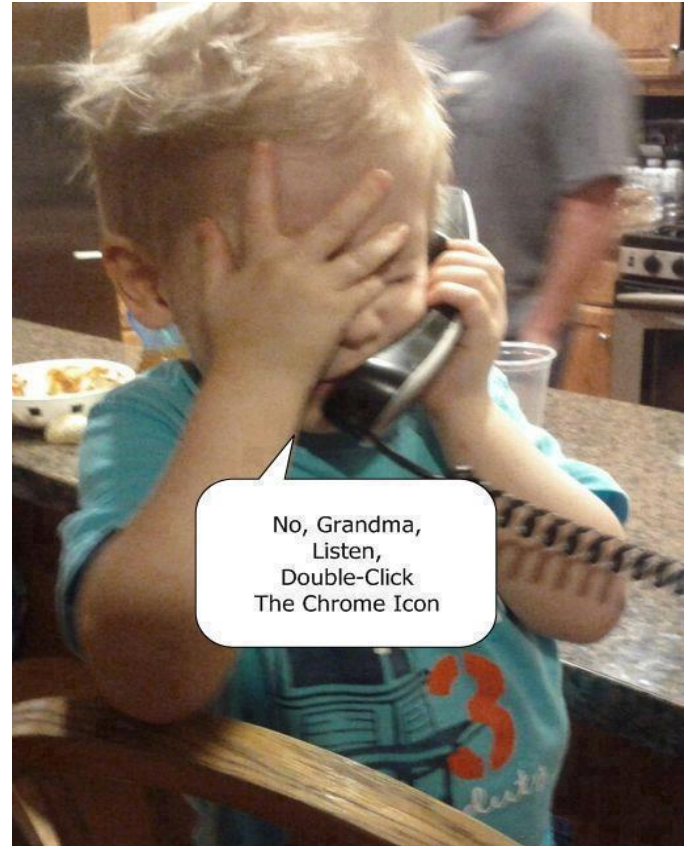
BOB MATTHEWS, our Club's Education Director, asked **Tom Bush** to add an educational link on our website. Please look at the Home Page to peruse the courses being offered. **Jack Lahoud** will be offering the next course: "Questions, Answers, Discussion and Play" at Odell Rec Center on Thursday, April 2, at 9am-11am. This class is open to zero to 199 MP players. His next course is offered the following week, same time, same venue for players having 200-399 MPs. Please check out the Home Page and Educational link on our website for further information.

MARIA GUENTHER had shoulder surgery in March. We are hoping she heals quickly and completely, and will be back soon to continue with her responsibility as 399er partnership chairperson.

Mary Ann Kelly has been undergoing test for an intestinal problem. We are hoping to see her back at the bridge table soon.

NEWS CLIPS:

Do our kids know more about tech than we do?



The Villages Duplicate Bridge Club is hosting a Sectional on June 5, 6, and 7. More informational will be available soon.

The AARP March Newsletter contained an excellent article entitled "A Bridge to Brain Power." It showed a picture of Warren Buffett and Bill Gates, who are among the 25 million players in the U.S. Playing bridge helps to stimulate intellectual and social traits. There is no evidence that playing bridge prevents degenerative process or the onset of Alzheimer's, but it may delay the onset of symptoms so that the individual can function at a higher level. Let's reap the benefits of playing bridge!

A 1 CLUB /DIAMOND OPENING – WHEN IS IT ALERTABLE???

Paul Matheson

There has been a proliferation in the number of systems using a 1 club or 1 diamond opening bid to describe different types of hands. This has led to much confusion about when an opening 1 club or diamond bid has to be alerted or announced. Accordingly opponents are many times left in a quandary as to what type of hand opener has when these bids are made. Hopefully the following will lend some guidance.

An 1 club/diamond opening bid can have several different meanings depending on a partnership's agreement. The system also determines if an announcement or alert must be given. The general ACBL rule is there is no need to announce or alert an opening bid if the bid shows 10+ HCP and it is “natural” showing 3 or more cards in a minor suit or four or more cards in a major.

A 1 club/diamond opening is not alertable if shows 3+ clubs and it is non-forcing. It is announceable if the only unnatural or conventional meaning is they could have less than 3 clubs. However a 1 club opening bid is considered “natural” if the player's distribution is exactly 4-4-3-2. Any other meaning is to be Alerted .

A system that allows the opening bid of 1 club/diamond with less than 3 cards in the suit and it is not “forcing” (partner can pass) should be **announced** as “may be short” and “non-forcing”.

A 1 club/diamond opening bid under the following bidding systems must be **alerted**:

A 1 club opening if the pair is using the “Precision”, “Big Club”, “Polish Club” or any of the other systems where the bid says nothing about clubs

A 1 club opening if the pair is using the “Montreal Relay”, “Kennedy system” or any other system where partner is **expected** to respond., in effect the opening is “forcing”. The responder should state something like “Could be as short as 1 or 0 clubs, promising only opening values, and I am expected to make a response”. Although most users of this system will state that they are allowed to pass with a total bust hand generally they will admit that they will respond with less than a standard minimum HCP (5) for fear that partner has zero clubs.

A 1 diamond opening if the pair is using the “Montreal Relay” or a similar system where 2 bids distinguish the size of the opening hand. For example where a 1 club bid denies 5+ in a major and 10-13 HCP and a 1 diamond bid also denies a 5 card major but shows 14+ HCP. Again responder should state something like “Could be as short as 1 or 0 clubs, promising only opening values, and I am expected to make a response”. Again most responders will make a bid even with less than the usual minimum values..

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NEW MEMBERS SINCE LAST EDITION OF THE CLUB NEWS

Virginia Chappell	Clara Domino	Gilbert Domino	Pat Furio
Dorothy Guthrie	Terry Hampton	Shirley Irish	Myrna Kinman
Genie Lindsay	Janet Loew	Diane Podurgiel	John Weare
Ruth Ann Schultz	Jim Toedter	Terry Toedter	Eric Voss

A BIG WELCOME TO ALL!

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Jon Williams, Director and Teacher

By David Haskell



Jon Williams is well known in the Villages Duplicate Bridge Club as both a director and a teacher. He directs the Saturday 399er game at Lake Miona, he taught the first course in the new Villages bridge education program, and he is the founder and coordinator of the Villages Bridge Mentor Program.

Jon grew up in South Florida, and as a child he would watch his parents play bridge and occasionally sit in. His wife Marilyn, who also learned bridge at a young age, and Jon would frequently play social bridge with neighbors in the early years of their marriage. It was not until the mid-1980s that Jon and Marilyn started playing duplicate bridge. In 1991, before bracketed knockouts were introduced at tournaments, they won a regional Flight B knockout event and won all the gold needed for Life Master. The problem was black points - their local club in Western Missouri was a small one, and coming in first might lead to an award of 0.12 masterpoints. In 1991 and 1992 Jon and Marilyn participated in the Grand National Team events and finished second in their district finals both years. In 1993 they became Life Masters.

Jon and Marilyn have continued to play in tournaments, and after moving to The Villages in 2009, their most notable tournament was the Orlando NABC in 2010. Playing with Jack and Renee Gleckner, the team won all eight matches in Flight B,C,D Swiss Teams, and finished first of 72 teams. In the same tournament they won a bracketed knockout.

Jon became an ACBL-certified director in 1986 because his small club in Warrensburg, Missouri, needed a second director. Later Jon served as the club manager and director for about four years in the Muncie, Indiana bridge club. Directing is similar to officiating sports, Jon says - and he has officiated in volleyball and soccer - in that the director/official applies the rules of the game to circumstances that arise as the game goes along. In both endeavors, the work is challenging and actually fun.

Although Jon seems like a born bridge teacher, it was not until after his move to The Villages that he found he had the time and inclination to study and develop enough knowledge to become an experienced bridge teacher. Last November, on an ACBL Regional at Sea, Jon passed the ACBL's Teacher Accreditation Program. The most recent course that Jon has taught was a class on Two over One bidding for advanced novices and intermediates. He also regularly includes lessons before the games that he directs. Last spring Jon coached a team of four Villagers who went on to win gold points by reaching the finals of the Grand National Team playoffs in St. Petersburg. In the fall at a regional tournament on a bridge cruise, Jon and Marilyn played some games with two of those four, Dean Wilson and Sally Jepsen, who on the cruise or shortly after earned enough gold points to become Life Masters.

In our Duplicate Bridge Club Jon is closely associated with the mentor program. A little over two years ago, a 299er acquaintance mentioned to Jon that her club in Ohio had a mentor program and wondered whether one could be set up here. After some discussion with friends and the club's Board of Directors, Jon had a new job -- coordinator of the mentor program. The program has been popular since it began, with currently over 30 mentors helping newer players advance their bridge skills.

Unlike most of us, Jon Williams was born and grew up in Florida. But when he graduated from the University of Florida in Gainesville and entered the US Air Force, he did not return to Florida to live until he and Marilyn retired to The Villages in 2009. Now, in addition to his directing, teaching, mentoring, and playing bridge, Jon

spends much of his time in The Villages golfing and reading. He occasionally attends sporting events at the University of Florida.

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WHO WOULD HAVE THOUGHT!
By **HENRY HOOD**

Who would have thought the ABA, better known as the American Bridge Association, had its beginnings in 1932 when blacks were excluded from membership in the ACBL, which was then and still is, predominantly white. The ABA was actually created by the American Tennis Association, a group of black tennis players, who, you guessed it, were barred from the all white clubs of the 30's. After an afternoon of tennis, they were looking for something to do in the evenings and bridge seemed like the answer. It all came together a year or so later in 1933 in Buchroe Beach Virginia when they held their 1st National tournament, attended by a few dozen players.

But, let me digress a moment. It should be noted that the American Tennis Association was founded in 1916 to accommodate a number of black players anxious to compete but were excluded from the all white tennis clubs. Most of their matches were played at college campuses such as Lincoln University and Hampton University because they had adequate facilities. At one such match at Hampton in 1932, a number of tennis players who were also bridge enthusiasts, suggested having a duplicate bridge match as a form of relaxation.

This event, coupled with impetus from the Cromwell School of contract bridge in NYC, marked the beginning of the ABA. Dr. M.E. Dubisette became the first president and, as noted above, held their first national in 1933. Growth continued and in 1936 the ABA merged with Eastern Bridge League, a group of New York City bridge clubs. The ABA is broken up into eight sections, those being eastern, Great Lakes, mid-western, mid-Atlantic, north-western, southern, south-western and western.

As the ABA continued to grow, it was obvious that a site for a permanent home was necessary. In 1994 a building in Atlanta, Georgia was purchased and is now the national office and a museum for objects pertaining to the history of the ABA. In the summer of 1997, a group of 3,000 black from across the country gathered at the Chicago Hilton and towers for their 64th annual national.

But in the early days it was very difficult to travel to tournaments. Members carried a little note book identifying hospitable motels and fellow members of the ABA willing to host visitors. A member from Chicago, named Arnold Jones, said "if you wanted to drive and not have to go into the woods to go to the bathroom, you needed to know where to go."

Today, the ABA has 3,000+ members, not very substantial, compared to the 197,000+ members of the ACBL, but they are still very active. Over the last twenty years, membership is eroding and almost all the members of the ABA are also members of the ACBL.

(This article was based on a great deal of research by Henry. Thank you, Henry!)

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Did you know that as of Dec. 31, 2014, there were 2,003 Holes-in one hit on golf courses in The Villages; there were 885,000 rounds of golf played on The Villages' 12 championship courses, with another 1,975,000 played on executive golf courses?

MILESTONES: (This is on the website under the link “Milestone”.)

Junior Master: Lee Ann Ned, Warren Scheffer

Section Master: Brenda Davis, Michael Vales, Richard Ried

Regional Master: Bob Vicars, Mary Rowe

NABC Master: Janet Dunn, John Dunn, Patricia Holmes, Beverly Magnuson

Life Master: Dean Wilson, Emiel Domis, Philip Wolff, Judy Passerini

Bronze Life Master: Janet Matthews, Judy Braddy, Aline Sullivan

Silver Life Master: Lynne Fisher, Russ Pearly

70% GAMES: (This is also on the website under the link “Milestone”.)

1/26 Ed Schuster & Rich Seidman 70.35

1/26 Gladys Mikel & Jane Helm 70.19

1/27 Alex & Sandy Booke 70.83

2/20 Dave Hudson & Jane Helm 71.30

2/25 Evelyn Bennett & Mary VanSteelandt 71.76

THE VILLAGES MASTERPOINT TOP 20 LEADERS IN EACH STRATA THROUGH FEB. 2015

100+

Dave Hudson 49.59

Joe Sacco 41.71

Ed Schusler 38.94

Gladys Mikel 35.04

Jane Helm 34.78

Charles Showalter 34.69

Paul Hasset 29.09

Bruce Thiher 27.08

Anne Gust 25.14

Andy Sloan 23.92

Donald Baker 22.54

Ginny Crump 22.12

Lee Esworthy 22.09

Russ Pearly 21.84

Ken Rhodes 19.70

Jon Williams 19.39

Ruth Srulevitch 18.94

Bob Armstrong 18.70

Marilyn Williams 18.22

Buck Buchanan 17.75

300-999

John T. Quinn 32.71

Janet Matthews 25.34

Sandy Ainsworth 15.52

Patricia Holmes 15.09

George Murray 15.05

Henry Hood 14.25

Kathy McKay 12.53

David Michaelson 12.31

Ray Jones 12.26

Mary VanSteelandt 12.22

Dianne Slater 11.63

Deb Brunoehler 11.20

Bob LaBarge 11.13

Maureen Kieman 10.73

Mary Rowe 10.51

Karen Pekkanen 9.48

Chet Eicher 9.38

Michael Lotti 9.34

Barbara Newcomb 9.05

Mike Kieman 8.63

UNDER 300

Doreen Shok 17.03

Leon Zaczek 16.34

Danny Clark 16.05

Shelia Naylor 13.16

Dan Chapin 12.45

James Slater 11.63

Guy Carlson 11.63

Jo DiCorpo 11.62

Ted DiCorpo 11.62

Bob Martin 11.51

Dave Harris 10.80

Ron Cooper 10.35

Bob Matthews 9.32

Judi Gingery 9.16

Dave Winer 8.95

Gloria Bennett 8.72

Beverly Magnuson 8.68

Raymond Artura 8.56

Ethel Levine 8.22

Roberta Lee 8.22

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A Classic Eddie Kantar story (in the March issue of the Bridge Bulletin)

“A lady who loved voids had only 12 cards and called me over. I counted her cards, and sure enough, she had 12, including a spade void. I looked under the table, found the Ace of spades on the floor, and gave it to her. Now she says, “You’ve gone and ruined my entire hand!”

POINTS FROM ALL ACBL EVENTS THROUGH FEBRUARY 2015

Ed Schusler 87.93	Lee Esworthy 32.02	Virginia Crump 22.12
Charles Showalter 66.26	Leon Zaczek 31.94	Marvin Sherrill 21.58
Dave Hudson 63.87	Bruce Thiher 29.74	Rosann Sherrill 21.58
Andy Sloan 50.02	Russ Pearly 26.16	Sandy Baker 21.39
Addy Adler 47.14	David Stentz 26.11	Ruth Srulevitch 21.37
Joe Sacco 45.90	Sandra Gebhardt 25.90	Elliot Slavis 20.07
Gladys Mikel 42.40	Kay Jones 25.59	Sandra Ainsworth 20.03
Greg Saunders 41.80	Ronald Poitinger 25.47	Ken Rhodes 19.83
Neil Timm 41.52	Anne Gust 25.27	Beverly Parrish 19.56
Jane Helm 41.51	Patricia Holmes 24.95	Bob Armstrong 19.52
Paul Matheson 40.02	Jon Williams 24.86	Lucy Tillman 18.90
John Quinn 36.12	Dean Robinson 23.21	Edward Buchanan 18.56
Janet Matthews 35.15	Doreen Skok 22.86	Marilyn Williams 18.22
Nancy Speedy 35.15	Donald Baker 22.67	Louise Hodgins 18.18
Kathy McKay 35.12	Rich Seidman 22.65	Laura Testroet 17.94
Paul Hassett 34.44	Howard Christ 22.57	Al Ballard 17.28
Colleen Treanor 33.23	David Morse 22.41	Judy Braddy 17.09

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HIGHEST MASTER POINTS OF MEMBERS WHO HAVE PLAYED AT LEAST 40 TIMES IN THE VILLAGES SINCE

1/1/2014

Dean Robinson 6507.92	Neil Timm 2685.15	Claudette Fraime 1813.91
Joe Sacco 6324.25	Dee Parson 2630.05	Lucy Tillman 1779.50
Ken Rhodes 5600.59	Gladys Mikel 2624.16	Paul Matheson 1756.96
Sandra Gebhardt 5583.37	Peggy Shivetts 2603.92	Sandy Boone 1710.09
Lee Esworthy 5381.90	Bill Ziemann 2491.36	Alex Boone 1705.10
Ginny Crump 4870.37	Colleen Treanor 2350.69	Shirley Agness 1669.23
Dave Hudson 4844.50	Nancy Deal 2294.17	Shelia Goad 1584.81
Jack Smith 4697.26	Roxana Perkins 2280.77	Joyce Silar 1578.53
Bruce Thiher 4106.66	Charles Showalter 2262.18	David Morse 1561.28
Christine Adams 3431.40	Bev Yankee 2060.50	Jon Williams 1560.53
Ian Harvey 3427.97	Andy Sloan 2052.87	Babs Fischer 1548.75
Marilyn O'Donnell 3298.92	Arlene McIntosh 2049.48	Ruth Srulevitch 1501.95
Anne Gust 3217.15	Bess Bailey 2047.69	Karen Oberting 1491.61
Donald Baker 3107.04	Kay Esworthy 2019.26	Bill Garner 1449.19
Millie Vibbard 2947.09	David Stentz 2010.97	John Lahoud 1440.34
Ed Schusler 2850.54	Jane Helm 1989.12	Jack Gleckner 1438.75
Ivan Lee 2810.24	Ron Poitinger 1848.25	Marilyn Williams 1431.05
Phyllis Carlson 2716.02	Jack Fisher 1839.88	Rich Seidman 1423.19
		Clare Kromar 1416.29

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TOURNAMENT RESULTS

MARGRET SECTIONAL PINELLAS PARK JAN. 30-FEB. 1

Leon Zaczek 1.60 Bruce Thiher 1.60
(con't on next page)

SUN CITY SECTIONAL FEB. 6-8

John Dunn 2.26 Janet Dunn 2.29

MANATEE REGIONAL PALMETTO, FL FEB. 16-22

Judy Ventura 8.79	Kathy McKay 7.60	Carol Payette 4.68	Jay Greenstone 4.12
Barbara Edelson 4.12	Margaret Sarno 3.34	Goentje Wright 3.34	Sharon Amberg 2.50
Emiel Domis 2.50	Paul Matheson 2.16	Greg Saunders 2.16	Ted DiCorpo 1.94
Jo DeCorpo 1.94	Robert Ellis 1.63	David Haskell 1.51	Patricia Holmes 1.20
Michael Peleck 1.20	John Dunn 1.17	Janet Dunn 1.17	Lucy Rilolman 1.04
Elaine Lacroix 1.04	Gail Hudon .80		

NEW ORLEANS SPRING NABC MARCH 12-22

The final results will not be on the website until after this Club News edition is printed. The results will be part of the June edition of the Club News.

Paul Matherson did send me an update: He and Charlie Showalter played in an open pairs game of 90 tables, including many of the pros. They finished 5th overall and first in B. They received almost 12 points for that one. They ended up with just under 30 master points of various colors including Paul's first Platinum point in the National Imp Pairs competition.

We will report on Bruce Thiher, Leon Zaczek, and Carol Pickelsimer who also attended the NABC in the next Club News edition.

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The Club News Reporters are: David Haskell, Henry Hood, Mary Ann Kelly, Pat Ford, Leon Zaczek. Please pass on any news items to them.

Editor: Pat Poitinger

The editor usually does not include flyers in the Club News. This time, however, there is ample space available, so the flyer for the 2016 Western Caribbean Bridge Cruise, recommended by Jon Williams, is on the back page of this Club News edition. Jon and Marilyn are signing up for this cruise.

We wish a very blessed Easter Season and a blessed Pesach (Passover) to all!

LAUGHING IS GOOD FOR THE HEART! ENJOY!

My first job was working in an Orange Juice factory, but I got canned. Couldn't concentrate.
Then I worked in the woods as a Lumberjack, but just couldn't hack it, so they gave me the axe.
After that, I tried being a Tailor, but wasn't suited for it—mainly because it was a sew-sew job.
Then, tried being a Chef—figured it would add a little spice to my life, but just didn't have the thyme.
Next, I attempted being a Deli Worker, but any way I sliced it—couldn't cut the mustard.
My best job was a Musician, but eventually found I wasn't noteworthy.
I studied a long time to become a Doctor, but didn't have any patience.
I became a Professional Fisherman, but discovered I couldn't live on my net income.
Managed to get a good job working for a Pool Maintenance Company, but the work was just too draining.
So, I tried **RETIREMENT** and found I'm perfect for the job!



Shannon is a Southern belle, born in Virginia, raised in the South, and now living in Delray Beach, Florida. She is a Grand Life Master with over 15,000 masterpoints. She has won 4 National Championships and has two 3rd place finishes in the World Championships. As well as playing professionally, she is the Executive Business Manager for Unit 128, which keeps her busy running six regionals every year in Florida. She has been an accredited bridge teacher since 1995 and a well-respected lecturer.

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DAY	DATE	PORT	ARRIVE	DEPART
Sun	February 28	Tampa	xxx	4:00 PM
Mon	February 29	Key West	1:00 PM	6:00 PM
Tue	March 1	Day at Sea	xxx	xxx
Wed	March 2	Banana Coast	8:00 AM	5:00 PM
Thur	March 3	Santo Tomas	7:00 AM	5:00 PM
Fri	March 4	Costa Maya	8:00 AM	3:00 PM
Sat	March 5	Day at Sea	xxx	xxx
Sun	March 6	Tampa	7:00 AM	xxx

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BA	Balcony	225 sq ft	63 sq ft	\$2,425	\$4,150
C	Outside	197 sq ft	none	\$1,800	\$2,475
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L	Inside	182 sq ft	none	\$1,550	\$2,075

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