



CLUB NEWS

FOR THE DUPLICATE PLAYERS OF THE VILLAGES

DECEMBER, 2015

NEWS CLIPS:

Betty Johnson, our 21-year Director, will retire at the end of December. There will be a party in her honor at the Wednesday afternoon open game on December 30. Many thanks for your service to our Club, Betty.

Millie Vibbard and her son took a cruise, and unfortunately they came home sick. Millie has spent days in the hospital with pneumonia.

We were all saddened to hear of the passing of **Claire Currie**. **Claire** has played duplicate bridge at our games for years, especially at Mulberry.

Mike Moccella was named Recreation Volunteer of the Week at the Captiva Recreation Center. Mike is the founder of East-West Dharma Club. Mike started going to yoga retreats 15 years ago, and he quickly realized that there were non-physical benefits from the teachings. When he moved to The Villages 2 ½ years ago, he thought that others may benefit from Eastern philosophy, notably Buddhism, and he started this Club. He is a facilitator in the discussion group, and the Club shares many opinions. Everyone is invited to join and share their thoughts and beliefs. The Club meets at 9:30 a.m. on the second and fourth Fridays.

Fred Feigley died peacefully in his sleep on October 17. Fred was a Gold Life Master. He and his wife, Karen, had recently moved to The Villages. Fred played at some of our games.

The Daily Sun wrote an excellent article about **Sandra Gebhardt** and how bridge is a fun way to bring people together and keep them playing. She listened to her grandmother who said to her, "If you're going to do something, do it well, or don't bother." Sandra is a Diamond Life Master, and she also enjoys the many activities The Villages offer.

The **Annual Christmas Party** is scheduled for Monday, December 14, at 4:45 at Laurel Manor. Sign-ups started November 20. The limit is 26 tables. Many thanks to **Pat Ford** for organizing it.

NEWS CLIPS:

The **Annual 299er Christmas Party** is scheduled for Monday, December 7, at noon at Laurel Manor. Players should bring their favorite dishes to share with others. The room will be available for set-up at 11:45.

Maria Guenther has retired from being chairperson for the 399ers. **BJ Chiota** is now the 399er partnership chairperson. Her phone number is listed on the home page of our website.

George Murray asked for donations for Operation ShoeBox at the Lake Miona Nov. 17 game. \$1,186 was donated. **Ed Schusler** donated \$400, and **George Murray and Annette Stein** made contributions of \$250 each.

Please review the "seating policy" for our in-season games. Players with reserved seats need to be at the game ½ hour before game time. Others need to be in their seats 15 minutes before game time. Residents will have priority over guests.

The **Duplicate Bridge Club of the Villages** was featured on page 39 of the Sunshine Bridge News, November/December issue. The article covered the 299er Sectional Tournament. Great job!

Gisela Knock and Bonnie Barna went on a bridge cruise with their bridge buddies. Gisela won overall in all of the bridge games.

Congratulations to **Dave Hudson** for becoming a **Diamond Life Master**! Congratulations to **Marilyn Graham** for attaining **Bronze Life Master** rank!

Please read the home page of the website for all of the teaching programs being offered. The programs have been well attended, and the Club thanks those who have presented the classes and also those who have attended the classes. There are upcoming lessons, so please read about them and sign-up if you're interested.

Please read the bios of the candidates for the Board of Directors. The bios are on the website. Voting begins with secret ballots December 1.

DIRECTOR'S CORNER

BY

PAUL MATHESON

There still seems to be some confusion concerning whether a 1 club opening is alertable. It is not alertable if the only time a partner can open 1 club with as few as 2 clubs is when the distribution is exactly 4 spades, 4 hearts, 3 diamonds and 2 clubs **AND** it is not forcing. It is not enough to say that your agreement is that it is non-forcing if in practice and previous experience partner has often responded regardless of their point count. If previous experience has shown partner to respond with less than normal points (5+ hcp) there is an implied understanding that partner is expected to respond and it should be alerted as such. An alert and explanation should be made if the partnership is playing systems such as the Montreal Relay or Kenny Method where partner is expected to respond.

Other uncommon Bridge Laws:

Table 13 has started the auction and after a series of bids E/W notice that they are bidding on a board they previously had played. Apparently they did not realize that a skip had been called for the round. What action should the Director take?

Law 15 states that the auction should be canceled and the correct pair seated. The auction again starts but this time the players who participated in the first auction must repeat the same calls they had in the previous auction. If any of the calls differ in any way the board will be canceled. If there is no change in the calls the board is played normally. The Director may assess a procedural penalty and an adjusted score if warranted.

East made an overcall of 2 spades which was insufficient. The Director was called and advised the South player he could either accept or not accept the insufficient bid. If he accepts the insufficient bid the auction would continue but if he did not accept the insufficient bid East would have to make it sufficient. East can make any bid he wants, including Pass, but if he bids anything other than 3 spades his partner will be barred from the auction. South did not accept the 2 spade bid. East and South both Passed and the auction ended with South the declarer. Are there any lead restrictions?

Law 26 is the operative rule in this matter. There are several conditions: 1. If East had previously bid spades or did so later in the auction there would be no lead restrictions. In this example East did neither of these things therefore the first time West gets the lead, including the opening lead, the declarer can 1. Require West to lead the suit bid by the offender or 2. Prohibit West from leading the suit. This prohibition continues for as long as West holds the lead.

East plays the ace of clubs out of turn and at the same time the ace of spades fell out of his hand. Since the play was out of turn that card is a penalty card and since the card that accidentally fell out of his hand is an honor that card is also a penalty card. What rule applies?

Law 51 discusses what happens when a player has 2 or more penalty cards. When it is offender's partner turn to lead and 1. All the penalty cards are in the same suit and declarer requires the defender to lead the suit all the cards are returned to the offender's hand and he may make any legal play; 2. All the cards are in the same suit and declarer prohibits the lead of the suit the cards return to the offenders hand and he can make any legal play; 3. The penalty cards are in different suits the declarer can require offender's partner to lead one of the suits in which case the offender puts the cards in that suit in his hand and he can make any proper lead; 4. The penalty cards are in different suits the declarer may prohibit the offender's partner from leading one or both of the suits. The cards in the suits prohibited by the declarer are then returned to the offender's hand.

PRESIDENT’S REPORT

By

CHARLIE SHOWALTER

The Villages has been tentatively awarded a Regional Tournament for 2017. The dates are expected to be Feb. 27—March 5, 2017. The tournament would be held at the Savannah Center. This is not final, as the Unit is negotiating with various vendors locally to see if they can expect the tournament to be financially viable. We do not know when a final decision will be made, but are hopeful that they will be successful. Personally, I think such a tournament will be very successful, and will accord our members a chance to stay at home and play in a Regional, with the concurrent opportunity to win red and gold points that many need for rank advancement.

The election procedures are covered in another article, but I want to encourage everyone to vote. This year, all will have a better opportunity to do so under our revised election procedures, and the Board looks forward to having lots of ballots to count!

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NEW VOTING PROCEDURES FOR BRIDGE CLUB’S BOARD OF DIRECTORS

BY

DAVID HASKELL

There are new procedures this year for election of members to the Duplicate Bridge Club’s Board of Directors. The procedures were approved by the membership at the Annual Meeting in January 2015, and can be found on the Club’s website (thevillagesdbc.com) by clicking on “Board Information” and then on “By-Laws”.

Under the old election procedure, the Board proposed a slate of candidates prior to the Annual Meeting of the membership. In addition to these candidates, any year-round Club member residing in The Villages could be nominated immediately prior to the vote. Now all such nominations must be made by November 15, and this year that date passed without any additional nominations. Accordingly, the candidates for this year’s election of two new Board members will be the slate proposed by the Board: Kathy Berman, Reene Gleckner, Jeff Koltenuk, Bob Matthews, and Eugene Rodriguez. Information about the candidates is provided on the Club’s website. (There is also a place on the ballot for write-in votes.) Club members may vote for two candidates, and the two candidates receiving the most votes will serve for three-year terms.

The outgoing Board members whose service is nearing completion are Ron Colbert and Pat Holmes. The Board has a total of six elected members, and also a voting club manager. The continuing Board members are Charles Showalter (President), Alex Booke, Janet Dunn, and Jane Hudson. Pat Ford is the Club Manager.

Voting takes place by secret ballot over a two-week period starting December 1. Ballots and envelopes will be provided at all games during the voting period. All Club members are eligible to vote. “Members” are defined as all duplicate bridge players who own or rent in The Villages (even if their official residence is elsewhere) who have played in at least one game in 2015. Members can pick up a ballot and return envelope starting December 1 at any Club game. Ballots are returned in the supplied envelope to any game director or Club officer prior to the end of the voting period. Completed ballots must be in the sealed return envelope with the member’s ACBL number on the envelope. Those Club members who do not belong to the ACBL may use their Club numbers, available from game directors.

At the end of the voting period, December 15, the Board of Directors will schedule a meeting to review the sealed envelopes and determine if there are any duplicate or mis-identified envelopes. All envelopes that appear to be properly identified are then emptied into a container to ensure secrecy. The votes are then counted by the Board of Directors, and the results announced by the President.

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Henry Hood, on behalf of all Club members, would like to take this opportunity to announce the marriage of Jane Helm and David Hudson on October 24 at the New Covenant United Methodist Church. The wedding was attended by members of the immediate family. They are setting up home in The Village of Mission Hills. Summers will be spent in Chicago with the remainder of the year here in The Villages. They have many plans for traveling. Congratualtions to both of you and we wish you many years of happiness together.

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Bridge Bulletin, November issue, included an article written by the ACBL CEO, Robert Hartman, concerning cheating, especially in the European Union at high-level tournament bridge. The reports of cheating are disturbing, and the ACBL has appointed an ad hoc committee of bridge players, including experts, which will explore ways to reduce cheating at all bridge levels and all countries. **Larry Cohen** has been appointed as a member of the ad hoc committee.

Speaking of **Larry Cohen**, something funny happened to **Ron and Pat Poitinger** a few days ago. **Larry Cohen** was on a Mediterranean bridge cruise on Tuesday, Nov. 10. He was watching Fox News International at 8:00 EST. The program was "The Factor" by Bill O'Reilly. O'Reilly read an email question from a viewer here at The Villages that chastised Bill for being too harsh on George Will for writing a review in the Washington Post that was critical of O'Reilly's #1 selling book "Killing Reagan". The Villager's email suggested that Bill write a rebuttal to the newspaper sighting the true facts of his book.

O'Reilly stated on the air: "It is ironic, Ron, that you suggsted the rebuttal! Why? Because I did try twice to have the Post publish a rebuttal. They refused both times!"

Larry Cohen recognized the name of the email writer whom has become a friend through their past cruises with Larry and also correspondence.

So, over the airways he sent an email to the name on the TV screen....."Ron, that was obviously you on "The Factor", right? Pat saw the email first, and replied "Yep, the writer is my husband **Ron Poitinger!** Pat also added: "We wish we were on the cruise with you and Maria!"

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Larry Cohen published 21 Ruies of Being a Good Partner, written by Marty Bergen, on his website. The editor will include a few in each publication.

1. Do not give lessons, unless you are being paid to do so. "According to an evening paper, there are only five real authorities on bridge in this country. Odd how often one gets one of them as a partner."
2. Never say anything to your partner unless you would want him to say the same to you. If you are unsure whether your partner would want you to say something, don't.

MOST MASTER POINTS EARNED IN 2015 AT ALL ACBL EVENTS

Charlie Showalter 291.99	Joe Sacco 247.39	Gladys Mikel 220.81
Ed Schusler 197.04	Sandra Gebhardt 194.05	Paul Hassett 170.34
Russ Pearly 169.73	Paul Matheson 168.38	Dave Hudson 157.62
Jon Williams 154.50	Patricia Holmes 151.56	Colleen Treanor 143.30
Jane Hudson 141.16	Janet Matthews 140.06	Greg Saunders 139.79
Christine Adams 137.17	Ron Poitingier 133.77	Neil Timm 125.55
Ginny Crump 121.21	Leon Zaczek 118.97	Alex Booke 111.53
Andy Sloan 110.31	Buck Buchanan 109.48	Beverly Parrish 109.14
Marilyn Williams 108.30	Sandy Booke 107.96	George Murray 106.01
John T. Quinn 104.76	Dave Stentz 103.90	Lucy Tillman 102.64
Anne Gust 101.85	Donald Baker 99.42	Rich Seidman 95.34
Kay Jones 90.10	Bob Armstrong 88.49	Barbara Newcomb 84.66
Karen Pickelsimer 84.62	Bruce Thiher 84.57	Ken Rhodes 84.42
Barbara Israel 80.80	Bob LaBarge 80.29	David Haskell 79.09
David Michaelson 78.31	Mary VanSteelandt 75.71	Mary Rowe 75.24
Beverly Magnuson 74.99	Jack Smith 74.46	Bev Yankee 74.40
Sandy Ainsworth 73.86	Ruth Srulevitch 72.42	Gloria Bennett 70.72

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MOST MASTERPOINTS EARNED IN THE VILLAGES GAMES THROUGH OCTOBER 2015 (top 20)**1000+**

Joe Sacco 235.82
Charlie Showalter 194.16
Gladys Mikel 186.67
Dave Hudson 143.24
Paul Hassett 141.94
Jon Williams 120.94
Ginny Crump 111.74
Russ Pearly 109.69
Jane Hudson 107.92
Buck Buchanan 99.70
Marilyn Williams 96.82
Anne Gust 91.06
Beverly Parrish 89.34
Ed Schusler 86.01
Bruce Thiher 81.89
Ken Rhodes 81.19
Colleen Treanor 80.83
Paul Matheson 79.42
Donald Baker 77.42

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Patricia Holmes 101.72
Janet Matthews 101.05
George Murray 90.58
David Michaelson 72.68
John T. Quinn 69.42
Mary VanSteelandt 66.64
Mary Rowe 66.10
Leon Zaczek 59.23
Bob LaBarge 56.61
Carol Alspach 54.01
Beverly Magnuson 52.16
Jane Dulieu 50.82
Sandy Ainsworth 50.15
Karen Pekkanen 48.55
Michael Mocella 48.55
Michael Lotti 47.10
Barbara Hamilton 41.23
Roberta Meyers 41.16
Marty Rothbard 38.54

UNDER 300

Nicholas Pund 44.08
Bob Martin 42.53
Bill Lau 41.18
Marilyn Hubbard 40.41
Marguerite Hassett 40.27
Evelyn Bennett 40.02
Brenda Davis 39.44
John Kuyper 38.92
Margaret Sarno 35.53
Janet Gawenda 34.77
Raymond Artura 34.54
Kathy Brick 34.41
Guy Carlson 34.05
Judy Flickinger 33.43
Glenn Ryburn 33.27
Nancy Speedy 32.73
Bettyjane Chiota 32.33
Gwen Wright 31.95
Dale Angione 31.92

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MILESTONES: There have been additions to the Milestone link on the website. The February issue of the Club News will include a list of all the life master achievements starting with Junior Master for 2015, and it will also include all of the 70% games posted for the year 2015.

A BIG WELCOME IS EXTENDED TO ALL OF OUR NEW MEMBERS SINCE AUGUST 2015

Roy Antetomaso	Prudence Artello	Mary Anne Cicchillo	Richard Cicchillo	Jack Crandall
Sully Dade	Bill Drinkwater	Kathy Drinkwater	David Kelley	Coleen Keoski
Connie Miller	Jess Miller	Judy Moulton	Lou Navin	Sharon Navin
Charlie Olver	Deborah Olver	Sue Pavey	Louise Rahmlow	Arlene Richman
Allen Roth	Barbara Schott	Les Schott	Jeanette Shannon	Dick Stone

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TOURNAMENT RESULTS

THE VILLAGES 299ER SECTIONAL SEPT. 25—27 (There were 89 players rewarded with points. The top 20 are listed.)

Dave Harris 11.49	Eileen Rush 9.77	Bill Lau 8.14	Nicholas Pund 7.65
John Kuyper 7.65	Myron Henry 7.09	Elaine Birgin 7.09	Shelia Naylor 6.64
Gary Segal 6.18	Marilyn Hubbard 5.38	Georgiann Ackley 5.00	Michael Hendershot 4.96
Brenda Davis 4.62	Joyce Jackson 4.44	George Guarino 4.10	Bob Martin 4.10
Bettyjane Chiota 3.99	Brenda Pollack 3.95	Mike Peleck 3.80	Margaret Sarno 3.72

NAPLES SW FLORIDA REGIONAL SEPT. 28—OCT. 4

Elaine Lacroix 12.29	David Stentz 6.36	Caroline Davies 6.36
Linda Eicher .79	Diane Mocella .79	

NEPA FALL SECTIONAL, KINGSTON, PA OCT. 2—4

Sandra Gebhardt 21.79

INVERNESS SECTIONAL OCT. 8—10 (Many Villages earned points. Only the top 20 are listed.)

Russ Pearly 21.94	Gladys Mikel 15.00	Sandra Gebhardt 12.65	Kay Jones 12.65
Paulo Hassett 12.54	Lucy Tillman 10.68	Jane Hudson 10.31	Dave Hudson 10.31
Connie Lowry 10.08	Joe Sacco 9.40	Jon Williams 8.84	Jeff Koltenuk 7.90
Ron Poitingier 7.31	Pat Poitingier 7.31	Greg Saunders 5.78	Barbara Israel 5.18

NAP DISTRICT 9 FINAL SPECIAL SECTIONAL ST. PETERSBURG PINELLAS PARK OCT. 23—25

Paul Matheson 3.08	Janet Matthews 3.08	David Stentz 3.08	Charles Showalter 3.08
Kathy McKay 2.66	Ted Dicorpo .52	Jo Dicorpo .50	John Dunn .52
Janet Dunn .52			

DAYTONA BEACH REGIONAL NOV. 2—8 (Only the top thirty are listed.)

David Stentz 23.43	Caroline Davies 23.43	Jon Williams 17.65	Jeff Koltenuk 17.65
Kathy McKay 16.69	Andy Sloan 15.42	Rich Seidman 14.79	Sharon Amberg 12.62
Emiel Domis 12.62	Lucy Tillman 12.15	Greg Saunders 10.52	Russ Pearly 8.77
Paul Hassett 8.77	Mary Rowe 8.40	George Murray 8.40	Nicholas Pund 7.79
John Kuyper 7.79	Patricia Holmes 7.62	Neil Timm 7.59	Beverly Magnuson 7.54
Michael Peleck 7.05	Janet Gawenda 6.97	Jane Dulieu 6.71	Margaret Sarno 6.30
Goentje Wright 6.30	Carol Payette 6.17	Ralph Williams 6.12	Jacqueline Williams 6.12
Jane Hudson 5.15	David Hudson 5.15		

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FT. MYERS, FL SECTIONAL NOV. 13—15

Ann Kuhlmeier 1.67

CAMELLIA CLASSIC HILTON HEAD ISLAND NOV. 12—15

Jane Hudson 10.79 David Hudson 10.79

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The Bald Eagle is the symbol of our nation officially adopted as the emblem of the United States in 1787. In 1961, President John F. Kennedy wrote to Charles Callison of the National Audubon Society: “The founding fathers made an appropriate choice when they selected the bald eagle as the emblem of the nation. The fierce beauty and proud independence of this great bird aptly symbolizes the strength and freedom of America.” (Picture was submitted by **Mary Ann Kelly**. The eagles were spotted in The Villages. The history was submitted by **Pat Poitinger**.) Let us all do everything we can to help keep America great and safe.

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The reporters are: David Haskell, Pat Ford, Mary Ann Kelly, Henry Hood, and Leon Zaczek. The editor is Pat Poitinger.

A BLESSED AND MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A BLESSED HANUKKAH IS EXTENDED TO ALL!

A HAPPY AND HEALTHY NEW YEAR IS EXTENDED TO ALL!

A BIG THANKS TO THE DIRECTORS, THE BOARD MEMBERS, AND ALL THE PLAYERS FOR A VERY SUCCESSFUL AND FUN 2015!