

CLUB NEWS

FOR THE DUPLICATE PLAYERS OF THE VILLAGES

JUNE, 2015

NEWS CLIPS:

Marvin Wells announced at one of the bridge games that his band will be playing in The Patriotic Concert on July 3rd at 3 pm and again at 7 pm at the Savannah Center. Tickets are \$15, with all the proceeds going to The Fisher House in Tampa for the disabled soldiers returning from Afghanistan. Tickets are on sale at the entertainment offices.

Babs Fischer relayed this information to the editor. **Sandra Mueller** left her Kindle on the window cell at one of the games and when she returned it was gone. **Babs** announced the loss but there was no response. Then, a woman that wasn't even playing that day, came in and gave **Sandy** one she had at home. Talk about thoughtfulness and generosity—our Village people are the greatest. The woman that gave her one is **Diane Wheeler**.

We are happy to see that **Charlie Showalter** is recuperating from his rotator cuff surgery, and also that **Don Baker** is recovering nicely from his throat surgery.

Joanie and Ron Colbert, along with **Gladys Mikel and Joe Sacco** went on a Western Caribbean Cruise on the Princess. **Ron**, who is a certified scuba diver, really enjoyed scuba diving in Cozumel, seeing many different fish and coral reefs. They also found many bridge players!

June Francis, who played in our bridge club for years, died on May 12. She will be missed by many.

Clare DesJarlais reported that **Kersten Larson** has been experiencing failing health. She will be relocating June 1 to Orlando Lutheran Towers, Assisted living Building, 300 Church Street, Orlando, FL 32801. We are sure she would appreciate receiving cards from many of us. **Kersten** always had a smile for everyone!

Our Bridge Club is now rated 8th in the nation in 2014! Amazing! Congratulations to all!

NEWS CLIPS: (CON'T)

Buck Buchanan has recommended a website which is extremely good. It is www.bridgeclues.com. We think everyone will learn something new and will help all of us become better bridge players.

The **June Sectional** is scheduled for June 5, 6, and 7 at La Hacienda Recreation Center. There are flyers at many of the venues. Many kudos go to all the people who have made this possible. Friday and Saturday, June 5 & 6 Stratified Open Pairs at 10 am and 3 pm; 299er Pairs (0-300) 10 am and 3 pm. Sunday, June 7 is Stratified Swiss Team starting at 10 am. Stratification for Swiss Team: A (2000+); B (750-2000); C (0-750). Swiss Team Stratification is based on team average. Lunch is provided on Sunday. Tournament Chair is **Alex Boone** and Partnership Chair is **Joanie Colbert**. Good luck to all!

Lynne and Jack Fisher enjoyed a 3-week vacation, land and cruise, to Hawaii.

Susan Schrand met and played with **Mary Lynch** on one of her bridge cruises. Mary is the author of Free Range Bridge Not For Chickens, and now she has published her second book You Need To Be Mental To Play Bridge. The cost is \$14 including postage. It can be purchased on Pay Pal or MC or Visa on www.bridgebookforwomen.com.au or by email at mary@bridgebookforwomen.com.au for an invoice.

Barbara Edelson and Jay Greenstone journeyed to Cuba with Smart Tours. They have taken many trips with Smart Tours.

Pat Moore, a frequent player at our Club until the last few years, died on May 2nd at Lakeview Terrace in Altoona, FL, surrounded by family members. A celebration of Life service was held at North Lake Presbyterian Church in Lady Lake on May 22nd. We all remember her vibrant personality and smiles for everyone!

HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE FOR THE SECTIONAL

Claudette Fraime has been the Hospitality Chair for our sectionals since the beginning. This year, **Claudette** and **Charlie** will be on a trip to Paris at the time of our Sectional. They are going to Paris with their son and granddaughter. Their granddaughter is part of the Venture Program for gifted students. She graduated from high school this year as a 16-year old, and will be entering college next year at West Georgia University, which is part of the Venture Program.

Claudette has again, competently, organized the food for our sectional. **Linda Eicher** is in charge of the food on Friday, **Sandy Gebhardt** on Saturday, and **Sally Jepsen** on Sunday. Sign-up sheets for bringing food have been at all of the venues. The Hospitality Committee encourages everyone to bring something even if you haven't signed up. Veggies and fruit are great items to bring.

BILL ZIEMANN'S GOLD LIFE MASTER STATUS

It's been a great couple of months for **Bill**. He celebrated his 87th birthday with bridge partners at a party at Oakwood Grill on May 1st arranged by **Laura Lee Testroet**. Then, on May 14, while playing bridge with **Babs Fischer** at the Mulberry game, he earned the one point he needed to become a Gold Life Master! They had a 62.50% game. On Tuesday, May 19, recognition for his Gold Life Master status was held at the Lake Miona game with cake. Congratulations, Bill!

EDUCATION

Neil Timm's Hand Evaluation Class (per Marty Bergen) started April 23 and the second lesson was held on May 21 for students already enrolled in the first class. His class notes are posted on the website under the Education Link. Much can be learned from his class notes if you did not take the course.

Jon William's classes on Opening Leads was scheduled for May 7 and May 14. Forty students took the course.

Bob Matthews, our Education Coordinator, will keep us informed of further offerings.

REUNION GAME FOR PAST 399ERS

Starting June 3rd and continuing the 1st Wednesday of every month in lieu of the current 299er game at Lake Miona, there will be a special **Reunion 500 Master Point game**. It will start at 12:30. Many of our 399ers have moved on, some because they became Life Masters and some because they are just over 399 points. They have left many friends and partners behind, so we will be having this **Reunion** game so they have an opportunity to come back and play. Players can play in this game even if they are Life Masters, but they can't have over 500 points to be eligible.

2015 ROUND ROBIN RESULTS

The results of the first annual Village Round Robin Tournament are in. A total of 21 teams in four different flights participated in the event. Click on the message on the Home Page of our website to see the results.

NEW RESIDENT MEMBERS SINCE THE LAST EDITION OF THE CLUB NEWS

Vera Bagley	Christine Bordenave	Joan Butterfield	Barb Fabeck
Bill Fabeck	Kathy Feikle	Dan Harrison	Ron Hutchinson
Sylvia Keyes	Peter Lilly	Mike Mitrowski	Eileen Rush
Gary Segal			

A few classic punographies:

I stayed up all night to see where the sun went. Then it dawned on me.
I'm reading a book about anti-gravity. I can't put it down.
I got a job at a bakery because I kneaded dough.

“No Play” or “Late Play”

A director has many roles to fill at each game. Before the game starts they are responsible for arranging the room for play such as putting out the bid boxes, table mats, pencils, convention cards, setting up the computer, etc.

At game time they determine the type of movement to be used, collect and account for the entry fees, and enter the players names in the computer system.

At the end of the game the director must tabulate the results and make them available to the players, post the results on the web site, send a file with the results to the head director, store all excess equipment and material, and make sure the room is secure.

Of course a major part of a director's job is to ensure that the game runs in an efficient and orderly manner, that the laws are correctly and impartially enforced, and the playing environment is such that our members will have a pleasant and enjoyable experience.

Part of the task of creating an enjoyable environment is to make sure the game runs in a timely manner. The ACBL offers several guidelines. “Bridge is a timed event.”* ACBL guidelines are that 15 minutes per board be allocated per round. “The director has an obligation to players not to allow one or two persons to make the game unpleasant for the majority,”*

The directors have to balance the rights of players to be given time to think during their auction and play against the rights of others who must wait for slow players to finish. Not only is it irksome to be waiting to get to the next board but the waiting parties are then losing time to play their next round. It should also be noted that slow play by one table impacts not only players at that table and the ones waiting to move to the table but also to the players at the next table who are waiting for the players to come to their table.

The guidelines suggest offenders should be warned when there is a late play and given one round to get back on schedule. If they do not get back on schedule either a late play or no play should be assigned. Directors have a discretionary option of assessing a penalty for persistent slow play.

Our directors generally adhere to the ACBL time guidelines but we also understand that some times we need extra time to play and bid particular hands and we take that into consideration when dealing with slow play. Our policy is quite well understood and fair. When a table has not started play on a board and the allotted time has expired and all the other players in the game are finished the director should advise the players not to play the hand. If the bidding has completed but play has not started the players should be advised not to play the hand.

The question of whether the board is to be a “late play” or “No play” has to be then determined. The question is purely up to the discretion of the director. Generally however there is not enough time at the end of a session for a “late play” so it is normally deemed to be a “no play”. It is a question of available time for the room. In our games that start at 1:00 PM we have to vacate the room by 4:20 PM. In our 6:30 PM games we have to be out by 9:50 PM. It should be remembered that a director's job is not done when the final results are posted. After posting the results for the players they must print out summary sheets; post the results on the web; make a copy of the file to be sent to the head director so it can be sent to the ACBL; make sure all the supplies and equipment (pencils, conventions cards, electronic scoring pads, table mats etc) have been stored; and the computer shut down and secured. All these tasks have to be completed before the room is considered vacated.

As noted in my article in June 2014 a “no play” has no affect on the pair’s overall result. If the pair has a 60% game with a no play it's final result will be 60%. The pair’s final result is based purely on the number of boards it did play.

As players we appreciate the fact that we want to play all of the boards at every game but sometimes a director has to determine that it is not in the best interest of the others in the field.

*ACBL Club Directors Handbook
Submitted by **Paul Matheson**

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.

(This was in a prior Club News, but some players wanted it to be repeated.)

ANOTHER EXAMPLE OF THE GREATNESS OF OUR VILLAGE PLAYERS: BY HENRY HOOD

Let me tell you about one of my occasional partners and some of the things he does at the bridge table and away from the bridge table. First of all, he plays with his wife! Wow, I don't think I could. (I mean playing bridge with my wife!) As a matter of fact, I am sure I could not. But, I am also sure that I would be delighted to have his wife as my partner. I only get to play with him every other Thursday, but I wish it could be more often. After each session, he takes the time to e-mail me about certain hands of interest taking much time to educate me as to how the hand should have been played or how we managed to get fixed like the neighborhood cat and very little could be done to avoid it. In the middle of one of our games, he asked me if I was playing bridge or poker. I assume making reference to some of my bids. But, he always does this with a smile and a genuine effort to help me to become a better player and partner.

The following was shared with me by Alex Booke. The incident happened during the very first board of a recent game. Alex was playing with his wife Sandy against Mr. Lee Esworthy and wife Kay. The very first board was hotly contested ending up with Team Alex playing five hearts doubled. When the dust cleared, the Booke team was down two for a score of minus 300!

They proceeded to play the next two boards without incident, and upon completion were sitting around chatting, waiting for the next round to be called. Lee asked his wife to see her first hand and discovered that Kay had revoked on the second trick. The hand was long over and scored and accepted by all and by rule Lee was not obliged to say anything, but he insisted the Director be summoned. Paul came over and all the details were explained, resulting in a reverse in fortune for Alex and Sandy, going from minus 300 to a plus of 650!

His honesty should be a shining example to all. Kay commented "That's my Lee!" with a show of pride. He had counted the hand and determined that Kay could not have a singleton diamond and therefore the results. Alex and Sandy were so touched that they asked me to share with all.

Mr. Lee Esworthy is quite a guy! I will miss our every other Thursday games as he has headed north!

YEAR TO DATE POINTS FROM ALL ACBL EVENTS

Ed Schusler 166.77	Charles Showalter 156.53	Paul Matheson 112.46	Colleen Treanor 105.33
Dave Hudson 98.61	Russ Pearly 94.16	Joe Sacco 92.57	Barbara Newcomb 84.66
Karen Pickelsimer 83.60	Gladys Mikel 81.71	Neil Timm 79.63	David Haskell 75.28
Janet Matthews 74.64	Paul Hassett 74.60	Jane Helm 73.03	Greg Saunders 71.86
Sandra Gebhardt 69.24	Jon Williams 67.87	Gloria Bennett 67.80	Leon Zaczek 67.05
Donald Baker 65.14	Eileen McClelland 63.91	Laura Lee Testroet 63.20	Andy Sloan 60.20
Patricia Holmes 59.80	Ron Poitinger 59.50	Carma Sands 54.81	George Murray 53.58
Louise Hodgins 53.30	John Quinn 52.88	Beverly Parrish 52.73	Kay Jones 51.68
Linda Evans 48.72	Bruce Thiher 48.35	Ralph Williams 48.01	Nancy Speedy 47.38
Ken Rhodes 46.48	Buck Buchanan 46.17	Alex Booke 45.95	Ginny Crump 45.50
Sandy Booke 45.12	Janet Newman 45.05	Dave Stentz 45.04	Michael Deegan 42.86
Lee Esworthy 42.66	Marilyn Williams 42.50	Anne Gust 41.57	Bob Armstrong 41.35
Kathy McKay 41.13	Dean Robinson 39.99	Sandy Baker 39.84	

MILESTONES: **Bill Ziemann:** Gold Life Master status. Please refer to our website for other Milestone updates.

70% games will be listed on the next page. **Directors:** Please remember to send 70%+ games to either Tom Bush or Pat Poitinger.

70% GAMES:

1/26 Ed Schusler & Rich Seidman 70.35	1/26 Gladys Mikel & Jane Helm 70.19
1/27 Alex & Sandy Boone 70.83	2/20 Dave Hudson & Jane Helm 71.30
2/25 Evelyn Bennett & Mary VanSteelandt 71.76	3/2 Carma Sands & Glenn Ryburn 71.06
3/18 Doris Hibbs & John Bridge 70.37	3/30 Phyllis Wann & Kathy Brick 75.41
3/31 Charles Showalter & Bill Garner 77.84	5/4 Roberta Meyers & Karen Pekkanen

(Click on the Milestone link on our website for future updates.)

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THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

BY

CHARLIE SHOWALTER

Bridgemates and the server have been ordered for the Eisenhower Recreation Center. By the time you read this, they may be already in service. We will also be able to equip the new Rohan Center when it opens, probably sometime in the fall. We will be requesting space for a game there, and hope to have it fully equipped when the game begins.

Discussions are still ongoing for bringing a Regional Tournament to The Villages. For those of you who desire pigmented points for rank advancement, you will be able to attempt to earn them while staying at home and riding your golf cart to a regional if this attempt is successful. The earliest it might occur is March, 2016.

Our very successful Sectional tournament is coming up shortly. I encourage all to support this tournament by playing and helping out with the arrangements. We have had wonderful support from the club members in the past two years, and hope for more of the same this year.

Do not be surprised if you see some coverage of the club in The Daily Sun in the upcoming days. We are attempting to raise the profile of the fastest growing club in North America. In case you don't know, that is us. We are now the 8th largest club in North America, and still rapidly growing.

Other things are ongoing that are premature to discuss, but if successful, will be reported on in the future. Your Board is very active in attempting to improve the Club and your experiences playing in the Club.

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(To stay up-to-date with our Club, the minutes of the Board Meetings are always posted on the website under "Board Information".)

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ULTIMATE MIND GAME

The Wall Street Journal featured an excellent article on the Opinion Page concerning the game of bridge. It's entitled: "Bridge—Not Chess—Is the Ultimate War game". It includes references to Gen. Dwight Eisenhower, Bill Gates, and Warren Buffett. It is a stimulating article. Players interested in reading it can go to www.WSJ.com; May 18 edition, and highlight OPINIONS, then click on COMMENTARY and read the first article listed. We are sure you will enjoy reading it.

(submitted by Pat Poitinger)

INTERFAITH HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE AT ST. TIMOTHY CATHOLIC CHURCH

Written by JUDY ERKSA, Daily Sun Staff Writer

WE WILL NEVER FORGET

The pain is still right below the surface. On Tuesday, April 14, survivors of the Holocaust, their families and their liberators joined together with others in the community to commemorate the genocide at St. Timothy Catholic Church.

The interfaith Holocaust Remembrance, attended by hundreds of local residents, focused on what it meant to rescue a Jew during the Holocaust and on who the rescuers were.

Those who survived recall those horrible years as if they were yesterday, their faces taking on that faraway look that only comes from great loss. Irving Locker, a 90-year-old World War II Army veteran, was a witness to the aftermath of the massacre in Gardelegen, Germany. German SS and Luftwaffe troops forced 1,016 slave laborers who were part of the Mittelbau-Dora labor camp into a large barn, which was then lit on fire. Most of the prisoners were burned alive. Some were shot trying to escape. "I had seen death before, but this was something worse," Locker said. "When I first saw the victims, I threw up, and then I sat down and cried and cried."

Others carried the memories of parents, grandparents and loved ones who lived and died during the Holocaust. Miriam Apfel was separated from her family at age 12, taken from her home in Sosnowiec, Poland, to work for the SS in Markshtat. She had lied and told the soldiers that she was 16 and had offered herself in place of her father in order to spare his life. By the end of the war, only Miriam and nine other family members had survived. She had lost more than 100 members of her family, including her parents.

Holocaust Remembrance Day, or Yom Hashoah, begins today (April 14) at sundown.

Yom Hashoah, established by the Israeli parliament in 1951, coincides with the anniversary of the Warsaw Ghetto Uprising and with the liberation of the concentration camps in western Europe, according to the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum.

Guest speaker at the Interfaith Holocaust Remembrance in The Villages was Stanlee Stahl from the Jewish Foundation for the Righteous. The foundation was formed to learn and be inspired by those heroic people who risked their own lives and the lives of their families to rescue Jews during the Holocaust.

Locker's hope is that history will not repeat itself. He gives of his time to educate others on the tragedy of the Holocaust.

"Lest we forget," Locker said. "Lest we forget."

(The picture shown is of Bracha Apfel Smith, talking with her mother, Holocaust survivor Miriam Apfel, of the Village of Tall Trees, and Holocaust survivor Heinz Jaffe, a resident of Sumter Place, before the start of the Yom Hashoah Service Holocaust Remembrance presented by Temple Shalom of Central Florida and held Tuesday, April 14, at St. Timothy Catholic Church in The Villages.)



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A FEW MORE CLASSIC PUNOGRAPHIES:

The old man didn't like his beard at first. Then it grew on him.

Broken pencils are pointless.

England has no kidney bank, but it does have a Liverpool.

CHET EICHNER'S BIRTHDAY PARTY (BY HENRY HOOD)

On May 9, a gala 85th birthday celebration was held at Canal Street Rec Center in honor of Chet Eicher. In attendance were his three sons along with two of Linda's three sons. The event was organized by his wife, Linda, and MC'ed by Alex Booke who told some very bad jokes!

Each one of the five sons shared special moments in their lives about their relationship with Chet. After that, a number of guests shared things that they had in common with Chet. Bill Ziemann spoke about their common interest in basketball. Dave Hudson brought to everyone's attention their passionate interest in good Manhattans!

Mike Mocella pointed out to all the fact that Chet was able to shoot his age on the golf course, and that is quite an accomplishment. Mike went on to suggest that all his bridge partners and opponents should help Chet to obtain 85% at the bridge table but only when Mike Mocella was his partner. A wonderful time was had by all.



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MASTER POINT LEADERS AS OF APRIL 2015

UNDER 300

Doreen Skok 30.63
Leon Zaczek 28.60
Raymond Artura 26.66
Dave Winer 25.23
Beverly Magnuson 25.06
Guy Carlson 24.37
Ralph Williams 22.36
Danny Clark 21.99
Marilyn Hubbard 20.48
Jacqueline Williams 20.10
Ted DiCorpo 19.97
Jo DiCorpo 19.97
Shelia Naylor 18.79
Nancy Speedy 18.74
Dave Harris 18.56
Louise Hodgins 18.20
Carol Payette 17.91
Glenn Ryburn 17.10
Gloria Bennett 17.10
Bob Martin 16.94
Congratulations to all!

300-999

Janet Matthews 57.09
John T Quinn 47.13
Patricia Holmes 46.91
George Murray 43.57
Mary Rowe 30.22
David Michaelson 29.94
Mary VanSteelandt 28.71
Sandy Ainsworth 25.01
David Haskell 24.75
Henry Hood 24.04
Bob LaBarge 22.49
Ray Jones 21.18
Barbara Hamilton 19.97
Karen Pekkanen 19.76
Michael Lotti 19.58
Marty Rothbard 19.44
Marilyn Graham 18.80
Kathy McKay 18.54
Sandi McNaughton 18.30
Doug Worthington 18.26

1000+

Joe Sacco 86.82
David Hudson 84.33
Charles Showalter 76.33
Gladys Mikel 74.35
Ed Schusler 71.86
Russ Pearly 70.05
Paul Hassett 61.75
Jane Helm 61.62
Colleen Treanor 55.36
Jon Williams 49.66
Donald Baker 46.55
Bruce Thiher 45.67
Ginny Crump 45.50
Buck Buchanan 44.56
Ken Rhodes 43.25
Anne Gust 41.44
Marilyn Williams 40.16
Bob Armstrong 39.62
Beverly Parrish 39.10
Paul Matheson 37.36

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TOURNAMENT RESULTS:

ORLANDO WINTER SECTIONAL FEB 27—MARCH 1

Margaret Sarno 2.79	Goentje Wright 2.79	Sharon Amberg 1.10
Emiel Domis 1.10	Judy Flickinger .57	Brenda Pollak .57

EASTERN CARIBBEAN REGIONAL MARCH 1—8

Gloria Bennett .32	Barbara Fallone 8.51
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NABC NEW ORLEANS MARCH 11-20

Paul Matheson 29.27	Charlies Showalter 29.27	Kay Jones 11.81
Lucy Tillman 5.79	Leon Zaczek 4.43	Bruce Thiher 4.43
Elaine Lacroix 3.39	Joanne Eakin 2.84	Carol Payette .44

DELAND 299ER SILVER DAYS APRIL 1—APRIL 2

Mary Jane Garner 4.49	Barbara Fallone 4.49	Georgiann Ackley 4.06
Lee Ann Ned 3.303	Don Lavin 2.52	Carlyn Bryan 2.52
Glen Ryburn .45	Carma Sands .45	Conni Lowry .34

GATLINBURG REGIONAL APRIL 13—19

Roger Flickinger 8.59	Judy Flickinger 8.59	Sandra Gebhardt 6.85
Gloria Bennett 3.91	Brenda Pollak 3.91	Debra Brunoehler 2.31
Elaine Lacroix 2.07	Philip Brunoehler 1.31	Lucy Tillman 1.21

NATURE COAST SECTIONAL SPRING HILL APRIL 24—26

John Dunn 5.95	Janet Dunn 5.95	Joyce Jackson 2.33	Carol Ketterer 2.33
Sharon Amberg 1.46	Emiel Domis 1.46	David Harris 1.18	Mary Lee DeKoch .83
Joann Roorbach .83			

DISTRICT 9 GNT SECTIONAL PINELLAS PARK MAY 1—3

Ed Schusler 18.66	Paul Matheson 1.67	Janet Matthews 1.67	David Stentz 1.67
Charles Showalter 1.67			

DISTRICT 9 GNT SECTIONAL FINALS PINELLAS PARK MAY 2-3

Ed Schusler .63

ORLANDO MAY 15-17

Leon Zaczek 8.61	Bruce Thiher 8.62	Ed Schusler 8.25	Neil Timm 3.99
Sandra Ainsworth 2.43	Paul Hassett .90	Jack Smith .90	Greg Saunders .90
Janet Matthews .43	Beverly Parrish .43		

OCALA SECTIONAL APRIL 17-19

There were 130 players from our Club who earned masterpoints. Only the top 20 will be listed here. David Haskell has summarized the 299ers participation which follows. (If you are interested in seeing all the results, please go to our website, click on "Useful Links", click on ACBL tournaments, put in the month, and you can read all of the results of all players.)

Top 20:

Ed Schusler 28.31	Russ Pearly 19.79	Paul Matheson 17.59	Charlie Showalter 17.59
Donald Baker 16.89	Sandy Baker 12.36	Sheila Goad 11.69	Sandy Boone 10.57
Alex Boone 10.57	Colleen Treanor 10.29	Lee Esworthy 9.62	Kay Esworthy 9.62
Beverly Parrish 8.27	John Lahoud 8.13	Henry Hood 8.13	George Murray 8.13
Alice Lahoud 8.13	Paul Hassett 7.50	David Harris 6.59	Janet Matthews 6.07

The following articles were submitted by David Haskell. The first article only lists those players who had 60%+ games. The second article lists all of the 299ers earning points.

Please keep in mind that when the editor lists winners in tournaments, some may be missed if their ACBL cards are issued in another state or in a city other than Lady Lake and The Villages. David, who knows the 299ers so well, has knowledge of all the 299ers. Thanks, David.

Sixty-five Villages 299ers Win Silver in Ocala

The ACBL Ocala Spring Sectional Tournament is always one of the most popular tournaments for Villagers, and a year ago a record fifty-one 299ers from The Villages earned silver points there. Then in the April 2015 tournament the record was broken as 65 Villages 299ers (by my count) won silver points.

Dave Harris and Danny Clark won more than 5 silver points on Friday alone, as they had two great games in the 299er pairs - a 67% game on Friday afternoon, and a 62% game that morning.

Alex Birman and Alan Stern finished first in the 299er game on Friday morning with a 65% game, worth 2.4 silver points. Also on Friday morning John Kuyper and Nick Pund scored 62%, tying Jan Gawenda and Bev Magnuson. Just behind them with a 61% game were Barbara Fallon and Mary Jane Garner. A total of 32 pairs participated in the Friday morning 299er game, and 7 of the first 9 finishers were Villagers.

On Friday afternoon, when Dave Harris and Danny Clark had their great 67% game, Jan Gawenda and Bev Magnuson were close behind, at 64%.

In the Saturday morning 299er game, with 36 pairs participating, Villagers took 6 of the top 7 places. Joann Roorbach and Cathy Thomas finished first at 63% (worth 2.89 silver), and the following Villagers also had games above 60% that morning: Barbara Fallon and Mary Jane Garner, Pat DeArmond and Frances Rolph, and Ted and Jo Dicorpo.

In the Saturday afternoon 299er game Villagers took 5 of the top 10 places, with Carol and Jim Fangman having a great 62% game.

Some Villages 299ers won silver points playing with non-299ers in the open game or with non-Villagers. This summary does not cover them, and focuses on pairs of 299er Villagers with games above 60%. Congratulations to all 65 of the 299ers who won silver points in Ocala.

- Submitted by David Haskell

(David's second article is on the next page.)

Ocala April 2015 Sectional – 299er masterpoint winners who are Villagers

Total masterpoints: 1063.38 earned by 294 players.

Total attendance: 275 tables.

46	6.59	David Harris, The Villages FL
57	5.18	Danny Clark, Somerset KY (Villages)
60	4.30	Margaret Sarno, The Villages FL
61	4.30	Geenie Gwen Wright, The Villages FL - she prefers to be called Gwen
66	4.12	Mary Jane Garner, Lady Lake FL
67	4.12	Barbara Fallone, Lady Lake FL
80	3.68	Cathy Thomas, Lady Lake FL
92	3.20	Alex Birman, The Villages FL
93	3.20	Alan Stern, Halifax NS (Villages)
103	2.91	John Carlson III, The Villages FL
108	2.89	Joann Roorbach, The Villages FL
113	2.61	Beverly Magnuson, The Villages FL
115	2.57	Sharon Amberg, The Villages FL
128	2.28	A Carol Payette, The Villages FL
139	2.05	Lee Ned, The Villages FL
143	1.99	Ted Dicorpo, Lady Lake FL
144	1.99	Josephine Dicorpo, Lady Lake FL
146	1.98	Patricia DeArmond, The Villages FL
154	1.83	Richard Ried, The Villages FL
155	1.83	Phyllis Sokol-Wood, The Villages FL
166	1.60	Ralph Williams, The Villages FL
170	1.60	Jacqueline Williams, The Villages FL
174	1.56	Jim Fangman, The Villages FL
175	1.56	Carol Fangman, The Villages FL
179	1.46	Eugene Rodriguez, The Villages FL
184	1.41	Brenda Davis, The Villages FL
197	1.25	Marilyn Hubbard, The Villages FL
200	1.22	Frances Rolph, The Villages FL
206	1.18	Nicholas Pund, The Villages FL
207	1.18	John Kuyper, The Villages FL
208	1.16	Michael Peleck, The Villages FL
209	1.15	Robert Tolpa, The Villages FL
210	1.15	Maryann Deroche, The Villages FL
212	1.13	Doreen Skok, Sparta NJ
213	1.11	Michael Vales, The Villages FL
214	1.11	Michael Galco, The Villages FL
229	0.84	George Guarino, The Villages FL
230	0.84	Carol Ketterer, The Villages FL
236	0.79	Liz Adamcik, The Villages FL
237	0.79	Dolores Mann, Lady Lake FL
244	0.65	Robert Vicars Jr, The Villages FL
245	0.65	Pat Landgraf, Lady Lake FL
258	0.59	Richard Gaskill, The Villages FL
260	0.59	Kathy Brick, The Villages FL
261	0.59	Bettyjane Chiota, The Villages FL
264	0.53	Clell Whelchel, The Villages FL
265	0.53	Claudette Whelchel, The Villages FL
267	0.49	Nancy Speedy, The Villages FL

268 0.47 Rosann Sherrill, Madison WI **Villages**
 269 0.47 Marvin Sherrill, Madison WI **Villages**
 271 0.45 Bruce Neri, The Villages FL

 272 0.45 Barbara Neri, The Villages FL
 274 0.43 Carol Sam Yeazle, The Villages FL
 275 0.39 Michael Yanachik, The Villages FL
 276 0.39 Jim Young, The Villages FL
 277 0.39 Bob Matthews, The Villages FL
 278 0.36 Patricia Ciccarelli, The Villages FL
 279 0.36 Gene Ciccarelli, The Villages FL
 280 0.34 Joanne Bernier, North Bay ON **(Villages)**
 281 0.34 Debby Lovegrove, Peterborough ON **(Villages)**

 282 0.33 Barbara Zulak, The Villages FL
 288 0.30 Andrea Wolff, The Villages FL
 293 0.23 Glenn Ryburn, The Villages FL
 294 0.23 Carma Sands, The Villages FL

TOTAL: 65 Villages 299ers at Ocala with Masterpoints

Congratulations to all!

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We hope all of you have a wonderful Memorial Day and you will take time to contemplate on the sacrifices our veterans have made so that we may remain free.

God Bless our veterans and those who are currently serving, and God Bless America!