

CLUB NEWS

FOR THE DUPLICATE PLAYERS OF THE VILLAGES

OCTOBER, 2015

NEWS CLIPS:

Sandra Gebhardt had a very successful trip to the Kingston, Ontario Regional. She won 61.94 total points, of which 58.94 were gold. She will be participating in Kingston, PA Sectional in District 4 which is scheduled for the first week in October. Good luck, **Sandy!**

We were all saddened to hear that **Michael Galco**, one of our 299ers, was killed in a traffic accident on Friday, August 28.

Babs Fischer has had a lot on her plate lately! While visiting with her son, Mark, in Philadelphia, she got out of bed during the night and fell down a flight of stairs. Fortunately, she did not break any bones, but it left her with a concussion. Her CT Scan in mid-September was thankfully OK. Our prayers are with you, **Babs**.

We were also saddened to hear that **Margie Quinto's** husband has passed away. He was only 73 years old. Our prayers are with you, **Margie**.

Alan Graves, one of the world's top duplicate bridge players and a Canadian Bridge Hall of Famer, visited The Villages and gave a talk on Defensive Planning to a large group of bridge players at Lake Miona on September 16. There were bridge players at 27 ½ tables who took advantage of his talk.

Pat Holmes has been busy with preparations for the 299er Sectional Tournament held on for September 25-27. She and her committee members have encouraged all members to assist with food and support. Next year's Sectional will be a **0-499 Non-life Master Sectional Tournament**, which will be held in August 26-28, 2016. The 2016 Sectional will be chaired by **Carol Ketterer**.

A new member list booklet will soon be published. Players who have played at least 20 games since January 2014 will be included in the booklet. Approximately 500 booklets will be printed.

NEWS CLIPS:

Instant Matchpoint Game will be hosted by our Club on Friday morning, October 16. The game is an ACBL wide game with hand evaluation handouts at each participating site. The cost to play in this event is \$5.00.

Sunday and Friday Afternoon Schedules:

The Friday afternoon game will resume at Eisenhower the 1st of October. The Mentor/Mentee game will continue on the third Sunday of each month. When the Rohan Recreation Center opens in the fall, a Thursday morning game similar to the game currently at Seabreeze on Friday mornings will be played.

Pat Holmes has received permission from the Board to print 1000 new game-schedule cards for members.

Please refer to the Home Page of our website for the three new series of classes arranged by **Bob Matthews**. The first one scheduled for Thursday October 8, 15, and 22 will be presented by **Jeff Koltenuk** as a three week series on the use of, and defense against **Precision** bidding. The second teaching course will be presented by **Sandra Gebhardt** on Sunday November 8 on learning how to play online bridge. The third one will be taught by **Neil Timm** which will be a two week lesson on the use of Jacoby 2NT (following an opening of a major suit bid). Please read about them on our home page and consider signing up for these courses.

Please click on **Milestones** on our website for all of the additions to our 2015 Life Master Achievements beginning with Junior Master and ending with Diamond Life Master. Congratulations to everyone!

The Snowbirds will be back soon! Please remember our seat-saving policy and guest-seating policy. ☺

DIRECTOR'S CORNER

BY

PAUL MATHESON

There are several Bridge Laws that occasionally occur that bear discussion. So I thought I'd highlight a few of them.

We are all fairly certain of the rules regarding a defender's making a lead out of turn but what is the rule when declarer leads out of turn? This is covered by Law 55 which states that either opponent may accept the lead but there are certain caveats. One is the opponents are not allowed to discuss which option they would prefer and the first one to speak makes the decision for the opponents. If neither opponent accepts the lead then declarer can lead any card from their hand and there is no penalty. In the case where both opponents speak simultaneously with one opting to accept the lead and the other does not to, the opponent who was next to play will be given preference.

What is the rule if it is a defender's turn to play but before they play his partner plays a card, in other words his partner plays out of turn? Or if a defender leads to the next trick before their partner has played to the previous trick? These infractions are covered by Law 57 which states that the card played out of turn is a major penalty card and declarer has 3 options: 1. He may require the offender's partner to play the highest card they have in that suit; 2. He may require the offender's partner to play the lowest card they have in that suit; or 3. He may prohibit the offender's partner from playing a card of a different specified suit. However there is no penalty if 1. declarer has played from both hands or 2. if dummy has played a card on his own initiative or illegally suggested that it be played. Interestingly a singleton in dummy or a sequence in a suit of equal rank is not considered automatically played. Declarer must indicate the card to be played.

What happens if a double or redouble is made out of rotation and the call is not accepted? This is covered by Law 32. If it was the offender's partner's turn to call the partner must pass for the rest of the auction and lead penalties may apply. If it was the RHO's turn to bid and 1. RHO passes the offender must repeat the out or rotation call and no further penalties are incurred but if 2. RHO bids the offender can make any legal call but their partner must pass for the rest of the auction and lead penalties may apply.

What if two calls are made simultaneously, one by the player whose turn it was to call and the other by someone else? This is covered by Law 33. If the second call was legal then it stands and the auction continues. If the second call was out of rotation or insufficient 1. if LHO accepts the call it is legal and the auction continues but 2. if LHO does not accept the call the call is canceled and the appropriate penalty and law is invoked.

What happens if the dummy plays a wrong card or a card not named by the declarer? This is covered by Law 45. If the error is noted prior to both sides playing to the next trick the trick must be corrected. The same law discusses the responsibilities of the dummy by noting that the dummy should not indicate or touch any card after the dummy is faced except to arrange the cards. If he does, the director should be called to determine if dummy's actions constituted a suggestion to the declarer. If the director determines there was a suggestion play is allowed to continue but the director reserves the right to make an adjusted score if the defenders were damaged.

I'll discuss some other infrequent situations next time.

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Winston Churchill's parapsydokian: "I'm supposed to respect my elders, but now it's getting harder and harder for me to find one."

President's Report
September 2015

The Board is planning the implementation of the new election procedure established at our last annual meeting in January, 2015, We believe that we will get much larger participation in the election following the new procedure, but we have to design an implementation that precludes the old Chicago motto on elections, i.e. vote early and often!

Along these lines, and in case you are not a regular reader of the Board Minutes, Alex Booke will be chairing our nomination committee for new members of the Board for next year. We will have two openings next year, as usual and as is called for in the bylaws. If you have any interest in serving on the Board, please contact Alex. I know it seems early, but the election will be in December this year and in subsequent years, so it is not so early after all.

The club continues to grow, and we expect to move up from our number 8 spot last year. A new game will be located at the Rohan Center when it opens this fall. Plans are to have a Thursday morning game initially.

Charlie Showalter

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RESULTS OF THE VILLAGES DUPLICATE BRIDGE CLUB GAME SERIES

AUGUST 25, 2015 TUESDAY 750ER SERIES WINNERS:

Patricia Holmes 1.69 MP Marilyn Hubbard 1.11 MP Michael Hendershot 1.11 MP
Evelyn Bennett .62 MP Mary VanSteelandt .62 MP

AUGUST 25, 2015 TUESDAY OPEN SERIES WINNERS:

Joe Sacco 2.00 MP Andy Sloan 1.32 MP Rich Seidman 1.32 MP
Bill Garner .74 MP Charles Showalter .74 MP

AUGUST 26, 2015 WEDNESDAY 6:30 SERIES WINNERS:

Joe Sacco 2.00 MP Charles Showalter 1.50 MP Gladys Mikel 1.13 MP Paul Hassett .84 MP

AUGUST 26, 2015 WEDNESDAY MIONA SERIES WINNERS:

John Kuyper 2.00 MP Bill Lau 1.50 MP Gwen Wright 1.13 MP Margaret Sarno .84 MP

AUGUST 26, 2015 WEDNESDAY OPEN SERIES WINNERS:

Ginny Crump 1.75 MP Ken Rhodes 1.75 MP Andy Sloan .99 MP Bill Garner .99 MP

AUGUST 27, 2015 THURSDAY SERIES WINNERS:

Joe Sacco 2.00 MP David Michaelson 1.50 MP Bev Yankee 1.13 MP Mary Ann Kelly .84 MP

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NEW RESIDENT MEMBERS SINCE July 2015

Tom Alles Bruce Beck Nancy Bold Jeffrey Bond Harry Brady Bernie Carleton
Rick Dahlgren Deanna DeJong Harry DeJong John Drake Carolyn Elijah Darrel Elijah
Fred Feigley Carol Fortune Bob Geiger Judy Holleran Roy Holmes Jerry Houchens Susie Ingerick
Sonny Isbell Kathy Kelley Ann Kuhlmeier Gerald Loomer Barb Nelson Susan Reardon John Rowe
David Schulman Peggy Schulman Ron Sheffron Nancyananda Weber

A BIG WELCOME TO ALL!

MOST MASTERPOINTS EARNED AT ACBL EVENTS IN 2015 THROUGH AUGUST

Charles Showalter 255.25	Joe Sacco 200.68	Ed Schusler 192.12	Sandra Gebhardt 190.33
Gladys Mikel 178.12	Paul Matheson 148.21	Paul Hassett 146.45	Russ Pearly 145.05
Dave Hudson 139.41	Patricia Holmes 137.64	Christine Adams 136.49	
Greg Saunders 134.28	Jon Williams 133.69	Colleen Treanor 130.39	
Jane Helm 127.01	Janet Matthews 125.33	Neil Timm 123.43	Ron Poitingner 121.87
Leon Zaczek 110.25	John T. Quinn 100.06	Ginny Crump 99.68	Andy Sloan 97.80
Beverly Parrish 96.64	Buck Buchanan 95.62	Alex Booke 93.64	Donald Baker 93.14
Marilyn Williams 90.98	Sandy Booke 90.07	Lucy Tillman 89.90	David Stentz 88.82
George Murray 86.33	Rich Seidman 85.22	Barbara Newcomb 84.66	
Karen Pickelsimer 83.60	Kay Jones 83.21	Anne Gust 81.31	Bob Armstrong 77.22
David Haskell 76.77	Bruce Thiher 74.58	Ken Rhodes 71.84	Gloria Bennett 68.65
Bob LaBarge 66.68	Barbara Israel 65.96	Beverly Magnuson 65.42	David Michaelson 65.19

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MOST MASTERPOINTS EARNED IN THE VILLAGES GAMES THROUGH AUGUST 2015**1000+**

Joe Sacco 189.11
Charles Showalter 157.42
Gladys Mikel 143.98
Dave Hudson 125.13
Paul Hassett 118.05
Jon Williams 100.13
Jane Helm 93.77
Ginny Crump 90.21
Buck Buchanan 85.84
Russ Pearly 85.01
Ed Schusler 81.09
Marilyn Williams 79.50
Beverly Parrish 76.84
Bruce Thiher 71.90
Donald Baker 71.14
Anne Gust 70.52
Ken Rhodes 68.61
Colleen Treanor 67.92
Greg Saunders 61.63
Paul Matheson 59.25

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Patricia Holmes 87.80
Janet Matthews 86.32
George Murray 70.90
John T. Quinn 64.72
David Michaelson 59.56
Mary VanSteelandt 52.76
Mary Rowe 51.39
Leon Zaczek 50.51
Bob LaBarge 43.00
Beverly Magnuson 42.59
Jane Dulieu 40.83
Sandy Ainsworth 40.78
Carol Alspach 40.39
Karen Pekkanen 39.51
Michael Lotti 38.32
Michael Mocella 37.81
Doug Worthington 33.95
Henry Hood 33.86
Carol Payette 33.78
Roberta Meyers 33.23

UNDER 300

Nicholas Pund 36.57
Marilyn Hubbard 34.35
Bob Martin 34.02
Raymond Artura 33.30
Bill Lau 32.96
Guy Carlson 31.22
John Kuyper 30.93
Brenda Davis 30.92
Doreen Skok 30.63
Judy Flickinger 29.96
Marguerite Hassett 29.58
Dave Harris 29.56
Evelyn Bennett 29.11
Margaret Sarno 28.64
Ted DiCorpo 28.13
Jo DiCorpo 28.13
Nancy Speedy 27.78
Dave Winer 27.47
Kathy Brick 27.33
Patricia DeArmond 27.19

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FORBES MAGAZINE: The following is an excerpt from Forbes magazine, July 29, 2015.

“Florida has been a retirement haven for decades thanks to its warm climate, recreational opportunities and lack of income or estate taxes. The state is annually one of the fastest-growing by population thanks to a steady influx of people 65 or over. No area is capitalizing more on retiring baby boomers than The Villages, located 60 miles northwest of Orlando in Central Florida. The metro area, which developed out of the large retirement community of the same name, was the fastest growing metro in the U.S. by population the past two years with a rate almost twice that of any of the other 400 metros in the U.S. The Villages’ metro (continued on page 5)

population, which encompasses Sumter County, has more than doubled since 2001 to a recent 114,800. The explosive growth propelled The Villages to the top spot in Forbes Best Small Places for Business and Careers, which rates 201 metros with populations below 260,500. The Villages is one of 27 new Metropolitan Statistical Areas classified after the Office of Management and Budget issued updated MSA definitions in Feb. 2013 based on data from the 2010 census. The updated MSA definitions include growing populations that cover healthcare, financial services, retail and more. A booming housing market has also contributed. New construction helped fuel 2,601 home sales in 2014, according to real estate advisory RCLCO. The Villages scored well across the board on the dozen factors Forbes uses to rate smaller metro areas. It ranked first for crime, migration and projected economic growth. The Villages' economy is expected to expand 9.1% annually through 2017, according to Moody's Analytics. Business costs are 21% below the national average. The only metric where The Villages does not shine is living costs, which rank among the 30% most expensive smaller metros."

(Submitted by **Mary Ann Kelly**)

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TOURNAMENT RESULTS:

ORLANDO SECTIONAL JULY 24 – 26

Paul Kacen 5.99	Paul Hasset 5.99	Greg Sauners 5.99	July Flickinger 2.01
Brenda Pollak 2.01	Joyce Jackson .60	Carol Ketterer .60	

MCGREGOR POINT SECTIONAL JULY 31 – AUGUST 2 (FT. MYERS, FL)

David Stentz 2.53	Caroline Davies 2.53
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DELAND 299ER SECTIONAL AUGUST 8 – AUGUST 9 (DELAND, FL)

Ruth Ann Pethtel 3.09	Bob Pethtel 3.09	Bev Magnuson 2.45	Vicky Wade 2.34
Nancy Jaffe 2.34	Carol Ketterer 2.28	Edeline Kalbach 1.76	Carol Moseman 1.52
Betty Jane Chiota 1.39	Jo Hazlett 1.32	Janet Gawenda .69	Michael Peleck .20
Jane Rowe .20	Brenda Pollak .20		

PALM COAST SECTIONAL AUGUST 27 – 29

Leon Zaczek 6.56	Bruce Thiher 6.56	David Stentz 2.53	Caroline Davies 2.53
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ATLANTA MABC LABOR DAY REGIONAL LABOR DAY SEPTEMBER 1 – 7

Beverly Parrish 5.32

LABOR DAY PINELLAS PARK SECTIONAL, ST. PETERSBURG SEPTEMBER 4 – 7

Leon Zaczek 2.00	Bruce Thiher 2.00
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MELBOURNE LABOR DAY SECTIONAL SEPTEMBER 5 – 7

Greg Saunders .84

CHARLOTTE FALL 2015 SECTIONAL SEPTEMBER 10 – 13

Susan Santise .78

(Tournament Results continued on page 6)

DAYTONA BEACH SECTIONAL SEPTEMBER 17-20

Jeff Koltenuk 8.25	Jon Williams 8.25	Janet Matthews 3.88	Leon Zaczek 3.61	Bruce Thiher 3.61
Paul Matheson 3.04	David Stentz 3.04	Charles Showalter 3.04	Roger Flickinger .96	
Judy Flickinger .96	Caroline Davies .84	Gail Hudon .45	Bob Matthews .45	

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2015 NORTH AMERICAN PAIRS COMPETITION

By
LEON ZACZEK

The initial club round of the North American Pairs Competition (NAP) is complete. One hundred and nine players from the Villages qualified for the second round. The District 9 NAP finals will be held on Saturday October 23, and if necessary completed on Sunday October 24 at the St. Petersburg Bridge Club for Flights A, B, C. Gold and Red points will be awarded. The 109 Villagers have the option of playing with the person they qualified with or they can play with another individual from the list. A complete set of tournament rules can be found on the ACBL website search "district websites". Click on "district 9" and then, click again on "district 9" and finally click on "NAP 2015-2016 Conditions of Contest".

The top three eligible pairs from Flight A (plus 2 additional pairs will be selected) and the top four eligible pairs in Flights B & C will qualify for the National Finals at the 2016 Reno National Tournament. In addition the ACBL Special Events Coordinator provides a subsidy to eligible pairs to cover part of the travel expenses. Last year ACBL provided between \$400 - \$700 per person.

Paul Matheson and Charlie Showalter represented our Club at the 2015 New Orleans National Tournament. They enjoyed the intense competition and each earned 30 gold points. We are looking forward to seeing many Villagers at the District NAP Tournament in St. Petersburg.

"Good Luck!"

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FIRST 299ER SECTIONAL TOURNAMENT

The inaugural Village 299er Sectional was held this past weekend, September 25-27, at the Savannah Center, the grandest bridge venue in all of Florida. We had 151 tables in the 2-day event, which ranks The Villages 3rd in 299/399 attendance for Florida tournaments. Our two other tournaments had a few more tables but they were held in February and March at the height of the winter season. About 25% of the players were from outside The Villages. Next year this Tournament will be expanded to the 0—499 master point range.

A special thanks goes out to **Pat Holmes**, the tourney chairperson, and to the tournament directors, **Paul Matheson** and **Jon Williams**. Special thanks also goes out to all of **Pat's** helpers. Their efforts made this event one that all Village Duplicate Players can be proud of.

(submitted by **Leon Zaczek**)

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A MESSAGE FROM PAT HOLMES, THE CHAIRPERSON

The '299er' tournament September 25-27, 2015, was a smashing success. The Savannah Center is a wonderful facility to hold a bridge tournament, and the staff there could not have been more pleasant and helpful.
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As with any venture, the success depends on more than just one person so I really need to thank so many different people. My biggest thanks has to go to **Dave Harris** along with **John Quinn and Bill Lau**. They helped transport tables on Thursday and back to our storage area on Sunday after the Swiss Teams game.

Then, of course, I must thank **Janet Dunn** for helping organize the kitchen and all the food that was donated. I also need to thank all of the kitchen help. There were so many volunteers that we used two shifts each day cutting down on the hours spent for all of our helpers. **Jane Helm, Gladys Mikel, Sandy Gebhardt, Sandy Ainsworth, Claudette Fraime, Leon Zaczek, Phil Wolff, Mary VanSteelandt, and Pat Ford** were all there to help in the kitchen.

Special thanks to all who contributed goodies to be served each day. We certainly have a lot of good cooks in our bridge club. The deviled eggs were especially a very big hit and disappeared in a hurry. **Leon Zaczek** made sloppy joes one day and those were devoured almost instantly. If you snooze you lose when it comes to eating here at our bridge club. Happy bridge players seem to be people who are constantly able to nibble on all the goodies that were brought.

Special thanks to our board members and, of course, **Sandy Boone and my husband, Mike**, who assisted in setting up the tournament on Thursday evening.

Last but not least, I cannot forget our directors who put in a lot of hard work for 3 ½ days—**Paul Matheson and Jon Williams**. **Janet Matthews** even showed up to help whenever she was available. Aren't we lucky we were able to use local directors since it was a limited non-life master tournament.

I must thank all of you 299ers who attended out tournament. If it wasn't for you, the tournament would not have succeeded—so you can be very proud if you were able to attend. If I have forgotten anyone, please forgive me. All I know for sure is that if it wasn't for all of these people, the tournament would not have been such a success. Thank you all so very much.

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The tournament directors posted the results of the 299er Sectional very quickly. So many of our players did exceptionally well. Instead of posting the results in this Club News edition, we suggest you go to our website and check the results yourself. A big **Congratulations** is extended to all!

The following pictures were sent to the Editor by **Leon Zaczek**.



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We'll end this Club News edition with an aerial view of our beautiful, happy home.
(submitted by **Mary Ann Kelly**—Forbes magazine)

