

CLUB NEWS

FOR THE DUPLICATE PLAYERS OF THE VILLAGES

JUNE, 2016

NEWS CLIPS:

The Villages Fourth Annual Sectional is scheduled for June 3-5 at the La Hacienda Recreational Center. Click on the link under The Villages 4th Annual Sectional on the home page of our website for more information.

Thursday, June 6, 10 am at the Tampa Regional there is an electronic device game only. Admission will be free and red points will be awarded. Read about it on the website.

Our Club's ACBL ranking has been published. Our Club grew by 11% but our overall size ranking has remained as the 8th largest ACBL club in North America. Click on History—a Growth Story on our website, and the sub-menu 2015 Top Clubs in ACBL to read about it and see the chart.

The Villages 500 NLM Sectional will be held on July 29 to July 31 at the Savannah Recreation Center. Click on the link on the Home Page for more information.

We were all saddened to learn of the death of **Kay Jones** on Saturday night, April 9. **Kay** died of a heart attack at age 79. Our sympathies go to his wife and family, and we will all miss him.

Buck Buchanan's computer crashed and he lost many email addresses. If you are not receiving his "Hand of the Week", please send him your email address: send to buckandmauri@aol.com.

Our Club would like to thank all of the players who bring "goodies" to the games. There are too many to mention individually, but we want all of you to know that we appreciate your kindness.

Our players were again very generous in donating to *Operation Shoebox*. A collection was made at the Tuesday game, May 17. \$900 was collected, and **George Murray** and **Annette Stein** agreed to give an additional \$250 each.

Loretta and Buddy Harp are going on a cruise through the Panama Canal and then to Canada to visit relatives. They will be gone the whole month of May.

NEWS CLIPS:

Mary Ann and Andy Kelly are going to Las Vegas to visit their son and his family for six days in May. Their son and his family recently moved to Las Vegas from Albuquerque.

Pat Sipe is still in rehab at Freedom Point. Her number is 674-3061. We are sure she'd love to hear from you. **Marilyn Fulton** is now home. We are sure she'd love to hear from you, also.



An American Anhinga in The Villages. Look at how he can twist his neck! Submitted by **Mary Ann Kelly**.

Thursday, June 16, Sandy Gebhardt is offering a course on [Learning to Play Effectively on Bridge Base Online](#). Read about it on the home page of our website.



JANE AND DAVE HUDSON

Jane and Dave Hudson recently enjoyed a two-week trip to the Holy Land.

In Israel they stayed in Tel Aviv, Tiberias, and Jerusalem. They visited many Biblical and historic sights including Caesarea, Megiddo, Muhraqa, the Sea of Galilee, Cana, Nazareth, Mount of Beatitudes, Bethlehem, Mount of Olives, Garden of Gethsemane, Via Dolorosa, the Wailing Wall, Mount Zion, Masada, and the Dead Sea.

They finished up with five days in Jordan. Highlights there included Wadi Rum, where the movie *Lawrence of Arabia* was filmed. They rode through the sand dunes in four-wheel drive vehicles and camels. Another special trip was to Petra, lost to the world for centuries and designated as one of the new Seven Wonders of the World. Dave and Jane rode up and down the SIQ, the narrow gorge made famous in the movie *Indiana Jones* and the *Last Crusade*, in a horse drawn carriage.

Best of all was the chance to talk to locals, who were very friendly. They are tired of many centuries of invasions and wars. They are as fearful of terrorism as we are and just want to live in peace. It is a very safe place to be now, but that could change at any time.

The Hudsons made many new friends on the trip, several of whom want to visit The Villages. It's great to be home!

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We are all very sad to learn of **Dave Hall's** passing. He died on Friday, May 20. Our prayers are with **Linda** and her family. We are sure there will be an update coming about a celebration of life for him.

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NEW RESIDENT MEMBERS SINCE MARCH 2016

Joe Bosch	Carolyn Collins	Kate Dunn	Sam Eichenbaum	
Carol Hamlin	Judy Kapusla	Stephen Mirkin	Bob Paul	Jayne Rankin
Charlene Rolfe	Nancy Rowland	Susan Santisi	Nancy Turner	

A BIG WELCOME TO ALL!

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MILESTONES:

There have been many updates to Milestones on our website. Congratulations to all who improved their rankings. Please also check out the 70% games on the same Milestone web page. (Please also keep in mind that your ACBL number needs to be registered to either The Villages or Lady Lake for the editor to find your name and update your ranking. If you are registered in another state, you need to pass that information on to either Tom Bush or me, Pat Poitinger, to update your milestone.)

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A FEW CHURCH BULLETIN ADS:

For those of you who have children and don't know it, we have a nursery downstairs.

Next Thursday there will be try-outs for the choir. They need all the help they can get.

Low Self-Esteem Support Group will meet Thursday at 7 PM. Please use the back door.

The eighth-graders will be presenting Shakespeare's Hamlet in the Church basement Friday at 7PM. The congregation is invited to attend this tragedy.

THE DIRECTOR'S CORNER

BY

PAUL MATHESON

One of the prime duties of a Director is to make sure the field plays in a timely manner. This is particularly true here in the Villages where our room availability is limited. Occasionally a Director must prohibit a table from playing a board when they have fallen way behind the rest of the field. The players are then advised that they will be given a “No Play” for the board. Some members assume that a “No Play” means they will get an average score for the board. This is not true. There is a difference between getting an “average” and a “No Play”. In the June 2014 Newsletter edition I discussed the difference but apparently it is still misunderstood by many and I have been asked by the Board to revisit this area.

An average score is usually awarded when the board could not be played through no fault of the players. For instance when the cards were incorrectly returned in the boards by the previous table. If a pair is awarded an “average” they both receive the average score for that board. For instance if the movement was a 13 table Howell each board will have been played 13 times. The highest score awarded for the board would be 12 and the lowest would be 0. The average would be 6 so if both pairs are awarded an average they would each receive 6 match points. If the pair had a 41% result for the other 25 boards an average will increase their result. If they had a 58% game for the other 25 boards it would cause their final result to drop.

A “no play” is awarded when the hand could not be played and the cause of this could not be readily determined such as when the table is behind the rest of the field and the reason for the delay could not be ascribed to either pair. When a “No Play” is entered they are in effect playing 1 less board than the rest of the field. Their final result is based only on the actual boards they played. Using the 13 table example from above all the other pairs will play a total of 26 boards and their averages will be based on the results of those 26 boards. However the results for the pairs with a “no play” will be determined only by the 25 boards they actually played. Their actual match point score will be factored by the % results of the other 25 boards they played. For instance if the pair with a no play had a 40% game for the 25 boards they played they will receive 4.8 match points for the no play board (40% of 12). If their result for the 25 boards is 55% they will receive 6.6 match points (55% times 12) for the board.

So an average award will affect the overall percentage of the pair while a no play will have no effect on their result.

Another misunderstood provision of the rules concerns a Director's authority to issue procedural penalties (Law 90) for “... any offense that unduly delays or obstructs the game, inconveniences other contestants, violates correct procedure or requires the award of an adjusted score at another table.”. Examples of such an offense would be the late arrival at a table to play; “unduly slow play by a contestant”; discussion of a hand or play overheard by another contestant; unauthorized comparison of scores, touching another player's cards; placing cards in the wrong pocket; failure to comply with a Director's instructions; plus others. Directors rarely issue these penalties and usually only after a most egregious act or if the offender continues to commit the violation after numerous warnings. A recent example of the seriousness of the penalty and possible repercussions occurred recently in the final round of an international championship. A competitor forgot to alert the opponents that a pass by his partner was “forcing”. An appeals committee ruled that this was a violation and assessed a 2 VP penalty against the team. It lost the championship by 1 VP.



PAT HOLMES, OUR NEW DIRECTOR

(submitted by **Henry Hood**)

I have to thank so many people for getting me involved in the sanctioned duplicate bridge game here in The Villages. I came down to The Villages to live 4 ½ years ago from Michigan with my husband (married now 49 years) and my two dogs. When I was in Michigan, I only played 'party bridge' for the most part. Some of my friends in Michigan encouraged me to start playing duplicate bridge, and once I started, I was hooked. I started playing sanctioned duplicate bridge on a regular basis once I moved to The Villages (largely because of a lot of encouragement from Doreen Shok whom I played unsanctioned bridge with when I was only renting here in The Villages 6 ½ years ago. Next, I have to thank a lot of my success to Don Feeney, who took me under his wing when I first began sanctioned bridge. He certainly taught me a lot. I also have to thank so many of my bridge partners here in The Villages (John Quinn, Bev Magnuson, Doreen Skok, Gene Rodriguez, Mike Peleck, Carol Payette, Mauri Buchanan, Janet Gawenda, Bob Matthews, Leon Zaczek, Phil Wolff, Linda Eicher, and Jane Rowe (my student) for a lot of my success getting points and helping me enjoy the game of bridge so much. As you all know, you can't play good bridge without a good bridge partner. Many thanks go to Jon Williams for teaching me so much about regional tournaments. Also, thanks go to Marilyn Williams for being my mentor and enforcing a lot of bridge conventions that I use on a regular basis now. John Quinn and Mike Peleck have been instrumental in my getting most of my 'gold points' at the Regional tournaments. So many thanks to both of them. I am so very thankful that I live here in The Villages where I can play bridge many times each week and become a better player because of it.

In addition, I served on the Board of Directors of The Villages Duplicate Bridge Club for two years. The first year in office, I was the secretary. Also, while on the Board, I became the Tournament Chair for the 299er Sectional Tournament, which was held in The Villages at the end of September, 2015.

I give so many thanks to Paul Matheson for all his faith and encouragement in my becoming a director. So many of the present directors have been such a big help in my achieving this goal. (Janet Matthews, Caroline Davies, Jon Williams, and Rick Gauthier, in particular.) I am enjoying directing the 399er/open game at the Rohan Rec Center on Thursday mornings. In addition, I will be starting to direct the Monday night open game at Laurel Manor during the summer months. I am meeting new people and still learning a lot about directing. There is a lot more to it than most people think.

Editor's Note: You've all heard the phrase "It takes a village to raise a family." (Parents, teachers, schools, churches, friends, medical professionals, etc.) In Pat Holmes' case, it took many people in our wonderful Duplicate Bridge Club of the Villages to help Pat achieve her goals. That speaks very highly of the members in our Club.

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MORE ARAPROSDOKIANS:

They begin the evening news with 'Good Evening', then proceed to tell you why it isn't.

To steal ideas from someone is plagiarism. To steal from many is called research.

War does not determine who is right—only who is left.

Nostalgia isn't what it used to be. Nor is there any future in it.

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

MOST POINTS EARNED IN ALL ACBL EVENTS JAN 1—APRIL 30, 2016

Sandra Gebhardt 169.16	Greg Saunders 62.17	John Dunn 41.74
Russ Pearly 134.36	Beverly Parrish 58.28	Janet Dunn 41.74
Ed Schusler 133.10	Paul Matheson 58.06	Jack Smith 41.12
Joe Sacco 111.68	Leon Zaczek 56.44	Sue Frisch 41.09
Charles Showalter 102.67	Jon Williams 56.17	Anne Gust 40.72
Gladys Mikel 89.57	Barbara Israel 52.16	George Murray 40.41
Colleen Treanor 88.96	Lee Esworthy 49.57	William F. Brown 39.72
Lucy Tillman 84.74	David Michaelson 48.90	Donna Brown 39.58
Jeff Koltenuk 82.62	Margaret Sarno 48.67	Sandy Booke 38.45
Paul Hassett 81.93	Janet Matthews 48.55	Carol Payette 38.29
Dave Hudson 69.44	Buck Buchanan 47.89	Alex Booke 38.05
Neil Timm 68.93	Andy Sloan 46.32	Bruce Thiher 37.68
Jane Hudson 63.90	Michael Lotti 46.24	John Lahoud 37.41
Dean Robinson 63.37	Shelia Naylor 43.15	Ron Poitingner 37.14
Dave Stentz 63.07	Brenda Davis 43.01	Rich Seidman 36.39
Carol Ketterer 62.05	Kathy McKay 42.94	Marilyn Hubbard 36.36
		Bob Vicars 36.13
		Nicholas Pund 36.00

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MOST POINTS EARNED IN THE CLUB JAN 1—APRIL 30, 2016

Joe Sacco 89.61	David Michaelson 42.17	Brenda Davis 31.12
Charles Showalter 85.54	Janet Matthews 33.13	Carol Richardson 27.60
Gladys Mikel 81.40	George Murray 32.37	Jospeh Ogi 27.43
Ed Schusler 77.88	Michael Lotti 27.41	Larry Sumner 25.68
Russ Pearly 72.08	Carol Alspach 26.82	Nicholas Pund 24.10
Jeff Koltenuk 56.64	Mary Rowe 26.06	Dave Harris 23.41
Dave Hudson 53.56	Doreen Skok 25.79	Shelia Naylor 23.30
Paul Hassett 48.14	Andrea Macheel 25.69	Carol Ketterer 23.14
Jane Hudson 46.86	Steve Macheel 25.69	Maury Fjestad 22.96
Buck Buchanan 43.35	Patricia Holmes 25.61	Ron Cooper 22.47
Colleen Treanor 43.02	Mary Ann Kelly 25.60	Marilyn Hubbard 22.00
Andy Sloan 41.85	Leon Zaczek 25.46	Harry Brady 21.80
Barbara Israel 41.69	Sandy Ainsworth 22.39	Margaret Sarno 21.62
Anne Gust 40.72	Sally Gauthier 22.36	Bill Lau 21.33
Lee Esworthy 38.96	Alex Birman 22.07	Doug Vene 20.35
Paul Matheson 37.69	Henry Hood 21.37	Glenn Ryburn 20.32
Bruce Thiher 37.68	John T. Quinn 19.25	Gloria Bennett 20.26
Greg Saunders 36.75	Richard Gauthier 18.98	Kathy Brick 20.06
Dave Stentz 36.62	Ron Hutchinson 18.70	Gordon Moxley 19.72
Rich Seidman 36.69	Janine LeBlond 18.54	John Kuyper 18.39

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

BY

Alex Boone

It's hard to believe that June is almost here. The month of June is important to our club as it brings with it our premier event of the year—our Sectional. Preparations are in full swing and I would ask our membership to pitch in any way you can. We will have many guests from all over the state here checking out our club and The Villages. Let us all try to represent our club in a friendly helpful way.

Then in July our 500 NLM Sectional will be held at The Savannah Center. Carol Ketterer is the chairperson of that event. Because we expanded the participation requirements for that Sectional, many of us will have a great opportunity to pick up silver points.

Our education department, headed by Bob Matthews, continues to grow and bring in many potential duplicate players. Our club is very fortunate to have Bob head up this important position.

At our last Board Meeting, Mike Lotti, our club's financial analyst, reported that we continue to grow at a 6 percent rate which is incredible!

In closing, I hope everyone enjoys our events that are coming up and I wish you happiness in our summer season.

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TOURNAMENT RESULTS

PALMETTO (SARASOTA) REGIONAL FEB 15-21 (The editor left this one out in the prior Newsletter.)

Carol Payette 18.70	Margaret Sarno 17.97	Kathy McKay 17.39	Bob Ellis 13.61
Colleen Treanor 12.77	Janet Newman 12.39	Gene Newman 12.39	Russ Pearly 11.22
Paul Hassett 11.22	Richard Dahlgren 9.60	Judy Ventura 7.15	Gloria Bennett 5.60
Leon Zaczek 4.99	Bruce Thiher 4.99	Robert Vicars 4.77	John Carlson 4.77
Kathy Brick 4.63	Brenda Davis 4.63	Alex Birman 4.57	Carol Ketterer 3.61
John Dunn 3.36	Janet Dunn 3.36	Janet Gawenda 2.68	Jane Rowe 2.60
William Brown 2.57	Donna Brown 2.57	Marc Rissman 2.51	Maury Fjestad 2.19
Douglas Vene 2.19	Louise Hodgins 2.06	Glenn Ryburn 1.27	Barbara Ryburn 1.27
Nicholas Pund 1.07	John Kuyper 1.07	Phyllis Sokol-Wood .61	

2016 SPRING NABC RENO, NEVADA MARCH 9-20, 2016

Lucy Tillman 9.30 Neil Timm 4.24 Connie Lowry 2.91 Paul Matheson 1.49 Charlie Showalter 1.49

SPDBC NLM SECTIONAL ST. PETERSBURG MARCH 22-26

Leslie Nelson 3.19

DELAND 299ER SECTIONAL DELAND, FL MARCH 23-24

Carol Ketterer 3.96	Gloria Bennet 3.11	Brenda Pollak 3.11	Susanne Rattner 2.89
Nick Pund 2.78	John Kuyper 2.78	Lee Ned 2.64	Glenn Ryburn 2.58
William Brown 2.45	Donna Brown 2.45	Barb Ryburn 1.89	Nancy Jaffe 1.64
Bob Vicars 1.64	George Guarino 1.32	Michael Peleck .98	Jane Rowe .98
Carma Sands .69	Michael Vales .34	John Jencks .34	Nancy Brickley .14
Betty Jane Chiota .14	Georgianne Ackley .09		

SOUTHEASTERN REGIONAL CORAL SPRINGS, FL MARCH 28-APRIL 3

Sheila Naylor 3.39 John Quinn 3.39 Glenn Ryburn 3.00 Barbara Ryburn 3.00
Gloria Bennett 1.35 Carol Ketterer 1.35

OCALA SECTIONAL Ocala, FL APRIL 8-10

Russ Pearly 24.01	Dave Hudson 15.88	Jeff Koltenuk 14.49	Ed Schusler 13.25
Joe Sacco 12.76	Colleen Treanor 12.76	Sheila Naylor 9.04	Greg Saunders 9.04
Barbara Israel 9.04	William Brown 8.95	Donna Brown 8.95	Myron Henry 7.97
Mary Henry 7.97	Jack Gleckner 7.96	Beverly Parrish 7.87	Jane Hudson 7.38
Gladys Mikel 7.38	Henry Hood 7.24	David Stentz 7.20	Janet Matthews 6.96
John Kuyper 6.03	Marc Rissman 5.68	Alex Birman 5.68	John Lahoud 5.36
Alice Lahoud 5.36	Paul Hassett 5.34	Susanne Rattner 5.27	Chet Eicher 4.95
John Dunn 4.83	Janet Dunn 4.83	Jon Williams 4.76	Beverly Magnuson 4.33
Janet Gawenda 4.33	Nicholas Pund 4.24	Bill Lau 4.24	Paul Matheson 4.16
Richard Ried 3.86	Phyllis Sokol-Wood 3.86	Charlie Showalter 3.49	Sandra Ainsworth 3.48
Michael Lotti 3.48	Larry Sumner 3.28	Joseph Ogi 3.28	Pat Ciccarelli 3.03
Gene Ciccarelli 3.03	Gabriel Basil 3.03	John Quinn 2.95	George Murray 2.89
Carol Richardson 2.81	Brenda Davis 2.81	Janine LeBlond 2.29	Sandy Boone 2.28
Alex Boone 2.28	David Harris 2.27	Gloria Bennett 2.09	Carol Ketterer 2.09

(There were an additional 62 players from our Club who earned points.)

SPECIAL SECTIONAL APRIL 22-24 PALM BEACH GARDEN

Ed Schusler .53

DISTRICT 9 GNT SECTIONAL PINELLAS PARK APRIL 29-MAY 1

Marilyn Hubbard 2.02	Gloria Bennett 2.02	Carol Ketterer 2.02	Brenda Pollak 2.02
Paul Matheson .99	Janet Matthews .99	David Stentz .99	Charles Showalter .99
John Dunn .35	Janet Dunn .35	Barbra Fallone .35	

DISTRICT 9 GNT FINALS PALM BEACH GARDENS APRIL 29-MAY 1

Paul Matheson .55	Janet Matthews .55	David Stentz .55	Charlie Showalter .55
Marilyn Hubbard .41	Gloria Bennett .41	Carol Ketterer .41	Brenda Pollak .41

SARASOTA SECTIONAL SARASOTA, FL MAY 13-15

Elaine Lacroix 1.83 Donna Sinrud 1.83

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The reporters for the Bridge Newsletter are: Pat Ford, Mary Ann Kelly, Henry Hood, Leon Zaczek, and David Haskell (on a leave of absence). The Editor is: Pat Poitinger.