



CLUB NEWS

FOR THE DUPLICATE PLAYERS OF THE VILLAGES

DECEMBER, 2017

NEWS CLIPS:

Marvin Wells celebrated his 75th birthday with many friends on November 5. We wish you many more with good health and good friends.



Halloween at the bridge tables with the Ace of Spades (Susan Konig), Bridge Angel (Carol Alspach), The Witch—you will never guess (Shirley Agness), and Bridge Angel (Mary Ann Kelly). (Submitted by Margaret Sarno.)

The bridge players organized a pot-luck luncheon in honor of **Babs Fischer**, who is now a retired Director. It was held at Mulberry on September 28.



The food was delicious and Babs was so grateful to the 84 Bridge Club Members that attended her retirement luncheon. (Submitted by Leon Zaczek.)

NEWS CLIPS: (con't)

Buddy and Loretta Harp visited their good friends and former Villages neighbors, **Ian and Penny Harvey**, in their lovely home in the Kingdom of Fife County in Scotland recently. They toured the beautiful countryside and lunched at the Royal St. Andrews Golf Club and other quaint restaurants in the surrounding towns. Ian and Penny lived in The Villages for ten years and Ian is remembered by the bridge players for his prowess at the bridge table and being a keen adversary while always a gentleman.



Pictured from left to right: Andrew Davie, Loretta Harp, Penny Harvey, Faye Davie, Buddy Harp, and Ian Harvey. (Submitted by Mary Ann Kelly.)

Bill Ziemann has moved to an Assisted Living Facility in Connecticut to be near his daughter, Linda. He seems to be very well adjusted and feels that he made the right decision to move near his family. He said that some of his new friends think he is a hot shot bridge player and he is now giving lessons. Bill would love to hear from his bridge friends. His cell phone number is 352-459-7520. We all miss seeing Bill at the bridge table. (Submitted by Mary Ann Kelly.)

The Bookes, Eichers, Matthews, and Williams went on a transatlantic cruise, from the Rome, Italy, cruise port to Ft. Lauderdale, FL from late October to early November. The cruise included an ACBL-sanctioned sectional bridge tournament. The Matthews and Williams went early and spent three days sightseeing in Rome. They were joined by Bob's two sons, Tim and Chris.

The tournament included 19 sessions of bridge on 13 days, but the schedule left time to enjoy other aspects of cruising, including going ashore at three ports in Spain: Cartagena, Malaga, and Cadiz. (Submitted by Jon Williams.)



They all had a wonderful time!



Vikie and Larry Adams finished first in the 'C' Flight at the Palm Coast Sectional held on October 28. They were awarded ten gold points with a 58.39% score. Their win qualifies them to go to the Philadelphia National in March, 2018. They were awarded \$700 each to cover their expenses, plus they get free entry fees at the tournament.

Vikie and Larry moved to The Villages in September, 2016 from a retirement community called Solavita, located in Poinciana, FL, just south of Orlando. They give much credit to their mentor at Solavita, Sharlene Tyler, who also moved to The Villages last year and is a very popular bridge teacher.



Congratulations to Vikie and Larry!
(Submitted by Buck Buchanan)

The Daily Sun ran a feature article on **Ev Arnold** on November 7. The first part of the article summed up the phenomenally successful softball career Ev achieved. "When Ev Arnold stepped off the diamond at the Senior Softball USA Masters Championships in Las Vegas on Sept. 20, he had completed a special feat. His team—Florida Investment Properties—won the tournament in the Men's 80 Major bracket, giving Arnold his 86th tournament victory. Those 86 victories give Arnold one championship for every year he has been alive. Arnold didn't start winning softball championships until he was 65 years old, and it only took him 21 years—an average of just more than four championships per year—to match his age."

We haven't seen Ev at many of our bridge games recently. He used to play regularly. We miss you, Ev, and hope you come back into the bridge world! Congratulations on your softball expertise!

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We were all very sad when **Barbara Israel** passed on September 27. She was only 69—much too young. She is being missed by all of her bridge partners and members.

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Henry Hood needs love and support from all of us. He has had 3 occasions of hemorrhaging and he spent time in the hospital with each. He went to Temple on Sept. 20, and underwent surgery on October 5. It was a very difficult surgery and the hospital released him on November 7. The healing has been very slow and painful. His email address is htheh@comcast.net. Let's all send him words of encouragement!

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NEW CLUB MEMBERS NOVEMBER 2017

Mirian Springer	Marcia Nelson	Eric Solomon	Ken Bates	Margaret Bates
Jill Miller	Donna Thompson	John Kelly	Joyce Ofett	Linnae Clinton
Wayne Fenton	Marlene Knopf	Mickey Otterback		

A BIG WELCOME IS EXTENDED TO ALL!

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DUPLICATE BRIDGE CLUB MEMBER RANK ACHIEVEMENTS –SEPTEMBER 2017

Junior Master: Sara Godleski, Karen McMahon, Bob Smith

Club Master: Dixie Bourke

Sectional Master: Nell Hessemer

Regional Master: Nancy Turner

DUPLICATE BRIDGE CLUB MEMBER RANK ACHIEVEMENTS—OCTOBER 2017

Junior Master: Joe Arkison, Kathryn Bentley, Josephine Chimblo, Gary Gardner, Janice Gardner, Susanne Hartman, Patricia Locklear

Club Master: Kenneth Baierle, Elizabeth Dabler, Connie Goldfarb, Camille Hannas, Bob Treanor, Norma Wilk

Sectional Master: Mary Lou Downey, Diane Drake

Regional Master: Donald Coker

Adv NABC Master: Victoria Adams, Lawrence Adams

Bronze Life Master: Patricia Holmes, Ruth McCann, Joanne McClellan

Congratulations to all! These are also listed on our website under Milestones.

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Knowledge is Power:

A SHOT OF WHISKEY: In the old west a .45 cartridge for a six-gun cost 12 cents, so did a glass of whiskey. If a cowhand was low on cash he would often give the bartender a cartridge in exchange for a drink. This became known as a "shot" of whiskey.

IRON CLAD CONTRACT: This came about from the ironclad ships of the Civil War. It meant something so strong it could not be broken.

SERIES GAME WINNERS: JULY, AUGUST, SEPTEMBER

Monday 1 PM 299ers

Deb Schmidt 1st 1.75 mp
Julia Roemmich 1st 1.75 mp
Patricia DeArmond 3rd 1.13 mp
Michael Vales 4th .84 mp
Don Schreifels 5th .63 mp

Monday evening 49ers

Dixie Bourke 1st 2.00 mp
Jim Strazzere 2nd 1.32 mp
Ken Baierle 2nd 1.32 mp
Karla Millsap 4th .84 mp
Ralph Gingery 5th .55 mp
Randy Eisner 5th .55 mp

Monday evening Open

Charles Showalter 1st 1.75 mp
Rich Seidman 1st 1.75 mp
Jeff Koltenuk 3rd 1.13 mp
Jon Williams 4th .84 mp
Pamela Powell 5th .63 mp
Paul Hassett 6th .47 mp

Monday 1 PM Open

Charles Showalter 1st 1.75 mp
Joe Sacco 1st 1.75 mp
Carolyn Benner 3rd .99 mp
Philip Benner 3rd .99 mp
Jon Williams 5th .55 mp
Marilyn Williams 5th .55 mp

Tuesday 12:45 Open

Gladys Mikel 1st 2.00 mp
Andy Sloan 2nd 1.32 mp
Rich Seidman 2nd 1.32 mp
Albert P. Simpson 4th .84 mp
Frances Gina Doss 5th .63 mp
Joe Sacco 6th .47 mp

Tuesday 750

Jane Rowe 1st 1.75 mp
Mike Peleck 1st 1.75 mp
Eric Voss 3rd .99 mp
Mike Kwiatkowski 3rd .99 mp
Eileen Rush 5th .55 mp
Gary Segal 5th .55 mp

Wednesday 1 PM Open

Jeff Koltenuk 1st 2.00 mp
Joe Sacco 2nd 1.50 mp
Gladys Mikel 3rd 1.13 mp
Alex Boone 4th .74 mp
Sandy Boone 4th .74 mp
Frances Gina Doss 6th .47 mp

Wednesday 1PM 299er

Patricia De Armond 1st 2.00 mp
Jack Franklin 2nd 1.50 mp
Harry Brady 3rd 1.13 mp
Eric Voss 4th .74 mp
Mike Kwiatkowski 4th .74 mp

Wednesday Evening Open

Greg Saunders 1st 2.00 mp
Paul Hassett 2nd 1.50 mp
Frances Gina Doss 3rd 1.13 mp
Jon Williams 4th .84 mp
Charles Showalter 5th .63 mp
Marguerite Hassett 6th .47 mp

Thursday 9 AM Open

Shelia Goad 1st 1.65 mp
Dale Marx 2nd 1.24 mp
Harry Brady 3rd .93 mp
Ralph Rosenfeld 4th .70 mp
Nancy Rosenfield 5th .52 mp
Bettyjane Chiota 6th .30 mp

Thursday 1 PM Open

Janet Matthews 1st 2.00 mp
Charles Showalter 2nd 1.50 mp
Albert P. Simpson 3rd 1.13 mp
Jon Williams 4th .84 mp
Jack Smith 5th .63 mp
Jeff Koltenuk 6th .47 mp

Thursday 99ers

Jeffrey Bond 1st 1.75 mp
Roy Antetomaso 1st 1.75 mp
Dale Hardgrove 3rd .99 mp
Linda Hardgrove 3rd .99 mp
George Mast 5th .55 mp
Susan Mast 5th .55 mp

Friday PM Open

Charles Showalter 1st 2.00 mp
Sylvia Keyes 2nd 1.50 mp
Bruce Thiher 3rd .99 mp
Harry Freedman 3rd .99 mp
Chris Peters 5th .55 mp
Walter Peters 5th .55 mp

Friday PM 99ers

George Mast 1st 1.75 mp
Susan Mast 1st 1.75 mp
Mary Nadeau 3rd .99 mp
Shirley Bond 3rd .99 mp
Charles Hustig 5th .55 mp
Evelyn Hustig 5th .55 mp

Friday AM Open

Buck Buchanan 1st 1.75 mp
Chet Eicher 1st 1.75 mp
Jeff Koltenuk 3rd 1.13 mp
Roberta Meyers 4th .84 mp
Jon Williams 5th .55 mp
Marilyn Williams 5th .55 mp

Friday 1 PM Open

Frances Gina Doss 1st 2.00 mp
Andy Sloan 2nd 1.50 mp
Janet Matthews 3rd 1.13 mp
Buck Buchanan 4th .84 mp
Jeff Koltenuk 5th .63 mp
Gladys Mikel 6th .47 mp

Saturday 12:45 Open

Charles Showalter 1st 2.00 mp
Dee Parson 2nd 1.32 mp
Stephen Pearl 2nd 1.32 mp
Frances Gina Doss 4th .84 mp
Jeff Koltenuk 5th .63 mp
Bob LaBarge 6th .47 mp

Saturday 299er

Bob Martin 1st 1.75 mp
Joseph Ogi 1st 1.75 mp
Beverly Ludwig 3rd 1.13 mp
Joan Gerber 4th .84 mp
Betty Einstman 5th .63 mp
Don Schreifels 6th .47 mp

(People who wonder if the glass is half empty or half full miss the point. The glass is refillable.)

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE: Charlie Showalter

According to the ACBL table count, our club is now running as the second largest in the country so far this year. The count is, I believe, as of the end of October. I would expect us to hold on to that ranking for the remainder of the year. When I moved here 10 years ago, the club was not mentioned in the rankings. The club has made enormous changes over those years. The Villages has provided us with bridgemates and dealing machines. We have added many limited masterpoint games, and a very active educational program. We now host two Sectional Tournaments, one open and one limited masterpoint game.

There are still goals to try to achieve. Hosting a Regional Tournament would be a great thing for the players in the club, but lack of a facility has precluded that. If the proposed new hotel near Brownwood comes to fruition, then that could happen. Many have wanted a dedicated bridge center for the club, but that is perhaps more distant than hosting a Regional.

One of the many things that have helped the club to be successful is that we still are a friendly club, even with our tremendous growth over the past few years. So long as we maintain that atmosphere, we will continue to grow to perhaps one day become the largest club in the country.

This is my last message as president and as a member of the Board. I wish the new president and Board great success in maintaining the growth and friendliness of the club.

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MOST MASTER POINTS FROM ALL ACBL EVENTS IN 2017

Sandra	Gebhardt	741.27	Russ	Pomeroy	221.39	Carolyn	Benner	153.62
Charles	Showalter	459.78	Ed	Schusler	211.24	Sheila	Naylor	151.46
Jeff	Koltenuk	443.75	Dave	Stentz	206.63	Loretta	Harp	147.43
Paul	Hassett	346.58	Lucy	Tillman	205.95	Paul	Matheson	139.43
Joe	Sacco	344.92	Victoria	Adams	201.01	Leon	Zaczek	137.18
Jon	Williams	342.23	Louise	Hodgins	199.38	Margaret	Sarno	134.43
Frances Gina	Doss	324.7	Lawrence	Adams	199.31	John T	Quinn	134.34
Gladys	Mikel	305.5	Alex	Booke	187.47	Mike	Kwiatkowski	133.78
Rich	Seidman	282.65	Sandy	Booke	185.97	Greg	Saunders	133.07
Russ	Pearly	282.64	Beverly	Parrish	183.86	Jack	Smith	132.65
Dave	Hudson	267.74	Kristie	Carter	183.6	Bob	LaBarge	130.28
Dean	Robinson	265.13	Jane	Hudson	180.49	Patricia	Holmes	128.89
Buck	Buchanan	264.76	Philip	Benner	166.42	Jane	Rowe	128.2
Andy	Sloan	264.21	Neil	Timm	164.51	Caroline	Davies	125.61
Janet	Matthews	258.24	Marilyn	Williams	163.39	Gail	Singer	124.44
Colleen	Treanor	253.71	Alex	Birman	160.35	Mary Ann	Kelly	124.07
Bruce	Thiher	231.42	Carol	Ketterer	155.97			

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"One of the happiest moments ever is when you find the courage to let go of what you can't change."

Author unknown

"Some things are better left unsaid, which I generally realize right after I have said them." Author unknown

MOST POINTS EARNED IN CLUB GAMES IN 2017

Over 1,000 Master Points			500 – 1,000 Master Points			Under 500 Master Points		
Charles	Showalter	360.95	George	Murray	94.94	Victoria	Adams	90.21
Jeff	Koltenuk	344.26	Patricia	Holmes	87.52	Lawrence	Adams	88.51
Joe	Sacco	272.02	Karen	Pekkanen	85.41	Margaret	Sarno	82.38
Jon	Williams	249.67	Caroline	Davies	81.78	Mike	Kwiatkowski	78.84
Paul	Hassett	248.67	Pamela	Powell	79.96	Harry	Freedman	78.27
Frances Gina	Doss	244.61	Mary	Rowe	76.14	Harry	Brady	71.36
Gladys	Mikel	231.94	Michael	Lotti	74.34	Joseph	Ogi	70.08
Buck	Buchanan	218.19	David	Michaelson	71.32	Ralph	Rosenfeld	70.06
Dave	Hudson	217.89	Alex	Birman	70.97	Doug	Smith	66.68
Rich	Seidman	214.24	Sandy	Ainsworth	67.13	Don	Schreifels	61.79
Russ	Pearly	192.64	Ruth	McCann	66.07	Gordon	Pfeiffer	61.61
Andy	Sloan	188.53	Doris	Reeves	64.27	John	Blackwell	61
Janet	Matthews	187.53	Larry	Abramovitz	63.88	George	Mast	59.82
Jane	Hudson	150.68	Leon	Zaczek	63.84	Susan	Mast	59.08
Bruce	Thiher	144.83	Ron	Hutchinson	60.25	Jack	Franklin	57.14
Lucy	Tillman	139.14	Sally	Gauthier	59.51	Bob	Vicars	55.99
Marilyn	Williams	135.69	Bonnie	Overson	57.02	Nancy	Rosenfeld	55.65
Alex	Booke	135.19	Michael	Mocella	55.78	Joe	Bosch	50.49
Dave	Stentz	134.87	Jane	Dulieu	52.84	Brenda	Davis	49.99
Sandy	Booke	129.16	Kathy	Berman	51.32	Eric	Voss	47.84

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NOMINEES FOR THE 2018 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The nominees are Shelia Goad, Marilyn Williams, Larry Abramovitz, Phil Benner, Gordon Pfeiffer, and Donna Brown. Their bios are on the website. Voting for two people will take place the first two weeks in December.

GATLINBURG REGIONAL TOURNAMENT

Carol Ketterer is organizing this bus trip to the Regional Tournament and her phone number and email address is listed on the website. We all owe Carol a big thanks for organizing this trip.

EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS

The class on 2/1 Game Force taught by **Sharlene Tyler** in January and February is now closed. A repeat of the course is being considered for April. Contact Sharlene if you are interested. Check the website for other educational programs being offered.

CHRISTMAS PARTIES

Alex Booke has informed the editor there are no Club Christmas parties planned for this year. However, the Club is offering a Dinner Dance on Saturday, February 17, at the Savannah Center.

DIRECTOR'S CORNER by Paul Matheson

The Directors held their 4th annual Director's Cup golf event on October 8. In a close finish the team of Marilyn Williams, John Quinn, Bob Matthews, and Paul Matheson edged the team of Bev Magnuson, Jon Williams, John Kuyper, and Rick Gauthier. The awards banquet was held later in the afternoon at the Palmer Golf Course and attended by about 30 players and guests. In a surprise ending Bev Magnuson was voted the most Valuable Player in the tournament despite the fact she was on the losing team. A good time was had by all.

As we enter the Season there are several club policies that bear reviewing. One of these is the seating policy. Since our games are held in facilities operated by the Recreation Department we must abide by their policy that Village residents be given first priority. Residents are given priority on a "first come, first serve" basis. The second priority is for residents who have guests. The last priority is Guest/ Guest pairs. Resident/Guest pairs and Guest/Guest pairs are seated only if space is available.

Another important policy concerns the saving of N/S seats for those with medical problems. A pair desiring this preferred seating must call the director in advance of need. If such a request is granted at least one player from the team must be at the venue at least 30 minutes prior to game time. BOTH players must be at the table at least 15 minutes before the game. If both players are not seated, the table will not be saved and waiting pairs will take their place.

Another policy needing to be discussed relates to cell phones. All cell phones are to be turned off during the game. If a member is concerned about a possible emergency situation they should inform the director prior to the game start. The Director will then decide the course of action needed to minimize a possible disruption. If one's cell phone rings during a game the pair is to be assessed a ¼ board penalty. If the call is answered the penalty is ½ a board.

Another topic concerns the speed of play. Our contract with the Recreation department stipulates the period for which the room is reserved for us. As you may have noticed there are often large lines of people standing outside our rooms waiting to use the room when we are finished. So it is essential that the Directors make sure we finish our games in a timely manner. Also slow play impacts not only the slow table but the players in the table in front of them waiting for a pair to arrive and those in the table behind them waiting to move to the slow table. If allowed to continue this "accordion effect" only causes additional frustrations. Therefore the game directors have a duty to make sure the game moves at a regular pace. Our director's policy is to warn slow tables when they are behind and ask them to catch up by the next round. If slow play continues at some point a board is "pulled". "Pulling" a board is usually frustrating to the slow pair but more so to an innocent pair who started the round late and believe they are being "punished" through no fault of their own.

This will be my last contribution to the Newsletter as Head Director. Rick Gauthier will take over the job in 2018 and we all know he will do a fantastic job. I would like to thank all the Directors who have made my job so easy over the last 5+ years. It has been an honor to have served them and all the members of the club.

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Knowledge is Power:

RIFF RAFF: The Mississippi River was the main way of traveling from north to south. Riverboats carried passengers and freight but they were expensive so most people used rafts. Everything had the right of way over rafts which were considered cheap. The steering oar on the rafts was called a "riff" and this transposed into riff-raft, meaning low class.

SHIP STATE ROOMS: Traveling by steamboat was considered the height of comfort. Passenger cabins on the boats were not numbered. Instead they were named after states. To this day cabins on ships are called staterooms.



Buck Buchanan interviewed our new Head Director as of January 1, 2018, Rick Gauthier.

The following is the article he wrote to Buck.

"I grew up and resided in the Springfield, MA, area for the first 55 years of my life. When I graduated high school I planned on going to college for computer programming, however my father owned a heating & air conditioning business and that summer one of his employees quit and he asked me to work for him. It wasn't really what I wanted and I was not sure if I had the aptitude, but I felt I really couldn't say no. After riding with him for one month he told me I was on my own! When I told him I wasn't nearly ready he said "I don't care if you have to call me ten times a day, you'll never learn if I'm holding your hand!" As it turned out I spent 38 years as an HVAC contractor, the last 22 on my own after my father

retired.

Bridge players often tease me about how quickly I move about the room, but this is how I've always worked—full speed ahead. One time my father and I were installing the refrigeration for a walk-in cooler at a restaurant and we moved so quickly doing the job that the owner asked us if we were on speed!

My wife Sally and I met in 1981 in a nightclub where both of us were drinking soda! She wasn't sure she wanted anything to do with me because of the tattoo on my forearm but I had an easy opening line because she obviously had a new tan and who doesn't want to talk about their vacation? We have two daughters—Megan is 31, has bachelor's and master's degrees from UMASS Dartmouth and is a Disability Case Manager in Charlotte, NC. Becca is 29, has a bachelor's degree from Mt. Holyoke College and a law degree from Harvard Law School. She is a lawyer and is also residing in Charlotte, NC. Anyone have any eligible children/grandchildren?

When I was about 20 I read the book "Nothing Down" (referring to buying properties with little cash outlay). I began utilizing this knowledge and by the time I was thirty Sally and I owned seventy-two apartments. I was working all the time between my full time job and remodeling, repairing, renting and everything else that came with owning the apartments. Eventually we hired a management company to run the rentals.

Sally and I took up bridge in the late nineties and to this day play a very simple Standard American system. I began directing at a small bridge club in Northampton, MA and eventually became the head director at that club. There were only four or five directors and we only directed once per month.

Sally retired in 2006 from the Social Security Administration and I retired in 2012 at which point we moved to TV. In addition to playing & directing bridge I enjoy golf, bicycling, walking, games, yard work and working for Habitat for Humanity putting my construction experience to good use.

My philosophy as Head Director will be to splinter off pieces of this huge job. With the tremendous expansion of this club, this job became overwhelming for Paul and I hope to reduce that burden and spread it out. Paul is graciously handling the database management for the club and I think we all appreciate what he has done for us and will continue to do. I plan on helping to train the two new director candidates that expressed interest prior to my election, continue training existing directors, have someone manage the Director schedule, have help with writing the monthly Director's Corner in our newsletter and most importantly trying to have myself and others available to help with the inevitable Bridgmate and ACBLscore problems and what has become a complicated job of running the games. We currently have about 19 games per week and manning them is a continual challenge. To that end one of the conditions of my employment is that no Director will ever be forced to run a game—if there is no one available we may have to occasionally cancel a game in that occurrence, but we will strive to keep that from happening. We are lucky to have a great team of directors who have all expressed a willingness to work with me which in turn will result in a period of stability for the club that was needed at this time.

I would like to cite one player who, for me, is an example that I'd like all players to emulate in order to ensure a pleasant game and keep our directors on board. Paul Hassett has disagreed with my rulings on occasion but has never raised his

voice or argued with me at the table. We will often have discussions after the game and he may persuade me that I was incorrect (or not) but it's always done amicably. As a plus we both may learn something from the conversation. There is never a need for heated confrontation. This is only a game and no one is winning a car!

In conclusion I have to say that my favorite part of directing is the people. Ironically running a game is a social event for me and I've made many friends and shared many laughs with all. I hope the laughs continue!"

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Thanks, Rick, for providing such relevant insights into your life, work habits, personality, and dedication. I'm sure the players at our club will support your many endeavors, and may we all have a good laugh now and then! Pat P.
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TOURNAMENT RESULTS

It needs to be noted that if your ACBL number is not registered in The Villages or Lady Lake, your results may not be included. Please let the editor know if you are playing in an out-of-state tourney or if your ACBL number is registered in some other city.

PALM COAST NLM SECTIONAL PALM COAST FL SEPTEMBER 22—23

1.70 Nancy Brickley 1.70 Gail Singer

SOUTHWEST FLORIDA REGIONAL FT. MYERS, FL OCTOBER 9—OCTOBER 15

6.25 Elaine Lacroix 6.25 Carol Payette 2.22 Roberta Lee

MIRACLE STRIP SECTIONAL FORT WALTON BEACH OCTOBER 13—15

3.93 Steve Macheel 3.93 Andrea Macheel

JACKSONVILLE SECTIONAL JACKSONVILLE, FL OCTOBER 20-22

7.69 R.Douglas Smith 5.49 Victoria Adams 5.49 Lawrence Adams

CLEARWATER SECTIONAL CLEARWATER, FL OCTOBER 20—22

.93 Maury Fjestad .93 Jan Masterson

FORT LAUDERDALE CRUISE OCTOBER 26—NOVEMBER 8

(results are still not posted)

DISTRICT 9 NAB DISTRICT F ST PETERSBURG GNT/NAP NAB DISTRICT

10.00 Victoria Adams 10.00 Lawrence Adams 1.85 Eric Voss 1.85 Michael Kwiatkowski
.79 Nancy Turner .79 Gail Singer

SPECIAL SECTIONAL PALM COAST, FL OCTOBER 27—29

4.07 Victoria Adams 4.07 Lawrence Adams

DAYTONA REGIONAL NOVEMBER 6—12

22.53 Richard Seidman	22.53 Jonathan Williams	22.53 Jeff Koltenuk	22.53 Charlie Showalter
21.39 Sharon Amberg	21.39 Emiel Domis	20.59 Carol Benner	19.34 Philip Benner
15.67 Michael Kwiatkowski	15.67 Eric Voss	13.99 Victoria Adams	13.99 Lawrence Adams
12.71 Robert Vicars, Jr.	12.71 Douglas Smith	12.66 Russ Pearly	12.66 Janet Matthews
12.66 Colleen Treanor	12.66 Beverly Parrish	11.82 Kathy McKay	9.89 Maury Fjestad
9.89 Douglas Vene	9.88 Margaret Sarno	9.88 Janet Gawenda	9.24 Myron Henry
9.24 Mary Henry	8.45 John Kuyper	8.05 Shelia Naylor	9.05 Bill Lau
7.60 Jane Dulieu	7.39 Ted Dicorpo	7.39 Josephine Dicorpo	6.50 Donna Brown
5.43 Michael Vales	5.09 Marilyn Hubbard	5.00 Lee Ned	5.00 Brenda Davis

4.99 Louise Hodgins (Dayton Regional con't)	4.99 Genevieve Letendre	4.10 Glenn Ryburn	4.19 Barbara Ryburn
4.02 Sandra Ainsworth	4.02 D. Chapin	3.99 Leroy Antelomaso	3.99 Jeffrey Bond
3.82 Carl King	3.59 Victoria Rhodes	3.59 Joseph Fernandez	3.40 Larry Summer

There were an additional 30 players who earned master points.

THE VILLAGES 499ER SECTIONAL TOURNEY NOVEMBER 17—19
(results are not posted)

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A NOTE FROM THE EDITOR-- Pat Poitinger

The Board has asked for a trained back-up for each person presently holding some type of position in our Club. I have chosen **Buck Buchanan** (he graciously accepted) to be the back-up editor of Club News. He will become the Club News editor when I decide I can no longer assume responsibility of being the editor.

Buck's Bidding Quiz (on next page) is an attempt to involve more members in reading the Club News and responding to it. We hope it will be a success.

I have been the editor for eight years. It has been my intent and policy to keep the Club News, precisely, as news about Club members. At the time when I became the editor, we changed the title of the newsletter from "Bridge News" to "Club News" upon the recommendation of the Board members at that time. I have adhered to that recommendation, avoiding educational articles. Our Club is fortunate in having an excellent educational program. As a Christmas gift to **Neil Timm**, I am including one of his hands, featuring the 210 guideline, in this edition. As long as I am the editor, I will not continue doing this unless I hear from you, the members and the Board, that you want/or don't want more educational focus in the Club News. Please email me at pprpbridge2@gmail.com with your opinions. I will keep a tally of the responses and it will be helpful to me and to the next editor.

Thank you for the continued support you have shown me and the news reporters and all of the members who have contributed to the Club News over the years.

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A TRIBUTE TO PAUL MATHESON AND CHARLIE SHOWALTER

Paul and **Charlie** have done so much to help lead our Club into uncharted areas. Charlie's "President's Message" in this issue describes many achievements our Club has made. It's been a full-time job for each of them. Words can't describe the gratitude we extend to them. They have made a big difference in the direction of our Club, and we thank you from the bottom of our hearts.

Paul will continue as Database Manager, and we hope we will still hear astute suggestions from Charlie.

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The third annual Villages 499er NLM Sectional was held at the Savannah Center November 17—19. Our thanks are extended to **Carol Ketterer**, Tournament Chair, and to **BJ Chiota**, Partnership Chair. Thanks are also extended to all the kitchen helpers and set-up helpers.

A detailed article will follow in this newsletter.

Here are ten bidding questions, all taken from past issues of the Bridge Bulletin. Email your answers to buckandmauri@aol.com by January 15, 2018. There will be three winners; one in the <500 mp category, one in the 500-2000 category, and one in the >2000 mp category (please identify which category you belong to). The winners will be announced in the next edition of the Club News, plus there will be a prize for the winners. (We haven't yet decided what that will be!)

Hand #1: IMPs N/S vul

S void H K8764 D Q98642 C K3

<u>West</u>	<u>North</u>	<u>East</u>	<u>South</u>
		3S	Pass
4S	4NT (1)	Pass	??
(1) any two suits			

Hand #2: IMPs None vul

S AQ763 H 9 D 52 C J7642

<u>West</u>	<u>North</u>	<u>East</u>	<u>South</u>
	1D	1H	1S
2H	3D	3H	Pass
Pass	3NT	Pass	??

Hand #3: Matchpoints None vul

S AK952 H 1054 D K C 10743

<u>West</u>	<u>North</u>	<u>East</u>	<u>South</u>
Pass	1 H	1 S	??

Hand #4: IMPs N/S vul

S A10764 H J742 D A7 C K4

<u>West</u>	<u>North</u>	<u>East</u>	<u>South</u>
	1C	1H	1S
2H	3C	3H	??

Hand #5: Matchpoints Both vul

S AQ7 H 654 D A109543 C 10

<u>West</u>	<u>North</u>	<u>East</u>	<u>South</u>
	1C	Pass	1D
Pass	1S	Pass	??

Hand #6: Both vul

S AKJ10 H AQ10862 D 3 C K3

<u>West</u>	<u>North</u>	<u>East</u>	<u>South</u>
3C	Pass	Pass	DBL
Pass	4S	Pass	??

Hand #7: IMPs Both vul

S K87 H void D QJ1042 C AQJ97

<u>West</u>	<u>North</u>	<u>East</u>	<u>South</u>
	Pass	Pass	1D
1H	1S	4H	??

Hand #8: Matchpoints N/S vul

S 643 H 75 D KQJ4 C KQ63

<u>West</u>	<u>North</u>	<u>East</u>	<u>South</u>
	1H	Pass	1NT
2S	3H	4S	DBL
Pass	4NT	Pass	??

Hand #9: IMPs None vul

S K4 H K86543 D Q7632 C void

<u>West</u>	<u>North</u>	<u>East</u>	<u>South</u>
2C (1)	Pass	2D (2)	??
(1) Six clubs (or five clubs with a four-card major) 11-15 HCP			
(2) Artificial			

Hand #10: IMPs N/S vul

S J H KQ9765 D AJ9 C AKJ

<u>West</u>	<u>North</u>	<u>East</u>	<u>South</u>
4S	Pass	Pass	??

How would you bid this Hand?

By Neil H. Timm

		♠	42		
		♥	AKQ106		
		♦	105		
		♣	K976		
♠	QJ1053	<div>N W E S</div>		♠	K976
♥	3			♥	7
♦	Q976			♦	AK8432
♣	A108			♣	52
		♠	A8		
		♥	J98542		
		♦	J		
		♣	QJ43		

DEALER is SOUTH and none are vulnerable!

How would you bid this hand? You clearly have several options!

OPTION 1

Given the vulnerability, some may open 2♥, even with that very poor suit!

North with 16 dummy points will bid 4♥. And some may pass. This is a very good result for North-South.

OPTION 2

However, many east players with a singleton heart will double; and, after west's bid of 5♣, east will bid 5♦. A good result for E-W if not doubled.

OPTION 3

However, with no defense in diamonds (low ODR – Offense to Defense Ratio), should north now bid 5♥ (not good) or double (better)?

With two diamonds, north must double and NOT bid 5♥. If north were to bid at the 5-level, east with two quick tricks, and low ODR – must double; hoping partner has one trick.

OPTION 4

With a poor suit, most will not open 2♥. Then the bidding may go:

South	West	North	East
Pass	Pass	1♥	2♦
4♦*	4♠	Pass	Pass
5♥	Double	Pass	Pass

Pass *=Delayed splinter in support of hearts

OPTION 5

The bidding goes:

South	West	North	East
Pass	Pass	1♥	2♦
4♦*	4♠	Pass	Pass
5♥	Pass	Pass	5♠
Double	Pass	Pass	Pass

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In Option 5, east converted a plus score to a minus score.

When the opponents are bidding to the 5-level in a competitive auction, many have heard the “the 5-level belongs to the opponents”. This is not the case. One must invoke the rule of 210! What is that rule? It goes:

Bid to the 5-level with a void (zero cards in their suit), pass with one, double with two.

The rule comes from negative slam doubles, which are used to decide whether to sacrifice. Over a slam the second hand doubles to show no defensive tricks (0), but passes with (1) or more (2) tricks.

Negative Slam Double—A Double of opponent’s slam is used to indicate either a willingness to continue bidding or penalize the opponents.

Example:

(1♥) - 2♠ - (4♥);

(6♥) – X

This Double indicates the player has no defensive tricks and, assuming partner’s hand is limited to offensive values, suggests partner make a sacrifice slam bid (usually with favorable vulnerability).

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SOME PICTURES FROM THE 499ER SECTIONAL (thanks to Leon Zaczek for sending pictures).



REPORT FROM THE 499er SECTIONAL TOURNAMENT

By **CAROL KETTERER, CHAIRMAN**

THANKS TO ALL WHO COMPETED! THANKS TO OUR TERRIFIC HOSPITALITY VOLUNTEERS!

Our third Intermediate/Novice Tournament was a big success. Held November 17-19 at Savannah Center, the attendance was record breaking . Through two days of Pairs events, the table count totaled 199 including a full Section of 14 tables for our newest 0-20 MP players on Friday morning. An astonishing 32 Teams participated in the Sunday Swiss game.

The weekend before Thanksgiving proved to be a popular date with our 499er NLM members who played along with participants from Ocala, Deland, Gainesville, Sarasota, Cape Cod, Michigan and as far away as Toronto.

The large turnout kept three of our Directors very busy. Recognition goes out to **PAUL MATHESON**, Head Director and **JON WILLIAMS** and **JANET MATTHEWS** who worked tirelessly throughout the event. The space at Savannah Center is quite large and Janet had the numbers to prove it.....On Friday at the event she recorded nearly 20,000 steps! Paul and Jon had the added challenge of setting up a Bracketed Swiss game on Sunday, a variation on the Swiss Team game which is quite unusual at a Sectional.

Our Tournament preparation team included B J CHIOTA, working her magic as Partnership Chair, Donna Brown, the “Bag Lady” collecting plastic bags for table trash bags and my representatives at our regular games who kept the information flowing, NANCY JAFFE, CAROL BUCKLEY and GLORIA BENNETT. It takes a large team to keep everything organized.

Two of our members had particularly eventful results. On Saturday, **JUDY VON COLDITZ** earned the small amount of silver she needed to become a Life Master. Judy and her husband Eric have been regular seasonal members coming from Canada in late fall for several years. At the Sunday Swiss game MARGARET SARNO earned the last of the points she needed to become Life Master. Our congratulations go out to both of these members who added to the special success of our Tournament by reaching their goals while participating.

The Hospitality Team this year worked especially hard due to the inclusion of a buffet lunch served all 3 days of the event. A BIG THANK YOU to our super volunteers: SALLY JEPSEN, MARILYN GRAHAM, BEV MAGNUSON, MARC RISSMAN, PAT HOLMES, SANDRA GEBHARDT, PHIL WOLFF, LEON ZACZEK, and CHRIS PETERS. In typical Villages style, the food flowed freely each day. Thanks to every member who contributed so that no one was hungry at the bridge table and possibly for weeks to come!

Special recognition goes out to my bridge partner and friend, GLORIA BENNETT, who worked along side me from pre-tourney preparation to the final clean up on Sunday evening. And also to my non-bridge playing husband, JOE KETTERER, who did everything from shopping for food to bagging trash and organizing all the club’s supplies that were returned to storage.

Again, thanks to all who played , volunteered or contributed. We proved again what a special Duplicate Bridge Club we have here. You all made it a success.....SAVE THE DATE for 2018: November 16-18.



Margret Sarno became a Life Master

Judy Von Colditz became a Life Master

Overall Friday winners.

Don Rancourt & Marge Hassett

The Club News reporters are: Margaret Sarno, Leon Zaczek, Mary Ann Kelly, Henry Hood (when he returns). 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 2017!

