

CLUB NEWS

FOR THE DUPLICATE PLAYERS OF THE VILLAGES

FEBRUARY 2017

NEWS CLIPS:

Henry Hood has been in and out of the hospital twice and his recovery has been a tough battle for him. Fortunately, he is now doing much better, and he's hoping to be back at the bridge table soon. We've missed you, Henry!

Henry has also talked with **George Murray**. **George** fell while riding his bicycle, and broke his collar bone and seven ribs. One rib penetrated his lung. After being discharged from The Villages Hospital, he went to The Club for rehab. After he was discharged from The Club, he spent about a week with his daughter who lives in Daytona Beach. He is returning to The Villages on January 24. We have missed you, George, and we hope you'll be back at the bridge table soon..

Laurie Igiel fell while playing pickleball and broke some bones. She's back at the bridge table. We are happy it wasn't more serious.

Addy Adler will be spending six months in Fort Lauderdale. She also plans to take a World Cruise.

Bruce Thiher has left The Villages to spend three months in Columbia. We hope you're having fun, Bruce!

Congrats to **Sandra Gebhardt**! She played in the Charleston Regional with her friend, Fred Pollack, who is a Canadian Pro and is a member of the Canadian National Bridge Team. They won 49.10 master points including 45.62 gold master points. Way to go, Sandra!

Frank Stewart will be presenting a one-day Seminar on Tuesday, March 21 at the Colony Cottage. The cost is \$80 which includes handouts and lunch. Mr. Stewart will be donating his fee to charity.

A two-week course on *Bidding 1NT Hands* is being taught by **Neil Timm** on Thursdays Feb. 2 and Feb. 9.

NEWS CLIPS (con't):

Neil Timm is teaching another class on *Bidding 2 NT Hands* on Thursday, Feb. 23.

A course *Learn to Play Bridge* is being taught by **Janet Matthews** on Jan. 26 to March 30. (Check the website under Education for further information for all lessons.)

The Annual Board Meeting was held on Sunday, Jan. 22, 1:00 at Seabreeze.

We thank **Janet Dunn** and **Gene Rodriguez** for the time spent on The Board.

We congratulate our new Board Members, **Beverly Parrish**, **Carol Ketterer**, and **Jeff Koltenuk**. **Charlie Showalter** is our new President, **Beverly Parrish** is our new Secretary, **Alex Booke** is our new Club Manager. **Jane Hudson** and **Bob Matthews** will remain on **The Board**.

We are proud to announce **The Villages Duplicate Bridge Club** ranked **4th** in all of the ACBL Clubs with a table count of 12,888 in 2016. Way to go, Villagers!

Mauri and Buck Buchanan are taking a land tour of Costa Rica! Have fun!

Mommy and Daddy Sand Hill Crane and Baby.



Submitted by **Mary Ann Kelly**

PAT FORD'S CHRISTMAS PARTY

Von Bush, Bonnie Barna, and Bonnie Overson took over the Christmas Party. Besides everyone missing **Pat Ford**, the party was a great success. They have asked the Board if the Christmas Party could continue in **Pat's** name. We all thank them for taking over in 2016 in **Pat's** honor.



DIRECTOR'S CORNER

Paul Matheson

The Board of Directors recently appointed **Russ Pearly** to be the Club's Recorder. The Recorder is the place to lodge a complaint if you believe a player has done something inappropriate, illegal or unethical. If desired the identity of the complainant will remain confidential but the complaint must be made in writing. The Recorder will investigate and track all complaints in a timely and appropriate manner. The Recorder does not have any disciplinary authority but if necessary will make a report to the Board of Directors for possible disciplinary actions. Contact and other related information will be forthcoming in the near future.

Since the "Season" is upon us we have a lot of new residents and visitors. We welcome them all! As part of this welcome I thought this would be a good time to review some of our club's policies.

We do not have a "guaranteed to play" policy. Some clubs have an "on call" person or allows the Director to fill in if someone needs a partner. Our Directors have the option of playing in a game if a player's scheduled partner was unable to attend at the last minute or if a player has an emergency after play has started. In any case the Director will only play if doing so does not result as a half table and their playing will not have a negative effect on their ability to run a game. The Director has total discretion as to playing or not playing.

In the event a player is unsatisfied with a Director's decision they may file an appeal to the game Director. The appeal must be made as soon as possible but in any event it must be within 15 minutes from the end of the game. The Club has an appeals committee which will hear the appeal. If these members are not available the Director will form a Committee of experienced and unbiased players. There should be an odd number of committee members so a decision will be made and not end in a draw.

The Club has a Zero Tolerance Policy to ensure all players have a pleasant and enjoyable experience. Examples of unacceptable behavior are acts of rudeness, badgering, insinuations, intimidation, profanity, threats or violence. Also unacceptable are negative comments to either the opponents or partner; "constant" and "gratuitous" lessons at the table or loud and disruptive arguing with a Director's ruling (see paragraph above.) A first ZTP offense will result in a ¼ board penalty and a second offense will result in the ejection from the game.

Because we have limited seating and our venues are owned and managed by the Villages Recreation Department for the use of our residents, there is a seating policy in place. Both partners must be seated 15 minutes prior to the scheduled start of the game. If a player has not arrived 15 minutes to the start of the game the seats will be filled by a waiting pair. Resident/Resident pairs on the waiting list will get first priority. If there are no Resident/Resident pairs waiting then a Resident/Guest pair will fill the seat. If there is no Resident/Resident or Resident/Guest on the waiting list then the seat will be filled by Guest/Guest pairs.

The Club allows members with a disability to reserve a N/S seat. These reservations must be made directly to the game Director, preferably 24 hours before game time. At least one of the partnership members must be at their seat at least 30 minutes before the scheduled start of the game. Both partners must be in their seats at least 15 minutes before the scheduled game time.

As an effort to speed up play, we encourage all players to sort their cards by suit AFTER THEY HAVE PLAYED ALL THE BOARDS IN THE ROUND. Do not do it at the end of each hand and only do it if there is time left on the round.

MASTER POINTS EARNED IN 2016 FROM ALL ACBL EVENTS (top 50)

Sandra Gebhardt 618.77	Paul Matheson 203.00	Caroline Davies 147.35
Charles Showalter 417.10	Buck Buchanan 201.85	Anne Gust 143.42
Jeff Koltenuk 383.96	Rich Seidman 194.11	Dave Harris 140.59
Joe Sacco 371.59	Alex Birman 189.64	Marilyn Hubbard 138.39
Bruce Thiher 324.15	Barbara Israel 180.56	Michael Lotti 135.87
Russ Pearly 314.45	Leon Zacaek 180.29	Andy Sloan 135.86
Jon Williams 307.12	Carol Ketterer 174.63	Karen Oberting 132.02
Gladys Mikel 301.11	Jane Hudson 166.32	William F. Brown 131.93
Dean Robinson 295.52	Sandy Boone 163.54	Donna Brown 131.79
Janet Matthews 276.24	Greg Saunders 163.41	George Murray 131.11
Paul Hassett 269.54	Ethel Levine 162.34	Ginny Crump 130.18
Ed Schusler 264.28	Alex Boone 159.69	Sue Frisch 126.24
Beverly Parrish 250.03	Ruth Srulevitch 156.40	Marilyn Williams 124.13
Colleen Treanor 239.35	Jack Smith 154.14	Louise Hodgins 123.17
Lucy Tillman 228.66	Bev Yankee 153.00	Maury Fjestad 122.42
Neil Timm 221.66	Shelia Naylor 152.96	John T. Quinn 119.86
Dave Stentz 219.37	Dave Hudson 152.25	

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CLUB POINTS EARNED IN 2016 (top 60)

Over 1000 Master Points	300-999 Master Points	Under 300 Master Points
Charles Showalter 303.70	Janet Matthews 183.00	Joseph Ogi 85.25
Joe Sacco 279.53	George Murray 111.56	Carol Ketterer 71.94
Gladys Mikel 239.79	David Michaelson 101.43	Shelia Naylor 69.98
Jeff Koltenuk 226.83	Mary Ann Kelly 84.96	Bill Lau 69.62
Paul Hassett 175.30	Patricia Holmes 81.10	Bob Martin 67.23
Russ Pearly 172.61	Carol Alspach 79.56	Harry Brady 63.93
Jon Williams 170.97	Mary Rowe 78.08	Brenda Davis 61.62
Buck Buchanan 168.86	Dave Harris 77.61	Kristie Carter 57.36
Rich Seidman 146.58	Michael Mocella 74.53	Maury Fjestad 55.52
Ed Schusler 137.11	Marilyn Hubbard 72.69	Lee Ann Ned 54.45
Anne Gust 137.07	Michael Lotti 70.93	William F. Brown 54.42
Barbara Israel 133.80	Ron Hutchinson 67.11	Donna Brown 54.28
Dave Stentz 131.46	Sandy Ainsworth 65.62	Bob Vicars 52.80
Paul Matheson 123.30	Leon Zaczek 65.19	Larry Summer 51.55
Jack Smith 119.79	Margaret Sarno 62.68	Nancy Jaffe 48.63
Sandy Boone 118.74	Caroline Davies 60.46	Danny Clark 48.49
Alex Boone 118.35	Pamela Powell 58.72	Glenn Ryburn 47.45
Bruce Thiher 117.78	Nicholas Pund 57.69	Bernie Carleton 47.24
Andy Sloan 116.14	Karen Pekkanen 55.65	George Guarino 45.47
Ginny Crump 114.89	Larry Abramovitz 53.99	Jack Franklin 44.41

Congratulations to all!

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Charlie Showalter

It is an honor to be elected President of your Club, and it will be a challenge to follow **Alex Boone** as President. Alex did a great job, and I am sure he will do an equally great job as our new Club Director, with the able assistance of **Sandy**. As you know, we needed a new club manager due to the passing of **Pat Ford**, who had been the Club Manager since there was a club. Pat made many important contributions to the Club and will surely be missed, but we must carry on.

The Club moved up to fourth in the nation in table count last year. Given that the three clubs ahead of us are in New York City, Los Angeles, and south Florida, that is pretty good given our population. The Club is financially stable after going through a somewhat lean period a few years ago. Our Sectional Tournaments and our Educational programs have made great contributions toward that financial stability. The Board wants to have a significant Member's Reserve in order to deal with unexpected financial obligations, but when it reaches a certain level, we will be looking for ways to improve the Club and to draw down the reserves if they get too high. Not a bad problem to have.

I encourage you to consider signing up for the Frank Stewart Seminar scheduled for March 21, 2017. Mr. Stewart, from his writings, seems to put much emphasis on developing judgment in bidding and play, and less on using conventions. I am personally very sympathetic to that approach and look forward to hearing him talk.

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MILESTONES:

There have been many additions to the 2016 Milestone list. Congratulations to all the Milestone participants in 2016! Check the website for the complete list for 2016.

STAC GAMES:

Many of our players did very well in the STAC games held in 2016.

NEW MEMBERS:

Patricia Ballman Bob Basch Judy Basch Cherry Eason Sheran James Bill Ramer
Robert Wardwell Bill Woodruff
A big welcome to all!

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Time for a few smiles?

Those who jump off a bridge in Paris are in Seine.
A man's home is his castle, in a manor of speaking.
Dijon vu—the same mustard as before.
Does the name Pavlov ring a bell?
Reading while sunbathing makes you well red.
When two egotists meet, it's an I for an I.
A bicycle can't stand on its own because it is too tired.
A boiled egg in the morning is hard to beat.
He had a photographic memory that was never developed.

TOURNAMENT RESULTS

ORLANDO NABC NOV.24—DEC. 4

43.24 Beverly Parrish	33.06 Russ Pearly	31.19 Bruce Thiher	30.83 John Blackwell
24.68 David Stentz	24.68 Caroline Davies	23.82 Marc Rissman	23.82 Alex Birman
23.06 Lucy Tillman	23.95 Paul Matheson	22.96 Lynn Patterson	21.55 Charles Showalter
20.82 Paul Hassett	19.05 Ed Buchanan	18.99 Don Rancourt	18.47 Janet Gawenda
18.08 Kathy Brick	17.63 Greg Saunders	16.49 Barbara Israel	16.00 Ruth Srulevitch
16.00 Beverly Yankee	14.86 William Brown	14.86 Donna Brown	14.59 David Harris
13.69 Joe Sacco	13.44 Danny Clark	12.80 Nicholas Pund	12.44 Sharon Amberg
12.44 Emiel Domis	12.32 John Quinn	12.14 Jeff Koltenuk	11.62 Mauri Buchanan
10.62 David Sullivan	10.62 Aline Sullivan	10.45 Janet Matthews	10.23 Douglas Smith
10.23 Andrew Kelly	9.65 Sue Frisch	9.65 Gary Segal	9.65 Eileen Rush
9.65 Arlene McIntosh	9.56 Sheila Naylor	9.37 Gladys Mikel	9.04 Marge Hassett
9.04 Louise Rancourt	8.99 Jonathan Greenspan	8.76 John Kuyper	8.43 Jane Hudson
8.41 Nancy Jaffe	8.20 George Guarino	8.18 Patricia Holmes	8.08 Mary Rowe
8.06 Colleen Treanor	8.02 Dale Marx	7.91 Sandy Boone	7.91 Alex Boone
7.62 Robert Vicars	7.22 Myron Henry	7.22 Mary Henry	6.94 Jonathan Williams
6.86 Beverly Magnuson	6.79 Bob Matthews	6.76 Michael Lotti	6.48 Marilyn Hubbard
6.08 Michael Kwiatkowski	5.71 Vicky Wade	5.71 Lee Ned	5.54 Laurie Igiel
5.09 Joyce Jackson	5.01 Kristie Carter	5.01 Gail Singer	4.96 Shelia Goad
4.96 Murray Tanzman	4.96 Dan Marx	4.03 Jane Rowe	3.93 Leon Zaczek
3.88 Mary Jane Garner	3.87 Maury Fjestad	3.80 Patricia Kolebas	3.72 Carol Ketterer
3.66 Gloria Bennett	3.49 Michael Hendershot	3.49 Rich Seidman	3.49 Lee Esworthy
3.39 Edward Schusler	3.32 Glenn Ryburn	3.32 Barbara Ryburn	3.29 Kelley Dryden
3.29 Eric Voss	3.18 Brenda Pollak	3.14 Michael Peleck	3.10 Roberta Meyers
3.10 Karen Pekkanen	3.10 Diana Richards	3.07 Ruth Ann Pethel	3.07 Robert Pethel
3.06 Robert LaBarge	3.05 Susanne Rattner	2.95 Steven Macheel	2.95 Andrea Macheel
2.79 Gordon Pfeifer	2.75 Nancy Turner	2.75 Joanne Eakin	2.73 Leslie Nelson
2.72 Erlinda Hanover	2.45 Kathy Brick	2.45 Douglas Vene	2.31 Brenda Davis
2.28 Joyce Knapp	2.25 Sandra Ainsworth	2.28 Sally Jepsen	2.18 Judy Flickinger
2.17 Margaret Sarno	2.05 Victoria Rhodes	2.05 Joseph Fernandez	2.04 Bruce Neri
2.04 Barbara Neri	1.98 Mary Lou Downey	1.98 Judy Moulton	1.82 Roger Flickinger
1.53 Carol Moseman	1.50 Carol Mayer	1.39 Ellen Danich	1.38 Shirley Land
1.32 David Hudson	1.29 Barbara Fallone	1.25 Gail Hudon	1.25 Barbara Knight
1.07 Tina Getz	1.07 RaeAnn Bethel	1.00 John Carlson	1.00 Bettyjane Chiota

(There were 18 players that earned less than 1.00 master point. The Villages Duplicate Bridge Club had a tremendous turn-out. Congrats to all!)

CHARLESTON MABC NEW YEAR DEC. 27—JAN. 2 NORTH CHARLESTON, SC

49.10 Sandra Gebhardt	14.13 Michael Kiernan	14.13 Maureen Kiernan
6.07 Gigi Letendre	6.07 Carol Payette	

LAKE BUENA VISTA REGIONAL JAN. 2—JAN. 8 ORLANDO, FL

17.76 David Stentz	17.51 Janet Matthews	11.53 Shelia Naylor	11.53 Bill Lau
9.67 Alex Birman	9.59 Robert Vicars	9.27 Patricia Holmes	8.70 Nancy Jaffe
8.70 John Kuyper	8.58 Jonathan Williams	8.58 Jeff Koltenuk	8.11 Sharon Amberg

LAKE BUENA VISTA REGIONAL (CON'T)

8.11 Michael Kiernan	8.11 Maureen Kiernan	8.11 Emiel Domis	6.32 Carol Ketterer
6.18 Marc Rissman	5.91 Nicholas Pund	5.19 William Brown	5.19 Donna Brown
5.16 John Quinn	5.00 Mary Rowe	4.96 Jack Smith	4.96 Greg Saunders
4.91 Marge Hassett	4.78 Gladys Mikel	4.55 Ellen Danich	4.47 Gail Singer
4.47 Carma Sands	4.37 Kathy Brick	4.10 Judy Flickinger	4.08 Victoria Adams
4.08 Lawrence Adams	3.96 Sandy Boone	3.96 Alex Boone	3.88 Michael Peleck
3.88 Jane Rowe	3.64 Ruth Ann Pethtel	3.64 Robert Pethtel	3.49 James Troutman
3.41 Joyce Jackson	3.38 Kathy McKay	3.31 Sally Jorgensen	3.31 Mary Lee DeKoch
3.31 Ellen Miller	3.31 Carol Meier	2.99 Louise Rancourt	2.93 Bob Matthews
2.91 Gloria Bennett	2.89 Carol Richardson	2.85 Charles Showalter	2.80 Michael Hendershot
2.80 Marilyn Hubbard 2	2.55 Roger Flickinger	2.49 Michael Vales	2.49 John Jencks
2.47 Margaret Sarno	2.35 Russ Pearly	2.35 Paul Hassett	2.29 Maury Fjestad
2.12 Brenda Davis	2.10 Susan Schrand	2.09 Carol Payette	2.03 Ruth Srulevitch
2.03 Jack Gleckner	2.03 Renee Gleckner	2.03 Beverly Yankee	2.02 Sally Gauthier
1.91 Jan Masterson	1.90 Douglas Smith	1.75 Paul Matheson	1.71 Andrew Kelly
1.55 Leon Zaczek	1.50 Beverly Parrish	1.35 Richard Seidman	1.31 Richard Dahlgren
1.14 Linda Ferens	1.00 Tina Getz	1.00 RaeAnn Bethel	

(There were 17 players that earned less than 1.00 master point.) Another great turn-out for The Villages Duplicate Bridge Club. Congrats to all!!)

ST. PETE JANUARY SECTIONAL JAN.12—JAN.15

2.15 Maury Fjestad 2.15 Jan Masterson

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The reporters are: Mary Ann Kelly, Henry Hood, and Leon Zaczek. The editor is: Pat Poitinger. Please contact any of them when you'd like to have something published in the Club News.

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Charlie Showalter conducted a productive Annual Meeting with Board Members and a number of players on Sunday, Jan. 22 at 1:00. A picture of the new Board of Directors is pictured.

