



CLUB NEWS

FOR THE DUPLICATE PLAYERS OF THE VILLAGES

OCTOBER, 2017

NEWS CLIP:

Chris and Walter Peters, Sue Frisch and Norma Wilk took a Finesse West Tour on August 26 to September 6. They left from Spokane, WA, ending in Portland, OR, and cruised on the Columbia River. Bridge was included each day, and some evenings they were hosted by the town's residents for dinner and bridge. Chris and Walter have taken eleven Finesse West Tours, Sue has taken four, and it was the first one for Norma, who is Chris' sister.



In August, **Dolores Mann** went to her 65th high school reunion. It was the Class of 1952 from Westerville, OH. The class was originally 62 students. At the reunion there were 16 still living, and they

were all present. (Picture taken by Margaret Sarno.)



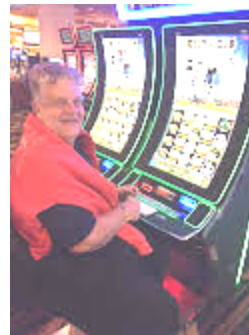
Jon and Marilyn Williams, and John and Alice Lahoud celebrated their Wedding Anniversary together at Hemingway on August 19. Jon and Marilyn have been married 54 years, and John and Alice have been married 50 years. Congratulations to both couples! A beautiful picture, thanks to reporter Margaret Sarno.

NEWS CLIPS: (con't)

Henry Hood, and his wife **Pat**, are hoping to return to The Villages sometime this fall. We have all missed you, Henry, and we are eager to see you again.

We were all saddened to hear of **Bob Armstrong's** passing. Thanks to **Carole Jackson**, we have addresses you can use to send sympathy cards. His son: Christopher Armstrong and his wife Alex Grosse, 831 Potomac Ridge Court, Sterling, VA 20164. They have 4 children. His daughter: Nicole Armstrong and her husband John Nicholas, 3123 Barbara Lane, Fairfax, VA 22301. They have 2 children. Bob was always such a gentleman at the bridge table and everywhere else.

Carole Jackson has decided to make The Villages as her primary residence. Her niece, a realtor, is in the process of selling her Chicago home. Carole is already here, along with 70 boxes to unpack! We are happy you have decided to be here full time!



Bruce Thiher is practicing his bridge skills (?) while visiting Council Bluffs. He and **Leon Zaczek** were in Nebraska for the Regional in Council Bluffs held August 7—August 13. (Thanks for the picture, Leon,

a reporter.) Did practicing his bridge skills help to pay their entrance fees??????

A smile: What do you call a dinosaur with an extensive vocabulary? A thesaurus.

DIRECTOR'S CORNER

SPECIAL GAMES by Paul Matheson

A year or so ago the Board of Directors voted to offer as many ACBL "Special Games" as possible. There has been some confusion as to why the decision was made and the consequences of this decision. Hopefully this will eliminate the confusion.

Because our Recreation Centers are restricted to Village Residents and guests and not open to the general public the ACBL has classified us as being an "Invitational" club. There are several negative points attached to this designation, the primary one being that in our club games we are only entitled to 80% of the master point awards enjoyed by non-Invitational clubs. A study was made on the master point awards from the various "Special" games offered by the ACBL. This study revealed that the master point "penalty" disappeared when some of the "Special games" were played. Thus the Board adopted the policy that we should play as many special games as possible to remove the penalty and let our members receive the maximum number of master points possible. The policy was immediately implemented.

There are several different types of ACBL special games which require additional fees to be paid to either ACBL sponsored charitable Funds or to local charities.

Some special games can be offered for the entire month with the proceeds going to specific Funds. These are:

January: The funds go to the ACBL's Junior's program which promotes Bridge to Junior members.

April: Half of the funds go to the ACBL's Charity Fund and the other half go to a local charity.

May: The funds are returned to the ACBL Units and Districts to fund their NAP and GNT participants.

September: The funds are used to support ACBL participants in international events.

In the other 8 months there are other options for special games.

In June, July and August we can offer 2 NAP qualifying games per sanctioned game.

Once a quarter we can have a club championship game for each sanctioned game.

Once a year we can have a Club membership game for each sanctioned game.

In October we can have a Club Appreciation game for each sanctioned game.

Every month we can have a Club Charity game with half the proceeds going to the ACBL

Charity Fund and the other half to our local charity of choice.

Once a quarter there is a Special Tournament At Club (STAC) games.

The consequences of the Board's adoption of the policy is obvious when looking at the master points earned by our members. In 2015 the most club points earned by a member was 276. In 2016, when the new policy had only been in effect for 3 month, the master point leader had 306. In 8 months of 2017 the leader already had over 350 points! Many of our members at all master point levels are competing to have the most club points in the ACBL. Not only has there been a boon in master points but charitable groups have also reaped a bonanza. The Club has already this year donated almost \$17,000 to the ACBL's charities. We have also donated over \$6,000 to the local charity in the same period. In total so far in 2017 we have donated over \$23,000 to various charitable groups! The policy change has been a win-win on many levels.

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Smiles: Local Area Network in Australia—the LAN down under.

Acupuncture is a jab well done.

Bakers trade bread recipes on a knead-to-know basis.

A lot of money is tainted—Taint yours and taint mine!

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By

Charlie Showalter

Duplicate Bridge is a very intense, competitive endeavor. That is one of the reasons many of us enjoy playing so much. The thrill of competition, and winning at times, can be very satisfying. Sometimes, however, it can bring out emotions that are not very nice. In the end, it is only a game, albeit a very difficult and intellectual one. I quit playing for 20 years, from 1987 until I moved to The Villages in 2007. A major reason for this was the Zero tolerance did not exist at that time, and interactions at the table were often not very nice. It ceased to be fun to play.

It is natural for there to be disagreements. There are procedures to be followed when that occurs. The first is to call the director, and let the director decide what is appropriate in the particular situation. If you disagree with the directors' decision, in some cases you can appeal and ask for an appeals committee to further discuss and decide what is the appropriate action. It can be difficult to keep emotion out of these discussions, but it is very important to do so. We want to keep The Villages Duplicate Bridge Club a place where we can all go and have a good time while playing a most difficult game. It is an old saw, but important to me to keep in mind. It is possible to disagree without being disagreeable.

Occasionally members have other issues about facilities, etc. It is important that they be brought to the attention of the Board to see if they can be dealt with. The Board cannot fix everything, but does fix lots of things. The Board also communicates with the Recreation Department over issues. It is important to keep this line of communication open, and for the Club to speak to the Recreation Department as a Club and not as individuals. This will help the Club continue to grow and perhaps one day become the largest Duplicate Bridge Club in the country.

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NEW MEMBERS IN AUGUST 2017

Donna Aiello	Judy Atkinson	Trish Brewer	Carol Cochran	Terry Cochran
David Curl	Joan Curl	Larry Curl	Randy Eisner	Goria Hooper
Robind Hudson	Kathy Jansen	Alana Jensen	Jane Jones	Arthur Levy
Rosann Levy	Jerry Oppenheim	Pam Oppenheim	Mickey Otterback	Frank Palazzo
Mari Peters	Eric Ramussen	Carol Rosene	Atan Stansfield	Iris Stansfield
Larry Wiseman				

A BIG WELCOME TO ALL!

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VDBC MEMBER RANK ACHIEVEMENTS JUNE 2017

Gold Life Master: David Stentz

Silver Life Master: Chet Eicher, Henry Hood

Bronze Life Master: Alex Birman

NABC MASTER: Jane Rowe

Regional Life Master: Holly Doolittle, Beyer Ludwig, Joe Ogi, Donald Schreifels, Douglas Smith

Sectional Master: Shirley Bond, James Ensinger, Harry Freedman, Barbara Knight, Nancy Millward, Stephen Pearl, Deborah Schmidt, Anita Weber, LaVonne Williams

Club Master: Cheryl Beaulieu, Arthur Milligan, Virginia Mulligan, Donald Swafford

Junior Master: Bonnie Allen, Kenneth Baierie, Steve Hatch, Sharon Lessard, Sally Paul, Teri Weed

VDBC MEMBER RANK ACHIEVEMENTS JULY 2017

Sapphire Life Master: Ed Schusler

Diamond Life Master: Jack Smith

Ruby Life Master: Reese Gleckner

Silver Life Master: Mary Ann Kelly

Life Master: Sheila Naylor

Regional Master: Chris Beatham, Maria Guenther, Gary Segal

Sectional Master: Joseph Bosch, George Mast, Susan Mast, Barbara Nelson

Club Master: Patricia Bullard, Charles Jacobson, Diane Jacobson, Rebecca Riehl, Wilson Rivera

Junior Master: Kathy Mull, Clark Murdock, Gail Richard

VDBC MEMBER RANK ACHIEVEMENTS AUGUST 2017

Gold Life Master: Andy Sloan

Bronze Life Master: Carol Payette

NABC MASTER: Kristie Carter, Roberta Lee

Regional Master: Liz Adamcik, Kelley Dryden, Joseph Fernandez, Mike Kwiatkowski, Elaine Johnston, Susan Krier, Phyllis Sokol-Wood

Sectional Master: Linda Ferens, Jan Masterson, Warren Scheffer

Club Master: Karen Kehres, Lennie Ruyan, Dick Stieglitz, James Strazzere

Junior Master: Susan Kelly, Dolford, Michelle Pihos, Martha Smith, Janice Wallace

These rank achievements are also listed on the website under ***Milestones***.

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Marc Rissman had one of his poems published in *The Daily Sun* on September 3. Great poem, Marc!

WILDWOOD SOUP KITCHEN

On almost any given day
Without receiving any pay
Some selfless angels volunteer
For first or second shift appear.
From 7 a.m. until they're done,
Besides the work, they're having fun
Preparing meals for all to eat
On rainy days or summer's heat.
A chicken casserole or ham
Accompanied by bread and yam,
A salad, fruit, or vegetable
From cooks who are quite capable,
Or mashed potatoes mixed with meat
And corn creating quite a treat,
Please don't forget the pies and cake
And cookies busy bakers bake.
For homebound they deliver meals
By understanding how it feels
To be inside but still get fed.
A thankful word is always said.
No matter who, you're welcome there
Because these loving people care.
A hot meal daily guaranteed
For all three hundred that they feed.
We thank you, helpers, one and all
For answering this blessed call.

MOST POINTS FROM ALL ACBL EVENTS IN 2017

Sandra	Gebhardt	672.01	Dave	Stentz	186.43	Carolyn	Benner	124.58
Charles	Showalter	394.41	Bruce	Thiher	177.14	Beverly	Parrish	124.44
Jeff	Koltenuk	371.16	Lucy	Tillman	173.1	Leon	Zaczek	117.49
Paul	Hassett	287.71	Victoria	Adams	168.85	Margaret	Sarno	114.36
Jon	Williams	284.73	Lawrence	Adams	167.15	Sheila	Naylor	112.84
Joe	Sacco	281.01	Russ	Pomeroy	165.92	Caroline	Davies	111.68
Frances	Doss	276.85	Kristie	Carter	160.84	Paul	Matheson	111.4
Gina			Alex	Booke	158.67	Greg	Saunders	111.34
Gladys	Mikel	254.66	Sandy	Booke	155.96	Mary Ann	Kelly	110.36
Russ	Pearly	240.83	Jane	Hudson	155.64	Patricia	Holmes	109.56
Rich	Seidman	238.26	Neil	Timm	140.64	Jane	Rowe	108.08
Dave	Hudson	238.12	Marilyn	Williams	137.39	Mike	Kwiatkowski	106.17
Buck	Buchanan	231.57	Loretta	Harp	135.5	Larry	Sumner	106.06
Andy	Sloan	220.26	Philip	Benner	133.13	Jack	Smith	104.71
Janet	Matthews	213.35	Alex	Birman	132.54	Ruth	Srulevitch	103.67
Colleen	Treanor	208.75	Carol	Ketterer	129.18	Maurly	Fjestad	102.31
Dean	Robinson	208.08	John T	Quinn	125.22			
Ed	Schusler	190.35						



Herb Seubert's 100th Birthday: Many Village Bridge Club members might recognize **Herb Seubert**, Leon Zaczek's father-in-law who has played at our games. Herb hosted a dinner party for 80 people to celebrate his 100th birthday on August 17. One of the birthday highlights was a note from Warren Buffet of Berkshire Hathaway wishing him a happy birthday and asking him the secret to his longevity. Another was the many birthday cards he received from the villagers.

Herb has been busy the past 12 months. He attended his granddaughter's wedding in North Carolina, Leon's daughter's wedding in Cozumel, Mexico, and

"Military 777 Honor Flight" to Washington to honor WW11 veterans (Herb is one of the oldest surviving veterans). He's active in his Cypress Village resident group, plays bridge and spends a good part of his day researching investments.

(Thanks, Leon, for sharing this.)



This is a picture of **Herb** and his daughter, **Leon's** wife, **Sheri Zaczek**, at their daughter's wedding.

Thanks for sharing, Leon!

CLUB POINTS EARNED IN 2017

OVER 1,000 MASTER POINTS			501 – 999 MASTER POINTS			UNDER 500 MASTER POINTS		
Charles	Showalter	295.6	Karen	Pekkanen	71.8	Victoria	Adams	77.61
Jeff	Koltenuk	273.2	Caroline	Davies	69.4	Lawrence	Adams	75.91
Joe	Sacco	210.7	Patricia	Holmes	68.2	George	Murray	72.51
Frances	Doss	200.2	Pamela	Powell	63.8	Margaret	Sarno	62.31
Gina								
Jon	Williams	194.6	Mary	Rowe	58.7	Ralph	Rosenfeld	58.59
Paul	Hassett	189.8	Leon	Zaczek	53.3	Harry	Freedman	56.86
Dave	Hudson	188.5	Ron	Hutchinson	51.1	Doug	Smith	55.01
Buck	Buchanan	185	Sandy	Ainsworth	50.2	Joseph	Ogi	53.61
Gladys	Mikel	183.7	Larry	Abramovitz	50	Mike	Kwiatkowski	53.08
Rich	Seidman	171	David	Michaelson	47.8	Harry	Brady	52.77
Russ	Pearly	153.9	Michael	Lotti	47.5	Ruth	McCann	51.03
Andy	Sloan	144.6	Michael	Mocella	47.1	John	Blackwell	50.35
Janet	Matthews	142.6	Alex	Birman	47	George	Mast	48.57
Jane	Hudson	126.1	Kathy	Berman	46.9	Susan	Mast	48.18
Dave	Stentz	116.2	Sally	Gauthier	43.9	Gordon	Pfeiffer	47.34
Bruce	Thiher	112.3	Bonnie	Overson	42.6	Don	Schreifels	45.51
Ed	Schusler	112	Lynn	Patterson	42.5	Jack	Franklin	45.39
Marilyn	Williams	109.7	Jane	Dulieu	39.4	Nancy	Rosenfeld	44.76
Alex	Booke	107.5	Doris	Reeves	38.4	Bob	Vicars	44.19
Lucy	Tillman	106.3	Tom	Bush	38.4	Joe	Bosch	41.46

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This is a picture of **Bruce Thiher and Sharon Anderson**, the past president of ACBL, at the Omaha Nebraska Regional.

Smile time! “Today, I interviewed my grandmother for part of a research paper I’m working on for my Psychology class. When I asked her to define success in her own words, she said, “Success is when you look back at your life and the memories make you smile.”

Bruce and Sharon must have a lot of happy memories, and so do the rest of us! Let’s remember to smile often!

BUCK AND MAURI BUCHANAN returned on September 3 from a delightful two-week bike-barge trip to France. They were able before the trip to spend days on their own in Paris, where they did all the usual tourists things: Notre Dame, the Louvre, a boat trip on the Seine, the Eiffel Tower, and some good meals in Michelin-rated restaurants. They were also able to visit Claude Monet's garden in Giverney.

The bike trip was on a small ten-cabin barge that traversed the Seine and small rivers and canals to the north of Paris. The biking was through the burcolic countryside and beautiful small towns. The tour company (VBT) outlined a basic route, and then added options for people who wanted to travel additional miles. We would generally ride until early afternoon, and the tour company would then take us on a side excursion; a vineyard or other such excursion, and then we would return to the ship for dinner or eat in one of the small towns along the way.

It was a very enjoyable trip which we would recommend to anyone.



TOURNAMENT RESULTS

GREATER DES MOINES REGIONAL WEST DES MOINES, IOWA JULY 03—JULY 09

.99 Maury Fjestad

MUSIC CITY REGIONAL NASHVILLE, TN JULY 3—JULY 9

21.29 Jane Rowe

21.29 Carol Ketterer

TULSA SUMMER REGIONAL TULSA, OK JULY 10—JULY 16

22.87 Philip Benner

22.87 Caroline Benner

PLATTE RIVER REGIONAL CASPER, WY JULY 10—JULY 16

2.00 Leon Zaczek

AQUATENNIAL TOURNAMENT SECTIONAL MINNEAPOLIS, MN JULY 12—JULY 16

4.83 Maury Fjestad

ORLANDO SECTIONAL ORLANDO, FL JULY 14—JULY 16

3.11 Sheila Naylor

3.11 Bill Lau

2.63 Donald Schreifels

2.83 Donald Corker

1.97 Elaine Johnston

1.97 Kathleen Feikle

1.81 Nancy Turner

1.81 Gail Singer

1.37 Carol Ketterer (There were 7 players under 1 Master Point.)

TOURNAMENT RESULTS (con't)

2017 SUMMER NABC TORONTO, ON JULY 10—JULY 30

13.24 John Stansbury 10.62 Ed Schusler

COLUMBIA, SC REGIONAL COLUMBUS, SC JULY 31—AUG 06

17.78 Doris Reeves 15.86 Lucy Tillman 5.20 Sheila Naylor 5.20 John Quinn

DELAND SILVER DAYS DELAND, FL AUGUST 2—AUGUST 3

5.21 Lee Ned 5.21 Jane Rowe 4.57 Nancy Turner 4.57 Gail Singer
3.47 Michael Vales 2.52 Nancy Brickley 2.52 Bettyjane Chiota 2.24 Susan Mast
2.24 George Mast 1.66 Carol Mayer 1.66 Brenda Pollack 1.36 Joyce Knapp
1.03 John Jencks (There were 14 players under 1 Master Point.)

HUNT VALLEY REGIONAL HUNT VALLEY, MD AUGUST 7—AUGUST 13

30.45 Judy Braddy

NEBRASKA REGIONAL IN COUNCIL BLUFFS AUGUST 7—AUGUST 13

7.51 Leon Zaczek 7.51 Bruce Thiher

CAN—AM REGIONAL LAVAL, QC AUGUST 7—AUGUST 13

35.18 Sandra Gebhardt

EDMONTON AB REGIONAL KLONDIKE AUGUST 14—AUGUST 20

14.01 Kathy McKay

PALM BEACH GARDENS REGIONAL PGA REGIONAL AUGUST 21—AUGUST 27

16.98 Paul Matheson 16.98 Charles Showalter 15.59 Fraances Doss 15.59 Andy Sloan
10.95 Roberta Lee 5.40 Nancy Turner 5.40 Gail Singer 3.16 Robert Vicars
3.16 Douglas Smith (There were 2 players under 1 Master Point.)

ATLANTA LABOR DAY REGIONAL AUG 29—SEPT 4

28.89 Victoria Adams 28.89 Lawrence Adams 6.19 Sharlene Tyler 6.19 Mary Rowe
4.82 Joel Caplin 4.82 Barry Dexter 3.20 Glenn Ryburn 3.20 Barbara Ryburn
3.07 Phyllis Sokol-Wood 3.07 Bettyjane Chiota 1.53 David Harris 1.53 Bill Lau
1.35 Maury Fjestad 1.33 George Guarino 1.33 Brenda Davis 1.29 Robert Vicars
1.29 Douglas Smith 1.24 Hedda Ginsberg 1.04 Michael Peleck 1.04 Jane Rowe
(There were 7 players under 1 Master Point.)

ALL WESTERN CHAMPIONSHIPS, SANTA CLARA, CA AUGUST 29—SEPTEMBER 4

8.76 Emiel Domis

FLYING BUCKEYE REGIONAL DAYTON, OH SEPTEMBER 5—SEPTEMBER 10

1.25 Glenn Ryburn 1.25 Barbara Ryburn

FALL SECTIONAL VIRGINIA BEACH SEPTEMBER 8—SEPTEMBER 10

.69 Philip Benner .69 Carolyn Benner

TOURNAMENT RESULTS (con't)

DELTA DEALIN' REGIONAL ROBINSONVILLE, MS SEPTEMBER 11—SEPTEMBER 17

17.29 Beverly Parrish

2.46 Glenn Ryburn

2.46 Barbara Ryburn

(If anyone was missed, please accept my apology.)

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WILLIAM BROWN 1931--2017

Our sympathies are extended to **Donna Brown**. Her husband, **Bill**, passed on September 11. Bill loved to play duplicate bridge and he had many other interests. He was a very friendly person and he will be missed by many. In lieu of flowers, donations in his name may be made to the Humane Society/SPCA of Sumter County, Inc.

EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS

Please read the home page of our website for all of the wonderful educational programs being offered. A big "thank you" goes to the players participating, and a big "thank you" is extended to the instructors. It's a win-win situation.

GAME CHANGES AND LOCATIONS

Please also check the home page of our website for the game changes/ locations/Special games.

PLEASE REMEMBER THAT FLU SEASON IS STARTING. Cough or sneeze in your elbow, and stay at home if you are sick. Kudos to **Joe Sacco** for staying home because he has a cold!

The Club News Reporters are: Margaret Sarno, Mary Ann Kelly, Leon Zaczek, and Henry Hood. Editor is: Pat Poitinger

IRMA: We are all relieved that **Irma** did not do a lot of damage to our venues and to our homes. It was bad enough, but it could have caused much more damage. We are thankful.

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS IS PREPARING FOR OUR BUSY SEASON! A WELCOME BACK IS EXTENDED TO OUR WINTER RESIDENTS.

THAT'S ALL, FOLKS!