



CLUB NEWS

FOR THE DUPLICATE PLAYERS OF THE VILLAGES

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NEWS CLIPS:

In May, the *Bridge Bulletin* announced a bridge-themed Haiku Contest. There were over 200 entries submitted nationwide. The **overall winner**, announced in the July issue, was our own Villages player, **Marc Rissman**, who submitted the following gem:

The love of my life

Sits across the bridge table

Bidding who knows what.

The *Bridge Bulletin* goes on to say that if you play with your significant other, you are nodding your heads in agreement, yes? **Marc** received \$25 Bridge Bucks for his effort. Congratulations, **Marc**!

Ginny Crump Update: **Ginny** was in a car crash on Thursday, June 28th and has a broken left wrist and ankle as well as several broken ribs. She was in The Villages Regional Hospital for several days but is now in The Club Rehab Center at Mulberry. She is not ready for visitors yet but really does appreciate cards and emails. She can see the emails but cannot reply. Those wishing to send a card can send them to her home and her son will bring them to her. Please keep her in your thoughts for a full recovery. Her home address is: 3407 New Hope Place, The Villages, FL 32162. (Thanks to **Bev Parrish** for the update.)

Photo Contest: **Buck Buchanan** wants to start a Photo Contest. He writes: My son-in-law was leafing through some old photos from the 60's and came across a picture of a muscular young man in a bathing suit. "Who's this?" he asked. "That's me", I said. He had an astonished look on his face and said, "That was you? Really? It really was!"

Here's your chance to show us what you looked like in your twenties. Send us a photograph, and we'll select five of the submitted photographs to publish in our next newsletter, but we won't tell people who they were. Everyone can submit the names to me of who they think they

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are, and in the following newsletter, we'll identify the names of the people in the photographs, and we'll announce the name or names of the people who did the best job of identifying the five! Photos have to be submitted by September 15.

Our Duplicate Bridge Club celebrated Independence Day! Everyone was wearing red, white, and blue!



Margaret Sarno submitted the picture.

VILLAGE BRIDGE PLAYERS SCORE HOLES-IN-ONE: Two local bridge players were cited by the *Daily Sun* for scoring holes-in-one in golf. **Larry Summer** aced the 129 yard third hole at Mallory Hill on June 7. **Pat Furlo** aced the 129 yard first hole at Roosevelt on June 9. Congratulations to both!

Website: This is a friendly reminder to all of our bridge players to frequently visit our website. The website holds a wealth of information including educational programs, updates to game changes, rank changes of members, Board information, past and present Newsletters, a reservation application and game results. It's all there for YOU—our esteemed bridge players!

"A fine is a tax for doing wrong. A tax is a fine for doing well."

"A day without sunshine is like, well, night."

President's Report

If I am correct this will be my third report as your President.....and just like the old saying.... "Time Flies".

Here we are, now past the half yearly mark and currently already making plans for the next Club Social Party early in 2019 as well as the June Sectional that we will be hosting next year in a changed venue.

Although the Hacienda Center has served us so well for several years now, the experiences we had just over a month ago as I write this, have shown that we need to move to a larger venue to accommodate the ever growing numbers who attend our tournaments. Elsewhere you will find a write up of the record breaking Sectional we held this year and perhaps a comment or two about personal experiences there.

But, we wish to make everyone's time here when playing with us as much fun and as hassle free as possible, and that extends to the fantastic Directors without whom we could not put on such events. By moving to the Savanna Center next June we believe that we can more readily achieve this with fewer headaches or problems all round. Our only concern is the food aspect at lunchtimes and we are working on that to find a good solution, perhaps similar to the one that we have at the November Sectional. Keep your eyes open for more at a later date.

I have to let you all know that your Board of Directors has been working hard on your behalf this year, sometimes with difficult, and occasionally controversial issues, but always with an attitude that whatever we try to do, it is with the best intentions for the club as a whole. That is sometimes a hard juggling act. No matter what level of player you are, I'm almost certain that you would welcome more choice of venues and times when you could play and take part. But with a finite number of openings and Permits that we can hold we have to try to look at the overall picture of needs and benefits, for the longer term, of allocating different games to different strats. But, nothing is written in stone and if you can make a good argument in favor of changes to what we are currently presenting we would love to hear from you.

In a similar way, we have listened to what members have said about the education program and the need to have more than one time each week when we can put on lessons and classes. We are now moving into a new phase where we will be operating in two venues each week; Seabreeze on a Thursday morning and O'Dell Center on Tuesday mornings. Right now we plan to use the Seabreeze classes mainly for newcomers and novice players and the one at O'Dell for intermediate to advanced lessons, although some flexibility in this will be built in as we go along. I want to personally thank Susan Fraser who joined The Villages during the past year for her valuable work in getting us onto the right track in terms of future education programs.

One of the other, and we think very important, things that The Board has achieved since my last report is that of having the club Incorporated in the State of Florida. For many years we have debated the merits of this and finally this year, with a majority support from the general membership it has been achieved. We are officially now The Villages Duplicate Bridge Club Inc. making us a legal entity. In case you are wondering, this was all done with the complete blessing of the Developer and the Recreation Department.

Along with that comes the opportunity to take out good insurance cover for those who work on behalf of us all, and we have done this through obtaining Directors' and Officers' Insurance, as well as cover to protect your money held in the banking account.

Bob Matthews, your President.

DIRECTOR'S CORNER
Bruce Thiher on behalf of Rich Gauthier

As we contemplate the continued growth of our bridge club into the largest club in the ACBL, perhaps the time has arrived to look back to understand how we have reached this milestone and how to maintain the atmosphere that allowed this to occur.

Our bridge club has flourished by the welcoming atmosphere to the newer players and an education program that has brought many new players to our club. Yet at the same time, as the newer players arrive and play particularly in the limited games, they have a strong reluctance to join in the games that are open. Rightly or wrongly, the feeling that the open games are not welcoming to players that are not strongly competitive has gained strong credence. This feeling is one that needs strongly and immediately to be reversed.

The directors can lead the way to maintaining or even causing to occur an atmosphere that is welcoming, social, and convivial. The competitive factor can still be strong but so must civility and, for lack of a better word, kindness and generosity of spirit. The players in our games must maintain this spirit if our club is to flourish and continue to grow. Each of us needs to be vigilant to recognize what did we do to give back to make the game more congenial, more friendly, and a fun place to be with our neighbors and friends.

So the next time you play, consider what did you do to enable the game to flourish or were you a taker that only encouraged personal aggrandizement.

And while we are at it, let's consider a new plan to be nice to the director. Most of our directors have limited experience directing and are doing what they can to make the playing duplicate in our clubs one that is enjoyable for all the players. Perhaps the rulings might not be exactly right in a judicial proceeding, or perhaps it might take a little time to come to the proper decision. We need to remember we are not playing for the Spingold Trophy here in The Villages and there is almost nothing that can't be rectified after the fact if in fact the ruling is not the very best it could have been. The need for directors in our club has never been greater as we further expand and grow. Let's try to encourage rather than discourage our friends and neighbors from taking the experience.

Finally may we all have all that we need of the three greatest qualities: faith, hope, and charity. And perhaps a strong dose of patience.

Player's Notes by Rick Gauthier

- All Saturday afternoon games in August normally held at Colony Cottage will instead be at Eisenhower while Colony is being renovated.
- Please, if at all possible, refrain from bringing your cell phone in to our games, and if you must, please turn it off during the games. Directors do NOT enjoy giving cell phone penalties!

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What's in a Name: William Flannery, the American inventor of the Flannery 2♦ bid, was a steamfitter and a specialist in installing sectional boilers. While this information is of no great relevance to his convention, it might win you the occasional bet in a bar! (From Barbara Seagram)



Marilyn Gagen is currently an active player in The Villages Duplicate Bridge Club and earning Master Points with the rest of us. But she didn't always get points when she did well at the bridge table.

When Marilyn lived in the Cleveland, Ohio area, she played with the Tri Delta Alumnae Group of Bridge Players. This group was 1,100 members strong.

Joining the ACBL meant driving a long distance in order to play in the sanctioned games. So, instead, this group donated the money members paid to play to the Metro General Hospital. They donated between \$15,000 and \$20,000 a year!! The money went primarily to the Pediatric Burn Unit paying for games, books, bikes, and in some cases specialized clothing or household items needed for the children to allow them to return home.

During that time, Marilyn was also President of the Friends of Mothers and Infants. This was a non-profit group that provided car seats so that low income parents could take their new infant home in an approved car seat.

In The Villages, Marilyn is now very active with Honor Flight for our Veterans. She is one of many great volunteers we have here.

(Submitted by **Nancy Jaffe**) We are all very thankful and proud of you, Marilyn. Keep up the good works that you do! You are awesome!

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FROM TED DICORPO

I hope everyone can send this on as it is important for everyone to know!

Let's say it's 7:25 pm and you're really tired, upset, and frustrated. Suddenly, you start experiencing severe pain in your chest that starts to drag out into your arm and up into your jaw. You are only about two miles from the hospital. Unfortunately, you don't know if you'll be able to make it that far. You've been trained in CPR, but the guy that taught the course did not tell you how to perform it on yourself.

How to survive a heart attack when alone? Since many people are alone when they suffer a heart attack without help, the person whose heart is beating improperly and who begins to feel faint, has only about ten seconds left before losing consciousness.

However, these victims can help themselves by coughing repeatedly and very vigorously. A deep breath should be taken before each cough, and the cough must be deep and prolonged, as when producing sputum from deep inside the chest. A breath and a cough must be repeated about every two seconds without let up until help arrives, or until the heart is felt to be beating normally again.

Deep breaths get oxygen into the lungs and coughing movements squeeze the heart and keep blood circulating. The squeezing pressure on the heart also helps it to regain a normal rhythm. In this way, heart attack victims can get help (call 911) or get to a hospital.

Tell as many people as possible about this. It could save a life.

AUTOBIOGRAPHY OF DALE ANGIONE



I was born in the Bronx NY and spent my childhood there. I married my husband Joe in 1962, graduated from Hunter College and joined him in Amarillo, TX. His next duty station was at Sembach AF base in Germany. My first day in military housing in Vogelweh my upstairs neighbor knocked on my door, introduced herself and invited me up to her home. When I arrived there were two other women seated at a table. They asked if I played bridge. I answered no but they said that since I had two hands that could hold cards I was now their fourth. So started my bridge career.

I got to know the base commander's wife and mother. The base commander had no idea who my husband was but he knew me through his wife and mother who were my opponents at the bridge table. When we returned to NY I continued playing bridge at the Huntington Bridge Club.

After teaching chemistry and analytics in the Elwood School district for 27 years, my husband and I retired to The Villages. I now had time to pursue my other passion—quilting. I started quilting in 1997 when we bought our home in Florida. I took every class available and I was very fortunate to have great teachers. I joined quilting groups in The Villages and when a shop owner asked me to teach a class I was hooked. I have taught classes at five local shops, local guilds, sewing groups and for private clients. The best was when a local shop owner asked me to make the samples for her shop. She gave me the pattern, all the material and I was to make the sample which hung in the shop but when it came down it was mine to keep. What could be better!

I have been very fortunate to win nineteen blue ribbons for my quilts and wearable art that I entered in local and state shows. Joe and I keep very busy in our "retired" life. We love to travel and keep up with family. We have three children, nine grandchildren and one great granddaughter. Life is good!



Thanks, Dale, for sharing your fantastic story. Your quilts are awesome!





ADDY ALDER'S ROUND-THE-WORLD TRIP

Who among us wouldn't want to take a cruise around the world? Addy Adler had the good fortune to take such a cruise earlier this year. Addy traveled with another woman from The Villages, alas not a bridge player. They traveled to Ft. Lauderdale on Jan 4, leaving in the evening on the Amsterdam, a Holland America ship. They traveled through the Caribbean, stopping at Grand Cayman and Costa Rica, before transiting the Panama Canal on Jan. 11.

Once they reached the Pacific Ocean, they spent several days at sea, reaching the transparent blue waters of French Polynesia on Jan. 19. They visited several islands, including Bora Bora, Tahiti, Cook Islands and a number of other islands with unpronounceable names. Addy made friends with some of the natives on Bora Bora (photo).

They crossed both the International Date Line and the equator, where the ship held an Order of Neptune ceremony. Addy and others who had never before crossed the equator were dubbed "Pollywogs". They were promoted to "Shellbacks" at the ceremony.

The Amsterdam reached New Zealand on February 2. They stopped at Auckland, Rototua, Dunedin, and Napier, before heading for Sydney, Australia. They then headed west along the south coast of Australia until they reached Perth on the Australian west coast. They then headed north to Indonesia, spending two days in beautiful Bali.

The ship then headed north for five days, reaching the Philippines on March 3, where they spent two days exploring Manila. They continued north to beautiful Hong Kong, where they spent two eventful days, and then on to Ho Chi Minh City in Vietnam. In a visit to the countryside, Addy got stuck in a rice field and had to be rescued. She had to be returned to the bus on the back of the motorcycle of a young Vietnamese man. Fun!

Following Vietnam, the Amsterdam turned south and then spent two days in Singapore, one day in Phuket, Thailand, and then headed west across the Indian Ocean. The Amsterdam made three stops in the Indian Ocean: Sri Lanka, the Seychelles, and Madagascar, before landing in Africa. They then spent three days in Cape Town, and then worked their way up the west coast of Africa, through Namibia, Angola, Gambia, and Senegal, at which point they crossed the Atlantic, docking in Puerto Rico on April 25. It was a short haul back to Fort Lauderdale, where Addy disembarked on April 29.

Asked if there was bridge on the Amsterdam, Addy said she played on all sea days, averaging about three days a week. There was a bridge lesson in the morning by an excellent teacher, who then directed the afternoon game. Addy was fortunate to pick up an excellent partner with about 1800 mps, and she won about 22 master points during the cruise. The games averaged fourteen tables.

The rule of thumb is that a person on a cruise will gain about a pound a day, which means that Addy should have gained about 120 pounds on her cruise. She claims, however, to have lost one pound during the cruise. Addy must have a will of iron to resist those excellent desserts.

Asked if she would do it again, Addy said she has already signed up to do it again next January 2019 and also 2020. She said this time she plans to travel alone. She needs to hog the closet space to herself!

We're happy to have Addy back at the tables again!

(Submitted by **Buck Buchanan**)

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NEW JUNE MEMBERS:

Guy Emmons	Pat Larin	Barbara Oliver	Bob Oliver	Eleanor Applegate	Ernie Baltutis
Shirley Baltutis	Pat Berger	Barbara Gates	Edna Nelson	Lynn Ostergaard	Steve Rainey
Donald Broughton	Boud Dankelman	Kaye Wallace	Carol Wellington	Marilyn Carlson	
Vicki Collins	Linda Gordon	Diane Reed	Dan Xu	David Blumberg	Alex Dubisz
Liang Fan	Ron Lipowski	Barbara Newhouse	Kate Snowdon	Terry Grimes	Brad Kallus
Tom Kehres	Diane Kline	Jeanette Lee	Patricia Lessard	Kevin Litz	Marjorie Miller
Donald Palmer	Diane Ruggiero	Glenda Supino			

A BIG WELCOME TO ALL!

BRUCE THIER BECAME A DIAMOND LIFE MASTER (submitted by Nancy Jaffe)



Bruce recently achieved his Diamond Life Master with 5,000 points. He started playing in college in 1967 at Ames in Iowa. It took him 50 years to get these 5,000 points. Guess that means we should all be patient!!

He grew up in the rural Midwest, spent 4 years overseas in the air force, and then worked at the post office back home.

In the 1970's, the "old days" as Bruce calls them, there were no strats, brackets or any other division between the big players and the little ones. Everyone played with everyone. Bruce played with and against famous players like Howard Shankin, Paul Soloway and Barry Crane. In those days it was more fun but also more difficult to win points.

In 1977 or "78" he played in the Nationals at Palmer House in Chicago in the old Masters Mixed Teams. Bruce and his partner made it to the final round of 16. In the first round of the finals they played against Barry Crane and Kerri Shuman and came out one board above average. They were thrilled and Bruce feels this might be the highlight of his bridge career.

Bruce remembers the game "back in the day" as having more class and graciousness. The top players would never take advantage of the "new-bees". Even with bids or leads out of turn they would often say "put it back" and the directors were not called. He feels the top players were generally more helpful to the beginners. Bruce would like to see a return to a more welcoming and amicable game setting where we all remember why we started playing the game in the first place.....for the fun of it!!

CONGRATULATIONS AGAIN TO BRUCE ON HIS ACCOMPLISHMENT OF DIAMOND LIFE MASTER!

Buck Buchanan surprised Bruce with a celebration at his Mulberry game to help him celebrate his accomplishment.



Series Game Masterpoint Winners, April-June, 2018**Monday, 1PM, 299ers**

Don Schreifels	3.20
LaVonne Williams	2.40
Pat Wilson	1.80
Mike Vales	1.35
Pam Nettleback	1.01
Jack Franklin	0.76

Monday, 1PM, Open

Rich Seidman	3.20
Susan Fraser	2.40
Ed Schusler	1.80
Gladys Mikel	1.35
Al Simpson	1.01
Andy Sloan	0.76

Monday Evening, Open

Charles Showalter	2.80
Rich Seidman	2.80
Jeff Koltenuk	1.58
Jon Williams	1.58
Dave Hudson	1.01
Russ Pearly	0.76

Mon, 6:30PM, 99ers

Randy Eisner	3.20
Ken Baierle	2.40
Frank Palazzo	1.58
Jean Gaul	1.35
Vern Sikora	1.01
Donna Beski	0.76

Tues, 1PM, Open

Rich Seidman	3.20
Joe Sacco	2.40
Marilyn Williams	1.80
Andy Sloan	1.35
Renee Gleckner	1.01

Tues, 1PM, 750ers

John Kuyper	3.20
Nick Pund	2.40
Deb Brunoehler	1.80
Ralph Rosenfield	1.35
Rosa Latchaw	1.01
Gary Segal	0.76

Wed Morn, limited

Kathryn Bentley	1.47
Frank Palazzo	0.65
Alexandra DiChiara	0.83
Mary Eckhoff	0.62
Vernon Sikora	0.35

Wed 1PM, Open

Jeff Koltenuk	3.20
Dave Hudson	2.40
Paul Hasset	1.80
Al Simpson	1.35
Doug Worthington	1.10
Barry Ehrlich	0.76

Wed PM, limited

Doug Smith	3.20
Joe Ogi	2.40
Mike Kwiatkowski	1.80
Eric Voss	1.35
Gordon Pfeiffer	1.01

Wed Eve, Open

Art Franz	2.80
Paul Hasset	2.80
Charles Showalter	1.80
Diana Richards	1.18
Patrick Purdy	1.18
Jeff Koltenuk	0.76

Thursday Morn, limited

Ralph Rosenfeld	1.67
Nancy Rosenfeld	1.67
Don Schreifels	1.07
Shelia Goad	0.81
Alex Birman	0.53
Dave Hudson	0.53

Thur Aft, Open

Dave Hudson	2-97
Charles Showalter	2.23
Jeff Koltenuk	1.67
Susan Fraser	1.25
Joe Sacco	0.94
Caroline Benner	0.70

Thurs 99 Eve

George Mast	2.80
Susan Mast	2.80
Jeff Bond	1.58
Roy Antetomaso	1.58
Pat Furlo	1.01
Pat Wilson	0.76

Fri Morn, Open

Jon Williams	2.80
Marilyn Williams	2.80
Roberta Meyers	1.80
Mike Kwiatkowski	1.35
Doug Smith	0.89
Joe Ogi	0.89

Fri Morn, limited

Cathy Thomas	2.80
Kristie Carter	2.80
Doug Smith	1.58
Joe Ogi	1.58
Carol Mayer	1.10
Judy Flickinger	0.76

Fri PM Eisen, Open

Susan Fraser	2.93
Mary Ann Kelly	2.20
Loretta Harp	1.65
Elaine Young	1.09
Janine LeBlond	1.09
Jeff Koltenuk	0.70

Fri Eve, Newcomer

Jim Strazzere	2.80
Nancy McAnnally	2.80
Mary Nadeau	1.58
Shirley Bond	1.58
Ken Baierle	0.89
Randy Eisner	0.89

Fri Eve, Open

Charles Showalter	3.20
Gladys Mikel	2.40
Harry Freedman	1.80
Paul Hasset	1.35
Bernie Carlton	1.01
Bruce Thirer	0.76

Sat PM, Open

Gladys Mikel	3.20
Jeff Koltenuk	2.40
Phil Benner	1.80
Susan Fraser	1.35
Bruce Thirer	1.01
Joe Sacco	0.76

Sat AM, 750

Jim Strazzere	2.11
Nancy McAnnally	2.11
Mary Gagen	1.36
Dennis Ragan	1.02
Claire Bonecamp	0.89

Sat PM, 750

Bill Lau	3.20
Dean Wilson	2.10
Sally Jepsen	2.10
Ken Teebagy	1.18
Sandy Baker	1.18
Don Schreifels	0.76

My 'NOT' a President's Report ... just little bit extra!

Late June 2018, somewhere in Europe.....

I am sitting in a quite village setting in the heart of old England as I begin this, wondering where to start and thinking that an appropriate place might be with last week which found me in northern Germany in really cold, windy and nastily wet conditions with a wind howling down from the north across the Baltic Sea and hitting us full face.

So much so that my son, who I was visiting with, suggested that we might like to go to an indoor Go Karting track that he frequently drove at in competitions. By 'indoor' I mean that they have taken over a huge multi story car park and converted it to a full blown, multi level race track. The complete works; Starting Grids, starting lights, computer recorded lap times and positions, fully manned race officials and grandstands for spectators ☐.

"Sure", I said given that our planned trip to Dresden had been cancelled due to the inclement weather...."But you have to accept that I've never driven one before, have no idea what they are like and probably won't do much good!"

"And by the way, will they let old men drive????"

Anyway, he assured me that I would find it hard to turn over, cause a major crash, (he said any other drivers would see me as a total rookie and *AVOID* me!), or break anything on the cart. And that if all else failed I could just run out into the barriers and tire walls that surrounded the track and wait for help. None of that meant very much as he registered me with the officials, dressed me in the correct flame proof gear, helmet and racing gloves and we set off to fit me into my first racing vehicle.

Not to mention the looks I was receiving from the obvious *real* racers standing around in the area.

BUT (and here you MUST pretend surprise ☐).....two long races later both off the back of the 'Grid", the first of which was against ten experienced drivers, the second, (later in the day once I had recovered), against a few less, found me at the end of two incredibly physically demanding sessions laying just 17 and 7 seconds respectively behind the winners lap times as I crossed the finishing line. No shabby performance whatsoever given that all of the other drivers were semi professionals who race for teams on a regular basis.

Which set me wondering... how is it possible that I can be that good, (almost a natural right off the bat ☐), yet find it so hard to get anywhere with this frustrating card game that I struggle with every time that I play?

I've had a large number of challenges in my life that have required either passing written or physical exams, and without wishing to sound at all boastful, I have honestly been disappointed if I have ever scored less than 100%.... ask Janet, I CAN sulk! I have studied and practiced for things ranging from my Commercial Pilot exams, school and University tests, Instructor Ratings in Mountain Guiding, Rock Climbing, Scuba Diving, Ocean Going Yachtmaster Certificates, Military situations, and many more ventures.

None of these has been as hard or, for me, as frustrating as my trying to become better at Bridge... far worse than Golf! It really has offered me the ultimate challenge. And, perhaps much to the sorrow of both my lovely wife and my Mentor, something that I do not aim to give up on ... not just yet anyway.

I am a firm believer that “if we don’t use it”, we “lose it”. Once upon a time I could have held my own in a basic conversation in German, French (and possibly Italian when I was very small). But, through lack of use, today it would be a struggle to even ask which way to go!

I’m convinced that our minds are built that way and am sure that the mental struggles and frustrations that I undergo each time I fan out my 13 cards, is exactly what I need to keep the old cogs turning, albeit slowly now and with much grinding of gears ☐.

OK, back to my story, if that is what this is..... After Germany and number two son, I went to the UK to meet up with Janet who had needed to remain here a little longer, and spend some great time with her family and friends. It was her mother’s 90th birthday whilst we were there and the celebrations all went really well. For once, England was undergoing a ‘Heat Wave’, so we at least stayed warm.

It was also possible to spend a little time with son number one and see his new, and our first, granddaughter to counter the already existing 5 grandsons, with another due later in Germany this year. Are all babies as chubby and full of good nature nowadays?

Early July.... The Villages

So, to end.... We had a wonderful time away, family is such an important thing in our lives and we have to make every effort to maintain contact, despite the distances that sometimes in this modern world try to separate us.

But, it was also nice to get home and meet with our many friends and partners in bridge here too. There is no doubt that ‘Home is where the heart is’ and I think that our hearts are totally nowadays based here ☐.... *firmly attached to.....*

the clubs, the diamonds and the spades!

(Now, if you got this far.... pat yourself on the back and thanks for sticking it out!) ☐

Bob Matthews

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From Barbara Seagram: The Cappelletti convention is known as “Hamilton” west of the Mississippi, and as “pottage” in the UK. It must be a good convention if three different people invented it independently!

June Sectional...a Personal Reflection.

"Director Please"... the cry went out, a hand rising in accompaniment two tables down.

..... Approaching to a chorus of "Lead out of turn!" The Director asked "and did you manage this all on your own, or did you need help getting into the situation?"

The mild chuckles that followed removed any chance of the guilty party feeling too bad about their momentary slip in concentration while the options were explained Good Job Mr. Director!

And having options explained or thrust upon us was exactly how the most successful tournament to date began for those of us who were there early on the Friday morning of our recent three day event.

We had met the previous evening to set up to reflect the size of attendance we had experienced last year, with of course a *few* extras. More than sufficient we all thought to be adequate. How wrong can one be?

9:35 AM, and with an entrance hall filling up rapidly it became clear that the layout we had chosen for the various sections was just *NOT* going to work. Neither was our plan to try to accommodate everyone in the main room.

So, like the Director call above, it was 'options time'.

What a good job that we had with us three very experienced, (and well known in The Villages), ACBL Directors who, after a moment's discussion set the team to making the necessary changes, including activating the decision to use the second room that had been allocated to us 'just in case we might need it!'.

And so it went on. Mad scrambles to cope; Bridge Mates to re-program; Table Cards to switch; requests to extremely good natured players to set themselves up on long tables (once all regular card tables had been assigned), where binoculars to see one's partner's bid would not go amiss in any cartoon depiction; shifting positions to make sure that each room had adequate Director cover; human signposts to ensure that those sent to the 'outpost' would find their way there in time; the usual promenade in the crush affront the food offerings to grab that early snack , and so on, and so on.

Mild panic on my part as the Tournament Chair..."will it all work?".

Then, suddenly the quiet. That wonderful moment when we were all seated, counting the first hand, wondering how we had finally reached this point in time, intact and in good form?

And the answer to that question was simple. We did it by team work and applying a smile rather than a grimace and a recognition that, in this instance we had in fact arrived at our situation through an honest miscalculation rather than a momentary lapse in concentration.

I doubt anyone involved would have expected beforehand the turnout that we had over the three days.... In excess of 400 tables, a record I believe for any Sectional in the State! Nor the enthusiasm with which everyone who was asked to pitch in responded with such willingness.

Bob Matthews (You and your team did a great job, Bob. It was a very successful Sectional.)

What is your agreement? A bridge Tip

By Neil H. Timm

Your partner opens 1NT with 15-17 HCP and you are 4-4 in the majors' with 0-7/8 HCP what is your agreement for each of the following hands?

Hand 1	♠K542 ♥A974 ♦765 ♣102	(7HCP)
Hand 2	♠K542 ♥AJ74 ♦765 ♣102	(8HCP)
Hand 3	♠K1053 ♥AJ94 ♦1092 ♣102	(8HCP)

You were told that to employ the Stayman Convention (the bid of 2♣) that you must have a 4-card major and 0-28 HCP, but it is not recommended with 4-3-3-3 distributions; since you have no ruffing values. However, what is one to do when you are 4-4 in the majors with only 0-7/8 HCP? **With all three hands you MUST bid 2♣, do not pass 1NT.**

If partner bids 2♦, bid 2♥ with Hands 1 & 2 – Crawling Stayman which asks partner to pick his best 3-card major, or to pass or correct. If partner bids either 2♥/2♠, you will pass. If partner is 2-2 in the majors, he will bid 3♣/3♦; then pass. Crawling Stayman also works when 4-3 in the majors with 4 diamonds. You will pass 2♦ or again bid 2♥; pass or correct.

With Hand 3, use the rule of 88 with eight cards higher than the 8 and 8HCP. After the bid of 2♦, bid 2NT as invitational. If partner bids 2♥/2♠ you will pass. If you had 9HCP, bid 2♠/3♥.

If you are 4-4-4-1 and weak 0-7/8 HCP again bid 2♣ as Garbage Stayman and pass any 2-level bid.

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Flashlight: a case for holding dead batteries.

God gave you toes as a device for finding furniture in the dark.

SECTIONAL REPORTS



Old friends from Minneapolis Sharon Anderson, past president of ACBL and her husband Roger congratulated Bruce on making Diamond Life Master. During a tournament in Omaha last year Bruce encouraged them to visit and see first hand how amazing a community we live in. The last day of the Tournament Sharon commented that they were impressed with everything they saw and that everyone they talked to loved The Villages.



Bob Matthews met Sharon and her husband Roger at the Sectional.

Both pictures and text provided by **Leon Zaczek**.

From Margaret Sarno: This was our largest Sectional! Table count on Friday, 157; table count on Saturday, 146; table count on Sunday 65. The quality of players was very high. The following stats were compiled by **Joyce Jackson**.

The Life Masters: Platinum = 7; Emerald = 5; Diamond = 7; Gold = 9; Ruby = 34; Silver = 22; Bronze = 36; Life = 14. Advanced NABC = 4; NABC = 24; Regional = 9; Sectional = 8; Junior Master = 3; Club = 2; Non-life masters = 53. Total = 187.

Thanks to **Margaret and Joyce** for this input.

The following pictures were provided by **Leon Zaczek** and **Margaret Sarno**.



Claudette Fraime, the Hospitality Chairperson, did a great job providing food and refreshments. She especially wants to thank **Linda Eicher, Aggie LaBarge and Susan Schrand** for their outstanding help in the kitchen!



Sharon and Leon Zaczek's granddaughter Sophia was baptized at New Covenant Methodist Church by Pastor Harold Hendren in June. It was a very happy occasion for the Zaczek family! Congratulations to the entire family!

MOST ACBL WIDE POINTS IN 2018

Jeff	Koltenuk	311.16	Frances Gina	Doss	178.39	Greg	Saunders	98.45
Sandra	Gebhardt	309.14	Susan	Fraser	166.08	Lee	Esworthy	92.63
Russ	Pearly	299.35	Alex	Birman	158.03	Gail	Singer	92.53
Charles	Showalter	269.97	Bruce	Thiher	157.19	Alina	Grier	92.5
Philip	Benner	260.21	Andy	Sloan	148.5	Ruth	Goodpasture	92.15
Paul	Hassett	249	Beverly	Parrish	144.85	Jack	Grier	91.81
Ed	Schusler	233.74	Lucy	Tillman	141.3	Neil	Timm	88.66
Dave	Hudson	221.39	Marilyn	Williams	127.18	Mary Ann	Kelly	82.22
Carolyn	Benner	220.71	Sandy	Booke	111.17	Lawrence	Adams	80.33
Janet	Matthews	209.02	Barry	Erlich	110.61	Victoria	Adams	80.33
Jon	Williams	205.26	Alex	Booke	110.54	Joyce	Jackson	77.29
Rich	Seidman	195.27	Paul	Matheson	109.59	John T	Quinn	77.17
Dean	Robinson	192.32	Jane	Hudson	108.57	Carol	Alspach	76.82
David	Morse	192.28	Sheila	Naylor	106.81	Russ	Pomeroy	75.55
Colleen	Treanor	189.71	Sue	Frisch	105.89	Marc	Richman	75.44
Gladys	Mikel	187.12	Nancy	Turner	104.76	Doris	Reeves	74.87
Joe	Sacco	178.68	Albert P	Simpson	104.64	Gordon	Moxley	73.97

AN INCIDENT AT SEA by Buck Buchanan

On June 30, Mauri and I were enjoying the final day of a one-week Caribbean cruise with our daughter and her family. We had left Cozumel, Mexico the night before, and had a long sea day headed for Miami. We were scheduled to dock in Miami at 5 am on July 1. The ship makes a northeast passage, sailing along the north coast of Cuba, and then head north to Miami.

At approximately noon on the 30th, I saw out the window that Cuba was now on our port side, rather than our starboard side. That meant we were heading west, rather than east. I asked Helen, our stateroom attendant, and she said that a crew member had gone overboard near dawn. We were headed back to search for him. Helen said she knew him and he was a 33-year old Filipino with two kids.

The captain made an announcement, and pretty much confirmed what Helen had told us. He also said our arrival in Miami would be 3 pm rather than 5 am. This created chaos among the passengers, since approximately half the 3,000 passengers had airline reservations for late morning or early afternoon. One man said he waited in line for four hours at the ship's travel desk to re-schedule. Another said he had to book with another airline and couldn't get a refund, costing him several thousand dollars. Our daughter wasn't able to get out the same day, and had to book hotel rooms for her family and fly out the next day.

At about 6 pm, the ship reached the site where the crewmember had been thought to go in. It zigzagged around the area without success. At about 8 pm, a low-flying search plane finally showed up, also without success. At 9 pm, it was too dark to search, and the search was called off. We then sailed off for our late arrival in Miami.

The Miami Herald subsequently reported that the crewmember had been rescued by a Carnival ship the following day. The man survived 24 hours in the shark-infested Caribbean!

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Most Club Points in 2018

Over 999 Master Points			301 – 999 Master Points			Under 300 Master Points		
Jeff	Koltenuk	246.8	Alex	Birman	##	Gordon	Pfeiffer	57.97
Charles	Showalter	227.5	George	Murray	66	Jack	Franklin	56.04
Paul	Hassett	191.7	Larry	Abramovitz	60	Harry	Freedman	55.16
Dave	Hudson	187.7	David	Michaelson	58	Don	Schreifels	54.22
Russ	Pearly	181.3	Deb	Brunoehler	57	Jim	Strazzere	52.16
Philip	Benner	181.2	Michael	Lotti	56	Nancy	McAnnally	47.79
Rich	Seidman	168.8	Lynn	Patterson	54	Ralph	Rosenfeld	47.65
Joe	Sacco	161.3	Mike	Kwiatkowski	53	Bernie	Carleton	40.43
Ed	Schusler	160	Ruth	McCann	52	Joe	Bosch	39.18
Gladys	Mikel	158.5	Margaret	Sarno	51	Doug	Vene	35.74
Jon	Williams	152.6	Patricia	Holmes	49	Cathy	Thomas	34.79
Carolyn	Benner	141.7	Donna	Brown	48	Patricia	Ballman	33.85
Colleen	Treanor	139.7	Karen	Pekkanen	48	Eric	Voss	33.78
Beverly	Parrish	131.7	Joseph	Ogi	44	George	Guarino	33.77
Susan	Fraser	118.8	Barry	Dexter	40	Nancy	Turner	33.37
Andy	Sloan	114.1	Ron	Cooper	40	Byllye	Boardman	32.44
Marilyn	Williams	109.9	Dave	Harris	39	Pat	Wilson	31.55
Frances Gina	Doss	107.3	Sally	Jepsen	38	Kelley	Dryden	31.15
Jane	Hudson	102.1	Gail	Singer	38	Susan	Krier	31.09
Alex	Booke	98.87	Joel	Caplin	38	Eileen	Rush	31.06

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TOURNAMENT RESULTS

ORLANDO SPRING SECTIONAL MAY 18—20

7.49 Victoria Adams	7.49 Lawrence Adams	6.88 Michael Kwiathkowski	6.88 Eric Voss
1.55 Vernon Sikora	1.55 Sharon Kruger	1.48 Wilson Rivera	1.48 Dick Stieglitz
1.10 Roni Feldblum	1.10 Joyce Knapp	.82 Merle Erlich	

MEMORIAL DAY REGIONAL FORT MYERS MAY 28—JUNE 3

4.68 Shelia Naylor	4.69 Bill Lau	2.83 Kristie Carter	2.83 Cathy Thomas
1.43 Nancy Brickley	1.43 Gail Singer		

THE VILLAGES SECTIONAL JUNE 8—10 (listing top 52)

32.65 Andy Sloan	27.65 Jeff Koltenuk	24.03 Gladys Mikel	18.49 Paul Matheson
17.84 David Hudson	17.83 Russ Pearly	17.70 Richard Seidman	17.41 Charles Showalter
16.07 Albert Simpson	14.09 Gary Segal	14.09 Eileen Rush	11.66 Robert LaBarge

THE VILLAGES SECTIONAL(continued from page 14)

10.62 Marilyn Williams	10.62 Jonathan Williams	10.60 Loretta Harp	9.72 Janet Matthews
9.71 Joe Sacco	8.78 Donna Brown	8.65 Sandy Boone	8.40 Carol Alspach
8.18 Frances Doss	7.89 Carol Ketterer	7.89 Bob Matthews	7.77 Sandra Ainsworth
7.77 Michael Lotti	7.56 Michael Mocella	7.56 David Michaelson	7.27 Nicholas Pund
7.19 Susan Fraser	7.16 Goentje Wright	7.12 Chris Peters	7.03 Joanne Eakin
6.98 Philip Benner	6.98 Carolyn Benner	6.91 Nancy Brickley	6.81 Sheila Goad
6.08 Greg Saunders	5.88 Patricia Ciccarelli	5.88 Gene Ciccarelli	5.79 Lee Ned
5.79 John Lahoud	5.79 Jane Rowe	5.79 Alice Lahoud	5.60 Shirley Wigner
5.60 Barry Erlich	5.42 Roy Nixon	5.17 David Stentz	5.17 Caroline Davies
5.00 Warren Scheffer	4.85 Bruce Thiher	4.81 Paul Hassett	4.78 Michael Kwiatkowski

Editor's note: There were 279 Villagers earning master points in our Sectional. Great turnout and congratulations to all!

ST. PETERSBURG 499ers JUNE 21—24

5.66 Victoria Adams 5.66 Lawrence Adams

WORLD VILLAGE OF GOLF REGIONAL ST. AUGUSTINE/JACKSONVILLE JUNE 25—JULY 1

56.60 Sandra Gebhardt	39.85 Frances Doss	31.21 Lucy Tillman	19.60 Philip Benner
19.05 Carolyn Benner	8.07 R. Douglas Smith	8.07 Bruce Thiher	8.07 Leon Zaczek
5.37 Marc Richman	5.37 Jon Williams	5.37 Barry Erlich	5.37 Alex Birman
5.27 Nancy McAnnally	5.27 James Strazzere	4.79 Paul Matheson	4.79 Gordon Pfeiffer
4.71 Joseph Bosch	4.71 Gail Hudon	3.47 Shelia Naylor	3.47 Bill Lau
3.14 Judy Flickinger	2.71 Nicholas Pund	2.71 Donna Brown	2.52 Joyce Jackson
2.52 Kelley Dryden	2.52 John Kuyper	2.38 Carol Ketterer	2.38 Jane Rowe
1.88 Vernon Sikora	1.88 Sharon Kruger	1.86 Rosemary Huang	1.86 Michael Vales
1.86 Gail Rickard	1.86 Carl King	1.75 Kristie Carter	1.75 Cathy Thomas
1.70 Nancy Turner	1.70 Gail Singer	1.40 Roger Flickinger	1.36 Carol Mayer

THE GREAT CITIES OF EASTERN EUROPE by Sally Gauthier

Rick and I, along with Andrea and Steve Macheel, went to Eastern Europe for a fabulous vacation in June. It was two weeks and five countries which none of us had ever been to before.

First up was Warsaw, Poland. Despite having been 85% destroyed during World War II, they have reconstructed the old town. It was a very friendly and inviting atmosphere. We enjoyed walking around and going to the old Jewish ghetto and the ice cream was great!

After enjoying the people, food and ambience of Warsaw for a few days, we drove by motorcoach to view Auschwitz I and Auschwitz II. We toured former barracks, saw a room full of human hair and a room with 10,000 pairs of shoes of the victims. We also went into the death chambers, saw the "firing squad" wall and read lists of names of people who perished there. That, of course, was a solemn place.

Then it was on to Krakow, Poland. This city was not destroyed during WWII because the Germans used it as their headquarters. It was a bustling, modern city interspersed with old architecture.

Rick and Steve toured a salt mine where hundreds of feet below ground the miners had carved an enormous cathedral complete with altar and religious statues.

Andrea and I went to a Jewish dinner in the Jewish quarter which included a Klezmer band. I also went to a modern mall in Krakow which was unbelievably busy and had a lot of stores I was familiar with.

Budapest, Hungary was next. It is a city divided in half by the Danube River. One side is called Buda and the other side is called Pest. We had a river boat cruise, saw the famous shoe memorial to the holocaust victims and went to the Cathedral of the Black Madonna. The highlight of Budapest for us was the tavern we went to for dinner. They had a really good gypsy band and local dancers. There was a large multi-cultural crowd. Each professional dancer picked a member of the audience to dance with. The next thing I knew, our own Steve Macheel was dancing up on the stage with the pros!

Our favorite city, Vienna Austria, was our next stop. Rick said it felt like the capital of the world. This city was beautiful and had a very cultured feel. We viewed the Belvedere Palace and Schonbrunn Castle and gardens. Andrea, Steve and I went to a fabulous Strauss and Mozart concert while Rick walked the town. The biggest, well-kept secret in Vienna is the Technology Museum. It is huge, highly interactive and rivals the Smithsonian in scope.

Prague of the Czech Republic was next up after Vienna. It is a very busy, big city. We saw several cathedrals on our trip, but the most impressively beautiful was the St. Nicholas Church in Prague. I took loads of pictures of it as I was totally impressed with its size and beauty. We also visited the Prague Castle. On the grounds of the Castle, some of us went into a medieval torture chamber with the local guide and that was so horrifying that I left before the end of the presentation. Rick and I also went to the Lobkowicz Palace on the Castle grounds. That is now a museum owned by an American family who has had it restored to them after the war. They have done a very nice job of preserving their previous home and making it an educational experience.

I cannot end this article without giving the highest of praise to our tour company—Smartours—and our tour guide Renata.

Additionally the weather was perfect and our fellow travelers were wonderful. We can't wait for our next adventure which we are now actively planning!



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Many thanks for all of your contributions!

