



## CLUB NEWS

### FOR THE DUPLICATE PLAYERS OF THE VILLAGES

### DECEMBER, 2018

#### NEWS CLIPS:

**Sally Gauthier, Joanie Colbert, Marilyn Schmidt and Ruth McCann** went to Destin for a get-away. It happened to be Sally's birthday and we were happy to celebrate with her. We enjoyed the beautiful white sand beaches, many great shops and restaurants. We also went to a very special town called Seaside. Any spare time was spent playing bridge and it was great fun. Sorry I can't share any interesting hands since I don't remember them! On the last day of the trip, we experienced "red tide". It brought on allergy-like symptoms. Red tide is caused by a certain kind of algae bloom. Marine biologists say it is due to fertilizer run-off which increases these algae blooms.

We totally recommend visiting this part of Florida. It has a natural beauty and is unique from other parts of Florida.

(Contributed by **Joanie Colbert**)

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The entire VDDB extends its sympathy to **Russ and Adele Pearly** and to **Louise and Terry Hodgins** on the respective losses of their sons. **Steve Pearly** passed unexpectedly on Monday, October 29, at his home in Camp Hill, PA. He had just turned 40 the week before. It was determined that the cause was an undiagnosed case of diabetes. **Thomas Hodgins** passed on Friday, October 26, following a 34-year battle against diabetes.

**Russ** is the recorder for TVDDB. **Louise** is the individual who designed the logo for TVDDB.

Our thoughts and prayers are with both families.

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Our Head Director, **Rick Gauthier**, is conducting another Director Training Course. Our Club needs more directors. We hope the trainees become Directors. We support your efforts!

#### NEWS CLIPS: (con't)



This is a picture of **Neil Timm** and his twin sister! An adorable picture!



A great picture of **Pat and Mike Holmes** on their trip to Alaska.



**Barbara and Ed Schusler** visited **Biddy and Ken Rhodes'** home in Waynesboro, VA, and celebrated a special birthday for Biddy. For those who do not know, Biddy and Ken used to live here and play bridge in our Club.

**The bridge players of the Villages enjoy Halloween! Shirley Agness and Jane Dulieu show off their Halloween costumes.**



Pictures submitted by **Clare Kromar**

### **A NOTE FROM GINNY CRUMP**

It's great to be back among friends and playing bridge once again.

I'd like to thank all of you who visited and/or sent flowers to brighten my days. In addition, your get well wishes in person, by phone, by email, or regular mail were greatly appreciated. Your messages certainly helped keep my spirits up during those seemingly endless three months. I was having phone problems part of the time, so I apologize if there were voice messages or texts that were never acknowledged.

I also appreciate the offers I received for transportation. If I haven't called on you yet, you may be hearing from me in the future.

Thank you again.  
Ginny

### **INFORMATION ON REENE GLECKNER'S HOLE IN ONE**

"I was playing with **Jeff and Adrienne Koltenuk** on Grey Fox, 8<sup>th</sup> hole, on October 10, 2018. I used my driver as I had not been having a good game and wanted to at least reach the green on one hole. Guess I did!"  
Congrats!!

### **CELEBRATION OF LIFE FOR SUE FRISCH**

The celebration was held on October 20 at Temple Shalom in Oxford. Sue passed September 13 following an operation to remove a massive brain tumor. Sue's daughter, Emily Frisch, spoke at the service. Her son, Andrew, also attended.



About fifty people attended the service. Approximately eighty percent of the attendees were bridge players or the spouse of a bridge player. Sue was a very friendly person and always fun to play with or against. She will be missed by all.

**FUNNY STORY:** **Sharlene Davis and Steve Namiotkiewicz** were high school classmates at a South Florida high school back in the early 70's. They started to date, became engaged. Sharlene had to do a lot of paperwork before they got married, and finally Sharlene slammed down her pen and said, "No way am I going to marry a man whose last name I can't spell". So they started to look through the phone book for possible names. Finally, they hit upon "Tyler". And that's how they became Sharlene and Steve Tyler!

# Director's Corner

By Rick Gauthier

Directors will often have players leave the table in the middle of the auction to ask them a question. Unfortunately, by this simple action Unauthorized Information (UI) has occurred. This article is about “Mistaken Explanations” (Law 75B).

This action usually occurs when a player realizes that his partner has made an incorrect explanation of his bid. For example, RHO opens 1C and you bid 2NT. Partner is asked for an explanation and they say that you are 5/5 in the majors, when in fact your agreement is that you hold the two lower ranking suits (in this case, diamonds and hearts). You must refrain from saying anything, nor make any “faces” at this time *and* you should *not* get up to see the Director. By doing so you are informing everyone at the table that something is wrong. Additionally, you are not entitled to the UI that your partner is interpreting your bid incorrectly so if they now bid 3S, you must assume that they are denying diamonds & hearts and are showing a real spade suit, even though you *know* they think they are supporting *your* spade suit. (Law 73C) Your side is in trouble and you know it, but you must not attempt to “fix” it or you are utilizing UI and the Director will ultimately make an adjustment if your opponents are harmed.

If your partner subsequently realizes his own error, he should immediately summon the Director and correct his flawed explanation. As long as only one of the opponents has bid after the Mistaken Explanation the Director can back the auction up and LHO of the 2NT bidder may be allowed to change his bid, given that he now has the correct explanation. (Law 21B.1)

The simple rule on disclosure of a Mistaken Explanation by partner is this:

If your side becomes the declaring side, you must immediately summon the Director after the final pass and before the opening lead is faced. You then state your belief of the correct explanation and the Director *may* allow your opponents to change their opening lead based on the corrected explanation.

If your side becomes the defending side, you must wait until play of the hand is complete before summoning the Director and then state that in your opinion partner made an incorrect explanation of your bid.

Either way, if the non-offenders feel they were harmed, Director may award an adjusted score, though it is not automatic- each case must be ruled on its own merit.

This is the reason why it is imperative to have a completely filled out Convention Card describing your agreements on all bids. A Director cannot accurately determine the facts without seeing your agreements on the card. If your partnership does not have an agreement on a particular bid, you should simply say “undiscussed” but should work it out ASAP and mark your card appropriately.

If you get nothing else out of this article, I want you to think of this when partner makes an incorrect explanation of your bid:

**“When you are about to declare, make them aware, when you are about to defend, wait till the end”**

Do not confuse this with Law 75C which deals with “Mistaken Bids” and is fodder for another article!

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#### REPORTED 70%+ GAMES:

Russ Pearly & Marilyn Williams (Oct. 4) 70.69%                      Barbara Nelson & Connie Goldfarb (Oct. 20) 73.24%

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#### THE VDBC PHOTO CONTEST (submitted by Buck Buchanan)

The VDBC Photo Contest is over! The winner is **Marilyn Williams**, with five correct answers. Her first prize is a free game with a player of her choice. **Gigi Letendre** is second with 4 correct answers, **Dave Michaelson** is third.

I don't know why we didn't attract more entries. There were enough photos submitted to hold another contest, but due to the lack of entries, there will not be a second contest. I apologize to those people who submitted pictures that we couldn't use.

It's somewhat of a mystery why there were not more entries because the photos seemed to generate lots of discussion. One group, including Janet Matthews, was looking at the photos together, and Janet was heard to say, “I don't know who any of them are, except that one is obviously Russ Pearly”, and she pointed to a picture of her boss, Rick Gauthier.

Who were the people in the photos? 1. Carol Alspach 2. Lou Fischer 3. Gigi Letendre 4. Rick Gauthier  
5. Larry Abramovitz 6. Addy Adler 7. Jane Dulieu 8. Charlie Showalter (really?) 9. Karen Pickelsimer

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## A Trip to the Dordogne Region of France

Mike Mocella, is a Francophile. He loves France. Mike has been to France over twenty-five times.

Mike's most recent trip began September 6. He traveled to the Dordogne region, a very scenic, wooded and hilly part of France, about 350 miles southwest of Paris. This is the region made famous by the discovery of the Lascaux cave paintings, the astonishingly beautiful drawings proven to be over 25,000 years old. More about that later.

Mike travelled with a six-person group that he organized. This is the fourth such group that he has organized. Travelers in the previous groups were members of the French Club. This year's travelers were bridge players. There were six of us; Mike, Carole Jackson, Sharlene and Steve Tyler, and Mauri and myself. Steve is not a bridge player but he is a great guy and was a huge help around the house.



We flew to Paris and spent the first day visiting the usual tourist sites in this beautiful city. The following day, we picked up our eight-person Mercedes van for an eight-hour drive

to our abode for the next twelve days; a beautiful four-bedroom sixteenth-century country stone chateau. With a heated swimming pool, no less. All this for a measly \$55/night!



The next twelve days pretty much followed the same routine. Mike did a really great job selecting venues for our visit. We would leave our chateau about 9:00 AM for a visit to the venue Mike had chosen from the Michelin Green guide. We would spend three or four hours touring, then head to one of the restaurants on Mike's list. Mike usually had three or four restaurants circled in each town, and would give us our choice. The food ranged from "fantastic" to "really fantastic". Prices were very reasonable. Lunches were in the \$16-\$25 range, plus wine. We did splurge a couple times at high-end restaurants, but prices did not exceed \$55/person.

Space precludes my discussing our individual daily visits. Suffice it to say that every town we visited was a jewel and well worth the visit. Typical was La Roque Gageac, a medieval town with red buildings (below), and Saint-Cirq-Lapopie, with a castle perched on a cliff overlooking the Lot River

The last day of our twelve-day sojourn was a visit to the Lascaux cave, which for me was the highlight of the trip.

On September 8, 1940, four young French boys were trying to locate their lost dog in the hills surrounding Lascaux. The dog had fallen into a hole in the hillside. When they retrieved the dog, they discovered the hole was a cave opening. When they entered the cave, they saw the walls were painted with thousands of paintings of animals, some of them extinct. The paintings were astonishingly sophisticated. Some of them appeared three-dimensional and some were painted in a way to suggest the animals were moving. It was subsequently proven that the paintings are 25,000 years old.





Due to increasing damage to the paintings from carbon dioxide from visitors, the cave was closed to visitors. The French government built, at a cost of \$55M, an exact replica of the cave, called Lascaux IV. It was a really great visit.

So it was with sadness that we ended our visit to the Dordogne. Our thanks to Mike for the fantastic job he did. He was the Tour Director, the daily guide, the driver, and the interpreter. The only thing he didn't do was load our bags into the van but I think he would have done so if I had asked him!

(Submitted by Buck Buchanan)



This picture was provided by **Carole Jackson**. Left to right: Steve Tyler, Mike Mocella, Sharlene Tyler, Carole Jackson, Buck Buchanan, Mauri Buchanan.

A good time was had by all!

## A 299ER CHRISTMAS GIFT

BY

JIM STRAZZERE

This Holiday I'm asking our 299er group to make a Christmas wish for one 'simple' act of kindness. My wish is for what I'll call **Christmas Love**. I believe that Love could be to put yourself in the place of another, to feel their feelings, walk in their shoes, rejoice in their joys, pray for their burdens. Now how can we actually manifest such a feat?

When I go to my bridge game today, I'm going to try and be a distraction for someone. I'll imagine one member in the room has a bigger problem than my own, and being a part of my temporary family for the next three hours or so I'll try to enhance their day. Am I allowed to imagine the possibility of a Bridge Heaven, and if so can I practice here first? Then what must I do?

I can start by nurturing my partner more, after all she's right there in front of me and I've already asked her to trust me. She's a lovely distraction for me and personifies the art of forgiveness every time we play. Maybe I can forgive someone else as different players come to our table today. Being a lovely distraction for someone could become infectious.

Imagine our act of **Christmas Love** spreading throughout our club this Holiday. It's always easier to receive than to give, but maybe the next game you attend you can just make the effort of a 'simple' smile and hello to someone. You can be a distraction for them, and may change the course of their day. Putting yourself in the place of another, your feet in their shoes, and your heart in their heart could be a definition of our **Christmas Love**. **I wish to become as much a wonderful distraction to you as you are to me. Merry Christmas!**

(Editor's note) This is truly a beautiful guideline for players of all stratas to follow! Wouldn't our bridge games be ever more enjoyable if we all followed Jim's advice! Not just at Christmas, but all year through! **Love** is the greatest gift we have to share, and **forgiveness** is the second greatest gift we share. Please help our bridge games abound in **Love**. **Thank you, Jim!**)

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### SYLVIA KEYES

Who has played more games in the Open Section than anyone else in 2018? Sylvia Keyes, that's who! A Ruby Life Master, Sylvia is a daily fixture at the bridge table. She and her husband Alex moved to The Villages in early 2015 from Medford, MA, following a particularly brutal winter.



Sylvia was introduced to bridge in her freshman year at Boston University. She began to play every day in the cafeteria and the game consumed her. She didn't begin to play duplicate until she graduated from college, when some friends convinced to go to a game at MIT.

Sylvia received a BA degree from Northeastern University and an MBA from Babson College. She worked several years for Rath and Strong, Inc., a national management consulting firm.

In the mid-1970's, Sylvia started the business/management program at Pine Manor College in Chestnut Hill, MA. After three years, she was recruited for a similar position at Bridgewater State College, where she taught for 32 years until she retired in 2014.



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Shortly after Sylvia joined BSC, she formed the student chapter of the American Marketing Association. As a result of her hard work, the student chapter became one of the top student chapters in the AMA. Sylvia was twice nominated by the AMA as the Advisor of The Year. Sylvia, in addition, served for six years as a member of the Collegiate Chapters Council. She became Executive Vice President and then President of the CCC in 2013.

Sylvia has had a lifelong commitment to the AMA, and she received the Lifetime Achievement Award from them in New Orleans in 2010. She also received an award in 2000 from BSC for Outstanding Devotion to Students, and the New England Direct Marketing Associations Award for Excellence in Teaching.

Sylvia has been married to Alex Keyes for 34 years. Alex is also a Life Master and was for many years the manager and Director of the Puritan Bridge Club in Braintree, MA. She has two children, a boy and a girl, both in the Massachusetts area. Sylvia said she turned down an offer to teach business management at Harvard Business School in 1963 because of family commitments. She said her grandson has since been hired by the Harvard Business School, and her granddaughter-in-law is also employed by the Harvard Business School. (submitted by Buck Buchanan)

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**THE TESTROET FAMILY CELEBRATION**



To celebrate turning 75 in 2018 I brought my family to Conesus Lake in western New York where Tom and I spend our summers. Weather that week in July was great, no rain.

There were 23 of us: three children, seven grandchildren, three great grandchildren, plus spouses. I rented a large house and the overflow stayed at our home.

We spent a day at Niagara Fall, Canada. On another day a rented limousine took us on a tour of the finger lakes wine country. The rest of the week all enjoyed boating and water activities on the lake.

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I was given something from everyone, from 75 toothpicks, 75 chocolate kisses, 75 pearls etc. etc.  
Everyone had a great time! (Thanks, Laura Lee, for sharing.)

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**OUR SUMMER IN EUROPE**

BY

**GEORGE GUARINO**



This summer my wife Barbara and I spent the better part of two months exploring France and northern Italy. We arrived in Paris with the hope that the weather would be cooler than The Villages, but it was not to be—95+ every day! We visited all the usual places that tourists visit. To say Paris was crowded is an understatement. France was in the finals of the World Cup of Soccer, and Paris, along with the rest of France, was in a frenzy of excitement. Every French man and woman were adorned with Tri-colors. The excitement was contagious and we joined them in our victory celebration.

We joined our Viking River cruise which journeyed north to Normandy and then south to Avignon, with numerous stops along the way. The most memorable for us was Normandy, with rows of crosses and Stars of David. We returned to our ship much more somber than when we left.

The cruise stopped in places too numerous to mention. All unique in their own way displaying life as it is today and how it was several centuries ago. The wine country, truffle hunting: a pleasure to see how they treasure their heritage.



Our 15-day cruise ended in Avignon, and we traveled to Nice by train and we took a day trip to near-by Monte Carlo. No, we didn't see James Bond or any other famous people.

From Nice we traveled by train to Milan, where we picked up a car and drove to Bellagio on Lake Como. Lake Como is perhaps the most beautiful place on earth. We had rented an apartment using Airbnb, and the apartment was wonderful and the view was spectacular. Bellagio is a beautiful old tourist town. (The picture is a scenic view of Lake Como.)

Bellagio is a nice centrally-located town for visiting the area. A boat tour of Lake Como is a must! You can also take a ferry to many surrounding towns such as Menaggio and Varenna. Keep in mind all the near-by towns are on hills. Driving is tough and walking is tougher!

Our friends, **Bob and Kathy Brick** stopped by to visit us for a few days. We were photographed having dinner together on the shore of Lake Como in Bellagio.

We hated to leave Bellagio after our two-week stay but we were committed to visit the Piedmont region. We stayed in a small boutique hotel in San Pietro that had been recommended to us by Ron and Becca Cooper. The views were spectacular and the wine was excellent. We explored all the near-by villages. All the old/small Italian towns are built on the side or top of mountains. There are two classes of walking, tough and really tough!

Our two-month excursion was the trip of a lifetime, and we hope to return again someday.  
(submitted by Buck Buchanan)

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A Laugh: "People are prisoners of their phones. That's why they are called "Cell Phones".



## INTRODUCING MEADOW WORTHINGTON

BY

DOUG WORTHINGTON



**You're nuts!** Our other dog died of kidney failure in June. In August and September Lynn and I were ready to get a new dog. Ideally it would be one to three years old and housebroken. We ran into a woman who had been given a little mixed breed puppy (possibly a mix of Terrier and Shih-Tzu) from her neighbor. The puppy was just three months old and not housebroken. We got this 5.5 pound creature as a rescue puppy, and given the color of her hair, we named her Meadow. I'm 78 and when I tell people who are knowledgeable about raising puppies, they react with this statement: "You're nuts!"

**Baby in the crib** Remember when your child or grandchild was eight months old and sleeping in a crib? Early in the morning you quietly

opened the nursery door and found your little baby standing in the crib and very happy to see you. We have a five-foot by five-foot pen in the dining area of our house. At 7 am, Meadow begins to whine quietly. When Lynn or Doug comes out of the master bedroom, Meadow stands on her hind legs and jumps eight inches into the air, excited to be greeted and picked up and loved.



**Breakfast on the run** Meadow gets a good walk first thing in the morning. She is built close to the ground, so when she runs through the grass that is two or three inches high, she jumps from place to place, as if getting through several inches of snow. One neighbor observed, "That puppy is barely above the ground." Besides doing her business on the walk, she loves to sniff out "dried dead worms" in the grass or in the street. Once this worm gets in her mouth, I have six seconds to stick my finger in her mouth and get that nasty treat out of there. I prefer when she picks up a dried leaf or stick, which she carries proudly for a minute or two.

**How big will she get?** Meadow is not a pure-bred dog, and it's not clear just what this mixed puppy is descended from. We submitted a DNA test result.

We will know in two weeks what she is and how big she will get.

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### FLASH EMAILS:

Please let a Board member know if you are happy with the flash emails being sent out to members. It cuts down on all the announcements prior to starting games. Good idea!

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### A NOTE FROM CLARE DESJARLAIS:

FYI: "When I had x-rays of my hips taken and had to move back and forth, I was in excruciating pain. Then I needed a MRI. I investigated online and found many major cities in the US have standup/sitdown MRI's. I found out that Clermont Radiology has a standup/sitdown MRI. If sitting, the front portion is completely open and you are tucked in securely with soft and very firm pillows. You can watch TV. I'm writing this to help anyone else who needs this type of MRI." (Thanks, Clare, for the information.)

**Anagrams:** ASTRONOMER: When you rearrange the letter: MOON STARER. THE EYES: When you rearrange the letter: THEY SEE; THE EARTHQUAKES: When you rearrange the letters: THAT QUEER SHAKE; ELEVEN PLUS TWO: When you rearrange the letters: TWELVE PLUS ONE.



### **399ers! Win a game with a Diamond Life Master! Win our bidding Quiz**

This is a bidding quiz open only to players with less than 400 masterpoints. The winner will win a free game with a Diamond Life Master! Please email your answers to buckandmauri@aol.com. Answers must be received before midnight on December 31, 2018. The winner will be announced in the next issue of the newsletter, and we will discuss the hands. The hands all come from old issues of the Bridge Bulletin's "It's Your Call" bidding quiz

1. Matchpoints, None vul

S; QJ842                  H; 105                  D; KJ973                  C; 3

<u>West</u>	<u>North</u>	<u>East</u>	<u>South</u>
	1NT	2H <sup>(1)</sup>	2S <sup>(2)</sup>
3H	pass	pass	??

(1) 5 or more hearts, 4 or more of a minor

(2) Non-forcing

2. IMPs, N/S vul

S; AK3                  H; K2                  D; AKJ32                  C; K75

<u>West</u>	<u>North</u>	<u>East</u>	<u>South</u>
1H	pass	pass	dbl
pass	2C	2H	??

3. IMPs, both vul

S; KQ764                  H; 108                  D; Q62                  C; 1085

<u>West</u>	<u>North</u>	<u>East</u>	<u>South</u>
		pass	pass
pass	1D	2C	??

4. Matchpoints, both vul

S; 10654                  H; KQ                  D; KQ982                  C; Q6

<u>West</u>	<u>North</u>	<u>East</u>	<u>South</u>
1D	dbl	pass	??

5. Matchpoints, both vul

S; A5                  H; K104                  D; A4                  C; AQJ974

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

6. IMPs, both vul

S; KJ4                  H; 86                  D; K1032                  C; A532

<u>West</u>	<u>North</u>	<u>East</u>	<u>South</u>
1H	1S	3H <sup>(1)</sup>	??

<sup>(1)</sup> weak

## **President's Report November 2018**

Let me begin with a quote.... yet again!

“Punctuality is not just limited to arriving at a place at the right time, it is also about taking actions at the right time.” Amit Kalantri

With that in mind, it's rather strange if I look back over my life at how I've seen being punctual as totally different depending on the situation.

When I was an undergraduate student with assignment dates to meet, I was often to be found the evening before the submission deadline in a state of panic. I would start the work that had to be completed by the next morning at some time after supper and many times would work right through the night, pipe clenched between my teeth, (yes ..... I was a smoker in those days), not noticing if the thing had gone out or needed a refill, as I scribbled away until the sun rose and I finally laid down my pen and went to catch breakfast before searching out my tutor to hand him whatever I'd managed to cobble together from my notes.

Then, perhaps thankfully, there is the other face.....

Maybe it's having been a school master in my earlier days where life was ruled by the clock, and lessons had to all change at a given time, literally 'on the bell' or else chaos reigned throughout the corridors. Or maybe it was my time in uniform when, quite seriously before watches ran on 'atomic time', we would all stand round and synchronize our time pieces before any set action ..... because the nature of things often meant that you just had to get it right. There was a real need to be at 'A' at 1236 hrs and at 'B' by 1344hrs, or else!

Whichever it was, it's resulted in my having an almost silly regard for being punctual and 'on time' when it comes to meetings; calling when I promised to phone at a quarter before two as the minute hand exactly reaches the 9; or making sure that I never miss a train, boat or plane because I failed to pay attention to the clock!

I'm not too sure which of the versions of myself has had the upper hand during this past year that I've been privileged enough to have acted as your President... perhaps a little of both. I do try to get to meetings promptly and respond to emails that I receive the same day ..... and yet, here I am, the evening before it's required by the editors, only now starting to type up this missive in order to meet tomorrow morning's deadline. Perhaps a bit of both of my differing selves still lurk somewhere inside.

The really good news though, (if you've stayed this far into my ramblings), is that, as the club President, I have never been alone, so the undergrad me hasn't had a chance to step in and play its hand.

My tardy, last minute, panic mode self has not once had chance to overrule the 'let's get it done NOW' side.

Why? Because fortunately I am but one of many. Many others that I have worked alongside over the past three years as fellow Board Members; Many others who have taken upon themselves the acts that make our games possible; Many others who turn out and give their time when we need it most, such as at the Sectionals we host so successfully here; Many others who work well back from the front lines, but without whom we would perhaps, not be in trouble, but most certainly find ourselves lacking in some way....The Club Treasurer, the Recorder, Database Manager; the Newsletter Editors, the Club Webmaster, our

Card Dealer(s), those who teach in our classes, the partnership folks, the ones who tidy away when the final card is played....and the list goes on.

And it's these other, very significant people that have made sure that when it comes to taking action in a timely fashion, any "let's put it off till the last minute" side that may still lurk somewhere deep inside never really stood a chance.

Throughout the year, as a constantly growing and vibrant club, we have been faced with needs that wanted solutions and it might have been all too easy to have just left it to the next person, or until the eleventh hour, when our answers may not have been the best they could be. But, perhaps because deep down those who serve have a respect for the second half of the quote above, that has never been the case.

As your Board we realized early on in the year that incorporation, (something that had been talked about for years), was the best thing for the club and its protection. We realized that in many cases we were errant in how we treated those who gave of their time and that something had to be done about providing proper compensation. We realized that we needed to open more games; bring on more directors; buy more equipment; accept the trial of a Reservation System; currently investigate the use of 'blast email' to let you all know what's going on; build a more robust education system; and most recently, find a way that was acceptable to a majority to increase the size of the Board to be able to better meet these many needs we have. In all of these I believe that we have tried our best to meet both the timely arrival and the timely action.

Now, it is time for **you** to make a decision and to act in a timely manner.

We, all of us, need to elect six persons to form the new nine member Board, (three members will remain from this year's six member team). Persons who will each play a part in keeping the momentum going. Who won't put off decisions or actions, or leave it until the last minute. Who will strive to be forward looking and not be caught off guard. Who aren't afraid, if it comes to it, of burning the midnight oil. But above all else, people who will act as a team, supporting one another until the right decisions are made and the right actions have been taken.

Our election for the new Board begins on December the 1<sup>st</sup> and ends on Saturday the 15<sup>th</sup>.

There, now we all know the deadline. No excuses.

Votes have to be in by the end of the afternoon games on the last day, ready to be counted.

You could leave it until the last minute....then like my undergraduate self go into a mad scramble to make sense of who was on offer.....cast your votes because you like the person, because you took a game from them once upon a time and they were nice about it, or because they always dressed smartly, or just because your friends said they were the best!

Or you could begin now, checking on the candidates who form the slate, (the list is on the website), talk to them, sound them out, ask questions and make your notes. Then when we put out ballot papers, be punctual in picking one up, spending time in really choosing and not relying on the old 'close my eyes and pick with a pin' method.....that never works!

Then, as the quote at the beginning says...take action at the right time. Mark your ballot, hand it in and know that you have played your part in helping this great club move forward by putting together yet another good team who won't let you down or fail to be 'punctual' when it comes to getting things done on your behalf.

We have come a long way over the club's lifetime, made it to number two in the nation, gained recognition wherever we go, and provided challenges and rewards for countless players across the years. But this isn't reason to sit back and rest on our laurels. (con't on page 15)



Today we face new challenges with new deadlines. The Villages keeps expanding and is asking that we march alongside it into new territory.

My belief is that we will, despite any problems we might face in doing so. But we need your help in building the right team to represent you and to act on your behalf. Choose not through chance but through considered choice and let's avoid the panic mode of my student days!



Respectfully,  
**Bob Matthews**  
President

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**Cathy Thomas and Kristie Carter** recently returned from a **Regional at Sea** in the Caribbean where they earned 21 master points, 16 Gold and 5 Red. The majority of the Gold Points were earned by coming in First Overall on 2 of the 4 Gold Rush days. This Royal Caribbean Harmony of the Seas Cruise featured **Robert Todd** as the Bridge Host and Lecturer. Pictured here is **Robert Todd** with **Cathy Thomas** and **Kristie Carter**.  
(submitted by Cathy Thomas)

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This is a picture of the Daytona Beach Regional. **Barbara Ryburn** writes: A huge contingency from The Villages showed up every day at this Tournament in search for gold. Many were very successful in getting gold and red points. There were so many of us there, many opponents asked if we came over in a bus". Look on the [Tournament Results](#) page for the names of so many winners. Congratulations to all!

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**NOVEMBER NEW MEMBERS**

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|----------------|-------------------|----------------|---------------|-----------------|--------------------|
| Garold Adamson | Bill Behr         | Libby Benton   | Marlene Boyle | Karen Brennan   |                    |
| David Burns    | Joyce Clark       | Angie Clements | Cyril Egavian | Deborah Forbes  |                    |
| Connie Grimes  | Marianne Hoffman  | Cindy Kane     | Marlene Lynch | Diane Martini   |                    |
| Fred Maynard   | Larry McLemore    | Jane Morabito  | Jan Napier    | Jenna Rivet     | Donald Shackleford |
| Paul Simon     | Carol Stone       | Harvey Stone   | Sharon Tessem | Juanita Tolbert |                    |
| Mary Tuvell    | Katherine Witbeck |                |               |                 |                    |

**A BIG WELCOME TO ALL!!!!**

Wow, imagine having the privilege of singing with a 200 member chorus in Carnegie Hall in NYC! My church choir at New Covenant United Methodist Church here in The Villages, was asked to do just that on October 1, 2018. The occasion was the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Saviour, A Modern Oratorio. The composers, Greg Nelson and Bob Farrell, had heard our choir performing Saviour at Easter, 2017 and asked us to sing at this special performance. Approximately 60 members of our choir left on September 29<sup>th</sup> to fly to NYC. I (**Beverly Parrish**) asked Sally Gauthier to go with me and she was excited to do so.

NYC greeted us with fantastic weather for our entire stay. Sally's brother and sister-in-law live in "the City" and her cousin and her husband live in New Jersey. They met us for dinner on Saturday night. We walked from our hotel, The Sheraton at Times Square, to a delightful deli and enjoyed the evening. It was incredibly crowded walking through Times Square and the theatre district but since I've never spent very much time there it was very exciting for me.

Sunday morning Sally met her family for breakfast and I went with a group to the 911 Memorial and Museum. What an incredible but sad experience. I actually saw a golf cart driving on the street close to the museum! In NYC, go figure!! Sunday afternoon and early evening we spent almost 8 hours rehearsing. Boy, were we tired. We went across the street to eat a "late" dinner for The Villages (9 PM-prime dinner time in NYC). As we were sitting at the table I looked out the window and saw one of the large Villages buses on the street! I have no idea what it was doing there but the chances that I would see it, in NYC, are one in a million! I'm sure all the patrons in the restaurant thought I had lost my mind when I jumped up and made pictures through the window!

Sally and I ate breakfast at a fantastic diner at Broadway and 55<sup>th</sup> and then on to dress rehearsal at Carnegie Hall on Monday around 12:15. We weren't allowed to take pictures inside the Hall so the one below was taken by a professional photographer. We had someone take our picture below in front of the advertisement for our program outside Carnegie Hall. The performance was at 7:00 and Sally's family came to hear us. We got to see them just a few minutes before and after the performance. The enthusiastic crowd at the performance was a joy to all of us. Just being in that Hall where so many musicians have performed was overwhelming.

The evening ended with a dinner cruise around New York Harbor. We sailed very close to the Statue of Liberty, as you can see by the picture below. This was an experience that Sally and I will never forget. (Submitted by **Beverly Parrish**)



### Most Points From All ACBL Events

Sandra	Gebhardt	585.84	Andy	Sloan	270.56	Neil	Timm	149.21
Jeff	Koltenuk	517.19	Frances Gina	Doss	240.43	Gordon	Pfeiffer	149.14
Charles	Showalter	444.74	David	Morse	227.09	Carol	Alspach	147.83
Paul	Hassett	437.56	Lucy	Tillman	225.82	Nancy	Turner	147.17
Philip	Benner	422.84	Marilyn	Williams	219.57	Dave	Stentz	144.61
Russ	Pearly	411.77	Alex	Booke	213.12	Sheila	Naylor	140.88
Dave	Hudson	390.74	Beverly	Parrish	211.83	Barry	Erlich	140.01
Carolyn	Benner	365.51	Alex	Birman	208.34	Lawrence	Adams	139.26
Janet	Matthews	359.47	Bruce	Thiher	207.51	Victoria	Adams	139.26
Ed	Schusler	356.54	Sandy	Booke	203.21	Gail	Singer	138.63
Gladys	Mikel	355.51	Albert P	Simpson	200.28	Don	Schreifels	136.44
Jon	Williams	346.56	Louise	Hodgins	200.1	Eric	Voss	135.84
Joe	Sacco	316.02	Paul	Matheson	186.46	Russ	Pomeroy	135.8
Rich	Seidman	311.2	Greg	Saunders	170.93	Donna	Brown	133.91
Colleen	Treanor	310.3	George	Murray	170.55	Buck	Buchanan	133.44
Dean	Robinson	309.43	Mike	Kwiatkowski	168.93	Jim	Strazzere	132.65
Susan	Fraser	306.53	Jim	Hansell	153.72			

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### MOST CLUB POINTS IN 2018

Over 1,000 Master Ponits			300- 999 Master Points			0 – 300 Master Points		
Jeff	Koltenuk	420.76	Alex	Birman	145.63	Jim	Strazzere	105.51
Charles	Showalter	366.48	George	Murray	131.84	Nancy	McAnnally	101.14
Paul	Hassett	335.04	Mike	Kwiatkowski	118.35	Joe	Bosch	94.6
Dave	Hudson	327.83	Gordon	Pfeiffer	104.06	Don	Schreifels	90.99
Gladys	Mikel	295.98	Eric	Voss	102.41	Jack	Franklin	90.16
Philip	Benner	286.04	David	Michaelson	99.24	Ralph	Rosenfeld	88.17
Joe	Sacco	272.64	Donna	Brown	98.68	Harry	Freedman	85.01
Rich	Seidman	266.09	Larry	Abramovitz	90.54	Nancy	Turner	63.57
Jon	Williams	265.1	Margaret	Sarno	88.62	Eileen	Rush	61.16
Susan	Fraser	240.91	Michael	Lotti	86.56	George	Mast	60.14
Carolyn	Benner	238.01	Ruth	McCann	79.62	Susan	Krier	56.6
Russ	Pearly	227.72	Joseph	Ogi	78.08	Byllye	Boardman	56.52
Andy	Sloan	218.17	Dave	Harris	73.58	Susan	Mast	56.23
Janet	Matthews	193.38	Gail	Singer	72.96	LaVonne	Williams	54.23
Beverly	Parrish	189.89	Karen	Pekkanen	71.88	Bernie	Carleton	52.74
Alex	Booke	183	Victoria	Adams	71.04	Cathy	Thomas	51.99
Ed	Schusler	179.4	Lawrence	Adams	71.04	Harry	Brady	51.59
Marilyn	Williams	177.92	Patricia	Holmes	67.64	Michael	Hendershot	51.5
Colleen	Treanor	175.87	Deb	Brunoehler	63.88	Randy	Eisner	50.36
Sandy	Booke	173.45	Doug	Smith	63.4	Pat	Furlo	50.31



## **TOURNAMENT RESULTS**

### **ST. PETERSBURG 499ERS SEPT. 20—23**

2.17 R. Douglas Smith      2.17 Phyllis Sokol-Wood      2.17 Johanna Haxlett 2.17 Joann Roorbach

### **MELBOURNE SECTIONAL SEPT. 22—23**

.90 Greg Saunders      .90 Beverly Parrish

### **JACKSONVILLE SECTIONAL OCT. 5—7**

3.93 R. Douglas Smith

### **FLORIDA REGIONAL AT SEA OCT. 6—13**

21.31 Kristie Carter    20.37 Cathy Thomas      6.83 Rosemary Huang      6.83 Gail Rickard  
4.73 Palmer Davies

### **SARASOTA NLM SECTIONAL OCT. 6—7**

1.40 Karen Stamos

### **NORTH ORLANDO SECTIONAL MAITLAND, FL OCT 19—20**

2.06 Joyce Knapp      2.06 Betty Einstman

### **SPECIAL SECTIONAL ORLANDO, FL OCT. 26—28**

2.46 Philip Benner    2.46 Maury Fjestad    2.46 Douglas Vene    2.46 Carolyn Benner  
.80 Wilson Rivera    .80 Dick Stieglitz

### **DISTRICT 9 NAP FINAL ORLANDO, FL OCT. 27—28**

6.56 Wilson Rivera    6.56 Dick Stieglitz    5.25 Eric Voss      5.25 Michael Kwiatkowski

### **DAYTONA BEACH REGIONAL NOV. 5—11**

21.92 Mike Kwiatkowski    18.07 Eric Voss      17.81 Susan Fraser    17.81 Philip Benner  
17.81 Edward Schwartz    17.81 Carolyn Benner 12.22 Richard Seidman    12.22 Paul Matheson  
12.22 Charles Showalter    12.22 Andy Sloan    11.12 Kathy McKay    10.67 Nancy Turner  
10.67 Gail Singer    10.60 Lee Ned      10.55 Glen Ryburn    10.55 Barbara Ryburn 10.36 Carol Mayer  
10.28 John Kuyper    10.18 Maury Fjestad    10.18 Douglas Vene    9.56 Gordon Pheiffer    9.29 Gail Rickard  
9.25 Donna Brown    8.05 Shelia Naylor    8.05 Bill Lau    7.81 R. Douglas Smith 7.80 Marilyn Hubbard  
7.42 Rosemary Huang 7.35 Lawrence Latchaw    7.35 Debra Brunoehler    6.42 Vitoria Adams  
6.42 Lawrence Adams 6.42 Jane Dulieu    6.42 Doris Reeves    6.37 Ted Dicorpo    6.37 Jo Dicorpo  
5.89 Sandra Ainsworth    5.89 D. Chapin 5.60 Phyllis Sokol-Wood    4.87 Nancy Jaffe  
4.77 Nancy McAnnally    4.77 Jim Strazzere    4.69 Kelley Dryden    4.59 Alan Zahm  
4.33 Jean Fincher    4.14 Susanne Rattner 4.13 Steve Rainey    4.13 Alex Birman    4.03 Susan Schrand  
4.03 Patricia Bullard    3.88 Louise Hodgins    3.78 Larry Sumner    3.78 Donald Schreifels  
3.77 Linda Eicher    3.77 Chet Eicher    3.67 Liz Adamcik    3.67 Kathleen Feikle  
3.67 Elaine Johnston    3.50 Laura Testroet    3.50 Goentje Wright    3.24 Joyce Jackson  
2.86 Leroy Antetomaso    2.86 Jeffrey Bond    2.80 Joseph Bosch    2.80 Barbara Nelson  
2.72 Jan Masterson    2.05 Brenda Davis    1.75 Myron Henry    1.75 Mary Henry    1.63 Judy Flickinger  
1.61 Marilyn Gagen    1.58 Mauri Buchanan    1.56 Kathy Brick    1.52 Joyce Knapp    1.52 Ellen Danich  
1.45 Nicholas Pund    1.14 Randy Eisner    1.14 James Ensinger    ( There were 12 players that earned less  
than 1 masterpoint.) Congratulations to all!

## 4<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL VILLAGES 499ER TOURNAMENT

BY

**Nancy Jaffe**

The fourth annual Villages 499er Tournament was held at the Savannah Center on November 16<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, and 18<sup>th</sup>. Bridge players came from the surrounding areas of Ocala, Orlando, Gainesville, Citrus County, and Eustus.

On Friday morning the table count was 55 tables and the afternoon was 45. Saturday was 42 in the morning and 32 in the afternoon. On Sunday there were 26 teams involved in the Swiss Team Games.

Paul Matheson, Rick Gauthier and Pat Holmes were the tournament directors. They kept the entire three days running smoothly and efficiently. Thanks to them for making it work!

The Tournament Chairperson was Carol Ketterer. She has this whole thing down to a science. She says it's all about being organized. She must therefore be one of the most organized people I know. Great job, Carol!!! Kudos also go to BJ Chiota as the Partnership Chairperson. Great job, BJ!!!

Hospitality volunteers included: Gloria Bennett, Vickie Adams, Sharlene Tyler, Bev Magnuson, Sally Gauthier, Sandy Gebhardt, Chris Peters and Jane Rowe. Thanks to all these wonderful women for giving up long hours so the 499ers could play, eat, and enjoy the tournament.

Set-up volunteers included Nancy Turner, George Guarino, Steve Rainey and Karen Gordon. They came in Thursday afternoon to assist with the initial set up and then stayed after each days' play to clean up for the following day. Thanks to all!

Game reps for pre-game information and registration were Nancy Jaffe, George Guarino, Rannah and Harry Freedman.

By my calculations, the results equal out to just over 40 silver points awarded for each session played on Friday and Saturday. That seems like a very nice payout to me!!!

Another successful Villages Tournament and a GREAT JOB done by all involved!!





Pictures were provided by Jim Strazzere and Leon Zaczek.

The Tournament Results are not on the website at this time.

The VDBC has a lot to be proud of!!  
 Congratulations to all who participated in so many ways to make it such a successful 499er Sectional Tournament!





### **BABS AND LOU FISCHER** (WRITTEN BY THEIR SON **ED FISCHER**)

Lou and Babs Fischer met and fell in love at Ohio State where Lou played football for Woody Hayes until an accident ended his football career. Babs' parents Louise & Howard were bridge players and had introduced the game to Babs. When Lou was hospitalized, Louise and Howard gave him the Auto Bridge Teacher to occupy his time.

Lou was busy starting a new business which years later was listed on the NYSE and Babs was busy starting a family that grew to 10 children. It wasn't until 1960 that they found an activity to spend time together they both enjoyed, bridge. They jumped all-in taking lessons and playing with the top players in the world.

While bridge is a passion both enjoy, their shared faith inspired both to make family and helping the poor the central focus of their lives. Both were Board members of various charities and both volunteered their time especially feeding the homeless. Their giving their time and resources helped low income and minority students pull themselves out of poverty through education scholarships, poor families around the world get homes through Habitat for Humanity (Lou was on the Board with President Carter), and they supported other numerous programs and charities.

Lou and Babs celebrated their 65<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary Nov. 14<sup>th</sup> here in The Villages. They feel blessed to have found friends and community here in The Villages. They both are Ruby Life Masters.

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(We pray Lou's health improves with each passing day.)



We wish everyone a very Blessed and Merry Christmas and a Blessed and Happy New Year!

The Editor of the Newsletter wants to thank everyone who has made contributions to the Newsletter in 2018. It has been a great year. I am blessed to have hard-working reporters.

A big thank-you goes to the reporters **Margaret Sarno, Nancy Jaffe, Jim Strazzere, Leon Zaczek, and Assisted Editor, Buck Buchanan.**

A big thank-you goes to all of our Directors, Administrative Staff, and The Board members for a very successful 2018.

**Pat Poitinger, Editor**