



# CLUB NEWS

## FOR THE DUPLICATE PLAYERS OF THE VILLAGES

### JUNE, 2018

#### NEWS CLIPS:

**Henry Hood** has been in and out of the hospital many times recently. **Mary Rowe** and **Henry** have been playing BBO games together. We sincerely hope that Henry starts to feel better. We are with you in spirit, Henry!

**Babs and Lou Fischer** flew to Pennsylvania on April 12, returning home on April 17. They attended their grandson's wedding. Babs showed me a picture of their grandson's wedding. It was a beautiful picture of the happy couple. They returned home on the same day of Southwest Airlines accident. The accident delayed their trip for a few hours, but they arrived home safely!

**SENIOR GAMES RESULTS:** We know of two of our bridge players who participated successfully in the Senior Games. **Jay Greenstone** won the silver medal in the Men's Single Tennis in the 85-89 age bracket. **Neil Timm** won the gold medal in the Men's Triple Jump in the 75-79 age bracket, and he won the silver medal in the High Jump in the same age category. Congratulations to both!

**Sylvia Keyes** went to Urgent Care at the Hospital on April 15. Her medical issues were taken care of, and we are happy she is back at the bridge table.

**Gina Doss** had a bone scan done recently and it was determined she has four broken ribs. At least the doctors now know what the problem is! Gina and her husband, Dick, are still requesting no visitors. That is the last update that was given to me on May 2. Their email address is [franginado@gmail.com](mailto:franginado@gmail.com). Her address is 272 Carbone Place, The Villages, FL 32162. Cards would be appreciated. Check with Renee Gleckner or Colleen Treanor for more information.

**Buck and Mauri Buchanan** are on a trip to Edinberg, Scotland and will be returning home out of London. The travel company they use is called Gate 1. They recommend it to others.

**Linda Eicher** went to Michigan after Easter to help celebrate the Confirmation of her grandson and also to celebrate his younger brother's Baptism. The

#### NEWS CLIPS:

grandson who was confirmed became the Godfather of his younger brother, who was Baptized. It was a wonderful trip for Linda!

**Julia Sills**, a granddaughter of a dear friend of mine from Bonita Springs, FL, won a music scholarship. The Scholarship was sponsored by the Opera Club of The Villages! It's another proof of how The Villages, and all of its Clubs, impact so many lives! Julia lives in Pennsylvania. I, the Editor, will send this Club News edition to my dear friend.



**The Pat Ford Memorial Sectional** will be held June 8 to June 10 at The La Hacienda Recreational Center. **Bob Matthews** is Tournament Chairperson. The fliers are at the venues. **Claudette Fraime** has again graciously accepted to be Hospitality Chairperson. Let us all accept our responsibility to help her by bringing a lot of food to this special occasion.

Our website has a wealth of information posted. Please read about making a reservation for a game on the Home page of our website. **Janet Matthews** is in charge of it. Also, please read about all of the Educational Programs being offered. We are also in need of more directors and the Club is offering classes to prepare people to become directors. Our Club also needs instructors to help cover the many classes being offered. **Susan Fraser** has accepted the position of Assistant Education Coordinator. **Tom Bush** does an excellent job of keeping the website current.



**CHET EICHER'S** picture appeared in the 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Edition of Jackson College. Two basketball players wrote articles about **Coach Eicher**. **Bobby Thompkins** and **Robert Burton** played basketball together at Jackson High and continued at Jackson Community College in the early 1960's, to play for Coach Chet Eicher. JCC basketball was a popular ticket, with fans continuing to follow their favorites who went from Jackson High to the College. "It was great, there were four or five of us from high school that decided we would go to the junior college, play for Coach Eicher," Thompkins recalls. He played well for the Golden Jets, being named All-American both his freshman and sophomore years.

"I really enjoyed it," said Burton. "There were several of us from Jackson High, some from St. Mary's, and some transfers in from other cities. We had good teams, real good teams. The teams were very successful, we even went to Nationals in Hutchinson, Kansas."

Editor's Note: Now when we greet Chet, we will greet him with "**Coach Chet Eicher**"!

.....

**SUSAN FRASER**  
**Assistant Education Coordinator**

Susan grew up in Queens on Long Island. By college her family had moved to Bloomington, Indiana where she attended Indiana University and earned a BS in accounting. She worked in public accounting and became a CPA. Marriage and children followed. When she returned to work, her career was in healthcare financial management.

Bridge became important to her in the mid seventies when she was introduced to duplicate bridge. She had the good fortune of establishing partnerships with talented players and learned a lot.

In 1997, she and her husband Ron, a very, very fine player, took early retirement and moved to Leesburg, Florida. In retirement she took up golf and painting in addition to playing bridge regularly. When the club asked if she would be interested in teaching, she accepted and has taught bridge at the Eustis Club for 20 years.

Ron's passing and too much yard work motivated her to move to The Villages. She met the Bookes, Eichers, Matthews' and Williams' on their transatlantic cruise just before moving. They have made it very easy to fit into bridge here in The Villages.

Susan will be able to continue teaching bridge and has accepted the position of Assistant Education Coordinator. She is hoping to continue to improve her own game and to help others to do the same.

(submitted by Buck Buchanan)

.....

**DIRECTOR'S CORNER by RICK GAUTHIER**

This month I'd like to start off by introducing our newest Director, **Marilyn Schmidt** who will be running our Wednesday morning Newcomer's Game. Sally and I met Marilyn and her husband, Art Franz, at our local club in the

Northampton Bridge Club in Northampton around 1998. We soon became the best of friends and played many knockouts together on our way to becoming Life Masters. Marilyn and I both became Directors and additionally she was our instructor for new players. Now, Sally and I are thrilled that they are retired and living in TV and as an aside, if you ever need a Trivia player, Marilyn has a remarkable ability to retrieve information from the archives of her brain!

In her own words: “Marilyn Schmidt recently transitioned from “snow bird” to “frog” when she retired from practicing elder and disability law in Massachusetts. She has played bridge since her college days, and duplicate bridge for the last 23 years. She is a Life Master and a certified ACBL director. She has three years experience running a weekly beginners game that included a lesson with each session. She will be taking over the 0-20 pt. game at Eisenhower that Caroline Davies so adeptly started last fall and that has a similar format. Her other hobbies in The Villages include golf, mahjong and Scrabble. She resides in De La Vista East, with her husband, Art Franz, and dotes on five grandchildren, aged 4 to 12.”

I have decided to write this month’s column on Law 18 “Bids” and Law 25 “Legal and illegal Changes of Call” and address specifically “mechanical errors”. According to the latest version of Duplicate Decisions: “When using bidding boxes, a call is considered made when a bid (or a card designating a call) has been held face up, touching or nearly touching the table, or maintained in such a position as to indicate that it has been played. If a call is withdrawn from the box but not “played” treat it as unauthorized information under Law 16.”

You can see that if a card is brought out of the box and approaches the table at a 45 degree angle before being withdrawn it does not meet any of the standards above (regardless of who saw it) and the player may return it to the box, but now the Director has to warn their partner not to take advantage of UI and that any calls by offender’s partner may only be based on any actual bids they end up making, and not the withdrawn call. DD further says: “From time-to-time a player will draw an inadvertent bid card from his bidding box, a “slip of the finger”. Such calls should be deemed inadvertent. See Law 25A”.

Let’s look at some examples of what are not legitimate “mechanical error” or “slip of the finger”.

N opens 1C, E overcalls 1S, and S passes. South immediately calls the Director aside and says that he meant to bid 1NT. No matter what his hand is, the Director will rule that it is not a mechanical error, the pass must stand, and offender’s partner is not entitled to the unauthorized information that offender wanted to change his call. The pass card is nowhere near the 1NT call and it is obviously a lack of concentration rather than a mechanical error. Generally speaking, if the Director looks at the hand and finds it logical that the player meant to bid otherwise they will look at the proximity of the bid cards. For example, a 1H bid is directly adjacent to 1D, 1S, 2H and if you want to stretch a little 2D and 2S.

N opens 1C, E passes, S bids 1C. Director is called, and S says he meant to bid 1NT. His hand is S-Kx, H-KJx, D-xxx, C-J10xxx. Without even looking at his hand, I would not allow the change because the 1C card is nowhere near the 1NT card, and 1C requires pulling 1 bid card, while 1NT requires pulling 5 bid cards. In this case I would have ruled it an insufficient bid and ruled accordingly. If the player had instead said that they meant to bid 2C, I would have allowed it (assuming they are not playing inverted minors). The 1C and 2C cards are adjacent and he has 5 clubs and 6—10 pts. in support of partner’s 1C opener.

Law 25 uses the term “Unintended Call” and if we look at the definition in the rule book it is: “Involuntary; not under control of the will; not the intention of the player at the moment of his action.” In essence this is referring to a mechanical error because a change of the mind of what they should have bid, or a lack of concentration (“slip of the mind”) do not fit the definition.

Let’s look at another example of what is NOT a mechanical error, or Unintended Call. N bids 1C, E passes, S bids 1NT and then immediately calls the director and says I meant to bid 1H. A look at their hand reveals they do indeed have 4 hearts, it is a close call but I would probably rule that it was not a mechanical error as the bid cards are not adjacent to each other and the player probably forgot to bid up the line or had a hidden heart. Director must use their own discretion.

From the Macon Georgia website:

“Example: W N E S  
1H\* P

\*Has 5 spades and 2 Hearts

The opener clearly intended to open 1 Spade. MECHANICAL ERROR

W N E S  
1C\* P

\*5-5 in spades and clubs

Opener wants to change the call to 1S but is not allowed. LOSS OF CONCENTRATION

*Passing artificial bids made by partner is a loss of concentration.*

Law 25A states:

- If a player discovers that he has not made the call he intended to make, he may, until his partner makes a call, substitute the call he intended for the unintended call. The second (intended) call stands and is subject to the....but lead restrictions may apply.
- If the player’s original intent was to make the call selected, that call stands. A change of call may be allowed because of a mechanical error but not because of a lack of concentration regarding the intent of the action.
- A player is allowed to replace an unintended call if the conditions described in the first bullet above are met, no matter how he may have become aware of his error.

From the ACBL website:

“The onus is on the player to convince the director that a mechanical irregularity has occurred. Calls from different pockets should rarely, if at all, be judged as inadvertent.”

In short, a Director must be a detective and a judge to try to ascertain what truly occurred as the truth is not always told!

.....

#### **MRYON S. HENRY INDUCTED INTO POA HALL OF FAME**

Dr. Myron Henry was recently inducted into The Villages POA (Property Owners Association) Hall of Fame. Myron and his wife Mary moved to The Villages shortly after he retired in 2009, and he became associated with the POA as a Board member shortly thereafter.

Myron served as a professor of Mathematical Sciences at the University of Southern Mississippi from 1998 to 2008. He was also Provost of USM from 1998 to 2001 and as Faculty Senate President during the years 2003—2004 and 2006—2007.

Myron has worked tirelessly to improve the POA membership numbers and financial status, and has been an advocate of improved safety on our multi-modal paths.

.....

#### **NEW RESIDENT MEMBERS:**

Suzan Abel	Rene Birnbaum	Bob Nelson	Craig Ostrand	Karen Richardson	Jane Sawin
Carol Shelton	Sharon Stanton	Jean Stolz	Peggy Tuohy	Gerri Tuohy	Linda Walsh
Eileen Walsh	Bob Walsh	Kristin Whatley			

.....

All men should make coffee for their women. It says it right in the Bible.....Hebrews.

I want to begin this President's Report with a couple of quotes.

The first is from Dale Carnegie and goes as follows:- "People work for money but go the extra mile for recognition, praise and rewards."

And the second is something that the former Secretary of Defense, Robert McNamara once said, "Brains, like hearts, go where they are appreciated."

"So why?" ... you might be asking, have I started this way? Well, for one reason, the Board has recently been devoting a lot of its time in trying to recognize the tangible value that we should be placing on those of our members, without whose willingness to come out of retirement and give up their time to serve us, we could not exist as we do. We have been looking at all of the different roles we have where we rely on one, or more people to make our games and the extra value we feel we have in the club, possible.

But, over and above anything that we can offer by way of remuneration; recognition via 'Free Plays'; Gift Cards; mentions in Bulletins; etc, it is your response and reaction to these people that I believe plays a far greater role in their satisfaction of knowing that they are valued and their effort is appreciated.

A simple, "Thank You" at the end of a game for the director, or a congratulatory word of praise for something that one of these 'unsung heroes' has made possible for us goes such a long way to letting that person know that all their time and effort was worth it.

It's easy for me to say this, and I know that for the most part many of us already do make these gestures in situations where the outcomes are visible. But often all we actually get to see is the tip of the iceberg... we see the food that is put out for us at our Sectionals, we attend the classes that some of our Instructors put on for us, we go home and check on our results on the website.... What we don't always see so readily are the weeks of preparation and planning, or the regular 'behind the scenes' checking that takes place to make sure that when you want your bagels and deviled eggs before the game on June the 8<sup>th</sup>, or the results to check over as soon as the game has ended, they are there for you.

I said in my first Report that it would be so nice if we lived up as a club to the reputation that The Villages has of being the Friendliest Home Town. I would like to extend that wish to include us being the most appreciative Bridge Club too, and for my own part I am going to try harder to find those moments when I can just add my own thanks or word of praise to those who help make this such a great place to play!

(submitted by **Bob Matthews**)

.....  
**Reflections:**

"Today, after my 72 hour shift at the fire station, a woman ran up to me at the grocery store and gave me a hug. When I tensed up, she realized I didn't recognize her. She let go with tears of joy in her eyes and the most sincere smile and said "On 9-11-2001, you carried me out of the World Trade Center."

"Today, after I watched my dog get run over by a car, I sat on the side of the road holding him and crying. And just before he died: he licked the tears off my face."

## **VDBCers are into biking!**

All VDBCers know that bridge is great mental exercise. But what about physical exercise?

One of our partners recently had a physical. The doctor asked, “what do you do for mental exercise?”. “I play bridge!”, our partner replied. “And what do you do for physical exercise?” “I play East-West”, said our partner.

For many of us, though, playing East-West is not enough exercise. Many are golfers, some are tennis players, some swimmers, and many VDBCers are bike riders. Some are serious riders. Some ride 1) in The Villages, 2) some bike across country, and 3) some even bike around the world!

## **Biking in the Villages**

Bob Kraus is a hard-core biker. He has kept an accurate record of his mileage since he moved to The Villages in 2001, and he has ridden over 120,000 miles since then, mostly in and around The Villages. He averages 8-10,000 miles per year.

Bob usually rides about four times a week, averaging fifty miles a ride. He rides with The Villages Cycling Club. Bob averages 18-22 mph, which is a very fast pace.

Bob is now on his third bike since moving to The Villages. His current bike is a Seven Cycles bike, a hybrid titanium, carbon fiber bike. He has over 40,000 miles on his current bike. He has gone through twenty sets of tires since moving to The Villages.

Does Bob have any advice for fledgling bikers? “Do it for fun. It’s a labor of love”.

Two of our Directors also bike in The Villages. Rick Gauthier, our Head Director, bikes 40-50 miles a week, and Steve and Andrea Macheel also bike in The Villages and have biked the Door Peninsula in Wisconsin.

## **Biking Across the country**

Mike Lotti is also an avid biker. So avid, in fact, that he biked across the country in 2012. The trip was officially 3667 miles, but, as Mike says, “That doesn’t include the mileage when you get lost.”

The ride started in Astoria, Oregon (where Lewis and Clark reached the Pacific) and ended in Portsmouth, New Hampshire seven weeks later. He and his fellow riders traversed ten states; Oregon, Idaho, Wyoming, South Dakota, Minnesota, Wisconsin, Michigan, Vermont, and New Hampshire, as well as part of Ontario, Canada.

The tour company (America by Bicycle) arranged the logistics, hotels, (no tent for Mike), meals, logistics, and mechanical support.

Fifty people started the ride, and 47 finished the full trip. The riders had an average age of 58 years with a range of 17 to 73.

Mike has continued to ride since his cross-country ride. He averages 100 miles a week. He generally rides early in the morning, usually about thirty miles, then back for a quick shower (thanks, Mike), and off to bridge.

## **Biking Around the world**

Like many of us, Sharlene Tyler had always dreamed of traveling. During a lull in her professional career as a CPA, at age 37, she entertained with her husband, Steve, the idea of taking a sabbatical and doing some traveling. But they didn't want to just do the standard one-week vacation that most Americans do.



After some thought, they finally settled on a plan. They were both bicyclists. Steve had competed in mini-triathlons and they had taken several supported bicycling vacations on the traditional "2 week-ers". They decided that this would be an economical way to navigate the world if they were managing their own trip. This was 1994, pre-internet and pre-digital photography which made planning and documenting their travels a lot more problematic. And, Sharlene threw one more complexity into the program ... NO CAMPING! They had to coordinate the logistics to make sure that they had a roof over their head every night. And since Steve was a much stronger cyclist, she insisted that they get a tandem ... yes, a bicycle built for two ... to tackle this adventure. Sharlene figured this way Steve would have to help her up all of the hills!

They took off on May 1, 1994 with an "Around the World" airline ticket and here was their itinerary. Tampa, FL ... St. Louis, England, Netherlands, Belgium, France, Israel, France, Denmark, Sweden, Finland, Germany, Switzerland, Austria, Hungary, Italy - including the Island of Sardinia, Thailand, Malaysia, Singapore, Hong Kong, Australia - all coasts and the Island of Tasmania, New Zealand - South and North Islands, Fiji, Los Angeles, CA ... St. Louis, MO ... and arrived back home in Tampa, FL on May 1, 1995. In all ... 17 airline flights, dozens of ferries, dozens of trains, 1 bus and about 8500 miles on the tandem bicycle. It was quite an adventure!



**Steve and Sharlene Tyler biking around the world!**

It is a wonderful physical exercise! (submitted by Buck Buchanan)

### **ELAINE DREIDAME**

Elaine Dreadame received the POA's First Distinguished Service Award at the January Membership Meeting at Laurel Manor on January 16, 2018. Elaine has been involved with the POA since 2005 and has held various positions with the group since that time. She has been President, Vice-President, a member of the POA Board of Directors, consultant, and leader of the POA Outsource Legal Action Team. You can read about the POA at [www.poa4us.org](http://www.poa4us.org).

The Property Owners' Association was founded in 1975 and it was the original homeowners' association. One part of their mission statement is: "The Vision/Objective of the POA is to make The Villages an even better place in which to live, where Residents' Rights are respected, and local government is responsive to the needs and interests of residents."

Before coming to The Villages, Elaine had a long and distinguished career in collegiate sports at the University of Dayton. There, for 29 years, she served as assistant professor of physical education, head women's basketball and volleyball coach, and senior associate director of athletics. She also served nationally as the Division 1 Vice President of the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA), and was a member of the NCAA Council and Executive Committee, the NCAA Joint Policy Board and numerous other NCAA committees. Her background certainly helped her fulfill all of her achievements with the POA.

Congratulations, Elaine!



.....  
**Harry Brady** turned 93 years young in February. He has had a pretty interesting life

Harry was playing cards with his father when they heard on the radio that Pearl Harbor had been bombed. The next day he went to the recruitment center to sign up for the Marines. They told him to finish high school and then come back. That's exactly what he did.

He served 30 months in the Pacific fighting in 4 major battles, from Guadalcanal to Okinawa where he was injured. He spent 2 months in a hospital in Guam and then returned to the states.

After the war, he started at Yale and graduated with a degree then called Industrial Administration. According to Harry it would be equal to economics and engineering today. He never did work in engineering; he spent his entire career in the printing and publishing world doing sales for some of the largest companies in the business

During his life, he played bridge, stopped for 35 years, and then started up again. He arrived in The Villages 2 ½ years ago with only 47 MPS since he had played in few sanctioned games. But he did play with Jim Jacoby (yes...of Jacoby transfers and Jacoby 2NT fame). They played together at the Cavendish Club in NYC one time in the late 60's. It was a nickel a point to play. Harry laughed and said that he got all the cards that day and they made hundreds of dollars on that game!

Harry has done a lot of travelling in Europe and Asia and has great memories of his experiences. He also has over 9000 hours as a pilot in his own plane.

Harry married his first wife in 1946 and they were together for 38 years. His current wife of 17 years is Penny. He has 4 children, 7 grandchildren and 6 great grandchildren. Most of his family lives in Colorado and he tries to see them at least once a year out there and they also come here to visit

Harry is a wonderful person to talk to. He is excited about life and seems to live it to the fullest. We should all hope to be like Harry when we grow up! (submitted by Nancy Jaffe)





### **Dolores Mann**

When Dolores Mann heard last year that Mauri and I would be traveling to Israel, she asked if we would bring back a sample of red sand from Wadi Musa (the Valley of Moses). She said she had three and a half years in Jerusalem when she was with the U.S. Foreign Service and had fine memories of her time there.

Dolores has thirty-five years' service with the U.S. State Department and has served in sixteen different countries. She retired as a Vice Consul in 1992.

Dolores graduated from high school in 1952 and attended business school in Ohio. In 1960, she was working at an Air Force Hospital in Arizona when she was approached by two FBI agents about working for the US Foreign Service. She was then tested and trained, and her first assignment was in Okinawa, where she served three years. Her first assignment was as a common clerk, but she rose over the years to become a Personal Assistant to Ambassadors and eventually to Vice Consul.

Following Dolores' first assignment in Okinawa, she was then transferred to Afghanistan for three years. She said she was engaged to an Afghan man but decided not to marry him when he insisted she wear a hajib. Dolores said Afghanistan was her favorite posting.

Dolores also served in Vietnam between 1973 and 1975. To refresh your memory, the U.S. military forces pulled out of Vietnam in 1973, and the Viet Cong conquered the country in 1975. Remember those pictures of Americans on the roof of the Embassy being helicoptered out of Vietnam? Look closely, because one of them was probably Dolores!

Dolores had been stationed in Bien Hoa, about twenty miles from Saigon. She said her scariest moment was when she and her partners were shelled on a golf course. Shortly thereafter, they were helicoptered to Saigon and then further helicoptered to a ship off Vietnamese coast. She went from there to Japan and then back to the U.S.

When asked what her best moments were, Dolores said when she was piped aboard a Navy ship.

Dolores also served in Kenya, Japan, Malaysia and several other countries. She retired in 1992 when she was assigned to Rumania. She didn't want to go there.

Following her retirement, she moved in 1991 to Springhill, FL, and volunteered at the Florida Chamber of Commerce. In 2002 she moved to the Villages and plays bridge. She is a registered BarBQ judge for the Florida BarBQ Assoc.

Yes, Dolores got a baggie full of red sand from Wadi Musa!! (from Buck)

Dolores takes pride in being a Villages Cheerleader some years ago!

She looks like a very pretty, happy, exuberant cheerleader!

Pictures submitted by Margaret Sarno. Article by Buck Buchanan.



## Series Game Masterpoint Winners, Jan-March, 2018

### Monday, 1PM, 299ers

Bob Martin	2.80
George Guarino	2.80
Cathy Thomas	1.58
Liz Adamcik	1.58
Jack Franklin	1.01

### Monday, 1PM, Open

Ed Schusler	3.20
Phillip Benner	2.40
Gina Doss	1.80
Bev Parrish	1.35
Colleen Treanor	1.01

### Monday Evening, Open

Charles Showalter	2.80
Rich Seidman	2.80
Alina Grier	1.58
Jack Grier	1.58
Coleen Treanor	1.01
Russ Pearly	0.76

### Mon, 6:30PM, 99ers

Richard Jeffries	3.20
Randy Eisner	2.40
Lois Venus	1.58
Diana Backstrom	1.58
Kathleen Landy	1.01

### Tues, 1PM, Open

Jane Hudson	2.80
Russ Pearly	2.80
Phil Benner	1.80
Ed Schusler	1.35
Caroline Benner	1.01

### Tues, 1PM, 750ers

Gary Anderson	2.80
Jack Franklin	2.80
Sandy Baker	1.80
Steve Flowers	1.35
Marc Rissman	1.01

### Wed Morn

Deb Hoyle	1.73
Sheila Campbell	1.73
Barb Petit	1.11
Linda Lane	0.62
Sharon Schachtman	0.47

### Wed 1PM, Open

Ed Schusler	3.20
Jeff Koltenuk	2.40
Bev Parrish	1.58
Russ Pearly	1.58
Bill Garner	0.89
Charlie Showalter	0.83

### Wed PM, limited

Ralph Rosenfeld	3.20
Jack Franklin	2.40
Mike Hendershot	1.80
Carol Richardson	1.35
Arcot Suresh	1.01

### Wed Eve

Alina Grier	2.80
Jack Grier	2.80
Charles Showalter	1.80
Paul Hassett	1.35
Paul Matheson	1.01

### Thursday Morn

Susan Konig	2.21
Lynn Patterson	1.66
Mary Ann Kelly	1.24
Laurie Igiel	0.93
Carol Alspach	0.70

### Thur Aft, Open

Joe Sacco	3.20
Coleen Treanor	2.40
Phillip Benner	1.80
Ed Schusler	1.35
Caroline Benner	1.01
Jeff Koltenuk	0.76

### Thurs 99 Eve

Pat Wilson	3.20
Gail Smith	2.10
Steve Smith	2.10
Dale Hardgrove	1.18
Linda Hardgrove	1.18
Jan Masterson	0.76

### Fri Morn, Open

Dave Hudson	3.20
Jane Hudson	2.40
Chet Eicher	1.80
Marilyn Graham	1.18
Sally Jepsen	1.18
Deb Brunoehler	0.76

### 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

Ed Schusler	3.20
Phillip Benner	2.40
Jeff Koltenuk	1.80
Gina Doss	1.01
Brenda Pettit	0.76

### Fri Eve, Newcomer

Mary Nadeau	2.80
Shirley Bond	2.80
Barbara Neri	1.58
Bruce Neri	1.58
Ashok Marwah	0.89
Shashi Marwah	0.89

### Fri Eve, Open

Charles Showalter	3.20
Andrea Macheel	2.10
Steve Macheel	2.10
Paul Hassett	1.35
Barry Freedman	1.01

### Sat PM, Open

Phillip Benner	3.20
Gina Doss	2.40
Joe Sacco	1.80
Russ Pearly	1.35
Jeff Koltenuk	1.01
Alex Birman	0.76

### Sat PM, 750,

George Sonnichsen	2.80
Sally Sonnichsen	2.80
Bob Martin	1.58
Joe Ogi	1.58
Jan Masterson	0.89
Maury Fjestad	0.89

## Charlie Showalter Wins National 2017 Ace of Clubs Award

The April, 2018 issue of the Bridge Bulletin lists the 2017 winners of both the Ace of Clubs competition and the Mini-McKinney competition. The Ace of Clubs competition is for points won at the club level. The Mini-McKinney contest recognizes ACBL members who win the most points nationally during the calendar year.

Charlie Showalter is the winner in the 2500-3500 points category, having won 437 points at the club level. Congratulations to Charlie.

Several other Villagers are listed in the top twenty-five, and they are also to be congratulated. They are;

### Ace of Clubs winners

<u>Category</u>	<u>Winner</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Points</u>
5-20 pts	Harry Friedman	5 <sup>th</sup>	81
5-20	George Mast	19	62
5-20	Susan Mast	23	61
50-100	Doug Smith	22	90
50-100	Ralph Rosenfeld	23	89
500-1000	Janet Matthews	16	207
1500-2500	Paul Hassett	7	300
1500-2500	Jon Williams	18	273
1500-2500	Russ Pearly	19	273
1500-2500	Rich Seidman	22	262
2500-3500	Charlie Showalter	1	437
2500-3500	Gladys Mikel	9	284
3500-5000	Jeff Koltenuk	6	422
5000-7500	Joe Sacco	12	339

### Mini-McKinney Winners

<u>Category</u>	<u>Winner</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Points</u>
5-20 pts	Harry Friedman	12 <sup>th</sup>	95
50-100	Mike Kwiatkowski	16	163
50-100	Doug Smith	21	150
100-200	Viki Adams	13	217
100-200	Larry Adams	14	215
2500-3500	Charlie Showalter	17	541

.....(submitted by Buck)

### **Our Safari in Africa** (Written by Buck Buchanan)

Mauri and I travelled on January 25 to Nairobi in Kenya. Three long flights over; Orlando/Atlanta/Amsterdam/Nairobi. Quite exhausting. Mauri made two resolutions when she turned 75 last year. She's going to pay to have her nails done, and she wants to fly business class. Fortunately, we had enough frequent flyer miles on United to upgrade. It's worth it.

The first day, we visited three local sites in the Nairobi area; an elephant orphanage for baby elephants, a giraffe breeding farm, and the Karen Blitzen home. She is the author of "Out of Africa", a really good book if you've never read it (also a good movie).

We visited three different game parks during our ten-day visit; Samburu National Reserve, The Ark (hotel) in Aberdare National Park, and Maisi Mara Game Reserve, at the northern part of the Serengeti.

Kenya is on the equator. The weather for the most part was high 80s, with a few days in the 90s. The humidity is very low and most of the trip was in the 5000-7000' elevation, so we had no problem with the heat. Because the altitude is so high, the temperature really drops at night necessitating an extra blanket when we slept in tents. We slept in tents at both Samburu and Maisi Mara.

The tents were very nice, not like the two-man tents I slept in when I was in the Marine Corps. They were 15' x 25', had hardwood floors and a small front porch with chairs for game viewing. The tents also had a bathroom with a flush toilet and sink, and a stall shower. Both beds were equipped with mosquito netting, although we had no trouble with bugs.

The tents were equipped with airhorns that we could sound an alarm if we had trouble during the night. I thought that was strictly theatrics, but one morning we saw lion prints between our tent and the next tent.

Our tent had a double zipper entry, e.g., a tent within a tent. No door and of course no lock on the door. We were told when we left the tent to put the doormat against the base of the outer zipper and then put a chair on top of the doormat. We were told that monkeys might try to get in if we didn't do this. We had our meals at an attractive outdoor pavilion. The lodge had a couple young Maisi boys equipped with slingshots whose job was to chase the monkeys away. They were kept busy.

The compound at Samburu was about ½ mile square. It was surrounded by an electrified fence. During the last rainy season, part of the fence washed away and elephants got in and did a lot of damage. The damage had just been repaired when we were there, and there was a lot of elephant scat on the ground inside the compound.

I needed some exercise after the long plane ride and a long and uncomfortable van ride to Samburu, so I paid one of the security guards five dollars to walk with me while I did a four-mile hike.

The usual procedure at the game reserves is to hold a sunrise game drive at 6:30 AM. These are usually the best game drives because the animals are out looking for something to eat. The usual fare was lots of elephants, several lions, giraffes, hippos, a few cheetahs, zebras, jackals, hyenas, wildebeests, Cape Buffalo, and tons of impalas, gazelles, etc. We never saw a leopard, although some others at the lodge saw one.

After the morning game drive, we then returned to the lodge, had breakfast, and then a "sleep safari" until a late-afternoon game drive. At one lodge, they had a night game drive. We saw a lot of animals that we wouldn't otherwise see. We also got a look at the beautiful night sky, including the Southern Cross and the Magellan Clouds.

We then left Samburu. Enroute to our next destination, we passed by Buffalo Springs for game viewing. Buffalo Springs is not a real spring. During World War II, the Italians dropped a large bomb adjacent to a British Army base. The hole filled with water and became a magnet for game animals.

We then went to "The Ark", a (real) hotel on top of a mountain. This was the quirkiest place we visited. It had a glass-fronted viewing area overlooking a spring. Hundreds of animals would come to water. There were frequently fights between animals. Hyenas, lions, and leopards would come and chase everyone away. The Ark has a closed-circuit TV overlooking the water. Check it out; <https://thearkcam1.click2stream.com>. It's quite fascinating.

The rooms at The Ark are fitted with a buzzer so that the staff can notify you when something interesting comes to the water hole. One buzz means elephants, two buzzes means lions, three buzzes means leopards (didn't see any of those) and four buzzes means something else interesting.

We left The Ark and travelled to Maisi Mara Game Preserve. Maisi Mara is located in southern Kenya. Most of the Serengeti is in Tanzania, and Maisi Mara is at the north end of the Serengeti.

The highlight of the trip was a balloon ride over the Serengeti. The ride had been offered as an option when we booked the trip. Mauri asked me about it, and tight-fisted Scotsman that I am, I told her it was too damned expensive.

The night before the balloon ride, Mauri surprised me by telling me that she had booked the ride (quite un-Mauri-like). She said it would be a once-in-a-lifetime trip, and she was of course right.

We were awakened at 4:30 AM the day of the ride and were driven to the launch site, which was outside the park. I was surprised at the large number of Kenyans (mostly Masai) tending the balloon. The balloon lay flat on the ground, and it was quite huge. There were people all around straightening out the ropes and getting the balloon flat. They then brought a large industrial fan to the open end of the balloon, and started inflating the balloon. When the balloon was about one-third full, workmen walked inside the balloon and checked it, presumably for cuts in the balloon.

At this point, they had us get in the wicker passenger basket. This basket was about 6' x 15', and had five carrying compartments, four each for three passengers and one for the pilot (yes, there was a pilot; a large and impressive-looking Masai).

The basket was lying on its side, and we had to get down onto the ground and crawl in the basket. Really difficult for Mauri with a bum hip.

When we were all aboard, the crew lit the burners, and it was really scary having a huge flame right over your head, but then the balloon started to rise, and we forgot all about it.

Someone asked me what the most memorable aspect of the ride was, and I had to say it was just the overall immensity of the Serengeti. We could see 50-100 miles in every direction. We could see large herds of animals down below us running away from our balloon. It was a once-in-a-lifetime experience.

We landed in the veldt and the support crew met us and served a champagne breakfast. It was a fitting end to our visit to Kenya.

If you would like to see a few pictures from our trip, go to <https://oms2013.smugmug.com/The-Buchanans-Trip-to-Kenya/>

.....

## **Tricks or the Law**

**By Neil H. Timm**

The Law of Total Tricks says to never bid three over three vulnerable and to always bid to the sum of your trumps. Is the later sound advice?

Let's look at a typical example.

Your partner opens 1♠ and your right hand opponent intervenes with the bid of 2♥. What is your bid holding the following hand?

♠AJ1054 ♥54 ♦A102 ♣987

You have 11 dummy points in support of spades and two aces. Depending on your methods do you cue bid 3♥ showing 3+ card support and 10+ points, or do you bid 3♣, playing reverse Bergen, to show 10-12 dummy points, or with five spades, "following the law", just



bid 4♠ - you have a 10- card trump fit? Bid to the level of the total trumps!

Following the “Law” many club players may bid 4♠.

However for the law to work, the most important ingredient is the trick potential of your hand, which the law ignores. The extra trumps MUST WIN extra tricks! Thus, you need 5-card support plus a singleton or at least two doubletons and your flat distribution just does not qualify.

The best bid is perhaps a cue bid of 3♥ and if partner bids 3♠, pass or playing reverse Bergen, the opener bids 3♦, which asks do you have 12 dummy points? And with only 11 your bid is 3♠. Partner will pass.

Partner held the following hand: ♠KQ832 ♥106 ♦Q102 ♣AJ2. Even 3♠ may not make. Do not follow the Law blindly! My advice is to “think tricks”!

Let’s look at a few more examples.

Partner opens 3♥ which show 7 hearts, all are vulnerable, and your RHO passes. What are your bids with the following hands?

1) ♠A52 ♥KJ2 ♦A102 ♣10987

2) ♠A2 ♥KJ2♦AK98765 ♣7

3) ♠82 ♥KJ4♦AK9876 ♣876

Following the “Law” many may bid 4♥ with 3-card support, a total of 10 trumps. However, remember to think tricks, not points or the total trumps!

With hand 1) you have 12 points and 3 trumps. You should bid game, but which one, 4♥ or 3NT? Unless partner has a working side honor, nine tricks is your limit on any lead but a club. And you will survive a club lead, unless the leader has 5+clubs. 3NT is safer than 4♥.

With hand 2) you have 17 dummy points and using the rule of 17, 4♥ clearly makes. But, do you have a slam? Assume partner has two of the top three honors or 3 of the top 5 honors, for example, ♠xx ♥AQ10xxxx ♦x ♣xxx with no side tricks and shortness in diamonds. After a club lead and a spade switch, attacking dummy’s entry. Declarer will succeed against a 4-1 diamonds and 3-0 trump splits. How? Win the spade, play a heart to your hand, a diamond to the ace, and ruff a diamond high, If diamonds are 4-1 continue with a low heart to dummy and ruff another diamond high. Return to dummy in trumps and claim your slam. Do not just bid 4♥, but; bid 4♣ as weak 1430 for hearts. If you do not play this convention, bid 4♠ as kickback for hearts or at the very least bid 4NT!

With hand 3) you have 13 dummy points so bid 4♥s to advance the pre-emptive bid. The opponents may make a game in spades or clubs. If you get doubled in 4♥ you will be down 2 for -500!

What have we learned? Tricks are more important than points or the Law!

.....

#### MOST MASTER POINTS FROM ALL ACBL EVENTS

Ed	Schusler	222.63	Bruce	Thiher	102.31	Ruth	Goodpasture	64.29
Russ	Pearly	214.44	David	Morse	101.6	Louise	Hodgins	62.09
Jeff	Koltenuk	183.28	Frances Gina	Doss	100.1	Susan	Konig	61.9
Sandra	Gebhardt	178.11	Gladys	Mikel	87.3	Russ	Pomeroy	61.71
Philip	Benner	175.61	Jane	Hudson	86.37	Mary Ann	Kelly	61.67
Paul	Hassett	164.65	Nancy	Turner	77.9	Marc	Richman	60.1
Charles	Showalter	163.38	Andy	Sloan	76.41	Albert P	Simpson	59.53
Janet	Matthews	150.13	Sheila	Naylor	75.31	Neil	Timm	58.28
Colleen	Treanor	146.54	Barry	Erlich	74.96	Buck	Buchanan	56.4
Carolyn	Benner	134.14	Marilyn	Williams	73.99	Maury	Fjestad	56.35
Jon	Williams	133.31	Gail	Singer	71.11	Lynn	Patterson	55.79
Dean	Robinson	133.13	Kathy	McKay	70.68	Barry	Dexter	54.27
Joe	Sacco	120.75	Susan	Fraser	70.32	Lawrence	Adams	53.9
Alex	Birman	115.99	Sandy	Booke	68.82	Victoria	Adams	53.9
Beverly	Parrish	110.83	Alex	Booke	68.19	Barb	Jones	53.76
Rich	Seidman	110.37	Lucy	Tillman	67.54	Paul	Matheson	53.61
Dave	Hudson	108.99	Sue	Frisch	66.37			

.....

A Word of Caution: "Be careful of the words you speak and keep them soft and sweet, for you never know from day to day which words you'll have to eat." Author Unknown.

Please check the "Milestone" link on our website for updates on 70% games and updates on Rank Achievements.

Good luck to all of our players participating in our **Pat Ford Memorial Sectional Tournament!**

#### Bridge Trivia:

1. To what playing card did Charlie Brown in "Peanuts" once compare himself?
2. Where was the World Bridge Olympiad held in 2004?
3. Who was known as Mr. Bridge?

Answers:

1. The Two of Clubs
2. Istanbul, Turkey, Oct. 23 –Nov. 6
3. Charles Goren

## MASTER POINTS EARNED IN CLUB GAMES IN 2018

### OVER 1,000 MASTER POINTS

Jeff	Koltenuk	110.4
Philip	Benner	108.5
Ed	Schusler	103.7
Russ	Pearly	97.45
Charles	Showalter	91.3
Colleen	Treanor	81.73
Paul	Hassett	80.81
Joe	Sacco	76.97
Frances	Gina Doss	75.59
Beverly	Parrish	73.53
Dave	Hudson	69.61
Jane	Hudson	66.43
Carolyn	Benner	63.67
Jon	Williams	62.85
Gladys	Mikel	60.97
Barry	Erlich	58.34
Rich	Seidman	56.53
Andy	Sloan	50.39
Alex	Booke	46.03
Sandy	Booke	45.99

### 301 – 999 MASTER POINTS

Alex	Birman	60.2
Maury	Fjestad	29.5
David	Michaelson	28.6
Patricia	Holmes	27.8
Larry	Abramovitz	27.3
Lynn	Patterson	26.7
Carol	Payette	26.3
Karen	Pekkanen	26.2
Ruth	McCann	25.4
Michael	Lotti	24.9
Ron	Cooper	24.6
Joseph	Ogi	24.1
Marilyn	Graham	24.1
Andrea	Macheel	24
Deb	Brunoehler	23
Steve	Macheel	23
Victoria	Adams	22.7
Lawrence	Adams	22.7
Donna	Brown	22.7
Kristie	Carter	22.2

### UNDER 300 MASTER POINTS

Jack	Franklin	34.58
Bob	Martin	25.62
Cathy	Thomas	24.45
Jan	Masterson	23.37
Patricia	Ballman	22.94
Doug	Vene	22.78
Sugi	Hayes	22.41
Nancy	Turner	22.4
Gail	Singer	22.23
Gail	Smith	21.59
Steve	Smith	21.59
George	Guarino	20.99
Gordon	Pfeiffer	20.58
Liz	Adamcik	19.39
Ralph	Rosenfeld	19.2
Jim	Strazzere	18.5
Byllye	Boardman	18.17
Mike	Kwiatkowski	17.58
Harry	Freedman	17.45
Eileen	Rush	16.91

## TOURNAMENT RESULTS

### BRADENTON SR /NLM MARCH 16-18

2.44 Judy Ventura

### DAYTONA 499er SECTIONAL MARCH 23-25

7.45 Gail Singer 3.90 Kristie Carter 3.55 Carma Sands

### SOUTHEASTERNS REGIONAL CORAL SPRINGS, FL APRIL 2-8

18.79 Sandra Gebhardt 5.57 Kristie Carter 5.57 Gail Singer 3.91 Leon Zaczek  
 3.91 Bruce Thiher 1.38 Carol Payette 1.23 Gloria Bennett 1.23 Carol Ketterer .51 Jane Rowe  
 .51 Brenda Davis

### GATLINBURG REGIONAL GATLINBURG, TN APRIL 16-22

37.04 Philip Benner 37.04 Carolyn Benner 5.54 Robert Vicars, Jr. 5.54 Nicholas Pund  
 5.54 Kelley Dryden 5.54 Donna Brown 5.42 John Kuyper 4.92 Neil Timm 4.92 Kathy Berman  
 4.59 Nancy Turner 4.59 Gail Singer 4.46 Glenn Ryburn 4.46 Barbara Ryburn 4.16 Ted Dicorpo  
 4.16 Josephine Dicorpo 3.70 Kristie Carter 3.70 Diane Mocella 2.64 Jean Fincher 2.64 Douglas Vene  
 2.13 Robert Tolpa 2.13 Maryann Deroche 1.83 Maury Fjestad 1.83 Jan Masterson 1.53 Sally Gauthier  
 1.53 Richard Gauthier

### SPRING HILL SECTIONAL SPRING HILL, FL APRIL 19-21

3.50 Paul Hassett 3.50 Barry Dexter 2.44 Robert Ellis 2.44 Jane Rowe 2.44 Carol Ketterer  
 1.44 Joyce Knapp 1.44 Roni Feldblum 1.10 Vernon Sikora 1.10 Sharon Kruger .54 Eric Voss  
 .54 Michael Kwiatkowski

## SPECIAL SECTIONAL STUART, FL APRIL 27-29

6.81 Richard Seidman    6.81 Jon Williams    6.81 Jeff Koltenuk    6.81 Charles Showalter    .60 Sandy Booke  
.60 Paul Matheson    .60 Janet Matthews    .60 Alex Booke

## PALM COAST SECTIONAL PALM COAST, FL MAY 4-6

4.21 Susanne Rattner    4.21 R. Douglas Smith    2.93 Phyllis Sokol-Wood    2.93 Johanna Hazlett  
2.76 Glenn Ryburn    2.76 Barbara Ryburn

.....

## RULE OF 7 AND BLOCKING THE OPPONENTS' COMMUNICATION

Pat Poitinger

The following article may seem elementary to many players, but in our modern bridge world players can become so fixated on conventions, splinters, reverses etc., that basic techniques of playing the hand may be forgotten or ignored.

One of my all-time favorite bridge teachers and authors is William S. Root (1923-2002). He was inducted into the ACBL Hall of Fame in 1997. I have many of his books.

**Rule of 7:** When playing NT contracts and having only one stopper in the suit led headed by the Ace, use the Rule of 7. It helps you to know how many times you need to hold up. Subtract the total number of cards you and dummy have from 7. In the following Root hand, you have five cards in the diamond suit. Subtract 5 from 7, and the Rule says you should hold up 2 times, taking the third diamond trick with the Ace. This tactic blocks the opponents' communication. Mr. Root illustrates:

		N		
		♠K 7 2		
		♥A 6 5		
		♦9 4		
		♣A Q 10 8 3		
W				E
♠J 6 4 3				♠10 8 5
♥10 8 4				♥Q J 9 2
♦K J 7 6 2				♦Q 8 3
♣5				♣K 7 4
		S		
		♠A Q 9		
		♥K 7 3		
		♦A 10 5		
		♠J 9 6 2		

Contract 3NT by South: Lead is the 6 of diamonds

One of the most common ways to block the opponents' communication is the hold-up play. It is most often used in notrump contracts to exhaust one defender's hand of all the cards he has in the suit that his side is leading. Then, if that defender ever gets the lead, he will be unable to play the suit.

You have seven winners and must tackle the club suit to get the two extra tricks you need. Suppose East plays the queen of diamonds on the first trick: If you win with your Ace, the contract is safe if diamonds divide 4-4, but you will be set if the club finesse fails and West started with five or six diamonds. So you should hold up your Ace until the third time the suit is led in an effort to exhaust the East hand of diamonds. (Rule of 7) Then, you will make your bid even if West has five or six diamonds and the club finesse fails.

Note that East will get the lead with the king of clubs before you can establish nine tricks. If you do not hold up twice in diamonds, you will be set. East will still have a diamond to lead and the opponents will win four diamonds.

I wonder if this review will help anyone! Or is it too simple????

Thanks to all who contributed to this *June Club News Edition*!

Co-editors of *Club News*: Pat Poitinger and Buck Buchanan. Reports are: Margaret Sarno, Leon Zazcek, Nancy Jaffe, and Henry Hood. (Please keep Henry in your prayers because he has so many medical problems.)

We will be remembering all of those who sacrificed themselves and their loved ones for our freedoms on Memorial Day!

