

CLUB NEWS

FOR THE DUPLICATE PLAYERS OF THE VILLAGES

APRIL, 2019

NEWS CLIPS:

A belated Happy Birthday to **Harry Brady**, who turned 94 on February 6. **John Quinn**, the director of the Lake Miona Wednesday game, added 20 minutes to the break to allow a birthday celebration for Harry. The players enjoyed wine, cheese, and other goodies to honor Harry. **BJ Chiota** planned the event. A good time was had by all!

We all join with our condolences to **Shirley Agness** whose husband passed on January 30. Your many friends are with you, Shirley, during this sad time for you.

Carol Meier and her husband **Charlie** flew to North Carolina and then drove to Georgia to visit their new great-granddaughter, Amelia. Congratulations!

Mauri Buchanan became a Life Master during the Larry Cohen **Regional At Sea Cruise**. Congratulations, Mauri. Her husband, Buck, brought a lovely cake for everyone to enjoy at the March 11 Open Game at Seabreeze.



There have been many favorable comments concerning the reservation system. With so many winter residents, it is gratifying knowing we won't be turned away and we don't have to go one hour

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before game time to be assured a seat! Thank you, **Janet Matthews**, for setting up the reservation system!

There have also been many favorable comments about the **Blast Email** that **Gordon Pfeiffer** sends out weekly. Thank you, Gordon!

THE WEBSITE: Our website includes a wealth of information! Please visit it often. There are educational classes being offered; minutes of Board meetings; membership lists; and so much more. Check to see when **Andy Sloan** is giving his mini lessons prior to games; **Neil Timm's** "Topic of the Month"; and a new Beginners Course offered by **Mary Jo Sergent**. **Tom Bush**, our webmaster, does an excellent job.

Someone took a "secret picture" of **Bruce**. Perhaps he had just returned from Colombia!



This is in good fun! We love you, Bruce!

Directors' Corner by Rick Gauthier

A player has requested that I cover proper demeanor at the table. One way I can do this is by quoting the full body of Law 74 Conduct and Etiquette from the 2017 Laws of Duplicate Bridge which I have pasted in below. Anything in italics are my own commentary.

LAW 74 CONDUCT AND ETIQUETTE

A. Proper Attitude

1. A player should maintain a courteous attitude at all times. *For specifics one should see the ACBL Zero Tolerance Policy which this club upholds.*
2. A player should carefully avoid any remark or extraneous action that might cause annoyance or embarrassment to another player or might interfere with the enjoyment of the game. *Examples are: unsolicited advice, commenting that declarer should have made more tricks, or that the defense was poor.*
3. Every player should follow uniform and correct procedure in calling and playing. *For both, maintaining proper and consistent tempo is important.*

B. Etiquette

As a matter of courtesy, a player should refrain from:

1. paying insufficient attention to the game. *This could convey the Unauthorized Information that your hand has no consequence.*
2. making gratuitous comments during the auction and play. *Even something as innocent as saying "Oops, I have 5 suits!" conveys to partner that you do not have a void. During the auction & the play periods let your bids and cards played be the only commentary to avoid conveying Unauthorized Information. Save time between hands and rounds for social commentary.*
3. detaching a card before it is his turn to play. *This is really egregious as it conveys to partner that no matter what card is played before his turn it doesn't affect what card he is playing, saying in effect "I have nothing of value in this suit" or "I have no choices of which card to play".*

4. prolonging play unnecessarily (as in playing on although he knows that all the tricks are surely his) for the purpose of disconcerting an opponent. *On the other hand, one must be quite certain and clear before making a claim to avoid dispute of that claim.*

5. summoning and addressing the Director in a manner discourteous to him or to other contestants. *Disrespecting the Director will never win you any points!*

C. Violations of Procedure

The following are examples of violations of procedure:

1. using different designations for the same call. *Not so relevant when bid boxes are in use.*
2. indicating approval or disapproval of a call or play. *Facial expressions are so easily readable and cause for Unauthorized Information. "Poker faces" are great for bridge too!*
3. indicating the expectation or intention of winning or losing a trick that has not been completed. *Unauthorized info rears its head again!*
4. commenting or acting during the auction or play so as to call attention to a significant occurrence, or to the number of tricks still required for success. *Per Law 65B3: "A player may draw attention to a card pointed incorrectly, but this right expires when his side leads or plays to the following trick."*
5. looking intently at any other player during the auction and play, or at another player's hand as for the purpose of seeing his cards or of observing the place from which he draws a card (but it is appropriate to act on information acquired by unintentionally seeing an opponent's card). *I knew a top player from New England who stared at you intently during play and it was quite disconcerting!*
6. showing an obvious lack of further interest in a deal (as by folding one's cards). *This indicates you have nothing left in your hand of value and may influence your partner's play.*
7. varying the normal tempo of bidding or play for the purpose of disconcerting an opponent. *Playing and quitting tricks extremely quickly causes the same issue.*
8. leaving the table needlessly before the round is called.

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The Sunshine Bridge News, March / May issue, pages 34 and 35, listed many **VDBC** players in the Mini-McKenney Races D9 and the 2018 Shanbrom Ace of Clubs. Congratulations to all!

Please check out the rank achievements of our players through the Milestone link. Congratulations!

President's Report

I feel that I have to begin this Report by addressing an issue that was raised at the recently held Annual General Meeting. It upsets me in fact that I feel a public answer is even required, but I believe that it does and that it should be tackled straight away and not ignored or allowed to fester.

For those not in attendance at the meeting, we, that is The Board, were accused of deliberately acting in a manner that was not completely 'transparent' when it comes to reporting the correct financial situation for the club and by implication that accusation suggested that there might be an ulterior motive for doing so.

Nothing could be further from the truth.

I wish to state without any hesitation that to the best of my knowledge, the present, and all previous Boards that I have been a member of going back now four years has ALWAYS acted in a correct, open and true manner when it has come to club finances. And I have no reason to believe that this situation does not stretch back all the way to the beginning of the club's creation.

The Club Treasurer does an absolutely fantastic job in terms of accounting for all expenditure and income and each and every transaction is recorded and noted and then reported in the regular Financial Statements that he produces for both the Board and the General Membership to view.

But, clearly there are still some who feel that those elected to run the club and manage those finances on your behalf are not doing so in a fully 'transparent' way. And, even if this is a very small minority of members I believe that it is something we need to address.

Any club members who wishes to have a printed copy of the Quarterly Financial Statement may obtain one by requesting such from the Club Treasurer, currently Mike Lotti. In addition, our Financial Reports are a matter of Public Record once reported to the IRS which is done annually and may be viewed there.

Further, anyone who is a member may attend at any Board Meeting and request information pertaining to the Club Finances, where a full explanation will be provided to answer your questions. The Board would welcome that you do so if you should have any queries in this regard.

But, (and I believe here that I speak for all of the current Board of Directors), we take exception to the accusation that was made against us. It was unfounded, without any basis in fact, and I hope that in future, anyone who has any questions or thoughts that things are not being handled completely as they should be will take the time to do diligent research before making such a statement in the future.

And now, having got that off my chest.....

To more pleasant things.....

Along with many fellow club members, Janet and I have recently returned from our second Bridge Cruise with Larry Cohen, and although I know there will be a full report on this elsewhere, I just wanted to say how wonderful it is to be in the company of friends who all enjoy the same pastime and interest. If you have never been on a Bridge Cruise you are missing out on a lot of fun and I urge you to consider at the very least giving it a try.

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And finally for this Report, I am sure that many of you will have seen that the Club is seeking to appoint someone to take over from our present Data Base Manager, Paul Matheson. Many of you will know Paul, as I do, through his wonderful manner of encouraging new players to study and enjoy playing this fascinating, but sometimes frustrating challenge of the game of Bridge. Not everyone though is also aware that Paul has been in the past our Head Director and presently the person filling the role of the Club's Data Base Manager, a very important and sometime demanding position. In that respect he has done a wonderful job for us both internally and with our contact and interface with the ACBL. I have great respect for all that he has done for the club to date and it will be hard to replace him. I would like to say a personal "Thank You" for everything that I am aware of that he has done for both me individually and for the club as a whole in his many different roles that he has occupied for us over the years that I have been privileged to have known him.

Fortunately we are not going to lose Paul completely as I believe that he is intending to still play with his partners and keep up an active role with the newcomers who meet to learn and play on Monday evenings. That is a group that I remember being very sorry to have to leave once I had acquired the maximum number of master points allowed to play in that game. But like many others, as we now look to find someone to take over his current position as an important officer of the club, I want to say that he has been an inspiration for many of us to follow in terms of how we should behave towards not only each other, but in facing and dealing with the tasks at hand. He is a gentleman of the highest integrity and I want to wish Paul the very best, once he has a little more time to himself, to enjoy his game, something that he certainly deserves.

Bob Matthews

President

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ESCAPADE IN CARTAGENA **By BRUCE THIER**

The bridge league of Colombia has several bridge festivals each year, one each in each of the major cities of Colombia: Bogota, Cartagena, Medellin, Cali and Pereira. I had planned to play with my regular partner in Colombia at the festival in Cartagena at the end of February before I returned to Florida from the Christmas holiday trip. I ended up coming back earlier than planned and my partner there said why not come back for a weekend to play in the festival in Cartagena. And so I did and mentioned it to two of my friends who decided they would like to play cards and see a bit of Colombia as well. So the three of us went off together—me, Ruth McCann, and Laura Lee Testroet.

It was an eventful trip: we left Thursday evening after bridge on the evening flight to Bogota. Spirit lost the luggage and it didn't catch up to us for three days in Cartagena. What an experience! The girls decided they needed a new outfit and so we sauntered off to the big 3-storey shopping mall in the regular part of Cartagena away from the Boca Grande, the tourist area. The girls decided to separate looking for the things they wanted and I went to the ice cream shop on the third floor to wait for them. Laura Lee came back after about 45 minutes but Ruth never did. She was lost.

Getting lost in a foreign country where you don't speak the language and they don't speak English is not a good idea. Ruth finally made it back to the hotel where Laura Lee and I found her after waiting an additional hour at the ice cream shop for her to show up. Thank goodness Ruth found a young man who spoke English in the Samsung store. Those techies all speak English I think. (con't on page 6)

Then we went off to play bridge. The Colombian tournaments are handicapped and the girls got the biggest handicap in the room, one full board of a 26 board match. It was like starting off with a four percent advantage against the best team in the room. But alas, the girls showed the Colombians a few things they no doubt hadn't seen before and ended up in the middle of the pack as did me and my partner. The tournament was three sessions long, one session played each day starting at the refined hour of 3 p.m.

The tournament was first class at the Club Cartagena, a 125 year-old institution in the middle of what now is the tourist island of Cartagena. Snacks in the middle of the game and a banquet at the end to fete the winners.

On Tuesday we returned to Bogota to connect with the flight home to Orlando. Avianca, in true Latin fashion, was running late and we missed the connection in Bogota. What an ordeal it is flying a budget carrier like Spirit when something goes wrong. I certainly don't recommend it.

In the middle of the weekend in Cartagena, the girls got to see just a bit of the royal capital of Colombia. It was the seat of the Spanish viceroy for nearly 300 years. I tried to get them to purchase some new emerald and diamond jewelry in one of the shops in the old city but they resisted. Most of the pieces were reduced 20 percent from about 10 thousand dollars to 8.

We also had a chance to eat at Carmen, a gourmet restaurant in the old city. It is spectacular and the food is outstanding, complete gourmet dinners including appetizers and desserts for about 20 dollars each.

The girls got just a very small sample of Colombia; it is a remarkably beautiful place with wonderful kind people.

Bon Voyage....the next festival is in Cali in the fall. Shall we get a group together and go go go????

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INTRODUCING SUGI HAYES



Sugi Hayes is a snowbird from Delaware who took up bridge in 2016. She has managed to accumulate almost 200 master points in this brief time.

Sugi is quite serious about bridge. She said she is an early riser, and gets up at 3 a.m. and studies bridge. She plays in the mentor game and her mentor is **Marc Richman**. She placed in the Open game with **Pat Ballard** on Feb. 19 earning 2.63 mps, and on Feb. 20 she and her partner **Jim Strazzere** played in the 399er section placing first with a 75.45% game

earning 2.63 mps.

Sugi is also an accomplished tennis player. She recently placed in the 65+ age group at the National Senior Games at Phoenix.

Sugi was born in Korea in 1949 and married a US serviceman in 1979. They have two boys, one now a doctor and one is a lawyer. She married her current husband in 1989. They live in Delaware, where she has taught tennis for several years. She and her husband are considering moving full-time to The Villages. We look forward to them coming. (contributed by Buck)

MILLIE VIBBARD
BY NANCY JAFFE



MILLIE and her husband Earl moved to The Villages in 1998. Earl became the second director the VDBC ever had.

They also had lots of adventures on bridge cruises. Earl was the Director and Millie would do one on one or small group classes. They would take 3-4 trips a year traveling all over the world. Millie says they sailed the Baltic, The Black Sea, the Mediterranean, the Panama Canal, the Amazon River, all over South America and Europe, even to Australia and Hawaii. She estimated 75 trips in total.

A couple times they did the transatlantic cruise on the QE2. Millie didn't really like those trips very much. She said they were very much into what a passenger's "status" was. There were rooms and places you could not go if your "status" was not high enough. She didn't like being told she was not allowed

Back in those days, there would be a lecture given by Earl in the morning, then a game in the afternoon where they played only about 15 boards. If there was an excursion off the ship in the afternoon, then they would move the game so that passengers could do both the excursion and the game. There was only one game a day! If Earl was asked questions about conventions, he would say, "Ask Millie about that". Conventions were not really his thing.

It was an exciting time for them and Millie loved the travel and meeting lots of wonderful people. We are lucky to have Millie and her vast experience with us in The Villages.

(Many of us fondly remember Earl as our Head Director, and Millie by his side!)

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THE REWARDS OF VOLUNTEERING
MARILYN HUBBARD



Have you ever volunteered? If you have, you know that you take away so much more than you give. The Villages has a very high rate of volunteerism and many, many opportunities. In fact, each week in the *Daily Sun* a list appears of volunteer opportunities with the contact phone number. In this season of our lives, volunteering provides an opportunity to "pay it forward".

Volunteering has always been a part of my life. As a college student, I volunteered to usher for the Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra. Of course the perk of seeing each performance FREE did entice me. In the 70's Indianapolis was chosen as one of the first sites for a Ronald McDonald House. My volunteer job there was helping families of children who were long-term patients of Riley Children's Hospital. Other volunteer jobs were at Crisis Pregnancy, teaching a sexual abuse program called Creating Positive Relationships to middle schoolers, the local hospital Chaplaincy Program, and Karios which is a program in the prisons. After moving to The Villages, I have been a volunteer at Promise Hospital which is a long-term acute care facility.
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For the past several years, my husband and I have been involved with the program called REC (Residents Encounter Christ). This program is taken to the county jails in the area in an effort to offer hope and rehabilitation to inmates. Few efforts are being made for rehabilitation of incarcerated inmates. In fact, statistics show a 77% return within 5 years of release.

Ester House, my latest volunteer position, is a ½ Way House for women released from jail or prison. It is a year- long program which provides housing, teaching, counseling, Bible study, and help in finding employment. This program is trying to change lives and reduce the recidivism rate—one girl at a time. More volunteers are needed. If interested please contact me at mhubb828@gmail.com.

Helping others has brought incredible joy to my life. I have learned from each experience and am happy that I still can serve in some small way. If you are not a volunteer at this time, I hope you will check out the list in The Daily Sun. An amazing experience awaits you!!!!

Thanks, Marilyn for sharing this with us. You may get some new people volunteering! (The Editor)

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Picture of Larry Cohen's Regional at Sea cruise. Adele Pearly took the picture. Carol Ketterer, Paul and Marge Hassett, and Lee Ann Ned are not shown. *See footnote at the end of Buck's article.

Villagers Enjoy a Larry Cohen Regional Bridge Cruise in March

Twenty-six Villagers participated in a Larry Cohen Regional at Sea bridge cruise; Judy and Roger Flickinger, Jon and Marilyn Williams, Carolyn and Phil Benner, Andy and Mary Ann Kelly, Bob and Janet Matthews, Paul and Marge Hassett, Chris and Walt Peters, Russ Pearly, Carol Mayer, Lee Ann Ned, Gail Singer, Kristie Carter, Leslie Nelson, Carol Ketterer, Norma Wilk, Barbara Fallone, MJ Garner, and Mauri and myself.

Our ship was Royal Caribbean's Allure of the Sea, a huge vessel carrying 6,000 passengers. It is hard to believe that a cruise ship has a conference room that is large enough to accommodate 277 bridge players, but the Allure did.

Larry began each day at 9:00 AM with an hour-long lesson. There were six large television screens around the room, and everyone could sit at one of the bridge tables close to the screen. We could all see the hands as Larry talked about them. He used a computer program called BidBox, so that after Larry posted a quiz hand, we could enter our bid, and the results of all the participants were posted on the screen. Larry would then talk about the hand.

Larry is an excellent teacher. His lessons are not esoteric, e.g, he focused not on difficult conventions (Lebensohl and such) but on simple bidding; how to respond when your partner opens and your opponent doubles or bids, how to respond to a takeout double, and so on.

Larry is very approachable. I went up to talk to him several times about some of his answers, and he was always very helpful.

Following the morning lesson, there was a morning and an afternoon session. There was an Open section and Gold Rush section (>750 mps). These events were two-session events; your total score was based on your score for the morning and afternoon sessions. There were also single-session side games both morning, afternoon and evening. For the truly dedicated, a person could play twenty-one sessions during the week. There was also a Swiss game on Friday.

This is the first time Mauri and I were on a cruise where we never left the ship! This was, in part, because we were so busy, but also because we have been to the Caribbean so many times that the street vendors would greet us by name when we get off the ship. As far as we were concerned, the ship could have stayed at anchor in Miami for the entire week!

Larry held a cocktail party on the afternoon of the last day. He recognized the achievements of the high scorers. The top three Villagers were Carolyn Benner (68.92 mps), Phillip Benner (62.93 mps) and Janet Matthews (33.15 mps). Mauri also was given a plaque for achieving Life Master status.

Sunday morning dawned, and we headed for our Yankee Trails bus. Most of us were so tired that we slept most of the way. A good time was had by all, however.

* Patti Lang and Howard Hammer, from Muncie, IN, who own a house in The Villages were on the cruise. They are seasonal residents. A winter visitor to The Villages, Vince DePasquale, who is related to Barbara Fallone, was also on the cruise.

2019 MASTER POINTS FROM ALL ACBL EVENTS

Russ	Pearly	134.23	Linda	Hansell	47.19	Sandi	McNaughton	31.66
Sandra	Gebhardt	124.14	Gladys	Mikel	47.18	Mike	Kwiatkowski	31.03
Paul	Hassett	116.98	Bruce	Thiher	46.67	Andy	Sloan	31
Philip	Benner	88.21	Lee	Esworthy	46.24	Patricia	Ballman	30.91
David	Morse	86.23	Lucy	Tillman	41.19	Dave	Stentz	30.89
Ed	Schusler	84.78	Susan	Fraser	41.11	Nicholas	Pund	30.3
Dean	Robinson	75.85	Neil	Timm	39.38	John	Stansbury	30.25
Dave	Hudson	73.85	Beverly	Parrish	38.7	Kay	Esworthy	29.8
Charles	Showalter	73.62	Maralee	Demorest	38.4	Gail	Rickard	29.49
Colleen	Treanor	72.89	Lawrence	Adams	37.25	Gordon	Pfeiffer	29.32
Jon	Williams	66.86	Marilyn	Williams	37.09	Joe	Bosch	29.22
Richard	Seidman	66.07	Lynn	Patterson	35.92	Louise	Hodgins	29.22
Carolyn	Benner	59.4	Marc	Richman	34.85	Alex	Booke	29.15
Jeff	Koltenuk	57.12	Larry	Sumner	34.17	Mary Ann	Kelly	28.82
Janet	Matthews	55.42	Carol	Ketterer	33.43	Dick	Stieglitz	28.38
Edward	Schwartz	54.69	Victoria	Adams	33.39	Barb	Jones	28.25
Jim	Hansell	47.19	Greg	Saunders	32.35			

MOST CLUB MASTER POINTS FROM JAN 1 – FEB 28, 2019

Over 1,000 Master Points			300 - 999 Master Points			Under 300 Master Points		
Russ	Pearly	82.64	Steve	Flowers	27.51	Jim	Young	22.02
Dave	Hudson	73.85	Lynn	Patterson	22.96	Patricia	Ballman	21.48
Paul	Hassett	72.84	Donna	Brown	21.2	Vernon	Sikora	18.75
Ed	Schusler	68.35	Joseph	Ogi	19.86	Joe	Bosch	18.04
Philip	Benner	57.14	Larry	Abramovitz	18.19	Sugi	Hayes	17.59
Jeff	Koltenuk	56.5	Gordon	Pfeiffer	17.78	Jim	Strazzere	17.22
Janet	Matthews	55.25	Carol	Ketterer	17.01	Ben	Lysohirka	15.71
Edward	Schwartz	54.48	Marilyn	Schmidt	16.27	Bonnie	Orris	15.25
Jon	Williams	53.25	Maury	Fjestad	16.09	Frank	Palazzo	15.02
Charles	Showalter	53.13	Joel	Caplin	15.82	Eric	Solomon	14.67
Gladys	Mikel	45.49	Ruth	McCann	15.71	Pat	Wilson	14.62
Richard	Seidman	45.31	Patricia	Holmes	15.61	Marty	Gilbert	14.56
Susan	Fraser	41.11	Doug	Smith	15.6	Rocky	Gilbert	14.56
Lucy	Tillman	39.19	Alex	Birman	15.49	Nancy	McAnnally	14.5
Lee	Esworthy	39.18	Marc	Rissman	15.19	Sharon	Kruger	14.49
Colleen	Treanor	38.97	Arthur	Franz	15.13	Ken	Teebagy	14.37
Marilyn	Williams	36.63	Jack	Franklin	14.74	Maureen	Ottenlips	14.13
David	Morse	36.04	Margaret	Sarno	14.62	Harry	Brady	13.8
Carolyn	Benner	35.84	Ron	Cooper	14.36	Gail	Smith	13.66
Jim	Hansell	33.58	Doug	Vene	14.03	Steve	Smith	13.66
Linda	Hansell	33.58	Kathy	McKay	13.94	Harry	Freedman	13.56

Ranks of Club Members who have
played 20+ games in the last year

Rank	# of members
Junior Master	74
Club Master	82
Sectional Master	111
Regional Master	95
NABC	57
Advanced NABC	23
Life Master	40
Bronze Life Master	76
Silver Life Master	45
Ruby Life Master	31
Gold Life Master	20
Sapphire Life Master	8
Diamond Life Master	7
Emerald Life Master	6
Platinum Life Master	1

MARCH NEW MEMBERS

Ping	Alderson	Myrtle	Herzenberg	Joy	Rieger
Paul	Babineau	Judy	Higgins	Nynette	Rourke
Linda	Barbato	Joanne	Jacobs	Gay	Scherrer
Rosalie	Basten	Mary Lee	Jensen	Lois	Schwartz
Ward	Becker	Sue	Johnson	Robert	Shanks
Barbara	Benton	Kay	Johnson	David	Smallen
Jean	Berg	Phyllis	Kettlewell	Ann	Smallen
Alan	Berg	Michael	King	Myrna	Smith
Rosemary	Blum	Diane	King	Teri	Smoot
James	Brink	Sally	Landrum	Claire	South
Shakti	Chandra	Diane	London	Robin	Stoller
Barbara	Chaplin	Judy	Lorigan	Joyce	Swartz
Marian	Corey	Jim	Mayrides	John	Swartz
Kate	D'Amelio	Elayne	Mayrides	Chuck	Theis
Bob	D'Amelio	Greg	McClintock	Larry	Thomas
Marcia	Dravis	Bill	Murphy	Kathy	Voss
David	Dravis	Tony	Occhiuzzo	Jim	Voss
Pat	Estes	Tom	Parks	Kathleen	Weisz
Dottie	Finson	Susan	Payne	Howard	Weisz
Ken	Fowler	Barbara	Penton	Tom	Weldy
Dave	Fries	Sally	Phillips	Larry	Willis
Robley	Garrigan	Cliff	Pleatman	Don	Wills

Sarah	Hardin	Victoria	Quigley	Karen	Winkelmann
Ron	Helman	Shirley	Rau	Gloria	Young
Bob	Hersh	Blase	Rau		

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A FEW BIOS OF NEW RESIDENT MEMBERS LISTED IN THE FEBRUARY CLUB NEWS

MARY ANN SWOL: "I am a retired nurse and my husband and I have recently moved to The Villages from Connecticut. While most of my bridge playing has previously been playing on BBO, I have been enjoying the experience of not only starting to play in the Villages Duplicate Bridge Club but also enjoying the educational classes the Club provides."

REETA BRENDAMOUR: "I am a recent resident to The Villages and I am also an avid bridge player with about 750 masterpoints. I am a retired attorney from Cincinnati. I have two grown sons, one in Cincinnati and one in Chicago, and three grandchildren. I played in the GNT Nationals last year and my team finished third in the "C" section. We lost to a team of 13 year olds!"

William Reckner: "I'm a snowbird here from Camp Hill, PA. I retired as a civilian from the Navy and also 10 years as a shoe store owner. I started playing bridge in college during the mid 60's and then duplicate off and on at the Harrisburg Bridge Club starting in the 80's. It has been more off than on so I have my hands full learning the many conventions. I really enjoy the game here and appreciate the organization. Thanks for everything."



BONNIE AND DON ORRIS: Bonnie and Don are Iowa natives who arrived in January of this year as three-month renters. Bonnie is a retired Pharmacist while Don was an Ace Hardware store owner.

They were visitors to The Villages through friends and they were so impressed they have already booked next year for three months. They had praise for Pat Holmes and her comfortable welcome at their first game here with the Saturday morning 199ers. Bonnie also had praise for Paul Matheson and their Monday night game and lesson. She also said they have found everything they like to do is right here, and they never knew such a place existed and are hooked. They will see us again soon. (contributed by Jim Strazzere)

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Life and Times of Judy Flickinger

I grew up in a suburb of Pittsburgh, Pa. After graduating with an R.N. degree I worked in various medical fields, including pioneering work for an Otolologist (ear surgeon) who developed a surgical procedure to replace the inner ear bone (stapes) which allowed people to hear for the first time in many years. It was exciting work to be at the side of this pioneer in the operating room. I also served as an educator to physicians from around the world who wanted to learn about this new "miracle surgical procedure." While in Pittsburgh, I married and had 3 children before moving to Cleveland, Ohio. There I continued my nursing career and also became manager of an indoor tennis and racquet ball club. After healing from a nasty divorce, I met Roger through mutual friends who put us together as a mixed doubles tennis team. One thing led to another and we were married 2 years later. As Roger puts it, "It was a package deal: I got a wife, 3 children, a house that needed a lot of work and a big dog, and it was the best thing I ever did for myself."

I began playing party bridge after moving to Cleveland. I took up duplicate seriously after moving to the Villages. Roger never had much interest in the game, but promised me he would learn to play when he retired. We are now a regular team. I achieved a milestone in February this year when I became a Life Master. Bridge has become a much larger part of my life since health problems brought a halt to tennis and slowed down ballroom dancing with my partner, Roger.

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My favorite job in nursing, and the one I am most passionate about, is hospice. I was an active hospice nurse for twelve years and have remained involved by volunteering and promoting hospice since my retirement in 2001. For several years I was a guest lecturer for medical education programs at various colleges and nursing schools in Cleveland. I developed and taught certified continuing education programs for nurses and social workers. I have written and published end-of-life articles in several newspapers and have been interviewed on television and radio. I am the former president of the North Coast Hospice and Palliative Nurses Association and have served on the Ohio Hospice Association Education Committee.

After I retired, I realized I had an important message to pass on about what I had learned about dealing with the difficult end-of-life issues faced by my patients and their loved ones. I decided to write a book to educate people about what I know to be true about good end-of-life care, and what you very often won't learn from the medical community. My book, *Spirit Matters, How to Remain Fully Alive with a Life-Limiting Illness*, was published in 2010. It offers a seldom-considered, but all-important perspective on what really matters when you are faced with a life-limiting illness; how to keep the spirit--the person inside the ill body--alive and well during the course of a life-limiting illness. Along with 2 female physicians (research oncologists), I was awarded Central Florida's 2011 Woman of Hope award for my book and my hospice work. I actively continue my 29 years of hospice work by giving talks on end-of-life issues to various groups throughout the Villages and the surrounding area. My passion is to educate people about what I have learned about good end-of-life care. Many of these truths are not taught by the medical community. My talks are not gloom and doom as some would suspect, but enlightening, educational, and entertaining. I have often been invited back to speak to the same group two and three more times to present my messages. I don't charge for my presentations and am readily available to speak to any group large or small. I also continue to do radio interviews.

See me to obtain a signed copy of *Spirit Matters*. Please visit my website at www.spiritmattersauthor.com. For reviews and excerpts, go to Amazon.com.

I feel very blessed to be a member of The Villages DBC.

(I have read your book, Judy, and I highly recommend it to others. I loaned it to many others. Pat Poitingner)

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NINETY-SIX VILLAGERS ATTENDED ROBERT TODD SEMINAR



The Villages DBC was fortunate on Saturday, March 16, to have brought Robert Todd, a well-known bridge expert, to Lake Miona Regional Recreational Center for an all-day bridge symposium. Robert Todd is perhaps the most well-known young bridge professional. He started playing duplicate while he was studying for an advanced degree in Mathematics.

Ninety-six Villagers attended the symposium. The first half of his symposium was on slam bidding. He first lectured on several aspects of slam bidding and then passed out prearranged boards which we bid and then played. Everyone at each table got a chance to bid and play a slam.



After a one-hour lunch break, we reconvened for an afternoon session on defense. He lectured for an hour and then passed out boards to test our defense. Everyone at each table got a chance to defend a contract. At our table, we were zero for four at defending as all four had a chance to set a contract, so there is lots of room for improvement!

Every registrant received a copy of Robert Todd's book. Our thanks to Bob and Janet

Matthews for their hard work in organizing the symposium. (submitted by Buck Buchanan)

TOURNAMENT RESULTS

ST. PETERSBURG BRIDGE CLUB SECTIONAL JAN. 17—20

2.61 Tom Tessier 2.61 Palmer Davies

THE EMERALD COAST REGIONAL SANDESTIN, FL JAN 21—27

6.03 Steve Rainey 1.80 Joseph Goudette 1.80 Carole Leslie

SARASOTA SECTIONAL SARASOTA, FL JAN 25—27

4.64 Lee Esworthy 4.64 Kay Esworthy

JACKSONVILLE SECTIONAL JACKSONVILLE, FL FEB 1—03

3.12 R. Douglas Smith .66 Carma Sands .66 Susan Krier 2690551

WINTER HAVEN SR./NLM SECTIONAL WINTER HAVEN, FL FEB 8—10

3.25 Merle Erlich 3.25 Linda Briggs 2.60 Michael Kwiatkowski 2.60 Eric Voss
1.31 Susanne Rattner

PALM COAST SECTIONAL FEB 8—10

5.57 Edward Schusler 2.36 R. Douglas Smith

SARASOTA—MANATEE REGIONAL PALMETTO, FL FEB 18—24

12.96 Russ Pearly	12.96 Paul Hassett	12.96 Lynn Patterson	12.96 Colleen Treanor
11.78 Robert Ellis	11.78 Janet Newman	11.78 Gene Newman	10.91 Sandra Ainsworth
10.91 Michael Lotti	6.46 Nancy Turner	6.46 Gail Singer	6.28 Judy Ventura
5.01 Kristie Carter	4.23 Kathy McKay	3.93 Susan Krier	3.93 Carma Sands
3.20 Nancy Brickley	3.20 Donna Schreifels	2.56 Bernard Carleton	2.06 Janice Gardner
1.93 Judy Flickinger	1.43 Kelley Dryden	1.31 Roger Flickinger	.42 Ted Dicorpo
.42 Josephine Dicorpo	.42 Glenn Ryburn	.42 Barbara Ryburn	

TALLAHASSEE SECTIONAL TALLAHASSEE, FL FEB 22—24

11.11 Philip Benner 11.11 Carolyn Benner

GAINSVILLE SECTIONAL GAINSVILLE, FL MARCH 1—3

4.07 Charles Graham 4.07 Marilyn Gagen 2.85 Susan Krier 2.85 Byllye Boardman
1.52 Phyllis Sokol-Wood 1.52 Joann Roorbach 1.49 Lennie Ruyan .49 Connie Goldfarb
.49 Barbara Nelson

KHALIB SECTIONAL STUART, FL MARCH 1—3

.95 Helena Doolittle

WESTERN CARIBBEAN REGIONAL MIAMI, FL MARCH 3—10

(LARRY COHEN'S REGIONAL CRUISE)

68.92 Carolyn Benner	62, 93 Philip Benner	33.15 Janet Matthews	28.06 Russ Pearly
26.21 Marge Hassett	25.39 Paul Hassett	11.26 Mary Ann Kelly	11.26 Andrew Kelly
9.74 Lee Ann Ned	9.74 Carol Mayer	9.35 Jonathan Williams	8.94 Marilyn Williams

8.91 Kristie Carter	8.91 Gail Singer	7.81 Leslie Nelson	7.49 Chris Peters
5.98 Bob Matthews	5.33 Carol Ketterer	5.09 Mauri Buchanan	4.43 Norma Wilk
3.35 Roger Flickinger	3.35 Judy Flickinger	3.31 Edward Buchanan	3.01 Barbara Fallone
2.70 Mary Jane Garner	.13 Walter Peters		

SPRING SECTIONAL MAITLAND, FL MARCH 8—10

1.82 R. Douglas Smith	.97 Vernon Sikora	.97 Sharon Kruger	.46 Nancy Turner
.46 Carma Sands			

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Debby Lovegrove writes: “You know it must be cold when **Larry Adams** wears long pants instead of his two jackets—one to cover his legs and the other around his shoulders.”

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There is an embedded ACBL number somewhere in this edition. If you find your number, you must call or email Pat Poitingner to receive a free-play. This is the last time this is being offered.

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The Bridge Players were very disappointed to hear the sad news that **Linda and Chet Eicher** are moving from The Villages. They plan to move to Michigan around May 1. Linda has many of her family members living in an area outside of Detroit, where they will be living. We will all miss seeing their smiling faces. We wish them the best life brings them, because they are “the best”.

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SPRING CELEBRATION GALA Submitted by **Margaret Sarno**

The Spring Celebration Gala was held on Saturday, March 23 at 6:00 pm at The Savannah Center. The Gala was attended by 103 bridge players and guests. The caterers provided a wonderful dinner of salad, lasagna, chicken piccata, eggplant rolatini, pasta rolls, and dessert.



Many people had a great time dancing. The disc jockey, Dave Lawrence, provided us with good music to get a lot of us up and dancing, even twisting and shouting.

(more pictures on page 16)





Jeff and Adrienne Koltenuk celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary at the party!

A great time was had by all!
Thanks to the organizers for hosting such a grand “Gala”!

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