

CLUB NEWS

FOR THE DUPLICATE PLAYERS OF THE VILLAGES

AUGUST, 2019

NEWS CLIPS:

It is with great sadness to report on **Lou Fischer's** passing on June 27. Our thoughts are with **Babs and her family**. **Lou** was an outstanding man and friend to all. He will be greatly missed by all who knew him. His obituary was in *The Daily Sun* on July 6. We hope you all had a chance to read about his outstanding life. He truly was "A Man for Others."

Marilyn and Jon Williams traveled to Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio, to meet their first great grandchild and to attend grandson David's graduation from his surgery residency. Pictured left to right are: **Jon, Marilyn, daughter Emily, grandson David and sweet little great grandson Jackson**. As **Marilyn** says: "We are blessed!"



On June 10 an article was written in *The Daily Sun* about **Mike Mocella's** involvement in the **East-West Dharma Hour** group. Mike was one of the organizers of the group, and the group meets at 9:30 a.m. on the second and fourth Fridays of

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the month. The group introduces guest speakers who are knowledgeable of the world of dharma. Dharma is a concept in religions such as Buddhism, Hinduism and Jainism. Please talk to Mike if you are interested in learning more.

On Friday, June 14, at the **Pat Ford Memorial Villages Sectional**, we celebrated **Dave Hudson's** 80th birthday with a cake for all!



Tom Bush, our Webmaster, sent an email to many informing them of a medical condition he has called Myelodysplastic Syndrome (MDS), which is a bone marrow disorder. He is currently undergoing chemo through a port, and we are hoping and praying that the treatment will be successful. Please keep Tom and Von in your prayers. He plans to continue as Webmaster.

SPRING SERIES GAME WINNERS

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MONDAY 1 PM LAUREL MANOR JUNE 24

NO.	SCORE	RANK	MPs	
1	61.36	½	2.80	Arcot Suresh
2	61.36	½	2.80	Gary R. Anderson
3	59.72	¾	1.58	Byllye Boardman
4	59.72	¾	1.58	Susan Krier
5	59.30	5	1.01	Pamela Nettelbeck
6	58.68	6	0.76	LaVonne Williams

MONDAY 6 PM NEWCOMER JUNE 24

NO.	SCORE	RANK	MPs	
1	62.99	1	3.20	Bill Behr
2	60.97	2	2.40	Judy Calvert
3	60.86	3	1.80	Dave Hamrick
4	60.82	4/5	1.18	Jim Baumgardner
5	60.82	4/5	1.18	Richard Hill
6	59.66	6	0.76	Sharon Cook

WEDNESDAY MORNING JUNE 26

NO.	SCORE	RANK	MPs	
1	65.22	1	0.97	Dixie Johnson
2	60.60	2/3	0.64	Mary Ann Jelson
3	60.60	2/3	0.64	Michelle Turnbull
4	60.47	4	0.41	Edna Nelson
5	56.59	5	0.31	Dave Hamrick

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON JUNE 26

NO.	SCORE	RANK	MPs	
1	62.08	½	2.80	George Mast
2	62.08	½	2.80	Susan Mast
3	59.62	¾	1.58	Judi Gingery
4	59.62	¾	1.58	Roy Gingery
5	58.34	5	1.01	Frank Palazzo
6	57.78	6	0.76	LaVonne Williams

THURSDAY PM ROHAN JUNE 27

NO.	SCORE	RANK	MPs	
1	63.04	1	3.20	Pat Furlo
2	60.02	2	2.40	Randy Eisner
3	59.45	3	1.80	Eric Solomon
4	59.37	4/5	1.18	Bob Paul
5	59.47	4/5	1.18	Sally E. Paul

FRIDAY 9 AM JUNE 28

NO.	SCORE	RANK	MPs	
1	58.67	1	3.20	Becky Riehl
2	58.19	2	2.40	Pat Wilson
3	53.97	3	1.80	Pat Scheffer
4	53.00	4	1.35	BettyJane Chiota
5	52.68	5	1.01	Don Schreifels

FRIDAY 6 PM 199ER JUNE 28

NO.	SCORE	RANK	MPs	
1	57.34	½	2.62	Gary Gardner
2	57.34	½	2.62	Jan Gardner
3	57.05	¾	1.47	Diane Guffey
4	57.05	¾	1.47	Jim Ewald
5	56.13	5/6	0.83	Pauline Bolwell
6	56.13	5/6	0.83	Susan Miller

SATURDAY 9 AM JUNE 29

NO.	SCORE	RANK	MPs	
1	63.14	1	3.20	Claire Bonekamp
2	60.80	2	2.40	Len Hieronymus
3	60.11	¾	1.58	George Mast
4	60.11	¾	1.58	Susan Mast
5	59.69	5/6	0.89	Ralph Gingery
6	59.69	5/6	0.89	Randy Eisner

SATURDAY 1PM FRIDAY COLONY JUNE 29

NO.	SCORE	RANK	MPs	
1	60.78	1	2.86	Brenda Davis
2	58.97	2/3	1.88	Eric Voss
3	58.97	2/3	1.88	Mike Kwiatkowski
4	58.94	4/5	1.06	Bill Lau
5	58.94	4/5	1.06	Sheila Naylor
6	0.00	6		

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SERIES OPEN GAME WINNERS**MONDAY 1PM SEA BREEZE JUNE 24**

NO.	SCORE	RANK	MPs	
1	65.46	½	2.80	Ed Schusler
2	65.46	½	2.80	Philip Benner
3	62.13	3	1.80	Frances Gina Doss
4	61.22	4/5	1.18	Charles Showalter
5	61.22	4/5	1.18	Joe Sacco

MONDAY 6:15 PM LAUREL MANOR JUNE 24

NO.	SCORE	RANK	MPs	
1	63.41	½	2.20	Charles Showalter
2	63.41	½	2.20	Richard Seidman
3	61.46	3	1.41	Russ Pearly
4	60.04	4	1.06	Janet Matthews
5	59.23	5	0.79	Jon Williams

TUESDAY LAKE MIONA JUNE 25

NO.	SCORE	RANK	MPs	
1	61.30	1	3.20	Richard Seidman
2	60.57	2	2.40	Jeff Kloltenuk
3	60.48	3	1.80	Gladys Mikel
4	60.40	4	1.35	Philip Benner
5	59.58	5	1.01	Dave Hudson
6	59.01	6	0.76	Carolyn Benner

WEDNESDAY MULBERRY AFTERNOON JUNE 26

NO.	SCORE	RANK	MPs	
1	61.00	1	3.20	Joe Sacco
2	60.18	2	2.40	Gladys Mikel
3	59.78	¾	1.58	Caroline Davies
4	59.78	¾	1.58	Dave Stentz
5	59.76	5	1.01	Russ Pearly
6	59.06	6	0.76	Ed Schusler

WEDNESDAY 6:30 SEA BREEZE JUNE 26

NO.	SCORE	RANK	MPs	
1	60.82	1	3.01	Edward Schwartz
2	60.24	2	2.26	Russ Pearly
3	60.29	3	1.69	Susan Fraser
4	59.91	4	1.27	Dave Hudson
5	59.54	5	0.95	Charles Showalter
6	59.30	6	0.71	Janet Matthews

THURSDAY 9 AM ROHAN JUNE 27

NO.	SCORE	RANK	MPs	
1	59.53	1	2.31	Dave Hudson
2	59.24	2/3	1.52	Carol Alspach
3	59.24	2/3	1.52	Lucy Tillman
4	59.10	4	0.97	Sheila Goad
5	59.02	5	0.73	Ann McClelland
6	56.93	6	0.55	Ralph Rosenfeld

THURSDAY MULBERRY JUNE 27

NO.	SCORE	RANK	MPs	
1	62.01	½	2.51	Dave Stentz
2	62.01	½	2.51	Janet Matthews
3	59.62	3	1.61	Ann McClelland
4	59.35	4	1.21	Joe Sacco
5	59.33	5	0.91	Russ Pearly
6	59.22	6	0.68	Gladys Mikel

FRIDAY 9 AM SEA BREEZE JUNE 28

NO.	SCORE	RANK	MPs	
1	59.67	½	2.80	Colleen Treanor
2	59.67	½	2.80	Russ Pearly
3	59.44	3	1.80	Bob LaBarge
4	58.02	4	1.35	Buck Buchanan
5	57.59	5/6	0.89	Jon Williams
6	57.59	5/6	0.89	Marilyn Williams

FRIDAY 1 PM EISENHOWER JUNE 28

NO.	SCORE	RANK	MPs	
1	61.65	1	2.87	Russ Pearly
2	59.64	2	2.15	Carolyn Benner
3	59.43	3	1.61	Ann McClelland
4	58.74	4/5	1.06	Caroline Davies
5	58.74	4/5	1.06	Dave Stentz
6	58.56	6	0.68	Bruce Thiher

FRIDAY 6 PM LAUREL MANOR JUNE 28

NO.	SCORE	RANK	MPs	
1	63.24	1	2.99	Dave Hudson
2	60.32	2	2.24	Charles Showalter
3	59.30	3	1.68	Janet Matthews
4	57.13	4	1.26	Lucy Tillman
5	56.90	5	0.95	Gladys Mikel
6	56.57	6	0.71	Shirley Agness

SATURDAY 1 PM LAKE MIONA JUNE 29

NO.	SCORE	RANK	MPs	
1	62.98	½	2.80	Jon Greenspan
2	62.98	½	2.80	Terry Oleske
3	62.66	3	1.80	Ann McClelland
4	59.55	4	1.35	Dave Hudson
5	58.76	5	1.01	Marilyn Williams
6	58.13	6	0.76	Paul Hassett

Marc Rissman received an honorable mention for his poem “I Touched a Star” at the 17th annual East Lake County Library Poetry Contest. Mark has been writing poetry since high school days, and he is a member of the Poetry Discussion Workshops group. He says that attending the workshops help him get ideas for future poems.

Two of his poems were published in *The Daily Sun* during the month of June.

THE GOOD HUMOR MAN

The ringing of the bells
The children run to see,
A man sells ice cream from his truck
For Linda, Marty, Keith, and me

The kitchen counter holds
Within the cookie jar
The change to buy a sundae cone
Or chocolate-covered ice cream bar.

The bells, again the bells
He won't be staying long.
Let's run outside with Auntie Eve
To let him leave would be so wrong.

Then as we stand in line
Deciding what to eat,
A toasted almond bar appears,
My very, very favorite treat.

Yes, that's the one I want,
This icy cold delight.
But soon the stick is all that shows
I've eaten every single bite.

Inside for stories grand
That Uncle Cappy tells
Until tomorrow afternoon's
Exciting ringing of the bells.

We enjoy reading your poems, Marc.

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BEYOND ICARUS

Alone in a clearing of the forest
I remove the wings from a bound case
Insert my arms into their sleeves
Widen the span, catch the wind
Ascend into a world I thought could never be
Learning to curve by lowering one side
Circling the trees in a controlled turn
Dipping down, rising up
Fully concentrating on one aspect of my life
Descending slowly, feet on the ground
Now I know almost anything is possible.

It is very exciting that our Duplicate Bridge Club is hosting an ACBL Sectional-at-Sea sailing the Western Caribbean on April 4—11, 2020 roundtrip Ft. Lauderdale. Robert Todd is the lecturer. Fliers are available at all of the venues.

MIEL AND SHARON
Submitted by **Margaret Sarno**

Many people ask Miel while playing bridge,....."where is your accent from?"or "how do you say your name?" Consequently their curiosity leads to a quick reply, sometimes serious, but more often a joking remark. Perhaps that is why I interviewed him about his background.



Miel is a US citizen, however, he was born to Dutch parents on the island of Java in the former Dutch East Indies, now known as Indonesia. Shortly after his birth he and his mother were captured by the Japanese and imprisoned in a concentration camp, where they remained for the rest of the war. He does not remember many details; there was much suffering, and his mother's stories were troubling.

After the war they were reunited as a family in Australia from where they went by "cruise-line" to Holland for a brief R&R. Then back to Indonesia to join his father (air force officer) first in Dutch New Guinea (Biak airbase) and then to airbase Mandai on the island of Sulawesi. Since housing was not available in those post-war times, they lived for two years in an old radio hut in the jungle; Miel recalls that period as a happy time of his life.

His education required him to move to Jakarta where he attended the same grade school as Barack Obama did some years later.

By the age of ten, the Indonesian revolution required them to return permanently to The Netherlands.

His later education was at the University of Delft where he received a Master's Degree in Electronic Engineering. His bridge career started at 17, taught by his mother.

In 1971 he was offered a job by a US company. He accepted and immigrated "sight unseen" to Silicon Valley where he experienced several start-ups and bankruptcies in the electronics industry, typical for the early Silicon Valley. He ended his professional career as the deputy R&R director of FMC Corporation where he took an early retirement.

Then the real fun began. Sharon followed her dream and built single-handed the Rose Hill Inn, a bed-and-breakfast in Versailles, Kentucky. Miel helped her, of course, being the handyman and renovator, and most importantly the joking breakfast waiter in the morning. After ten years of tirelessly working, Sharon had the crazy idea to sell the B&B, buy a 43 foot sailboat and start a sailing company expanding the B&B concept in the Caribbean waters. So they did, it was one of Miel's dreams. Miel obtained his Coastguard captain's license. Sharon received her First Mate qualifications. Off they went, taking guests on a 6-day sailing vacation for pay (had to pay off the yacht!!!) anywhere in the Caribbean. Living on the island of St. Croix and on board of the ship was a special experience. It was there where Sharon was introduced to the world of bridge. They practiced and studied the books while anchored in tranquil coves.

After seven years, because of advanced age and lack of good medical care on St. Croix, they decided to plan ahead and return to the mainland. Of course one trip to The Villages was enough; they loved playing bridge, loved the friends they made in the bridge world—what an opportunity! They are thankful for the anchorage they found here. The camaraderie and challenges make them feel at home. The rest is yet to come.

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JIM STRAZZERE—OUR NEW DIRECTOR

How do you like Directing is a question I've been asked enough for me to now answer. First, I thank you for your acceptance of me trying to provide the most comfortable and fair scoring game available for you.

Secondly, you have provided me the opportunity to get to know you even better than when I just played bridge with you, which is wonderful in itself.

Finally, I have to confess I have been using you all as a free therapy session for myself.

It's true. Eight years ago I came to The Villages a very broken man. I was at an extreme low point in my life after losing my oldest daughter to an eighteen month cancer fight.

I started to mend when I joined your Club.

My Baptist Preacher at my previous church in North Carolina told me if I kept my Faith I would be provided the right people at the right time. So thank you very much for letting me try and serve you while in your own special way you're doing the same for me.

You still get me past some rough days even when you don't know it, and now it's easier for me to find favor with anybody and everybody. I will never give up doing that even if it appears as just a simple smile. Friends are the new Family we choose for ourselves so thank you for being there for me.

Thank you, Jim, for sharing your story with us. You are a very friendly and welcoming director at our games. Friendship is reciprocal, and true friendship is helping each other. We are happy that we have been able to help fill a void in your life, and we consider you as a friend and a very respected Director. The Editor.

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GEORGE AND SALLY BROWN

Submitted by **Buck Buchanan**

VDBCers George and Sally Brown of Sable Chase Village returned from an exotic 23-day five-sea Holland American cruise. The five seas were the Mediterranean Sea, Aegean Sea, Adriatic Sea, the Tyrrhenian Sea, and the Ionian Sea. The ship was the Koningsdam, a 3,000 passenger ship built in 2016.



George and Sally embarked the Koningsdam on May 20 in Rome. The ship sailed down Italy's west coast, and transited the Messina Straits, the narrow 3-mile wide channel between Italy and Sicily. They were treated to a nighttime fireworks display as they passed Stromboli, one of the three active volcanoes in Italy (Mt Vesuvius and Mt Etna are the others). The Koningsdam passed by Italy's boot into the Ionian Sea and turned north into the Adriatic Sea.

An early stop was at the small nation of Montenegro. This New Jersey-sized nation split off from Croatia in 2008. It is aptly named. It is a very mountainous country; almost Alpine in appearance.

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The Koningsdam then continued northward, stopping on successive days at three cities in Croatia: Dubrovnik, Split, and Korkula. Forget any negative comments you might have heard about Croatia. All three cities are absolutely gorgeous.

Following a stop at the ancient and beautiful stop at Corfu in Greece, the ship anchored in Sicily to enable us to visit the ruins of Syracuse, founded in 770 BC. The next stop was on the tiny (128 sq. mi) island of Malta. Malta has been continuously inhabited for 8,000 years. It was a British protectorate for a couple centuries, and became known during World War II because Allied ships harbored there to try to deter Nazi ships from reaching Africa. As a result, Malta was practically leveled by Nazi bombers. It has been rebuilt and is a beautiful island.

The ship docked in Naples, and a visit to Pompeii was one of the shore excursions that was offered. Pompeii is of course the town that was buried by the eruption of Mt Vesuvius in 79 AD. It was discovered a century ago, and has since been excavated. It is amazing how advanced their culture was. Pompeii should be on everyone's bucket list!

The ship then sailed along the Greek coast, stopping at Katakolon to visit Olympia, the site of the original Olympics, the Athens (the Parthenon), the island of Mykonos (charming), the island of Rhodes (also charming), and then to Ephesus in Turkey. Ephesus is another excavated ancient town, and almost rivals Pompeii.

After a quick stop at the island of Rhodes (Colossus of Rhodes), the ship stopped at the island of Santorini. Santorini is a volcanic island, and the harbor is in the caldera. The ship enters the caldera through an opening, and we docked surrounded by thousand-foot cliffs all around. Spooky. The all-white towns at the top of the cliffs looked like snow on top of the cliffs. To visit the towns at the top, it is necessary to traverse a narrow road with several dozen switchbacks. The choices to reach the top are 1) walk, 2) ride a donkey, or 3) take a cable car. Which would you choose?

The final stop was at Naples again. One of the shore excursions was a bus trip to the Amalfi peninsula, just south of Naples. The first stop was at Positano, an ancient and charming seacoast town on Amalfi's South Coast. This was followed by a one-hour heart-stopping bus ride along the coast to the town of Amalfi. The road is a narrow two-lane highway, with thousand-foot cliffs dropping straight into the Mediterranean. There were several instances when our bus encountered an oncoming bus from the opposite direction. This led to much backing up and maneuvering to enable the busses to pass. On one occasion, it led to a shouting match between the opposing bus drivers.

A memorable trip and highly recommended!

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A reporter from *The Daily Sun* visited a game being played on June 25 at Lake Miona Recreational Center. His article was published in *The Daily Sun* on July 2. There was a picture of Paul Matheson, Beverly Parrish, Ginny Crump, and Charlie Showalter. He also interviewed a few players. Susan Fraser who moved here from Leesburg a few years so that she could become a member of The Villages Duplicate Club, and Charlie Showalter who moved here about 12 years ago looking for a vibrant bridge club. He also interviewed Bob Matthews who gave him information about dealing machines, boards, the number of games per week, and the size of our bridge club. It was a very positive article and great PR for our Club.

Part 2 of Offender's Partner's Use of Unauthorized Information (UI)

Scenario #2

I am summoned to the table and the bidding has proceeded:

E S

P P

Before I can say anything S says "I meant to bid this" and points to her hand.

It is: S- Q,10,9,8,7,6 H-10,7,6,2 D-5 C-KQ

She wants to change her Pass to 2S. (Interestingly she told the E/W pair that they shouldn't call the director and later told me that she felt the Law entitled her to change her bid and she would show me that- *it does not!*) This was clearly not a "slip of the fingers" (a Pass card is nowhere near a 2S card) so I informed partner that any future action by him must *only* take into account a smooth Pass by partner and nothing else.

The bidding proceeds:

E S W N

P P 1D X

Etc., reaching 3NT N

The N hand: S-A,J,3 H-K,J,8 D-Q,10,6 C-9,8,7,4

The N hand has neither the HCP (11) nor the shape (3,3,3,4) for a take-out double as a "logical alternative for a significant proportion of the class of players", especially Vulnerable.

I advised E/W to call me at the end of the hand if they felt they had been harmed, though I had already decided I would revisit it on my own as N/S were "A" players and E/W were "C" players and I wanted to make sure to protect them.

Though E/W did not call me, I went back and found out that N/S were down 200 for an absolute bottom, thus E/W were not harmed, and I informed them that I would have adjusted the score if they had been.

The tournament directors I have spoken with have told me that they would return to the table without being called only if they felt lesser players were being taken advantage of or if the violation was egregious, not on any close calls- the nonoffenders must speak up otherwise. We are not specifically there to decide if there was harm, the non-offenders must convince us that there was and why.

Scenario #3

The bidding went as follows:

N	E	S	W
		p	1C
2S	p	p	3C
p	p	3S	p
p	4C	p*	p
4S	p	p	p

* There was an extremely long (undisputed) hesitation by south before passing.

N had already passed twice when the option was present to bid game in spades and had taken advantage of S's long hesitation to bid game since S clearly transmitted (by the long hesitation before passing) that she had additional values beyond what she had showed by bidding 3S in competition over the 3C. A long hesitation before passing is UI- it indicates other possibilities that a smooth Pass does not.

From the "Hesitations" section of "Duplicate Decisions":

"When the director is called, it is his responsibility to assure that no advantage accrues to the hesitater's side because of the huddle. The first issue to be resolved is whether or not there was a break in the normal tempo. It has been my experience that a director will generally get an honest answer from the alleged huddler. It has also been my experience that when someone calls the director and says there has been a huddle, there has been a huddle. When it has been determined that a huddle did indeed occur, the director must examine three other questions: 1. Did the huddle suggest to partner that one call was likely to be more successful than another? This does not mean "any other conceivable call" but rather another call that might demonstrably have been selected at that turn (current guidelines suggest that any call that might have been chosen by a substantial minority of the players of like caliber is a "reasonable call"). 2. Did partner choose that call? 3. Was there damage to the non-offending side?

When the answer to all three questions is "yes," the director will award an adjusted score"

Answer to number 1: Yes, a Pass (by N over 4C) is a reasonable call (note: S had originally passed over N's 2S and then passed again after a lengthy hesitation over 4C).

Answer to number 2: Yes, partner (N) chose to bid on to 4S

Answer to number 3: Yes, 4S makes, yet only 3 out of 11 pairs bid as high as 3S, thus E/W tied for a bottom board.

On the other hand, if in this case, you looked at the results and saw that all or most pairs were in 4S don't be fooled into thinking that you'll let this pair play it in 4S "because all the others bid it". The other Norths did not have UI and bid theirs naturally, right or wrong. You have to determine if the UI was a possible factor for this pair.

In this example Director should award an adjusted score of the result of 4C for E/W as N may have taken advantage of the UI of the long hesitation of S before passing, suggesting another alternative.

Here's a summary of Jon William's procedure for determining if a player in possession of UI had a reasonable alternative: - Write the hand of the player who had UI on a piece of paper, along with the auction up to the point where that player had to choose - Put a question mark at that place in the auction - Show the paper to 3 or so players (that have already played the hand) of comparable skill and ask them what they would bid - If one or more choose a bid other than that made by the player, (for example, they say "I'd pass" when the player actually bid 4S) it is evidence that UI influenced the bid and the director should adjust the score.

Submitted by Head Director: **Rick Gauthier**

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TOURNAMENT RESULTS

ORLANDO SECTIONAL MAY 17-19

5.01 Joyce Knapp 5.01 Ellen Danich .85 Robert Ellis .85 Jane Rowe

PONTE VEDRA REGIONAL, PONTE VEDRA, FL MAY 27-JUNE 2

53.36 Sandra Gebhardt 13.96 Margaret Sarno 13.96 Judy Flickinger 6.75 R. Douglas Smith
6.75 Kristie Carter 6.33 Kristie 6.33 Cathy Thomas 4.13 Gail Rickard
4.13 Rosemary Huang

Congratulations to Sandra for such a great game with her partner Fred Pollack from Quebec.

ST. PETERSBURG 499er SECTIONAL JUNE 6-9

.65 Diane Wheeler

PALM COAST SECTIONAL JUNE 7-9

4.21 Dave Stentz 4.21 Caroline Davies

VILLAGES SECTIONAL THE VILLAGES, FL JUNE 14-16

30.35 Janet Matthews 30.19 Gladys Mikel 29.89 Jonathan Greenspan 23.44 Russ Pearly
19.29 David Stentz 19.16 Ann McClelland 18.45 Terry Oleske 18.36 Charlie Showalter
17.35 Jonathan Williams 12.85 Marilyn Williams 12.78 Sally Gauthier 12.78 Richard Gauthier

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10.57 David Hudson	10.54 Beverly Parrish	8.93 Beverly Ludwig	8.35 Jeff Koltenuk
8.02 Caroline Davies	7.99 Vernon Sikora	7.98 Donna Brown	7.89 Hugh McNaughton
7.85 Paul Matheson	7.85 Donald Schreifels	7.69 Bob LaBarge	7.64 Victoria Adams
7.64 Lawrence Adams	7.62 Chris Peters	7.53 Lucy Tillman	7.35 Bruce Thiher
7.09 Murray Tanzman	7.09 Dale Marx	7.08 Roy Gingery	6.90 Marge Hassett
6.90 Margaret Sarno	6.67 Joe Sacco	6.64 Betty Einstman	6.61 Frank Palazzo
6.60 Bettyjane Chiota	6.47 Anne Gust	6.43 Charles Jacobson	6.41 Carlyn Bryan
6.12 Ron Hutchinson	6.11 Michael Mocella	6.11 David Michaelson	5.89 Karen Pickelsimer
5.67 Sharon Kruger	5.48 Arlene McIntosh	5.42 Ruth McCann	5.42 Goentje Wright
5.32 Sandra Ainsworth	5.32 Dan Marx	5.15 Marcia Paholski	5.08 Alan Zahm
5.01 Joann Roorbach	4.89 John Kuyper	4.89 Nicholas Pund	4.85 R.Douglas Smith
4.85 Phyllis Sokol-Wood	4.67 Rosa Latchaw	4.67 Myrna Kinman	4.53 Janet Dunn
4.27 Kathryn Bentley	4.20 Stephan Pearl	4.20 Dee Parson	4.13 Patricia Poitingner
4.12 Rebecca Riehl	3.99 Paul Hassett	3.90 Eileen Rush	3.86 Leroy Antetomaso
3.86 Jeffrey Bond	3.78 Philip Benner	3.76 Patricia Wilson	3.70 Danny Clark
3.45 James Ensinger	3.42 Shelia Goad	3.33 Jane Dulieu	3.28 Susan Krier
3.25 Byllye Boardman	3.22 Mary Ann Kelly	3.22 Carol Alspach	3.16 Nancy Turner
3.16 Gail Singer	3.09 Roberta Meyers	3.09 Karen Pekkanen	3.02 Mardel Sonnichsen
3.02 George Sonnichsen	3.02 Diana Richards	2.93 Cathy Thomas	2.92 Liz Adamcik
2.88 Nancy Jaffe	2.88 Dolford Payne, Jr	2.88 Charlotte Oconnor	2.78 Randy Eisner
2.72 Joyce Knapp	2.70 Beverly Yankee	2.66 Carolyn Benner	2.63 Donald Lavin
2.57 Ruth Srulevitch	2.55 James Gould	2.45 Ralph Gingery	2.45 Eric Solomon
2.43 Patrick Purdy	2.42 Claire Bonekamp	2.41 Diane Jacobson	2.38 Alex Birman
2.34 Sandy Booke	2.34 Alex Booke	2.30 Doris Reeves	2.29 William Cleary
2.29 Joyce Jackson	2.29 Jennie Cleary	2.27 Sally Yoder	2.25 Gary Segal
2.23 Sara Godleski	2.23 Nayana Flipse	2.21 Carol Mayer	2.12 Joel Caplin
2.11 Martin Rothbard	1.99 Phil Reilly	1.92 Judy Ventura	1.86 Barbara Knight
1.84 Christine Adler	1.84 Barry Adler	1.83 Trudie Myers	1.77 Clare Kromer
1.75 Genevieve Letendre	1.72 Frances Doss	1.67 Victoria Rhodes	1.67 Joseph Fernandez
1.65 William Rush	1.60 Shirley Agness	1.60 Harry Freedman	1.58 Leon Zaczek
1.55 Patricia DeArmond	1.55 Dorothy LaBrie	1.54 Patricia Ciccarelli	1.54 Gene Ciccarelli
1.52 Gail Rickard	1.52 Anthony Occhiuzzo	1.51 James Ewald	1.50 Millie Vibbard
1.50 Doris Bryant	1.50 Carolyn Rosene	1.43 Ralph Rosenfeld	1.43 Carol Ketterer
1.39 Diane Guffey	1.38 Wanda Nedbel	1.38 Carol Quinlan	1.38 Anita Piotrowski
1.37 Janice Gardner	1.37 Gary Gardner	1.35 Helena Doolittle	1.32 Ann Kuhlmeiy
1.32 Lavonne Williams	1.27 Walter Peters	1.27 Joyce Silar	1.27 Chris Flesor
1.26 Susanne Rattner	1.26 Donna Sinrud	1.23 Joseph Gaudette	1.23 Ellen Danich
1.23 Carole Leslie	1.22 Norma Wilk	1.20 Kelly Dryden	1.19 Reene Gleckner
1.17 Shirley Wigner	1.16 Gail Hudon	1.16 Arcot Suresh	1.10 Jim Minucci
1.10 Janice Collin	1.09 Steve Rainey	1.09 Pamela Nettelbeck	1.07 Joseph Ogi
1.07 Douglas Smith	1.05 Philip Wolff	1.05 George Guarino	1.04 Patricia Holmes
1.04 John Quinn	1.03 Bruce Neri	1.03 Barbara Neri	

3.99 Richard Seidman(Sorry, Richard, I missed you. I forgot to search for Orlando.)

There were 77 more Villages players receiving masterpoints of 1 or below.

The Editor wanted to list as many Villages players as possible because it is **YOU**, with your support, that make The Villages Duplicate Bridge Club such a **great** Club! Thanks and Congratulations to all!

(If any names are misspelled, I'm sorry!)

Most Club Points Jan 1 - June 30, 2019

Over 1,000 Master Points			300- 999 Master Points			Under 300 Master Points		
Dave	Hudson	253.95	Donna	Brown	92.73	Frank	Palazzo	53.07
Russ	Pearly	246.20	Mike	Kwiatkowski	74.72	Vernon	Sikora	52.88
Jeff	Koltenuk	180.61	Lynn	Patterson	60.76	Nancy	McAnnally	49.10
Charles	Showalter	176.36	Patricia	Holmes	53.67	Jim	Strazzere	48.30
Ed	Schusler	172.82	Gordon	Pfeiffer	53.34	Harry	Freedman	46.74
Paul	Hassett	161.15	Larry	Abramovitz	52.72	Becky	Riehl	41.62
Gladys	Mikel	157.74	Ralph	Rosenfeld	51.22	George	Mast	41.48
Philip	Benner	157.21	Karen	Pekkanen	51.16	Pat	Wilson	40.07
Janet	Matthews	154.81	Joe	Bosch	49.37	Susan	Mast	38.52
Lucy	Tillman	146.78	Eric	Voss	48.60	Randy	Eisner	35.43
Edward	Schwartz	146.66	John	Blackwell	48.48	Susan	Krier	34.18
Jon	Williams	143.50	Jane	Dulieu	46.62	Jim	Gould	33.56
Susan	Fraser	143.18	Margaret	Sarno	46.46	Gary R	Anderson	33.51
Richard	Seidman	130.36	Joseph	Ogi	45.93	Sharon	Kruger	33.06
Joe	Sacco	127.65	David	Michaelson	43.45	Jim	Young	32.60
Colleen	Treanor	126.76	Ruth	McCann	43.01	Pat	Scheffer	32.03
Alex	Booke	106.32	Eileen	Rush	40.83	Byllye	Boardman	30.95
Ann	McClelland	100.53	Deb	Brunoehler	40.56	Pat	Furlo	30.72
Carolyn	Benner	98.47	Sandy	Ainsworth	39.30	Arcot	Suresh	30.70
Sandy	Booke	93.81	Don	Schreifels	39.27	Eric	Solomon	30.05

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NEW RESIDENT MEMBERS MAY-JUNE

Barbara Anderson Bill Bradford Ron Burczewski Bill Carignan Suzy Corria Theresa DiNapoli
 Ralph Donahue Robert Doucet Daniel Fly Bill Garner,Jr Richard Jones Greg Kilby Jane Knoche Parnell Ladd
 Deepak Malik Darlene Rutkowski Hema Suresh Sharon Sworford Stephanie Ulbrich Marcel Vigeant
 Jerry Wesley Bryan Westerman

A BIG WELCOME TO ALL!

Most Points Earned from All ACBL Through June 30, 2019

Sandra	Gebhardt	383.87	Susan	Fraser	180.43	Lee	Esworthy	90.39
Russ	Pearly	350.94	Lucy	Tillman	171.92	Gail	Rickard	89.25
David	Hudson	333.32	Richard	Seidman	160.98	Louise	Hodgins	86.33
David	Morse	322.74	Alex	Booke	152.32	Neil	Timm	86.09
Philip	Benner	264.52	Sandy	Booke	141.48	Lawrence	Adams	85.44
Jeff	Koltenuk	250.61	Joe	Sacco	134.32	Andy	Sloan	84.76
Ann	McClelland	249.02	Jonathan	Greenspan	129.93	Nicholas	Pund	83.07
Paul	Hassett	238.61	David	Stentz	121.74	Terry	Oleske	82.90
Janet	Matthews	222.91	Donna	Brown	113.61	Victoria	Adams	82.71
Charles	Showalter	221.60	Marilyn	Williams	110.74	John	Stansbury	82.29
Carolyn	Benner	212.14	Alex	Birman	106.61	Frances	Doss	80.79
Edward	Schusler	192.41	Beverly	Parrish	105.98	Chris Mary	Peters	78.65
Gladys	Mikel	191.57	Carol	Ketterer	101.55	Ann	Kelly	78.07
Edward	Schwartz	184.66	Linda	Hansell	98.30	Gordon	Pfeiffer	76.16
Jonathan	Williams	184.41	Jim	Hansell	98.30	Edward	Buchanan	75.84
Colleen	Treanor	182.96	Michael	Kwiatkowski	96.77	Paul	Matheson	75.00
Bruce	Thiher	180.82	Nancy	Turner	90.99			

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WRITTEN BY JIM GOULD

To the BOD and membership of The Villages Duplicate Bridge Club:

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Janet Matthews, Pat Holmes, and Caroline Davies for their assistance and support during my recent incapacitation. I broke my left ankle resulting in surgery which kept me out of play for five weeks. Since my return, I have been alternating between a walker and a wheelchair making mobility problematic, at best. All three directors have gone out of their way to make things easier, including providing a chair to elevate my leg and a table location near the game entrance.

Additionally I want to thank our membership for their support. There have been too many to mention that have offered to get water, coffee, etc., as well as pushing the wheelchair, even moving to provide me with a better table location. We truly have a caring membership.

Thanks to all,
Jim Gould

Doubles, Doubles, and Doubles

By Neil H. Timm

The back of the General Convention Card (GCC) contains a section entitled **SPECIAL DOUBLES**. In this Bridge Bit, we review each of the terms listed.

Negative Double: Responder's double after partner opens the bidding and RHO makes a natural overcall in a suit, not NT. It allows the responder to take an action with many hands that lack the strength or suit length to make a natural bid. Many play these doubles through only 3♠; however, experts have no limit since the opponents may be trying to steal a bid at the 5-level!

Responsive Double: A double used for takeout after partner has made a takeout double or a simple suit (not NT) overcall, and right-hand opponent has raised the suit bid by opener. Example: Bid, takeout double, bid, responsive double. Usually played only through 2♠s. All players who use responsive doubles use them after a takeout double, but not all players use them when partner's first bid is an overcall to show the other two suits.

Support Double/Redouble: The use of a double of an enemy suit bid to show three card support for partner's suit. Example: 1♦ Pass 1♥ 2♣ double. The double shows 3-card support for hearts. A bid of 2♥s shows four-card support. Usually played through 2♥s, not 2♠s.

Minimum Off-shape Take-out Double: Usually requires 12-14 points and 4333 distributions; something like ♠KQ2 ♥AQ54 ♦K98 ♣765 when not vulnerable after an opening 1♣ bid. Or, perhaps holding: ♠AJ109 ♥Q105 ♦K43 ♣QJ2, vulnerable after a second seat 1♦ opening bid on your right.

Cooperative Double: Also called Competitive Doubles. Double of a low level suit contract (usually 2, not 3) after partner has already bid or doubled, shows values necessary to compete but no clear-cut bid.

Maximal Double: A double of a three level bid that asks partner to bid game; example: 1♠ 2♥ 2♠ 3♥ X = maximal double by opener. The double asks partner to bid 3♠ with a minimum and 4♠ with a maximum. If you merely compete by bidding 3♠, partner may take the bid as only competitive.

Card-showing doubles is another way of saying Do Something Intelligent. In general, unless there is a partnership rule stating that a double is for penalties, then it is not for penalties.

Snapdragon Doubles, Rosenkrantz Doubles & Re-Doubles, and Equal Level Conversion Doubles with Hess Cue bids are discussed on Neil's web site www.bridgewebs.com/ocala.

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A smile for the day? What is a thesaurus's favorite dessert? Synonym buns.

PAT FORD MEMORIAL OPEN SECTIONAL

REPORT FROM THE CLUB MANAGER—ALEX BOOKE

The 2019 Open Sectional was a new experience for our Club. Because of the ever increasing table counts we have had, we were forced to change venues from Hacienda to the Savannah Center. Our Club responded to the challenge and our event went smoothly without any serious complications. On Friday and Saturday, we had food trucks arrive at lunch time so people could grab a burger or taco without having to leave the area, and on Sunday we served subs or salads from Publix which are always well received.

This year's event was later than last year and because of that we had competition of Father's Day and the U.S. Open Golf tournament. Our table count was down by 60 tables over the three day event. We had 374.5 tables.

The Club, however, will still make a profit from the event to help keep our Club financially solid. It appears we made around \$5,500 this year but all expenses have not been paid. So that is a ballpark figure.

I want to thank everyone who pitched in to make this event successful, and we are looking forward to hosting our next Sectional in November.

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Thanks to **Margaret Sarno** and **Leon Zaczek** for the pictures! We have a very photogenic group, having a lot of fun!

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT **BOB MATTHEWS**

Hello once more,

I sat in this morning with a really enthusiastic group of newcomers who have recently completed their introductory course on learning the very basics of how to play Bridge. Today was an opportunity for them to meet as a group and try their new found skills at actually playing hands rather than just having to sit and be taught.

Their enthusiasm for what they were doing was really infectious and actually a pleasure to experience. And, although they didn't manage to get everything right, they were so eager to learn where they went wrong or might have done better it gave me an incentive to get my own head into the game a lot more and make a determined effort to improve my own play.

And where better to do it than with one of the top clubs in the country, here in The Villages.

Yes, The Villages DBC is really that. Not just in terms of numbers of players and table count, but in quality of players and their overall ability with the game.

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We were recently informed that an analysis of our club's members who had played over a certain, recent period of time revealed that the mean average of Master Points held within the club is 2,750, compared to a global average of all of the other 'Common Game' clubs of 1,819. In other words, the average MP level held by our club members is just short of a thousand more than what is typically found elsewhere!

If I try to equate that to a sporting situation, it's like being involved with a top league club, one that is always there when trophies are being handed out, and who's name is permanently associated with their elite status. The sort of club that aspiring players would give their eye teeth to join and become a part of.

Yet for us, for you and me, all we have had to do is reside here to be a part of it. No proving our ability or having to be picked in a draft or exchanged from one team to another by way of being 'bought'. Just simply by a matter of geography, nothing more.

And that, I think, is a sobering thought. I, and you, have access to some wonderful club players, we have a wide variety of partners we can play with; and abundance of venues where we can go for a game controlled and presented by some super directors; dedicated instructors and mentors who do their very best to see that we have every chance of not only improving, but of being able to take that improvement onwards yet further.

I don't think that I realized until recently what a fantastic opportunity we have all been given by belonging to **this** particular club and what it can really offer us. But seeing those newcomers this morning and being able to envisage what might lay ahead for them, and then coupling that with the fact that between us we clearly have some of the best players around to play both with and against, makes me more determined than ever to play my own part in its continuing success. I hope that you all feel the same way.

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There were nineteen members achieving new rank status as of June 2019. Please click on the Milestone link to view these. Congratulations to all!

The children of Gina Doss and her husband wanted their mother and father to move to Wisconsin so that they could be nearer to them. The children came last week and they all went back to Wisconsin. We will miss Gina and we hope and pray that their medical conditions improve and Gina will be able to move back to The Villages.

Alert! Alert! Ginny Crump just sent me news from the Las Vegas Summer NABC. Ed Schusler was on the winning team of the Goldman Flight A GNT from District 9 (Florida). Congratulations Ed!

Many thanks to everyone who contributed to this edition of The Villages Club News!



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