



## CLUB NEWS

### FOR THE DUPLICATE PLAYERS OF THE VILLAGES

### DECEMBER, 2019

#### NEWS CLIPS:

**Elections** for a position on the VDBC will be held from December 1 to December 15. The term of service is three years. The names of the people who have filed for election to The Board are: **Nancy Brickley, Dave Hudson, Nancy Jaffe, Barbara Knight, Alice LaHoud, Mari Peters, Diana Richards, Ed Schwartz, Neil Timm, and Nancy Turner.** The Board will use a one envelope system with the ACBL number on the outside which will be used to verify the person voting to the membership list. **Please remember to vote!**

**Kathy Berman's husband, Ivan,** passed on October 25 at Hospice after a choking incident that occurred on October 11. The funeral was held in Boston, surrounded by family and friends. She plans to have a Celebration of Life sometime in December. Kathy and Ivan were married 51 years. She plans to return to Boston for Thanksgiving, and then she will be returning to The Villages to play bridge with her many friends. She is very grateful to her friends here in The Villages for the cards, phone calls, and support you have given her.

The friends of **Jack and Renee Gleckner** are happy Jack is home from Leesburg Hospital. Our thoughts are with them.

**Russ Pearly and Shelia Goad** had a 71.75% game at Eisenhower Open game on October 10. **Marilyn Schmidt and Lucy Tillman** had a 71.79% game at the Friday morning Open game on October 11. **Rosa Latchaw and Jane Barry** had a 70.95% game at the Eisenhower 750 game on Tuesday, October 22. **David Morse and Russ Pearly** had a 73% game on Wed. evening open game at SeaBreeze. **Congratulations to all!**

**Myron and Mary Henry** were featured in an article in *The Daily Sun* on Sunday, September 29. The article gave a brief description of their life prior to coming to The Villages. They lived in Colorado and Montana for a combined 17 years. After leaving Montana, the Indiana natives moved to

Central Michigan and then to the University of Southern Mississippi at Hattiesburg, where he served as a vice president. Over the years, the couple visited his parents four to five times a year at their home in Port St. Lucie. During those trips, they discovered The Villages. They moved 11 years ago to the Village of Hadley. Myron now serves as co-chairman of the Western States Resident Lifestyle Club, plays bridge and just started golfing. Mary is what he calls "a serious walker" who also enjoys bridge and volunteers at The Villages Public Library at Pinellas Plaza. They enjoy their weekly walks with friends at Sumter Landing.



Picture of **Neil Timm and his wife Verena.** They entered a Halloween costume party, called themselves "The Pimp and His Hooker", and they won 3<sup>rd</sup> Place! Way to go! They have returned from their extended trip to Morocco.

**Joanie and Ron Colbert** no longer have a land line. **IMPORTANT: JOANIE'S CELL PHONE NUMBER IS: 352-603-7118.** Many of you contact her for partnerships, so please make note of this important change.

## **Illegal NoTrump Bids -- Player's Perspective**

### **By Jon Williams**

The new convention charts, which became effective in late 2018, have changed the rules regarding notrump bids. Previously, if a player improperly opened 1NT, provided it was done infrequently, there was no recourse for the non-offending side. Now such bids are illegal and, if damage results, the director should provide redress. To understand what an illegal NT bid is, we need to first define a legal one.

A natural NT opening bid or overcall is one that

- contains no voids, and
- contains no more than one singleton that must be an ace, king, or queen, and
- does not contain 10 or more cards in any two suits

In both our open games (to which the Open Chart applies) and limited games (Basic+ Chart applies), players may open 1NT provided that the bid meets the following specifications:

- It must meet the definition of natural, above, and
- It must contain 10 or more hcp, and
- It must have a Range of not more than 5 hcp<sup>1</sup>.

The new charts also contain this provision: "If an Agreement would be disallowed unless it satisfies a specific High Card Point or shape requirement, a player may not use judgment to include hands with fewer high card points or a different shape."

Further, the new charts define a "psych" as having 2 or more fewer cards, or 4 or more HCP less, than the usual meaning of the psyched bid. Occasional psychs are still allowed.

Taken together, these provisions mean that an opening 1NT is illegal if, for example,

- A player using a 10 to 12 range for opening 1NT does so with 9 hcp (this is not a psych because it is not 4 points less than the lower limit)
- A player using a 14 - 18 hcp range for 1NT, opens with "a good 13" hcp (this would create a range of 6, which is disallowed).
- A player opens 1NT with a void, or a singleton not an ace, king, or queen.
- A player opens 1NT with 10 or more cards in two suits (e.g., 5-5-2-1; 7-3-2-1)

Consequences of an illegal NT bid:

- First, it is not automatic for the director to assess a penalty. The illegal bid must have caused damage to the non-offending side. If the auction results in a normal contract and the offenders take the expected number of tricks, no damage has resulted.
- Second, the director must find that the illegal bid was intentional and not, for example, the result of a missorted hand (we've all had 5 suits at one time or other).
- If the director finds there was damage, the usual options apply: an adjusted score or an artificial adjusted score (average minus for the offender's side; average plus for the non-offending side).
- Finally, where the director is convinced that the offender knew the bid was illegal but made it anyway, a procedural penalty may be appropriate.

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<sup>1</sup>"Range" means one more than the difference between the highest and lowest numbers a bid represents. Thus, the range of a 15 to 17 HCP notrump call is 3.

## A TRIBUTE TO LOU FISCHER AND FAMILY

Lou Fischer was remembered at a Celebration of Life on Saturday, September 28, at Colony Recreation Center. Lou, who passed on June 27 at age 89, was an extremely popular person, and the Colony staff was hard pressed to accommodate the overflow crowd.

Babs, his wife of 65 years, and seven of their ten children were present. In addition, many of their twenty-five grandchildren and six great grandchildren were there.

In addition to brief talks by several of their children, there was a video commemorating Lou's life. He grew up in a working-class family in West Virginia. He would never have been able to afford college, but he received a football scholarship to Ohio State. Woody Hayes, the famous coach, became a mentor to Lou.



Lou played two years as a right guard for OSU, back in the days of two-way football. After his graduation in 1953, he entered the restaurant business, and with three other well-known football players, Alan Ameche, Gino Marchetti, and Joe Campanella, they founded a line of fast-food restaurants called "Gino's". The chain eventually grew to 350 restaurants, with Lou as Chief Executive. After Lou retired, he and Babs moved to The Villages in 2008.

Lou was a devout Catholic, and in a trip to Peru, he became aware of the poverty and hunger that exists in much of the world. He spent the rest of his life in philanthropy efforts. He was involved with Horizons for Justice, the Gregorian University, the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, the Wildwood Food Bank, the Food Marketing program at St. Joseph's, and several other charitable organizations. Earlier this year, he received a Lifetime Achievement Award from Habitat for Humanity. He was very appreciative of Ohio State, and he and Babs donated the Astro Turf at the Ohio State football stadium.

The world is a lesser place without Lou Fischer. He will be missed by all who knew him.  
(submitted by Buck Buchanan)

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## PREPARATION FOR SECTIONALS

In the Blast Email, dated November 10, **Bob Matthews** listed all the items that need to be accomplished before hosting a Sectional. **It is a huge job and it takes months to prepare!** At this time I, the Editor of **The Club News**, and I'm sure the rest of the membership, would like to thank all of those people who help to make a Sectional successful. It takes many knowledgeable and dedicated people. Please know that your hard work is appreciated and we send you a big **THANK YOU!**

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**MARTY BERGEN** published **21 Rules of Being a Good Partner**. **The Club News** will include some in this issue and future issues. Rixi Markus, one of the all-time great players, is quoted: I have always believed that your attitude toward your partner is as important as your technical skill at the game.

1. Do not give lessons, unless you are being paid to do so.
2. Never say anything to your partner unless you would want him to say the same to you. If you are unsure whether your partner would want you to say something, don't.
3. Never criticize your partner for a normal action just because it did not work this time.
4. Unless your intent is to clear up a misunderstanding, avoid discussing the hand just played. If you cannot resist, be discreet. (continued on page 4)

5. Remember, you and your partner are on the same side.
6. Do not forget that your partner wants to win as much as you do.
7. If you feel the urge to be nasty, sarcastic, critical or loud, excuse yourself and take a walk.
8. When there is time between hands, do not discuss bridge.
9. When you want to consult another player about a disaster, ask about your hand, not your partner's.
10. Do not criticize or embarrass your partner in front of others.

## MY TRIP TO NOVA SCOTIA by NANCY JAFFE

No, this is not really a travel story!!! It is the story of an ironic incident in my life.

On August 31, 2019, all my friends were running around filling up gas tanks, buying milk, batteries, toilet paper, etc. in preparation for the arrival of **DORIAN!** But, I didn't care; my friend and I were going on vacation!

We flew to Halifax, toured all around the Canadian Maritimes and ended up heading back to Halifax for our last weekend in Nova Scotia.

Guess who else was heading to Halifax??? **DORIAN!**

Yes, he chased us up the coast and arrived about the same time we did: Category 2; 110 MPH winds; 400,000 without electricity! Lucky for us, we were in the Waterfront Marriott (just where you want to be in a hurricane!). But we did not lose power, had plenty of wine, played cards, and got to watch the young Canadian gal, Bianca, beat Serena in a Canadian setting. Very fun!

Some things are just meant to be!

## **JIM AND LINDA DICK: Two new members in our Club.**



Jim and Linda Dick are two new VDBC bridge players. They have just moved here from Brownsville, Texas, where they lived for three years. Before that, they lived in the Washington/Baltimore area for twenty years. Linda was a nurse and Jim worked for a company named OSS, where he sold computer systems to the government.

The really neat thing about Jim and Linda is that they met at an ACBL National tournament in Boston. Marriage followed shortly thereafter, and they have been married for twenty years. **Welcome to The Villages, Jim and Linda!**



We were all very happy when **Pat Holmes** returned to the bridge game on September 30 after a two-month recuperation from a knee operation. We all missed you as a Director and a player at the games, Pat! It's good to have you back!

## CHRISTMAS THOUGHTS

By Jim Strazzere

Christmas time is my favorite time of the year and in that spirit I write my last article for you. I wish for all of you to know how much I appreciated interacting with you in this wonderful game of complexity and challenge. There is certainty that you are players and competitors, but sometimes it's forgotten that you are people too.

I am as human as you are and equally aware that I, too, can cast the wrong words or gestures that may have a terrible effect on a person or group at any time in any place. Having said that now that it's near Christmas time, I'd like for us to think about kindness. The right words spoken at the right time can make all the difference in a person's day.

There is a very strong bond between a Father and his Daughter and I had to promise my deceased daughter not to be around sadness. Verbal abuse towards me brings me sadness, and I cannot break my promise to her so I'm forced to leave your club. I get to play more golf and can still play bridge on-line so no problem.

I've enjoyed playing and directing with you immensely. So many of you have wonderful hearts and brought many smiles to my face, so thank you.

Please remember Christmas is about a birth as well, so try and live your life with an eternal view. Be an encouragement for the people around you. If there's an Angel at the top of your Christmas tree, remember the Lord has given us angels to watch over us and to help us with each other.

Merry Christmas,

Jim

(We will surely miss you, Jim. Good luck in your new journey. Pat Poitinger)

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## MY DUBAI TRIP

By Karen Pickelsimer

My friend, Lori Berletich (from Illinois) and I left Orlando on September 11 for Dubai. We flew 14 hours nonstop to Dubai, United Emirates Republic. We flew Emirates Airlines. This airline is pure luxury compared to our airlines. We felt like royalty.

Dubai is situated on the Persian Gulf Coast of the United Arab Emirates and is roughly at sea level. Dubai lies directly within the Arabian Desert. Dubai has been ruled by the Al Maktoum family since 1833; the emirate is a *constitutional monarchy* meaning the people vote for representatives to the federal national council. Arabic and English are spoken here and we had no problem speaking English to everyone.

Upon landing at their Dubai International Airport, we were picked up by our local transport and driven to the Marriott Hotel Al Jaddaf. I had booked a package with the Arabian Adventures thru a Travelzoo promotion with Emirates Airlines which included round trip air, hotel, full breakfast, and transfers. Our hotel had a free shuttle 5 times a day to the famous Dubai Shopping Mall. The Marriott was superb both in service and amenities. After a short nap we headed off to see this famous mall.

Dubai has been called the shopping capital of the Middle East. Dubai alone has more than 70 shopping centers, including the world's largest shopping center, Dubai Mall. Dubai is also known for the historical *souk* districts (markets) located on either side of its creek. We spent a large part of two days in this mall and barely covered half of it.



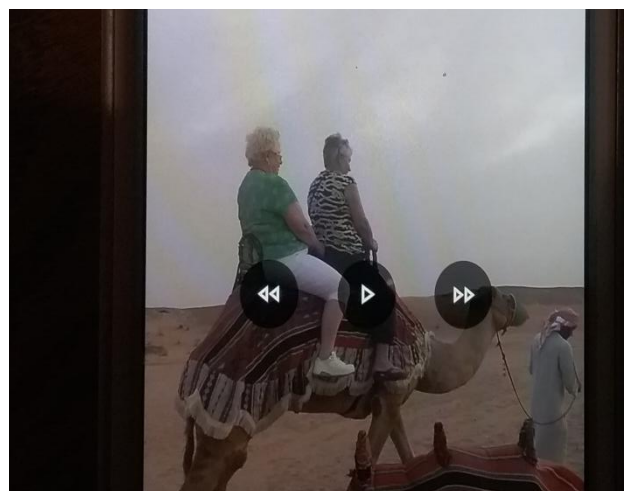
Dubai has many fantastic buildings. Burj Khalifa is a 828 Meters (2,717 ft) high skyscraper and is the tallest building in the world. We skipped the \$100 trip to the top of the building. We did city tours and were shown amazing hotels and resort properties. We were not allowed into a 7 star property as you must have a hotel reservation to even have lunch there. We took a trip to the Green Planet which housed a 4-story man-made tree with many birds, a bat cave, and various other animals.

Keep in mind that our daily temperature was 104 degrees with plenty of humidity so we did try to stay inside during the day. It was not much cooler at night. We booked a trip to the Emirate of Abu Dhabi, a city situated on an island in the Persian Gulf. We traveled there by passenger van with other people, many speaking other languages. We were shown elegant homes and gardens, many plants not usually grown there that need a lot of watering. We learned this is in the richest area on the earth due to their oil. We stopped for lunch and had a typical Arabic meal (no pork, no alcohol). We saw the Presidential Palace. The highlight to the trip was a tour of Sheikh Zayed Grand Mosque. The building is large enough to safely contain a maximum of approximately 41,000 people. We had to be covered from head to toe and that was not pleasant as it was at least 108 degrees. The grandeur was overwhelming. I have been in the Blue Mosque in Turkey and a large Mosque in Casablanca, Morocco, but they don't even compare to the Grand Mosque in Abu Dhabi.

We also booked an adventurous trip beginning with a 4WD ride up and over the sand dunes, stop for sunset photos, and enjoyed a camel ride, henna art, and more at a Bedouin-style camp as dunes fall. The adventure ends with a barbecue-buffet dinner and belly-dancing shows under the stars. We were with 2 other couples, one from India and one from Japan. Our driver was hilarious and so patient with one lady who kept screaming that she was going to throw up as we raced over the sand dunes. Dinner was magical under the moonlight sky, with music and other entertainment. We even got to watch two couples at the next table show us how to smoke something thru the glass bottle with a pipe attached. I will let your imagination figure that one out. I can whole heartedly say that I will never get on another camel.

We also booked a Dubai Creek evening cruise on an Arabian-style show boat or sailing vessel. We were picked up with 8 other people from our hotel and taken to the boat. We met 2 women from New York and sat with them. The drinks, buffet meal, and entertainment were great. Since it was evening we were treated to all the buildings lit up from top to bottom along the waterway.

All good things must end as we packed for our return to Orlando. We both agreed that the long flight home would give us much time to reflect on this crazy idea we had 3 months earlier to fly to a part of the world that we knew nothing about. Dubai takes tourism to the highest standard of any of my trips. I highly recommend a visit to anyone willing to fly that many hours.



### Most Points Earned from All ACBL Through September 31, 2019

Dave	Hudson	552.51	Bruce	Thiher	240.41	Buck	Buchanan	137.71
Sandra	Gebhardt	485.30	Joe	Sacco	234.69	Greg	Saunders	135.30
Jeff	Koltenuk	452.09	Alex	Booke	216.06	Nicholas	Pund	131.91
Ann	McClelland	431.84	Jon	Greenspan	212.02	Jay	Force	130.73
Russ	Pearly	431.24	Donna	Brown	210.76	Nancy	Turner	130.26
Philip	Benner	404.78	Sandy	Booke	194.76	Gail	Rickard	127.78
David	Morse	372.12	Diane	Day	192.45	Louise	Hodgins	123.91
Paul	Hassett	365.41	Dave	Stentz	190.66	Neil	Timm	121.95
Charles	Showalter	351.95	Andy	Sloan	173.86	Alan Frances	Berg	121.54
Gladys	Mikel	336.94	Marilyn	Williams	163.39	Gina	Doss	121.05
Carolyn	Benner	329.19	Beverly	Parrish	158.66	Arlene	McIntosh	120.12
Janet	Matthews	326.74	Jim	Hansell	155.27	Victoria	Adams	117.58
Ed	Schusler	322.09	Alex	Birman	151.26	Lawrence	Adams	117.46
Edward	Schwartz	315.53	Terry	Oleske	150.49	Gordon	Pfeiffer	117.01
Susan	Fraser	307.05	Linda	Hansell	150.01	Doris	Reeves	115.70
Wilson	Day	288.69	Paul	Matheson	149.26	Carol	Alspach	114.01
Jon	Williams	271.57	Lee	Esworthy	146.72	Nancy	McAnnally	113.36
Lucy	Tillman	263.91	Carol	Ketterer	144.90	Mary Ann	Kelly	112.88
Colleen	Treanor	249.25	Mike	Kwiatkowski	141.29	Vernon	Sikora	112.47
Richard	Seidman	243.73	Jean	Berg	139.29	Ron	Hutchinson	109.30

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#### **NEW RESIDENT MEMBERS SEPT—OCT 2019**

Pat Babe	Frank Berman	Paul Crenshaw	Jim Dick	Linda Dick	Linda Dodds	Karen Donavan
Diane Duffert	Mary Foley	Shirley Gavaris	Phyllis Ginzler	Glenn Haas	Glen Harmer	Sara Hufford
Bunny Hultman	Annette Katarincic		Connie Lacey	Marilee Morris	Nancy Morris	Irva Pawell
Sue Periotto	Carol Raver	Elle Riedel	Geoffrey Squire	Ruby Weinstein		Phyllis Wood

**A BIG WELCOME TO EVERYONE!**

## MOST CLUB POINTS JAN 1 - OCT 30, 2019

Over 1,000 MP's			300 - 999 MP's			Under 300 MP's		
Dave	Hudson	468.79	Donna	Brown	179.75	Vernon	Sikora	93.50
Jeff	Koltenuk	382.09	Mike	Kwiatkowski	117.93	Frank	Palazzo	90.46
Charles	Showalter	305.96	Larry	Abramovitz	105.31	Jim	Strazzere	89.69
Gladys	Mikel	301.13	Gordon	Pfeiffer	93.82	Nancy	McAnnally	87.21
Russ	Pearly	295.87	Diana	Richards	92.27	Harry	Freedman	84.65
Paul	Hassett	287.95	Ralph	Rosenfeld	90.81	George	Mast	80.69
Ann	McClelland	253.72	Joe	Bosch	86.31	Jim	Gould	79.43
Edward	Schwartz	247.22	Jane	Dulieu	80.91	Becky	Riehl	78.47
Philip	Benner	245.00	Eric	Voss	80.83	Susan	Mast	75.37
Susan	Fraser	244.50	John	Blackwell	80.45	Gary	Segal	69.30
Janet	Matthews	241.98	Margaret	Sarno	78.32	Gary R	Anderson	66.22
Jon	Williams	230.21	Eileen	Rush	77.78	Susan	Krier	65.02
Joe	Sacco	227.79	Karen	Pekkanen	77.44	Pat	Scheffer	64.71
Lucy	Tillman	225.68	Don	Schreifels	73.79	Randy	Eisner	62.13
Richard	Seidman	213.11	Joseph	Ogi	72.80	Sharon	Kruger	60.44
Ed	Schusler	200.13	Michael	Lotti	70.91	Pat	Wilson	59.16
Alex	Booke	166.46	Ruth	McCann	70.59	Maureen	Ottenlips	53.00
Andy	Sloan	164.95	Deb	Brunoehler	70.42	Arcot	Suresh	51.96
Carolyn	Benner	163.05	Harry	Brady	68.33	Diane	Drake	51.65
Dave	Stentz	153.77	Sandy	Ainsworth	67.06	Byllye	Boardman	50.81

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### AMBER ALERT

An unusual event occurred at Mulberry on Thursday, Nov. 14. An amber alert (usually announcing a missing child) was issued by the Sumter County police during the bridge game. The alert, a loud piercing noise, will go off even if the user's cell phone is turned off. About twenty phones all sounded the alert at the same time, causing chaos in the bridge room! The players with cell phones all checked to make sure they had turned their cell phones off before game time. They had turned them off! **No Penalties!**



# GAMBLING 3NT

By Neil H Timm

How often do you pick up a hand with 25-27 HCP, not too often and if you did you would open it 2♣, playing the 2/1 Game Force System, and then bid 3NT\*. Today, most 2/1 partnerships play 3NT\* as Gambling. The bid must be alerted, hence the asterisk.

The bid promises is a long running minor suit. "Long and running" means at least AKQxxxx (yes, seven of them). In 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, or 3<sup>rd</sup> positions, you do not have any outside aces or kings. In the 4th position, partner should usually have stoppers in two side suits so partner may pass the bid (referred to as ACOL 3NT\*). If you do not have side suit stoppers, it is best just to make a preemptive minor suit bid in the fourth seat.

I recommend that the 3NT\* bidder have at least Qxx in the other minor. Then, if partner has the majors stopped, it allows partner to pass the 3NT gambling bid. Not all play it this way; however, then the bidding sequences become more complicated.

**Responses to gambling 3NT\* – Be Careful, there are many options.**

**The bids here follow many suggested by Marty Bergen.**

4♣ says let's play in a Part Score 4♣ or 4♦

4♦ usually played two ways:

(a) Asking opener to bid a singleton: responses are 4♥=Heart singleton, 4♠=Spade singleton, 4NT=minor suit singleton, and 5♣=no singleton.

(b) Gerber

Depending on the location of the singleton and your hand, responder is usually interested in playing in a game, 5♣/5♦ or a slam, 6♣/6♦.

Example: Responder has

Spades: AKQ x      Hearts: xx      Diamonds: AKQx      Clubs: xxx

With a heart singleton, you want to play in 6♣ clubs otherwise you would bid 5♣.

4♥ and 4♠ are 6-card suits. Opener must pass.

4NT is invitational to slam (Quantitative), asking opener to bid a minor suit slam

Example: Opener has a hand like

Spades: xx      Hearts: x      Diamonds: Qxxx      Clubs: AKQJxxx

5♣ signoff play in club game or correct to 5♦; not slam interest.

5♦ signoff by responder, responder knows that the opener has long diamonds and wants to play game from his side.

5NT is a grand slam try, to play in 7♣/7♦. Responder has no losers outside the trump suit, but is usually void of the trump suit and is afraid of a trump loser. Opener bids 7♣/7♦ with a suit like A-K-Q-J-x-x-x or A-K-Q-x-x-x-x-x-x-x. With A-K-Q-x-x-x-x-x, opener would sign off in 6 of the suit.

6♣ is to play slam in 6♣/6♦, opener is to pick the suit. Again, a bid of 6♦ by responder is to play slam in diamonds, responder knows that it is the long suit.

## How do you defend against the dreaded 3NT\* bid?

X = strong and balanced

4♣ = both majors

4♦ = one major (6+)

4M = 5-card bid major and a 5+ card minor

4NT = suit asking bid: bid your 5-card suit at the 5-level (♣♦♥♠) and 5NT = you pick the suit, usually the other minor

5m = to play, in the other minor

Pass the double if the opponents run and you are 3-suited and short in their minor; otherwise bid your longest major.

## What do you lead against the 3NT\* bid?

An ace if you have one, fourth best with a 5-card major and without a long major, your shortest major; try to find partner's major.

What other Gambling 3NT Options are common? Look on your Bridge Buddy Convention Card. Observe the Options ACOL and Kantar – What are these?

The ACOL option applies in the 4<sup>th</sup> seat and guarantees at least one outside A/K and a long minor suit.

The Kantar 3NT option guarantees a long running major suit and no outside A/K. A weak version of the NAYMATES bid of 4♣/4♦!

## TOURNAMENT RESULTS

### DAYTONA BEACH SECTIONAL SEPT. 12—15

.92 Kelley Dryden .92 Joanne Roorbach

### DISTRICT 9 NAP FINALS OCT 5—6

.54 Michael Kwiatkowski .54 Gordon Pfeiffer

### ATLANTA NON-LIFE MASTER REGIONAL ATLANTA, GA OCT. 17—20

12.12 Kristie Carter 12.12 Gail Singer

### SPECIAL SECTIONAL ORLANDO, FL OCT. 25—27

3.03 Wilson Rivera	3.03 Dick Stieglitz	2.17 Jean Fincher	2.17 Douglas Vene	2.07 Maury Fjestad
2.07 Jan Materson	1.23 Randy Eisner	1.23 Ralph Gingery	.41 Joyce Knapp	.41 Ellen Danich

### CHARLOTTE REGIONAL CHARLOTTE, NC OCT. 28—NOV. 3

.36 Lucy Tillman .36 Bernard Carleton

### DAYTONA BEACH REGIONAL NOV. 4—12

19.48 Linda Hansell	19.49 Jim Hansell	19.12 Susan Fraser	19.12 Ed Schwartz	18.16 Gail Rickard
17.19 Jon Williams	17.19 Jay Force	16.90 Victoria Adams	16.90 Lawrence Adams	13.23 Jean Fincher
13.23 Douglas Vene	13.10 Kristie Carter	12.67 Maury Fjestad	12.67 Jan Masterson	12.19 Glenn Ryburn
12.19 Barbara Ryburn	11.77 John Kuyper	10.11 Cathy Thomas	9.07 Ted Cicorpo	9.07 J. Dicorpo
8.20 Larry Sumner	7.70 Lee Ned	7.18 Gary Segal	7.18 Eileen Rush	6.93 Kelley Dryden
5.71 Carol Mayer	5.46 Gail Singer	4.12 Susanne Rattner	4.12 R. Douglas Smith (con't on page 11)	

4.00 Vernon Sikora	3.89 Paul Matheson	3.89 Charles Showalter	3.85 Lucy Tillman	3.85 Bernard Carleton
3.64 P. Sokol-Wood	3.64 Joanna Hazleette	3.53 Joyce Knapp	3.53 Ellen Danich	3.44 Carol Ketterer
3.34 Eric Voss	3.32 Sharon Kruger	3.32 James Strazzere	3.24 Susan Krier	3.24 Carma Sands
3.16 Michael Vales	3.16 John Jencks	3.16 Brenda Davis	2.95 Nancy Brickley	2.95 Goentje Wright
2.93 Frank Palazzo	2.44 Janet Matthews	2.44 Beverly Parrish	2.08 Jean Knight	2.08 G. Ackley
2.00 Douglas Smith	2.00 Don Schreifels	1.86 Margaret Sarno	1.86 Judy Flickinger	1.81 Rebecca Riehl
1.81 Connie Goldfarb	1.75 Linda Hardgrove	1.75 Dale Hardgrove	1.66 Gordon Pfeiffer	1.60 Jane Rowe
1.60 Goroia Bennett	1.58 Nancy McAnnally	1.58 L.Wiseman	1.41 Sandy Booke	1.41 Leon Zaczek
1.41 Bruce Thiher	1.41 Alex Booke	1.33 Doris Reeves	1.13 Kathryn Bentley	1.13 Joanne Eakin
1.07 Marc Rissman	1.04 Nancy Jaffee	1.04 Joyce Jackson		

Seven players had masterpoints under 1. **Congratulations to all!**

**JAY FORCE**, a Sapphire Life Master, moved to The Villages in August and has since become a fixture at the bridge tables. He and his wife, Carol, have been married for 29 years. Carol does not play bridge. They moved here from Stamford, Connecticut and purchased a home in The Villages of Osceola Hills. They love The Villages and love to line dance. Jay graduated from Winona State College in Minnesota, and after a long career, recently retired from Odin Marine. The Forces have two children and two grandchildren. **Welcome, Jay and Carol!**



On Wednesday November 13, **Bruce Thiher**, the Director, brought in a batch of fifty freshly baked white chocolate macadamia nut cookies. He put the cookies on the front table about fifteen minutes before game time. Ten minutes later, he made his usual pre-game announcements, and he mentioned that there were fifty freshly-baked cookies on the front table. At that time, someone near the front table said, “They’re all gone!” Bruce’s cookies are very popular. You have to grab them while you can!

Have you noticed Bruce’s new curly hair-do????

Did you notice the fantastic picture of **Ted DiCorpo** and his granddaughter, **Olivia DiCorpo**, on the front page of *The Daily Sun* on Monday, November 25? Ted is shown putting a tennis ball on top of her newspaper tower during Camp Villages’ Engineering Design Challenge. It’s great that you, Ted, are sharing your expertise with the children of Camp Villages!

### DID YOU KNOW?????

**ALL THE PEOPLE IN THE WORLD ARE OF THE SAME AGE THIS YEAR? IT’S AMAZING: THIS YEAR ALL PEOPLE IN THE WORLD ARE ALL IN THE SAME AGE GROUP, ALL EQUAL TO 2019. THIS YEAR IS SPECIAL. IT HAPPENS ONLY ONCE EVERY 1,000 YEARS. THIS YEAR YOUR AGE + YOUR YEAR OF BIRTH, EACH INDIVIDUAL IS = 2019. FOR EXAMPLE, YOU ARE 55 YEARS OLD AND YOU WERE BORN IN 1964, WHICH ADDS UP TO 2019. VERY STRANGE, EVEN THE CHINESE AND FOREIGN MASTERS CAN NOT EXPLAIN. PLEASE CALCULATE AND SEE IF THE ANSWER IS 2019. IT’S A THOUSAND-YEAR WAIT! GOOD SHOT! GO TO YOUR CIRCLE OF FRIENDS, LET EVERYONE CALCULATE IT!**

100 years ago everyone owned a horse and only the rich had cars. Today everyone has cars and only the rich own horses!



## THE SECTIONAL—A GRAND SUCCESS







**FROM MARGARET SARNO:**  
**THE VILLAGES SECTIONAL WAS A GREAT SUCCESS, THANKS TO ALL THAT HELPED.**  
**HERE IS A BREAKDOWN OF THE NUMBER OF TABLES.**

Friday AM	Open = 38.5	Friday PM	Open = 37.5
	0-500 = 40		0-500 = 33
	0-20 = 7.5		Total = 70.5 tables
	Total = 86 tables		
Saturday AM	Open = 38.	Saturday PM	Open = 33
	0-500 = 41		0-500 = 29.5
	Total = 79.5 tables		Total = 62.5 tables
Sunday AM	Open = 37	Sunday PM	Open = 37
	0-500 = 19		0-500 = 19
	Total = 56 tables		Total = 56 tables
Total tables for weekend: 410.5			

All went smoothy, thanks to all that helped and brought in food or contributed money for food. A special thanks to the kitchen crew that worked very hard all weekend. Thank you Larry Abramovitz, Rodrigo, Karen Pickelsimer, Vicki Collins, Laura Lee Testroet, Laurie Igiel, and Bob & Karen Whelan. Also, thanks to all that helped clean up and put everything away. I could not believe how fast that was done.

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**A HUGE THANK YOU GOES TO MARGARET SARNO FOR COMPILING THE ABOVE STATISTICS, AND TO LEON ZACZEK FOR ALL OF HIS PICTURES. MANY MANY THANKS!**

The Editor of the **Club News** wishes to thank all the members of the **Club News Staff**. They are: **Margaret Sarno, Nancy Jaffe, Leon Zaczek, Jim Strazzere, and Assistant Editor, Buck Buchanan**. We are sorry to be losing Jim Strazzere. They have all done a terrific job for us during 2019. I am blessed to have such hard-working reporters on the staff.

The Editor wishes to thank everyone who has made contributions to the **Club News** in 2019. We wouldn't have a **Club News** without you!

A big thank-you goes to all of our Directors, Administrative Staff, The Board members and the players for a very successful 2019.

**Pat Poitinger, Editor**



**LEON ZACZEK** sends this flower to all players on our membership list. You are a great group of people and you have all done your part to make **THE VILLAGES DUPLICATE BRIDGE CLUB** an outstanding Club.



**A BLESSED AND MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A BLESSED HANUKKAH IS EXTENDED TO ALL!**

**A HAPPY AND HEALTHY NEW YEAR IS EXTENDED TO ALL!**