

# FEBRUARY CLUB NEWS

## FOR THE DUPLICATE PLAYERS OF THE VILLAGES

### FEBRUARY, 2019

#### NEWS CLIPS:

Our dear friend, **Henry Hood**, passed away after a long illness on Sunday, January 6. His "Celebration of Life" was held at the Lady Lake United Methodist Church on January 12. Close to 200 people (many bridge players) attended the service.

**Henry** was a special kind of friend to many. He loved people, and people loved him. He was a *Club News* reporter for years. No one ever heard him say an unkind word about anyone. He was gracious, listened to what others had to say, cheerful, accommodating, cared about others, and he was a true gentleman, and a gentle man. Our love is extended to his wife, **Pat**, and to his family. We will all miss Henry immensely.



Henry's family



Henry's wife, Pat



## Things to Know as you Transition to the Open game

Written by Andy Sloan and edited by Rick Gauthier

1. Do **NOT** be intimidated when you are asked:
  - a. What does your bid mean? At this level bridge players may have special meanings for bids. Just say what it means or “I don’t know” or “undiscussed”, do not guess.
  - b. What are your signals/agreements? If you have no special agreements just say standard. This means you give attitude signals, high to encourage and low to discourage. Give a full explanation!
2. You both have to have a filled out bridge card that needs to be the same. If you do not understand all the sections just ask the director who can help or guide you to someone who can.
3. Common errors at the Bridge Table:
  - a. Hesitating or bidding significantly out of tempo. This is very frustrating for your opponents as this can devolve into a yes you did/no I didn’t situation, which has to be adjudicated by the Director. The reason this is a significant issue is that it communicates “Unauthorized Information” (UI) at no risk. Why would you hesitate if there was not a problem? Were you considering making a call but changed your mind? If you had no values you would just pass in tempo, no thinking required. (see #4 below)
  - b. Failure to Alert. If you are playing special systems or bids that have special non-standard meanings you must alert. It is your responsibility to inform you opponents when you know something by special agreement that your opponents do not. Do so by clearly stating “Alert” and preferably also waving the alert card, but say nothing more unless asked. If your partner fails to alert or announce you must keep quiet and bid as if he understood your bid and made his call based on it. Using the info from Partner’s failure to alert is unauthorized. If you become the declaring side, explain the failure to alert immediately when the auction is over. If you become the defending side, explain the failure after the hand is completed. If YOU fail to alert- point it out ASAP.
  - c. Asking about a bid when it is not your turn to bid is not allowed. When asking about a call, it is proper form to inquire about the entire auction as opposed to one specific call to avoid the appearance of “steering” your partner.
  - d. Asking about a bid during a slam auction even when it is your turn to bid is discouraged. The logic of that is that you are unlikely to make a bid unless it is a double and by asking you communicate Unauthorized Information (UI) at no cost. Note: Your opponent is required to explain the slam bidding auction after it is completed, if not, either of you can ask to explain the auction, not a specific bid.

- e. If you are not on opening lead you cannot ask questions about the auction, but you can ask your partner to lead face down and then ask so your question cannot influence the opening lead. It is, however, preferable for you to wait until your turn to play before asking your question.
4. What should you do if your partner hesitates in the bidding:
  - a. If you have a bid that you would have made if your partner had passed in tempo then you make the bid.
  - b. If you have a judgment bid or close decision and you decide to bid anyway there is a good chance that at the end of the hand the Director may rule that you took advantage of the UI and adjust the contract/score if your opponents feel they have been harmed. Be careful not to take advantage of UI!
5. When a director is called, do not take offense as it is for your protection as well as your opponents and is just part of bridge, do not get upset or angry. Sometimes the judgment will be in your favor and sometimes not. In any case you can learn from it.
6. If the opponents are indicating you did something wrong then simply respond "let's call the Director" in a calm voice, do not get into an argument as the judge is the Director, not your opponent. Do NOT be intimidated into letting your opponents make the rulings, that's what the Director is there for!!
7. If you choose to make a bid simply because you want to and is not part of your system it may be considered a Psych which is frowned on (but allowed) in this club. Below are a few examples:
  - a. 1a 1b (overcall) 2x, your 2x bid is 2/1 or Standard American promises a minimum of 10 High Card Points, which could be shave to 9 with a great suit, however, in no situation is 7 or less High Card Points a normal bid and can be considered a Psych. If your bid actually has that meaning in agreement with your partner (called a negative free bid) it must be alerted.
  - b. If you respond to partner's opening bid with a new suit at the 1 level and less than 4 High Card Points and you have no agreement with your partner it can be considered a Psych. If you and your partner have an agreement on this it must be alerted.

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**Rick Gauthier** celebrated his birthday at the Tuesday Lake Miona game on January 15.



**Alex Boone** celebrated his birthday on Monday, January 14.

We hope they both had wonderful birthday celebrations!

**Bonnie Overson** celebrated her 95<sup>th</sup> birthday on Nov. 27 at the Tuesday Lake Miona afternoon game. She is an

amazing woman who is very friendly, active, and sharp as a tack! She plays a great game of bridge.



Bonnie at Lake Miona birthday celebration. Friends gathered at Olive Garden to continue the Celebration.

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**METEOR SHOWER** (By **Marc Rissman**) Published in the *Daily Sun* on Sunday, January 13

Let's lie down in the grass and stare  
Straight up to see what might be there  
Beyond the trees and clouds toward Mars  
The night becomes a million stars  
We gaze above while holding hands  
Some whispering of future plans  
When suddenly a shiny streak  
Our mouths agape but neither speak  
Eye contact quick then back to space  
Absorbing such a wondrous place  
Then hundreds more before our eyes  
Cascading through the moonlit skies  
A natural phenomenon  
That all too soon we find is done  
A squeeze of hands, a gentle kiss  
A metaphysical form of bliss  
Of course our bedtime's overdue  
But worth the looks from me and you  
The shining stars and streaks of light  
Envisioning a future bright.

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**Neil and Verena** spent the weekend of December 7 at East Hills Farms in New Hampshire. They danced for three days! Guess what they love to do? Ha Ha!



**Five in a Row: Kathy McKay**, a Bronze Life Master, achieved a remarkable record in December, winning five open games in a row! She won on Monday, Dec. 10, with Buck Buchanan (4.50mp), Tuesday, Dec. 11 with Donna Sinrud (4.20mp), on Wednesday, Dec. 12 with Rick Dahlgren (2.20mp), Friday, Dec. 14 with Jeff Koltenuk (1.90), and on Monday, Dec. 17 with Donna Sinrud (1.73mp). Congratulations, Kathy!

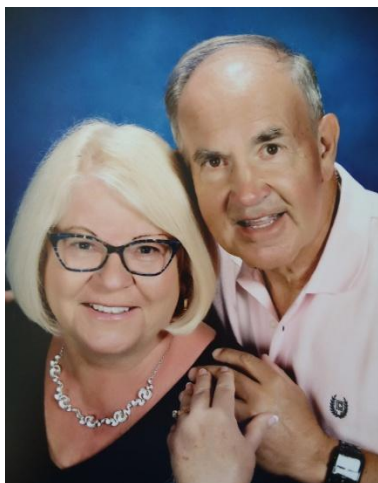
Kathy was born and raised in CA. She married Fred McKay, a Canadian doctor, with whom she had four sons. Asked what she owes her bridge success to, she thanks her husband Fred. Fred encouraged her to play bridge and would send her off to Hawaii to play in Regionals with friends.

Kathy is an outstanding athlete. Although an accomplished tennis player, she picked up golf when her husband retired in 1998 and they moved to Scotland.

Kathy plays in ladies amateur open competitions all over Scotland, probably fifty different courses each year (one wonders whether she ever won five golf tournaments in a row? Maybe!) She is also a member of St. Andrews Golf Club.

Kathy and Fred spend seven months a year in Scotland, and the other five months between Canada and The Villages. She first heard about The Villages from a Scottish woman who has a house in The Villages.

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**Lucy and Dave Poeppelman** returned from a Barbara Seagram bridge cruise on Royal Caribbean's Liberty of The Seas in December. They played in the 0-750 event and were very successful. Lucy scored 42.75 master points (mostly gold), putting together four games of 71%, 70%, 68% and another 68%. Lucy played with three different partners, one of whom was her husband of 44 years, Dave. Dave scored an impressive 26 points, also mostly gold. Congratulations Lucy and Dave!

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## TVDBC'S CLAIM TO FAME!

Our Club is ranked second in North America with 15,604.5 tables in 2018! Congratulations to everyone!

**JIM STRAZZERE**, one of our very active 499ers, is making a plea to all 499ers to attend the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday 499er Swiss Team game. Please sign up for that game so we support it and make it grow! **We need you!**

(A play on words) "The meaning of opaque is unclear." "I'm reading a book about anti-gravity and I can't put it down." "Police were called to the daycare center. A 3-year old was resisting a rest." 6855644

## President's Report January 2019

Here we are, at the start of another year and appropriately into the beginning of a brand new period for the club.

Looking back over the years of our history, (and if you've never taken the time to look at that it can be found on the website and is well worth reading about), an awful lot of changes have occurred since the first group of dedicated bridge players formed together into what has grown to become the TVDBC.

And like all evolving organizations it has sometimes been hard to see a clear road ahead, particularly without any form of blueprint to work off.

But, with few 'growing pains', I would say that we have collectively done a reasonable job in arriving at where we are today. We are the second largest club in the ACBL, have a great reputation wherever we go and are the envy of many a club where membership is declining whilst ours continues to grow!

Not a small part of that is the fact that we are involved with a developer who seems to have boundless ambitions for growth themselves, encouraging us to expand and keep pace with them as far as we are able.

I remember when Janet and I arrived here and at the time were just about the most southerly area of development. Then, as housing progressed further down towards CR 466A, we did wonder if anyone from north of us would ever venture that far south to participate in activities. Seabreeze seemed to be an outpost for many in those days.

Now, with continuing growth, even Brownwood seems about to become the center of The Villages!

I suppose that I'm pointing all of this out to set the scene for what is probably about to happen next.

During all of the past growth, at various stages and times, I am sure that there were many who felt that their world as they knew it was a comfortable one, something that they didn't wish to alter or have changed in any way.

Change can sometimes be disturbing, frightening and even painful if it isn't handled in the right way.

Consider the changes we have successfully made in this past year. The major ones were finding the right level of compensation for those who give of their time to serve the club, (often without whom we could not exist); becoming an Incorporated entity in the State of Florida; and recently adjusting and re-writing the Club By-Laws to allow for a more workable Board and set of Officers to help steer us onwards into the future.

I can tell you that none of these came easily. Many hours were spent in their debate and deliberation, as is fitting when major or important changes are proposed. And even now, I am sure that there may still be some amongst us who feel there was no need for these changes, and that everything was just fine as it was before. To those I would ask that you give us time to demonstrate that what we now have is more in keeping with our needs than as we were before.

And, looking forward now to the coming year..... We know that there are likely to be the same, or very similar, demographics in terms of villagers south of CR44 to those of us who have been here awhile. Some who already play our game and perhaps many who yet wish to learn. Should we say "we're ok in our own world, you guys go and take care of

yourselves. Build something like we did from scratch”, or do we offer, as we always have done to date, to continue our own expansion to allow those folks to join in with us to the benefit of all?

Expansion and growth, as I said above, can be hard. It can bring unforeseen problems that are sometimes difficult to solve. But I firmly believe that you and I now benefit from the willingness of those who came before to shoulder the burden of living through such times themselves to give us the opportunities we now enjoy. I really hope that we will be as willing to do the same now that it’s our turn to continue the march forward.

To help us in that we now have a larger team of Board Members, so the workload that this body takes onboard can be more easily shared out. We established in this past year during the By-Laws debates a wider forum that allowed for more members’ input and perhaps this is something we will see in action again on future issues.

But above all else, I believe that individually and collectively we are of the right spirit and nature that we will, as a living, working and thriving club put everything we can behind the moves that lie ahead.

This time next year, I expect that the President’s Report will have much to say about the new developments and what we will be doing in Fenney and parts south.... I sincerely hope that whoever is writing that Report will be able to do so with a positive ring to their words that reflects the ongoing, wonderful nature of who we all are.

I for one am looking forward to the challenges that lie ahead and ask each and every one of you to join me in that same sentiment and frame of mind. Together we can achieve much.

As the lively, growing and constantly developing club that we have grown into, we have so many areas where help, input and assistance is always being required that there are an untold number of opportunities for each of us to do something .....where a kind word of encouragement or a few moments spent in offering some really useful bridge advice would go a long way to boosting a novice’s belief that they too can enjoy this game; or where sharing in the tasks of setting up, or packing away, would help a director get home that few minutes earlier than otherwise; by considering training to qualify as a game director; by giving up some time to instruct or become a Mentor.....We just need to keep our eyes open to see the chances.

I have often begun my reports this past year with a quote. This time I would like to end on one from JFK.

When he gave his Inaugural Address, as I’m sure each of us remembers, he said...

“And so, my fellow Americans: ask not what your country can do for you-- ask what you can do for your country.”

It takes a very small change in the wording to apply that to ourselves. Exactly what each one of us should be asking right now ..... so that, as a great club, we can continue our onwards development in the same vein as we always have.

A very Happy, Safe, Healthy and Successful 2019 to us all.

**Bob Matthews**

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**This was included in a Blast Email from Kay Esworthy:** She suggested, in order to speed up the games: (1) If N is on lead, make the lead before inputting the necessary information into the score pad or filling out information into your personal record: (2) Whoever is on lead should do so before recording anything into the personal record. This would allow dummy to be tabled and give declarer an opportunity to analyze the dummy. At this point, the leader could take

the necessary time to record the bid into their individual score card without holding anyone up while they complete their clerical duties. **Simple procedural changes should provide one or two extra minutes per hand.**

## **FALL BRIDGE CRUISE**

**By Jon Williams**

Alex and Sandy Boone and Jon and Marilyn Williams embarked on a Larry Cohen Regional at Sea cruise in November. The cruise portion was a transatlantic from Lisbon to Fort Lauderdale, so getting to Lisbon was the first step.

It turned out that the best flight to Lisbon was from Miami, so the foursome rented an SUV, loaded it “to the gills”, and headed south. The flight, on TAP Portugal airline, left shortly before 5 pm, landing in Lisbon just under 8 hours later, where the local time was 5:30 am. We transferred to the cruise terminal, but faced a long wait until the ship began boarding at noon.

Once aboard the ship we encountered another Villager, Ann Barnes, who had traveled separately.

Each day started with a lecture by Larry Cohen, who is a gifted bridge teacher. His approach was to use a viewgraph to display a hand while discussing it. Over course of the cruise, he presented 32 different hands—every one of which concerned some aspect of play at trick one!

After the morning lecture the 140 bridge players, about 35 tables, moved to the tournament playing site and were divided into open and gold rush (under 750 master points) sections. There were 7 days of pair games and 2 of Swiss teams. The foursome did well. Alex and Sandy had a first place overall and two second place overall finishes in pair events while Jon and Marilyn had third and two fourths overall. In addition, we teamed up to take a second overall and a third overall in the two Swiss events.

Not to be outdone, Ann Barnes achieved the final points needed for her Life Master on the cruise.

The ship, the Crystal Serenity, was truly an experience, with gourmet meals and first class service throughout the 11 day trip.

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## **MEMBERS OF OUR NEW BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

We now have nine voting members on our Board of Directors: Bob Matthews, President; Beverly Parrish, Vice President; Sally Gauthier, Secretary; Charlie Showalter; Carol Ketterer; Gordon Pfeiffer; Vicki Adams; Harry Freedman; and Mike Kwiatkowski. Alex Boone, Club Manager, is on the Board as a non-voting member. Good luck to all, and congratulations!

# **MINI MCKENNEY RACES**

Contest Rank  
ACBL D9

Mini 0 – 5 mp

33	1 Vernon Sikora	62.77
39	2 Sharon Kruger	60.69
50	3 Marty Gilbert	57.63
50	4 Rocky Gilbert	57.63
108	6 Eric Solomon	42.77
147	8 Charlotte Oconnor	38.47
210	11 Sharon Cook	33.74
211	12 Sharon Schactman	33.62
484	37 Lawrence Wiseman	22.57

Mini 5 - 20

56	4 Randy Eisner	64.01
85	6 Jack Franklin	56.07
128	7 Frank Palazzo	50.16
137	8 Kathryn Bentley	48.98
196	10 Martha Smith	44.27
196	11 Bob Smith	44.27
228	13 Shashi Marwah	42.27
249	14 Linda Briggs	41.25
268	19 Sara Godleski	40.24
275	20 Gail Rickard	39.41
296	22 Dolford Payne Jr	38.88
387	29 Jean Gaull	34.57
410	32 Janice Gardner	33.77
410	33 Gary Gardner	33.77

Mini 20 – 50

17	3 James Strazzere	138.66
21	4 Nancy McAnnally	133.68
259	18 Rebecca Riehl	56.55
352	23 Wilson Rivera	50.96
399	28 Connie Goldfarb	48.57
402	29 Dick Stieglitz	48.47
466	35 Dale Hardgrove	46.12
466	36 Linda Hardgrove	46.12
499	39 Ashok Marwah	44.51

Mini 50 -100

17	3 Joseph Bosch	155.75
134	8 Jan Masterson	90.94
238	19 Warren Scheffer	76.34
253	20 James Gould	74.68
270	21 George Mast	72.88
324	26 Susan Mast	68.97
392	32 Lavonne Williams	63.91
437	38 Jeffrey Bond	61.95

Contest Rank  
ACBL D9

Mini 100 - 200

35	2 Eric Voss	170.74
49	5 Gordon Pfeiffer	161.86
72	9 Donald Schreifels	151.15
120	12 Ralph Rosenfeld	129.19
130	14 Douglas Vene	124.47
158	15 R Douglas Smith	120.22
167	16 Nancy Turner	118.62
248	18 Eileen Rush	104.83
358	26 Harry Freedman	93.62
425	29 Cathy Thomas	89.18

Mini 200 – 300

18	2 Michael Kwiatkowski	210.71
93	7 Donna Brown	147.34
118	8 Gail Singer	138.75
218	13 Douglas Smith	115.42
377	23 Barry Dexter	99.1

Mini 300 – 500

196	14 Maury Fjestad	152.59
274	18 Lawrence Adams	137.22
274	19 Victoria Adams	137.22
286	22 Sheila Naylor	135.54

Mini 500 - 1000

132	14 Alex Birman	223.43
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Mini 1000 - 1500

37	4 Janet Matthews	351.99
468	35 Carol Alspach	161.89

Mini 1500 - 2500

23	4 Paul Hassett	453.17
27	5 Russ Pearly	444.71
43	7 Jonathan Williams	407.85
159	16 Alex Boone	290.41
205	22 Sandy Boone	273.1
314	36 Lucy Tillman	240.58
335	38 Beverly Parrish	234.61

Mini 2500 - 3500

138	10 Colleen Treanor	309.96
145	11 Andy Sloan	302

Contest Rank  
ACBL D9

Mini 3500 - 5000

34	4 Jeff Koltenuk	545.68
48	5 Charles Showalter	479.68
123	15 Edward Schusler	365.51

Mini 5000 - 7500

52	4 Philip Benner	513.1
74	6 David Hudson	463.25
245	18 Joe Sacco	335.3
248	19 Susan Fraser	334.06

Mini 7500 - 10000

73	5 Carolyn Benner	463.32
235	21 Sandra Gebhardt	289.82

# ACE OF CLUBS AWARDS

## Contest Rank

### ACBL D9

#### 0 - 5 Master Points

		Points
14	1 Marty Gilbert	53.54
14	2 Rocky Gilbert	53.54
27	3 Vernon Sikora	47.78
52	5 Eric Solomon	40.38
53	6 Sharon Kruger	39.65
113	10 Sharon Schactman	31.69
118	11 Sharon Cook	31.39
122	12 Charlotte Oconnor	31.21
311	26 Mari Peters	21.6
445	39 Lawrence Wiseman	18.26
485	48 Susan Muller	17.71
493	49 Pamela Nelson	17.6

#### 5 - 20 mps

32	3 Randy Eisner	53.62
55	5 Frank Palazzo	46.21
72	6 Jack Franklin	42.53
114	8 Martha Smith	38.45
114	9 Bob Smith	38.45
126	11 Linda Briggs	37.85
169	14 Kathryn Bentley	34.82
178	15 Sara Godleski	34.26
210	18 Shashi Marwah	32.7
243	21 Dolford Payne Jr	31.62
287	24 Janice Gardner	29.56
287	25 Gary Gardner	29.56
296	26 Donna Beski	29.24
317	29 Jean Gaul	28.52

#### 20 - 50 mps

14	3 Joseph Bosch	102.43
74	9 George Mast	67.29
98	12 Susan Mast	63.82
110	14 Jan Masterson	61.74
112	15 James Gould	61.64
152	20 Warren Scheffer	57.7
165	21 Lavonne Williams	56.71
237	26 Pamela Nettelbeck	50.7
351	35 Maureen Ottenlips	44.76
436	45 Sam Ottenlips	42.08
485	53 Jeffrey Bond	40.7
493	54 Patricia Wilson	40.36

## Contest Rank

### ACBL D9

#### 100 - 200 mps

25	6 Eric Voss	119.32
41	9 Gordon Pfeiffer	109.14
60	10 Ralph Rosenfeld	99.56
62	11 Donald Schreifels	98.85
101	14 Harry Freedman	84.93
189	20 Eileen Rush	71.02
244	26 Nancy Turner	66.76
308	31 Byllye Boardman	62.39
308	32 Susan Krier	62.39
336	35 Douglas Vene	60.79
397	40 George Guarino	57.37
467	49 Cathy Thomas	54.53
492	50 Bernard Carleton	53.76

#### 200 - 300

15	2 Michael Kwiatkowski	134.38
40	4 Donna Brown	105.14
116	8 Douglas Smith	84.17
215	16 Gail Singer	70.52
224	17 Barry Dexter	69.71
237	18 Danny Clark	68.25
481	36 Harry Brady	55.81
492	37 Joyce Jackson	55.42

#### 300 - 500 mps

12	3 George Murray	152.42
113	14 Joseph Ogi	99.86
199	24 Maury Fjestad	89.84
258	32 David Harris	83.35
398	43 Lawrence Adams	74.12
398	44 Victoria Adams	74.12

#### 500 - 1000 mps

62	9 Alex Birman	152.78
278	35 David Michaelson	108.79
459	62 Doris Reeves	97.11
474	65 Michael Lotti	96.18
486	68 Larry Abramovitz	95.26

#### 1000 - 1500 mps

44	8 Janet Matthews	193.25
148	23 Carol Alspach	141.39
214	32 Barry Erlich	129.2
427	50 Mary Ann Kelly	106.88
443	53 Robert LaBarge	105.72

## Contest Rank

### ACBL D9

#### 1500 - 2500 mps

1	1 Paul Hasset	379.43
6	3 Russ Pearly	301.29
13	5 Jonathan Williams	267.46
53	12 Beverly Parrish	204.97
96	17 Alex Booke	185.23
110	21 Marilyn Williams	180.32
120	25 Lucy Tillman	177.17
152	32 Sandy Booke	170.45
218	44 Greg Saunders	157.12
324	58 Edward Buchanan	143.09
423	70 Paul Matheson	134.55

#### 2500 - 3500 mps

9	2 Gladys Mikel	306.79
43	8 Colleen Treanor	240.67
44	9 Andy Sloan	239.52
493	73 David Stentz	126.07

#### 3500 - 5000 mps

2	1 Jeff Koltenuk	440.81
6	4 Charles Showalter	395.03
91	20 Edward Schusler	230.99

#### 5000 - 7500 mps

1	David Hudson	393.24
20	5 Philip Benner	320.39
27	7 Joe Sacco	290.74
55	13 Susan Fraser	257.69
322	40 Frances Doss	158.38

#### 7500 - 10000 mps

36	8 Carolyn Benner	263.78
213	32 Sandra Gebhardt	116.01
445	49 Linda Gordon	17.31

## THE COMMON GAME (TCG)

**By Jim Gould and Janet Matthews**

Many of you have received emails from The Common Game (TCG) following TVDBC sessions. If you're like me, it was an unknown and I was uncomfortable even opening them. After all, our own website is very powerful. But you would be missing one of the best tools for improving your game.

Jay Whipple III, Past President of the ACBL and a computer programmer, created The Common Game website, TheCommonGame.com, approximately 6 years ago. It is designed to be a learning tool that makes hand analytics, both bidding and play, extremely easy to follow and effective.

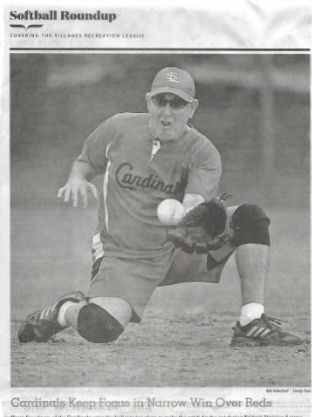
The deals are created completely random with Bridge Composer software. The Common Game uses the option in Bridge Composer of employing Hans Van Staveren's Big Deal Algorithm, the use of which is required for World Bridge Federation and European Bridge League events.

There are currently over 600 bridge clubs using The Common Game—and the tools on TheCommonGame.com, worldwide. Currently there is no charge for this service. The foundation of TCG is the ability to have thousands of players bid and play the exact same hands. Each participating club transmits the results to TCG. The results are then emailed directly to players and posted on their website for everyone to review and even replay. The afternoon games currently have as many as 3000—4000 pairs playing the same hands each day. To access your personal results, go to TheCommonGame.com and log in with your ABCL#.

One of the best features that is available is called "Kibitz with the Pros". Five hands from that day's game are selected and then bid and played by well-known world class players. You can log on to the TCG website at 9:00 pm EST and watch and listen as the pros bid, play, and discuss the hands. There currently is a library of past sessions that you can view. Additionally there is a feature where you can ask questions that will be answered by professional players.

The website has several tutorials that explain each of the site options. They are thorough and easy to follow. To try and explain all of the potential benefits to improving your game is impossible. Go to the site and get your feet wet. There is a help line if you need assistance. If you have a question, just write to [Help@TheCommonGame.com](mailto:Help@TheCommonGame.com).

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**Harry Freedman** is shown playing softball, one of his favorite sports. The picture was in *The Daily Sun*. He wants you all to know that he did catch the ball and his team won the game! He plays in Division 2 of the recreation league. Softball and bridge were the two things that attracted him to The Villages.

Way to go, Harry!

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## RENO IVY

By Nancy Jaffe



Reno Ivy had some interesting experiences after he retired. He and his wife Suzanne lived on board a 52 foot Defever yacht for 5 years from 1994 to 1999. The boat's name was Oh Suzanna (of course)!

They started by spending a year in the Bahama Islands, hitting all the occupied ones of the 700 in the area. Then they headed north and explored the Chesapeake Bay area, New England and Maine. Once they headed for Nova Scotia and the Bay of Fundy but ran into Hurricane Felix and had to turn back south.

Starting in 1997 they toured all the Caribbean Islands and then headed to Venezuela. He got to meet native Indian tribes where everything was natural, no glass, plastic or metal, just what was found in nature. This is also where the steel drums were first created from cutting used oil drums in half.



In order to agree to this 5 year journey his wife made him promise three things: 1. The boat had to have a full sized piano (!); 2. Every 3-4 months they would return home to visit the kids and grandkids; 3. Every Sunday morning they would attend church.

Often they were docked at uninhabited islands with other boats but no church in sight. Reno would call together anyone who was interested and they would create their own service, with Susanne playing her piano and him reading from a book of sermons.

When you see Reno, ask him about his adventures. He has many more stories to tell!

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**PAUL MATHESON**, who submitted the Mini McKenney (all ACBL events) and the Ace of Clubs races, wants you to know that the column on the left represents where they finished across the whole ACBL. The next column reports where they finished in District 128. For the second year in a row a member of TVDBC had the most club points in the 1,500—2,500 master point race. Last year it was Charlie Showalter and this year it is Paul Hassett.

## NEW RESIDENT MEMBERS

Carole Aps	David Burns	Pat Campbell	Connie Castell	Jan Collin
Kay Dando	Barbara Etkin	Sue Gerhart	Lisa Godin	Lisa Godin
George Heinz	Marcia Johncey	Rose Luscan	Ben Lysohirka	Dan Murphy
Sharon Murphy	Goldie Nabatoff	Joan Oboyski	Bonnie Orris	Don Orris
Norman Partridge	Janice Poulin	William Recker	Lora Rollings	Mary Ann Swol
Sandy Weddleton	Marge Wolf			

**The Newsletter staff** decided to call and welcome some of the new resident members listed in the December Club News edition. We have suggested to many of them that they avail themselves of Paul Matheson's Monday evening game at 5:30 (0-50 MP) at Seabreeze and Marilyn Schmidt's Wednesday morning game 8:30 (0-20 MP) at Eisenhower.

**Cindy Kane:** Cindy and her husband, Mark, bought a house in Mallory about 4 years ago, and they became permanent residents about 1 ½ years ago. They moved here from Tampa. Mark is a member of the Dragon Boat Club and he is not a bridge player. They are both golfers. Cindy plays bridge about once per week in the 0-20 Eisenhower game. She took a bridge course "Introduction to Bridge" at Eisenhower and loved it. She loves our website.

**Elizabeth (Libby) Benton:** Libby has lived in The Villages for about 14 years. She moved here from Atlanta and she lives in the Glenbrook area. She has played bridge for about 50 years. She plays mostly in non-sanctioned games, but she wants to start playing in our duplicate games. She is a very active person.

**Karen Brennan:** Karen moved here from MA 4 years ago. She came here to visit a friend and bought a house here a year later. She loves the lifestyle of The Villages. She is also a golfer. Two years ago she took bridge lessons at the Learning Center. She has also taken advantage of our Educational Classes with Susan Fraser and Janet Matthews. She has attended the Wednesday morning game at Eisenhower. She is an intense learner. Bev Magnueson is in the process of helping her find partners. She is an ACBL member.

**Cyril Egavian and Sharon Tessem** moved here from Port St. Lucie. They are both new to bridge and have been playing regularly in the limited games. They started playing bridge two years ago, mostly in social games. They love The Villages and they love bridge and the limited game. They said all the bridge players are very friendly. They've been taking Paul's lessons (given before his game) and feel they have learned a lot. They both became Junior Masters and are very proud of that accomplishment.

**Bob Droney** had not played bridge until the summer of 2016 when he completed the Beginner Bridge Class offered by The Villages Duplicate Bridge Club and taught by Janet Matthews. Thanks to Janet for introducing me to the game. Like most of us in The Villages I was involved in many outdoor activities, but I was looking for an activity to challenge me mentally. I was pleased to see the Beginner Bridge Class offering in the Rec News. After completing the class, Janet advised that I should start playing. The Club encourages us newer players by offering limited games (for those of us without master points). I started playing in the Monday evening game for those with less than 49 masterpoints. Paul Matheson is the director and he offers a brief lesson before the game. Paul has been a very encouraging and enjoyable bridge instructor. I am concerned that I may break the record for being in his group the longest! I also play in the Thursday evening and Saturday morning games directed by Pat Holmes. I cannot thank both Paul and Pat enough for their time and effort in not only directing these games but more for their sharing their bridge knowledge and encouragement for us new players. I have been pleasantly surprised by the bridge players I have met; the image many of us had of bridge players is way off the mark. They are regular people who happen to have learned to play bridge. I have enjoyed meeting and playing with many in the club. The club also provides educational opportunities as we grow as bridge players. In addition to playing the game of bridge, I like being able to do a post-mortem (to learn from my mistakes and maybe to conclude that it was not my partner's fault for our poor showing). The

information available on the Club website about the game results keeps me occupied for more time than I should spend on a game. That could be related to my professional career as a CPA. My wife, Jan, and I moved to The Villages ten years ago from Henderson, Nevada (southeast suburb of Las Vegas). My three children live in Salt Lake City, Utah area with 6 of 7 of my grandchildren. The oldest is in Djibouti, Africa with the US Army.

**Carol and Harvey Stone:** Carol Stone and her husband Harvey are seasonal visitors from North West Pennsylvania. They have played bridge for many years and about five years ago Carol started to play duplicate. She is looking for partners! Please welcome them both to our bridge family.

**Joyce Clark:** Joyce is Danny Clark's wife and just started playing bridge. They are from Kentucky and have been back and forth over the last twelve years. They are now living here full time in Amelia. Joyce loves our Club and the friendly people.

**A BIG WELCOME TO ALL OF OUR NEW MEMBERS FROM YOUR BRIDGE FRIENDS!**

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### **NOW I KNOW**

The Chinese invented playing cards in AD 1000.

Some interesting facts and observations about "Playing cards":

Did you know that the Traditional Deck of the Playing Cards is a strikingly coherent form of a Calendar?

There are 52 weeks in the year and there are 52 Playing Cards in a Deck.

There are 13 weeks in each Season and there are 13 cards in each suit.

There are 4 Seasons in a Year and 4 Suits in the Deck.

There are 12 Months in a Year so there are 12 Court Cards.

(Those with faces namely Jack, Queen, King in each suit.)

The Red Cards represent Day, while Black Cards represent the Night.

If you let Jacks = 11, Queens = 12, and the Kings = 13, then add up all the sums of  $1 + 2 + 3 \dots$  to  $13 = 91$ .

Multiply this by 4, for the 4 Suits, therefore  $91 \times 4 = 364$ , Add

1 that is the Joker and you will arrive at the number 365

Being the Days in a Year.

Is that a mere coincidence or a greater intelligence?

Of interest is the sum of the letters in all the names of the cards, e.g., add up the letters in "one, two, three, four, five, six, seven, eight, nine, ten, Jack, Queen, King" = 52!

The Spades indicate ploughing or working.

The Hearts indicates Love thy crops.

The Clubs indicates flourishing and growth.

The Diamonds indicate reaping the wealth.

Also, in some card games 2 Jokers are used; Indicating the Leap Year.

There is a deeper Philosophy than just merely Playing Cards.

The Mathematical perfection is mind blowing.

# **MOST MASTER POINTS FROM ALL ACBL EVENTS**

MINIMUM OF 20 GAMES PLAYED IN THE VILLAGES DBC

Sandra	Gebhardt	685.61	Andy	Sloan	302	Eric	Voss	170.74
Jeff	Koltenuk	545.68	Alex	Booke	293.02	Gail	Singer	163.46
Philip	Benner	522.08	Sandy	Booke	276.38	Carol	Alspach	161.89
Charles	Showalter	479.68	Marilyn	Williams	275.18	Gordon	Pfeiffer	161.86
David	Morse	472.69	Frances Gina	Doss	249.89	Ethel	Levine	161.36
Carolyn	Benner	467.04	Lucy	Tillman	240.58	Barb	Jones	157.63
Dave	Hudson	463.25	Beverly	Parrish	234.61	Joe	Bosch	156.7
Paul	Hassett	453.17	Alex	Birman	223.67	Gail	Rickard	156.53
Russ	Pearly	444.71	Louise	Hodgins	219.3	Dave	Stentz	156.52
Jon	Williams	409.21	Mike	Kwiatkowski	210.71	Sheila	Naylor	156.14
Ed	Schusler	365.51	Paul	Matheson	201.96	Buck	Buchanan	154.67
Gladys	Mikel	352.59	Albert P	Simpson	200.28	Ray	Jones	154.64
Janet	Matthews	351.99	Bruce	Thiher	187.5	Barry	Erlich	154.28
Rich	Seidman	344.71	Russ	Pomeroy	184.38	Maury	Fjestad	152.59
Joe	Sacco	335.3	Neil	Timm	176.84	Don	Schreifels	151.15
Susan	Fraser	334.92	Greg	Saunders	176.81			
Colleen	Treanor	333.16	Nancy	Turner	175.19			
Dean	Robinson	309.43	George	Murray	173.92			

## **CLUB POINTS EARNED IN 2018**

Over 1,000 Master Points			300 - 999 Master Points			Under 300 Master Points		
Jeff	Koltenuk	475.47	Alex	Birman	166.66	Jim	Strazzere	113.09
Charles	Showalter	414.56	Mike	Kwiatkowski	142.89	Joe	Bosch	112.41
Dave	Hudson	414.23	Eric	Voss	123.91	Nancy	McAnnally	108.72
Paul	Hassett	391.19	Gordon	Pfeiffer	117.08	Harry	Freedman	88.43
Philip	Benner	323.16	David	Michaelson	112.45	Eileen	Rush	72.65
Gladys	Mikel	321.31	Donna	Brown	112.22	Susan	Krier	65.63
Joe	Sacco	307.61	Ralph	Rosenfeld	109.91	Byllye	Boardman	65.55
Russ	Pearly	303.58	Joseph	Ogi	105.84	George	Mast	65.26
Richard	Seidman	301.45	Don	Schreifels	105.03	Jim	Gould	64.95
Jon	Williams	287.23	Margaret	Sarno	102.53	Pat	Scheffer	61.55
Carolyn	Benner	266.55	Larry	Abramovitz	99.82	Doug	Vene	61.36
Susan	Fraser	260.72	Michael	Lotti	99.79	Susan	Mast	61.35
Andy	Sloan	252.07	Jack	Franklin	97.31	George	Guarino	58.98
Beverly	Parrish	216.11	Ruth	McCann	94.16	Harry	Brady	58.97
Colleen	Treanor	216.03	Doug	Smith	87.91	LaVonne	Williams	58.95
Ed	Schusler	207.8	Dave	Harris	87.29	Bob	Martin	58.83
Janet	Matthews	201.71	Lynn	Patterson	81.07	Bernie	Carleton	57
Alex	Booke	194.95	Karen	Pekkanen	79.98	Randy	Eisner	56.11
Marilyn	Williams	185.91	Gail	Singer	77.93	Cathy	Thomas	55.88
Sandy	Booke	178.52	Patricia	Holmes	74.91	Pamela	Nettelbeck	55.75

## Hosting at The Nationals 2018

When Janet and I were first asked in January of 2018 if we might be interested in acting as the Hosts for the National Board of Directors at each of the three National Tournaments that took place last year, I was still in hospital in Jacksonville undergoing daily radiation for cancer. I think that it was as much to show faith in the treatment that I was receiving, as it was not wanting to say no to the person asking, that made us give a very positive response!

The request had come from Jay Whipple and his wife, Kimberley, who, once Jay found himself elected to serve as the ACBL President for the year, also found themselves looking round for a suitable couple to assist each day when they were required to open their suite at each venue to the National Board Members who would come there for meetings and lots of what turned out to be 'Happy Hours' each evening.

We have known Jay and Kimberley for some time, they told us that we were their first and clear choice to work with them. Whatever their motives for picking us, we were delighted to be able to help them out.

Whatever their reasoning, to both of us it sounded like a great opportunity. We were going to travel to each of the venues, Philadelphia in March, Atlanta in July and then Honolulu in November and December, stay in a really nice suite, do some sightseeing and hopefully get to play some bridge at the same time. And for me at least, this would be my first time at a National event with a chance to play in a 'big' game.

In the event though, my own bridge didn't really materialize at the first two venues, probably due to my needing to pick up partners at the desk and my seeming endless ability to fail miserably to find someone that I hit it off with. In Hawaii I never really tried given the experiences of the previous two occasions. The one game that I did have an arrangement with someone else to play in, they went to the wrong room and by the time we had the error sorted out it was too late to join in the Gold Rush we had planned to play in. So, somewhat disappointed I just gave in to the sightseeing.

Janet, on the other hand, with her far higher level of play was much more fortunate. She was in demand at all three tournaments and so managed to get in quite a few games at each one playing with some very experienced partners and, I have to say, as usual did very well when she did play.

But we hadn't gone primarily for the bridge. We had been 'engaged' to help look after the 25 or so National Board Members who met for business meetings and to socialize with the President in his suite on a daily basis. And that was our first priority.

To that end we would daily set out snacks and on a couple of times during each week prepare (or have brought in), full meals for up to 40 people, and make sure that drinks were available so that there was always a lively and 'busy' atmosphere in the room. In other words, to play the perfect Hosts.



Full National Board Meetings would often take place throughout the day, and on those occasions, we would find ourselves with some time to spare. That was when we would go shopping to replenish our food or drinks supplies or do some sightseeing.

Sadly, Philadelphia proved rather cold and Atlanta rather hot for such ventures outside for too long. Although we did get to see some interesting places in both cities when we did go out, making me want to return to both at more weather suitable times!

If you ever venture to Philadelphia, you really MUST plan a trip to eat in the Reading Terminal Market. The wealth of food stalls and other delights is something not found anywhere else in the country I'm sure. But really sadly, in that city, despite the bitter cold and snow that we had whilst there, we also saw far too many homeless people who lived literally on the street! There is an underground railway system that runs through the city and large grills in the sidewalk allow for warm air from below to surface and escape. The only way that many were able to stay above freezing at night was to sleep on top of these grills, wrapped in the warmth of what came from below. I guess that seeing the obvious wealth that had to exist for people to be able to dine in any of the many up market restaurants we had nearby in such close proximity to abject poverty does bring home the awful divide that exists in certain places across the US.

Then it was on to Atlanta in the July heat! And we were beginning to think that the ACBL had it all wrong... a cold place in the winter and a hot one for the summer, when we realized that their idea was to perhaps keep people in and playing at the tournament rather than making it a trip that turned into more of a vacation than anything else. Certainly, the weather conditions at both of the venues encouraged the players to remain at the tables more often than not. So, maybe there is method to their madness after all.

So, as the year progressed and it was two down, one to go, it started to look just like it was with Goldilocks, one was too cold, one was too hot - which hopefully meant that the third would be just right.



With that in mind, at the end of November it was on to Hawaii-

And this was where two old sayings would come together to join forces to make it the very best of our trips!

"Elvis has left the building" and "we'll save the best till last" combined to make for a fantastic final tournament experience for the two of us.

At all three venues we had shared the use of the Presidential Suites with Jay and Kimberley. Not your average hotel rooms such as we are used to staying in. These ran to three bedrooms, three bathrooms, a large kitchen, dining room, lounge areas, closets and storerooms galore, all combined into one massive suite. We could have perhaps stayed in our usual level of hotel rooms for well over a month or more for the cost of just a single night in each of these palatial residences!

The venue for the tournament in Honolulu was the Hilton Hawaiian Village right at the start of Waikiki beach and our suite on the top floor of the Rainbow Tower had no less than five separate balconies, each looking out either over the beach or towards Diamond Head as well as out to sea and a rocky reef lying just offshore.



Janet in one of the rooms on 'our' suite, enjoying a moment of peace and quiet!

As it turned out, this was the same suite that Elvis had used when he visited the resort years back, hence the earlier quote. Of course, everything had been refurbished and a lot of changes made since those days. But it was nice to imagine that he must have taken in the same views and vistas that we were doing each day we stayed there.

We also had a very regular visitor by the name of George!

He appeared on our second day and made himself immediately at home. He would walk in off one of the balconies each morning and stay for anything up to an hour or so, just walking around, looking at what we were doing and commanding attention until we would shoo him off the iPad or laptop that we were reading or working on. But in a very short time we found ourselves looking out for him first thing every morning as he proved to be quite a character as well as a regular guest in the room.

Of course, being as close as we were, I just had to hike up Diamond Head. The views are spectacular from the top, but so too are they from many places around the island. And of course, we also found time during our stay to swim and snorkel over the reefs and spend time just watching the fish and relaxing.

And then, (I'd almost forgotten), there was the main reason why hundreds of others had gone there, to the cold, or the heat, or the wonderful island.... The bridge!



But bridge is bridge. Just another room with lots of people sitting all day and burning up the mental calories. I'm sure that for those who had been to each of these super places before and who had already exhausted all of the popular touristy spots, this was a good way to spend their time.

For me though, the chance to travel to new places and meet with new folks; to chat about The Villages Duplicate Bridge Club whenever I was asked where we were from, (which happened on a very frequent basis), was far more important and a wonderful experience.



For us the invite to do what we did turned out to be an opportunity to be with good friends, to make lots of new ones, to see some amazing places and to spend several wonderful weeks together. A most memorable year.

Bob and Janet

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## MONTREAL Club BIDS

by Neil H. Timm

1♣@ Opener + Responses (1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Seats Only)  
@Use Short Club Bid in Seats 3 and 4 as Non-Forcing

Open 1 Club with 11-19 High Card Points or **Double** if Bid was stolen

High Card Points (HCP) Responses

Follow-up Bids

Opener's Rebid 2 Clubs Forcing

5/6-9 Points

1♦ 5+ Diamonds	Re-Bid 6+ Suit
1♥ 5+ Hearts	or Bid 4-Card Suit
1♠ 5+ Spades	or Bid 3-card Suit with A or K
1 NT No 5-card Maj	

10-12 Points

2♣* 5 Hearts	3 Clubs Forcing, Nxt Level Bids
2♦* 5 Spades	1 <sup>st</sup> Level Higher 10 Points
2♥ 6+ Hearts	2 <sup>nd</sup> Level Higher 11 Points
2♠ 6+ Spades	3 <sup>rd</sup> Level Higher 12 Points
2NT No 5+ Major	

13+ Points

3♣* 5 Hearts	4 Clubs Forcing, Nxt Level Bids
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3♦* 5 Spades	13-14 4 Diamonds
3♥ 6+ Hearts	15-16 4 Hearts
3♠ 6+ Spades	17-18 4 Spades
3NT No 5 Card Maj	19+ 5NT

**Note:** With one or two 4 card majors, may bid 2NT with 13+ Points so that partner may bid their 4 card Major Suit if Available. With no 4 Card Major bid 3NT. With a larger hand bid 4NT Blackwood since no agreed upon suit. \*= Alert as Forcing Artificial Bid @=announce bid as Non-Forcing and maybe short.

## KENNEDY Club BIDS

Open 1♣@ with 11-19 High Card Points or **Double** if Bid was stolen

High Card Points (HCP)	Responses	Opener's Rebids
5/6-10 Points	1♦ No 5-card Major	Bid 4-card Majors Up-the-line
	1♥ 5+ Hearts	jump with 15+
	1♠ 5+ Spades	Bid 1NT balanced Minimum
	1NT No 4/5-card Major	Invite 2NT or bid best minor

The responder, holding neither a 4-card Major suit nor a 5-card Major suit, and no 5-card support for opener's Minor suit, will bid No Trump on the appropriate level according to the number of working values: 2NT with values of 9/10 to 12, and 3NT with game values. Blackwood with no agreed upon major suit. @=Announce bid as Non-Forcing and may be short.

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### TOURNAMENT RESULTS

#### **REGIONAL AT SEA (WITH LARRY COHEN) LISBON, PORTUGAL NOV. 10—21 2018**

83.26 Sandy Booke    83.26 Alex Booke    67.45 Marilyn Williams    67.45 Jon Williams  
8.02 Ann Barnes

#### **HONOLULU NABC Nov. 22—Dec. 2**

40.54 Carolyn Benner    33.71 Philip Benner    7.77 Janet Matthews    3.86 Shelia Naylor    3.86 Bill Lau

#### **ST. AUGUSTINE SECTIONAL Dec. 7—9 2018**

##### **Ancient City Winter Sectional**

9.79 m Philip Benner    9.79 Carolyn Benner    2.96 Ted Dicorpo    2.96 Josephine Dicorpo

1.17 Rocky Gilbert      1.17 Marty Gilbert      .60 Martha Smith      .60 Bob Smith      .33 Barry Pressman

# **FT. LAUDERDALE REGIONAL CORAL SPRINGS DEC. 10—16**

4.30 Kristie Carter      4.30 Gail Singer

# **ORLANDO REGIONAL JAN. 7—13**

62.81 Sandra Gebhardt	31.18 Russ Pearly	31.18 Paul Hassett	26.29 Vicki Adams
26.29 Lawrence Adams	24.68 Larry Sumner	16.71 Colleen Treanor	14.88 Charlie Showalter
13.61 Marc Richman	13.61 Linda Hansell	13.61 Jon Williams	13.61 Jim Hansell
13.60 Kelly Dryden	12.34 Carma Sands	11.42 Gordon Pfeiffer	10.85 Susan Krier
9.85 Brenda Davis	9.05 Beverly Parrish	8.91 Leslie Nelson	8.81 Susan Mast
8.81 George Mast	8.29 Nicholas Pund	8.12 Kristie Carter	8.12 Jim Green
8.12 Gail Singer	7.27 Donald Schreifels	6.85 Carolyn Benner	6.25 Douglas Smith
6.11 Mary Ann Kelly	6.11 Linda Eicher	6.11 Donna Brown	6.11 Chester Eicher
6.11 Andy Kelly	6.02 David Harris	6.02 Danny Clark	5.46 Ronald Fess
5.44 Maury Fjestad	5.44 Douglas Vene	5.35 Marilyn Hubbard	4.79 Lennie Ruyan
4.52 Paul Matheson	4.54 Andy Sloan	4.52 Goentje Wright	4.49 Marc Rissman
4.38 Linda Fess	4.04 Merle Erlich	3.93 Sharon Amberg	3.93 Emiel Donis
3.93 Alex Birman	3.51 Eric Voss	3.49 Wilson Rivera	3.49 Dick Slieglitz
3.48 Linda Briggs	3.42 Carol Mayer	3.36 Philip Benner	3.29 Joyce Knapp
2.86 Warrne Scheffer	2.72 Nancy Turner	2.72 Cathy Thomas	2.69 Susanne Rattner
2.68 Harle Phelps	2.58 Myron Henry	2.58 Mary Henry	2.58 Charles Graham
2.45 Ralph Rosenfeld	2.45 Michael Hindershot	2.38 Mauri Buchanan	2.25 Joseph Gaudette
2.25 Carol Leslie	2.15 Roger Flickinger	2.15 Robert Ellis	2.15 Judy Flickinger
2.05 R. Douglas Smith	1.81 Fred Everett	1.76 Carol Buckley	1.76 Barbara Nelson
1.71 Mary Lou Downey	1.71 Dixie Bourke	1.57 Phyllis Sokol-Wood	1.55 Nancy Jaffe
1.55 Donna Sinrud	1.54 Shelia Naylor	1.54 Bill Lau	1.45 Ellen Danich
1.42 Sally Paul	1.35 Ted Dicorpo	1.35 Jo Dicorpo	1.30 Donna Black
1.20 John Carlson	1.08 Johnna Hazlett	1.07 Nancy Brickley	1.05 Jan Masterson

There were 13 players from our Club who scored less than 1 master point.

# **68<sup>TH</sup> HAWDEI REGIONAL HONOLULU, HI JAN 7—13**

10.63 Terry Oleske      10.63 Jon Greenspan

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When you are declarer and the dummy hand comes down, use **CRAM**.

**C** = Count your losers in a suit contract; Count your winners in a NT contract.

**R** = Review the bidding.

**A**= Analyze the lead.

**M**=Make a plan.

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