

CLUB NEWS

FOR THE DUPLICATE PLAYERS OF THE VILLAGES

JUNE, 2019

NEWS CLIPS:

Congratulations to **Andrea Macheel**! She scored a hole-in-one on the 8th hole at Silver Lake Golf Course on April 17. It is a 130 yard hole and she used a 3-wood.

At the Annual Dinner of the Wildwood Soup Kitchen in April, **Lou Fischer** received a special award honoring him for eleven years of volunteer service. **Congratulations, Lou! Couldn't happen to a nicer guy!**

Gail Rickard, a member of our VDBC for the past two years, winters in Mexico. She loves our Club and she appreciates all that the Club has done for her. Some of her bridge friends came to visit her in Mexico in March. "The girls came down to give me my bridge fix for the winter and we had a ball, playing bridge every day, swimming, and eating out. Naturally, there was a lot of shopping!" The girls names are: **Palmer Davies, Gail, Cesy, Linda Ferens, and Rosemary Huang**. Gail adds: "If anyone of you chooses to come play in the winter, please look me up!"



Ed Schusler and Phil Benner had a 71.42% game on Monday, April 29. Congratulations!

NEWS CLIPS:

CHET AND LINDA EICHER were feted at a going-away party at Bacall Rec Center on Saturday, April 6. They are moving back to Michigan after twelve years in The Villages and they will be greatly missed by their friends and bridge players.

The highlight of the evening was the singing of Mark Schmit, a well-known local tenor. He sang a variety of Broadway songs, such as songs from West Side Story, Les Miserables, and others.

Chet and Linda plan to rent here for three months in early 2020. We will all look forward to their return.



Everyone is getting ready for the **PAT FORD MEMORIAL SECTIONAL BRIDGE TOURNAMENT!** It will be held at the Savannah Recreational Center on June 14—16. Tournament chairs: Bob Matthews and Alex Booke; Partnerships: Joan Colbert (Open) and BJ Chiota (399ers). Larry Abramovitz is busy getting people to donate food! Good luck to everyone!

ON OUR WEBSITE: We are now ranked #1 in all of North America in table count. It may be a short-lived ranking because of the winter residents leaving for their summers up north. But, we will enjoy the ranking while it lasts!

Offender's Partner's Use of Unauthorized Information

The purpose of this discussion is to clarify when an offending side has taken advantage of UI and the proper way it should be addressed. This is real example from our game and next month I will include others.

Scenario #1

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

W	N	E	S
P	1D	1H	3D

When I arrive, South, before I can say a word says, "I meant to bid this (fanning his finger along the spade suit)."

South's hand is S-Q,10,9,5 H-3,2 D-Q,10,9,3,2 C-Q,9

Obviously, this is not a case of a "slip of the fingers" in the bid box, he had just pre-emptively raised diamonds, forgetting to bid his four card spade suit. I look at their Convention Cards and it shows a jump raise over an overcall as weak. I state that South may not change his call and cautioned North that he is in the possession of Unauthorized Information (UI) and he must bid based only on partner's 3D bid. It doesn't take much of an imagination to guess what South had meant to bid after his demonstrative action.

North now bids 3S holding S-A,K,J,8 H-10,9,5 D-K,J,5,4 C-J,6 (13 HCP) and it is passed out.

I inform E/W to call me at the end of the hand if they feel they were harmed.

Law 16B says:

"B. Extraneous Information from Partner 1. Any extraneous information from partner that might suggest a call or play is unauthorized. This includes remarks, questions, replies to questions, unexpected alerts or failures to alert, unmistakable hesitation, unwonted speed, special emphasis, tone, gesture, movement or mannerism. (a) A player may not choose a call or play that is demonstrably suggested over another by unauthorized information if the other call or play is a

logical alternative. 23 (b) A logical alternative is an action that a significant proportion of the class of players in question, using the methods of the partnership, would seriously consider, and some might select.”

I was called back to the table after the play was completed as defenders felt they may have been harmed. I ruled that North had indeed (egregiously IMHO) utilized the UI as he certainly had a logical alternative that a “significant proportion of the class of players” would have selected- Pass over 3D. He has a 13 point hand and partner has pre-emptively raised to 3D- I don’t see a natural 3S bid on this planet.

Law 16B3 says:

“3. When a player has substantial reason to believe that an opponent who had a logical alternative has chosen an action suggested by such information, he should summon the Director when play ends. The Director shall assign an adjusted score (see Law 12C1) if he considers that an infraction of law has resulted in an advantage for the offender.”

The result at the table was 3S down 1. The hand records show that the hand only makes either 2D or 2S, thus the score (-100) would have been the same in 3D so I did NOT make an adjustment to the score. If the hand resulted in a better score for 3S than 3D, (for example 140 vs 110) I would have adjusted it to the result of 3D.

I also had considered giving the offending side a procedural penalty under Law 90:

“A. Director’s Authority: The Director, in addition to implementing the rectifications in these Laws, may also assess procedural penalties for any offense that unduly delays or obstructs the game, inconveniences other contestants, violates correct procedure, or requires the award of an adjusted score.”

Whether or not an adjusted score is given the pair transmitting and/or utilizing the UI could be subject to a procedural penalty if the director feels one is justified.

Submitted by **Rick Gauthier**

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Puns for the mind:

“The fattest knight at King Arthur’s round table was Sir Cumference. He acquired his size from too much pi.”

“She was only a whiskey maker, but he loved her still.”

“A hole has been found in the nudist camp wall. The police are looking into it.”

MOST CLUB POINTS JAN 1 - APRIL 30, 2019

OVER 1,000 MP's			300 – 999 MP's			Under 300 MP's		
Russ	Pearly	175.52	Lynn	Patterson	53.05	Vernon	Sikora	39.86
Dave	Hudson	153.48	Donna	Brown	47.34	Frank	Palazzo	37.87
Ed	Schusler	146.63	Mike	Kwiatkowski	41.55	Jim	Strazzere	36.42
Paul	Hassett	126.87	Alex	Birman	38.27	Nancy	McAnnally	36.12
Philip	Benner	124.12	Ron	Cooper	36.21	Harry	Freedman	34.75
Charles	Showalter	120.96	Joseph	Ogi	35.31	Jim	Young	32.6
Edward	Schwartz	106	Larry	Abramovitz	34.74	Pat	Wilson	27.96
Jeff	Koltenuk	99.54	Ruth	McCann	33.98	Ben	Lysohirka	27.84
Richard	Seidman	97.27	Patricia	Holmes	32.21	Eileen	Rush	27.35
Gladys	Mikel	92.92	Ralph	Rosenfeld	31.34	Patricia	Ballman	27.2
Jon	Williams	88.59	Karen	Pekkanen	30.32	Becky	Riehl	26.03
Janet	Matthews	88.08	Gordon	Pfeiffer	29.44	Gail	Smith	25.68
Colleen	Treanor	87.82	James	Slater	29.3	Steve	Smith	25.68
Susan	Fraser	87.65	Maury	Fjestad	29.03	Joe	Bosch	25.51
Joe	Sacco	78.38	Don	Schreifels	28.81	Jim	Gould	25.51
Lucy	Tillman	70.3	Myron	Henry	28.28	George	Mast	25.13
Linda	Hansell	68.49	Margaret	Sarno	28.22	Susan	Mast	25.13
Jim	Hansell	68.49	Debby	Lovegrove	28.18	Sugi	Hayes	24.71
Carolyn	Benner	67.78	Eric	Voss	27.95	Sharon	Kruger	24.24
John	Stansbury	64.33	David	Michaelson	27.75	Susan	Krier	24.18

MOST POINTS EARNED FROM ALL ACBL EVENTS THROUGH APRIL, 2019

Russ	Pearly	227.11	Jim	Hansell	82.1	Marc	Richman	52.89
Paul	Hassett	171.01	Linda	Hansell	82.1	Sandy	Booke	51.09
Ed	Schusler	163.06	Joe	Sacco	78.38	Lawrence	Adams	51.07
Philip	Benner	155.19	Dean	Robinson	75.85	Mary Ann	Kelly	49.57
Dave	Hudson	153.48	Lucy	Tillman	72.3	Barb	Jones	46.19
Sandra	Gebhardt	142.27	Bruce	Thiher	71.22	Alex	Birman	46.13
Charles	Showalter	141.45	Lynn	Patterson	66.01	Victoria	Adams	46.02
Colleen	Treanor	121.74	Dave	Stentz	64.89	John	Lahoud	45.5
Richard	Seidman	118.03	Beverly	Parrish	64.42	Alice	Lahoud	44.48
Edward	Schwartz	106.21	John	Stansbury	64.33	Neil	Timm	44
Jon	Williams	102.2	Lee	Esworthy	63.07	Caroline	Davies	43.55
Jeff	Koltenuk	100.16	Greg	Saunders	61.4	Carol	Ketterer	43.29
Gladys	Mikel	94.61	Marilyn	Williams	61.34	Sheila	Goad	42.98
Carolyn	Benner	91.34	Mike	Kwiatkowski	59.13	Larry	Sumner	42.85
Janet	Matthews	88.25	Alex	Booke	54.14	Michael	Mocella	42.32
Susan	Fraser	87.65	Andy	Sloan	54.13	Joseph	Ogi	41.42
David	Morse	86.23	Donna	Brown	53.38	Gordon	Pfeiffer	40.98

BRIDGE AND LONGEVITY BY DOUG WORTHINGTON

In Gail Sheehy's book "New Passages", she notes how mental stimulation can and does promote good health and longevity.

Christine Grimaldi was an exercise physiologist who worked with seniors; some of her clients were in depression, while others were wealthy, healthy, and happy. Sheehy asked the physiologist, "What is the single greatest difference between those who begin to fall apart as they get older and those who stay healthy and fit and seem to go on forever?"

Grimaldi responded with no hesitation: "Mental stimulation. People who keep themselves active and don't isolate themselves as they get older are the ones who keep their mind-body connection working to stay healthy."

Duplicate bridge promotes good health and longevity by removing people from their isolation and confronting them with one of the most mentally challenging card games ever invented.

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We are happy to report that **Scott Scobell** is home from the hospital following colon surgery. We are praying the follow-up appointments will be positive for him.

Loretta Harp is at the Club Rehab Center since her hip came out of the socket.

Jack Smith is in the hospital (at the time of this writing) with pneumonia. We hope he is back at the bridge table soon.

NEW RESIDENT MEMBER (March and April)

Betty Abromaitis	Sue Johnson	Dee Packar	Mary Bowes	Reanee Kalvinski
Ernie Peabody	Joan Cordon	Patricia Karp	Pat Peabody	Tim Cordon
Jackie Kasen	Karen Piper	Judy David	Sue Kelly	Tom Piper
Mary Ellen Dunbar	Phyllis Kettlewell	Jan Reed	Michele Ferrett	Lonnie Maynard
Holli Rovenger	Larry Geher	Ann McClelland	Adle Sheaffer	Fred Hanson
Tom Meleney	Kathleen Slevin	Dorothy Hardock	Cindy Mordzo	Virginia Stayman
Beth Helou	Diana Muehlenkamp	Lora Tucker	Ed Hufnagle	Jim Muehlenkamp
Betty Wagner	Sandy Hufnagle	Gregory Novak	Howard Weisz	George Ibe
Gary Obst	Kathleen Weisz	Rae Ibe	Evelyn Oster	

WELCOME TO ALL!

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EDUCATIONAL SCHEDULE: Please stay tuned to the Educational Schedule listed on our website.

DATABASE MANAGER: **Vikie Adams** will be taking over **Paul Matheson's job of Database Manager** on June 1. Paul has done a fantastic job, and we wish Vikie good luck in following in his capable steps! **Thanks, Paul, for the excellent job you have done!**

MASTER RANK changes have been posted to the website. Congratulations to all 24 members!

JAN AND GARY GARDNER

by Pat Poitinger

JAN AND GARY moved to The Villages about six years ago. Jan had hurt her back and could no longer work with patients, and she needed to exercise daily and the doctors told her that swimming each day would help her. When they visited The Villages, they decided this would be an ideal spot for them, because there were so many swimming pools available. They start each day, regardless of weather, with a 70 minute pool workout.



Both of them held very interesting positions before moving here. Gary was a Control System Engineer, working for many paper companies including Kimberly Clark, International Paper and Procter and Gamble. He designed manufacturing systems; wrote software programs and continued to be sought out after he decided to establish his own business. Gary retired from consulting five months ago. Jan managed many businesses; owned healthy food restaurants; and lastly was an MRI Tech for 22 years. She established an MRI safety database, named MagResource, for hospitals and MRI imaging sites. MagResource, world's largest MRI safety database, has clients worldwide.

In Jan's own words: "Four years ago my husband and I began playing social bridge once or twice a week. Gary had learned Goren as a teen from his parents and grandfather, but I was pretty much a novice. I frustrated the devil out of Gary because he knew I was not stupid, but my bridge play under his supervision was substandard—to say the least. Postgame discussions became more and more heated until they were no longer postgame, but during the game! I refused for a year to play in public games, only attending friend's homes to play. One night dear friends convinced us to join a duplicate house party. We were intimidated but quickly hooked.

We began attending The Villages Newcomers games with an entertaining but informative teacher, Paul Matheson, every week. I began to understand the game, even though Gary wasn't interested in every part of the Standard American system ; he prefers us to adapt our own system to the hands we get. Because of the wonderful Zero Tolerance mandate, the play discussions had to be afterwards. We are often starved after night games and in need of a glass of wine or beer from the stress of it all, so we usually go to a restaurant after the game. Armed with our information from the great Villages website, we pour over our performance versus others. There is no arguing the black and white facts and you must be civil in a restaurant. A win-win situation! Civil discourse and dinner out!

I only wish we had started with duplicate bridge. I feel it is the very best way for people to learn to play bridge. So many people we talk to say "Oh, we're not good enough to play with those fussy people at duplicate." We correct them. A year ago our Newcomers group started out very quiet and reserved. As we've all improved as players we have grown to be friends who encourage each other—not criticize.

Yes, initially when we ventured into the open game with 16 points, we played people with thousands of points, and we thought they were being nasty to us, when they questioned our bidding and discards. But we quickly learned that is part of the game and not an insult. Our bidding was just so different the better players thought we had some new fangled, secret bidding system. They are much more relaxed with us now, realizing back then, sometimes we had no clue what we were doing. Today to our delight sometimes we even win points at the open games. I can see that Bridge requires a lifetime of learning. It is a challenge we embrace."

We embrace you both for being part of our Villages Duplicate Bridge Club!

ADDY ADLER
by Buck Buchanan

Addy Adler is probably the most well-travelled person in The Villages Duplicate Bridge Club. She has been on six around-the-world cruises and a number of shorter cruises. In total, she has spent a total of over three years on a cruise ship. She estimates she has been to over two hundred countries.



This is a picture of Addy and her friends during her last cruise. The picture was taken in Australia.

Addy's next cruise will be on January 4, 2020, leaving from Ft. Lauderdale. She will be traveling on the Amsterdam, a Holland America ship. Holland is her favorite cruise line.

The Amsterdam will travel south through the Caribbean, Brazil, Uruguay, Argentina, the Falkland

Islands, and arrive in Antarctica on January 20. After several days in the Antarctic, the Amsterdam will then work its way up the west coast of Chile through the Beagle Channel and the Straits of Magellan up to Santiago. At this point, it will work its way westward to Easter Island, Pitcairn Island, and many other Polynesian islands, arriving in Auckland, New Zealand on March 2. It will then spend about two weeks exploring Australia, arriving in Bali on March 20. It then travels west through Singapore, Indonesia, Sri Lanka, and the Maldives, arriving in Kenya on April 8. It will then work its way southward around the Cape of Good Hope and up the west coast of Africa. Addy loves Africa, but said the poverty brings her to tears. The Amsterdam will travel west across the Atlantic through the Caribbean and arrive back in Ft. Lauderdale on May 12. Whew!

The general rule of thumb on cruise ships is that passengers will gain a pound a day. At this rate, Addy will gain 128 lbs. However, Addy said she actually loses weight on her around-the-world cruises. No Midnight buffets for Addy. Also, no bread and no desserts. The Amsterdam is a relatively small ship...1100 passengers. Addy says that about two-thirds of the passengers are repeat passengers and she is friends with them all.

Addy originally traveled with another woman, but she said she has traveled alone the past two cruises. She said she needs the closet space! She did say, however, that if someone from The Villages wants to travel with her, she'll be willing to give up the closet space.

On sea days (days with no port stops), Addy usually plays bridge in the afternoon. There are usually 10—14 tables. She usually acquires 20—25 masterpoints on a cruise. Her other major activity on board is attending lectures. Most of these are on the culture and history of the countries they visit, and various scientific subjects such as geology and biology.

Addy says her favorite country is Oman in the Middle East. This is an oil-rich country where the Sheik gives the native-born residents a house and a car. Addy, unfortunately, was born in Brooklyn.

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2018 Helen Shanbrom Ace of Clubs Winners Announced

The national Helen Shanbrom Ace of Clubs winners for 2018 have been announced. These are for points awarded at the club level. Several Villagers were among the winners. The national winner in the 1500 to 2500 masterpoint category was **Paul Hassett**, who was awarded 379 points at Village bridge games. Congratulations, Paul! **Jeff Koltenuk** was second in the 3500 to 5000 point level with 441 points.

Several other Villagers were among those who placed. These are as follows;

0-5 level; Rocky and Marty Gilbert: 54 points (15th and 16th place)

20-50 level; Jim Strazzere, 109 points (5th place)

20-50 level; Nancy McAnnally, 105 points (8th place)

50-100 level; Joe Bosch, 102 points (15th place)

100-200 level; Eric Voss, 119 points (24th place)

200-300 level; Mike Kwiatkowski, 134 points (16th place)

300-500 level; George Murray, 152 points (13th place)

1500-2500 level; Russ Pearly, 303 points (5th place)

1500-2500 level; Rich Seidman, 292 points (8th place)

1500-2500 level; Jon Williams, 267 points (14th place)

2500-3500 level; Gladys Mikel, 307 points (11th place)

3500-5000 level; Charlie Showalter, 395 points (7th place)

5000-7500 level; Phil Benner, 320 points (20th place)

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PAT AND GENE CICCARELLI

by Nancy Jaffe



Pat and Gene Ciccarelli are originally from West Virginia. They met when Pat was in kindergarten and Gene was in first grade (talk about robbing the cradle!!).

They started dating when they were both at West Virginia University. Pat was a math major and had joined a sorority where the ladies played lots of bridge. The GPA in the sorority started dropping and they were told no more bridge! Pat researched and found it was not the bridge players whose grades were dropping and so they were again allowed to play.

Gene was in college on a football scholarship and even tried as a free agent for the Miami Dolphins. But he ended up working on the docks in Brooklyn where he became a supervisor. Pat followed him there and they (con't on page 9)

married. Pat became a high school math teacher. They have two daughters, 4 granddaughters and one grandson. Most of the family is in the area and Pat and Gene enjoy being part of their lives.

In 1980 they moved to Fort Lauderdale, FL, and Gene worked for Port Everglades Authority where all the cruise ships docked. Together they got to travel on “Fam Cruises” which are familiarization cruises on the new ships.

Gene says he plays bridge for the fun of it but Pat is the serious one!

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A NEW RESIDENT REPORT (by Nancy Jaffe)

DAVE FRIES: Dave and his wife moved into Dunedin in 2016. They stay in The Villages for 7-8 months of the year and then return to Ohio for the summer. Dave’s wife does not play bridge but he has found a partner in Sue Williams, another Ohioan. Dave also enjoys pickle ball and golf and loves being outside during the day. So, when he returns, you’ll find him at the bridge table for the evening games. Be sure to say Hi!

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ARTICLE BY PAT POITINGER

A friend of mine from Bonita Springs, FL, **Pat Sills**, recently sent me a book entitled “Duplicate Bridge Simplified”, with a copyright date of 1931. Her mother (**Etha Parsons Gay**) gave it to Pat’s husband, **Tom**, when Tom became interested in duplicate bridge years ago.

The book was written by **Lieutenant Alfred M. Gruenther**, who later became the youngest four-star general in U.S. history. He later wrote another book “Duplicate Bridge Guide” in collaboration with **Ely Culbertson**. He was born in 1899, died in 1983, and buried at Arlington National Cemetery.

He wrote the book to help bridge players transition from social bridge to duplicate bridge, especially at home games and small club games. It is an amazing book! It’s a real keepsake! Since 1929, he also served as Tournament Director at nearly every important tournament, including the National, Vanderbilt, and Eastern Championships. At the time of his first book, he was considered to be the outstanding authority on Duplicate Bridge in this country.

I plan to contact ACBL to inquire if they already have his books in its archives or if they would like me to send it to them, along with a bio sheet of **Alfred Gruenther**. My friend also sent me his bio sheet.

A big thank you is sent to my dear friends, **Pat and Tom Sills**, for sharing their treasure with me.

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Let us all remember our fallen heroes on Memorial Day. They have helped to keep America free and they have helped to protect our Constitution! God Bless them all and God Bless the USA!

What is your agreement?

A bridge Tip

By Neil H. Timm

Playing 2/1 or Precision, one must be aggressive when bidding.

Below are simple aggressive bidding guidelines for Open CC.

- 1) With 6 HCP - you need a VOID and a 5-card suit (3rd/4th seat ONLY)*
- 2) With 8 HCP - you need AT LEAST 5-5/6-4/5-4-4-0 distribution with 2 Aces
- 3) With 9 HCP - you need AT LEAST 5-4-3-1 distributions with 2 Aces
- 4) With 10 HCP - you need AT LEAST 5-4 distribution with 2 Aces
- 5) With 11 HCP - you need EITHER a 5-card suit OR 5 controls (A=2 & K=1)

Examples:

♠KQxxx

♥Jxxxx

♦xxx

♣ Void

Open 1♠ 6 HCP a void and a 5-card suit (3rd/4th Seat)

♠xx

♥Axxxx

♦Axxxx

♣ x

Open 1♥ 8 HCP 5-5 and 2 Aces Near Average Strength/Rule of 17)

♠Axxx

♥AQxxx

♦xx

♣ xx

Open 1♥ 10 HCP 5-4 and 2 Aces (average strength or Rule of 19)

Note with AK A and 11 HCP you need a 5-card suit

*Not allowed in 1st or 2nd Seats

Good Luck

If you have any questions about these, please contact Neil Timm.

THE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

I am honestly surprised how fast time seems to fly by as we age! Here we are, almost at the half way stage of the present year, and in so many ways I feel that I should have been able to have accomplished much more than I think I have in the time since we were welcoming in 2019.

Perhaps that's the way of things, when we are younger we feel, *and act*, as if we have all the time in the world...our entire life ahead to do so many things that we plan to achieve. In fact I can even recall actually wanting time to go more quickly so that anticipated events would hurry up and arrive!

If only we understood how precious each of those days were at the time we were zooming through them!

Anyway, one of those 'anticipated events', at least for this great club of ours, is coming very soon.

Our Open Sectional, which will run June 14th, 15th and 16th, offers us an annual opportunity to throw open the doors and invite many friends, some old acquaintances from around the State, some perhaps new to visiting us here, to come join in the competition and fun of playing this fantastic game.

It's also a great chance without the need to travel far for us to grab some more of the points we might personally need for the next level of recognition, or just to turn out to support our club in one of the few events where we can say "Hello" to outsiders.

Whatever, whether you need the special colored points that you can find at a Sectional, or just want to have a great time playing Bridge, I do hope that you will try hard to be there at least some of the time.

Last year's event had us overflowing into a second room and people needing to play on long tables as we had run out of card tables and space in the large room at La Hacienda, never anticipating the record numbers that came to visit.

This year, hoping for as good a turn out as we had last June, we have made sure that we have enough of both, space and tables, by moving to the Savannah Center.....so make sure you know where you are headed when you leave home to attend.

I want to thank in advance all who have volunteered to assist with the snacks and goodies we provide for these events, and to all of you who plan on helping us ensure that this year we will continue to prove how good a host we can be by coming along with a partner to make June 2019 another year to remember in the life of our club.

And, finally, I want to urge any of you who are thinking of making this your very first introduction to a Tournament, to come along and discover for yourselves just how much fun and enjoyment there is to be had.

I hope to see as many of you as possible at our Open Sectional and wish everyone who plans on attending the very best of luck. Have a wonderful time.

Now on a very different note.....We have been most fortunate in having received a donation of a large quantity of Bridge Books recently. They have been sorted through and only deemed of current or (con't on page 12)

real historic relevance have been kept. That has still left us with some 12 to 15 feet of shelving worth of books! Our aim is to offer these via a 'club library' sometime in the near future. When we do, there will be a system for signing out and signing back, just as in any library, so that you may have access to these for as long as you wish to read them. Our hope is that the library will add yet another facet to what we are trying to provide by way of education and Bridge related experiences for all of our members.

Look out for more details on this subject via the weekly email blast once I can tell you more.

Best Regards to all,

Bob Matthews, President

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FAMOUS HAND from Audrey Grant's

Better Bridge magazine, 2004.

South is in a contract of 7♥ and West leads the ♣K.

Looking at all four hands, can you see how South makes the grand slam? (It isn't easy, so take your time.)

♠ 10 8 7 6	♠ A Q 2	♠ K J 9 5 4 3
♥ 5 4 3 2	♥ A K Q J	♥ _____
♦ _____	♦ Q J 10 9 8 7	♦ 6 5 4 3 2
♣ K Q J 5 4	♣ _____	♣ 3 2
	♠ _____	
	♥ 10 9 8 7 6	
	♦ A K	
	♣ A 10 9 8 7 6	

Discard a diamond from dummy and win the ♣A. Lead a heart to dummy. Lead dummy's ♠2 and trump it. Lead a heart to dummy. Lead dummy's ♠Q and trump it. Lead a heart to dummy. Play dummy's last heart and discard the ♦K. Play dummy's ♠A and discard the ♦A. Take dummy's diamond winners.

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TOURNAMENT RESULTS

CLEARWATER 499ER SECTIONAL, CLEARWATER, FL MARCH 22-24

.69 Gail Rickard

SPRINGHILL NATURE COAST SECIONAL, SPRINGHILL, FL MARCH 28-30

1.65 Merle Erlich	1.65 Linda Briggs	1.63 Wilson Rivera	1.63 Dick Stieglitz
1.44 Susan Krier	1.44 Carma Sands	1.21 MaryJane Garner	1.21 Barbara Fallone
.62 Joann Roorbach	.62 Joyce Knapp	.60 Robert Ellis	.60 Janet Newman
.60 Gene Newman	.59 Gail Rickard	.59 Rosemary Huang	

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DELAND 499ER SECTIONAL, DELAND, FL APRIL 3-4

6.83 Kristie Carter	6.83 Cathy Thomas	5.27 Nancy Turner	5.27 Gail Singer
3.76 Maury Fjestad	3.76 Douglas Vene	3.01 Joyce Knapp	3.01 Ellen Danich
2.90 Susan Krier	2.90 Byllye Boardman	2.89 Joann Roorbach	2.89 Carma Sands
2.15 Carlyn Bryan	2.11 Merle Erlich	2.11 Linda Briggs	2.07 Mike Kwiatkowski
2.07 Eric Voss	1.94 Nancy McAnnally	1.94 James Strazzere	1.53 Leonard Hieronymus
1.53 Donald Lavin	1.53 Bob Treanor	1.45 Barbara Ryburn	1.30 Harle Phelps
1.24 Jill Croom	.88 Marilyn Gagen	.88 Charles Graham	.83 Marcia Paholski
.81 Sally Yoder	.81 Rebecca Riehl	.81 Mary Ann Kowalski	.81 Connie Goldfarb
.74 Rosemary Huang	.74 Gail Rickard	.62 Lee Ned	.62 Carol Mayer
.26 Ralph Gingery	.26 Diane Drake		

SOUTHEASTERN CORAL SPRINGS REGIONAL, CORAL SPRINGS, FL APRIL 8-14

7.81 Gail Rickard	7.81 Rosemary Huang	3.60 Jane Rowe	3.60 Lee Ned
2.63 Carol Ketterer			

DISTRICT 9 GNT FINAL, STUART, FL MAY 4-5

13.34 R. Douglas Smith

TAMPA REGIONAL, TAMPA, FL MAY 6-12

10.11 Larry Summer	10.11 Douglas Smith	8.55 Paul Matheson	8.55 Gordon Pfeiffer
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