

CLUB NEWS

FOR THE DUPLICATE PLAYERS OF THE VILLAGES

OCTOBER, 2019

NEWS CLIPS:

MARILYN and JOHN WILLIAMS celebrated their 56th wedding anniversary on August 19. Congratulations!

AGGIE and BOB LaBARGE celebrated their 55th wedding anniversary on August 22. Congratulations!

RON COLBERT had rotator cuff surgery on September 6. We hope he has a successful and speedy recovery.

We hope and pray that **PAT HOLMES** recovers quickly from her latest infection on her leg, which was not related to her surgery. We all have missed her smiling face! Hurry back, Pat!



A 3-table home duplicate group (which was formed back in 2006) celebrated the 80th birthday of **Carol Meier** at the home of Pat Poitinger. Left to right: Von Bush, Bonnie Overson, Chris Peters, Gisela Knock, Carol Schwarzmann, Carol Meier, Lynne Fisher, Joanie Colbert, Claudette Fraime, Bonnie Barna, Pat Poitinger, and Susan Schrand. Not shown is Karen Crews. We have a sub list if you are interested!

Ed Schusler and partners win the GNT Goldman Flight A National Championship. Great for District 9! The 2019 North American Bridge Championship was held in Las Vegas this past

NEWS CLIPS:

July. A team picture was in the *Sunshine News* (September-November issue) and a team picture was in the *Bridge Bulletin* (September issue).

Congratulations, Ed!

Jeff Koltenuk and Andy Sloan had a big game, 72.15 at Mulberry in August.

Every month, the *Bridge Bulletin* has an "It's Your Call" quiz in which players are invited to submit bids on five hands. A number of nationally-ranked players submit bids, with the bid receiving the most votes is awarded 100 points, and on down the line. Readers are invited to submit their bids for comparison, and the names of the highest scorers are published monthly. **Rich Seidman** was listed in the September issue as one of the top scorers for the most recent issue, receiving a total of 450 points. **Congratulations, Rich!**



Our Head Director, **Rick Gauthier**, is decked out with his clever bridge shirt! Perhaps we should all copy this idea and show up one day wearing it! Anyone interested in organizing it?????

We were sorry to hear Addy Adler was taken to Leesburg Hospital. She's home now and doing well.

JOYCE SILAR CELEBRATES HER 90TH BIRTHDAY



Joyce celebrated her 90th birthday on September 1 in Hillsborough, NC. She was surrounded by her lovely family for four days of celebration! Joyce has four children (pictured on the left) and they all participated in making the four days of celebration a very memory-laden occasion. The theme for the four days was doing things that her children knew their Mother loved. They played card games, gambling games, and bingo with a lot of prizes, and balloons were flying with "Celebration" written on them. They went for a pontoon boat ride on her daughter's boat. There were at least 35 family members, including nieces, nephews, grandchildren, boyfriends, and family dogs. **Joyce** has 6 grand children and 3 great grandchildren. Ten people came from Pennsylvania and Kentucky. **Joyce** said: **"My family really knows how to celebrate with a party!"**

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The picture of Harry Freedman (left) and Alex Booke (right) was taken in 1964. They were both 11 years old at the time. Alex played first base and Harry played shortstop on the same team. Their fathers were co-managers of the team. They won the championships!

The pictures were taken in Buffalo, NY.

It's a small world???



CHURCH BULLETINS – Unintentional humor is some of the best!

The Fasting & Prayer conference includes meals.

Next Thursday there will be try-outs for the choir. They need all the help they can get.

The eighth-graders will be presenting Shakespeare's Hamlet in the Church basement Friday at 7 PM. The congregation is invited to attend this tragedy.

Information from the ACBL-Utilize it!

by Rick Gauthier

Despite its many shortcomings the ACBL does have an excellent library of information available to us. Go to acbl.org and you will find a search box at the top in which you can search any item you may have a question on.

For example, many players could benefit by looking up “Alert Procedures”. The following link will take you directly to the document fully explaining it:

<http://web2.acbl.org/documentLibrary/play/AlertProcedures.pdf>

One of the interesting things you’ll learn (and we all should strive to do, but are *not* currently) is that the proper way to alert is:

“Using bidding boxes, an Alert is made by tapping an Alert card on the table or by tapping the Alert strip on the side of the bid box. In addition, the Alerter must say ‘Alert’.”

Additionally, for an “Announcement” it is proper to tap the alert card on the bid box and make your statement such as “Transfer”.

The above procedures are to ensure that your opponents have been properly warned and with many of us having hearing disabilities the additional actions described above will help to make sure nothing is missed.

Though it is a good starting point, it is simplistic to think that the only things that need to be alerted are the items shown in red on our Convention Cards.

This from the above article: “It is the responsibility of the Alerter or Announcer to ensure that the opponents are aware that an Alert has been made. When in doubt whether to Alert or not, Alert!”

You are less likely to get in trouble by alerting something that doesn’t need alerting than by not alerting something that should be (though of course it’s best that you know exactly what should be alerted). When you see the extensive Alert Chart you’ll see why your part time Club Directors don’t know it all!

<http://web2.acbl.org/documentLibrary/play/AlertChart.pdf>

Please peruse both of these articles by cutting and pasting them into the address bar of your web browser for your own understanding of what needs to be alerted in the system you're using. If you're not sure how to do that you can go to Google and just type in "ACBL Alert Procedure" or "ACBL Alert Chart".

This information is very important to know as a bridge player because:

"Bridge is not a game of secret messages; the auction belongs to everyone at the table. Remember that the opponents are entitled to know the agreed meaning of all calls."

Enough on that topic, the ACBL website search box can help you find so many more such as Convention Charts, Laws of Duplicate Bridge and less tedious things such as types of bridge games, links to different conventions you might want to play, tournament & club results and locations, and so much more. Take advantage of this resource!

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RON COLBERT
BY MARGARET SARNO



Ron Colbert was born in New York. When he was a baby his family moved to Los Angeles, CA. His father owned a restaurant and Ron worked there. His father sold the restaurant after about 20 years, but the new owners hired Ron to manage the restaurant. At the age of 23 he opened his own restaurant and bar. He had a successful restaurant business going for 17 years. At his restaurant, he made many specials that were popular.

Then along came Joan from Chicago. After marrying Joan in 1988, he realized he was working too many hours to keep a happy married life. So he sold his restaurant, and became a consultant to restaurants and also worked in restaurant supply and sales.

In 1992 Joan was transferred to Fort Lauderdale, FL. Then they moved to The Villages in 2008.

When he met Joan, she was already a Life Master in Duplicate Bridge, because she played a lot in college. Ron took four bridge lessons, then started playing duplicate with Joan. They did a lot of traveling to tournaments, and then Ron became a Life Master in Gatlinburg.

They do a lot of social entertaining, and the question always comes up, "Who does the cooking?" Joan comments, "Ron does, because he can manage different recipes and makes everything come out at the same time."

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT
BY BOB MATTHEWS

Well here we are, about three quarters of the way through the year and looking towards the final three months.

Personal and public agendas still keep growing...It's as if they have a momentum that attracts even more material!

At times like this I know my mind finds itself taking an audit of where I stand in relation to what I had set out to do at the beginning of the year, where I've reached, and how much more I have to accomplish to do all of what I had set out to achieve.

I guess, that as far as Bridge is concerned and in my present position, it almost always dictates that I wear two hats when I'm engaged in such introspection. My own, personal one which is much more of the floppy, wide brimmed type that allows me a lot more flexibility of how it rides on my head.....and then my President's cap, which I feel should be much more of a tight fit, able to withstand the gusts and blows of any weather that comes my way without being shifted from where it's meant to sit!

Wearing my own imaginary headgear I can make easy adjustments. I may well have planned on finding time to do a lot more reading on the sort of subjects that I need to improve upon. My defense, for example, sometimes leaves much to be desired...as does my choice of leads...plus my declarer play...my understanding and use of conventions, and so on and so on!

I had intended to try to find time to play a lot more this year and improve through sheer exposure to the cards.

I had promised myself that I would study the hands after the fact to determine where I might have done better.

But, the fact remains that I have fallen short in most of these aspects. I'm still about as mediocre a player as I was in January, (well maybe just a smidge better). Yet, somehow I can rationalize it all and simply adjust my hat to maintain a level of comfort that I can handle.

On the other hand, (or should that be 'head'?), there is little leeway to adjust the hat I wear as your President or as a member of your Board. That one needs to fit nice and tightly no matter what. I can't afford to let it slip to the side, or become too loose that it falls off. If I did then the impact would affect others besides myself and that's something that I am not prepared to allow.

I want to let you all know that as we move into the final quarter of the year, those of us who do wear the hats you handed to us when you elected us to serve, all take the same line that I try to.

You have a really great team of Board Members working on your behalf, and no matter what their response and reaction might be to their personal approach to the game, when it comes to action on your behalf, they pull those hats tightly down and maintain the focus necessary to get the job done.

And it isn't always easy. I can recall several areas this year so far where we, as the Board, have needed to make decisions that we knew would not sit easily with everyone in the club. But where such decisions have been made they have been arrived at with the best interests of the club as a whole, rather than for the benefit of certain individuals.

We have tried always to listen to suggestions and comments as to how you, the entire membership, want the club to grow. Which directions you want to see us headed towards and how you would like us to achieve that journey.

Perhaps, wearing your own personal hat, you have on occasion felt that we should have made a turn that was different to the one we did in fact take, or that we ought to have put the brakes on and taken a rest from the ever present forward motion that is the life and heart beat of the club.

But, what I would ask you to do is this....Just take off that personal hat or cap for a moment, try to wear one from another person, and when you have made the swop, see if you can't also view the world from their perspective. Once we do that we often see ways in which we can understand how a change in our own behavior or attitude could lead to a much better outcome for all.

Over the next couple of months we will be looking to find replacements, or to re-elect several of our Board Members whose current term is coming to an end. We need you to consider, when making choices about nominations, or voting for candidates, whether or not the person or persons you wish to have represent you can be comfortable wearing more than one type of hat.

Are they the sort who could switch out their own, perhaps familiar old cap, for the tighter (sometimes to the point of hurting) headgear that must to be donned to see the world from the perspective of a member of the Board? Or would they struggle and be uncomfortable making decisions that might at times need to be passed because it was the right thing for the majority, or for the club as a whole, even if it meant their personal hat might be knocked askew as a result?

As I look at what your Board has achieved this year to date, I see us being much more on track to implement our goals and plans than I could ever do as an individual. All of us to take the role you have given us to carry on your behalf very seriously, and we all enter the fray of Board Meetings well attired in terms of which hat we wear.

Hopefully we will continue to meet our goals throughout the remainder of this year and set new ones for the next Board. And when the time arrives for those stepping down to hang up their Board Member hats, these will be found to fit equally as well on the heads of those who follow.

NEW RESIDENT MEMBERS (through August)

Dolores Ainsworth	Barbara Ascani	Gary Ascani	Alice Austin	Catherine Barton	Ron Barton
Gabriele Briggs	Pat Carpenter	Peg Centola	Linda Doerr	Judith Donner	Karen Donovan
J.P. Dufour	Joe Eaton	Mary Eaton	Bonnie Ender	Gayle Erskine	Mary Evans
Carl Froebel	Carol Galloway	Julio Galvez	Marsha Germer	Imelda Giglio	Ed Heinen
Melinda Hohncke	Susan Koprowski	Judy Lotti	Lynne Petterson	Rise Segur	
Gail Stafford	Mike Stafford	Paul Tarbay	JoAnn Toner	Nancy Walzer	
Joan Wentz	Jean Worthington				

INTRODUCING JENNIE AND BILL CLEARY

BY JIM STRAZZERE



Jennie and Bill Cleary came to The Villages from Watertown, NY in 2008. Watertown, NY is located about five miles east of Lake Ontario and nearby to the US Army Post Fort Drum. Last January its average temperature was 29 degrees with 26 days of snowfall.

Jennie and Bill were Engineers for the State of New York and found us through friends like most of us. They were not Bridge players when they arrived, but in a golf conversation with Paul Matheson discovered available classes with Janet Matthews and Susan Fraser.

Jennie, in describing her first time playing duplicate, sounded very much like all of us limited players. I know for a fact when this couple comes to your table their friendliness is recognized quickly. They also play a very good game so be aware!

In addition to Golf and Bridge, Jennie is now a competitive swimmer having taken swimming lessons for the first time here as well. She and Bill are members of the Mountain Music Club and Jam regularly with both Country and Blue Grass. Bill is in the Master Woodworker Group. Jennie has also discovered Art Work painting. Folk Dancing is also one of their loves.

Please let them know you have read their article in our Newsletter and ask them more about their life and interests as they are a very friendly couple and a fine addition to our Club.

A warm welcome is extended to Jennie and Bill Cleary! Please enjoy us as we do you.

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JIM AND LINDA HANSELL

BY NANCY JAFFE



Jim and Linda have only been in The Villages for 11 months. Their original retirement spot was in Chapel Hill, NC. They started traveling after Jim retired and have seen the world. They prefer ocean cruising, with 650 days on Holland America. They have visited all the continents, and over 100 countries. Their trip to Antarctica was the highlight.

One of the reasons they left Chapel Hill and moved to The Villages was they met nice folks on their cruises from The Villages and everyone raved about it! So, they checked it out and moved here!

Jim graduated from Iowa in Engineering and moved around quite a bit in the US for work. He met Linda in Schenectady, NY. He bought her a book by Charles Goren on their third date! Such a romantic!!

Jim worked at the Hanford Atomic site in Richland, Washington and while there he met JFK shortly before the horrific occurrence in Dallas!

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Linda worked part time, volunteered, played lots of social bridge, and was active in PTA and homeowners' boards.

They are both Sapphire Life Masters. They co-chaired three sectional tournaments in the Raleigh area. Jim was a district representative and unit president in ACBL for three year.

They are both a welcomed addition to The Villages DBC!

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CAROL JACKSON'S TRIP TO ALASKA

QUOTE FROM JOHN MUIR: "TO THE LOVER OF WILDERNESS, ALASKA IS ONE OF THE MOST WONDERFUL COUNTRIES IN THE WORLD."



On my recent first trip to Alaska, I had to keep reminding myself that Alaska is one of our states, not its own country! Its vastness is overwhelming and humbling. It is a fifth the size of all the lower 48 states put together, 2.5 times bigger than Texas, and 488 times bigger than Rhode Island. In spite of its immense size, Alaska is by far the least densely populated of the U.S. states with a mere 735,720 residents, breaking down to 1.3 persons per square mile.

More than once, I felt as if our journey on trains, planes, buses and boats was crisscrossing a land almost entirely made up of glaciers, fjords and national parks. Five percent of Alaska's land is covered with 100,000 glaciers. Sadly, 99% of these glaciers are in retreat and decreasing in size. There are eight national parks in Alaska and 24 sites affiliated with the National Park Service.



It is impossible to take a bad photo in Alaska. Everywhere you turn there is a Kodak moment. Mountains, wildlife, glaciers, icebergs and forests abound. But there is more to Alaska than its natural beauty. We were privileged to have two naturalists onboard the cruise portion of our trip who shared their knowledge of Alaska's ecosystem and cultural heritage. We made excursions to Petersburg and Sitka, settled by Norwegians and Russians respectively. Local residents shared their history and language. They entertained us with dances, and

displayed current and ancestral artwork, including native costume. In Metlakatla we were introduced to the Tsimshian Indian culture and greatly admired their wooden carvings and musical drumming.

We toured Anchorage, Fairbanks and Juneau. We visited and played with the Iditerod puppies. We were in the back country of Alaska in Talkeetna, Kantishna and Denali National Park. We saw the pipeline running through the land and up across the mountains in Valez. We were taken by boat into Columbia Bay and Prince William Sound. We took a jet boat tour of the Stikine River and saw ancient petroglyphs in Wrangell. Misty Fjords lived up to its name as we glided below its 3000-foot glacier sculpted cliffs.

There was so much more. This was truly a trip of a lifetime. If you have not yet traveled there, I urge you to do so. Alaska is a national treasure.

(Thanks, Carole, for submitting this.)

Two old bridge players walk into a bar.....

And poof! Trivia was born in The Villages !

October 19, 2009
Urban Flats Restaurant
Lake Sumter Landing
The Villages, Florida

Lots of arguments, lots of laughter, lots of weird facts learned, trivia has become a routine for hundreds of Villagers weekly. The grandmothers of trivia in The Villages are Bonnie Goodrich and Joyce Jackson.

Bonnie's husband Bob succumbed of Alzheimer's disease in 2009 and her son Shaun was a big lover of trivia in Nashville where he lives. To fill the void of the caretaker, Shaun suggested that Bonnie start a trivia game. She invited Joyce to join her.

They went to Urban Flats and proposed running a trivia game. Shaun and his partner Leslie proposed a format based on the Nashville games that they enjoyed. The manager decided to give it a try, since his restaurant was very quiet on a Sunday night. The women dragged a large number of their dear friends to Urban Flats for their first gig. They needed moral support! The restaurant had recently opened and it enjoyed the new found business. Bit by bit, trivia grew and the manager asked Bonnie and Joyce to add Monday night, another very slow night. It too became a success.

Bar trivia had its challenges for the trivia Grannies. Teams were anywhere from two people to twenty. There was always the "comic" at the bar who would yell out the answers. And, back 10 years ago, there were actually a few people with cell phones and the ability to Google....! It was the Wild West of trivia. The crowds were so big that the restaurant put up folding tables (hmmmm...fire code?) but the kitchen couldn't handle the food orders. It could take over an hour to get served. And then there were the entrepreneurial old folks who decided to bring their own food and drinks to the restaurant! Ugh!

Suddenly, the Urban Flats franchise went bankrupt and the owners scrambled to find a new franchise. Thus, City Fire came to The Villages. At that juncture, Bonnie and Joyce moved on to the the Rec centers, where a fair and controlled game could be held.

And ten years later, the two old...now really old...friends still produce games on Sunday and Wednesday nights . They dub themselves "The Madhatters" with their signature crazy hats that they always wear. The two have an extensive hat collection covering every occasion from full moon to Fourth of July, baseball, lizards...and just plain silliness!

Questions come from everywhere. A discussion waiting for bridge to start or over dinner with friends will usually yield a couple interesting facts that can be researched and made into trivia questions. Trivia games are now plentiful in The Villages on different nights, at various Rec centers and offered at many restaurants. The Madhatters draw from 115 to 160 players per game. Tables are given by reservation and often in the winter, the game fills and teams aren't able to get a table two weeks in a row. But, if they can't get the game that they want, they are offered another date. Teams are strictly limited for to a maximum of 8 players, to keep it fair to all. Often "subs" come and fill in if teams have open seats. 8 heads are always better than 7! Lots of friendships have been born at the weekly games.

Like Bridge, playing trivia is extremely healthy to ward off Alzheimer's and dementia by the social contact and exercising the brain, plus a few good laughs!

Marking the tenth anniversary of The Madhatters Trivia, Bonnie and Joyce are holding a thank you trivia party for their regular players. It will be a two night event, as one venue isn't large enough to accommodate their guests! And, poof! Another decade of trivia with The Madhatters will begin! (submitted by **Buck Buchanan**)

KAREN PICKELSIMER TRIP TO CENTRAL EUROPE

Written by KAREN

July 10 I flew to Warsaw Poland with 43 other people from Loyola Academy High School including spouses and friends. The entire trip was planned by a Jesuit priest from Poland who is associated with the school.

We arrived in Warsaw on the 11th and were transported to our hotel. We spent 2 days touring Warsaw, then continued on to Auschwitz to tour the concentration camp. The Auschwitz concentration camp was a complex of over 40 concentration and extermination camps built and operated by Nazi Germany in occupied Poland during World War II and the Holocaust.

We continued on to the next area with another terrible camp where the prisoners were delivered by train to their death. Buchenwald was a Nazi concentration camp established on Ettersberg hill near Weimar, Germany, in July 1937. It was one of the first and the largest of the concentration camps within Germany's 1937 borders. Many actual or suspected communists were among the first internees.

We were staying in Krakow, which at one time was the capital of Poland. In addition to the concentration camp experience, we went to the famous salt mines.

The Wieliczka **Salt Mine** or Kopalnia soli Wieliczka is located within the town of Wieliczka, part of the metropolitan region of **Krakow** in Lesser **Poland** lowland in **Poland**. It is inscribed as a World Heritage Site and is one of the most remarkable sights in the regions, attracting over a million visitors each year. We had almost 400 stair steps to reach the bottom of this mine. This was the most tiring thing we did. Thank goodness we had an elevator ride to the top after seeing the amazing room and statues carved from salt at the bottom of the mine.

Our motor coach took us to Zakopane and dinner at an authentic Polish hunting lodge. Zakopane is a resort town in southern Poland, at the base of the Tatras Mountains. It's a popular departure point for winter sports and summertime mountain climbing and hiking. Kasprowy, Wierch and Gubalowka, reachable by cable car and funicular, are nearby ski destinations offering sweeping mountain views. The town is also known for its turn-of-the-20th century wooden chalets, symbols of Zakopane-style architecture. We took the ski lift to the top of the mountain and the view was spectacular.

The next day we continued to Prague, in the Czech Republic. We toured the entire area and dined at an authentic Czech restaurant. This was the most beautiful area and the people were wonderful. Our guide was very professional.

We left Prague and continued to Bratislava, Slovakia. Here we had another outstanding guide and we toured the city. St. Martin's Cathedral (Dom Svateho Martina) Bratislava Castle.

From Slovakia, we continued on to Budapest, Hungary. Upon arriving, we were treated to the best meal and river cruise on the Danube River. The following day we toured both Buda and Pest.

Budapest, Hungary's capital, is bisected by the River Danube. Its 19th-century Chain Bridge connects the Hilly Buda district with flat Pest. A funicular runs by Castle Hill to Buda's Old Town, where the Budapest History Museum traces city life from Roman times onward. Trinity Square is home to 13th century
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Matthias Church and the turrets of the Fishermen's Bastion, which offer sweeping views.

On July 20, we boarded our KLM jet to Amsterdam and then after a short layover we flew nonstop to Chicago.

This was an amazing experience and I am very glad I went to these countries.

(**Buck Buchanan** asked Karen to submit this.) Thank you, Karen.

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MARC RISSMAN had two more of his poems published in *The Daily Sun*. **The Craft Show** was printed on Sunday, September 1, and his latest one appears below.

FAMILY HISTORY

I want to find a history
Of who's been in my family
I'll use a tool I've seen online
Then navigate 'til I refine
Which generation has the key
That piques my curiosity
Back one then two, back three then four,
But with the fifth do I find more
A man considered quite a prince
Knew how to cook the perfect blintz
A humble baker in his own
Revered in counties all around
His reputation making buns
He hoped to pass on to his sons
They said his cakes were heaven made
With just one taste your worries fade
He seemed to be a happy man
Enjoying life within his clan
For young and old enjoyed the treats
Of he who had perfected sweets
I'm glad I found this relative
Whose passion taught him how to live
Enough research I need a break
I think I'll go and bake a cake.

We enjoy reading your poems, Marc.

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TOURNAMENT RESULTS

MUSIC CITY REGIONAL FRANKLIN, TN JULY 1—7

8.20 Lucy Tillman 8.20 Donna Brown .88 Glenn Ryburn .88 Barbara Ryburn

UNIT 166 SUMMER REGIONAL TORONTO, ON JULY 2—7

.68 Doris Reeves .68 Carol Payette

FLINT REGIONAL FLINT, MI JULY 7—12

1.90 David Harris

2019 SUMMER NABC LAS VEGAS, NV JULY 17—25

85.00 Edward Schusler 27.74 Philip Benner 27.74 Carolyn Benner 14.85 Janet Matthews
 12.55 Russ Pearly 10.13 R. Douglas Smith 9.25 David Stentz 4.65 Donald Rancourt
 4.21 Bob Matthews

ORLANDO SECTIONAL ORLANDO, FL JULY 19—21

4.53 Shelia Naylor 4.53 Bill Lau 4.39 Larry Sumner 4.39 Kelley Dryden 3.01 Marilyn Gagen
 3.01 Douglas Vene 2.75 Joann Roorbach 2.75 Cathy Thomas .87 Merle Erlich .87 Diane Drake
 .81 Joyce Knapp .81 Ellen Danich

DELAND 299ER SECTIONAL DELAND, FL JULY 31—AUG. 1

3.67 Lois Thompson 3.67 Beverly Ludwig 3.41 Nancy McAnnally 2.71 Joann Roorbach
 2.71 Cathy Thomas 2.48 Georgiann Ackley 2.41 Maria Paholski 2.41 Carlyn Bryan
 1.96 Dotti Williams 1.96 Barbara Ryburn .33 Becky Riehl .33 Barbara Nelson

NEBRASKA REGIONAL COUNCIL BLUFFS AUGUST 5—11

28.30 George Balach

BURT GARRELL DISTRICT 4 REGIONAL (ROCHESTER) HENRIETTA, NY AUGUST 5—11

16.33 Ruth McCann 16.33 Laura Testroet 16.33 Bruce Thiher 1.94 Sandy Booke 1.94 Alex Booke

DESERT EMPIRE REGIONAL SCOTTSDALE, AZ AUGUST 12—18

19.83 Philip Benner 19.83 Carolyn Benner

CAN—AM REGIONAL LAVAL (MONTREAL) AUGUST 12—18

24.70 Sandra Gebhardt

MILWAUKEE SUMMER REGIONAL MILWAUKEE, WI AUGUST 20—25

14.92 Colleen Treanor

ATLANTA LABOR DAY REGIONAL ATLANTA, GA AUGUST 27—SEPTEMBER 2

29.85 Sandra Gebhardt

RONI REGIONAL PITTSBURGH, PA SEPTEMBER 3—9

3.12 Roger Flickinger 3.12 July Flickinger

Congratulations to all!**Lexophilia:**

This girl today said she recognized me from the Vegetarians Club, but I'd swear I've never met herbivore.
 I know a guy who's addicted to drinking brake fluid, but he says he can stop any time.
 A thief who stole a calendar got twelve months.
 When the smog lifts in Los Angeles U.C.L.A.

Most Points Earned from All ACBL Through August 31, 2019

Sandra	Gebhardt	485.30	Richard	Seidman	194.68	Jim	Hansell	120.20
Dave	Hudson	437.88	Joe	Sacco	187.04	Nancy	Turner	119.66
Russ	Pearly	381.57	Alex	Booke	177.65	Nicholas	Pund	119.36
David	Morse	369.64	Jon	Greenspan	169.12	Mike	Kwiatkowski	115.61
Philip	Benner	361.48	Diane	Day	169.04	Neil	Timm	115.43
Jeff	Koltenuk	354.26	Sandy	Booke	161.77	Paul	Matheson	114.97
Ann	McClelland	330.09	Donna	Brown	160.77	Terry	Oleske	113.31
Carolyn	Benner	303.99	Dave	Stentz	155.70	Jay	Force	110.78
Ed	Schusler	294.78	Lee	Esworthy	146.72	Victoria	Adams	106.85
Janet	Matthews	291.66	Carol	Ketterer	141.22	Lawrence	Adams	106.73
Paul	Hassett	287.52	Jean	Berg	139.29	Buck	Buchanan	106.00
Charles	Showalter	282.62	Beverly	Parrish	133.65	Gordon	Pfeiffer	101.26
Edward	Schwartz	271.65	Marilyn	Williams	133.28	Greg Mary	Saunders	101.15
Wilson	Day	264.74	Alex	Birman	130.68	Ann	Kelly	99.28
Susan	Fraser	262.69	Gail	Rickard	125.52	Nancy	McAnnally	98.20
Gladys	Mikel	258.47	Louise	Hodgins	123.91	Ron	Hutchinson	96.26
Bruce	Thiher	227.37	Andy	Sloan	121.76	Arlene	McIntosh	95.63
Colleen	Treanor	226.82	Alan Frances	Berg	121.54	Carol	Alspach	95.61
Jon	Williams	225.76	Gina	Doss	121.05	Lynn	Patterson	93.69
Lucy	Tillman	223.81	Linda	Hansell	120.20	Clare	Kromar	91.73

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Lexophilia:

I changed my iPod's name to Titanic. It's syncing now.
 England has no kidney bank, but it does have a Liverpool.

Most Club Points Jan 1 - August 31, 2019

Over 1,000 Master Points			300- 999 Master Points			Under 300 Master Points		
Dave	Hudson	354.16	Donna	Brown	129.76	Nancy	McAnnally	72.05
Jeff	Koltenuk	284.26	Mike	Kwiatkowski	92.25	Vernon	Sikora	72.03
Russ	Pearly	246.20	Gordon	Pfeiffer	78.07	Frank	Palazzo	69.93
Charles	Showalter	236.63	Larry	Abramovitz	76.60	Harry	Freedman	68.25
Gladys	Mikel	222.66	Ralph	Rosenfeld	75.32	Jim	Strazzere	67.04
Paul	Hassett	210.06	Joe	Bosch	72.37	Becky	Riehl	60.45
Janet	Matthews	206.90	Eric	Voss	66.02	George	Mast	58.66
Edward	Schwartz	203.34	Margaret	Sarno	65.47	Susan	Mast	55.70
Philip	Benner	201.70	Diana	Richards	64.64	Susan	Krier	52.35
Susan	Fraser	200.14	Jane	Dulieu	64.11	Pat	Scheffer	51.83
Lucy	Tillman	185.58	Eileen	Rush	62.57	Pat	Wilson	51.19
Jon	Williams	184.40	John	Blackwell	62.36	Gary	Segal	50.46
Joe	Sacco	180.14	Lynn	Patterson	60.76	Jim	Gould	48.58
Ed	Schusler	172.82	Patricia	Holmes	60.58	Randy	Eisner	46.91
Richard	Seidman	164.06	Joseph	Ogi	58.31	Gary R	Anderson	45.97
Ann	McClelland	151.97	Karen	Pekkanen	58.12	Byllye	Boardman	43.26
Carolyn	Benner	137.85	Michael	Lotti	55.76	Sharon	Kruger	42.52
Alex	Booke	128.05	Nancy	Turner	53.30	Arcot	Suresh	42.00
Colleen	Treanor	126.76	Marc	Rissman	53.10	Maureen	Ottenlips	41.80
Dave	Stentz	118.81	Don	Schreifels	52.66	Diane	Drake	41.65

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CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL!

What is your agreement?

A bridge Tip

By Neil H. Timm

Opening 1NT 15-17 most 2/1 partners use major suit transfers. What is your agreement with 3 or 4 card support and 17 HCP? With a balanced hand and 4333 distribution with 4-card support and 17 HCP many employ a simple 2-level accept bid; however, if you have 4432 say with a doubleton somewhere many use the super accepting bid to convey a doubleton. This is fine but is rarely helpful and conveys too much information to the opponents about shape!

For hearts, consider bidding one step above the simple accept for example 1NT-2♦- 2♠ which announces a worthless doubleton somewhere with a 4-card ♥ fit and 17 HCP, do not bid 3♥; with less than 17 HCP opener with 3 or 4-card support bids 2♥.

If responder wants to know the doubleton suit, he relays with the next step bid 2NT over 2♠. Opener bids 3♣/3♦/3♠, the doubleton suit. Responder is now the captain and can 4♠ as 1430, or 4♥ to play, or 4NT as pick a slam.

If responders does not relay with 2NT because he has no need to know the doubleton location, he may bid 4♠ as 1430 for hearts (kickback), 4♥ to play or perhaps 4NT as pick a slam.

For spades, consider bidding one step above the simple accept for example 1NT-2♥- 3♣ which announces a worthless doubleton somewhere with a 4-card ♠ fit. And 17HCP. Note that we **do not use 2NT**, the next step, because it is reserved for another bid.

Now if responder wants to know the doubleton suit, he relays with the next step bid 3♦. Opener next bids 3♥/4♣/4♦ to show the doubleton. Responder is now the captain and can bid 5NT as pick a slam or perhaps 4NT as 1430 or 4♠ to play.

Observe that opener has by-passed 2NT over both the 2♦/2♥ bids. Why? Because the bid of 2NT by the opener says he has 3-card support for the major and 17HCP, known as the Bell Convention.

What is one to do over the opening bid of 2NT where opener has 20-21 HCP? Now over 3♣/3♦ opener bids 3♥/3♠; with 20 HCP and 3 or 4 card support and 3NT is the super accepting bid with 4-card support, 21 HCP **and 3 aces**.

For more on super accepting bidding see the web site: <https://taigabridge.net/articles/bidding/after-2nt-1-superaccepts.htm>

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Aphorisms:

The nicest thing about the future is that it always starts tomorrow.

Money will buy a fine dog, but only kindness will make him wag his tail.

No one ever says "It's only a game" when their team is winning.

Seat belts are not as confining as wheelchairs.

A good time to keep your mouth shut is when you're in deep water.

Be careful about reading the fine print—there's no way you're going to like it.

Always be yourself because the people that matter don't mind, and the ones that mind don't matter.

The trouble with bucket seats is that not everybody has the same size bucket.

MARGARET AND MIKE SARNO'S DAUGHTER
By MARGARET SARNO



Our daughter, **Angela Shiver**, qualified in several Triathlons last year to be on the USA Team for a World competition in Lausanne, Switzerland September 1, 2019. So, naturally, my husband, Mike, and I decided to go. It was an exciting experience to see her participate as a member of the USA team. The Triathlon distances: a .93 mile swim in Lake Geneva, a 24.8 mile bike ride, and a 6.2 mile run.

She also brought her family: husband, daughter, and son with her to cheer her on. We had a great time.

After the competition, Mike and I took a tour of Switzerland. A beautiful and friendly country.



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