From the Bridge Coordinator’s desk

Our biggest Sectional Tournament of the year is just a week away and Karen Adelman and her committee of volunteers are busy preparing for the event! If you would like to volunteer to donate a food item or make a monetary contribution toward the hospitality efforts, see Karen or use the sign-up sheet or the donation box which are both located on the table on the mezzanine. Game times are 10 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, February 14 and 15. Sunday’s Swiss Teams events begin at 10 a.m. Lunch is included. See the attached tournament flyer for more information.

We have had record crowds at our games recently. Thanks to some colder than normal weather, January’s table count of 1428 hit an all-time high! But our game directors would very much appreciate your help in arriving for the game in plenty of time to buy your entry and find your assigned table. Also remember that it is an ACBL regulation that you and your partner have a convention card filled out and on the table.

Congratulations to the following VBBC members who were Overall winners in the recent Unit 240 STaC games held at VBBC:

Monday Afternoon
Pat Brinkerhoff & Roz Middleman – 2nd in C
Liz Cross & Jan Ward
Susan Mayo & Janice Woodbury

Tuesday Afternoon
Gerry & Ruth Browning – 1st in A
Dave Hiley & Bill Rose – 1st in B
Judy Hanna & Anne Belle Rusher
David Millward & Bob Schives
Jay & Kathy Baum

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From the president’s desk

During the past month we have continued to explore our options for resolution of the problems with our deteriorated roof. Proposals have been received from several roofing contractors and we are in discussion with an engineering firm for advice on our best route forward. Meanwhile, the area over the front door which has been a persistent nuisance has been patched. We have not had a major rain fall since carrying out this work but we are hopeful that this area is under control.

In the last edition of the Gazette we appealed to members for pledges of donations to help cover the cost of the roof project. We still have no better indication of what this may ultimately be than the figure of $140,000. We hope it will be less but it may turn out to be more. In any event there will be a contingency for the cost of replacing any panels below the roofing materials that are found to be no longer serviceable. This will not be known until the work is underway.

We are pleased to report that a number of members have stepped forward and advised Kim Howard of their intention to donate for this cause once we contracted the work. We should advise that have contracted the Work unfortunately contributions to the Club for this project will not be tax deductible. We are a non profit organization but do not qualify as a charity. Most sincere thanks to those who have already volunteered to help financially. We hope many more members will join you.

As of the end of last month over 200 members had not paid their dues. If you are one of them, please get current. Our Club is one of the best bargains around. Priscilla Knox is here most playing days. If you are delinquent, you can take care of it in a minute with Priscilla.

As always, we have a wonderful asset in this club. Let’s support it and enjoy it.  

David Garfield
The Bridge Gazette

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Please see Marge our “New Sergeant General” and sign-up.

Gratefully,

VBBC Board of Governors

February 16
Carol Davidson, Gail Grant, Donna Rana
February 17
Lloyd Bailey
February 18
Harold Phillips
February 19
Susan Jennings
February 20
Marilyn Link
February 22
Bud Bradt, David Millward
February 23
Walter Brewer, Barbara Schaus
February 24
Bobbie Sylvia, Susan Sheehan, Pamela Sheiffer
February 25
Barbara Fiore, Randy Rolf
February 26
Bill Mazzafro
February 27
Ellen Gelberg, Mary Zorlen, Madeline Kalil
February 28
Kristine Ell, Sally Corcoran, Harry Dewey, Donna Edelstein, John Lewis

February BIRTHDAYS

February 1
Sharon Cruickshank, Pete Smith
February 2
Pat Fox, Stewart Robertson
February 3
Peter Bennett, Jack Wilson
February 4
Richard Collins, Carolyn Norris
February 5
Galya Galyean, Edward Raftery
February 6
Leslie Phelps
February 7
Eileen Krisinski
February 8
Mary Sullivan
February 10
Marilyn Bauknecht, Lynn Bayman, Joanne McLogan, Betsy Tait
February 11
Francine Ambrosino
February 12
Emilie Burr, Bob Cooney, Madesta Stevens
February 13
Irene L’Homme, Myriam Milgrom, Zella Crawford, Hannelore White
February 14
Donald MacDougall, Fred Kasten
February 15
Joan Mercer

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Bridge Education  by Lyn Giuffrida

VBBC Guest Lecture Series  “Winning Bidding Tips”

In addition to being one of VBBC’s top players, Bill Poole has conducted bridge lectures on over 125 cruises worldwide, at ACBL regional tournaments, and at many bridge clubs and country clubs. In October 2011, he gave a three part lecture series entitled “Winning Bridge Tips” at VBBC which was very well attended and received. He has volunteered to give an updated version of this three lecture, two hour series again on Tuesday mornings, March 11, 18, and 25, from 9:30 am to 11:30 am. A complimentary continental breakfast will be provided starting at 9:00 am.

This unique series of bidding tips is designed for all skill levels from advanced beginner through the most experienced players in our club. It complements standard bidding texts and courses and is equally effective with any system or convention you may use now. It provides a wealth of insider bidding tips, emphasizing reasoning, logic, and judgment at the table while avoiding memorization of new systems, rules, and conventions. The lectures are designed to improve your bidding through: 1) learning and applying important principles (and philosophy), 2) recognizing hand strengths and weaknesses and applying them in critical bidding decisions, and 3) understanding and avoiding common bidding errors. The lectures stress partnership bidding and that there is much more to bidding than high card points. Each of the scores of bidding tips is accompanied by the rationale behind it to aid in understanding and remembrance.

The cost of all three lectures is $50. Each separate two hour lecture costs $20. Special reduced rates are being offered to those who attended in 2011 and would like to take a refresher course along with the new tips being offered. Please sign-up now on the sheet provided on the education table or pay Kim. In 2011, Bill donated all of his proceeds from this series back to the club. This year, he will do the same. By attending you will significantly improve your game and win more masterpoints while helping the club financially. Please let your friends who don’t attend the club regularly know about this unique lecture series that is both instructional and entertaining.

Open Houses
We had 4 open houses with free lessons during the joining our courses in February. Some are now playing in the student games, and some have joined the club and the ACBL. There were two teachers at each session who volunteered their time to promote the club and our education program. Thank you Ron Andrews, Winnie Evans, Gail Reams, and Erica Artus for your great effort in making this a success.

February Courses
We are offering the following courses during February:

- Mondays and Thursdays
  - Beginning Bridge
  - Review of Bridge Basics

- Mondays and Wednesdays
  - Intermediate Defense

- Mondays – 4 sessions
  - All about Doubles the Larry Cohen Way

- Wednesdays – 4 sessions
  - Intermediate Brush-Up – 4 Topics

Bidding Review Classes
Bidding review classes are held every Wednesday from 9:30 to 11:30. There is no reservation or partner required. This is a great opportunity to pick the topics you want to review.

- Feb. 12 – Opener’s Rebids Including Reverses - Lyn
- Feb. 19 – Responder’s Rebids - Gail
- Feb. 26 – Overcalls - Ron
- March 5 – Takeout Doubles – Winnie

Mentoring Program
Martha Glassmeyer has done a fantastic job pairing mentors and mentees. Both the open game mentoring program and the limited game mentoring program are underway. Don’t forget to log in your games on the sign-up sheet on the table.

Beginner’s Corner
You hold the QJ10 of hearts and are on defense. Let’s look at two scenarios. In the first, you are on lead and hearts seem to be the right suit to lead, but which card? Lead the queen, top of a sequence. It promises the jack. Sure, the 10 does the same work as the queen, but partner loses valuable information. In the second scenario still holding the same cards, your partner leads a heart and declarer calls for a small card from dummy. Dummy also holds the king. Which heart should you play? Play the 10. Third hand high, but not higher than you have to. If declarer wins the trick with the ace, it tells your partner that declarer holds neither the queen nor the jack. Your 10 has forced the ace.
From Bridge Coordinator’s Desk
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Harley McKeon & Gail Reams
Bob Fetter & Charles Weis
Shirley Davies & Joan Woodhouse
Elbridge & Sally Graef
Raleighine Hoppe & Boots VanNostrand

Tuesday Evening
Doris Leclerc & Rolland LaLonde
Peter VanBennekom & Christine Matus
Brigette Friedman & Ron Friedman

Wednesday Afternoon
Harold Phillips & Celia Phillips – 1st in A
Bob Schives & Judith Kane – 3rd in A
Joanne Matchette & William Poole
Karen & Stanley Yellin
Mike Baker - Peter Bennet
Jeanne Dell - Robert Glueck

Thursday Afternoon
Candace Griffey & Kathy Baum - 3rd in A
Merle Hauser & Terry Wolf
Tom Comstock & Harry Dewey

Friday Afternoon
Debbie Drury & Reanette Frobouck – 2nd in A
Jay & Kathy Baum – 3rd in A
Sandy Gross & Carol Koontz
Anita O’Neill - Diane Van Vliet

Saturday Afternoon
Winnie Evans & Richard Baum
Ann Taylor & Gerry Vaughn
Gloria Sinni & Sue Weller
Ilse Scheible & Helga Woodard
Peter VanBennekom & Christine Matus

Listed below are some special events that will be held this month at VBBC. Note the change for the Open & 499er Swiss games. Some months it is necessary to alter the dates due to the tournament schedule.

February 7 & 27 – Club Championship
February 9 – GNT Open & 499er Swiss-50% red & black points
February 11 – Eric Rodwell Seminar
February 14 – 16 – Sectional Tournament
February 20 – Birthday Celebration

Hope to see you at the tables soon!
Jamie Portell

2013 Year-End Most Masterpoints Earned by Category

| Category | 0 – 20 | 1. Dana Smith  
| 2. Tom McManus  
| 3. Dick Swartz |
| 21 – 50 | 1. Trevor Smith  
| 2. Bob Horak  
| 3. Ginger Winkler |
| 51 – 100 | 1. Pat Forsdick  
| 2. Mardie Smith  
| 3. Bob Geeseman |
| 101 – 200 | 1. Boots Van Nostrand  
| 2. Ray Columbaro  
| 3. Clarice & Rick Helfand |
| 201 – 300 | 1. Maria Malloy  
| 2. Margaret Mary Zoltak  
| 3. Jim Flagg |
| 301 – 400 | 1. Kim Andrews  
| 2. Shirley Davies  
| 3. Ray Hay |
| 401 – 500 | 1. Cherie Everett  
| 2. Beverly Mogensen  
| 3. Paul Hatten |
| 501 – 750 | 1. Joanne Matchette  
| 2. Ellen Gelberg  
| 3. Gloria Pappalardo |
| 751 – 1000 | 1. John McClenathan  
| 2. Helga Woodard  
| 3. Martha Glassmeyer |
| 1001 – 2500 | 1. Gail Reams  
| 2. Gini Hauser  
| 3. Griff McClellan |
| 2501+ | 1. Ron Andrews  
| 2. Bill Poole  
| 3. Debbie Drury |

January ACBL Rank Changes

Junior Master: Jay Dolan
Club Master: Joe Davis
Sectional Master: Nona Rae Franson, David Hamman, David Hofstetter, Bill McMillen
Regional Master: Mimi Klug, Boots VanNostrand
Diamond Life Master: Ruth Browning
### Card Sharks for January

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### ABC CLUB

Congratulations to the following C players who came in first in all strata (C, B, A) in an open game during January:

- **1/3** Bud Reinhardt & Richard Crannell
  - Nancy Paul & Nancy C. Briggs
- **1/5** Cherie Everett & Peter Bennett
- **1/6** Dick Tompkins & Ray Mitchell
- **1/7** DeDe Lambert & Gale McMullin
  - Julie & James Norris
  - Dennis Wick & Bob Byrd
- **1/10** Barbara Bromberger & John Docktor
  - Peggy Laurencelle & Wayne Decker
  - John Ross & Ray Hay
- **1/13** Patricia Brinkerhoff & Rosalyn Middleman
- **1/14** Shirley Davies & Joan Woodhouse
- **1/17** Anita O’Neill & Diane Van Vliet
  - Sandra Gross & Carol Koontz
- **1/20** Gene Donovan & Jim Flagg
  - Dick Tompkins & Ray Mitchell
- **1/24** Karen Adelman & Judy Melchiorre
  - Barbara McKelvey & Mimi Burke
- **1/26** Jill & David Graham
  - Peter VanBennekeem & Christine Matus
- **1/27** Jim Andre & Jan Rusu
- **1/28** Barbara Jane Tompson & Nancy Devlin
  - Mimi Klug & John Symonds
  - Bud Bradt & Ed Grainger
- **1/29** Rosalyn Middleman & Constance Herr

### ACE OF CLUBS AND MINI-MCKENNEY

Here are the Ace of Clubs ACBL nationwide (not Unit) standings of our members for points earned at the club level through January 2014 for the top 30 in each division. Our club should be proud of the fine accomplishments of these members:

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### 70 percenters for January

Congratulations to the following who achieved 70 percent or more games in January:

- **1/8** Beatriz Marriott - Jim Edgar, 72.08%
- **1/15** Harold & Celia Phillips, 71.99%
- **1/17** Lewis McDermott - Georgie Hutton, 71.78%
- **1/21** Judy Balph - Nancy Marquardt, 75.69%
- **1/31** Bob Flynn - LeeAnn Arsenault, 70.37%

### CLUB STATS FOR January 2014

- **Total Tables**: 1428
- **Silver Points**: 623.18
- **Black Points**: 1841.75
- **Total Masterpoints**: 2464.93
VERO BEACH
0—499er NLM Sectional Tournament
March 29—30, 2014
Vero Beach Duplicate Bridge Center
1520 14th Avenue
(772) 562-3008
www.VEROBIDGE.COM
SILVER POINT TOURNAMENT!!!!!!

Saturday, March 29
Stratified 0—499 Pairs: 10 a.m. & 2:30 p.m. Single Sessions
Stratification: A = 350—499  B = 150—350  C = 0—150
Sunday, March 30
Stratified 0—499 Swiss: 10 a.m.
Stratification Determined by Average Masterpoints
** Lunch Included **

Hospitality Chairs:
Pat Forsdick (772) 492-1943
Ginger Winkler (772) 231-2084
Partnerships: Holly Thomas (772) 538-2349
Email: twoloafers@comcast.net

Directions to VBBC: From I-95: Exit #147 (SR 60), east on
SR 60 for 7.2 miles, turn right (south) onto 14th Avenue,
go 0.6 miles. VBBC on left.

Lodging:
Springhill Suites
5115 Indian River Blvd.
(772) 978-9292
Howard Johnson
1725 U. S. 1
(772) 567-5171
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**PLAN AHEAD!!**

February 1—Eight-is-Enough Swiss
February 7—Club Championship
February 11—Eric Rodwell Seminar
February 20—Birthday Celebration
February 27—Club Championship

The following are Sectional Tournaments to be held at the VBBC & all pay silver points:

- February 14—16 2014
  Vero Beach Sectional

- March 29—30, 2014
  0—499er NLM Sectional

- April 11—13, 2014
  Vero Beach Sectional

**Here’s our game schedule**

- **Sunday**
  1 p.m. 1st Sunday after 1st Saturday: Open Pairs;
  2nd Sunday: Open & 499er Swiss; All other Sundays: 8-is-Enough

- **Monday**
  1 p.m. Stratified Open Pairs and 0—299 Pairs

- **Tuesday**
  9:00 a.m. Indian River Shores 0—20 Student Game
  12:45 p.m. Indian River Shores Stratified Open Pairs
  1 p.m. Stratified Open Pairs and 0—99 Pairs
  5:30 p.m. Stratified Open Pairs

- **Wednesday**
  9 a.m. 0—499 & Open Stratified Pairs
  1 p.m. Stratified Open Pairs

- **Thursday**
  1 p.m. Stratified Open Pairs and 0—499 Pairs

- **Friday**
  9 a.m. 0—299 Stratified Pairs
  9 a.m. 0—20 and Student Game
  1 p.m. Stratified Open Pairs

- **Saturday**
  1 p.m. Stratified Open Pairs
  1 p.m. First Saturday is Eight is Enough Swiss Teams
Vero Beach Bridge Club
welcomes hall of fame member:

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More than 73,000 Masterpoints

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Date: Tuesday Morning - March 4, 2014

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Includes:
Check-in and Greeting @ 8:15 am
Breakfast 8:30-9:00 am  Presentation 9:00 am-12:00 pm

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