



The Bridge Gazette

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Kim Howard, Editor

From the Bridge Coordinator's desk

We have had a wonderful start to 2012 with 1361.5 tables in January. Our new Tuesday morning 0-20 student game at Indian River Shores is very successful and we will soon have to take reservations due to limited space.

If you have not paid your membership dues for 2012, please do it NOW. In order to be in our 2012 Directory, you must have paid your dues by February 15.

Congratulations to our recent **overall** winners in the Unit 240 STaC games:

Monday Afternoon

Gerry Browning-Ruth Browning – 1st in A
Bill Weber-Paul L'Homme – 3rd in A
Tom Geelan-Jane Sedlmayr – 6/7th in A
Judy Balph-Sandy Maillet – 8th in A
Melody Gabriel-Nece Buckle – 6th in B
Chris Talbot-Sandy Johnson – 6th in C

Tuesday Afternoon

Lyn Giuffrida-Louann Yates – 3rd in A
John Brady-Bronia Jenkins – 4th in A
Susan Mayo-Jamie Portell – 5th in A
Jeanette Brophy-Sue Joos – 7th in A, 2nd in B, 1st in C
Pinky Regan-Donna Pottle – 3rd in B
Paul Quinn-Herb Crowder – 5/6th
Carol Chartock-Madelyn Cerritelli 5/6th in B
Tina Cole-Mig McKinney – 3rd in C
Honey Lee Richless-Kay Murray – 4th in C
Thayer Baine-Barbara Longfellow – 5th in C
Mary Daly-Ginger Gibson – 6th in C

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From the president's desk

Please read this carefully. The Board of Governor's would like your opinion. As you are aware, we no longer have any mortgage with a bank since our successful bond sales program last year. This presents us with an interesting opportunity to significantly reduce our insurance cost. Shortly there will be a member survey both on our website, and on the information table up by the kitchen. This survey will ask for your opinion on whether or not we should keep hurricane coverage in our insurance package. This package carries a \$100,000.00 deductible amount before paying out anything. The extra premium cost for this coverage is \$14,000.00. For reference, the VBBC had approximately \$32,000.00 in damage from the 2004 hurricane. If we eliminate the hurricane coverage, the board plans to put in reserve each year, the amount that we would have had to pay to have the coverage. Again, the Board asks your for your help in making this important decision. If you have any questions, contact any Board member for answers.

Happy Bridge, *Merle Hauser*

Visit our web site at:

www.verobridge.com

- *for daily game results*
- *for tournament schedules*
- *to locate a member's e-mail address*

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FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

February 1

Pete Smith

February 2

Pat Fox, Stewart Robertson , Patricia Soukup

February 3

Jack Wilson

February 4

Richard Collins

February 5

Marge DelVecchio, Galya Galyean, Edward Raftery

February 6

Thayer Baine, Roseanne Myers, Leslie Phelps

February 7

Janet Field, Eileen Krisinski

February 8

Mary Sullivan

February 9

Susan Feinour, Jay Parsons

February 10

Marilyn Bauknecht, Lynn Bayman, Marsha Braun,

Susan Dickerson, Joanne McLogan, Betsy Tait

February 11

Henry Meyer

February 12

Madesta Stevens

February 13

Irene L'Homme, Myriam Milgrom

February 14

Donald MacDougall, Judy Schorner

February 15

Joan Mercer

February 16

Carol Davidson

February 17

Lloyd Bailey

February 20

Marilyn Link

February 21

John Brady, Erika Greenfield

February 22

Bud Bradt, David Millward

February 23

Paul Nace

February 24

Bobbie Sylvia

February 25

Barbara Fiore, David Grober

February 27

Ellen Gelberg, Mary Zorlen

February 28

John Bankston, Tyrrell Connor, Sally Corcoran,

Harry Dewey, Donna Edelstein, John Lewis



25 Conventions You Should Know

25 Conventions Series Continues on Thursdays,
9:30-11:30.

Topics for February are as follows:

February 9 - Roman Key Card Blackwood,
Reverse Drury

February 16– Fourth Suit Forcing, New Minor
Forcing

February 23 –Balancing, Splinters

Cost: \$15.00 per class

Teacher: Jamie Portell

2011 MEMBERSHIP DUES

Just a **REMINDER** everyone's
annual memberships are **NOW**
due!!!!



AUDREY GRANT

A Morning with Audrey Grant

DOUBLES –

The Game's Most Versatile Call

Vero Beach Bridge Center

1520 14th Avenue

Vero Beach, FL 32960

Thursday, March 8, 2012

9:00 AM - NOON

Seminar fee: \$35

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From Bridge Coordinator's Desk

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Wednesday Afternoon

Janice Woodbury-Susan Mayo – 1st in A
Diane Lamborn-Hazel Lacks – 3rd in A, 1st in B
David Millward-Griff McClellan – 5th in A, 3rd in B
Bob Schives-Judith Kane – 6th in A
Christine Fletcher-Bob Byrd – 1st in C
Jeffery Jones-Maria Malloy – 4th in C
Jeanne Dell-Jim Phillips – 6th in C

Thursday Afternoon

Candace Griffey-John Brady – 2nd in A
Liz Cross-Freeman Bunn – 4th in A
Rosalie Powers-Helen White – 5th in A
Bill Rose-John Rusher – 4th in B
Bud Bradt-Ed Grainger – 6th in B, 1st in C

Friday Afternoon

Candace Griffey-John Brady – 2nd in A
Judith Kane-Bill Poole – 3rd in A
Harold Phillips-Celia Phillips – 5th in A
Judy Melchiorre-Karen Adelman – 6th in A, 2nd in B
Ellen Gelberg-Rusan Ritter – 2nd in B
Madesta Stevens-Jill Goldie – 4th in C
Aldo Musto-Donna Edelstein – 6th in C

Saturday Afternoon

Roseanne Myers-Bill Myers – 2/3rd in A, 2nd in B
Judith Kane-Janice Woodbury – 4th in A
Rob Colton-Bob Schives – 6/7th in A
Bud Bradt-Ed Grainger – 3rd in C
Jim Phillips-Jeanne Dell – 4th in C
Jeffery Jones-Cherie Everett – 5th in C

Marge Desmery & Linda Ferrari are planning our upcoming Sectional Tournament, to be held March 30-April 1, 2012. Please sign-up at the Event Table to bring food or give a monetary donation to **Kim**.

Other special upcoming events:

Tuesday, February 7	Club Championship
Saturday, February 11	Eight is Enough Swiss Teams
Thursday, February 16	Birthday Celebration
Sunday, February 19	Open/499er GNT Qualifying Swiss Teams
Friday, February 24	Club Championship
Sunday, February 26	Eight is Enough Swiss Teams

Following are the new changes to the ACBL alert chart:

- Effective Jan. 1, 2012, simple club responses to all natural notrump openings that ask for a major (four or five) are not Alertable. If you play Puppet Stayman, *i.e.*, 1NT-2C or 2NT-3C to ask for a four-card or longer major, the club bids do not require an Alert. All immediate responses and rebids to Puppet Stayman require an Alert. Note: If you play 1NT-3C as Puppet Stayman, it is still an Alert.
- The definition of what constitutes a Natural bid (see Alert Definitions at www.acbl.org/play/alertchart.pdf) has been amended to include 1C openings that may be exactly 4=4=3=2 (four cards in each major, three diamonds and two clubs). The 1C bid will still require an Announcement ("Could be as short as two"), but players cannot use artificial defenses over this opening.

See you at the Club.

Candace Griffey

Phone extensions for fast access

201 Manager's office
202 Director's Desk
203 Courtesy phone by the bookcase
204 Cashier's desk
205 Candace's desk
206 Larry's desk

Card Sharks for January

Candace Griffey

0-5	Janet Tribus
6-20	Alma Novara
21-50	Laurence Farley
51-100	Clarice and Richard Helfand
101-200	Sandra Gross
201-300	Joanne Matchette
301-400	Lynn Bayman
401-500	David Jarvis
501-750	Ann Bottelli
751-1000	David Millward
1001-2500	Gini Hauser
2501+	Bob Schives

CLUB STATS FOR January 2011

CLUB TABLES - 1040.5

STaC TABLES - 321

TOTAL TABLES - 1361.5

TOTAL MASTERPOINTS 1768.14

Not including STaC Week

ABC CLUB

Kim Howard

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

- 1/1 Marilyn Crockett-Marion & Debbie Brower
- 1/2 Bill Regan & Robert Perrott
- 1/3 David & Susan Kelly
Joan & Art Kearney
- 1/5 Harvey Vrugink & Winnie Cashin
- 1/6 Virginia Schwerin & Julia Douglas
- 1/10 Sandra & Ray Columbaro
- 1/11 Gary Fishbaugh & Jim Holzworth
- 1/12 Merle Hauser & Terry Wolf
- 1/13 Judy Melchiorre & Karen Adelman
- 1/14 Clarinda Stewart & Donna Regenstreif
- 1/17 Ann Reydel & Bryn Madden
Jeannette Brophy & Sue Joos
- 1/24 Janice Greene & Ellen Gelberg
- 1/25 Don & Janet Tribus
- 1/26 Joan Kingston & Rayma Kreider
- 1/28 Bill & Polly Larned

Ace of Clubs and Mini-McKenney

Leslie Phelps

Here are the Ace of Clubs ACBL nationwide (not Unit) standings of our members for points earned at the club level through January 2012 for the top 30 in each division. Our club should be proud of the fine accomplishments of these members:

<i>MP Level</i>	<i>ACBL-Wide Rank</i>	<i>Ace of Clubs VBBC Member</i>	<i>MP thru Jan 2012</i>
5-20	10th	Jeffrey Jones	71
50-100	19th	Gloria Pappalardo	93
200-300	21st	Helga Woodard	112
500-1000	10th	Susan Husleman	204
1000-2500	2nd	Ron Andrews	337
5000-7500	25th	Rob Colton	271

ACBL-wide Master Point

<i>MP Level</i>	<i>ACBL-Wide Rank</i>	<i>Mini-McKenney VBBC Member</i>	<i>MP thru Jan 2012</i>
5-20	6th	Jeffrey Jones	152
1000-2500	22nd	Ron Andrews	500
2500-5000	10th	Julie Zhu	935

70 percenters for January

Compiled by Toril Liapis

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

Charlie Kline—Bill Weber, 74.29%, Jan 5
Jamie Portell—Susan May, 70.03%, Jan 5
Mariangela Risso—Liz Cross, 72.45%, Jan 6
Kathy Young—Adrienne Lower, 75.17%, Jan 13
Gerry & Ruth Browning, 75.00%, Jan. 16
Janice Woodbury—Susan Mayo, 71.62% Jan 18
Damon Martin—Rob Middleman, 77.50, Jan 20



February 2012



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
If you need a partner for limited games, call MJ Malloy 538-2349				If you need a partner for the open game call Phyllis Carlson 559-7493		
			1	2	3 Sectional Tournament	4 Sectional Tournament
5 Sectional Tournament Swiss Teams	6	7 Club Championship	8	9	10	11 EIGHT IS ENOUGH
12 Pair Game	13 Directors' Meet 11:45am Board Meets 4:30pm	14	15	16 Birthday Celebration	17	18 Pair Game
19 GNT Qual. Swiss Teams	20	21	22	23	24 Club Championship	25 Pair Game
26 Eight is Enough Swiss Teams	27	28	29			

Plan ahead!

The following are sectionals to be held at our club.
All pay silver points:

March 30-April 1, 2012
April 21-22, 2012 - 499er NLM

CELEBRITY SERIES!!!!
February 7 - Marty Bergen
March 8 - Audrey Grant
April 3 - Larry Cohen

**Happy
Valentine's
Day**

VBBC Game Schedule

Sunday 1 p.m. Stratified Swiss Teams
1 p.m. First Sunday following 8 is Enough - Open Pairs
Last Sunday Eight is Enough Swiss Teams

Monday 1 p.m. Stratified Open Game and 0-299 Game

Tuesday 9:00 a.m. Student Game Indian River Shores (NEW)
12:45 p.m. Indian River Shores
1 p.m. Stratified Open Game and 0-99 Game
6 p.m. Stratified Open Game

Wednesday 9 a.m. 0-499 Game
1 p.m. Stratified Open Game

Thursday 9 a.m. Stratified Open Game (New!!!!)
1 p.m. Stratified Open Game and 0-500 Game

Friday 9 a.m. 0-299 Game
9:00 a.m. 0-20/Student Game
1 p.m. Stratified Open Game,

Saturday 1 p.m. Stratified Open Game
First Saturday Eight is Enough Swiss Teams