



The Bridge Gazette

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Kim Howard, Editor

From the Bridge Coordinator's desk

Larry and I recently returned from a wonderful road trip to Canada. Along the way, we had the opportunity to play in local bridge clubs in Lexington, Kentucky and Toronto. If you are travelling this summer, I recommend finding a club along your route. If they are doing something you like, bring us back the idea.

It seems there is some confusion about which Saturday we have Eight is Enough and which Sunday we have the 4 X 4 Swiss Teams. Eight is Enough is scheduled the first Saturday of the month and 4 X 4 is on the last Sunday of the month. The only time this is changed is if we have a tournament falling on one of those days. If the tournament is on the first weekend of the month, Eight is Enough is changed to the second.

Saturday. If a tournament is on the last weekend of the month, the 4 X 4 is changed to the next to last Sunday.

Sometime this month we will be moving our domain name, www.verobridge.com to the Bridgewebs VBBC. Until then we have a hot link at the top center of the current website that takes you to the new site. All of the feedback we have received

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From the president's desk

June has been that kind of a month, both for the club, and my game. Not much happening. I was thinking that I might have to use this article to tell a couple of jokes, but the only good jokes I know are either too racy for the older men in the club, or they involve the other President who is affecting our lives. As I'm writing this, the first hurricane of the season, (Alex) is about to come ashore in Mexico. Let's hope that Vero Beach, and the bridge club have a good no-hurricane year. We sure do need a little rain though. I'm going to stop now, before I really do tell some jokes.

Happy Bridge, Merle Hauser

FYI!!!!!!

We would like everyone to please take precautions. Please just take a moment, double check, and make sure you LOCK your vehicles and remove all valuables from view, place valuable items in the trunk of your car. There have been several reports of break-ins in the area.

June Birthday Photo



JULY BIRTHDAYS

July 1

Diana Brashers, Clement Hipkins, Coree Zak
John Tampanello

July 3

Bobby Krausz, Sue McAboy

July 4

Rudy Culumber

July 5

Terri Pistole, Beverly Taylor

July 6

Lois Crossland, Joyce Makielski, Jane Neil

July 7

Freeman Bunn, Miggie Collins, Jack Smith

July 8

Mary Lou Zearo

July 9

Anne Bartlett, Marla Beatty

July 10

Max Hughes

July 11

Gerry Vaughn

July 12

Sue Joos

July 13

Ray Hay

July 14

Joan Bence, Nancy Hurley, Beth Sexton-Stryker,
Helga Woodard



July 15

Gina Campbell, Stephanie Hurt, Joan
Kingston, Warren Lazar, Diana Thompson,
Carol Watkins

July 16

Emma Christopher, Carole Giannascoli

July 17

Barbara Kilpatrick, Adrienne Lower

July 18

Margie Basile, Adele Cunningham, Mirth
Kennedy, Connie Sackville

July 19

Lewis McDermott, Helen Miller, Michael
Williams

July 20

JoAnn DeCarlo

July 21

Edwin Hallberg

July 22

Helma Tierney

July 23

Mariangela Risso, Virginia Weeks

July 24

Jean Kay

July 25

Irwin Robinson

July 26

Jane Acheson, Mary Gage, Betty Marsh,
Bobbie Sward, Charles Weis

July 27

Candace Griffey

July 28

Mary Gijanto, Ellen Lazar, Claire Marione,
Jamie Portell

July 29

Gary Hall

July 30

Nancy Briggs, Kendra Haines

July 31

Ann Driscoll, Gini Hauser, Eleanor Larson,
Edith Rose



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yourself without the wait.

Bridge Education

by Ron Andrews

Convention Cards

A very good series of 24 one-page articles on the convention card concludes this month in the ACBL Bridge Bulletin. Some of you may have skipped this series; after all, you have played bridge for a long time and filled out many convention cards. Still there is a lot to learn from this series and if you read only one of the articles, then read the July article.

A couple choice reminders follow here:

- The two identical convention cards of your partnership are there for your opponent's convenience, keep them on the table for them.

Refrain from consulting your card during the auction and play; the laws prohibit written memory aids. Perhaps we should cut new players some slack but most of us are not exactly new to the game, are we.

My Partner Forgot to Alert

Your partner failed to alert. Now what? Well, for starters, show no outward sign that anything has gone astray. At least he did not provide a wrong explanation. The alert procedure, much like the convention card, is for the benefit of your opponents. Make the assumption, regardless of the bidding sequence, that partner knows the exact meaning of your bid (also do this even if he did provide a wrong explanation) and simply forgot to alert or that you did not hear the alert. Take partner's bid and subsequent bids at face value according to your methods. Continue to bid your hand as your agreements would suggest. If partner simply forgot to alert, you may well survive. If partner forgot your agreement, you may well find yourself in a ridiculous contract. If you become the declaring side, notify the

opponents of the failure to alert prior to the opening lead. If you are defending, then you will have to wait until the conclusion of the play. Don't hesitate to call the director at those same times; she may well be needed to help assure fairness. Both pairs should be seeking a fair outcome. Maintain a quiet demeanor; it will help your reputation and the rest of your session.

Basic Bidding Review Schedule

7/7	Opening Preempts & Responses
7/14	Bidding over Opponent's Preempts
7/21	Slam Conventions, Blackwood & Gerber
7/28	Opening NT Bids & Basic Responses
8/4	Stayman over NT Openings

Class is Wednesday morning from 9:30 to 11:30. No reservation or partner is necessary. Cost is \$10 per session.

Monitored Play Classes

Play and review hands with an instructor. The pace is leisurely and the fun is guaranteed. This series of single-session classes includes a book. Attend one or all, ten dollars per class (the first time you take a class in any series will cost an extra \$5 for the book). No partner or reservation is necessary. These sessions are suitable for beginners or anyone in need of guided practice on bread and butter hands.

Friday Student Game

A 0-20 bridge game for beginning players is held each Friday. This game is an ideal way to be re-introduced to the fascinating game of bridge or those players interested in trying a duplicate-style game. The session begins at 9am with a lesson taught by an ACBL certified teacher on basic bidding followed by bridge play which lasts until 12:00. Players may ask the teacher for help with bidding or use notes, bridge books, etc. Fee is \$6/\$7.

From Bridge Coordinator's Desk

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on the new site has been extremely positive. If you have a suggestion for an addition or improvement to the new site, please let us know. It is a work in progress. In addition to having many new features, it is less expensive than our previous web host and bridge results host.

Special games in July:

Saturday, July 3	Eight is Enough
Sunday, July 4	Picnic 0-299er/Open Swiss
Friday, July 9	NAP Qualifier
Tuesday, July 13	Club Championship
Monday, July 19	NAP Qualifier
Thursday, July 22	Birthday Celebration
Thursday, July 29	Club Championship

See you at the Club! Candace Griffey

Back-to-School shoes needed

The Homeless Family Center is in need of donations for purchasing shoes for the children for the beginning of the school year which starts in August. Gift certificates from Wal-Mart would be appreciated. If fifty of us could donate \$10 each, that would buy a lot of shoes and sneakers for these deserving children.

Please drop off your donations to Kim before the end of July. A local church is providing funds to purchase back-to-school clothes for all the children.

Also, the HFC really appreciates all the donations that you have been leaving at the club. Especially useful are the personal care products that our members collect from hotels and cruise ships when they are traveling.

Thank you for your past and future support of our club's official charity

Volunteer of the Month



Gini Hauser is our volunteer of the month. Gini works hard at getting snacks out in time for our breaks, and we all know the results of her delicious efforts in the kitchen.

Gini was born in Appleton, Wisconsin and lived in Beloit, Wisconsin for approximately 35 years until moving to Vero Beach.

Gini met her husband Merle (our president of the Board of Governors) when she was attending St. Mary's Nursing School and Merle was a student at Marquette University. While Gini worked as a RN her entire life she has balanced her career and her family. The mother of four children, Gini's three girls have followed in their mother's footsteps. Susan and Karen are both RNs and Teresa is an administrative assistant to a surgeon. Her son Richard followed in his father's footsteps and is a mechanical engineer. Gini always played bridge but it wasn't until she moved to Vero that she played duplicate. Lucky for us Gini's neighbors were Pat Martin and Winnie Evans. They mentored, encouraged and guided Gini through the duplicate world to becoming a Life Master.

Thanks Gini for all you do!!

Card Sharks for June

Candace Griffey

0-5	David Bardes
6-20	Bill Mannion
21-50	Margaret Mary Zoltak
51-100	John Leasure
101-200	Robert Fetter
201-300	Sam Lacks
301-400	Raleighine Hoppe
401-500	Susan Hulseman
501-750	Hazel Lacks
751-1000	Eileen Krisinski
1001-2500	Judith Kane
2501+	Debbie Drury

CLUB STATS FOR June

TOTAL CLUB TABLES—625.5

Total Club Masterpoints - 1218.06

ABC CLUB Horst and Gail Partenheimer

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

Carol McCarthy/Susan Hulseman, June 10
Maureen Hendricks/Susan Hulseman, June 16
Beverly Mogensen/Peggy Dennis, June 16
Raleighine Hoppe/Lynne Kramer, June 16
Hazel & Sam Lacks, June 16
Carol McCarthy/Susan Hulseman, June 17
Sam & Hazel Lacks, June 23
Pat Lee/Virginia Myers, June 24
Marty Hunter/Joann Houpt, June 29

Phone extensions for fast access

- 21 Manager's office
- 22 Courtesy phone by the bookcase
- 23 Director's desk
- 24 Cashier's desk
- 26 Candace's desk

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 June 2010 for the top 30 in each division. Our club should be proud of the fine accomplishments of these members:

MP Level	ACBL-Wide Rank	<i>Ace of Clubs VBBC Member</i>	MP thru June 2010
0-5	3	Tom Lynch	26
300-500	8	Susan Hulseman	91
1000-2500	3	Ron Andrews	161
5000-7500	8	Debbie Drury	161

ACBL-wide Master Point

MP Level	ACBL-Wide Rank	<i>Mini-McKenney VBBC Member</i>	MP thru June 2010
50-100	22	John McClenathan	71
300-500	20	Susan Hulseman	121
2500-5000	2	Julie Zhu	500
7,500-10000	3	Reanette Frobouck	535

70 percenters for May

Compiled by Toril Liapis

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

June	Jamie Portell/Susan Mayo	70.18
June 10	Rosalie Powers/Debbie Drury	73.84
June 19	Rosalie Powers/Debbie Drury	71.48
June 21	Bill Poole/Henry Meyer	71.44



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
If you need a partner for limited games, call Lorraine Izzo at 234-4588				If you need a partner for the open game call Phyllis Carlson 559-7493		
				1	2	3 EIGHT IS ENOUGH
4 PARTY!!! 0-299/ OPEM SWISS	5	6 DIRECTOR'S MEETING 11:45AM	7	8	9 NAP QUALIFIER	10 0-299/ OPEM SWISS
11 0-299/ OPEM SWISS	12 BOARD MEETING 4:30 PM	13 CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP	14	15	16	17
18 0-299/ OPEM SWISS	19 NAP QUALIFIER	20	21	22 Birthday Celebration	23	24
25 4x4 SWISS TEAMS	26	27	28	29 CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP	30	31
HAVE A SAFE AND HAPPY SUMMER				<u>Here's our game schedule</u>		
				<u>Sunday</u> Stratified Swiss Teams every Sunday <u>Monday</u> 1 p.m. Stratified Open Game and 0-299 Game <u>Tuesday</u> 1 p.m. Stratified Open Game and 0-99 Game <u>6:00 p.m.</u> Stratified Open Game <u>Wednesday</u> 9 a.m. 0-299 Game <u>1 p.m.</u> Stratified Open Game <u>Thursday</u> 1 p.m. Stratified Open Game and 0-299 Game <u>Friday</u> 9 a.m. 0-299 Game <u>9:00 a.m.</u> 0-20 and Student Game <u>1 p.m.</u> Stratified Open Game, <u>Saturday</u> 1 p.m. Stratified Open Game First Saturday Eight is Enough Swiss Teams Second Saturday 0-299 & Stratified Open Swiss Teams		