



The Bridge Gazette

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Kim Howard, Editor

From the Bridge Coordinator's desk

Welcome to 2013 at VBBC! We are all working hard to give our members and guests an enjoyable and exciting bridge year. Please read every article in this month's Bridge Gazette so you will know about everything going on. I don't want anyone to miss anything! From celebrity speakers to Swiss Teams, January is going to be very busy.

Many thanks our wonderful volunteers. In early December, **Bev Taylor, Beverly Kincaid, and Toril Liapis**, decorated the club for the holidays. Thank you, also, to **Richard Crannell** for his assistance. **Marge Desmery** served as tournament chair for our December Sectional and did an outstanding job of keeping everyone well fed! Marge also assisted **Ellen Gelberg** to put on a very delicious lunch for our annual holiday party. Thanks also to **Jan Ward** for her help in the kitchen. VBBC's very own **Sally Corcoran**, who has been in charge of our monthly birthday celebrations for the past 3 years, was one of Unit 240's nominees for the 2012 ACBL Volunteer of the Year award. Each month we look forward to seeing what Sally has designed for the birthday bulletin board and she never disappoints. Congratulations, Sally, on this special recognition. If anyone is interested in helping Sally out with ideas or taking a month here and there, please let her know. The January bulletin board was created by **Judy Melchiorre** and is adorable! Thank you, Judy.

You won't want to miss the lecture by **Jeff Meckstroth** on January 8.

Nancy Conway is putting together a special birthday celebration January 9 at VBBC for **Maria Roda**, and is inviting all of us to help Maria celebrate her special day.

On January 13, we are bringing back the popular 4 X 4 Swiss Team Event. Two "B" players may play together, or 1 "A" player and 1 "C" player may play

From the president's desk

Happy New Year!! You'll be glad to know that once again VBBC is entering the new year in a healthy state. Our financial status is good, and there are no outstanding maintenance items that demand immediate attention. This means that membership dues, and daily playing fees will remain the same for another year. The cost of our insurance has risen, but keep your fingers crossed that other big ticket items like our roof and A/C system don't act up.

Our Board of Governors has taken on some new faces; with the addition of **Lee Ann Arsenault, Nancy Raftery, and Richard Crannell**.

Congratulations to them for volunteering to be a part of this very important team. Also, thanks to **Don Brinkerhoff, Audrey Fetter, and Jim Edgar** who all worked hard last year to make our club successful. **Don Brinkerhoff** has agreed to remain as the club treasurer so when you see him please give him a special thanks for doing that.

I also want to thank those who have volunteered to be part of the 2013 player standby program. We have all weekdays covered for the complete year, so encourage all your friends to come and play even if they don't have a partner.

One last point I'd like to mention is that our monthly board meetings take place on the second Monday of the month, at 10:00 AM. These meetings are open to all members, and I encourage any of you who can to attend and contribute to these meetings.

Once again, Happy New Year!

Merle Hauser

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JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

January 1

Trudi Boylan, Toril Liapis, Theresa Ligon,
Lois Rautiola, Laurie Stewart

January 2

Erica Artus

January 3

Patsy Riefler, Peter Schlesinger

January 4

Ann Bottelli, Robert Horak, Bob Sullivan,
Chuck Wehrle

January 5

Louis Fazen

January 6

Brooke Megrue, Anne Newton

January 7

Sandy Busby, Nancy Heim, Nicky Murphy

January 8

Barbara Lory, Jean Manley

January 9

JoAnne Houpt, Maria Roda, Bob Schives

January 10

Betty Prillaman

January 11

Lillian Schlesinger, Christina Vincent

January 12

James Field

January 13

Kathy Harkins

January 14

Wayne Decker, Rita Silva

January 15

Carol Meenan, Leah Scott

January 16

Kathleen Catanzaro, Bob Miller

January 17

James Conroy, Joan Weinstein

January 18

Ginny Schwerin, Peggy Warner

January 19

Audrey Bracken

January 20

Sheryl Alexander, Nancy Glusker

January 21

Betty Hagood, Bill Weber

January 22

Shirley Powers

January 23

John Leasure, Ann Reydel

January 24

Raleighine Hoppe, Jane Sedlmayr

January 25

Georgette Chido

January 26

Terri Asiel, Lil Mita

January 27

Patricia Alders

January 28

Abha Patel

January 29

Sonia McGowan

January 30

Barbara Malcolm, Ginny Roe

January 31

Jean Miller

"NEW" Phone extensions

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

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www.verobridge.com

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

2013 MEMBERSHIP DUES

Just a **REMINDER** it is that time when everyone's annual memberships are due. If you haven't noticed Priscilla is ready and will be collecting your \$25.00 fees everyday from 11:30am until 12:50pm. NON-MEMBER fees will be enforced February 1st.

William Augustine Malloy, 1922-2012



William Augustine Malloy, 90, died Dec. 21, 2012, at his home. He was born in Waltham, Mass., and moved to Sebastian from Fort Pierce, where he lived since 1984. Before retirement, he was a foreman at Lord Electric Co., New York City. He was a member of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers since 1941. He was a Navy veteran of World War II, serving in the Pacific Theater. He became president of the South Shore Kennel Club, Boston, in 1962. He received a Gold Life Master Award in 2009 from the American Contract Bridge League. He oversaw the renovation project when the Vero Beach Club purchased its facility in 1995. He was founding chairman of the education committee in 1996 and was instrumental in developing the Vero Beach Bridge Club website in 1997. Survivors include his wife, Maria Jovanovich-Malloy of Sebastian; and four grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his first wife and son. There will be a full mass service on January 21st; 8:30 am at St Sebastian Catholic Church, 13075 US Highway 1, Sebastian, FL 32958 for anyone who like to attend. Inurnment will take place in the family mausoleum in Arizona.

William Malloy, WWII navy veteran, engineer extraordinaire, and longtime leader and volunteer at the Vero Beach Bridge Club, died peacefully in his sleep on December 21st.

An ACBL Gold Life Master, Bill was an outstanding player and teacher to the very end. Mentor to countless bridge enthusiasts, he epitomized all that we love about our incredible game.

It is no small wonder that our “best in the nation” teaching facilities are named in his honor. He will be genuinely missed by all!!

Larry Griffey, Education Coordinator

From Bridge Coordinator's Desk

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together, or 1 "A" player and 1 "C" player may play together in this team format. Plan now to put your teams together!

One of our longtime volunteers, **Charles Kline**, who has been the club's comptroller for many years, "retired" December 31. Charlie's contributions to the Finance Committee and as comptroller have been invaluable. He has dedicated 17+ years to VBBC in this capacity and he also volunteers as a cashier and volunteer player. This volunteerism is truly admirable and is one of the aspects of what makes VBBC such a special club. We were very fortunate to have Charlie's professional expertise for so long and would like to honor him for his dedication to VBBC. So, we have designated January 18, as "Charles Kline Appreciation Day." We hope you'll come out to play bridge that day and to personally thank Charlie. Charlie is working with current board member, **Eileen Krisinski**, who has many years of experience in accounting, to take over this position. Thank you, Eileen, for agreeing to take on this job.

January 26 is an ACBL-wide International Fund Open Pairs game. The masterpoint awards are half-Red and half-Black at 100% sectional rating. Analysis by Frank Stewart, along with hand records, will be available. District winners' names will be published in the Bridge Bulletin and on the ACBL web site. This is a great opportunity for big points to be earned at VBBC!

Sadly, we lost some wonderful VBBC members in 2012. We continue to miss **Gisela Crannell, Marion Hodges, Joella Keyes, Thomas Lynch, Susan Ritter, Pat Soukup**, and most recently, **Bill Malloy**. Bill acted as the construction foreman when we purchased our building back in 1995, and spent numerous hours overseeing the renovations to refit the interior of the building from a bowling alley to a bridge facility. He made many trips and spent many, many hours at the county permit offices for permits to be granted so the work could be done. If not for Bill's determination and dedication, we may not be in our facility today.

Happy New Year to all! See you at the club.

Jamie Portell, Bridge Coordinator

Congratulations to VBBC's 2012 Card Sharks!

0 – 5	1. Frank Winders 2. Nancy Long 3. Dick Swartz
6 – 20	1. Bob Geeseman 2. Clifford Brackett 3. Trevor Smith
21 – 50	1. Pat Forsdick 2. Jan Pilon 3. Betty Polk
51 – 100	1. Susan Dickerson 2. Laurence Farley 3. Carl Wenzel
101 – 200	1. Tom Johnson 2. Maria Malloy 3. Susan Hansel
201 – 300	1. Kim Andrews 2. Linda Conner 3. Diana Thompson
301 – 400	1. Gloria Pappalardo 2. Joanne Matchette 3. Sandy Gross
401 – 500	1. Ellen Gelberg 2. Jeffery Jones 3. Beverly Mogensen
501 – 750	1. John McClenathan 2. Marty Hunter 3. Judy Melchiorre
751 – 1000	1. Martha Glassmeyer 2. Don Brinkerhoff 3. Betty Wiese
1001 – 2500	1. Gini Hauser 2. Gail Reams 3. Jamie Portell
2500 +	1. Ron Andrews 2. Debbie Drury 3. Bill Poole

Bridge Education by Larry Griffey

FEBRUARY BRIDGE CLASSES

Learn to play bridge with **Gail Reams**
Bridge for Beginners - February 4th - 28th
Mondays and Thursdays; 9:30– 11:30 AM
\$100.00 no book

Competitive Bidding with **David Millward**
Mondays and Thursday - February 4th - 28th
9:30–11:30AM
\$115.00 including a book.

Defense with **Jay Prillaman**
Mondays and Thursdays - February 4th - 28th
9:30 - 11:30 AM
\$115.00 including a book.

Larry Cohen Standard with **Ron Andrews**
Mondays and Thursdays - January 3rd - 28th
9:30 - 11:30AM
\$100.00

Every Tuesday Night person. Lesson @ 4:30PM,
Dinner @ 5:30PM and Bridge Game @ 6:00PM.
No partner required; all for \$15 or \$6, \$4, \$6
individually.

9 A.M. FRIDAY STUDENT GAME

A brief lesson and at a somewhat slower pace makes this a great game for students or those who want to give duplicate bridge a try. The session begins at 9 a.m. with a brief lesson before the game. The fee is \$6 for members and \$8 for nonmembers.

9 A.M. TUESDAY STUDENT GAME

A brief lesson and at a somewhat slower pace makes this a great game for students or those who want to give duplicate bridge a try. The session begins at 9 a.m. with a brief lesson before the game. The fee is \$8
AND WILL BE HELD AT INDIAN RIVER SHORES COMMUNITY

HEALTH MATTERS!!!!

Many of our members have serious health issues so if you are feeling ill please stay home.
Everyone use the hand sanitizer to wash your hands so no one infects anyone with a contagious disease or just the common bug.



Vero Beach Bridge Center
is pleased to welcome

MARTY BERGEN TUESDAY FEBRUARY 5, 2013

Popular Teacher and Author
10-Time National Champion
ACBL Grand Life Master
WBF International Master

WHAT TO DO AFTER A PREEMPT

These days, more and more players are preempting. Whether the preemptor is an opponent or your partner, you must know what to do. Fortunately, this is something you can learn.

Tuesday Morning ~ February 5, 2013
Breakfast: 8:30 – 9:00 Presentation: 9:00 – Noon
Tickets: \$40

Good judgment is always essential. That is even more true at higher levels. Marty has many great tips to help you get better results.

What's Your Call?

Neither side is vulnerable. Partner opens 2 $\heartsuit$, and your RHO passes.
You hold: $\spadesuit$ A K Q 5 4 $\heartsuit$ 3 $\diamondsuit$ K Q J 2 $\clubsuit$ A K Q 5 3

Marty's Book Store

Special pricing and great deals on
Marty's most popular and most recent publications.

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Vero Beach Sectional Tournament

February 8-10, 2013

Vero Beach Duplicate Bridge Center

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Search for the Silver!!

Friday, February 8
Stratified Open Pairs 10 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. Single Sessions
Stratified Pairs (0-300) 10 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. Single Sessions

Saturday, February 9
Stratified Open Pairs 10 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. Single Sessions
Stratified Pairs (0-300) 10 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. Single Sessions

Sunday, February 10
Stratified Swiss Teams Play-through 10 a.m. – Strats determined by average masterpoints
Stratified Swiss Teams 0-300 Play-through 10 a.m.
Lunch included

Strats: Open A = 2000+ B = 750-2000 C = 0-750
0-300 A = 200-300 B = 100 – 200 C = 0-100

Tournament Chair:

Jane Garr (772) 231-8771
garrjdgar@aol.com
Holly & Norm Thomas (772) 538-2349

Partnerships:

Phyllis Carlson (772) 299-5263
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From I-95 exit #147 (SR 60)
East on SR 60 for 7.2 miles to 14th Avenue
Turn right (south) for 0.6 miles
Bridge Center is on left.

Lodging: Quality Inn
950 U.S. Highway 1,
(772) 569-0900

Springhill Suites
5115 Indian River Blvd
(772) 978-9292



Our Christmas gifts given to Homeless Family Center

Thanks to the generosity of our VBBC members, a total of \$1,145 in gift cards and checks was given to the Homeless Family Center just before Christmas. They immediately acknowledged our gifts on their Facebook page along with a graphic of some playing cards!

The HFC has opened a thrift shop called Second Chance Thrift Store and Training Center located at 490 Old Dixie Highway, Vero Beach. Not only does the shop raise money for the HFC, but it also provides jobs for some of the women and men who are living at the Center.

Please continue bringing donations of clothing and personal care items to our club. Or, you can drop off furniture, clothing and other items at the thrift store. They also provide pick-up service for large items.

Volunteers are needed to work four-hour shifts at the store as well. If you are interested please call 772-492-9333.

Melody Gabriel

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!!! MARIA RODA with Marge Desmery and Nancy Conway



Many thanks to Julie Zhu for the Chinese luncheon

Julie Zhu, her sister Wendy Zhu, her nephew Zhuping Hu and her friend Simone Wright, cooked the most delicious Chinese food for lunch on Friday, December 21. Members were treated to crispy fried spring rolls and a special noodle dish. If that wasn't enough, next came dessert...chunks of strawberries and bananas deep fried in spring roll wrappers.

Thank you Julie and company for such a special treat!

Melody Gabriel

A Tribute to Maria Roda

My name is Nancy Conway and I have known Maria longer than I have known Jacoby Transfers. In fact, you might say Oswald Jacoby is the reason we became friends.

One afternoon I had been invited to play duplicate bridge at the River House by a very sweet lady named Ann. I was really a novice duplicate player but eager to learn. I think my partner opened 1NT every round. And every time she did I was broke but had a five card major. I had not yet met Mr. Jacoby. I knew I was to bid that major at the two level. A sign off bid, right? WRONG! Dear sweet Ann would raise, or worse, she would bid game.

At the break, I tried to explain that my bid at the 2 level was a signoff. She looked at me with such distaste and told me she never wanted to play with me again!

In those early days, I was embarrassed easily when things went wrong at the table but this time I managed to hold back the tears. What I didn't know is that another player was watching all this play out and came to console me after the game. And that is how I met Maria.

I would like to share something with you about Maria. She was born and raised in a small village in Sicily and as a young adult she aspired to become a nun but was quickly discouraged by her parents. Instead, she became an accomplished seamstress, and helped finance the education of her younger sister who became a school teacher. Meanwhile, here in the states a young Jimmy Roda, a distant relative also originally from Sicily, had married, and raised a family. After his wife died he went back to Sicily to get a wife. This is very common among Italians and considered the old country way. Maria and Jimmy marry.

Because of the paperwork involved, Maria could not leave for America with her new husband but plans were made for her travel and Jimmy would meet her in New York.

Fast forward to the day Maria is to join her husband. Jimmy is at the airport, but the plane and Maria never arrive! Her flight had been diverted and Maria lands elsewhere in America. All passengers are booked overnight in a motel and because Maria does not yet speak English she is totally clueless. Resourceful as she is, she decides to follow a lady in a fur coat who had the room next to hers. Too frightened to sleep, she waits until she hears her neighbor leave her room in the morning and follows her to the breakfast room and then to the bus returning them to the airport.

Finally, she arrives in New York,no Jimmy! She has a phone number but doesn't know how to communicate. She goes up to NY policeman and in Italian asks if he speaks her language. Not only does he speak Italian, he is Italian! He calls Jimmy for her and bawls him out and then looks after Maria until Jimmy arrives and takes her home to her new family.

It is a good life for many years. Widowed after 40 years, she learns to play bridge and still enjoys family. But a few years ago her step children, nearly as old as she, were experiencing health problems and it became necessary for them to move out of the area to live near their children. This left Maria alone in Vero Beach with no relatives nearby.

You have become her family! It is a joy for her to play bridge every day but a far greater joy is your friendship.

Winning points is great. It can be really great to be Number one. But bridge is only a game and an afternoon spent with friends is more important. Even when, as Maria says, you come in "below the points".

Happy Birthday, dear friend. You are loved by many!

Nancy Conway January 9, 2013

Card Sharks for December

Jamie Portell

0-5	Dick Dillon
6-20	Boots VanNostrand
21-50	Camille Gerardo
51-100	Allen Jones
101-200	Jim Flagg
201-300	Ray Hay
301-400	Joanne Matchette
401-500	Jeff Jones
501-750	Anne Bottelli
751-1000	Martha Glassmeyer
1001-2500	David Millward
2501+	Bob Schives

CLUB STATS FOR December

Club Tables - 839

Tournament Tables - 174.5

TOTAL MASTERPOINTS 1566.34

(Does Not Include tournament)

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 December:

12/3	Jan Greene & Marty Hunter Maureen Hendricks & Carol Koontz
12/5	John McClenathan & Helga Woodard
12/14	Rosalyn Middleman & Anita Stafford
12/17	Ida Farnworth & Karen Adelman
12/19	Jane Garr & Audrey Fetter Gerry Goodale & Jan VanMir
12/21	Hazel & Sam Lacks
12/24	Paul Quinn & Herb Crowder
12/26	Sally & Bill Corcoran
12/31	Linda Holmes & Linda Conner

70 percenters for December

Compiled by Toril Liapis

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

Anne and Phillip Batlett	70.83%, Dec 11
Sally Holt and Bob Frost	74.54%, Dec 18
Sid Stein and Irlene L'Homme	70.37%, Dec 21
Neil Hockenhull and Bob Johnson	70.00%, Dec 21
Diana and Bob Thompson	72.5%, Dec 24

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 December 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 Dec 2012</i>
100-200	19	Joanne Matchette	97
	27	Jeffrey Jones	94
300-500	28	Helga Woodard	122
1000-2500	20	Judith Kane	205
2500-5000	20	Ronald Andrews	261
5000-7500	20	Debbie Drury	261

ACBL-wide Master Point

<i>MP Level</i>	<i>ACBL-Wide Rank</i>	<i>Mini-McKenney VBBC Member</i>	<i>MP thru Dec 2012</i>
100-200	11th	Jeffrey Jones	220
300-500	22nd	John McClenathan	236

Congratulations! December Rank Changes.

Junior Master

John Hessian, Jean Oglethorpe, Marilyn Wurzer, Mary June Wilkinson

Club Master

Tom Clark, Mary Gijanto, Brenda Stanley, Wendy Stowe

Sectional Master

Jane Acheson, Laurence Farley, Hap Merriman, Yolanda Williamson

Life Master

Paula Hallam

Silver Life Master

Griff McClellan



2013 January 2013



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
If you need a partner for limited games, call Holly Thomas at 538-2349				If you need a partner for the open game call Phyllis Carlson at 559-7493		
		1	2	3	4	5 Charity 8-is-Enough Swiss
6 Pair Game	7	8 Jeff Meckstroth Seminar	9 Maria's Birthday Club Championship	10	11	12 Pair Game
13 Charity 4 X 4 Swiss Teams	14 Board Mtg. @ 10:00 Director's @ 11:45 UNIT	15 240	16 STaC --- 7	17 days of silver!	18 Charles Kline Appreciation Day!	19 Pair Game →
20 STaC Open & 299er Swiss Teams →	21 Club Championship	22	23	24 Birthday Celebration!	25	26 ACBL-Wide International Fund Pairs Game
27 Charity 8-is-Enough Swiss	28	29	30	31		

PLAN AHEAD!!

January 8—Jeff Meckstroth Seminar @ 8:30
 January 9—Begin Stratified Open Pairs @ 9:00
 January 9—Maria Roda's Birthday Party @ noon
 January 14-20—Unit 240 STaC Week
 January 18—Charlie Kline Appreciation Day
 January 21—Club Championship
 January 24—Birthday Celebration
 January 26—ACBL-wide International Fund Pairs
The following are Sectional Tournaments to be held at the VBBC & all pay silver points!
 February 8-10, 2013
 Vero Beach Sectional
 March 9-10, 2013
 0-499er NLM Sectional
 April 12-14, 2013
 Vero Beach Sectional
 April 26-28
 District 9 GNT Finals & Special Sectional

Here's our game schedule

Sunday 1 p.m. 0-299 & Handicapped Open Swiss Teams
 1 p.m. First Sunday following Saturday 8-is-Enough- Open Pairs
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
 6 p.m. Stratified Open Pairs
Wednesday 9 a.m. 0-499 Stratified Pairs (Open Pairs Begins 1/9)
 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