

THE VILLAGE CARD CLUB

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NEWSLETTER

2nd QUARTER 2005

JUNE 2005

COMING EVENTS

JUNE 2005

15th – “Special” Pairs Game

20th – 26th District 10 STaC

JULY 2005

5th – North American Open Pairs Game

20th – “Special” Pairs Game

22nd – International Fund Game

AUGUST 2005

12th – Emmy Clark Memorial Game

17th – “Special” Pairs Game

18th – North American Open Pairs Game

SEPTEMBER 2005

13th – Fall Bridge Classes Orientation

14th – Instant Matchpoint Game—win Gold

19th – Fall Bridge Classes Start

*All Fridays in September are special
ACBL-wide 49er games.*

BRIDGE TIPS:

Signaling at Trick One

Ray Banks

Until the last 30 years it was standard to lead the king from both king-queen and from ace-king against suit contracts. Indeed, the convention card still considers it standard because it is shown in bold in both cases. Some players still use this treatment.

The problem arises when you have J93 of a suit and partner leads the king, and dummy has 3 cards in that suit. If the king is from ace-king, we want to play the low card asking 4219457 for a switch, since a continuation would set up declarer's queen. However, if the king is from king-queen, we want to encourage with 9, since we have the jack and want the suit continued. Since there is ambiguity in leading from both holdings, most players have been leading the ace from ace-king in recent years.

Another useful defensive tool is to signal with the queen from queen-jack when partner leads the ace [from ace-king]. In this way it is safe for opening leader to underlead his king, since partner has either the queen-jack or had a singleton queen and can now ruff. On the other hand, we never play the queen from queen-x on the same lead, since the opening leader might underlead to our promised jack, which we don't have.

MEMBER ACHIEVEMENTS

LIFE MASTER

Ellen Weber

BRONZE LIFE MASTER

Cindy Devish

SILVER LIFE MASTER

Becky Rogers

GOLD LIFE MASTER

Tony Hofstede

FALL BRIDGE LESSONS will begin the week of September 19th. Classes will include Bidding, Play of Hand, Defense, Conventions, and More Conventions. If there is enough interest, a short refresher course in Bidding, Play of Hand and Defense will also be offered. Make plans to attend the **ORIENTATION Tuesday, September 13th at 9:00 a.m.** to learn more about these classes from the teachers.

UNIT 161 MINI-McKENNEY
AWARDS

The Mini-McKinney races recognize the calendar year masterpoint achievements of all players at each level of achievement.

The following VCC players received recognition for the year 2004:

Rookie of the Year:

#3 Diane Podawiltz

Club Master of the Year

#2 Robert Prestridge

NABC Master of the Year

#1 Peggy Ross

#2 Donald Russell

Bronze Life Master of the Year

#2 Martha Blaine

#3 Sheila Cosby

Silver Life Master of the Year

#1 Frances Doss

Gold Life Master of the Year

#1 Frank Matthews

#2 Virginia Matthews

#3 Louallen Leach

Diamond Life Master of the Year

#1 Ray Banks

UNIT 161 ACE OF CLUBS
AWARDS

The Ace of Clubs races recognize the calendar year achievements of all players just at the club level.

We recognize the following VCC players for the year 2004:

Rookie of the Year

#2 Diane Podawiltz

Junior Master of the Year

#3 Richard Condon

Club Master of the Year

#2 Gayle Hall

#3 Robert Prestridge

Sectional Master of the Year

#3 Jeanette Campbell

Regional Master of the Year

#1 Robert Rogers

#3 Robert Hester

Bronze Life Master of the Year

#3 Sherman Olson, Jr.

Silver Life Master of the Year

#1 Frances Doss

#2 Betty Schultz

#3 Joseph Fischer

Gold Life Master of the Year

#1 Virginia Matthews

#2 Louallen Leach

#3 John Tryon

Diamond Life Master of the Year

#1 Ray Banks

CONGRATULATIONS!

WIN A FREE PLAY!! Your ACBL number may be hidden within the text of this Newsletter. If you find it and call the Game Manager at 915-9827 before July 6th you'll win a Free Play at Casa de Carta. Our congratulations to Lois Hass who spotted her ACBL number in the March issue. Our regrets to John Remkus who missed his.

STAR SPANGLED TOURNAMENT

- Friday a.m. 0-20 Pairs (6 pairs)
2nd Rita Robertson & Sondra Welch
- Friday Stratified Open (71 pairs)
A 3rd Lou & Eve Agnew
5th Jack & Louallen Leach
6th Cecil Grattafiori & Wen Wenger
7th Bill Yester & Betty Schultz
B 2nd Norma Marvel & Joan Burlingame
6th Rick Wendricks & Alicia Fetters
C 2nd Norma Marvel & Joan Burlingame
4th Beverlee Redding & Linda Singleterry
5th Georgia Janush & Mary Ann Deem
- Friday April Fools 299er (57 pairs)
A 1st Jim & Diana Podawiltz
2nd Donald & Valerie Smeltzer
3rd Jerry & Charlene Byrd
6/7 Wayne Hultz & Mary Jo Kilker
B 1st Jim & Diana Podawiltz
2nd Donald & Valerie Smeltzer
3rd Frank & Beverly Ames
- Friday afternoon 0-20 Pairs (6 pairs)
1st Marge Gortsema & Diana Madden

- Friday afternoon 299er (12 pairs)
A 4th Jerry & Charlene Byrd
- Friday evening Open Pairs (8 pairs)
A 3rd Andy Cosby & Gina Doss
- Friday 2nd Bracketed KO (7 teams)
2nd Teri LaBove, Martha Blaine, Norma Marvel & Joan Burlingame
- Friday 3rd Bracketed KO (8 teams)
2nd Bill & Fran Bazemore, Bill & Ann Taylor
- Friday 4th Bracketed KO (7 teams)
2nd Don & Doris Lenox, Don & Liz Coonfer
- Friday 6th Bracketed KO (8 teams)
1st Lu Hagen, Mary Jo Kilker, Jim & Diane Podawiltz
3/4 Robert Davis, Chris Voeller, Wanda Crader & Bob Prestridge
- Saturday a.m. 0-20 (6 pairs)
1st Rita Robertson & Sondra Welch
2nd Marge Gortsema & Diana Madden
- Saturday Stratified Open (42 pairs)
A 1st Dwayne & Marcia Ballew
4/5 Ned Irving & Gene LaBove
6th Bill Yester & partner
B 2nd Ned Irving & Gene LaBove
3rd Bill Yester & partner
C 5th Cecil Grattafiori & partner
- Saturday Stratified 299er (57 pairs)
A 1st Dave & Glenda Barrow
4th Barbara Trusdell & Candace Shurek
B 3rd Abbie Engel & Kay Joy
5th Nancy Luehring & Marcy Jordan
6th Frank & Beverly Ames
- Sat. afternoon Stratified Open (19 pairs)
A 2nd Frank & Virginia Matthews

Sat. afternoon Stratified Open (Cont.)

- B 3rd Tom & Joann Lewis
- C 2nd Tom & Joann Lewis

Sat. evening Stratified Open (14 pairs)

- A 2nd Teri LaBove & Beverlee Redding
- 3rd Andy Cosby & Gina Doss
- 5th Millie Heisler & Lorraine Hill
- B 1st Teri LaBove & Beverlee Redding
- 2nd Tom & Joann Lewis

Sun. Stratified A/X Swiss (20 teams)

- A 3rd Ned Irving, John Paul, Jack & Louallen Leach
- 6th Lou & Eve Agnew, Millie Heisler & Joe Fischer
- B 2nd Teri LaBove, Martha Blaine, Norma Marvel & Joan Burlingame
- 3/4 Dwight Shatto, Doris Waugh, Barbara Stiff & partner

Sun. Stratified B/C/D Swiss (26 teams)

- B 1st Beverlee Redding, Linda Singleterry & partners
- 3rd Bill & Ann Taylor, Bill & Fran Bazemore
- C 1st Beverlee Redding, Linda Singleterry & partners
- 2nd Bill & Ann Taylor, Bill & Fran Bazemore
- 5th Dave & Glenda Barrow, Bobby & Voncel Haggard
- D 1st Mack Williams, Robert Davis, Chris Voeller & partner

TOURNAMENT OF ROSES

Friday a.m. Stratified Open (30 pairs)

- A 1st Ray Banks & Jim Awalt
- B 1st Marcy Jordan & Nancy Luehring
- C 1st Marcy Jordan & Nancy Luehring

Friday afternoon Stratified Open (59 pairs)

- A 1st Ned Irving & Betty Schultz
- 4th Ray Banks & Jim Awalt

Friday evening Stratified Open (27 pairs)

- A 1st Gina Doss & Joe Fischer
- 4th Ned Irving & Betty Schultz
- 5th Jack & Louallen Leach
- 6th Martha Blaine & partner
- B 1st Donald & Valerie Smeltzer
- C 1st Donald & Valerie Smeltzer

Friday Bracketed Knockout

Section B (8 teams)

- 2nd Jan Farnsworth, Dolores Pilarski & partners
- 3rd Cindy Devish, Marilyn Biegler, Peg Birzer & Barb Stiff

Friday Bracketed Knockout

Section C (8 teams)

- 1st Lu Hagen, Mary Jo Kilker, Dick Condon & Bob Prestridge

Saturday a.m. Stratified Open

Section A (39 pairs)

- 6th Ned Irving & Betty Schultz

Section B (21 pairs)

- 5th Normal Marvil & Joan Burlingame

- 6th Becky Rogers & Connie Fitch

Section C (13 pairs)

- 3rd Marilyn Jones & Helen Corey
- 5th Dick Condon & Bob Prestridge

WELL DONE!

Sat. afternoon Stratified Open (67 pairs)

- A 1st Ned Irving & Betty Schultz
5th Dick Condon & Bob Prestridge
- B 1st Dick Condon & Bob Prestridge
- C 1st Dick Condon & Bob Prestridge

Saturday evening Stratified Open (22 pairs)

- B 4th Donald & Valerie Smeltzer
- C 2nd Donald & Valerie Smeltzer
3rd David & Glenda Barrow

Sunday a.m. Stratified Open (34 pairs)

- A 3rd Ned Irving & Betty Schultz
4/5 Jack & Louallen Leach
4/5 Robert & Beverly Brown
- B 1st Robert & Beverly Brown
2/3 Normal Marvel & Joan
Burlingame
- C 1st Robert & Beverly Brown

Sun. afternoon Stratified Open (50 pairs)

- A 4th Ned Irving & Betty Schultz
- B 4/5 Robert & Beverly Brown
- C 2/3 Robert & Beverly Brown

Monday Swiss Team

- A 2/3 Andy Crosby & partners
2/3 Ray Banks, Jim Awalt & partner
5/6 Doris Waugh, Dwight Shatto,
Teri LaBove & Martha Blaine
- 5/6 Ned Irving, Betty Schults, Jack
& Louallen Leach

GREAT JOB!

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PRESIDENT'S NOTES:

Hope you are all "smelling the roses"!!
Thanks to Jane Zambell and all those who so generously contributed to the VCC Rose Memorial Fund. You may still participate in this loving memorial to our past club members.

Congratulations to the 2005 Star Spangled Sectional Committee headed by Connie Fitch and Marilyn Biegler. The final figures are in and the profit for VCC is \$3,967.64. Connie and Marilyn will again be co-chairmen for the 2006 Spring Fling Sectional and most of their committees will serve again. Thanks for a job well done!!

A special thank you to Wen and Barbara Wenger for the remote controlled, wall mounted time clock which will be used during our games.

We are proud of our bridge club—we have one of the best bridge facilities in the U.S. Help us to keep it that way.

1. **Throw away your trash and any other you see and return pencils.**
2. **Push in chairs and put boxes in the center of the table.**
3. **Take the boards to the front.**

Thank you!!

Please let me know if there is something you would like to have included in your *Newsletter*. Your ideas are welcome.