

# THE VILLAGE CARD CLUB

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## NEWSLETTER

3rd QUARTER 2005

SEPTEMBER 2005

### COMING EVENTS

#### SEPTEMBER 2005

17<sup>th</sup> – Unit Pairs Game

Classes begin the week of Sept. 19<sup>th</sup>.

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

#### OCTOBER 2005

6<sup>th</sup> – Charity Club Championship (2 sessions)

19<sup>th</sup> – “Special” Pairs Money Game

20<sup>th</sup> – Life Master Halloween Party

22<sup>nd</sup> – NAOP Unit Finals (B&C), Little Rock Bridge House

#### NOVEMBER 2005

4<sup>th</sup> -6<sup>th</sup> – DeGray Sectional (Club Closed)

12<sup>th</sup> – Unit-Wide Championship

16<sup>th</sup> – “Special” Sadie Hawkins Mixer

21<sup>st</sup> – ACBL Wide Charity Game

28<sup>th</sup> – Morning Super Club Championship

Knockout (first round)

30<sup>th</sup> – Morning Super Club Championship

Knockout (second round)

#### DECEMBER 2005

2<sup>nd</sup> – Morning Super Club Championship

Knockout (third round)

8<sup>th</sup> – Annual Meeting

12<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> -- STaC

14<sup>th</sup> – “Special” Pairs Game (new partner)

15<sup>th</sup> – Christmas Party

### ACHIEVEMENTS

#### LIFE MASTER

Karen Nagy

Estelle White

#### BRONZE LIFE MASTER

Fran Bazemore

Alicia Fetters

#### SILVER LIFE MASTER

John Hegner

Ned Irving

Shirley Stollsteimer

### FALL BRIDGE LESSONS

#### *IT'S NOT TOO LATE!!!*

Classes begin the week of September 19<sup>th</sup>.  
Just call the teacher of the class you wish  
to take or come to the first scheduled class.

### BRIDGE TIPS:

#### **Don't Tell – Don't Ask**

“Don't tell”: Many players, in their eagerness to fully disclose, offer explanations of alertable calls before they are asked.

When your partner makes an alertable call, you are supposed to say “Alert!” and tap the Alert Flag or display the Alert Card. You should not make any explanation

### Bridge Tips (Continued)

unless your right-hand opponent asks for one. (Your left-hand opponent may not ask until his turn to bid.)

If you offer an unsolicited explanation, your opponent has every right to call the Director and complain that you are intentionally transmitting unauthorized information to your partner. And that is bad. So, "Don't Tell," unless asked.

**"Don't ask":** When your opponent says "Alert!" it is for your benefit, not for his partner's. While the partner is supposed to act deaf, he isn't. If you ask for an explanation, everyone hears it.

If you have no intention of entering the bidding at this point, don't ask just to satisfy your curiosity. Why enable the opponents to reassure each other that neither has forgotten their agreements? When you hear the "Alert!" say "Thank You." If you hear the beginnings of an explanation, say, "I am not asking at this point." Later in the auction, you may ask for an explanation of an earlier "Alert!" You may also do so just before making your final pass. After the auction, either defender may ask for an explanation of all alerts. However, you may not ask any questions about the explanations, since that might suggest an opening lead.

If you want to get into the auction, and there is any doubt about the meaning of the Alert, you may wish to ask for an explanation of their agreement. If you hear something like, "We haven't discussed it, but I am guessing..." quickly (but courteously) stop the answer. It is not your intent to facilitate their communication.

VCC Bridge Ethics Newsletter #3 (June 2004)

**WOW!! Did you know that Janice and Larry Parker had a 77.08% game in the 0-199 game on Monday morning, 7-11-05? Way to go!!**

### TOP 10 GOODWILL GESTURES

- Greet and welcome opponents
- Always say, "Director, please"
- Lead or place dummy before you write
- Mentor a new player
- Say, "Thank you, partner"
- Compliment opponents' play
- Discuss hands after the game
- Accept defeat and victory with grace
- Leave a tidy table
- Smile Often!!**

### UNIT 161 MINI-McKENNEY AWARDS

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

Standings as of September 6, 2005, are as follows:

- Rookie of the Year
- 1 Annette Bono
- 3 John Wild
- 5 Max White
- 8 Ed Levy
- 10 Cathy Irving

Junior Master of the Year

- 2 Becky Rice
- 5 Mickey Bearden
- 7 Marilyn Jones
- 9 Sandy Stephens

Club Master of the Year

- 1 Donald Smeltzer
- 7 Dick Condon
- 8 Marcy Jordan
- 9 Diana Podawiltz

Sectional Master of the Year

- 2 Valerie Smeltzer
- 4 Robert Prestridge
- 5 Randy Lusk
- 7 Marvin Bourland
- 9 Mack Williams
- 10 Beverly Brown

Regional Master of the Year

- 4 Lu Hagen
- 5 Bob Rogers
- 7 Jeanette Campbell
- 8 Greg Bono

NABC Master of the Year

- 3 Tom Martick
- 4 Peggy Ross
- 6 Rita Martick
- 10 Estelle White

Life Master of the Year

- 2 Ann Taylor
- 3 Bill Taylor
- 5 Fran Bazemore
- 6 Bill Bazemore
- 7 Jeannine Huber
- 8 Alicia Fetters
- 9 Beverly Redding

Bronze Life Master of the Year

- 1 Ned Irving
- 2 Teri LaBove
- 5 Martha Blaine

Bronze Life Master of the Year (cont.)

- 7 Sherman Olson
- 10 Joan Burlingame

Silver Life Master of the Year

- 1 Betty Schultz
- 2 Andy Cosby
- 5 Tony Hofstede
- 8 Millie Heisler
- 9 Joe Fischer

Gold Life Master of the Year

- 1 Louallen Leach
- 2 Jack Leach
- 3 Gina Doss
- 4 Virginia Matthews
- 6 Frank Matthews
- 7 John Tryon
- 8 Billie Robertson
- 10 Jean Pritchett

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.

2005 standings as of 9-06-05:

Rookie of the Year

- 1 Annette Bono
- 2 John Wild
- 7 Wally Newburn
- 8 Sherry Evans
- 10 Cathy Irving

Junior Master of the Year

- 1 Becky Rice
- 2 Mickey Bearden
- 5 Marilyn Jones
- 6 Sandy Stephens
- 10 Sondra Welch

Club Master of the Year

- 2 Donald Smeltzer
- 3 Marcy Jordan
- 4 Nancy Luehring
- 6 Diana Podawiltz
- 7 Dick Condon
- 10 Carolyn Myatt
- 11 Patricia Bertnolli

Sectional Master of the Year

- 2 Bob Prestridge
- 3 Randy Lusk
- 4 Marvin Bourland
- 6 Valerie Smeltzer
- 7 Bill Parry
- 8 Mack Williams

Regional Master of the Year

- 2 Bob Rogers
- 4 Michelle Johnson
- 5 Greg Bono
- 7 Jeanette Campbell
- 8 Robert Davis
- 9 Velma Dewitt

NABC Master of the Year

- 1 Peggy Ross
- 2 Estelle White
- 5 Tom Martick
- 7 Rita Martick
- 8 Elaine Hunziker
- 9 Fran Anderson
- 10 Jim Bicknell

Life Master of the Year

- 2 Fran Bazemore
- 3 Bill Bazemore
- 4 Alicia Fetters
- 7 Carmen Drake
- 8 Ken Drake
- 10 Don Russell

Bronze Life Master of the Year

- 1 Ned Irving
- 2 Sherman Olsen

Bronze Life Master of the Year (cont.)

- 4 Teri LaBove
- 5 Bill Stuart
- 7 Shirley Stollsteimer
- 8 Joan Burlingame
- 9 Becky Rogers
- 10 John Hegner

Silver Life Master of the Year

- 1 Betty Schultz
- 2 Andy Cosby
- 3 Tony Hofstede
- 4 Mickey Washington
- 5 Joe Fischer
- 6 Millie Heisler
- 7 Wen Wenger
- 9 Dick Banks
- 10 Gloria Van Ert

Gold Life Master of the Year

- 1 Jack Leach
- 2 Louallen Leach
- 3 John Tryon
- 4 Gina Doss
- 5 Virginia Matthews
- 6 Billie Roberson
- 7 Frank Matthews
- 8 Jean Pritchett
- 9 Betty Johnson

Diamond Life Master of the Year

- 1 Ray Banks

**If you have qualified for B or C in the North American Open Pairs, be sure to attend the unit finals at the Little Rock Bridge House on Saturday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>, at 10:00 AM—bring a lunch. Further information will be posted on the bulletin board.**

### I'VE ALWAYS WANTED TO ASK...

What is the difference between flighted, handicapped and bracketed games?

**Flighted:** Everyone plays together, but is scored in their flight. Example: 199er game (0-99 and 100-199) or open game (0-500, 500-1000 and 1000+). The player with the most masterpoints will determine which flight the pair will score in. If you place in a higher flight, you will earn the masterpoints awarded in that flight.

**Handicapped:** Everyone plays together and is scored together, but each pair is given a handicap. The handicap is determined using the masterpoints of the higher of the two players.

**Bracketed:** Bracketed games are used in knockouts. The team's total number of points is used to determine which bracket it falls into. The lowest 16 teams will be in the lowest bracket, next 16 the next highest and so on.

Article by Brent Manley, editor of the *Bridge Bulletin*

If you choose to play a complicated convention-laden bidding system, you owe it to yourself, your partner, the opponents, and the game in general to know what you are doing. There are few events in bridge more frustrating – to everyone, of course, but mostly to your partner – than a forgotten agreement or a flawed explanation of an agreement. It smacks of unethical behavior if, when asked about a bidding agreement by an opponent, your only response is “I don't know.”

World champion, Bobby Wolff, is a stickler for ethics, especially in bidding.

At one time, he succeeded in promulgating a concept called “convention disruption”. The idea was that if you and your partner were playing methods that were constantly being fouled up, creating havoc for the opponents and endless director calls, you were subject to penalty. This idea was popular among two groups. The less-experienced players who are often intimidated by esoteric systems and frequent interruptions in the auctions for explanations, and the serious players who feel the “forgotten” agreements and bids truly disrupt the game and skew the results.

### **PRESIDENT'S NOTES:**

Please be aware of the following procedures: When a Game Director is called to your table, they will carefully listen, uninterrupted, to both sides of the discussion, quote the rule, as they believe it to be, and make the call. You may not argue with a director, but you may ask that a committee be called and they will meet following the game. This is your right and you must use it. Please continue your play with no further discussion. Remembering these procedures and following them will make for a friendly, quiet game.

Kudos to Jim Bicknell for installing the drip system for our roses. Please thank him for all his efforts. Don't they look pretty?

Thanks to Don and Valerie Smeltzer and our anonymous contributor for the second remote wall clock. Our games are so much more enjoyable.

**UPCOMING TOURNAMENTS \***

**NATIONALS (NABC)**

Nov. 17-27, Denver, CO  
 March 30-April 9, Dallas, TX

**REGIONALS**

Sept. 19-25, Tunica, MS  
 Sept. 20-Oct. 20, Metairie, LA (0-300)  
 Oct.24-30, Mobile, AL  
 Oct. 24-30, Shreveport, LA

**SECTIONALS**

Sept. 24-25, Fort Worth, TX  
 Sept. 30-Oct. 2, Monroe, LA  
 Sept. 30-Oct. 2, Tupelo, MS  
 Oct. 1-2, Muskogee, OK  
 Oct. 6-9, Moss Point, MS  
 Oct. 14-16, St. Charles, MO  
 Oct. 20-23, Nashville, TN  
 Oct. 21-23, Fort Worth, TX  
 Oct. 21-23, Oklahoma City, OK  
 Oct. 28-30, Kimberling City, MO  
**Nov. 4-6, DeGray, AR**  
 Nov. 10-13, Metairie, LA  
 Nov 12, St. Louis, MO (0-200)  
 Nov. 12-13, Austin, TX  
 Dec. 1-4, Baton Rouge  
 Dec. 2-4, Houston, TX (0-300)  
 Dec. 1-4, San Antonio, TX

**\* Check ACBL's *The Bridge Bulletin* for other games and details.**

**DISTRICT 10 STaC**

**(Sectional Tournament at Clubs)**

**June 20 – 26, 2005**

**RESULTS**

**General Information**

- Total Tables in Play – 1839
- Number of Players – 3151
- Players Winning Masterpoints - 2181
- Total Number of Masterpoints Awarded – 5297.49

VCC players earned many of the awarded Masterpoints. This is a great way to earn silver points without having to travel to tournaments. Plan to play in the next STaC, December 12-18. The following is a list of VCC players who won silver:

25.98	Louallen Leach	2.49	Gene LaBove
24.91	Ned Irving	2.42	Carol DeCastro
20.57	Jack Leach	2.38	Marcia Ballew
17.17	Betty Schultz	2.38	Dwayne Ballew
16.71	Ray Banks	2.38	Becky Rogers
8.53	Bob Rogers	2.25	Eileen Hintzen
8.53	Jeanette Campbell	2.10	Bill Leonard
8.27	Teri LaBove	2.00	Pete Porter
6.72	Ron Trainer	2.00	Bob Davis
6.64	Virginia Matthews	2.00	Carol Case
6.56	Tony Hofstede	1.99	Emily Robertson
6.49	Joe Fischer	1.98	Alicia Fetters
5.55	Valerie Smeltzer	1.94	Beth Mainord
5.55	Don Smeltzer	1.92	Karen Nagy
5.35	Mickey Washington	1.87	Fran Bazemore
5.29	Betty Wigton	1.87	Bill Bazemore
5.27	Randy Lusk	1.87	Jean Leister
4.56	Frank Matthews	1.86	Ed Bertnolli
4.04	Bill Stuart	1.86	Patricia Bertnolli
3.77	Billie Roberson	1.85	Sherman Olson
3.64	Andy Cosby	1.81	Doris Waugh
3.63	Fran Anderson	1.72	Micki Johnson
3.58	Peggy Ross	1.71	Joan Choyce
3.49	Nancy Luehring	1.70	June Southwick
3.44	Shirley Stollsteimer	1.70	Sherry Piper
3.41	Adair Atkinson	1.67	Peter Smit
3.39	Gloria Van Ert	1.67	Joan Burlingame
3.33	Kay Joy	1.67	Bill Yester
3.24	Bob Brown	1.63	Lois Hass
3.24	Beverly Brown	1.63	Chris Voeller
3.22	Peg Birzer	1.58	Shirley Carbine
3.16	Jean Pritchett	1.57	Lee Kern
3.05	Carole Trainer	1.52	Pat Luehring
2.94	Ken Pyles	1.52	Estelle White
2.91	John Tryon	1.49	Vicki Jennings
2.91	Marvin Bourland	1.48	Charlene Lawton
2.91	Greg Bono	1.46	Diane Patterson
2.81	Marcy Jordan	1.42	Rick Wendricks
2.75	John Paul	1.39	Cindy Devish
2.74	Bob Leister	1.33	Marilyn Jones
2.63	Dolores Pilarski	1.30	Bob Hawthorne
2.62	Carmen Drake	1.30	Doris Hawthorne
2.62	Ken Drake	1.29	Patsy Bicknell
2.53	Velma Dewitt	1.29	Kathy Harris
2.52	Ed Levy	1.28	Charlotte Seiler

STaC Results (continued)

1.28	M. A. Aschenbrenner	.66	Nan Medcalf
1.25	Dwight Shatto	.66	Joe Kaskie
1.19	Carolyn VieBrooks	.66	Shirli Kaskie
1.18	Betty Johnson	.65	Tom Kasten
1.17	Bob Prestridge	.64	Sue Myatt
1.17	Melitta Bagge	.64	Glory Brewer
1.17	Lee Siebels	.64	Helen Corey
1.13	Mary Franks	.64	Mickey Bearden
1.13	Wayne Franks	.61	Ruth Westring
1.12	Richard Robertson	.61	Carl Westring
1.11	Dick Johnson	.59	Shirley Engquist
1.05	Nora Biddle	.59	Barbara Reilly
1.05	Millie Heisler	.59	Jim Reilly
1.04	Beverly Redding	.59	Charlotte Nelson
1.04	Bob Ross	.55	Martha Parry
1.04	Elaine Hunziker	.54	Sharon Hjelm
.99	Sandra Snyder	.54	Harve Hjelm
.99	David Teague	.53	Charlene Byrd
.99	Bonnie Rolli	.53	Jerry Byrd
.98	Isabel McLemore	.53	Jim Bicknell
.96	Dick Banks	.52	Jerry Heisler
.96	Betty DeVries	.52	R. Oschsenfeld
.96	Verne DeVries	.50	Carol Pixton
.94	Mary Jo Kilker	.50	Jeannine Huber
.94	Lu Hagen	.48	Nell Brewer
.93	Renny Miller	.48	Ken Bishop
.93	Bill Miller	.48	Carolyn Bishop
.93	Shirley Swanson	.48	B. McCracken
.93	June Eichhorn	.45	Louie Nunn
.93	Virginia Edwards	.45	Sylvia Chandler
.90	Bernie Lacy	.45	Maria Waters
.89	Carolyn Squire	.45	Wen Wenger
.89	Ruth Hansen	.44	Adel Stone
.88	Eve Agnew	.44	Mary Soldwedel
.88	Donna Noss	.43	Becky Elliott
.87	Tom Martick	.42	Carol Reed
.87	Phyllis Tryon	.41	George Wisner
.87	Richard Robertson	.40	Kay Turner
.87	Max White	.38	Stanley Walski
.84	Vonna Fischer	.37	Sherry Evans
.80	Dick Condon	.32	Anne Cosgrove
.79	Henry MacMorran	.26	Martha Blaine
.79	Lillian Joor	.26	Don Russell
.79	Robin MacMorran	.26	Ann Hamparian
.79	Kathleen Halley	.23	Roberta Metz
.77	Dolly Johnson	.23	Imogene Hany
.74	Rex Jones	.21	Danna Kelly
.71	Bill Pritchett	.21	Lois Thyfault
.70	Ann Taylor	.19	Polly Liebel
.70	Bill Taylor	.19	Beverly Titus
.67	Jean Flaaten	.18	Beth Gann
.67	S. Hawley	.18	Carolyn Strout

**Did you know that District 10 includes Alabama, most of Arkansas, Louisiana, Mississippi, and most of Tennessee?**

**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, Andy Cosby, at 915-9827 before October 6<sup>th</sup> you'll win a Free Play at Casa de Carta. Regrets to Dolena Kann and Conrad Farner who missed their numbers in the June issue.

**VCC Board of Directors**  
**President--Kathy Harris**  
**Vice President--Dick Condon**  
**Treasurer--Allan Walker**  
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**Game Manager--Andy Cosby**  
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**Parliamentarian--Mabel Serpa**  
**Club Manager--Richard Robertson**



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

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