

# THE VILLAGE CARD CLUB

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## NEWSLETTER

4th QUARTER 2005

DECEMBER 2005

MERRY CHRISTMAS  
HAPPY NEW YEAR

### COMING EVENTS

#### DECEMBER 2005

12<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup> – STaC \*  
14<sup>th</sup> – Pot Luck Game (6:00)  
15<sup>th</sup> – Christmas Party (11:00)  
18<sup>th</sup> – STaC Pairs Game instead of Swiss  
28<sup>th</sup> – Pot Luck Game (6:00)

#### JANUARY 2006

10<sup>th</sup> – New Classes Orientation (9:00)  
11<sup>th</sup> – Pot Luck Game (6:00)  
11<sup>th</sup> – 999er Game (1:00) weekly  
14<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup> – NAOP District 10 Final,  
Jackson, MS  
16<sup>th</sup> – Classes Start  
18<sup>th</sup> – Mixed Pairs Game (1:00)  
25<sup>th</sup> – Pot Luck Game (6:00)  
30<sup>th</sup>-31<sup>st</sup> – STaC

#### FEBRUARY 2006

1<sup>st</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> – STaC  
1<sup>st</sup> – Open Pairs Game (1:00)  
8<sup>th</sup> – Pot Luck Game (6:00)  
15<sup>th</sup> – Valentine Prom Game (1:00)  
22<sup>nd</sup> – First Mentor Game (1:00)  
22<sup>nd</sup> – Pot Luck Game (6:00)  
27<sup>th</sup> – ACBL Senior Game (7:00)

#### MARCH 2006

1<sup>st</sup> – Open Pairs Game (1:00)  
8<sup>th</sup> – Pot Luck Game (6:00)  
15<sup>th</sup> – Board-A-Match (1:00)  
17<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup> – HSV Spring Fling Sectional

#### MARCH 2006 (Continued)

22<sup>nd</sup> – Pot Luck Game (6:00)

\* All profits from this STaC will go toward rebuilding and restocking bridge centers along the devastated Gulf Coast. This is a joint effort by Districts 10, 7 and 16 and Florida Units 102, 219 and 240.

VCC PHONE #915-9296

### ACHIEVEMENTS

#### LIFE MASTER

Bob Case  
Oleta Looney  
Susan Trimble

#### BRONZE LIFE MASTER

Bill Bazemore

### BRIDGE LESSONS

Orientation will be held at 9:00 AM on Tuesday, January 10<sup>th</sup>. Come and hear all about the classes from the teachers and enjoy coffee and donuts.

Classes will begin the week of January 16<sup>th</sup>.

The VCC is looking for people interested in teaching and getting accreditation from the ACBL. Several of the people on the current teaching list have other interests, and have not taught for several years. As we have a couple of new programs coming on stream, we don't wish to wear out our current crop of excellent teachers. If interested, please contact Dick Condon @ 915-0781.

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

What is the difference between the between Blackwood, Roman Key Card and 1430?

Blackwood is a way to ask for aces by bidding 4NT. 5♣ shows all or none, 5♦ shows one, 5♥ shows two and 5♠ shows three.

Roman Key Card – 4NT not only asks about aces, but also the king of agreed suit. It assumes five key cards: four aces and the king of the proposed trump suit. 5♣ shows none or three, 5♦ shows one or four, 5♥ shows two (or 5) without the queen of the agreed suit and 5♠ shows two (or 5) with the queen.

1430 is similar to Roman Key Card, but the first two responses are reversed (5♣ shows one or four aces, 5♦ shows none or three aces). 5♥ and 5♠ are the same. The name 1430 comes from the first two responses (14-30).

**Mary Soldwedel and Carolyn Strout had a 70.27% game in the 0-199 game on Thursday afternoon, 11-9-05. GREAT JOB!!**

**NORTH AMERICAN OPEN PAIRS**

VCC qualified 15 pairs for the NAOP finals to be played 8382778 in Jackson, Mississippi, January 14 & 15.

Flight B:

Dwight Shatto & Jan Farnsworth  
Peg Birzer & Barb Stiff  
Cindy Devish & Marilyn Biegler  
Fran & Bill Bazemore

Flight C:

Doris Van Shiver & Patsy Billingsley  
Marilyn Anderson & Karren Pamperin  
Val & Don Smeltzer  
Diana & Jim Podawiltz  
Marcy Jordan & Nancy Luehring  
Lu Hagen & Mary Jo Kilker  
Ken Pyles & Ed Levy  
Bob Davis & Chris Voeller  
Dick Condon & Bob Prestridge  
Rita & Tom Martick  
Mickey Bearden & Mack Williams

**If you have qualified for B or C in the North American Open Pairs, be sure to attend the finals at the Jackson, Mississippi Sectional on January 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>. If you are unable to attend, please contact David Siebert, District 10 President ([d.siebert@sbcglobal.net](mailto:d.siebert@sbcglobal.net) or 501.312.9538), so the next pair on the list can compete K042754. The top three pairs in each flight will get a paid trip to Nationals in Dallas.**

**Tournament information is posted on our bulletin board.**

**UPCOMING TOURNAMENTS \***

**NATIONALS (NABC)**

March 30-April 9, Dallas, TX

**REGIONALS**

January 23-29, Nashville, TN

April 17-23, Gatlinburg, TN

**May 15-21, Hot Springs, AR**

**SECTIONALS**

January 6-8, Germantown (Memphis), TN

January 6-8, Oklahoma City, OK

January 13-15, Jackson, MS (NAOP)

January 13-15, Richardson, TX

February 9-12, Birmingham, AL

February 17-19, Hattiesburg, MS

February 17-20, Huntsville, AL

February 24-26, Branson, MO

February 24-25, Norman, OK (0-300)

March 2-5, Baton Rouge, LA

March 10-12, Lafayette, LA

**March 17-19, Hot Springs Village, AR**

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

**TUNICA REGIONAL TOURNAMENT**

September 19-25, 2005

**RESULTS**

**General Information**

- Total Tables in Play – 2155
- Number of Players – 1072
- Players Winning Masterpoints - 996
- Total Number of Masterpoints Awarded – 14,427.95

**Monday / Tuesday Knockouts**

Bracket 3 (9 teams)

3/4 – John Hegner & Partners

Bracket 6 (16 teams)

5/8 – Bob & Karen Nagy, Estelle White & Fran Anderson

Bracket 8 (16 teams)

2 – Dave & Glenda Barrow, Bobby & Voncel Haggard

3/4 – Val & Don Smeltzer & Partners

**Tuesday Afternoon 199er Pairs (26 pairs)**

A 2 – Jim & Diana Podawiltz

A 6/7 – June Southwick & Vickie Teel

B 1 – Jim & Diana Podawiltz

B 3/4 – June Southwick & Vickie Teel

C 1/2 – June Southwick & Vickie Teel

**Tuesday Afternoon Board-A-Match**

3 – Ned Irving, Betty Schultz, Jack & Louallen Leach

**Tuesday Afternoon Side Game (58 pairs)**

B 5 – Shirley Swanson & Lois Schoenrock

C 1 – Shirley Swanson & Lois Schoenrock

**Tuesday Compact Knockouts**

Bracket 3 (16 teams)

1 – Joan Burlingame & Norma Marvel & partners

**Tuesday / Wednesday Knockouts**

Bracket 5 (16 teams)

1 – Pat Bowles & partners

5/8 – Barb Stiff, Peg Birzer, Cindy Devish & Marilyn Biegler

Bracket 7 (16 teams)

2 – Nancy Luehring, Marcy Jordan & partners

**Wednesday / Thursday Knockouts**

Bracket 5 (16 teams)

5/8 – Bob & Karen Nagy, Estelle White & Fran Anderson

**Thursday Morning 199er Pairs (16 pairs)**

A 2 – Glenda & Dave Barrow

**Thursday Side Game (58 pairs)**

C 2 – Lu Hagen & Mary Jo Kilker

**Thursday Open Pairs (60 pairs)**

A 4 – Ned Irving & Betty Schultz

**Thursday Afternoon 199er Pairs (23 pairs)**

A 5 – Val & Don Smeltzer

B 3 – Marge Gortsema & Diane Madden

C 3 – Marge Gortsema & Diane Madden

**Thursday Evening Side Game (37 pairs)**

C 5 – Estelle White & Fran Anderson

**Thursday / Friday Knockouts**

Bracket 5 (16 teams)

5/8 – Val & Don Smeltzer & partners

**Friday Morning 199er Pairs (17 pairs)**

B 3 – Marge Gortsema & Diane Madden

**Friday Morning 199er Pairs (Continued)**

C 3 – Marge Gortsema & Diane Madden

**Friday Flight AX Pairs (20 pairs)**

A 3 – Ned Irving & Betty Schultz

B 2 – Ned Irving & Betty Schultz

**Friday B/C/D Pairs (20 pairs)**

D 2/3 – Karen & Bob Nagy

**Saturday Choice Pairs (54 pairs)**

C 2 – Karen & Bob Nagy

**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 January 6<sup>th</sup> you'll win a Free Play at Casa de Carta. Regrets to Carol Reed and Allan Walker who missed their numbers in the September issue.

**SHREVEPORT  
REGIONAL TOURNAMENT  
October 24-30, 2005  
RESULTS**

**Tuesday Afternoon Side Game (20 pairs)**

A 2 – Ned Irving & Betty Schultz

**Wednesday Stratified Open (52 pairs)**

C 2 – Val & Don Smeltzer

**Thurs. Afternoon Side Game (24 pairs)**

C 2 – Shirley Swanson & Doris Van Skiver

C 3 – Lu Hagen & Mary Jo Kilker

**Thurs. /Fri. Handicapped KOs (7 teams)**

1 – Jack & Louallen Leach, Betty Schultz & Ned Irving

**Thurs. /Fri. Knockouts (10 teams)**

3/4 – Lu Hagen, Mary Jo Kilker, Shirley Swanson & Doris Van Skiver

**The Village card club has 163 Life Masters. We have one Diamond, 12 Gold, 41 Silver and 58 Bronze Life Masters. Congratulations!!**

**DeGRAY SECTIONAL  
TOURNAMENT  
November 4-6, 2005  
RESULTS**

**Friday Morning Open Pairs (22 pairs)**

A 2 – Sheila & Andy Cosby

A 3 – Ray Banks & Ned Irving

A 4 – Shirley Stollsteimer & Bob Engels

A 5 – Bob Ross & Betty Schultz

B 1 – Shirley Stollsteimer & Bob Engels

B 2 – Randy Rusk & Maureen Morgan

B 4 – Carmen & Ken Drake

C 1 – Randy Rusk & Maureen Morgan

C 2 – Carmen & Ken Drake

C 3/5 – Jim & Patsy Bicknell

**Friday Morning 299er Pairs (18 pairs)**

A 1 – Jim & Sally Crawford

A 2 – Enid Scripture & Sandra Snyder

A 3 – Marge Gortsema & Diane Madden

A 5 – Bob Fisher & Pamela Murphy-Fisher

B 1 – Jim & Sally Crawford

B 2 – Marge Gortsema & Diane Madden

B 4 – Bob Fisher & Pamela Murphy-Fisher

B 5 – June Southwick & Sherry Piper

C 1 – Jim & Sally Crawford

C 2 – Marge Gortsema & Diane Madden

C 4 – Bob Fisher & Pamela Murphy-Fisher

**Friday Afternoon Open Pairs (46 pairs)**

A 2 – Ken & Carmen Drake

A 5/6 – Shirley Stollsteimer & Bob Engels

A 5/6 – Rick Wendricks & Alicia Fetters

B 1 – Ken & Carmen Drake

B 3/4 – Shirley Stollsteimer & Bob Engels

B 3/4 – Rick Wendricks & Alicia Fetters

B 5 – Becky Rogers & Cecil Grattafiori

B 6 – Sara Fike & partner

C 1 – Ken & Carmen Drake

C 2 – Sara Fike & partner

**Friday Afternoon 299er Game (33 pairs)**

A 1 – Lavonne Hein & Vicki Jennings

A 4 – Enid Scripture & Sandra Snyder

B 4 – Jim & Sally Crawford

B 6 – Ken Pyles & Ed Levy

C 2 – Jim & Sally Crawford

C 4 – Sherry Evans & Sondra Welch

**Friday Knockouts**

**Bracket 2 (8 teams)**

2 – Dick & Micki Johnson, Ann Hill & Fran Anderson

3/4 – Barb Stiff, Marilyn Biegler, Lillian Estes & Jeannine Huber

**Bracket 3 (8 teams)**

2 – Marilyn Anderson, Peg Tempos, Rebecca Elliott & Lucille Lewis

**Friday Evening Open Pairs (26 pairs)**

A 5 – Rick Wendricks & Alicia Fetters

B 2 – Rick Wendricks & Alicia Fetters

B 5 – Beverlee Redding & partner

C 1 – Beverlee Redding & Partner

**Friday Evening 299er Pairs (16 pairs)**

A 4 – Don & Val Smeltzer

A 5 – Nancy Luehring & Marcy Jordan

B 3 – Jim & Diana Podawiltz

**Saturday Morning Open Pairs (31 pairs)**

A 1 – Ned Irving & Ray Banks

A 2 – Frank & Virginia Matthews

A 3 – Bob Ross & Betty Schultz

B 6 – Barb Stiff & Marilyn Biegler

**Saturday Morning 299er Pairs (24 pairs)**

A 1 – Rebecca Elliott & Lucille Lewis

A 3 – Dick & Diane Condon

A 4 – Charlotte Nelson & partner

A 5 – Marilyn Anderson & Peg Tempos

A 6/7 – Bob Fisher & Pamela Murphy-Fisher

B 1 – Dick & Diane Condon

B 2/3 – Bob Fisher & Pamela Murphy-Fisher

B 4 – Marge Gortsema & Diane Madden

C 1 – Bob Fisher & Pamela Murphy-Fisher

C 2 – Marge Gortsema & Diane Madden

C 3 – Cathy Irving & Janet Davis

**Saturday Afternoon Open Pairs (40 pairs)**

A 2 – Joan Burlingame & Normal Marvel

A 3 – Frank & Virginia Matthews

A 4 – Adair Atkinson & Peg Birzer

A 5/6 – Rick Wendricks & Alicia Fetters

B 1 – Joan Burlingame & Normal Marvel

B 2 – Adair Atkinson & Peg Birzer

B 3 – Rick Wendricks & Alicia Fetters

B 4 – Terry LaBove & Martha Blaine

B 6 – Sheila Cosby & Jan Farnsworth

**Saturday Afternoon 299er Pairs (23 pairs)**

A 1 – Dick & Diane Condon

A 3 – Bob Prestridge & Bob Davis

A 4 – Lu Hagen & Mary Jo Kilker

B 1 – Dick & Diane Condon

B 4 – Jim & Diane Podawiltz

**Saturday Evening Open Pairs (16 pairs)**

A 1 – Rick Wendricks & Alicia Fetters

B 1 – Rick Wendricks & Alicia Fetters

B 3 – Ned Irving & John Paul

B 4 – Beverlee Redding & partner

**Saturday Evening 299er Pairs (10 pairs)**

A 3 – Dick & Micki Johnson

**Saturday Knockouts**

**Bracket 5 (5 teams)**

2 – Andy Cosby & Gina Doss

**Sunday Stratiflighted A/X (8 teams)**

X 1 – Andy & Sheila Cosby & partners

**Sunday Stratiflighted A/B/C Swiss (18 teams)**

A 1 – John Hegner & partners

A 2/3 – Teri LaBove, Martha Blaine, Norman Marvel & John Burlingame

C 2 – Don & Val Smeltzer & Herman & Mona Guillaume

**RESORT CITY REGIONAL  
HOT SPRINGS, ARKANSAS  
May 15-21, 2006**

Unit 161 will host the Resort City Regional Tournament. Cindy Devish will serve as chairman. Put the date on your calendar and plan to play frequently. This is a great opportunity to earn red and gold points without leaving home.

**Thank you Teri LaBove for a big job well done in organizing the VCC response to Katrina. Teri spent many hours and miles picking up and delivering the things brought to Casa de Carta. Thank you VCC for your donations of food, clothing, bedding, etc. \$825 was donated to the Red Cross & the Salvation Army.**

## MENTORING PROGRAM

The fall mentoring program was a great success with 22 players taking part. Thank you to all our volunteer mentors and to Dick Banks who managed the program. The purpose of the program is to enhance the enjoyment of duplicate bridge for beginning and intermediate-level VCC members and is open to all players with 20 to 199 masterpoints.

### Students/Mentors

Marilyn Anderson/Jan Farnsworth  
Mickey Bearden/Rosemary Ochsenfeld  
Greg Bono/Jack Leach  
Richard Doss/Gina Doss  
Sara Fike/Sheila Cosby  
Beth Gann/Mabel Serpa  
Herman Guillaume/Mickey Washington  
Mona Guillaume/Ann Hamparian  
Jerry Heisler/Millie Heisler  
Vicki Jennings/Diane Patterson  
Marcy Jordan/Andy Cosby  
Bill Leonard/Louallen Leach  
Ed Levy/Rick Wendricks  
Nancy Luehring/Bob Ross  
Beth Mainord/Ann Cosgrove  
Jo McPherson/Ned Irving  
Nan Medcalf/Peg Birzer  
Barbara Mulcahy/Cathy Bertrand  
Charlotte Nelson/Teri LaBove  
Ken Pyles/Ken Drake  
Becky Rice/Ray Banks  
Barbara Truesdell/Dick Banks

Kudos to Fran Banks and Teri LaBove for the excellent job they did directing the two session game on October 6<sup>th</sup>. Thank you Fran and Ray for the many hours you spent making boards. It was a great game!

## VCC SPRING FLING SECTIONAL

March 17-19, 2006

It is time to start planning our sectional. Connie Fitch and Marilyn Biegler are co-chairmen again this year. The majority of the committee chairmen are the same as last year. VCC is known for its wonderful hospitality. We would like all of our club members to participate.

How can you help?

1. Plan to play often! (earn silver)
2. Bake cookies/breads/snacks or donate \$5.

Volunteer help is needed before and between games.

1. Put trash bags on tables before games
2. Cut breads in the morning and put on trays
3. Put cookies on trays
4. Clean tables after lunch
5. Put ice in cups for drinks during lunch
6. Serve Sunday lunch

You can play and help with any of these jobs. There will be signup sheets posted. Please sign up and help your committee to do the best we can to welcome our visitors.

One non-playing member is needed to assist Becky Rogers and Dorothe Grattafiori in the kitchen Friday and Saturday morning and afternoon.

**The cold and flu season is here!  
Please be considerate of the other  
players. If you are not feeling well,  
consider skipping bridge until you  
are better.**

**2006 VCC Board of Directors**

**President—Ned Irving**

**Vice President—Dick Condon**

**Treasurer—Allan Walker**

**Secretary—Lois Schoenrock**

**Game Manager—Andy Cosby**

**Purchasing Agent—Betty  
Schultz**

**Membership Chairman—Teri  
LaBove**

**Player Development**

**Director—Vicki Jennings**

**Director-at-Large—Marilyn  
Biegler**

**Parliamentarian—Mabel  
Serpa**

**Club Manager—Richard  
Robertson**

Thanks to Bill Leonard who in his own way is encouraging player participation in club games by giving away free plays. What a neat thing to do and maybe you will be a lucky recipient.

**PRESIDENT'S NOTES:**

2005 is ending as is my second term as President of VCC. The successes we have had are due to much time and effort given by your VCC Board members and your many committees and their chairmen.

VCC is a great club! In order to keep it that way I would like to ask you to help your new President by saying "YES" when asked to serve. Thanks to all of you who did say "YES" when asked and have been so willing to help me in many ways these past two years. You are appreciated!!!

**19<sup>th</sup> Annual**

**ACBL-Wide Instant Matchpoint Game**

The game was held at clubs across North America on September 14<sup>th</sup>. Top scorers in North/South and East/West pairs were winners of gold master points. The game was held at 331 sites and attracted 3017 tables. 324 players were awarded gold.

Top scoring pair in District 10 East/West was **Alicia Fetters and Rick Wendricks** with a 64.25% game. Congratulations!

**Easy on the Fragrance**

Many people have allergies to after shave fragrances, perfumes and colognes. Please apply these scents in moderation before coming to bridge.

**IN MEMORIAM 2005**

Bonnie Benda

Martha Beyer

Barbara Dial

Hero Edwards

Mary Louise Engels

Henrietta Enoch

Alicia Kennedy Geye

Kitty Mills

Bob Muller

Curt Muller

Betty Smith

Kate Williamson

If you would like to make a donation to the Rose Memorial in memory of one of the above, please see Jane Zambell or Kathy Harris.

This is **your** *Newsletter*. Suggestions and ideas welcome!

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