

THE VILLAGE CARD CLUB

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NEWSLETTER

A Zero Tolerance Club

2nd QUARTER 2006

JUNE 2006

COMING EVENTS

JUNE 2006

- 8th – Semi-Annual Meeting (12:30)
- 10th – Unit-Wide Championship (12:30)
- 11th – Swiss Marathon Party (1:00)
- 12th-18th – StaC
- 16th – Open Pairs StaC (9:00 & 1:00)
- 18th – Open Swiss StaC (1:00)
- 24th – ACBL/ABA Unity Game (12:30)
- 26th – NLM NAP (9:00)
- 27th – NLM NAP (7:00)
- 28th – NAP (7:00)
- 29th – ACBL Membership Game (9:00)
- 30th – Club Championship (9:00, 10:30)

JULY 2006

- 1st – NAP (12:30)
- 2nd – 299er Swiss (1:00)
- 6th – NAP (12:30)
- 9th – Money Game (1:00)
- 10th – NAP (7:00)
- 11th – NAP (12:30)
- 12th – NLM NAP (9:00)
- 14th – NAP (10:30)
- 14th – ACBL International Fund (7:00)
- 16th – Open Swiss (1:00)
- 17th – NAP (12:30)
- 19th – Club Championship (7:00)
- 24th – Club Championship (9:00)
- 25th – NLM NAP (7:00)
- 27th – Unit Championship (12:30)

JULY 2006 Continued

- 29th – NAP (12:30)
- 31st – NLM NAP (9:00)

AUGUST 2006

- 4th – Emmy Clark Memorial Game (10:30)
- 5th – Unit-Wide Championship (12:30)
- 6th – 299er Swiss (1:00)
- 7th – NAP (12:30)
- 8th – Club Championship (12:30)
- 9th – NAP (7:00)
- 10th – Club Championship (12:30)
- 11th – NAP (10:30)
- 14th – NAP (7:00)
- 17th – NAP (12:30)
- 20th – Open Swiss
- 22nd – NAP (7:00)
- 23rd – Club Championship (9:00)
- 25th – Club Championship (10:30)
- 30th – NLM NAP (9:00)

SEPTEMBER 2006

- 1st – ACBL-wide 49er NAP (9:00)
- 4th – Club Championship (1:00)
- 6th – Club Championship (1:00)
- 8th – ACBL-wide 49er NAP (9:00)
- 9th – Club Championship (12:30)
- 10th – 299er Swiss
- 12th – Unit Championship (12:30)
- 12th – Club Championship (7:00)
- 14th – ACBL Instant Matchpoint (7:00)

VCC SECTIONAL

LIFE MASTER ACHIEVEMENTS

LIFE MASTER

Rita Martick
Tom Martick
Val Smeltzer
Don Smeltzer
Ruth Westring

SILVER

Teri LaBove
Rosemary Ochsenfeld

GOLD

Joe Fischer

Congratulations to Doris Ham and John Hegner who posted a 72.45 making them the District 10 top scoring pair in the ACBL-wide Senior Pairs Game, held at clubs across North America.

Oops – omitted in error last issue

2005 Top National Ranking

Ace of Clubs Top 100

Diamond Master of the Year

#33 Ray Banks 198 MP

Congratulations RAY

The 2006 HSV Sectional was great success. VCC had a profit of just over \$4,000 and Teen Challenge received nearly \$1,000 in tips. 1,362.60 Masterpoints were earned by 334 players from 11 states and Canada.

Thanks to all of the hard working committee chairmen (see below). We could not have done it without their assistance and the help of the many volunteers. Your wonderful homemade baked goods were appreciated by all of the players.

Thanks!

Marilyn & Connie, Co-Chairmen

2006 Sectional Committee Chairmen

Advertising	
Publicity & Mailings	Ellen Weber
Flyers & Ads	Sue Baltz
Table Bags	Helen Corey
Caddies	Barbara Stiff
Cleanup	Kathleen Haley
Decorations	Kathy Harris
Food	Cindy Devish
Hospitality	
Kitchen	Becky Rogers & Ann Taylor
Happy Hour	Maureen Morgan
Novice/Intermediate	John Wild
Partnership	Andy & Sheila Cosby
Signs/Maps	Andy Cosby
Table Set Up	Jim & Diana Podawiltz
Treasurer	Bob Leister
Welcome/Info/Restaurants	Mabel Serpa

“Bridge is the most entertaining and intelligent card game the wit of man has so far devised.”

Novelist, W. Somerset Maugham

Message from the President

What can YOU do to improve Zero Tolerance at the club?

<i>You are part of the <u>problem</u> if you:</i>	<i>You are part of the <u>solution</u> if you:</i>
Tell your friends about the problem, but don't help us with the solution.	Tell us about the problem. Call the director, write to the ethics committee, the club manager or the President.
Talk about the way the club used to be.	Help make the club the best it can be now and in the future.
Complain that the director doesn't take action against those who disrupt the playing environment.	Call the director immediately if a player at the table behaves in an unacceptable manner.
Don't play against those who bother you.	Play against those who bother you and notify the director in advance of your concerns.
Discourage those from playing who have had a bad experience at the club.	Encourage others to play.
Team up with your friends to complain about someone else.	Team up with your friends to help us encourage those who have behavior problems to fix their problems.
Discourage those, with fewer points than you, from playing by complaining about the problem people.	Encourage those with fewer points than you to play by talking about the good things in our games.
Observe a repetitive pattern of bad behavior from an individual, and give up trying to fix it.	Observe a repetitive pattern of bad behavior, and document it to the ethics committee in writing.

Which kind of person will you be? Help us improve Zero Tolerance at our Club! The approach that you take can make a hugh difference!!

Thanks Everyone!

Preemptive Bidding

Ray Banks

Opening bids of 3 or 4 in any suit, or 5 in a minor suit are meant for preemptive purposes and should be based on a long semi-solid suit. The ideal preemptive bid is one which contains no strength outside the suit itself, and the suit is good enough to accurately determine the total winners in the hand. It is always undesirable to have a side length or strength in major suits since it is easy to miss games your own way in the major if you do so. A holding of four cards or three cards to a high honor in a major should prevent you from opening with a preempt.

The rule of 2 and 3: This rule was formulated by Culbertson many years ago and is quite accurate even for duplicate if you are opening “sound opening preempts” as marked on the convention card. Briefly, it states that you will go down 2 tricks if you are vulnerable and 3 tricks not vulnerable when partner has a worthless hand. You bid the level where this is the case. For example, holding this hand:

4	K	2	3
2	Q		2
	J		
	T		
	9		
	7		
	4		
	3		

If you are vulnerable you open 3 hearts; not vulnerable you open 4 hearts. This is clear because you have exactly 7 winners. This bidding places you within the limits of the rule of 2 and 3, or a 500 doubled set maximum.

Partner's Actions:

After you preempt, partner can assess the possibilities of the hand by adding his tricks to those you have promised. Generally, his bid (if any) will be to raise in your suit. It is possible for

him to bid a new suit, which is forcing if it is below the game level. For slam, he will require at least 3 aces since the preemptors will never have more than one, oftener none at all. In evaluating your hand for defensive purposes in the event that the opponents overcall, he should give you a maximum of ½ trick, if any at all. In other words, if you preempt and partner doubles the opponents for business, he can defeat them without any help from you—you should never pull his double after you preempt. Also you should never bid again after you preempt, unless partner forces you.

The why of it all:

A preempt is designed to steal bidding space from the opponents and hopefully to force them to guess wrong—whether not to bid or to double. It is always hard to properly evaluate where and how high to play at high bidding levels. There is a risk that our set will be all for naught and that they will not have a game (or slam). The gamble should be made, since the odds will be in your favor in the long run.

UPCOMING TOURNAMENTS *

NATIONALS (NABC)

July 13-23, Chicago, IL

REGIONALS

July 24-30, Baton Rouge, LA Split

July 24-30, Birmingham, AL Split

September 11-17, Tunica, MS

SECTIONALS

June 12-18, District 10 STaC

July 6-9, Metairie, LA

August 3-6, Lake Charles, LA

August 11-13, Huntsville, AL

August 18-20, Nashville, TN

August 25-27, Tupelo, MS

September 1-3, Lafayette, LA

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

RESORT CITY REGIONAL

THANKS TO ALL!!

The Regional Tournament in Hot Springs was very successful, due to the hard work of all of the Committee Chairmen. They were from the four largest clubs in our Unit. They worked hard with great results in all areas. I'd like to thank each one of them: Sue Baltz, Marilyn Biegler, Peg Birzer, Bonnie Blankinship, Andy & Sheila Cosby, Jane Dickey, Jan Farnsworth, Ann Ferrill, Kathy Harris, Dick Heil, Cathy Irving, Marcy Jordan, Nancy Luehring, Cookie Reardon, Lenny Schaen, Barbara Stiff, Ron Trainer, Bert Turner and Bill Yester.

Thanks to all of you who worked during the tournament, baked cookies and/or breads and played. The efforts of everyone helped make the tournament a very good one.

The tournament ended with 1499 tables, 8 more than 2004. We had 797 players this year from 27 states plus Washington D.C.; London, England; Canada and Mexico. 16 of the top players in the country attended. We had nine excellent speakers. One of the highlights was the "Partnership" presentation by Larry Cohen and David Berkowitz.

Congratulations to each of you who played and enjoyed the tournament.

Cindy, Chairman

Extra Regional Daily Bulletins are available. See Cindy Devish if you would like to have any.

SPRING & SUMMER SEMINAR

The initial class, "Defense, Leads & Signaling", was held on May 9th with 28 students attending and Ray Banks instructing. Another session for this course will be scheduled.

Scheduled Classes

- Knockouts & Swiss Team Concepts & Strategies
- Teacher: Cindy Devish
Date: Tuesday, June 20, 2006 9:00 A.M.
Place: Large Room Cost: Free

▪ Director's Role, Players' Rights & Etiquette

Teacher: Fran Banks

Date: Tuesday, July 25th 9:00 A.M.

Place: Large Room Cost: Free

The above classes have sufficient signups to warrant class preparation by the teacher and subsequent scheduling. There are many more to follow. You may attend the above classes if you wish by signing up on the sign-up sheet or just by showing up.

The following classes have the minimum of students signed up and will be scheduled. If you are interested, please sign up now to have input into date & time.

Formed Classes

Free Class (all levels):

- Reverses

Intermediate Classes:

- Defense, Leads & Signaling (Repeating)
- Forcing, Non Forcing & Invitational Bids
- Negative Doubles
- NT & Defensive Bidding Over NT Opener
- Overcalls & Responses
- Roman Key Card

Advanced Classes:

- Counting Class
- End Play
- Special Doubles

Classes Close to Scheduling

Free Classes.

- Basic Duplicate Principles & Strategy

Beginning Reviews:

- Beginning Bidding Overview (Audrey Grant)

Intermediate Classes:

- Blackwood & Gerber
- Jacoby 2NT & Splinters
- NT & Responses

"Bridge is such a sensational game that I wouldn't mind being in jail, if I had three cellmates who were decent players and who were willing to keep the game going 24 hours a day."

Warren Buffett, Investor and active tournament player.

Masterpoint Achievements

20 MP Jean Flaaten
Stephanie Hawley
Kathie Riedel

50 MP Diane Condon
Marilyn Jones
Jean Ramsey
June Southwick

100 MP Bruce Neunaber

GREAT!

HOT SPRINGS VILLAGE SECTIONAL TOURNAMENT

March 17-19, 2006

16.73 Betty Schultz	2.72 Rosemary Ochsenfeld	4.93 Bruce Neunaber	1.48 Carolyn Myatt
16.38 Ned Irving	2.71 Mack Williams	4.90 Sandra Snyder	1.44 Shirley Stollsteimer
10.09 Teri LaBove	2.69 Pat Bowles	4.87 Joyce Edwards	1.41 Mickey Bearden
10.09 Martha Blaine	2.69 Estelle White	4.29 Fran Bazemore	1.39 Eileen Hintzen
10.09 Joan Burlingame	2.52 Vicki Teel	4.29 Bill Bazemore	1.36 Ken Pyles
9.25 Nancy Luehring	2.32 Astrid Wolf	3.92 Patricia Bertnolli	1.34 Bonnie Cathey
9.25 Mary Jo Kilker	2.31 Linda Raborn	3.70 Peg Tempos	1.33 Barbara Truesdell
9.25 Marcy Jordan	2.31 Carolyn Reed	3.70 Marilyn Anderson	1.32 Karen Nagy
9.25 Lu Hagen	2.27 Val Smeltzer	3.70 Lucille Lewis	1.32 Bob Nagy
8.88 Jack Leach	2.27 Don Smeltzer	3.41 Jeanette Pugh	1.28 Micki Johnson
8.76 Greg Frank	2.13 Carol Pixton	3.11 Bob Ingles	1.28 Dick Johnson
7.64 Bob Prestridge	2.12 Doris Lenox	2.97 Carole Trainer	1.28 Linda Singleterry
7.64 Greg Bono	2.21 Don Lenox	2.97 Ron Trainer	1.28 Jan Farnsworth
6.80 Ray Banks	2.05 Eve Agnes	2.83 Virginia Matthews	1.28 Gene LaBove
6.66 Andy Cosby	2.05 Lou Agnew	2.83 Frank Matthews	1.28 Dolores Pilarski
6.51 Kathy Harris	2.04 Ben Glazer	2.74 John Hegner	1.24 Liz Coonfer
6.37 Jean Leister	1.83 Mabel Serpa	1.24 Don Coonfer	.57 Peter Smit
6.37 Bob Leister	1.83 Diana Podawiltz	1.23 Johnnie Niemann	.55 Voncel Haggard
6.24 Vicki Jennings	1.83 Jim Podawiltz	1.23 Ben Harvey	.55 Bobby Haggard
6.13 Adair Atkinson	1.79 Marge Gortsema	1.14 Lillian Estes	.55 Glenda Barrow
5.92 Maureen Morgan	1.79 Diana Madden	1.13 Velma DeWitt	.55 Dave Barrow
5.62 Bob Davis	1.70 Tom Lewis	1.11 Kathleen Haley	.52 Glory Brewer
5.62 Chris Voeller	1.68 Sheila Cosby	1.06 June Arnett	.52 Abbie Engel
5.33 Lavonne Hein	1.67 Dale Stollsteimer	1.03 Milton Matzek	.51 Jo McPerson
5.19 Dick Condon	1.64 Betty Johnson	1.02 Joe Fischer	.49 June Southwick
5.19 Diane Condon	1.59 Ruth McGinley	1.02 Billie Roberson	.48 Stephanie Hawley
5.16 Wanda Crader	1.59 Elaine Hunziker	1.02 Bill Yester	.48 Jean Faaten
5.16 Mona Guillaume	1.56 Sally Crawford	.97 Carol Pendleton	.46 Peggy Birzer
5.01 Randy Lusk	1.56 Jim Crawford	.97 Alvin Hall	.46 Barbara Stiff
4.93 Herman Guillaume	1.48 Sherry Piper	.94 Patsy Bicknell	.44 Jean Moore
		.94 Jim Bicknell	.44 Rita Martick
		.88 Lillian Joor	.44 Tom Martick
		.88 Evelyn Hayenga	.44 Ruth Westring
		.87 Mary Franks	.44 Carl Westring
		.87 Wayne Franks	.44 Martha Parry
		.74 Jeanne Lehman	.44 Bill Parry
		.74 Helen Corey	.43 Shirley Scheel
		.74 Dorothy Liljegren	.37 Gayle Hall
		.68 Peggy Ross	.35 Charlene Byrd
		.68 Jean Pritchett	.35 Jerry Byrd
		.65 Sondra Welch	.24 Polly Liebel
		.65 Sandy Stephens	.24 Beverly Titus
		.64 Millie Heisler	.22 Mary Ladd
		.64 Carol DeCastro	.22 Ray Entringer
		.62 Ann Taylor	.22 John Wild
		.58 Maria Waters	.22 Fran Anderson
		.58 Beverly Brown	.22 Ed Bertnolli
		.57 Sherman Olson	

Thank you Val and Don Smeltzer for your donation of 15 bridge books to our library. This library is for the use of all members.

**GATLINBURG, TN
REGIONAL TOURNAMENT**

April 17-23, 2006

Doris Ham (HS) & John Hegner 13.42 MP
Susan & Bill Trimble (HS) 12.73 MP
Diana & Jim Podawiltz 10.37 MP
Karen & Bob Nagy 7.32 MP
Louallen & Jack Leach 6.39 MP
Betty Schultz & Ned Irving 6.36 MP
Glenda & Dave Barrow 1.61 MP
Patsy & Jim Bicknell 1.10 MP
Voncel & Bobby Haggard .74 MP
Patsy Billingsley & Evelyn Hayenga .39 MP
Shirley Swanson & Doris Van Skiver .39 MP

**DALLAS, TX
NATIONAL TOURNAMENT**

March 30 – April 9, 2006

Val & Don Smeltzer 16.63 MP
Doris Ham (HS) 14.20 MP
Monica Mitchell (HS) 13.99 MP
Barbara Meiners (HS) 13.62 MP
Voncel & Bobby Haggard 12.69 MP
Bob Case (HS) 10.78 MP
Verdie White (HS) 9.71 MP
Karen & Bob Nagy 6.73 MP
Peg Birzer & Barbara Stiff 4.12 MP
Carole & Ron Trainer 3.39 MP
Cathy & Jerry Bertrand 2.50 MP
Mack Williams 1.43 MP
Joan & Russ Choyce .90 MP
Beverlee Redding .47 MP

PLAYERS OF THE MONTH *

April

Flight A	Ray Banks
Flight B	Becky Rice
Flight C	Becky Rice
Flight D	Ben Harvey

May

Flight A	Betty Schultz
Flight B	Alice & Hadley Kurtz
Flight C	Alice & Hadley Kurtz
Flight D	Ronnie Rice

* VCC player who earns the most MP at the club in each Flight. A=unlimited, B=less than 1,000, C= less than 300 & D=less than 20.

STAR CLUB AWARD

The Village Card Club received a **Star Club** award for the year 2005. There are 2,900 ACBL clubs and only 117, about four percent, received this recognition. We thank our Club Manager, Richard Robertson, for his efforts in achieving the **Star Club** award.

**HOT SPRINGS, AR
RESORT CITY REGIONAL**

May 15-21, 2006

36.17 Bob Case	24.41 Ben Glazer
32.48 Barbara Meiners	23.62 Bernard Cluck
25.29 B.Schlesinger	23.22 Bonnie Blankenship
25.14 Verdie White	23.11 Nancy Luehring
25.09 Bonnie McDonald	23.11 Marcy Jordan
24.92 Susan Trimble	23.04 Bill Trimble
24.69 Pat Bowles	22.05 Carolyn Chunn

21.59 Betty Schultz	6.43 Mack Williams	3.25 Marge Gortsema	.95 Jim Zimmerman
21.55 Allan Walker	6.24 Karen Nagy	3.25 Diana Madden	.90 Lorraine Hill
19.82 Andy Cosby	6.13 Bob Nagy	3.04 Patsy Billingsley	.84 Doris Waugh
18.97 Ned Irving	5.97 Carole Trainer	3.02 Carolyn Reed	.82 Rick Wendricks
18.76 Ray Banks	5.79 Lucille Lewis	2.97 Kathleen Haley	.82 Cecil Grattafiori
18.70 Mary Jo Kilker	5.79 Joan Choyce	2.83 Bob Hawthorne	.82 Alicia Fetters
17.73 Sharon Cissell	5.62 Dick Banks	2.59 Dwight Shatto	.63 Ben Harvey
17.50 Ray Steelsmith	5.55 Greg Frank	2.47 Jack Leach	.58 Cathy Irving
16.18 Greg Bono	5.50 Sandra Snyder	2.47 Bill Yester	.57 Charlene Byrd
16.00 Becky Rice	5.50 Enid Scripture	2.45 Betty Wigton	.57 Jerry Byrd
15.33 Randy Lusk	5.47 Melitta Bagge	2.45 Roger Wigton	.53 Marcia Ballew
15.33 M. Morgan	5.35 Lois Schoenrock	2.45 Peggy Ross	.53 Dwayne Ballew
14.72 Ellen Weber	5.30 Jake Marrs	2.44 Vicki Jennings	.49 Chris Voeller
14.72 B. Truesdell	5.28 Lee Kern	2.33 Astrid Wolf	.44 Bob Leister
14.15 Bob Prestridge	5.28 Bill Leonard	2.33 Adair Atkinson	.40 Charlotte Nelson
14.04 Lu Hagen	5.06 Liz Coonfer	2.31 Eileen Hintzen	.37 Beverly Wallace
12.86 Bill Bazemore	5.06 Don Coonfer	2.22 Dale Stollsteimer	.33 John Stettinius
12.72 Bob Roberson	4.99 S. Stollsteimer	2.20 Connie Fitch	.33 Jim Crawford
12.42 Fran Bazemore	4.95 Ruth McGinley	2.13 Sandy Stephens	.32 Doris Hawthorne
11.62 Loretta Parks	4.95 Mary Ann Deem	2.11 Patsy Bicknell	.32 Rose Heim
11.08 Glenda Barrow	4.95 Barbara Stiff	2.11 Jim Bicknell	.20 Dick Johnson
11.08 Dave Barrow	4.80 Wanda Crader	1.70 Linda Raborn	.20 Ken Pyles
10.65 Joan Burlingame	4.64 Kathy Harris	1.67 Jeannine Huber	
10.62 V. Matthews	4.57 Val Smeltzer	1.54 B. Ehrenworth	
10.58 Fran Anderson	4.57 Don Smeltzer	1.48 Oleta Looney	
10.09 Bob Ingels	4.49 Eve Agnew	1.45 Janet Davis	
10.07 Doris Ham	4.49 Lou Agnew	1.43 Nan Medcalf	
9.75 Evelyn Hayenga	4.11 Cindy Devish	1.40 Carolyn Strout	
9.70 Jan Farnsworth	3.94 Bruce Neunaber	1.40 Beth Gann	
9.11 John Hegner	3.87 Becky Elliott	1.37 Phyllis Mathias	
9.09 Norma Stewart	3.87 Kay Joy	1.37 Nora Biddle	
9.02 Bob Davis	3.84 Ron Trainer	1.36 Nancy Alm	
8.88 Dolores Pilarski	3.82 Rita Martick	1.34 Jeanne Lehman	
8.82 Carol Pixton	3.82 Tom Martick	1.28 Ann Taylor	
8.58 Roger Banks	3.82 Shirley Scheel	1.28 Bill Taylor	
8.36 B. Redding	3.81 Diana Podawiltz	1.18 Marilyn Biegler	
8.34 Peg Birzer	3.81 Jim Podawiltz	1.14 Sondra Welch	
8.19 Joe Fischer	3.70 Ann Hill	1.14 Sherry Evans	
8.19 Billie Roberson	3.66 Micki Johnson	1.12 Eileen Pyles	
8.00 Millie Heisler	3.66 Alice Kurtz	1.10 Bonnie Cathey	
7.79 Frank Matthews	3.66 Hadley Kurtz	1.08 Sherry Piper	
7.73 Voncel Haggard	3.64 Arlee Blankinship	1.08 June Southwick	
7.73 Bobby Haggard	3.46 Velma Dewitt	1.07 Jerry Bertrand	
7.55 Teri LaBove	3.45 R. Ochsenfeld	1.05 Gloria Van Ert	
7.55 Martha Blaine	3.45 Becky Rogers	1.05 Don Russell	
7.53 Sheila Cosby	3.38 Mickey Bearden	1.03 Johnnie Niemann	
7.52 EstelleWhite	3.35 Beverly Ames	1.01 Beth Mainord	
6.66 Lillian Estes	3.35 Frank Ames	.97 Dorothy Liljegren	
6.58 Lavonne Hein	3.25 Mona Guillaume	.95 Joyce Edwards	

Frank Leeming, Managing Editor of the *Village Voice*, has informed VCC that they will no longer publish the results of our games.

Results are posted in the west hall of Casa de Carta and on the website www.villagecardclub.org.

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