

# THE VILLAGE CARD CLUB

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## NEWSLETTER

**A Zero Tolerance Club**

**1st QUARTER 2007**

**MARCH 2007**

### COMING EVENTS

#### MARCH 2007

- 12<sup>th</sup> – Super Club Championship (9:00)
- 12<sup>th</sup> – KOs Super Club Champ. (9:00)
- 12<sup>th</sup> – LM/NLM Mixer (7:00)
- 13<sup>th</sup> – ACBL Wide Charity (Open) (7:00)
- 14<sup>th</sup> – KOs—Super Club Champ. (9:00)
- 15<sup>th</sup> – Club Championship (12:30)
- 16<sup>th</sup> – KOs—Super Club Champ. (9:00)
- 17<sup>th</sup> – Challenge Game (12:30)
- 19<sup>th</sup> – Club Championship (9:00)
- 20<sup>th</sup> – ACBL Membership Game (12:30)
- 28<sup>th</sup> – Mentor Game (6:30)

**March 30, 31 & April 1**

**VCC SPRING FLING**

**SECTIONAL TOURNAMENT**

#### APRIL 2007

- 7<sup>th</sup> – Unit-Wide Championship (12:30)
- 8<sup>th</sup> – Easter (Club Closed)
- 9<sup>th</sup> – Club Championship (9:00)
- 9<sup>th</sup> – LM/NLM Mixer (7:00)
- 11<sup>th</sup> – Club Championship (1:00)
- 14<sup>th</sup> – Club Championship (12:30)
- 22<sup>nd</sup> – Club Championship (1:30)
- 24<sup>th</sup> – Club Championship (12:30)
- 25<sup>th</sup> – Mentor Game (6:30)
- 30<sup>th</sup> – ACBL Membership Game (9:00)

#### MAY 2007

- 4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> – Club Closed
- 4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> – **LITTLE ROCK SECTIONAL**
- 9<sup>th</sup> – ACBL-Wide International Fund Game (12:30)
- 12<sup>th</sup> – ACLB Membership Game (12.30)

#### MAY 2007 (Continued)

- 14<sup>th</sup> – LM/NLM Mixer (7:00)
- 18<sup>th</sup> – Club Championship (9:00 & 10:30)
- 21<sup>st</sup> – Club Championship (12:30 & 1:00)
- 25<sup>th</sup> – Junior & Senior Prom (7:00)
- 29<sup>th</sup> – Club Championship (7:00)
- 31<sup>st</sup> – Unit Championship (9:00)

#### JUNE 2007

- 1<sup>st</sup> – North American Pairs (10:30)
- 1<sup>st</sup> – Worldwide Bridge Contest (7:00)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> – Worldwide Bridge Contest (12:30)
- 5<sup>th</sup> – North American Pairs (12:30)
- 6<sup>th</sup> – Club Championship (9:00)
- 7<sup>th</sup> – VCC Semi-Annual Meeting (12:30)
- 9<sup>th</sup> – Unit-Wide Championship (12:30)
- 10<sup>th</sup> – Marathon Party (1:00)
- 11<sup>th</sup> – North American Pairs (1:00)
- 11<sup>th</sup> – LM/NLM Mixer (7:00)
- 13<sup>th</sup> – NLM North American Pairs (1:00)

### LIFE MASTER ACHIEVEMENTS

#### NEW LIFE MASTER

Lu Hagen

#### BRONZE LIFE MASTERS

Sharon Cissell

Tom Martick

Barbara Meiners

Susan Trimble

Roger Wigton

#### GOLD LIFE MASTERS

Norma Stewart

Bernie Lacy

## President's Message

Hi everyone.

I want to share some observations with you.

Some of you speak up a lot. It is good that you care about the club and overall the board is very interested in what you have to say. Sometimes what happens though is that concerns are passed around without finding out what the facts really are. By the time a board member hears about one person's concern it may have passed already to many others and then become a concern for them. In recent weeks there have been a few things that have been passed around a lot that turned out to not only be false but honestly, so far from the truth that it really makes one wonder how it could be so far in error. In these cases, what we have is many people getting bad information, which cumulatively then can be bad for the atmosphere of the club. If your motivation truly is to help our club improve, then please help the board out on this. If you hear something that concerns you, the first thing you should do is go in search of the facts. Ask a board member and if you are not satisfied with the answer, ask me. In this way, you become part of the solution and avoid being a part of the problem.

A large majority of our membership wants from the bridge club nothing more than a consistently pleasant session of bridge, without much interest in day to day details. We encourage you to register your opinions with us as well. Otherwise what tends to happen is that those who are the most vocal get heard the most which could mean that your view becomes under represented. Often those who like what the club is doing don't speak up...the board needs to hear from you also.

Our job as board members is to try to represent everyone. That is a pretty tough job when you consider the range of opinions and personalities within our membership.

Most of the time we will get things right overall for the membership. When we do, tell us.

When we don't, speak up and help us understand what we need to know. The club will be a better place if we can all keep emotion out of such discussions and respect each other's opinions. It is disrespectful and not the kind of atmosphere that our membership wants when a few chastise those who have opinions different than their own; I sincerely hope that we can do better in this area.

Thanks for helping our club to be the best it can be!!

Ned

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**“Every hand is different. You're always learning. If you ever get to the point where you think you've learned everything, you'll never get better.”**

**National Champion Ralph Katz  
Pittsburgh Post-Gazette, 3/10/05**

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**SPRING FLING SECTIONAL**

**March 30, 31 & April 1, 2007**

### **Support your club**

- **Plan to play often and earn silver points.**
  - **Bake cookies/breads/snacks or donate \$5. Please bring your baked goods to Casa de Carta on Thursday, 3/29.**
  - **Check the signup sheets & help where you can (the more workers the easier the work).**
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## **I'VE ALWAYS WANTED TO ASK...**

What is Jacoby 2NT?

Jacoby 2NT is a conventional response to an opening bid of 1♥ or 1♠ which shows a forcing raise of the major suit. Responder needs 13 or more high card points plus 4 of partner's suit.

Over the 2NT response, opener must describe his hand as follows:

3 of a new suit shows a singleton or void in that suit

3 of agreed major shows 17 to 18 points

3NT shows 15 or 16 points

4 of agreed major shows a bare minimum opening bid

Responder can now make a decision based on the information given to him by his partner and his own hand whether to go further.

Inquiring Minds Might Want to Know –

I would like to encourage everyone to watch the Bulletin Boards and Web Site for Games Information. We're trying some new things on Wednesday and Sunday afternoons. Many of you are wondering why we're attempting to change the Friday morning game. We feel that we are not making the best utilization of our physical plant limiting the use of the large room to one bridge session.

I do not know if our ideas for Sunday will be successful enough to keep the club open on that day. If not, we have a lot of members who like team games and we don't have a viable time slot to hold them. As you're all aware, night games, with the exception of the 299er game on Tuesday are not an option for our membership. Also, many of the special ACBL games which we offer are required to be evening games. If we started these games @ 3:00 or 4:00 p.m. we could probably get approval for evening status and still not expect our members to be out late at night.

Another option was trying to host a monthly game with social time late on Friday afternoon. I know that many of you think the 10:30 game would not interfere – I do not share that opinion. However, my utmost concern is how many members don't

play on Friday because it "blows the entire day." For insight, I need your feedback.

Please email, call or talk to me at the Club with your concerns. I'm only one voice but I do appreciate your input.

Diana Podawiltz, Games Manager

## **VCC Schedule of Games**

### **Monday**

9:00 AM – 0-299 Stratified Pairs

12:30 PM – 0-49 Stratified Pairs

1:00 PM – Open Stratified Pairs

### **2<sup>nd</sup> Monday**

7 PM – Non Life Master/Master Mixer Pairs

### **Tuesday**

9:00 AM – Rubber Bridge

12:30 PM – 0-20 Newcomer Pairs

12:30 PM – Open Stratified Pairs

7:00 PM – 0-299 Stratified Pairs

### **Wednesday**

8:45 AM – Men's Duplicate

9:00 AM – 0-299 Stratified Pairs

1:00 PM – 0-999 Stratified Pairs

1:00 PM – Open Pairs

7:00 PM – Better Bridgers

### **Thursday**

8:45 AM – 0-5 Bridge Plus

12:30 PM – 0-299 Stratified Pairs

12:30 PM – Open Stratified Pairs

### **Friday**

9:00 AM – 0-99 Stratified Pairs

10:30 AM – Open Stratified Pairs

### **Saturday**

12:30 PM – Open Stratified Pairs

### **Sunday**

First 1:30 PM – Open Stratified Pairs

Second 1:30 PM – Open Stratified Pairs

Third 1:30 PM – Flighted Swiss Teams

Fourth 1:30 PM – Unit Team Games

**Be sure to check the bulletin board for all of our "Special Games".**

## PLAYERS OF THE MONTH

### December

Open	Betty Schultz
0-1000	Nancy Luehring
0-300	Nancy Luehring
0-20	Spencer Jordan

### January

Open	Ray Banks
0-1000	Denny Penticoff
0-300	Becky Rice
0-20	Gene Hamon

### February

Open	Louallen Leach
0-1000	Peg Birzer
0-300	Becky Rice
0-20	Frank Waters

## Masterpoint Achievements

5 MP	Pamela Fry Peggy Grant Jeanne Kleinschmidt Bill Niemann Frank Waters
20 MP	Judy Belt Sue Berdahl Gladys Dohrer Donna Kelley Katie O'Neal Millie Shelton
50 MP	Marge Gortsema Pat Luehring Robin MacMorran Jock MacMorran Dolly Madden Joyce Markwald Terry Schaffer Linda Stuart
100 MP	Lynn Kern Alice Kurtz Hadley Kurtz Joyce Mirre

## LEARN & PLAY CLASSES

Learn & Play Classes will begin the week of April 9<sup>th</sup>. They are a four week forum, 2 hour sessions of reviews, made up hands, play of hands with an emphasis on discussion of hands. Instructors will give a short review of several salient points per lesson. Hands will be reviewed by instructors and students alike with detailed discussion.

The following classes will be offered:

**Bidding**, taught by Connie Fitch (4 weeks beginning Monday, April 9<sup>th</sup>, 6:30-8:30 pm)

**Play of the Hand**, taught by Barb Stiff (4 weeks beginning Tuesday, April 10<sup>th</sup> at 9:30-11:30 am)

**Defense**, taught by Teri LaBove (4 weeks beginning Thursday, April 12<sup>th</sup>, 7:00-9:00 pm)

Class fee will be \$20 for the 4 weeks. No texts are required as this will not be a basic instruction course, but a means to put your knowledge to use in a structured and concentrated form.

A minimum of 8 registrations are required to start a class. So **sign up now**. Give your \$20 check to your instructor or mail it to John Wild, 77 Promesa Drive, HSV.

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Snoopy is playing a bridge hand when he's called off to battle the Red Baron. The dogfight in the sky is brutal, as he reports to his commander. "Yes sir, everything went bad," he says: "Perhaps the captain can tell me what I did wrong." When he rejoins his bridge-playing buddies, Snoopy repeats the conversation to them, adding the captain's advice: "He said I should have led low to the queen."

Peanuts cartoon, Sunday, Nov. 7, 1999

Snoopy is an Honorary Life Master of the ACBL. Creator Charles Schultz was an avid bridge player

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"Learn from the mistakes of others. You won't live long enough to make them all yourself."

Alfred Sheinwold

## NORTH AMERICAN PAIRS

**CONGRATULATIONS** to **Greg Bono** and **Bob Prestridge** who qualified for a free trip to Nationals in St. Louis by placing first in Flight C at the District 10 NAP finals.

They will be joined in St. Louis by **Betty Schultz** and **Ned Irving** who will represent VCC and District 10 in Flight A.

We wish our champion players success at Nationals.

## MENTORING PROGRAM

The new mentoring program is underway. This session is being chaired Teri LaBove and assisted by Dick Banks, Maureen Morgan and Marilyn Anderson. 23 players have signed up for this wonderful program.

### Mentors/Students

Lou Agnew/Dianne Blackwood  
Eve Agnew/Ginna DeThomas  
Adair Atkinson/Marilyn Anderson  
Dick Banks/Ken Pyles  
Ray Banks/Abbie Engel  
Andy Cosby/Mickey Beardon  
Sheila Cosby/Marge Gortsema  
Ken Drake/Charlene Lawton  
Lillian Ester/Johnnie Nieman  
Cindy Devish/Ron Saldino  
Alicia Fetters/Eileen Pyles  
Greg Frank/Sondra Welch  
Anne Hamparian/Pat Bertnolli  
Ned Irving/Ann Holt  
Teri LaBove/Beth Mainord  
Karen Nagy/Mona Guillaume  
Rosemary Oschenfeld/Joan Hinken  
Diane Patterson/Nan Medcalf  
Bob Ross/Vicki Jennings  
Don Russell/Wanda Crader  
Betty Schultz/Glory Brewer  
Dwight Shatto/Judy Saldino  
Doris Waugh/Dolly Madden  
Rick Wendricks/Sherry Evans

Thank you to all our volunteers who make this program possible.

## UP COMING TOURNAMENTS \*

### **NATIONALS (NABC)**

March 9-19, St. Louis, MO  
July 19-29, Nashville, TN

### **REGIONALS**

May 22-28, New Orleans, LA  
September 24-30, Tunica, MS

### **GRAND NATIONAL TEAMS FINALS**

April 26-29, Jackson, MS

### **SECTIONALS**

**March 30, 31 & Apr.1, HSV, AR**

April 9-15, Gatlinburg, TN  
April 26-29, Jackson, MS

**May 4-6, Little Rock, AR**

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

## Seventy Percent Club

12-7 Helen & Robert Wood (70.36)  
12-19 Alice & Hadley Kurtz (75.00)  
12-21 Becky Rice & Bob Davis (75.35)  
12-29 Ray Banks & Joe Fischer (70.14)  
12-30 Sheila & Andy Cosby (71.30)  
1-5 Louallen & Jack Leach (71.47)  
1-8 Glory Brewer & Betty Schultz (76.00)  
1-9 James Rush & Mack Williams (71.00)  
1-11 Andy Cosby & Denny Penticoff (70.03)  
1-25 Joi Miller & Peggy Grant (72.22)  
2-2 Robert O'Hara & Bill Veal (70.42)  
2-6 Betty Schultz & Ned Irving (73.56)  
2-12 Linda & Bob Wessel (77.21)  
2-13 Sandra Villegas & Carol Pendleton (70.63)  
2-19 Jeanne Chesney & Jeanne Kleinschmidt  
(71.03)  
3-1 Linda & Bob Wessel (71.99)

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VCC will be closed May 4-6 for the Little Rock Sectional Tournament. The tournament will be held at the 4-H Club in western Little Rock. This is just 32 miles from the east gate using Highway 9 and Kanis Road. Specific directions are available – check the bulletin board.

## 2006 Top National Rankings

### Barry Crane

#915 Betty Schultz 344.47 MP  
#1162 Ray Banks 312.93 MP

### Ace of Clubs Top 100

#### **5-20 MP**

#19 Alice Kurtz 66.46 MP  
#22 Hadley Kurtz 65.17 MP

#### **50-100 MP**

#23 Becky Rice 86.38 MP  
#97 Ken Pyles 63.40 MP

#### **100-200 MP**

#51 Greg Bono 97.10 MP

#### **300-500 MP**

#67 Denny Penticoff 106.68 MP

#### **2500-5000 MP**

#33 Ray Banks 210.07 MP

## **CONGRATULATIONS!**

### 2006 District 10 Masterpoint Races

#### Mini-McKenney

##### **Final Results**

#### **0-5 MP**

13) Ginna DeThomas

#### **5-20 MP**

3) Alice Kurtz 4) Hadley Kurtz

#### **20-50 MP**

24) Diane Condon

#### **50-100 MP**

6) Becky Rice 23) Ken Pyles

#### **100-200 MP**

7) Greg Bono 10) Marcy Jordan 15)  
Nancy Luehring 20) Bob Prestridge

#### **200-300 MP**

6) Val Smeltzer 7) Don Smeltzer 8) Bill  
Trimble

#### **300-500 MP**

10) Barbara Meiners 15) Susan Trimble

#### **500-1000 MP**

6) Doris Ham 19) Verdie White

#### **1000-2500 MP**

11) Ned Irving 20) Andy Cosby 22)  
Carolyn Chunn

#### **2500-5000 MP**

8) Betty Schultz 19) Louallen Leach 20)  
Jack Leach

#### **5000-7500 MP**

5) Ray Banks

### 2006 District 10 Masterpoint Races

#### Ace of Clubs

##### **Final Results**

#### **0-5 MP**

6) Ginna DeThomas

#### **5-20 MP**

1) Alice Kurtz 3) Hadley Kurtz

#### **20-50 MP**

16) Diane Condon 17) Marilyn Jones 22)  
Sherry Evans 23) Sondra Welch 25)  
Sandy Stephens

#### **50-100 MP**

2) Becky Rice 4) Ken Pyles 15) Mickey  
Bearden 19) Carolyn Myatt 22) Diana  
Podawiltz

#### **100-200 MP**

1) Greg Bono 5) Marcy Jordan 9) Randy  
Lusk 16) Bob Prestridge 17) Nancy  
Luehring 20) Bob Davis

#### **200-300 MP**

12) Valma Dewitt 15) Val Smeltzer 16)  
Don Smeltzer

#### **300-500 MP**

7) Estelle White 14) Tom Martick 17)  
Bob Case 22) Rita Martick

#### **500-1000 MP**

3) Doris Ham 21) Dolores Pilarski

#### **1000-2500 MP**

1) Andy Cosby 2) Ned Irving 6) Norma  
Stewart 8) Carolyn Chunn 10) Wen  
Wenger 20) John Hegner

#### **2500-5000 MP**

1) Betty Schultz 2) Jack Leach 4)  
Louallen Leach 6) Billie Roberson 7)  
Gina Doss 14) Tony Hofstede 15) Frank  
Matthews 18) Jean Pritchett 24) Millie  
Heisler

#### **5000-7500 MP**

2) Ray Banks

## We have a wonderful website

Thought you would be interested in the following facts:

- The Membership List has recently been added.
- Approximately 1 person per day gets a partner via the web.
- In the last 12 months 100 persons per day visited the site.
- They view 413 pages a day.
- Download over 38 Million Bytes of information per day.
- This translates into 455,973 hits during the year.

WOW!

Our webmaster, Richard "Robbie" Robertson, wishes that members would make suggestions on desired content. The site belongs to the Village Card Club members. The members can suggest content additions or improvements by email or by contacting Maureen Morgan, Becky Rice or him.

At <http://www.villagecardclub.org> you can find nearly anything you want to know about VCC. Our webmaster has made it so easy for us to find our way around. The next time you have some free time, visit our website. You'll be glad you did.

Thank you, Robbie, for all you do.

### 2007 VCC Board of Directors

President—Ned Irving

Vice President—John Wild

Treasurer—Andy Cosby

Secretary—Lois Schoenrock

Game Manager—Diana Podawiltz

Purchasing Agent—Betty Schultz

Membership Chairman—Teri LaBove

Player Development Director—Vicki Jennings

Publicity Director—Marilyn Biegler

Club Manager—Denny Penticoff

Parliamentarian—Mabel Serpa

### John E. Tryon Memorial Service

Memorial services for John E. Tryon, former president of the Village Card Club, were held at the Florida National Cemetery on Tuesday, January 16<sup>th</sup>.

During World War II John was an Army instructor and training officer before being assigned to Patton's 3<sup>rd</sup> Army. He saw brief action in France and was awarded the Bronze Star for meritorious service. He was relieved from active duty in March 1946 with the rank of Lt. Colonel.

John is survived by his wife, Phyllis and children: Denny, Steve, Bruce and Sally. The Florida National Guard had a rifle salute and played taps at the close of the ceremony. John would have been 90 on January 13<sup>th</sup>.

Andy and Sheila Cosby represented the Village Card Club.

The VCC Rose Memorial is ongoing, so it needs to be replenished each year. It is time to fertilize, spray and prune for the new growing season. Please remember your friends and loved ones by making a donation to the fund. Thank you. Kathy Harris and Lillian Estes

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Further donations to the Thomas E. Kasten Scholarship Fund will be accepted by check written to the VCC and endorsed to the Thomas E. Kasten Scholarship Fund and given to any board member. This fund will pay tuition and textbook costs for an applicant or nominee interested in bridge who would otherwise not be able to take bridge lessons.

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

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