

# THE VILLAGE CARD CLUB

*www.villagecardclub.org*

## NEWSLETTER

### A Zero Tolerance Club

2nd QUARTER 2007

JUNE 2007

#### COMING EVENTS

##### JUNE 2007

- 13<sup>th</sup> – NLM North American Pairs (9:00)
- 18<sup>th</sup> –24<sup>th</sup> – STaC (Weds. & Sun. 299er & Open Games)
- 25<sup>th</sup> – ACBL Membership Game (7:00)
- 28<sup>th</sup> – Club Championship (12:30)
- 30<sup>th</sup> – North American Pairs (12:30)

##### JULY 2007

- 5<sup>th</sup> – North American Pairs (12:30)
- 5<sup>th</sup> – NLM North American Pairs (12:30)
- 9<sup>th</sup> – NLM North American Pairs (9:00)
- 9<sup>th</sup> – LM/NLM ACBL Membership Mixer (7:00)
- 10<sup>th</sup> – North American Pairs (12:30)
- 16<sup>th</sup> – North American Pairs (12:30)
- 17<sup>th</sup> – NLM North American Pairs (7:00)
- 19<sup>th</sup> – Upgraded Club Championship (12:30)
- 20<sup>th</sup> – ACBL-Wide International Fund Game (1:00)
- 22<sup>nd</sup> – ACBL Membership Game (1:30)
- 28<sup>th</sup> – North American Pairs (12:30)
- 31<sup>st</sup> – Unit Championship (12:30)

##### AUGUST 2007

- 1<sup>st</sup> – NLM North American Pairs (9:00)
- 3<sup>rd</sup> – Emmy Clark Memorial Club Championship Game (10:30)
- 8<sup>th</sup> – ACBL Membership Game (9:00)
- 11<sup>th</sup> – Unit-Wide Championship (12:30)
- 12<sup>th</sup> – Club Championship (1:30)
- 13<sup>th</sup> – NLM North American Pairs (9:00)
- 13<sup>th</sup> – LM/NLM Mixer (7:00)

#### AUGUST 2007 Continued

- 17<sup>th</sup> – North American Pairs (10:30)
- 20<sup>th</sup> – Individual Movement Game (play with 9 different partners) (7:00)
- 23<sup>rd</sup> – North American Pairs (12:30)
- 23<sup>rd</sup> – NLM North American Pairs (12:30)
- 28<sup>th</sup> – NLM North American Pairs (7:00)

#### SEPTEMBER 2007

- 3<sup>rd</sup> – 49er North American Pairs (12:30)
- 4<sup>th</sup> – **Class Orientation (9:00)**
- 4<sup>th</sup> – Club Championship (12:30)
- 5<sup>th</sup> – Club Championship (9:00)
- 6<sup>th</sup> – ACBL Membership Game (9:00)
- 8<sup>th</sup> – Club Championship (12:30)
- 10<sup>th</sup> – 49er North American Pairs (12:30)
- 10<sup>th</sup> – Club Championship (12:30 & 1:00)
- 10<sup>th</sup> – LM/NLM Mixer (7:00)
- 12<sup>th</sup> – Mentor Game (7:00)
- 12<sup>th</sup> – Club Championship (1:00)

#### LIFE MASTER ACHIEVEMENTS

##### NEW LIFE MASTERS

Bob Ingels

Marcy Jordan

##### BRONZE LIFE MASTERS

Bill Jones

Rita Martick

##### SILVER LIFE MASTERS

Sherman Olsen

Joan Burlingame

##### DIAMOND LIFE MASTER

Louallen Leach



## SPRING FLING SECTIONAL

The 2007 HSV Sectional was a great success. VCC made a profit of just over \$4,000. Thanks to your generosity, Teen Challenge received over \$1,000 in caddy tips. 1,680.27 points were earned by 351 players from 13 states from California to Florida. A total of 447 tables of bridge were played over the three days.

I appreciate all the hard working committee chairmen listed below and the many, many volunteers who assisted them. Your wonderful homemade baked goods were enjoyed by everyone.

### Thanks!

Marilyn Biegler, Chairman

### 2007 Sectional Committee Chairmen

Coordinator	Dick Condon
Treasurer	Marilyn Biegler
Advertising	
Mailings	Ellen Weber
Flyers	Sue Baltz
Table Bags	Charlene Lawton
Signs	Andy Cosby
Caddies	Barb Stiff
Cleanup	Pat Bowles
Decorations	Kathy Harris
Hospitality	Pam Harris
Food	Cindy Devish
Wine/Snacks	Maureen Morgan
Speakers/Awards	John Wild
Partnership	Andy Cosby
Table Set Up	Jim & Diana Podawiltz
Welcome/Info & Restaurant Info	Mabel Serpa

## CLASSES

The Village Card Club will offer a series of classes this summer expanding on the “snapshot” or “mini” classes of last summer. Most classes will offer made up hands.

The following classes are being offered:

### Weak Two's

Tuesday, June 19<sup>th</sup>, 9-11 A.M., Barbara Stiff

### Directors Role, Player Rights, Etiquette

Thursday, June 21<sup>st</sup>, 9-11A.M., Fran Banks

### Take Out Doubles

Tuesday, June 26<sup>th</sup>, 9-11 A.M., Teri LaBove

### Jacoby Two No Trump

Tuesday, July 10<sup>th</sup>, 9-11 A.M., Vonna Fischer

### Strong Opens

Tuesday, July 17<sup>th</sup>, 9-11 A.M., Barbara Stiff

### Reverses

Tuesday, July 24<sup>th</sup>, 9-11 A.M., Ray Banks

### Modern No Trump Play & Learn

A four week class

Tuesday, July 31<sup>st</sup>, August 6<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup>, 9-11 A.M., Peg Birzer

There is a signup sheet on the bulletin board in the lobby.

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Lillian Estes is the VCC Sunshine Chairman. She sends get well and sympathy cards to our members and their families. You can help her by informing her when a card needs to be sent. This is especially important for the lower strata players that Lillian doesn't play with regularly. You can e-mail her at [lje44@suddenlink.net](mailto:lje44@suddenlink.net) or call her at 922-2535.

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"Some people treat bridge like it's a matter of life and death, but it's much more important that that."

Cliff Landers, Naples, FL *Bonita News*, Oct. 11, '05

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In my President's letter each quarter, I have tried to touch on subjects that have pertinence to what is currently going on in the club. This time I have decided to talk to you about a very difficult subject. My goal is not to offend anyone; my goal is to raise the awareness on a very important issue. I deeply regret that some may not appreciate what I am saying here but for the good of the club I think that these things need to be said. I challenge all of us to not point the finger at anyone; instead ask ourselves what each of us as individuals can do to help the club meet the challenges I have delineated below.

## Volunteerism

In any non profit club, volunteerism is the heart and soul of the organization.

Without qualified volunteers to help out with the tasks at hand, an entire organization can suffer, and if not cured it will eventually decline and die.

From the formation of the VCC in 1985 to getting our own building in 1991, a lot of people stepped up to do the things that were needed.

All of us who came to the club later owe these people a huge debt of gratitude! We should all remember to appreciate the charter members and those involved in the early days of the club. Isn't it great that they did what they did so that we have this wonderful club setup and place to play the game that we love?

As time passes it is inevitable that the original ideas about how the club should be managed are influenced by a new mix of people. Here is one area that we must be careful. We need new people to come to the club; if they don't, as some of our members depart, the club will become smaller and smaller, and the financial burden for each individual will get larger and larger. Of course, no one wants that to happen! Conversely, as our club grows, it is easier to meet our financial obligations. So to those who have been here a long time, and some of you already do a great job at this, it is really important that even more of you do everything you can to make new people feel welcome on an ongoing basis and encourage them to get involved in the club.

With new people come new ideas. Many new ideas develop into things that meaningfully help the club. We need to have an atmosphere that encourages new people to bring forward new ideas. We need to be receptive to change. If new people feel that their ideas are not welcome, what happens? Well, it becomes harder to attract new people and those new people who we do get, are reluctant to volunteer, and play less often. If we are unable to meet this challenge, it is obvious that the club's revenue will decline.

Newer people have their own set of challenges in an established organization. First, they must respect what has been built. If they have an idea they think would improve things, they should first try to understand what the rationale is behind the process that they wish to change. Ask charter members, past Presidents or others who have been involved with the club a long time to explain it to you. Get their thoughts about your ideas. If a newer person comes into the organization with big ideas to change things, it is natural and reasonable for those that have built the club to have a concern whether this could lead to the club going in the wrong direction. The harder a new idea is pushed, the more defensive some will get. It is best to go slowly with new ideas especially from newer people, communicate them well especially to those who may have a different viewpoint, listen carefully and address their concerns.

On the other side, the absolute worst thing we can do is to react to a new idea by complaining to our friends about how bad the idea is. They then pass it around and before you know it dozens of people have heard about it. It is truly amazing how many new ideas get twisted so much that what ends up being talked about is significantly different, sometimes even totally different, than the idea was to begin with. Meanwhile nothing positive has been accomplished. I hope that all of you share my concern that this happens more than it should and is not something our club needs to be known for.

There is a solution to this situation. Everyone needs to keep an open mind and remind themselves that in the long run, the club will eventually die without new people and new ideas, and spend more time first learning about the originator's ideas and rationale, before any criticism is contemplated. We need to do this better all the way around so that everyone involved will gain a better understanding, and thus feel better when a good sensible new idea is brought forward.

In the aspect of our members supporting events by donating food, we all do a great job, and it is something our club is truly famous for!

In the aspect of volunteering to serve the club on committees, as teachers, as directors, or as board members we are approaching a crisis situation for some positions. Many of the positions that serve the club take multiple hours per week. Very few people step forward on their own. When we look for people to fill positions in the club, we typically go through a process whereby we start with a relatively small number of volunteers and then those who have done the job before or are very active in the club recommend names that they feel would be good. It takes a large number of calls to get a "yes" for most positions. Can you imagine a club where many of the most qualified people are unwilling to serve? No one can fault them! They are living the "good life" in this wonderful Village of ours. We are already all as busy as or busier than we want to be. Some have served before and are ready for someone else to do the job. If you feel this way that is fine of course, and your past contribution is very much appreciated. However, it is important that each of you be prepared to accept that when new people serve, they will bring forward their own ideas, some of which inevitably will not match yours.

We have a larger problem getting volunteers than many of you realize. Newer people see what sometimes happens to those with new ideas at times being severely criticized, sometimes without the critics engaging in dialog with them as they should to make an effort to understand. They see people who already serve the club getting frustrated at times when in their mind all they were trying to do is follow their heart to do the right thing. Some are discredited and even verbally attacked at times by a few who have a passion to advance their agenda, such as to protect the status quo. The fact is these things make it harder for the club to get qualified volunteers.

I appeal to newer members, especially those who joined the club in the past 5 years, to step up and offer to take on positions in the club, or at least to be willing to serve if asked. Many of you do this already. The club needs more of you.

I appeal to the members who have been around longer, to step up and do the same; if you feel for whatever reason that you cannot, please give your full and unconditional support to those who are willing to serve. Furthermore, help them be successful by sharing with them your experience and ideas, and your encouragement. Many of you do this already. The club needs more of you.

I would ask all of you to look inside your heart and challenge yourself -- what can I do to make a difference to help the club meet the challenges as outlined above.

Let's all do our part to help the club be the best we can be!

Thanks for listening and I look forward to your consideration.

Ned Irving  
VCC President

## 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

Third 1:30 PM – 0-2000 Swiss Teams  
 Fourth 1:30 PM – Unit Team Games

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

**"To be sure you have a full deck later in life, play bridge."**

*Parade Magazine, May 16, 2004*

### Seventy Percent Club

4/20	Phyllis & Tony Barnard	71.58%
4/23	Al Sheasby & Bernie Payne	70.53%
5/21	Galene & Ken Short	71.08%
5/26	Louallen & Jack Leach	72.66%
6/4	Beverly & Frank Ames	70.25%

## PLAYERS OF THE MONTH

### March

<b>Open</b>	<b>Gina Doss</b>
<b>0-1000</b>	<b>Ken Pyles</b>
<b>0-300</b>	<b>Ken Pyles</b>
<b>0-20</b>	<b>Wayne Reynolds (MN)</b>

### April

<b>Open</b>	<b>Joe Fischer</b>
<b>0-1000</b>	<b>Cecil Grattafiori</b>
<b>0-300</b>	<b>Becky Rice</b>
<b>0-20</b>	<b>Robert O'Hara</b>

### May

<b>Open</b>	<b>Jack Leach</b>
<b>0-1000</b>	<b>Jeanette Campbell &amp; Bob Rogers</b>
<b>0-300</b>	<b>Becky Rice</b>
<b>0-20</b>	<b>Al Sheasby</b>

Mabel Serpa, Village Card Club Parliamentarian, has requested that the following be included in our *Newsletter*.

1. All requested agenda items shall be e-mailed, in detail, to the President and to each board member to preclude having to take time out for reading and forming opinions at the meeting. This applies to board members as well as to non-board members.
2. The President posts the agenda items for the next meeting a week to ten days prior to the meeting date. Therefore, he requests agenda items from the board and non-board members with a specified due date. Sometimes an agenda item request will be referred first to the appropriate board committee for review prior to the topic coming before the board.
3. No one should speak prior to being acknowledged by the Chair.
4. Visiting (gallery) members may speak if acknowledged by the Chair and there will be no verbal dialog between visitors during the meeting. All statements must be directed to the Chair.
5. Gallery members who wish to speak, who do not have an approved agenda item, may be allowed

to speak after the agenda has been completed and if there is time available, if approved by the Chair.



Many people are curious about the charity games. We are allowed to have a local charity game for every ACBL charity game that we host (1:1). The ACBL charity game money goes to the ACBL foundation and is given out by District each year. Our district is included in the awards for 2007. Information on helping your favorite charity benefit is on the ACBL website.

The local charities which have benefited this year have been chosen by your Board of Directors. Any member may request an IRS approved charity for consideration of future charity game receipts. These games only cost an extra \$1.00 per person and are a “win/win” situation. Players can earn more points and you help a worthwhile cause.

Simply Kids and the VFW Gold Star program have both benefited from the two charity games we have had this spring. The Gold Star program is the only one in Arkansas and helps the families who have lost a loved one in Iraq. The VFW has asked us to let them know if any VCC members have a relative serving in Iraq. They would like to send them a “care package”. See me if you would like to participate.

### **PLEASE SUPPORT THESE GAMES.**

P.S. All Charity Games are played with Travelers.  
Diana Podawiltz, Games Manager

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On Friday evening, July 20<sup>th</sup>, we will be hosting the ACBL-Wide International Fund Game. This is a \$4.00 per person game with Hand Records and No Travelers. The game awards red and black points, is 100% sectional rated (extra points) and raises funds to defray the expense of North American participation in international competition.

We will precede the game with a potluck so find a partner, mark your calendars and plan to sign up to attend this fun evening event!!!!

Diana Podawiltz, Games Manager

## **Masterpoint Achievements**

<b>5 MP</b>	<b>Anne Carney Joanne Foster Pam Harris Shirley Jackson</b>
<b>20 MP</b>	<b>John Stettinius</b>
<b>50 MP</b>	<b>Bonnie Cathy Cathy Irving Susan Jorrey</b>
<b>100 MP</b>	<b>Sally Crawford Rebecca Elliott</b>
<b>200 MP</b>	<b>Gayle Hall</b>

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### **Calling the Director**

Many duplicate players do not understand the main function of the director (referee). You see this person as selling entries and sometimes making popcorn and coffee. Most of you are aware the director is also responsible for setting up a workable movement for the game and establishing a balanced field based on players’ masterpoints. The director’s manner determines the tone of the game which should be friendly and peaceful.

If an irregularity occurs at the table, the director is responsible for making a ruling (according to the official *Laws of Duplicate Contract Bridge*) that is not only fair to both pairs involved, **but that also protect the other players who will play the board (the field).**

At the end of the game, the director scores the results and awards the masterpoints.

Many players are hesitant to call the director on a lead out of turn or a revoke or a dropped card or WHATEVER. They fear it makes the game unfriendly. **This is not the case.** The director’s job is to alleviate any strain there is or that may develop, actually making the game more fun. **By calling, you will ensure that the game is fair for everybody, not just you and your opponents.**

**Duplicate bridge is a sport – the director must touch the ball in order to get it back in play.**

This is taken from the ACBL publication  
“Welcome! to the North American Bridge  
Championships.” Submitted by Diana Podawiltz

## Summer Fun

When you think of summer, you don't always think of a Bridge Season however, it's the season of North American Pairs. I know many of you view this as an unpleasant thing but, ACBL does consider this to be “a highly prestigious ‘grass roots’ event.” Club level games are run during the months of June, July, and August. September has a Special Designation for 49er games--more later.

Our Calendar has 10 Flight A (Open) **OR** Flight B (less than 2000) and 8 Flight C (0 - 500, Non-Life Masters). The cost of these games is: \$ 3.00 each and are played without Travelers.

The schedule is as follows:

<b>Flight A or B</b>	<b>Flight C</b>
June 1, 5, 11, 30	June 13
July 5, 10, 16, 28	July 5, 9, 17
August 17 & 23	August 1, 13, 23, 28

**Please note that the Flight C games are being held in 299er time slots. ACBL does not have a 299er North American Pairs. This is what we've always done in past years but, didn't communicate to the players except for calendar designation in membership book.**

ACBL designates all 49er games in the month of September to be North American Pairs Games. They are offered at **no extra charge** (\$2.00 to VCC members) and **award red points** as well as black. We couldn't offer this last year as we did not have a 49er game at that time. I hope you 49ers will plan to participate!!!

Diana Podawiltz, Games Manager

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**It is the obligation of each member of a partnership to have a convention card that is complete and identical to his/her partner's card. The convention card was designed to inform the opponents of your partnership agreements. When filling out your card you should go through**

**each section and clearly mark every black, blue (announcement) and red (alert) box that applies for your partnership.**

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## Game Attendance

Through the first five months of 2007, our Table Count is down by 10% or a total of 276 tables. The decrease is in **every** Open and 299er game except for Wednesday morning. The only areas where we have an increase are in the Novice games however, our Bridge + Program is down 31.5% from 2006 participation.

**The Open Games (down a total of 10.7%) are as follows:**

Monday	– 9.5%	Friday	– 26.3%
Tuesday	– 5.7%	Saturday	– 10.5%
Thursday	– 2.8%		

**299er Games (down a total of 15.6%) are as follows:**

Monday	– 21.2%	Wednesday	+1.2%
Tuesday	– 11.5%	Thursday	– 22.6%

For those of you who realize the importance of Table Count as the Life Blood of our Club, please put on your thinking caps and present your ideas to the Board.

Thanks for the support of our New Players. **KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK!!!!**

Diana Podawiltz, Games Manager

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**“One advantage of bad bidding is that you get practice at playing atrocious contracts”.**

**Alfred Sheinwold**

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## Marathon Bridge

Marathon Bridge is made up of a number of leagues who play Swiss Team games in their individual homes once a month from September to May (except December). Pairs are teamed with three other pairs (playing 8 boards with each). There are couples leagues and also pairs. A party is held at

VCC in June and prizes are awarded. All the leagues come together to enjoy an afternoon of wonderful food and bridge.

It is now signup time for next year. **Come join the fun!** There are signup sheets on the bulletin board.

## 2006-2007 Swiss Marathon Winners

### Isabella League

- 1<sup>st</sup> Ann Hill & Dolly Johnson
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Jeanette Pugh & Patsy Billingsley
- 3<sup>rd</sup> March Jordan & Nancy Luehring
- 4<sup>th</sup> Martha Dixon & Mickey Farner
- 5<sup>th</sup> Diana Podawiltz & Pat Bertnolli
- 6<sup>th</sup> Cindy Devish & Marilyn Biegler

### Cortez League

- 1<sup>st</sup> Voncel & Bobby Haggard
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Bev & Bob Brown
- 3<sup>rd</sup> tie Bev & Frank Ames  
Shirley & David Goff  
Carolyn Starr & David Pease

### DeSoto League

- 1<sup>st</sup> Vonna & Joe Fisher
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Evelyn & Marvin Hayenga
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Doris & Don Lenox
- 4<sup>th</sup> Shirley & Dale Stollsteimer



The HSV Sectional Tournament will be earlier next year. It is scheduled for **FEBRUARY 15-17, 2008.**

The Hot Springs Regional Tournament is scheduled for **May 5-11, 2008.**

**Put these two dates on your calendar and plan to play often and earn silver/sectional or gold/regional. Dick Condon is the chairman for the Sectional and Cindy Devish is the Regional**

**chairman. I'm sure they will need lots of help. Volunteer! VCC makes a nice profit from the tournaments which helps keep our club fees down.**

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**“The real test of a bridge player isn't in keeping out of trouble, but in escaping once he's in.”**

**Alfred Sheinwold**

## ST. LOUIS, MO SPRING NATIONALS

March 8-18, 2007

- Ned Irving 40.64 MP
- Betty Schultz 11.61 MP
- Jack Leach 11.51 MP
- Lu Hagen 7.95 MP
- Ginna DeThomas & Cathy Irving 5.82 MP
- Nancy Luehring & Marcy Jordan 5.56 MP
- Alice & Hadley Kurtz 1.82 MP
- Gina Doss & Ray Banks 0.86 MP
- Diana & Jim Podawiltz 0.78MP
- Judy & Ron Saldino .57 MP

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## HOT SPRINGS VILLAGE, AR SECTIONAL TOURNAMENT

March 30, 31 & April 1, 2007

196 Village Card Club members played in the tournament. They earned a total of 554.11 masterpoints. It was great to see so many of our newer members playing.

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## GATLINBURG, TN REGIONAL TOURNAMENT

April 9-15, 2007

The Gatlinburg Regional Tournament was the second largest tournament ever held. There were 10,544 tables of bridge played by 4,239 players who earned a total of 72,612.38 masterpoints.

A number of VCC players attended and earned a share of the awarded masterpoints. Marcy Jordan and Bob Ingles earned enough gold to become Life Masters. Congratulations!

VCC players who "brought home the gold" are listed.

**Gina Doss 74.89 MP**  
**Betty Schultz 50.07 MP**  
**Ned Irving 49.29 MP**  
**Louallen & Jack Leach 33.73 MP**  
**Shirley Stollsteimer & Bob Ingels 23.85 MP**  
**Doris Ham & John Hegner 18.89MP**  
**Marcy Jordan 18.08 MP**  
**Verdie White & Bob Case 17.59 MP**  
**Susan & Bill Trimble 12.57 MP**  
**GATLINBURG, TN (Continued)**  
**Lu Hagen & Mary Jo Kilker 12.24 MP**  
**Diana & Jim Podawiltz 12.24 MP**  
**Rita & Tom Martick 5.34 MP**  
**Dwight Shatto 3.07 MP**  
**Lois Schoenrock & Barbara Chaplik 2.95 MP**  
**Alicia Fetters 2.16 MP**  
**Rick Wendricks 1.85 MP**

**Patsy Billingsley & Mabel Serpa 0.54 MP**  
**Fran & Bill Bazemore 0.54 MP**  
**Martha Blaine 0.44 MP**  
**Pat Bertnolli & Lucy Lewis 0.27 MP**  
**Marilyn & Don Anderson 0.27 MP**  
**Lillian Estes & Jeannine Williamson 0.22 MP**  
**Jan Farnsworth & Dolores Pilarski 0.22 MP**

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**OKLAHOMA CITY, OK**  
**REGIONAL TOURNAMENT**  
**May 14-20, 2007**

**Barbara Meiners 10.14 MP**  
**Doris Ham & John Hegner 8.12 MP**  
**GINNA DeThomas & Judy Belt 3.22 MP**  
**Sondra Welch & Sandy Stephens 2.34 MP**

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**LITTLE ROCK, AR**  
**SECTIONAL TOURNAMENT**  
**May 4-6, 2007**

**Betty Schultz & Ned Irving 18.13 MP**  
**Andy Cosby & Denny Penticoff 12.76 MP**  
**Louallen & Jack Leach 12.36 MP**  
**Bob Davis & Chris Voeller 7.29 MP**  
**Nancy Luehring & Marcy Jordan 7.29 MP**  
**Ray Banks & Jim Awalt 7.25 MP**  
**Shirley Stollsteimer & Bob Ingels 4.44 MP**  
**Gloria Van Ert & Becky Rogers 4.22 MP**  
**Doris Ham & John Hegner 4.20 MP**  
**Mickey Bearden & Ken Pyles 2.64 MP**  
**Dick & Roger Banks 2.59 MP**  
**Mack Williams 2.56 MP**  
**Liz & Don Coonfer 2.02 MP**  
**Evelyn Hayenga & Barbara Chapman 1.80 MP**  
**Carolyn Reed 1.48 MP**  
**Mary Soldwedel & Carolyn Strout 1.22 MP**  
**Rita & Tom Martick 1:16 MP**  
**Diana & Jim Podawiltz 1.16 MP**  
**Teri LaBove 0.99 MP**  
**Glenda & Dave Barrows 0.96 MP**  
**Marge Gortsema & Diane Madden 0.87 MP**  
**Eileen Pyles 0.81 MP**  
**Billie Roberson & Joe Fischer 0.76 MP**  
**Linda Raborn 0.67 MP**  
**Sherry Piper & June Southwick 0.60 MP**

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**WORLD-WIDE BRIDGE CONTEST**  
**June 1 & 2, 2007**

The world-wide bridge contest was held at clubs through out the world; all playing the same duplicated hands. Congratulations to the following pairs who placed high in the contest:

On Friday Betty Smith and Ned Irving placed 184<sup>th</sup> and Dale Stollsteimer and Wally Johnson were 514<sup>th</sup>. 5,206 pairs from 289 clubs and 39 countries participated.

Saturday Jack Leach and Dick Thomassen were 297<sup>th</sup>, Betty Schultz and Ned Irving were 343<sup>rd</sup>, Ray and Dick Banks were 570<sup>th</sup>, Barbara Meiners and Verdie White placed 720<sup>th</sup> while Eve Agnew and Wen Wenger placed 796<sup>th</sup>. 5,397 pairs from 263 clubs and 43 countries played.

**UP COMING TOURNAMENTS \***  
**NATIONALS (NABC)**  
July 19-29, Nashville, TN  
**REGIONALS**  
September 24-30, Tunica, MS  
**SECTIONALS**  
July 5-8, Metairie, LA

July 12-15, Baton Rouge, LA  
August 2-5, Lake Charles, LA  
August 3-4, Birmingham, AL 299er  
August 10-12, Huntsville, AL  
August 24-26, Tupelo, MS  
August 24-26, Nashville, TN 299er

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

job. Please remember your friends and loved ones by making a donation to the fund.

Donations to the Thomas E. Kasten Scholarship Fund can be made 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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**If you are going to any out-of-town tournaments, be sure to take flyers for the Regional, Sectional & DeGray tournaments with you. See Cindy Devish, Dick Condon or Teri LaBove.**

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## **NOTICE TO THE VCC MEMBERSHIP**

**The VCC board announces the resignation of Vicky Jennings from the position of Player Development Director. Please join the board in recognizing and thanking Vicky for one and a half years of dedication.**

**The board appointed Becky Rice Player Development Director for the remaining six months of the term vacated by Vicky.**

### **2007 VCC Board of Directors**

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Doesn't the VCC Rose Memorial look pretty? We can thank Kathy Harris, Pam Harris and Lillian Estes for the upkeep of the roses. They do a great