

# THE VILLAGE CARD CLUB

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## NEWSLETTER

### A Zero Tolerance Club

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#### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

##### FABRIC

It is noteworthy to anyone observing for several years, that there are a lot of differences in our organization: differences in age, objectives, personalities of groups and individuals, all tugging at the VCC in different ways and directions. It is especially noteworthy, that the Club is more than a sum of all these differences. It has a life of its own, and for that we should be thankful.

The life of the VCC is, as it should be, the enjoyment of competitive bridge. The education of its members, especially the newer members, exists to enhance that enjoyment, whether by adding new members for continuity, or sharpening skills to compete better.

But the material that makes up the fabric of the club, is diverse, because we are all different. And that is great. Ideas spring

from everybody, on every subject. Sameness implies blandness, certainly not the case with our club. Sometimes, the comic strip character of our past, Pogo, seems correct, "we have met the enemy, and he is us". But if you think about it, the progress of the VCC has always been upward. The glitches get corrected, and membership increases. Have you noticed that the perception of the VCC in HSV has undergone a subtle change? It has been a long time since I've heard a disparaging remark about those "vultures" at the VCC.

This can mean a couple of things. There are no more vultures here, hmmm, or we have turned our good side out to the public. Probably the latter. The comments from outsiders to our tournaments always emphasize the friendliness of our members. The Easy Bridgers like our club, the teachers, and the chance to belong. Have we become that attractive? It would certainly be nice to consider that aspect.

So, whatever you think of your opponents at the table, please keep in mind that their differences and your differences are part of

the fabric of the VCC, and the general trend is, and has been, forward and upward.

On behalf of the Board of Directors, 2009, and 2010, Merry Christmas, and Happy New Year.

Dick Condon, President, VCC

### **Keep the Roses Blooming**

The pink tree roses on the east side of our building are beautiful as ever. They are blooming in the memory of deceased members of our bridge club. In recent months we have four members that have passed away. Ben Dickson, Tom Cosgrove, C.R.(Dick) Johnson in Omaha Neb. Pat Robbins, and Jan Farnsworth. At least one of the roses will have to be replaced and the deceased members added to the plaque. Contributions to the Rose Fund would be greatly appreciated.  
Kathy Harris

### **Amnesty Offer**

Are you a lapsed ACBL member with unrecorded masterpoints? You are invited to reinstate your membership between now and December 31, 2009 and receive all masterpoints won during the time you were on inactive membership status. The points will be credited to you at no charge.

Effective January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2001 the requirements for Life Master will change. The new requirements will not apply to ACBL members in good standing whose dues are current as of December 31<sup>st</sup> 2009,

and who maintain continuous membership in ACBL until they become Life Masters.

The requirements to become a Life Master for those who join after Dec. 31, 2010 are:

Total of 500 points To be distributed in this manner . 50 must be gold or platinum, 50 red, gold, or platinum, 75 silver, and 75 black.

If you are not currently a member of ACBL

**JOIN NOW!!**

### **The Bridge Bowl**

The annual Bridge Bowl will take place on January 1<sup>st</sup>, at 1:00 PM . If you are footballled out come and play some bridge. Bring a small treat for your fellow football refugees. Make it a great New Years Day!

### **Sectional Tournament**

The Hot Springs Village Sectional Tournament will be held on March 26,27,28<sup>th</sup>, 2010. There will be sign up sheets in the lobby for cookies, snack mix and help of various kinds. Stop and take a look and offer your services. Your help will be appreciated.

## Calendar

Jan. 1st The Bridge Bowl

Jan. 3<sup>rd</sup> 0-299 Swiss Teams

Jan. 11<sup>th</sup> Life Master/Non Life Master Mixer 6:30 pm

Jan. 22<sup>nd</sup> Club Championship

Jan. 27<sup>th</sup> Club Championship am

Feb. 6<sup>th</sup> Club Championship am

Feb. 7<sup>th</sup> 0-299 Swiss Teams

Feb. 8<sup>th</sup> Life Master/Non Life Master Mixer

Feb 23<sup>rd</sup> Club Championship afternoon

Feb. 24<sup>th</sup> Club Championship morning

Feb. 28<sup>th</sup> Board A Match

March 7<sup>th</sup> 0-299 Swiss Teams

Match 8<sup>th</sup> Life Master/Non Life Master mixer

March 9<sup>th</sup> Club Championship evening

March 18<sup>th</sup> Club Championship morning and afternoon

March 22<sup>nd</sup> Club Championship morning

March 26,27,28 Sectional Tournament

## Little Rock Card Club

### 0-299 Sectional Tournament

The Little Rock Duplicate Bridge club will host their first 0-299 Sectional Tournament on Jan. 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>. For information on the tournament contact Dick Heil at 501-753-3097

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