

Club News

For Duplicate Players of The Village

August 2009

The Way We Were . . .

Pat Ford saved and shares with us the minutes of the first meeting of the Duplicate Bridge Club of The Villages.

"We started playing Duplicate Bridge at Orange Blossom Gardens in January, 1986, and had games weekly through April when many players left for the Summer months. Play was resumed in October and we played weekly for the remainder of the year, charging 25 cents per person per game. The boards we are using belong to Robert and Geneva Boston. Other necessary supplies were purchased from Barclay Bridge Supplies.

In December 1986, we applied for our American Contract Bridge League Franchise to start January 1, 1987, which was granted. We applied for a 9 month franchise but in June 1987, we asked to be put on a 12 month basis which was granted. Our Club Number is 217489 and our Unit is # 128.

In January, 1987, we voted to charge \$1.00 per person to be a member of our local club for one year. the playing fee per game to be 50 cents for members and 75 cents for non-members.

Robert Boston is director and Geneva Boston, Club Manager.

As of August 1987, we had 100 persons playing with 77 of the 100 joining the club for 1987. We are an open club so not all of these are from the Gardens.

On March 30, we held our first Club Tournament which was an 8 table Mitchell. We are allowed to hold 1 Club Tournament each quarter. These games give more rating points to the winners.

We are allowed 2 Charity Games a year. the first at \$1.00 per person to be sent to ACBL for the Charity that is designated by ACBL. This year it is to The Arthritis Foundation. We held ours on April 6, 1987, with an 8 table Mitchell and \$32.00 was forwarded to ACBL. The second Charity game proceeds will go to a charity of local club's choice.

On August 3, 1987, we had the Non-Life Masters North American Pairs-8 tables Mitchell, \$1.50 per person - sending \$48.00 to ACBL.

August 17, 1987, we had our third quarter Club Tournament with 6 1/2 table Mitchell. In July, a committee was appointed to make recommendations

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Director's Corner by Chuck Deal

The Way We Are Now. . .

We have :

1,291 players in our data base,
5,206 tables played in 2008,
eight pairs games each week,
two swiss team games each month,
a club manager, partnership chairman,
webmaster, and six active directors.
\$224 sent to Hospice first six months of 2009.
\$154 sent to ACBL Charities.



Doug Worthington

Doug, Lee, and Dixie (half-long haired Chihuahua and half-mystery dog) moved to The Villages in June 2006.

After college, Doug spent two years with the Peace Corp in Ethiopia where he taught English as a second language. Later he worked for American Field Service in New York where he met Lee .

She attended Wells College in New York, majoring in sociology and religion. During the summer of her junior year she lived in Germany with two different families. Both Lee and Doug continue to be interested in other cultures and Doug considers himself to be a "world citizen."

After marriage, Doug was commissioned as an officer in the Air Force, stationed in Topeka, Kansas, where son Daryl was born; then San Antonio, Texas, where daughter Mia was born.

At The University of Pittsburgh Graduate School Doug earned a degree in Public Administration. Later he taught, did administrative work, and coached in schools in North Carolina, Illinois, Pennsylvania, and Hawaii.

After eleven years in Hawaii, Doug retired as assistant headmaster and moved to the mainland. Today he does the shopping and cooking for the family, gives talks at Rotary meetings, is active at his Church, has multiple hobbies. Lee is focused and up beat about her progress in coping with uterine cancer. Doug is teaching her to play golf. ♡

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for officers and amount to be paid the Director. The committee was Tom Carlson, Chairman, Robert Wise and Ethel Shaw. Up to this time the director has been serving without pay.

It was recommended that the Director be paid \$1.00 per table or a minimum of \$10.00 per game. Bob Boston agreed to serve without pay until January 1988. A financial report was compiled as of June, 1987.

Officers elected are as follows:

Director	Robert Boston	Secretary	Ethel Shaw
President	Robert Wise	Treasurer	Robert Boston
V. Pres. & Club Manager	Geneva Boston		

Cares and Concerns



Philip E. Sherck
12-8-27 to 6-12-09

Edyth Sherck sent a note of appreciation for our prayers and cards upon Phil's passing. Phil was much more than a bridge player. He was Ohio's youngest Eagle Scout, served in the Navy's Submarine Fleet during World War II, member of OSU Tennis Team and was an active member of Delta Upsilon Fraternity. His career included a 35-year stay at WJIM Channel 6 in Lansing, Michigan as an announcer, director, producer, sales manager and vice president. Phil had a hole-in-one at Walnut Hills and achieved his Bridge Life Master in 2002. He followed his Buckeyes wherever he could including trips to the Rose Bowl and many other Bowls.

Survivors include his wife of 58 years, two daughters: Karen and Linda, and five grandchildren. Phil will be remembered for his love of God, Country, Ohio, television in all forms, humor, all athletics, cards, golf and his beloved Scarlet & Gray. Go Bucks! Edyth now lives at Apartment 302, 205 Emerald Pond Lane, Durham, NC 27705. She would enjoy hearing from you.

Catherine Thompson

Catherine had a stroke in late May. She is experiencing paralysis on her right side and had some speech difficulties. Her speech has improved, and she is making slow progress in recovering from her paralysis. She is in a skilled nursing facility called Hickory House where her daughter Trudi works, and they have lunch together each day. Catherine is encouraged to receive notes and cards from her old friends in The Villages. You may write her directly at Catherine Thompson D-10, Hickory House, 3120 Horseshoe Pike, Honey Brook, PA 19344.

John Carozza

On June 20th, John fell in his yard hitting his head and shattering his hip. At The Villages Hospital, surgery was scheduled Sunday at 7:30 am. Late Saturday evening, John suffered a stroke. The hip surgery was cancelled. He was kept at The Villages Hospital to get him stable. On June 30th, he was moved to Leesburg Hospital where a rod was placed in his hip. John presently has a feeding tube and has limited ability to speak. He is depressed, but did manage to laugh when Marilyn Fulton told visiting friends about all John's girlfriends at Bridge. Plans are to move him to a rehab facility. Cards are welcome, but no telephone calls at this time, please. He is at: Consulate Health Care, 1099 West Town Parkway, Altamonte Springs, FL 32714.

Busy Members

Donna and Bill Ziemann are resting from shopping, and moving baby gifts from the store to their car - to their home to wrap the gifts - back to the car - to the Bridge Center where Bill moved the gifts again from the car into the Center for the Baby Shower for Dee Parson's daughter, then back to their car, drove to Dee's and moved the gifts into Dee's home.

Marilyn and Pat O'Donnell have returned after a successful, fun road trip to visit three of our National Parks. Ian and Penny Harvey spent three months in Barbados and are now at home in The Villages for a few months. Gladys Mikel and Joe Sacco finished sixth in the Sunday Swiss Teams at the recent Gainesville Sectional. He's back! Bill Guenther (in his "boot") after breaking his ankle is playing bridge (good bridge) again.

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From Larry Cohen, Author and many times National Champion Player

Quoting from Larry's article in Sunshine Bridge News July/August 2009

"Does a one diamond opening bid guarantee four cards? There is only one exception 4-4-3-2. So, a one diamond opening is a three-card suit only if you happen to have exactly two four-card majors and a doubleton club. When you open one diamond you'll hold this exact shape only **3%** of the time. Accordingly you should really assume that a one diamond opening contains four diamonds.

A few players aren't happy with the fact that a one diamond bid could be a three-card suit **3%** of the time. Accordingly they won't play one diamond when 4-4-3-2. With that pattern they open one club and their partner announces 'could be short.' This strikes me as a shortsighted method: in order to raise the probability of four diamonds near-certain (**97%**) to absolutely certain (**100%**), the proponents of this method must now cope with the possibility that a one club opener may contain only a two-card suit. Even worse, they have to make that annoying announcement and confuse most other club players. It's not worth the hassle.

How Would You Bid This Hand?

Joe Sacco and Dave Stenz bid the hand this way: No interference from the opponents.

East	West
void	x x x
A K J 10	Q x x x
x x x	K x x x
A K J 10 x x	Q x
1 ♣	1 ♥
2 ♦ (1)	3 ♦ (2)
4 NT (1430 with last suit as trump) (3)	5 ♣
6 ♥	pass

- (1) Joe played this new suit as forcing.
- (2) Partner supported diamonds.
- (3) Do you and partner have an agreement on what to show in answer to an ace-asking bid?
Is the last suit bid always considered to be trump?

As a side note, Joe said that if he had only two diamonds he would bid 5 diamonds over 1 heart asking for second round control of diamonds.

We can learn many lessons from Joe, the most important, I think, is "what do you and partner agree to play."

Leading points earned through June. *On June 25th, Andy Sloan/Ron Poitinger had a 73.54 % game.*

0-299		300-1000		1001 +	
Mary Rowe	44.81	Rick Seidman	65.79	Joe Sacco	121.14
Carol Alspach	36.86	Henry Hood	54.15	Gladys Mikel	92.06
Mary Ann Kelly	29.14	Chet Eicher	52.90	Donna Ziemann	73.85
Rosie Blumenthal	25.24	Lynne Fisher	35.79	Dave Hudson	72.09
Gigi Letendre	24.06	Pat Poitinger	32.22	Ginny Crump	63.80
David Haskell	21.30	Bud Feron	31.95	Bill Ziemann	60.82
Stan Carlson	20.24	Bonnie Overson	31.91	Charles Showalter	59.95
Marty Rothbard	20.24	Lucy Tillman	31.34	Ed Schusler	53.82
Hope Cantell	19.87	Gesela Knock	31.16	Anne Gust	50.88
David Michaelson	18.09	Mary Scanlon	30.28	Jim Schaedel	50.85